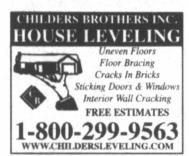


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early present from business

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

A Pampa business has filed a report at Pampa Police Department after mistakenly overpaying an employee approximately \$15,000 over a five-week period.

"The business came to us and made a report Monday," said Assistant Chief Dennis Burton. "Christmas came a little early for somebody."

The extra wages were paid as a result of a clerical error by the company, Burton said. The employee was supposed to be paid \$10 per hour, but was paid \$105 per hour. The mistake was not discovered by the company for five weeks.

The case remains open and an investigation is continuing, Burton said.

Employee gets Seasonal visitors



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

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Seasonal feathered visitors to the Panhandle gathered in a field of stubble northeast of Pampa recently to pause in their migration. Dozens of birds stood in the field as more came in to land, filling the air with their distinctive calls.

Applications accepted for food bags

By MARILYN POWERS House. Staff Writer

Anyone wishing to apply Applications are now for the food may call being accepted for Harvest House at 665-4042 Christmas food bags to be or go by the outreach cendistributed by Harvest ter at 736 S. Cuyler.

Gates paints dim future for Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) - Robert Gates, wants to see Iraq improve to the point where the White House choice to be the next it can govern and defend itself, while seekdefense secretary, conceded today that the ing a new approach. "What we are now United States is not winning the war in Iraq doing is not satisfactory," Gates said. and warned that if that country is not stabilized in the next year or two it could lead to a "regional conflagration." At the outset of his Senate confirmation hearing, Gates said he is open to new ideas about correcting the U.S. course in Iraq, which he said would be his highest priority if confirmed as expected. Gates, 63, said he believes President Bush

"In my view, all options are on the table, in terms of how we address this problem in

RUG RATS **Professional Carpet** & Air Duct Cleaning FREE ESTIMATES Ronnie Harvill Owner 665-1976 or 662-9219 House Outreach. Deadline for applica-

tions is Dec. 13. The food bags will be distributed Dec. 20 to an anticipated 150 households, said Carolyn Stroud of Harvest

Applications will be accepted from anyone in need, including families and senior citizens, Stroud

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Iraq," he added.

Asked point-blank by Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., whether the U.S. is winning in Iraq, Gates replied, "No, sir." He later said he believes the United States is neither winning

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Harvest House warehouse reopens after remodel

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Harvest House reopened its clothing and household goods warehouse at 10 a.m. Wednesday after the facility underwent a facelift.

The warehouse, located at 213 E. Tyng, distributes clothing, bedding, and household items such as dishes, pots and pans free of charge to the needy. Before closing for remodeling and repairs, it had been open once a month for the past three years.

"People can come in and pick what they want," said Carolyn Stroud of Harvest House. "We hope to have it open more than once a month. Volunteers are needed to work it."

Each customer is allowed 20 minutes to choose a certain number of items. Customers must register at the front counter or at Harvest House before shopping. Access to the warehouse is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Clothing that had been in the warehouse at the time it was closed was donated to a charity. A roomful of clothing and other items was available

669-0158

Wednesday morning, however, for a steady stream of customers.

"We have already helped a couple of newcomers to Pampa," Stroud said of the newly reopened warehouse, which was scheduled to be open until 1 p.m. Wednesday.

Residents who may benefit from the warehouse include those whose homes have burned, said Mary Denham, a volunteer who supervises the warehouse.

"We have everything that goes in a house," Denham said. "We get donations from the public and from estates."

Large items such as furniture are stored in a building across from Harvest House, she said.

The warehouse is expected to be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month, Denham said. Harvest House is an out-

reach project of Trinity Fellowship Church, and it distributes food to the needy. For more information, call

Harvest House at 665-4042. The outreach offices are located at 736 S. Cuyler.



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Mary Denham, a volunteer at Harvest House's clothing and household goods warehouse, sets out kitchen utensils in the display room. The warehouse reopened at 10 a.m. Wednesday after being closed for repairs and remodeling.





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Obituaries

Services tomorrow.

ASHBY, Charles Henry, M.D. - 2 p.m., Palmer-Marler Funeral Home Chapel, Cushing, Okla.

Charles Henry Ashby, M.D. Jan. 14, 1917 - Dec. 2, 2006

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Charles H. Ashby, M.D. died Dec. 2, 2006, at the age of 89. A resident of the Olive community, Dr. Ashby was born to Jesse and Mabel Ashby on Jan. 14, 1917 in

Mclean, Texas, the fourth of four children. Dr. Ashby received his degree in medicine from Tulane University in New Orleans, La. He had a long and successful practice in Pampa, Texas, beginning in the years during World War II and extending over the next 50 years. He was both a family practitioner and gen-

He retired in 1996 after serving in many different positions including Chief of Staff of Highland General Hospital in Pampa. He partin the Medical Surgical Clinic for many years. Dr. Ashby was an outdoorsman as

a young man and loved the sports of golf and tennis, in addition to hunting, farming and ranching. After his retirement, he moved to a family

farm in Olive and was added to the Church of Christ in Cushing. He enjoyed watching deer and other wildlife, dinners with family and friends and working puzzles of all kinds. Survivors include his wife

Helen of the home; children Charles H. Ashby Jr., Bobby

nered with Dr. Ray Hampton Charles Ashby and children Charles and Robert; Cynthia Burlini and children Shaun and Staci: Myke Hubbard and husband, Rodney; April Allen and husband, Michael; stepchildren: Melody Bryant and husband Bo; Marsha Warden, husband, Greg, and children

Rick and Randall; David Geyer, and wife Karen, and children Nathan, Neil and Kendra; John Geyer; nephew John Ashby and wife, Mary Ann, and several great grandchildren and friends.

The family requests in

R.G. 'Gib' Moore, 80

to Monahans in 2002. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving during World married Edna Clarice Slaton on Oct. 15, 1949, in War II.

