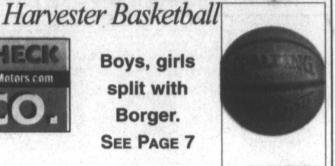


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City does housekeeping chores on year's last meeting

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

In their final meeting of 2006, the Pampa City Commission dealt with some housekeeping issues of last

The commission voted during their regular meeting Tuesday afternoon to approve amendments to the 2005-2006 budget.

They lowered the revenue from the original budget for Lovett Memorial Library of \$469,105 to \$431,105 to reflect a \$38,000 dona-

tion by the library foundation. That \$464,237 to \$509,254 money was for a soil stabilization project that was not done during the last fiscal year.

Because the project was not done, said Robin Bailey, Pampa's financial director, the city did not get the money so the revenue account needed to be corrected.

"That is something that they're still planning on doing for us when we're ready to do that," Bailey said.

They also adjusted Lovett Memorial Library's expenses from

Bailey said that includes the \$38,000 on the revenue side plus the recruitment fees for recruiting a new librarian and increased costs of elec-

The commission approved a revenue increase for the Pampa business incubator by \$25,000.

"We had only budgeted \$2,400 in revenues," Bailey said, "and we're wanting to revise that up to

Revenues for Hidden Hills Golf

Course came in at \$398,421, well above the \$360,986 that had been budgeted.

"That was \$38,000 more than we expected," Bailey said. "We're amending that budget to reflect that change in revenue.'

The increase in revenue to the golf course also increased the commission to the golf pro by \$5,000.

Part of that was reflected on the expense side of the ledger sheet as See CITY. Page 3

DPS keeps reeling in dope from traffic stops

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Three traffic stops Monday by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers near Groom resulted in the seizure of 416 pounds of marijuana valued at over \$175,000.

The first stop was made at 10:15 a.m. when troopers stopped a 2007 Ford pickup for a traffic violation as it was traveling eastbound in Interstate 40 at Groom. Five bundles of marijuana weighing 96 pounds were found in the rear seat. Estimated value of the marijuana was \$40,416.

Ottis Nathaniel Cowan, 30, of Pembroke Pines, Fla.,

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Exacting work



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER With the concentration of an artist, Lori Spence, manager of the bakery at United, writes 'Congratulations' across the top of a cake.

Annexation of land north a possibility

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

Richard Morris, Pampa's director of public works. appeared before the Pampa City Commission Tuesday, looking for suggestions concerning the annexation of land adjoining the city to the north.

"We've been aware as a city for quite some time that we've needed to do some annexation," Morris said.

He said that as the city staff started looking at possible annexation last year, they might need to build a new facility, so the city held off until the school district figured out what they needed to

With the passage of the bond election to build a new junior high school, the city staff again began looking at

the annexation of land adjoining the city.

Morris said that under law, the city could annex up to 10 percent of its total area. In the past, the parcels that have been annexed have been small enough that no study was needed to determine the area ratio.

The area under initial consideration for annexation is in northwest Pampa, roughly from Kentucky north along the eastern side of Price Road and back to the east to Perryton Parkway north of found that the school district the Pampa Regional Medical Center. This is the general area, city officials say, where the new junior high school will be located.

Morris said his department has been in contact as late as last week with the

See ANNEX, Page 3

Meetings Thursday

PISD board

By KERRI SMITH Staff Writer

The Pampa Independent School District will hold a regular board meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Pampa Junior High School library at 2401 Charles.

A few of the action items on the agenda are consideration and possible approval of payments to two different companies for services rendered and security issues at the junior high and Lamar Elementary.

The board will also discuss the possible appointment of committees to study the standard of dress for staff and students and to study grade level schools in comparison to elementary schools.

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PEDC board

Pampa Economic Development Corporation, at their meeting scheduled for 11 a.m. Thursday in the Nona Payne Room of the Pampa Community Building, will elect a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and such other officers as the board my decide.