Survivors include three daughters, Shirley Schindeldecker of Chicago, Ill., Donna Standish and husband Sam of Monahans, and Barbara Hardy of Sherman; one brother, Willard Moore and wife Janice of Pampa;

lieu of flowers donations be made to the following: In Search of the Lord's Way, P.O. Box 371, Edmond, OK 73083; West View Boys Home, P.O. Box 553, Hollis, OK 73550; or Hope Harbor, P.O. Box 1047, Claremore, OK 74018.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Dec. 6 at 2 Wendyl with p.m. Heffington officiating at the chapel of the Palmer-Marler Funeral Home, 800 S. Cushing. Linwood, Interment will immediately follow the service at the Highland Cemetery in Oilton. Services have been entrusted to the Palmer-Marler Funeral Home, Cushing, Okla.

seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death

by his parents, George and Hadda Moore; and a brother, Carl Moore.

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Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Twelve traffic stops were made, resulting in at least one arrest.

Traffic complaints were received from the 1000 block of McCullough, the 1000 block of North Hobart, the 100 block of East

and three times from an unreported location. Lost property was report-

ed in the 800 block of North Nelson. A welfare check was

made in the 100 block of South Starkweather.

A suspicious person call was received from the 500 block of North Faulkner.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the intersection of Hamilton and Coffee streets.

Warren and the 2800 block of Charles.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 700 block of Lefors.

Three burglar alarms were reported.

Thefts were reported in the 2400 block of Charles and the police department lobby.

A theft was reported in the police department lobby. The incident involved Aaron's Sales and Lease Ownership, 211 W. 30th. A computer system valued at \$1,848 was taken.

indictment for driving while intoxicated, third or more offense, enhanced, and for theft by check.

Rebecca Jane Carpenter, 34, of Pampa was arrested in the 1200 block of North Hobart by Pampa Police Department for possession. of less than one gram of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Salvador Rodriguez, 29, of Pampa was arrested in the 1200 block of North Hobart by PPD for interfering with public duties.

He was a machinist for Cabot Corp., Machinery Division, for 19 years. He was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene. He

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Harvester, and the 500 block of North Hobart.

Vehicle accidents were reported at the intersection of Alcock and Hobart streets and the police department lobby.

Driving while intoxicated was reported at the intersection of 23rd and Hobart streets.

Calls concerning animals were received from the 600 block of Bradley Drive, the 1200 block of South Hobart,

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A prowler was reported in the 800 block of Scott.

A civil matter was reported in the 500 block of North Nelson.

Warrant service was attempted on three occasions.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the police department lobby and the 600 block of South Somerville.

Threats were reported in the 300 block of North

Theft was reported in the police department lobby. A wallet valued at \$20 was taken from an unreported location.

Theft was reported at Wal-Mart, 2801 Charles. Groceries valued at \$218 were taken.

Theft was reported at Taylor Mart, 600 E. Frederic. Beer valued at \$9.99 was taken.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today.

Monday, Dec. 4 Abel Rios, 35, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a 223rd District grand jury

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Dec. 4

11:20 a.m. - One unit and four personnel responded to the intersection of Hobart and Alcock on a motor vehicle accident.

3:03 p.m. – One unit and three personnel responded to the 1700 block of Fir on a CO check.

5:36 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to the 2200 block of Charles on a lift assist.

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AS OF Dec. 7th, Lynda Bruce is at Safari Tanz, 304 W. Foster, doing hair and nails. Call 669-7660 or 665-6988 or for appt.

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Winning team



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Winners of a recent food drive at Cabot Corp. are, from left, Russell Parsons, Rick Valingo, Kenny Gerber, Barry Hicks, Mike Smith, Butch Roach, Joe Couts and Don Snider. Not pictured are Gary Griggs and Johnny Malone. The team chose Pampa Meals on Wheels to receive about 2,000 pounds of nonperishable items. The winning team receive a lunch prepared and served by Cabot's Community Relations Team which sponsored the drive.

Operation Kid Drop' planned by church

By KERRI SMITH Staff Writer

Fellowship Baptist Church will host "Operation Kid Drop" from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday at the church located at 622 E. Francis. Children eligible for that evening should be between the ages of 3 and sixth grade.

"We want to give parents the opportunity to drop their kids off and go

Christmas shopping alone," Youth Leader Shyla Carroll said. "This is also a mission for our church and the money raised on Friday will go toward the youth summer camp."

Registration for this event will be held from 10 a.m. to noon and 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at the church. This is necessary to help the church determine

how many adult chaperones need to be present the following night. The cost per child is \$10 for the evening. The activities that will be provided

will be similar to those during vacation bible school. Snacks will also be provided for the children.

For questions or further information, call Carroll at 664-9175.

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nor losing, "at this point." Gates was noncommittal on questions about whether and when to begin a U.S. troop withdrawal.

tions on the ground under which troops were withdrawn," he said, adding that ness, Gates said it "would essentially tell (the insurgents) how long they have to wait until we're gone."

The hearing was nonconfrontational, with occasional hints of humor from Gates. Much of the questioning from panel members was focused on whether Gates would provide independent advice to Bush, and the former CIA director assured the committee that he would not shirk from that duty.

He said he did not give up his position as president of Texas A&M University and return to Washington to "be a bump on a log.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., a likely 2008 presidential candidate and an advocate of increasing U.S. troop strength in Iraq, asked whether Gates believes the U.S. had too few troops at the outset of the war in

Mom, man held in boy's death

GADSDEN, Ala. (AP) - believed to own the house A mother's report that her 5year-old son was asleep in the back of a car when it was stolen was a hoax, and she and a man are being held as suspects in the boy's death, authorities said today.

The body of Geontae Glass and the car that was reported stolen Monday morning were found Tuesday at a residence in James Hayes said.

Rainbow City, and Kevin drove off in the pickup truck. Andre Towles, who is

Volunteers from Trinity

Fellowship Church will

begin assembling the food

Food

said.

where the body was found, were being held, Hayes said.

The mother had reported Monday morning that her car was stolen with her son asleep in the back seat in the parking lot of a convenience store in Albertville in neighboring Marshall County, about 80 miles northeast of Birmingham. Witnesses reported seeing a man get Etowah County, Sheriff out of a pickup truck and get into the vehicle before driv-Shalinda Glass, 25, of ing away as someone else

bags on Dec. 15, and will deliver them on Dec. 20. Harvest House is an out-Continued from Page 1

from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1:30 to 3 p.m. through Mondays Wednesdays.

reach service of the church. Harvest House is open

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"It depends on the condi-

he was not yet knowledgeable enough about conditions in Iraq to offer an opinion on how a troop withdrawal would affect the sec-

tarian violence. He said that if confirmed, he would go to Iraq soon to consult with U.S. commanders on this and other complex questions about the way forward.

Asked later whether announcing a specific troop withdrawal timetable would send a signal of U.S. weak-

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Must-have toys of yesteryear

Remember Cabbage Patch dolls? How about Tickle Me Elmo?

Those were the must-have toys of their respective times. People waited in line, traveled far and wide, paid exorbitant prices, and even came to blows over them.

I have nothing against people who want to sit outside a store for hours, even overnight, in order to be one of the first inside when the store opens for a special sale. I also don't harbor any ill will toward those who choose to travel cross-coun-

try and spend far too much of their hard-earned dollars in pursuit of a toy, as long as these activities do not deprive them or their families of the means to eat, keep a roof over their heads, and pay their bills.

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lings going to die if they didn't get one

of the dim-Marilyn ply things? What mes-**Powers** sage are the Staff Writer kids getting out of this type of activity?

The item most in demand this Christmas appears to be the newest incarnation of a pricey electronic game system which sells for hundreds of dollars.

The stakes are higher than

ple? Were their precious dar- they used to be for those who wait in line for such fads. Armed robbers

demanded the money with which one line of shoppers planned to buy the

games as soon as one store in the Northeast opened. One shopper refused to give up his money and was shot. Other shoppers have been robbed of the games after they had bought them.

the lookout to turn things to their advantage are hiring themselves out to wait in line, holding the spot for shoppers who want the games but don't want to stand out in the cold for hours. I'm sure others will create a black market and find the means to buy up some of the games, for resale at a nice profit if supplies become limited at stores.

Another difference about this year's predicted top toy is that it is popular among a larger and older age group.

Those who are always on I'm sure a number of the dedicated buyers are buying for themselves or for someone who would be far too big to believe in Santa.

I would love to see a Christmas season in which common sense prevails. The "feeding frenzy" mentality of modern shoppers at this time of year is out of hand when blood is spilled for the sake of a toy.

To all that rabid activity, I say, "Bah! Humbug!"

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 5, the 339th day of 2006. There are 26 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 5, 1933, national Prohibition came to an end as Utah became the 36th state to ratify the 21st Amendment to the Constitution, repealing the 18th Amendment.

On this date:

In 1776, the first scholastic fraternity in America, Phi Beta Kappa, was organized at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va.

In 1782, the first native U.S. president, Martin Van Buren, was born in Kinderhook, N.Y.

I've never been poor, only broke. Being poor is a frame of mind. Being broke is only a temporary situation.

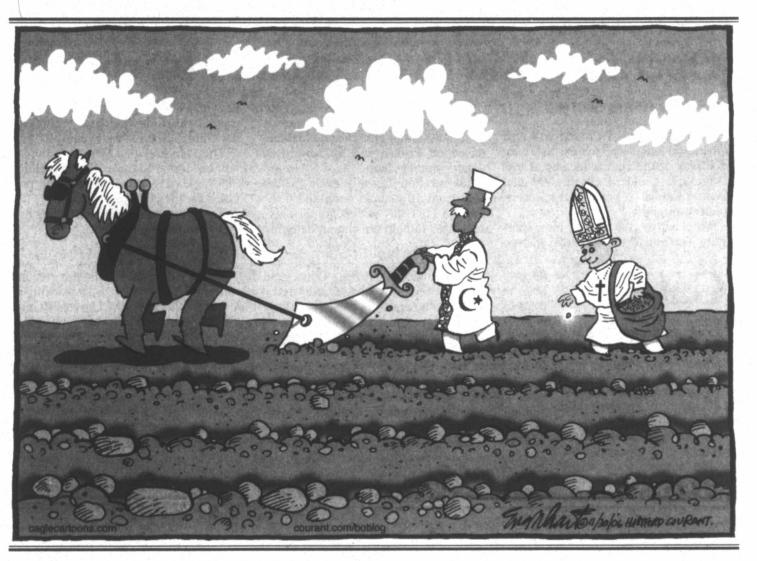
> — Mike Todd American movie producer (1907 - 1958)

In 1791, composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart died in Vienna, Austria, at age 35.

In 1792, George Washington was reelected president; John Adams was re-elected vice president.

In 1831, former President John Quincy Adams took his seat as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

In 1848, President Polk triggered the Gold Rush of '49 by confirming that gold



had been discovered in California.

In 1932, German physicist Albert Einstein was granted a visa, making it possible for him to travel to the United States.

In 1955, the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations merged to form the AFL-CIO under its first president, George Meany.

In 1991, Richard Speck, who'd murdered eight student nurses in Chicago in 1966, died in prison a day short of his 50th birthday.

In 1994, Republicans chose Newt Gingrich to be the first GOP speaker of the House in four decades.

Ten years ago: President Clinton announced the foreign policy team for his second term, including Madeleine Albright as the first female secretary of state; William Cohen as defense secretary; and Anthony Lake as CIA director.

Five years ago: Afghan leaders signed a pact in Koenigswinter, Germany, to create an interim government. Three Green Berets and six Afghan allies were killed by an errant U.S. bomb in Afghanistan. Escaped convict Clayton Lee Waagner, suspected of mailing anthrax hoax letters to abortion clinics, was captured near Cincinnati.

The space shuttle Endeavour blasted off under heavy protection on a flight to deliver a new crew to the international space station. New Zealand yachtsman Peter Blake, twotime winner of the America's Cup, was slain by Brazilian pirates on the Amazon River.



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Why Americans love big govern

Unlike Americans, the founders of

our nation were suspicious, if not contemptuous, of government. Consider just a few of their words.

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that "All men having power ought to be distrusted to a certain degree."

Thomas Paine observed, "We still find the greedy hand of government thrusting itself into every corner and crevice of industry, and grasping at the spoil of the multitude. ... It watches prosperity as its prey and permits none to escape without a tribute."