They will also consider a mission statement, hear a report on their Web site and a treasurer's

The board will then go into closed session.

Lefors ISD

The Lefors ISD School Board will hold a regular meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday in the high school library at 209 E. Fifth St.

Items to be considered are possible approval of the gifted and talented policy and the instructional agreement with Clarendon College.

The board will meet in executive session to discuss the contract for the assistant superintendent, to accept a resignation and to talk about a plan for filling that vacancy.

The superintendent will give a report on the reduced property values, the 2005 - 2006 audit and the ending of the first semester.

Angel Tree gifts



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS Pampa Peace Officers Association members delivered gifts Monday afternoon to the Salvation Army at 701 S. Cuyler. The gifts were for five boys and five girls from the Angel Tree project. Funds for the gifts came from membership dues and proceeds from the burnout contest at Burnin' the Bricks in June and a gun raffle. Standing from left are Salvation Army Capt. Laura Martin and Alecia Ingersoll. Front row from left are Pampa Police Officers Neal Gardner and Casey Ingersoll, Tell Ingersoll, Marcus Ryan, and Officer Michael Ryan.



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Pampa Fire Department had no calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Dec. 11 10:01 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of North Nelson. No transport.

12:15 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of West Wilks and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

1:02 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

4:10 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Faulkner and transported a patient(s) to BSA Hospice in Amarillo.

5:55 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to NWTH and transferred a patient(s) to PRMC.

8:03 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to 18th and Nelson. No transport.

10:09 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Helton Road and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

11:05 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of North Dwight and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

11:39 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to NWTH. Tuesday, Dec. 12

12:23 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of North Hobart.

8:04 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to Childress.

1:39 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to BSA Hospital in Amarillo.

Wednesday, Dec. 13 12:02 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to NWTH.

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow_

COLE, Doris Mae — Memorial graveside services, 11 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa. McDANIEL, Eula — Memorial graveside services, 2 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa. POTTS, John H. — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa. Graveside services, 3 p.m., Crowell Cemetery, Crowell.

Doris Mae Cole, 81

Pampa, Texas, died Dec. 11, 2006, at Pampa. Memorial graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, 2006, at Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Garry Sutton, son-in-law, officiating.

Cremation and arrangements are under the direction Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Cole was born April 5, 1925, in Ada, Okla. She married T.D. Snow on Feb. 3, 1945, in Pampa. He preceded her in death on Sept.

pending

Funeral Directors.

Carmichael-Whatley

Mr. Langford was born

Jan. 31, 1933, in Martin

County, Texas. He was a

1951 graduate of Pampa

High School where he was

senior class president and

played football for the

Harvesters. He was a veteran

of the U.S. Army, serving

Doris Mae Cole, 81, of 16, 1994. She later married band Kenny of Elk City, Johnson of Independence, Don Cole on Feb. 10, 1996, Okla., and Kay Herring and in Pampa.

> She was a bookkeeper Dunlaps, retiring in 1988. She was a member of Hobart Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Don Cole of Amarillo; three daughters, Darla Cole Sutton and hus-





husband Robert of Pampa; one son. John Snow and wife Rhonda of

White Deer; six grandsons, Jim Cahill of Amarillo, Robert Herring, **Thomas** Jr., Herring and Steven Gordon, all

of Pampa, Adam Snow and Andrew band Garry of Alvin, Snow, both of White Deer; Sharron Gordon and hus- two granddaughters, Cindy

Kan., and Kim Childress of Stinnett; 10 great-grandchildren; one sister, Paula Swain of Security, Colo.; and one brother, Floyd Scott of Pampa.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Carman Scott and Dub Scott.

SPECIAL NOTICE: The family will be at 1013 E. Kingsmill in Pampa.

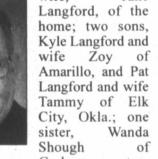
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Thomas Edwin 'Ed' Langford, 73

Thomas Edwin "Ed" during the Korean Langford, 73, of Pampa, Conflict. Texas, died Dec. 12, 2006, at

He married Jane Amarillo, Texas. Services Brown on April with 15, 1960, in Pampa. He was employed Celanese as an operations specialist for 32 years. He was a member and deacon of the First Langford Baptist Church

Everyman's Bible Class.