John Adams reminded, "You have rights antecedent to all earthly governments; rights that cannot be repealed or restrained by human laws; rights derived from the Great Legislator of the Universe."

Thomas Jefferson gave us several warnings that we've ignored: First, "The natural progress of things is for liberty to yield and government in contempt, and any presito gain ground."

Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

Nov. 27

Austin American-Statesman on confirming Robert Gates as secretary of defense:

One of the more important pieces of business for the outgoing Congress to complete before the end of the year is confirmation of Robert Gates, president of Texas A&M University, as secretary of defense. The Senate Armed Services Committee is scheduled to consider the nomination Dec. 5, and the Senate ought to approve it shortly thereafter.

Gates' nomination by President Bush to succeed Defense Secretary Donald

Second, "The greatest [calamity] which could befall [us would be] submission to a government of unlimited powers."

And third, "Whensoever James Madison suggested the General Government assumes undelegated powers, its acts are unauthoritative, void, and of no force."

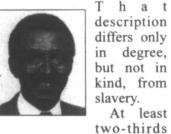
In response to what Jefferson called an "elective despotism," he suggested "The that,

of Walter Liberty Williams be refreshed Columnist from time to time with

tyrants." With sentiments like these, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and James Madison became presidents. Could a person with similar sentiments win the presidency today? My guess is no. Today's Americans hold such liberty-oriented values dential aspirant holding

chance of winning office.

Today's Americans hold a different vision of government. It's one that says Congress has the right to do just about anything upon which it can secure a majority vote. Most of what Congress does fits the description of forcing one American to serve the purposes of another American.



of the federal budget represents forcing one American to serve the purposes of another. Younger workers are forced to pay for the prescriptions of older Americans; people who are not farmers are forced to serve those who are; nonpoor people are forced to serve poor people; and the general public is forced to

them would have a zero serve corporations, college students and other special interests who have the ear of Congress.

The supreme tragedy that will lead to our undoing is that so far as personal economic self-interests are concerned, it is perfectly rational for every American to seek to live at the expense of another American. Why? Not doing so doesn't mean he'll pay lower federal taxes. All it means is that there will be more money for somebody else.

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In other words, once Congress establishes that one person can live at the expense of another, it pays for everyone to try to do so. You say, "Williams, don't you believe in helping your fellow man?"

Yes, I do. I believe that reaching into one's own pockets to help his fellow man is both laudable and praiseworthy. Reaching into another's pockets to help his fellow man is despicable and worthy of condemnation.

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Rumsfeld has been well-received, though some of that approval reflects a desperation by many Republicans as well as Democrats to get Rumsfeld out of office.

Gates, though, has plenty to recommend him on his own merits, for he combines an insider's experience and an outsider's detachment to a job that needs both. After a career that took him to the top ranks of senior government officials, as director of central intelligence from 1991-93 under the first President Bush, he left government.

In retirement, after several years of teaching and writing his memoirs, Gates in 2002 became president of Texas A&M's main campus at College Station, but he's been no caretaker telling stories from the Cold War. He

came to love A&M and embraced its traditions, but he also saw the need to make it a better academic university. He expanded and upgraded the faculty, raised salaries and, in seeking a more diverse and higher achieving student body, did away with "legacy" admissions, which favored applicants who had a parent who had attended A&M.

The most pressing problem for any new defense secretary, of course, is the war in Iraq. Neither Gates nor anyone else has a magic bullet, figuratively or literally, to win there. In fact, cautions Edwin Dorn, former dean of the LBJ School of Public Affairs and former under secretary of defense, Gates "will be in an untenable position" if he's

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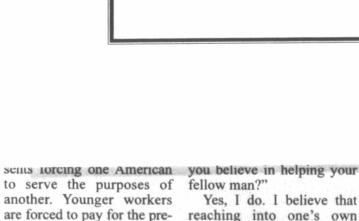
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I have nothing against people who want to sit outside a store for hours, even overnight, in order to be one of the first inside when the store opens for a special sale. I also don't harbor any ill will toward those who choose to travel cross-coun-

Remember Cabbage Patch try and spend far too much of their hard-earned dollars in pursuit of a toy, as long as these activities do not deprive them or their families of the means to eat, keep a roof over their heads, and pay their bills.

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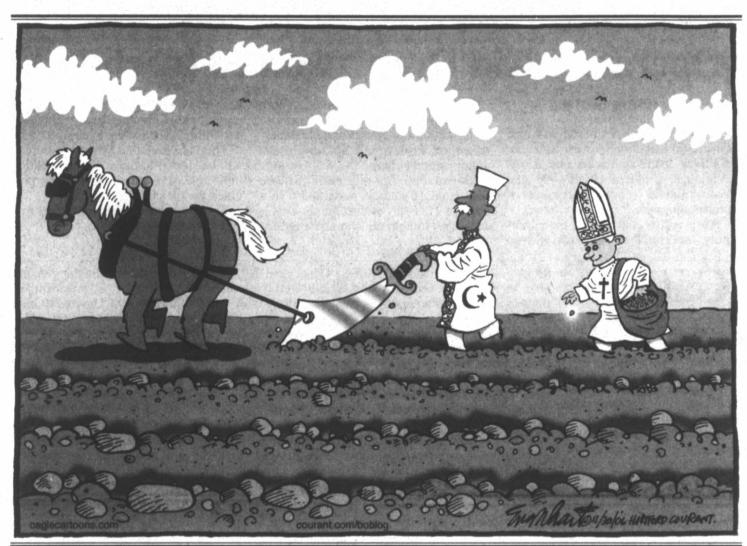
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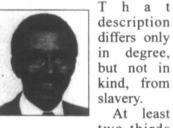
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Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., said that Gates would face

an array of problems should he be confirmed as expected to replace Donald H. Rumsfeld, and will have a duty to "speak truth to power" when it comes to giving advice on the war.

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pieces from broken policies and mistaken priorities for the past few years," Levin said at the opening of Gates's confirmation hearing. "First and foremost, this means addressing the ongoing crisis in Iraq."

As defense secretary, Gates would have to work with a Democratic-led Congress

next year. Reflecting that reality, Republican Sen. John Warner, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee for now, said Bush should solicit privately the opinions of leading lawmakers of both parties before forging a new strategy on Iraq.

U.S. troops in Iraq and their families to seek out the Congress' views as he considers new policy options for Iraq. The bipartisan Iraq Study Group is scheduled to release its recommendations on Wednesday, and the administration has its own reviews under way.

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The president held on to Rumsfeld too long, for six years. Gates would have only two years to make his mark on the massive department, and to do that he would need the full support of Bush and the cooperation of a Democratic Congress.

Gates' record strongly suggests that he can handle not only the military challenges but the political ones as well. Barring some shocking disclosure, the Senate should confirm Gates as secretary.

Quickly.

Search to resume today for missing father, rest of family found

MERLIN, Ore. (AP) -Unwilling to wait any longer, James Kim left his wife and two young children in their frozen, snowbound car and set off into the wilderness to seek help, wearing only tennis shoes, a sweater and a jacket. Now he is the one who needs help.

A helicopter spotted his wife, Kati Kim, 30, waving an umbrella Monday afternoon. She and her daughters Penelope, 4, and Sabine, 7 months, were airlifted to a

hospital and are in good condition.

The fate of her husband is unknown. Trained dogs, horse patrols and a helicopter with heat-seeking capability were to join other helicopters, snowmobiles and foot patrols today for the 35-year-old. Trackers followed his footprints until dark Monday night.

The family said James Kim left the snow-stuck car in southwestern Oregon at about 7:45 a.m. Saturday and went

the way they had come for help, saying he would return by 1 p.m. if he found none. He didn't.

His family said he had outdoor experience, and Oregon State Police Lt. Doug Ladd said there is "a very reasonable chance" that he is still alive. The San Francisco family reported that he had eaten berries in the area, but they weren't sure if they were poisonous.

Before he left, the four huddled together as a family

for warmth and ran the car at night until they ran out of gas. Officials said some of the tires were burned as signal fires to attract attention, but before helicopters joined the search. Kati Kim nursed both children while they were lost.

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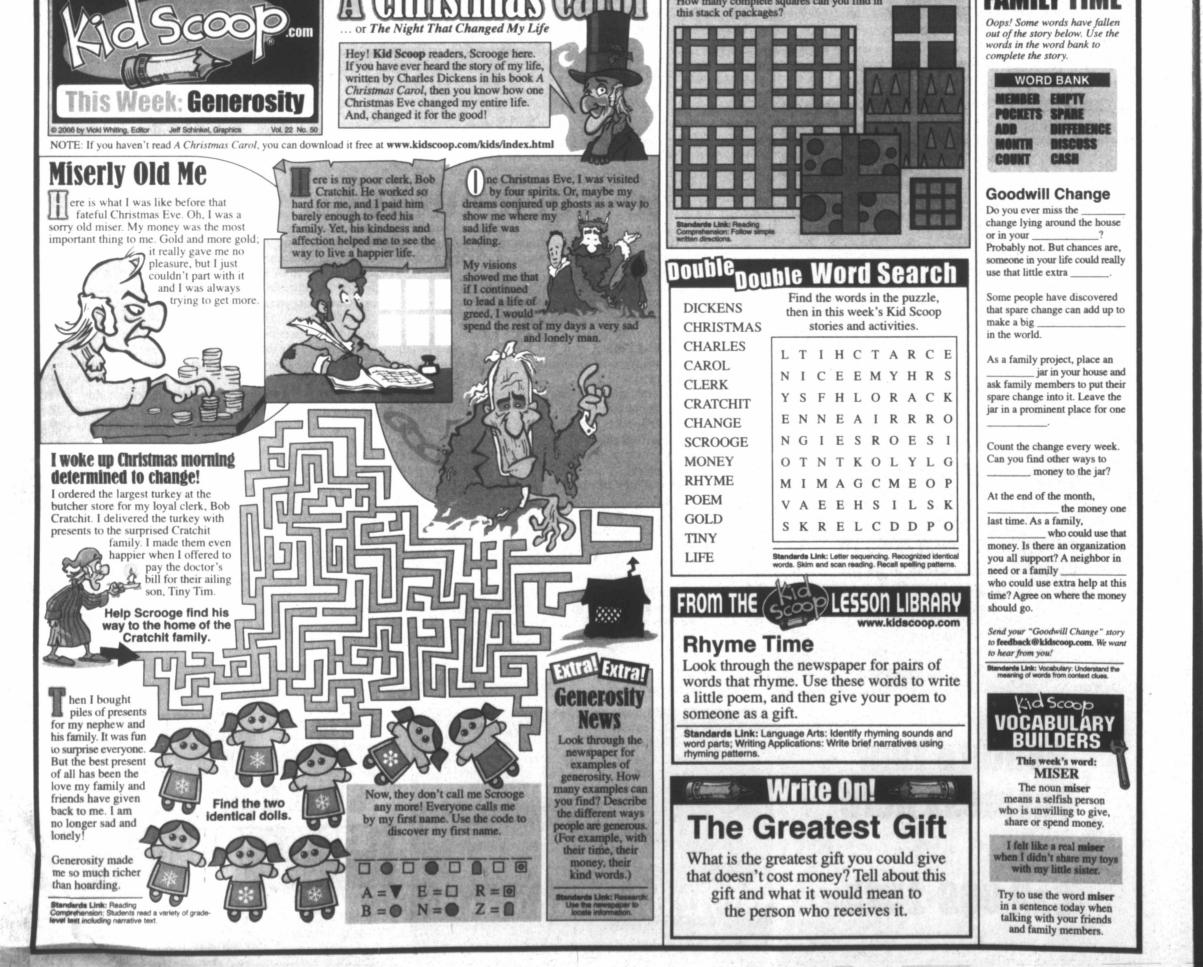
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By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I want "Short on Intimacy," the wife in her 20s with no sex life (10/26). to know that she is not the only wife out there who has this problem. I wish you could have heard some of the wild excuses my husband made about why he couldn't have sex. We have been in counseling for months because of this. I think it is so hard for us women because other men are always talking about wanting sex, and our husbands may even be acting like they want it. And then, when we get home, sex is the furthest thing from their minds. Through counseling, I have realized that "why" may never be answered. The bottom-line question is, Can I live the rest of my life this way or not? -- NO ANSWERS **IN OKLAHOMA**

DEAR NO ANSWERS: Only you can answer that. You were generous to share your own experience on this personal and sensitive subject -- and so were countless others who aired their views. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: In response to the young woman who doesn't understand why her husband isn't interested in sex, I applaud your reply. However, in addition to seeing a therapist, I think that man should consult his family doctor. My husband suffers from clinical depression as well as adultdiagnosed ADD. I struggled for years with the same questions she asked, until he started being treated for his disorders. Things are improving. - STILL WORK-ING ON IT, WINCHESTER, IND.