Kyle Langford and wife Zoy of Amarillo, and Pat Langford and wife Tammy of Elk City, Okla.; one Wanda sister, Shough of Graham; two brothers, John

and was a member of the Langford of Graham and Robert Langford of Survivors include his Granbury; and four grand-

Jane sons, Bryce Langford and Shane Langford, both of Amarillo, Zack Langford and Seth Langford, both of Elk City, Okla.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Minor and Sadie Langford; and a brother, Scott Langford.

MEMORIALS: Baptist Church, P.O. Box 621, Pampa, TX 79066-0621.

-Sign the on-line regisbook www.carmichaelwhatley.com.

Eula McDaniel, 84

Eula McDaniel, 84, of Pampa, died Dec. 9, 2006, at Plainview. Memorial graveside services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Thursday in Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Tim Roberts, retired

Baptist minister, officiating. Cremation and arrange-

Pampa, Texas, died Dec. 12,

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Colonial Chapel with the

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59, of Pampa, died Dec. 12,

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Funeral Directors of Pampa.

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2006,

ments are under the direction and was a Baptist. of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa. Mrs. McDaniel was born

Jan. 3, 1922, at Roaring Springs. She married her late husband, Fennis A. "Mac" McDaniel, on Dec. 16, 1938. She moved to Pampa in 1963

Mrs. McDaniel was also

preceded in death by a sister, Lilly McLaughlin.

Survivors include a daughter, Donna M. Jones of Pampa; a son, Clifford Ray McDaniel of Italy, Texas; six grandchildren; 13 greatgrandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

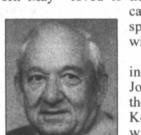
MEMORIALS: American Heart Association, 6605 I-40 West, Suite A-6, Amarillo, Texas 79106.

-Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichaelwhatley.com.

John H. Potts, 76

John H. Potts, 76, of 2006, at Pampa. Services 13, 1930, in will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Wichita Falls. He attended school in Crowell. He was employed Walco Hospice chaplain, and Pastor International of Bob Banks, of the Bible Dodge City, Kan., for 30 years. He married Joyzelle McIntire on Dec. 2, 1978, in Pampa.

He was a member of the First Christian of Skellytown, Church of Crowell. He was McIntire and Paul McIntire,



Potts

with his family. Survivors include his wife, Joyzelle Potts, of the home; one son,

Keith Potts and wife Janet of Guymon, Okla.; four stepchildren. Kathy Topper of Pampa, Jan Woods

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Whatley Funeral Directors. an avid outdoorsman who both of Amarillo; one sister, Mr. Potts was born May loved to hunt, fish and go Neva Locklear of Wichita camping. He loved Falls; one special cousin, spending time Steve White of Crowell; eight grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Geneva Potts; and a son, Kent Potts.

MEMORIALS: Odyssey Hospice, 6900 I-40 West, Suite 150, Amarillo, TX 79106, or a favorite charity.

-Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichaelwhatley.com.

Carol Freeman Sprinkle, 59

Carol Freeman Sprinkle, Falls. She graduated from Wichita Falls High School in and attended Carmichael-Whatley Midwestern University. She moved to Pampa in the late 1960s and married Dale Mrs. Sprinkle was born Sprinkle on June 10, 1974.

Mrs. Sprinkle, a homemaker, was a co-owner of Building Maintenance Co.

March 4, 1947, at Wichita Department Store. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Dale Sprinkle, of the home; two sons, Nathan Sprinkle of Pampa and Brian Sprinkle of Atlanta, Ga.; five daughters, Renee Sprinkle of Amarillo, Heather Latham of Denver, Colo., Amy Tate and worked for Dillard's of Keller, Melissa Sprinkle

of Atlanta, Ga., and Elizabeth Smith of Pampa; and nine grandchildren.