DEAR ABBY: The first 10 years of my marriage, my husband had a low sex drive and intermittent impotency. During a blood screening it was discovered that his testosterone level was about 20 percent of where it should be for an adult male. The medication he now takes may have saved our marriage, and it definitely saved our sex life. This was something neither of us had heard

DEAR ABBY: I could have written that letter. I would put on lingerie and try to seduce my husband. Still nothing. Of course, I became horribly insecure and thought something was wrong with me. When we went for counseling, my husband finally admitted he didn't need me for sex because he had been "satisfying" himself. It stemmed from huge issues he has with intimacy. Your advice was right on. Counseling is needed so she won't blame herself for his problem. -- BEEN **THROUGH IT IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR ABBY: I have been married 12 years. We have two wonderful children. My husband was a virgin when we married, which I attributed to his shyness and uptight upbringing. I was optimistic, though, and thought in time he'd learn to appreciate sex and get into it, but he never did. Three weeks ago, he finally confessed that he is gay and always has been, but kept it locked inside. Although I feel compassion for my husband, I also feel betrayed -- but at least I know now it wasn't my fault. My advice to "Short on Intimacy": My heart goes out to you, but the sooner you find out the reason for his behavior, the better. Do not waste your best years waiting for something that might never happen. BEEN THERE IN NEW **ROCHELLE, N.Y.**

DEAR ABBY: I am a 25-year-old male and not very sexually driven. I don't believe sex is how a man shows love to his mate, and have a hard time keeping up with my fiancee's sex drive. In past relationships I ended up resenting my partner for making me feel that just being "close to each other" wasn't enough, and wondering if I was wanted only for sex. Perhaps that woman's husband prefers to show his love for her in a less physical way. - THE OTHER SIDE IN UTAH

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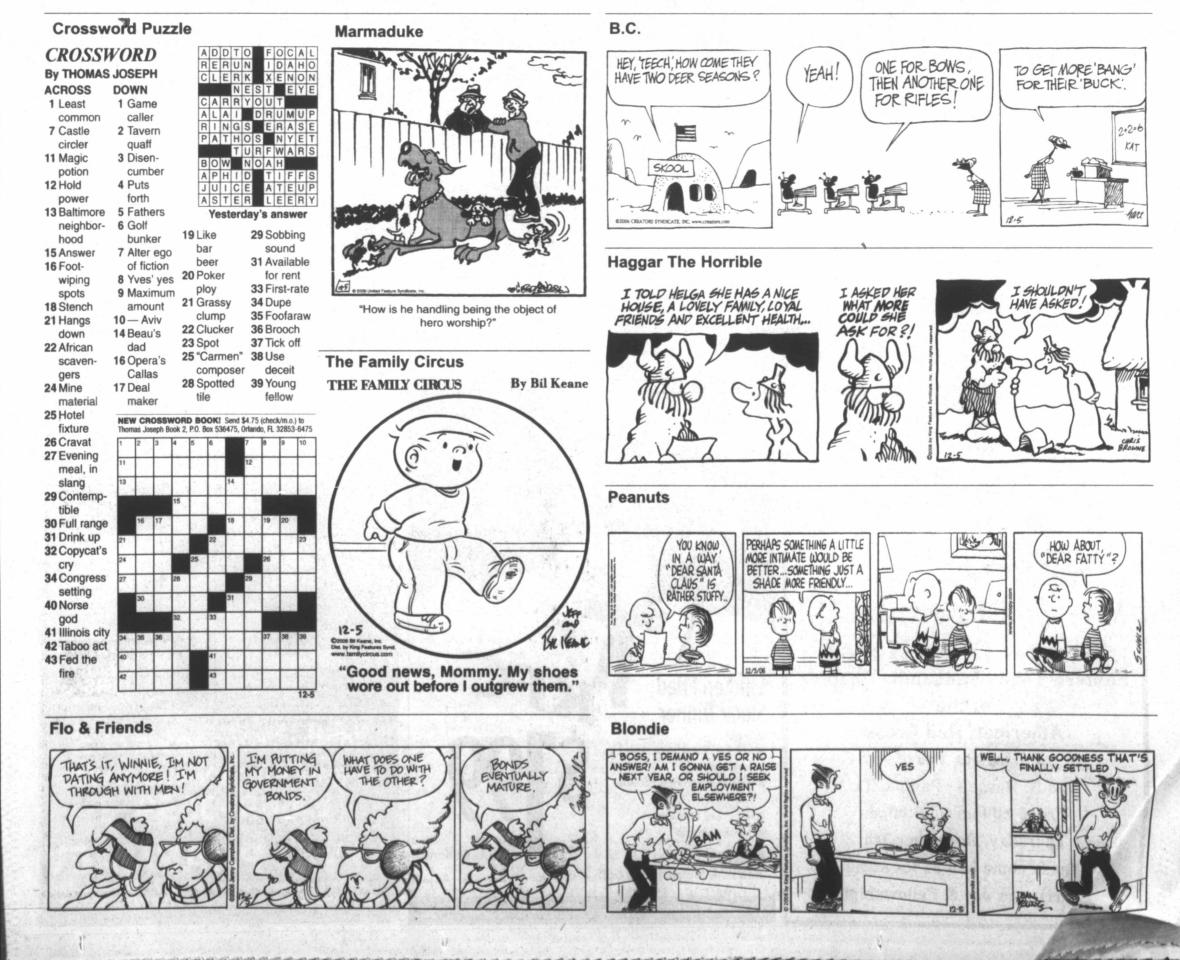
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Sports Day

Lady Harvester Rice could break scoring record tonight

By DONNY HOOPER Special to The News

Something special could happen tonight at The Pit. Senior Britteni Rice is on pace to break the all time scoring record for the Pampa Lady Harvesters. Pampa hosts the Tascosa Lady Rebels at Clifton McNeely Field House at 6 p.m.

Rice needs only 15 points to take over the top spot and will definitely leave Pampa High School this year as one of the best who has ever played the game wearing the Green and Gold.

Rice has been chasing Yolanda Brown's record of 1,644 points that was set from 1986-1989. Rice is currently at 1,630 points following last weekend's third place finish at the Tournament of Champions in Canyon.

If you look at the statistics you can see why Rice has been a thorn in opponents' sides over the past three seasons. This season she is averaging 22 points per game. She is also averaging 5 rebounds per contest and is shooting 42 percent from beyond the 3point arc. Rice has been outstanding at the free throw line, shooting an eye opening 89 percent this season.

All of this didn't necessarily come easy for Rice. If you look at her statistics you might think that she was blessed with natural talent and ability, but look a little closer and you will see that her love of the game and hard work is what makes her so special.

For years she has spent her summers on traveling teams, playing several games a week, which includes many hours of practice time and road trips. During her off time you can find her at the Pampa Youth and Community Center working on her jump shots, free throws, dribbling, passing, spin moves and keeping her body in top physical shape for the upcoming seasons. All of this simply because she loves the game.

Her hard work and dedication has certainly paid off. Rice recently signed her letter of intent to play Division I college basketball for the University of Denver Pioneers.

The Pioneers last season had their best finish since 2002 and went into the SBC tournament as the No. 2 seed. The Pioneers are coached by Pam Tanner, who knows that Rice has something special to offer. "We are incredibly excited about the signing of Britteni," Tanner said. "She is a very good player, who we believe has flown under the radar in West Texas. She's a versatile point guard who can distribute the ball and score consistently."

There is definitely something special that could happen tonight at Pampa High School. Fans are invited to come early, come loud and come proud and cheer on the Lady Harvesters and watch history in the making. Radio: AM 1230 KGRO

Pregame: 5:50 p.m. Lady Harvesters, approximately 7:15 p.m. for the Harvesters.



Courtesy photo

Freshman girls front row, from left, Destrey Hand, Shelbie Watson, Sam Pearson, Cheyenne Collins, Ashley Facio, and Serina Wagner. Back row, from left, Hayley Smith, Angi Hutto, Brooklyn Barker, Emilie Troxell and Coach Valentine.

Freshman girls take Borger tourney

The Pampa High School Freshman Girls traveled to Borger last weekend and came home as champions of the tournament.

The team improved to 7-1 with two wins on Saturday. Pampa defeated Dumas 66-28 in the early game with three girls scoring in double digits.

Shelbie Watson had 18 points followed by Ashley Facio with 14 points with 3 for 3 at the foul line. Brooklyn Barker had 13 points going 7 for 8 at the foul line.

Leading rebounders were Hayley Smith with 7 and Andi Hutto with 5.

Pampa defeated Dalhart 51-32 in the finals Saturday afternoon. Shelbie Watson was again the leading scorer with 16 points, 4 for 6 on free throws. Emilie Troxell had 14 points with 6 for 8 on free throws followed by Ashley Facio with 8 points, including 4 for 6 at the foul line.

The leading rebounders were Hutto with 5 followed by Sam Pearson, Emilie Troxell and Hayley Smith, all with 4 each.

The girls were 22 for 32 from the free throw line and are shooting close to 70 percent as a team on the season.

Girls run record to 8-1

Pampa's Freshman Girls improved to 8-1 on the season Monday as they defeated Canadian, 38-28.

The win came despite the team shooting 28 percent from the field and having 25 turnovers.

The girls were able to make up for the off night shooting by playing good

defense and holding Canadian to just 28 points.

Shelbie Watson and Emilie Troxell had 9 points each, followed by Ahsley Facio with 7 and Hayley Smith with 6.

Leading rebounders were Troxell with 12 and Sam Pearson with 8.

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The Pampa Lady Harvesters won the consolation trophy at last weekend's Kids Inc. - Gene Messer Tournament of Champions in Canyon by defeating Borger. Back row, from left, are Holly Owens, Krishna Henderson, Haili Kotara, Kelsie Wyatt, Carlyn Teichmann, Jasmaine Moore and Britteni Rice. Front row from left, are Amber Brown, Tamara Trevathan, McKinsie East and Hailei Skinner. Britteni Rice was selected to the All Tournament Team.

Eagles stay in playoff hunt with win over Carolina

PHILADELPHIA (AP) play, he knew it was up to him to save the game — and the Philadelphia Eagles.

Once Lito Sheppard read the back into the playoff picture er defender. in the mediocre NFC.

possibly the season — for Donovan McNabb, Jeff Garcia threw for 312 yards Sheppard's interception in and three touchdown passes the end zone with 25 seconds against a tough defense. But left preserved a 27-24 victo- it came down to Sheppard ry over the Carolina Panthers against Keyshawn Johnson on Monday night that vault- on a fade route that worked

ed the struggling Eagles earlier in the game on anoth-

From the Eagles 7, Jake Playing for the injured Delhomme lobbed a pass toward the right corner for Johnson, who is a half-foot taller than Sheppard. An All-Pro cornerback two years ago, Sheppard held his ground, leaped and made the pick while barely staying inbounds.

Wizards end Mavs' streak Canyon cowboy

By The Associated Press Gilbert Arenas can't be held down for long.

Arenas followed a subpar outing by scoring 38 points, and the Wizards beat the Mavericks 106-97 Monday night to end Dallas' 12-game winning streak.

"It feels great," Arenas said. "It shows what we're capable of doing if we come out and play hard. But we have to get a streak of our own pretty soon here if we want to be in that race." On Saturday night in

Chicago, Arenas was held to 10 points. It was the third time he's been held to 20 points or fewer this season. In the following games, Arenas is averaging more than 36 points.