MEMORIALS: Baptist Church, P.O. Box 621, Pampa, TX 79066-0621, or BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX

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Scott and Jamie White visit with Duane and Anita Harp at a reception held Dec. 8 at the Pampa Country Club about their participation as founding members of the newly formed Friends of CASA auxillary. Friends of CASA was formed as a fund-raising auxiliary to assist CASA of the High Plains in their efforts to advocate for abused and neglected children.

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the city commission amended the golf course's budget from \$375,758 to \$396,456.

The additional expenses, beyond the golf pro's commission, were improvements that were done during the year that had been budgeted in 2005-2005. There were also some unexpected repairs on pumps at the golf course.

Pampa City Manager John Horst said some debris was sucked into the pumps. He said a filtration device has been installed to prevent

Bailey said that was a one-time expense. "That won't be reoccur-

that from happening again.

ring," she said. General fund expenses were amended from a budgeted \$1,009,586

\$1,392,267. "That is a total of \$382,000," Bailey said. "That includes \$49,000 in electricity costs, \$11,000 in natural gas and \$72,000 in

motor fuel."

It also included payments on a new communications tower and emergency generator that had been approved by the commission earlier in the year.

The commission, which normally meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, voted to cancel their next meeting this month, which would have fallen on Dec. 26, the day after Christmas. Their next meeting should be at 4 p.m., Jan. 9, in the commission chambers of City Hall.

Dope

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and Jorge Gabriel Sanchez, 22, of Tucson, Ariz. were arrested on drug charges and booked into Carson County Jail in Panhandle.

second The occurred at 1:30 p.m., two miles west of Groom, when a 2006 Ford U-Haul traveling eastbound on I-40 was stopped. A DPS K-9 alerted to the rear of the truck, and 215 pounds of marijuana was found. Estimated value of the marijuana is \$90,795.

Bernell Jap Locklear, 65, and Percell Jones Jr., 51, both of Pembroke, N.C., and James K. Goodwin, 25, of Las Cruces, N.M., were arrested and booked into Carson County Jail.

The third stop occurred at 6:10 p.m., 10 miles west of Groom. Troopers stopped an eastbound 2000 Dodge Ram pickup for a traffic violation. After consent to search was given, troopers found 14 bundles of marijuana weighing 105 pounds in the spare tire. Estimated value of the marijuana is \$44,205.

Raul H. Quezada, 18, and Felix Reyes, 27, both of Farmington, N.M., were arrested and booked into Carson County Jail.

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The results of proposals

that were received regard-

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Junior High will be avail-

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way is a security hazard.

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Sears aids food bank

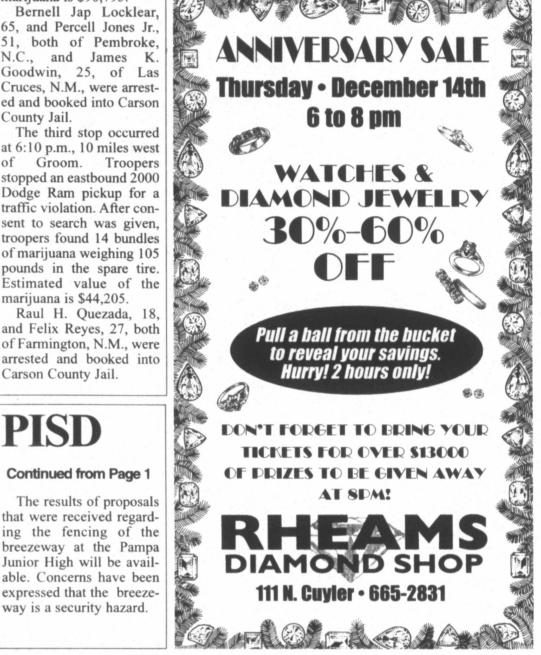
America's Second Harvest Food Drive to help feed the hungry. Persons who donate two or more non-perishable items at any Sears store will receive coupons for money off of purchases now

through Dec. 24. "This is the first year that Sears has teamed up with the Nation's Food Bank Network to try and combat hunger," Benny Horton, owner of the Pampa Sears, said. "All the stores in this region are participating and

Sears has joined with the coupons the customers receive after making a donation can be used at any Sears store."

He added that the barrel they have at 1623 N. Hobart is about two thirds full already, so the response has been great.

The food, which should not be in glass containers, will be collected through Friday. A food bank truck will then collect the food and get it ready for distribu-



Annex

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architects working with the school district. He said that initially the city hadn't planned to go quite as far north as it may now with a new school being built.

He said the city is also looking at annexing smaller parcels in the area northeast

"It's something that we want to look at and make sure that we can stay within our legal boundaries," Morris said.

He said that any proposals would have to go before the Planning and Zoning Commission. Their next meeting will be on Jan. 15.

Morris said he would

expect more discussion before the city commission, but then the city would need to start the planning process. He said that they had started the planning process, but it is presently

Three years ago, the city annexed parcels of land on both sides of Perryton Parkway north of the hospi-

on hold.

COP CORNER

I got gas the other night. Those \$30 didn't go very far, but we have to have fue to get around. The price of gasoline is still more than two dollars. That is still high in my book.

With the Holiday Season coming up money will probably get tight. Some people out there are going to pump gas and then leave without paying. Of course, this activity is a crime!

In the Texas Penal Code, section 31.04, it is called "Theft of Service." One of the unique parts of theft by service is the amount of the theft that affects the class of offense. If the theft is more than \$20 (but less than \$500), then it becomes a Class B misdemeanor.

A class B misdemeanor carries a maximum penalty of six months in the County Jail and a fine of not more



Courtney

than \$2,000. If convicted, the judge can jail you, or fine you, or jail and fine

One of the other unique features of theft of service, when it comes to fuel for your vehicle, is you might lose your driver's license for 180 days after you are convicted. This is in the Texas Transportation Code section 521.349.

If you have a prior con-

viction for a "gas driveoff," then this section kicks in. You will also be denied a license for an additional 180 days when you apply for reinstatement of your suspended license.

There are several other provisions and harsher penalties included in the transportation code that are too long to quote, but I hope you would-be offenders realize there are consequences to your actions.

The businesses that sell gasoline in town are going to report you, the police are going to find you, and the courts are going to pass sentence. Theft is a serious matter which can affect the rest of your life. If you buy something, then pay for it.

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Viewpoints

House Dems can only make noise and trouble

For all of the dire warnings and pre-election commotion about the impact of a Democratic majority in Congress, the fact is that – now that it is upon us - it can do little or nothing but harass the administration.

There is no real danger of any legislative action emerging from this Congress. Yes, the president has a veto the Democrats cannot override, but nothing will ever make it as far as the desk at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., are just spinning their wheels.

In the Senate, there is no such thing as a majority. Ever since the elder Bush's administration, the filibuster has become routine. No longer reserved for civilrights issues or for egregious legislation, it now is used to counter even motions for recess and adjournment. Members of the Senate are no longer subjected to the indignity of standing on their feet and reading a telephone book. Rather, the gentlemen's filibuster applies.

The majority leader phones the minority leader and asks if a filibuster is in effect. With his feet up on his desk, the Republican replies that it is and the Democrat, despite his majority, does not even think about bringing up his bill for consideration unless he has a good shot at the 60 votes required to shut off debate. In the Senate, 51 votes determine who gets the corner office, but to pass legisla-

tion, one needs 60.

In the House Representatives, with its 435 members, the Republican Party needed a simple majority -218 – to rule. The Democrats need considerably more. The normal rules of a mathematical majority do not take

i n t o Dick account the **Morris** fractious nature of Columnist h Democratic

Where

resembled the Prussian Army – disciplined, unified and determined - the Democratic majority in the upcoming Congress is disunited, dispersed and divided into myriad caucuses and two groups, one has to sell it familiar to all veterans of the

special interest groups. One to could purchase Republican majority wholesale by making a deal with the speaker and the majority leader. But to get the Democratic majority in line, one has to buy it retail - caucus by caucus.