Last season, Arenas was held under 20 points 14

times, and he averaged 33.1 points for the next game. Against Dallas, Arenas got

help from Antawn Jamison, who had 20 points and 12 rebounds. Caron Butler added 14 points, nine rebounds and seven assists for the Wizards, who built leads of 20 points in the first half and 31 in the third quarter.

In Los Angeles, Kobe Bryant scored 21 points before leaving with a sprained ankle in the Lakers' 101-87 win over the Indiana Pacers.

Bryant got an offensive rebound and missed an offbalance shot before landing on Indiana center Jeff Foster's right foot early in the third quarter.

In other NBA games, it was: San Antonio 129, Golden State 89; Chicago 100, Boston 82; Orlando 92, Sacramento 89; Utah 101, Milwaukee 88; and New York 98, Memphis 90.

tied for first in bareback riding

LAS VEGAS (AP) Will Lowe, the defending world champion and world standings leader from Canyon, Texas, tied for first in bareback riding on River Boat Annie with an 87-point ride — his third consecutive win Monday night at the National Finals Rodeo.

Lowe, who tied for first with Jess Davis of Payson, Utah, on Real Deal, increased his world lead to just over \$79,000 over Andy Martinez of Pavillion, Wyo.

Lowe has earned \$62,406 at the NFR and has \$214,331 in world earnings.

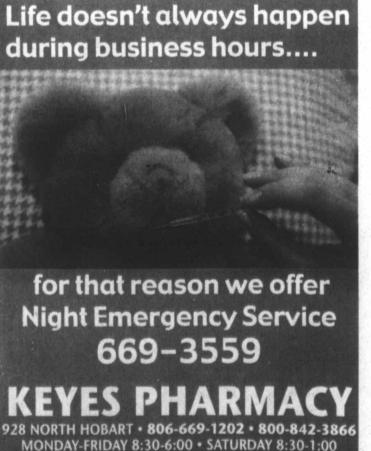
"I've been drawing really good and have just been trying to use what I'm drawing and keep going to them,' Lowe said. "... there's always one or two horses that might be much better than the other ones."



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Officials of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and others gathered at Caprock Canyons State Park recently to break ground for the park's new Visitor Center. The golden shovel brigade (shown in the photograph from left to right) were Briscoe County Judge Wayne Nance; President of the Caprock Partners Foundation William Smith; Mayor of Quitaque Clyde Dudley; Park Superintendent Deanna Oberheu; State Parks Division Director Walt Dabney; and Patsy Harrington, who symbolically represented her late brother O.R. Stark, founder of Caprock Partners Foundation. After breaking ground at the site of the forthcoming \$1.5 million, 4,400-square foot Visitor Center, participants attended a reception at the Hope Community Center in Quitaque, where several officials spoke of their visions for the new Visitor Center. Harrington said a few words about her late brother. The Visitor Center is slated for opening in the fall of 2007.

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Odds and ends

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) Five-year-old Gabby Supapo stuck her nose up in the air and sniffed. "Oreos,' she declared.

Not exactly what the California Milk Processor Board had in mind when it outfitted five San Francisco bus shelters with ads embedded with the smell of justout-of-the-oven chocolate chip cookies.

The scented bus shelter advertisements made their U.S. debut Monday, according Louis Zafonte, spokesman for New Yorkbased Arcade Marketing, which designed the ads to encourage milk drinking.

"Scent is a primary driver of memory," Zafonte said. "When you smell baby powder or chocolate chip cookies, everyone feels good."

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Scent is a primary driver of memory.

When you smell baby powder or chocolate chip cookies, everyone feels good."

— Louis Zafonte Arcade Marketing spokesman

three dozen charges, including DUI, 18 counts of kidnapping and assaulting an officer, authorities said.

A woman who answered the phone at Rodgers' home would not talk to a reporter and a message left at the

was in charge of collecting the money from the machines.

During questioning, Everett, a 19-year UT employee, "did make a statement and was subsequently fired," UT spokeswoman Amy Blakely said Monday.

An audit of exact losses was under way, but it was estimated he stole about \$20,000 over the past two years. Blakely said the report was turned over to the Knox County district attorney general's office.

Everett told WATE-TV on Friday that he was getting an attorney and "trying to see what's going on.'

SLIDELL, La. (AP) — The Louisiana State Police have almost \$500,000 that the owner can claim. As long as they do it before the end of the month.



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blasts of exhaust and the funky whiffs that often permeate a big-city bus shelter, scented oils were sandwiched between cardboard cards emblazoned with "Got Milk?" and affixed to shelter walls.

It costs about \$30 per shelter, Zafonte said, and the smell should last one to two weeks depending on the location. The displays will last about a month.

Critics have complained the ads could be offensive to the poor and homeless who can't afford to buy sweet treats.

But shoppers near the Union Square shelter simply thought the ads were cute. "It makes me want to go to Starbucks," said Gabby's mother, Ihrene Supapo, 25.

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) - A man accused of speeding down Main Street in Anderson has been charged with drunken driving. What was unusual was that he was driving a float in a Christmas parade at the time.

When officers caught up to 42-year-old David Allen Rodgers, he had an open container of alcohol in the truck he used to haul the children and adults on a float for the Steppin' Out Dance Studio, Anderson Police spokeswoman Linda Dudley said.

Witnesses said Rodgers was driving in line in Sunday's parade when he pulled out to pass a tractor in the float. Rodgers sped down Main Street and ran a red light, while a witness on the float called 911 on a cell phone, police said.

Officers started chasing Rodgers, who didn't stop for three miles. Once he pulled over, he tried to attack an officer, Dudley said.

Rodgers, whose child was on the float, faces more than dance studio was not returned Monday.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Officials say a longtime employee at the University of Tennessee has admitted literally nickel and diming the school out of \$20,000.

James Everett, 48, was suspended with pay on Nov. 20 on suspicion of stealing quarters, nickels, dimes and paper currency from library copying machines. Everett

The St. Tammany Parish district attorney's office and State Police recently published public notice of the pending forfeiture of \$498,665 seized during an Oct. 14 traffic stop in the Slidell area: Police believe the cash is drug money.

The money was discovered after Trooper Bryan Madden pulled over the tractor-trailer for careless driving.

Baby's First Christmas

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