> First, one has to go to check with the Black Caucus hat in hand see if one's bill

has enough the Republican majority best liberal giveaways to round up its 40 or so votes. Thence to the Hispanic Caucus for a similar screening. Then, with one's legislation weighted down with liberal provisions added by these

THE WAR ON CRIME ESCALATES ...

the Democratic the Leadership Council moderates and, even worse, to the Blue Dog Democrats -- the out-and-out conservatives.

> If you are fortunate enough to pass these contradictory litmus tests, you then have to go to the environmentalists, the labor people, and even the gays to see that your bill passes muster. Only then can you begin to hope for House passage.

> The result of this labyrinth is that the relatively moderate bill you first sought to pass ends up like a Christmas tree, laden with ornaments added to appease each of the caucuses. Unrecognizable in its final form, it heads to House pas-

This road map will be

Clinton White House of 1993 and 1994. The most recent administration that had to deal with a Democratic House, the shopping from caucus to caucus and the festooning of moderate legislation with all manner of amendments will seem deja vu to all of the early Clintonites. When Clinton proposed an anticrime bill with a federal death penalty, he needed to add pork projects in the inner city like midnight basketball to get it past the

Democrats in the House. Nancy Pelosi will face the same obstacle. By the time her legislation emerges from the lower chamber, it will bear little resemblance to what she had in mind, liberal

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 13, the 347th day of 2006. There are 18 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 13, 1862, Union forces suffered a major defeat to the Confederates at the Battle of Fredericksburg.

On this date: In 1642, Dutch navigator Abel Tasman sighted present-

day New Zealand. In 1769, Dartmouth College, in New Hampshire, received

In 1835, Phillips Brooks, the American Episcopal bishop who wrote the words to "O Little Town of Bethlehem," was

born in Boston.

To know how to say what others only know how to think is what makes men poets or sages; and to dare to say what others only dare to think makes men martyrs or reformers — or both.

> — Elizabeth Charles British writer (1828-1896)

In 1918, President Wilson arrived in France, becoming the first chief executive to visit Europe while in office.

In 1928, George Gershwin's musical work "An American in Paris" had its premiere, at Carnegie Hall in New York.

In 1944, during World War II, the U.S. cruiser Nashville was badly damaged in a Japanese kamikaze attack claimed more than 130 lives.

1978, the In Philadelphia Mint began stamping the Susan B. Anthony dollar, which went into circulation in July 1979.

In 1981, authorities in Poland imposed martial law in a crackdown on the Solidarity labor movement. (Martial law formally ended in

In 1994, an American Eagle commuter plane carrying 20 people crashed short of Raleigh-Durham International Airport in North Carolina, killing 15.

In 2003, Saddam Hussein was captured by U.S. forces while hiding in a hole under a farmhouse in Adwar, Iraq, near his hometown of Tikrit.

Ten years ago: President Clinton nominated Bill Daley to be commerce secretary and Bill Richardson to be United Nations ambassador. The U.N. Security Council chose Kofi Annan of Ghana to become the world body's seventh secretary-general. Trade ministers from 28 countries meeting in Singapore endorsed a U.S.-crafted trade pact to abolish import duties on computers, software and other high-tech

BOOK 'IM, DANO! HE WAS EATING TRANS FATS !

How we've strayed from concept of justice

Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., has several times proposed restarting the military draft, and every time it's gone nowhere. Today's politicians are not about to enact that piece of legisla-

Yet, they probably should. One of the underlying problems in our society is that too many of us get a free ride. People are inclined to support or be indifferent about wars if they know they and their children won't be fighting them or even inconvenienced by them. The burden falls entirely on members of the military and their families. Whatever happened to the concept of the 'common defense" and the idea that every citizen should carry some of the load?

In an entirely different field, most of our environmental laws and regulations put the entire burden and

cost of, say, preserving an endangered species on the property owner. Another free ride, this time for environmentalists who can campaign for their favorite project knowing it won't cost them one dime.

This has actually Charley been detrimental to Reese s o m e Columnist species, because ranchers

and farmers often follow the formula of "shoot, shovel and shut up." In other words, rather than suffer an unfair financial burden when an endangered species is spotted on their land, they just shoot the animal, bury it and keep quiet.

Since it is in the common interest of all of us to preserve the environment and most of its creatures, some way should be found to spread the cost to all of us. If you're going to require a landowner, for example, to set aside 100 acres for a woodpecker, then the owner should be compensated for the use of his land.

We have strayed far from the concept



Racial preferences are unjust. Corporate subsidies are unjust. Pork-barrel

of justice.

projects are unjust. (Why should a taxpayer in Iowa be forced to subsidize a metro system in Washington, or a New Yorker be forced to subsidize a farmer in Kansas?) And the all-voluntary military is unjust, because it relieves the rest of us of our duty to provide for the common defense.

Certainly the president's assault on the Constitution in the name of fighting his phony war against terrorism has resulted in massive injustices. President Eisenhower once said we must always remember that what we are defending is not just land and people, but a way of life, meaning freedom and all the protections spelled out in the Bill of Rights. To destroy that way of life in the act of fighting a foreign enemy would be self-defeating, he said.

Of course, he was right. If the government wishes to spy on an individual, it should, as the Constitution requires, be forced to go before an independent magistrate and prove it has probable cause to suspect a crime has been committed or is about to be committed.

Warrantless searches and warrantless eavesdropping are odious repudiations of

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Dec. 4 Austin American-Statesman on

Silvestre Reyes:

Soon-to-be U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi did the right thing Friday in naming El Paso Democrat Silvestre Reyes to be chairman of the important

House Intelligence Committee. Pelosi had been fading the heat for weeks over the wrangling to head the committee, which oversees a \$40 billion budget and the country's secret undertakings. She passed over the committee's most senior Democrat, California's Jane Harman, for personal reasons and the member next in line,

Florida's Alcee Hastings, because he is

political kryptonite.

Intelligence was the last major House committee whose chair was still in doubt, and naming Reyes takes Pelosi off the hot seat. Reyes, 62, is generally well-liked and respected, which might help bring a tad more harmony to the committee, which has dealt with bitter partisanship this year. Relationships among members are so sour, Reyes said, that they can't get any

Reyes' appointment will make him the only Hispanic and the only Texan to chair a major committee in the House in the new Congress. Once the Democrats took over the chamber after the Nov. 7 elections, Texas could have been shut out of leadership positions

because of the 2003 redistricting that knocked off some of the state's most senior Democrats.

A 26-year veteran of the border patrol, Reyes was elected to the House in 1996 and has served on the Intelligence Committee for six years, making him third in Democratic seniority behind Harmon and Hastings. Given Reyes' experience on the border and his generally clean record in Congress, he is a good fit to lead the committee. It also gives Pelosi cover with a Hispanic caucus upset at the lack of members in leadership positions.

Reyes is also in position to become chairman of the Armed Services Committee's subcommittee on strate-

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Reese

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our freedoms that so many earlier generations fought to preserve. Arbitrarily designating some organization as terrorist is an injustice, also. There again, there should be a hearing before an independent magistrate, and the government should be forced to prove that an organization is ter-

The trend in America is ominous, not because the government seems intent on treating the Constitution like a worthless piece of parchment, but because Americans just seem to

shrug their shoulders and accept it. We don't have to become an authoritarian state just to defeat a few

scraggly terrorists. -Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802.

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as that might have been. As Clinton said, after he watched the mangling of his legislative program by the various caucuses in the House, "I didn't

Once the highly amended liberal legislation emerges from the House, it will make easy fodder for a Senate filibuster. So left-leaning that it stands no chance of attract-

or restrictions on wiretapping for homeland security. Don't worry about House Ways and Means Chairman Charlie Rangel's, D-N.Y., ravings about the draft or the rumors of a tax increase. It's not going to happen.

and one thing only - to give their party control of the committees and the subpoena power that goes with it. The two House Democratic majority can only make noise and

—Dick Morris was an adviser to Bill Clinton for 20

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gic forces, which dovetails nicely with the Intelligence Committee.

Reyes' personal story is interesting. He served as an Army helicopter crew chief in Vietnam in 1966-67 and was awarded the Purple Heart. He attended El Paso Community College and the University of Texas at El Paso and UT-Austin and rose through the Border Patrol ranks to become sector chief in El Paso.

On the downside, Reyes does not have a stellar voting record in Congress, and many Democrats have complained that he votes too often with Republicans. But that bipartisan approach really should aid him, and Congress, when he begins his chairmanship.

Reyes found himself in an unwelcome spotlight after a costly border security initiative turned out to be an expensive disaster. His daughter, Rebecca Reyes, worked for the company that received the security contract and managed the project. Equipment either didn't show up or

failed, and the government eventually pulled the plug on the project and began an investigation. She now is a manager for a subsidiary of L-3, one of the country's largest government contractors.

Silvestre Reyes wasn't implicated in any wrongdoing, but having a family member as manager of a major defense contractor potentially could be a problem. But that is a slight bump compared to the ethical problems plaguing Congress and other members of the Intelligence Committee. Reyes is the right member for the job.

Palestinian gunmen kill Hamas-linked judge

gunmen forced a Hamas commander to his knees and shot him to death early today where he worked as an Islamic judge, escalating factional tensions in the Gaza Strip and prompting the Palestinian prime minister to cut short a trip abroad.

The death came two days after three young sons of a Palestinian Fatah-allied sparking renewed conflict between the rival Hamas and Fatah factions. The violence has reduced chances for a government and Hamas commander who belongs to the largest clan in the town of Khan Younis.

In a statement faxed to reporters, Hamas accused a Fatah "death squad" for al-Fara's death.

Fawzi Barhoum, a Hamas spokesman, said the dead man had been a field commander in Hamas' military wing and a prominent figure in the militant Islamic group. He gave no further details about al-Fara's militant activities but pledged to hunt

accusations. "We condemn all acts of anarchy whatever may be behind them. We call on the brothers in Hamas to stop firing accusations before the investigation," he

was expected to be a month-

"We need the prime minister to be here now to resolve the internal problems," said Haniyeh's politi-

Haniyeh dismissed fears of the violence in Gaza escalating into a civil war.

"We want to assure you that words such as 'civil war' don't exist in our dictionary. They don't exist in our makeup, in our culture," Haniyeh said in Khartoum. "We will protect the national unity of the Palestinian people and we will thwart any attempt to instigate an inter-Palestinian struggle.'

intelligence officer were killed in a drive-by shooting,

Events calendar

 Western Hot Oil and Leadership Perryton will present guest speaker Phillip Van Hooser of Princeton, Ky., at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Frank Phillips College Allen campus. Hooser's topic will be "Six Secrets of Service Professionalism. For more information, call (806) 435-6575.

· Students have until 4:30 p.m. Thursday to register for the 2006 Session Clarendon College. "Federal Government," History," "U.S. "Healthful and Effective Living" are being offered online between Dec. 12 and Jan. 12. Courses are subject to a minimum enrollment requirement. No financial aid or scholarships apply for these courses. To register or for more information, call (806) 874-3571 or 1-800-

687-9737. Christian Fine Arts Society's entry deadline for its free poetry contest is Saturday. Fifty prizes, including a \$1,000 grand

enter, send one poem of 21 lines or less to Free Poetry Contest, 1012 Beechwood Dr., Nappanee, IN 46550, or log on to www.freecontest.com on the Internet.

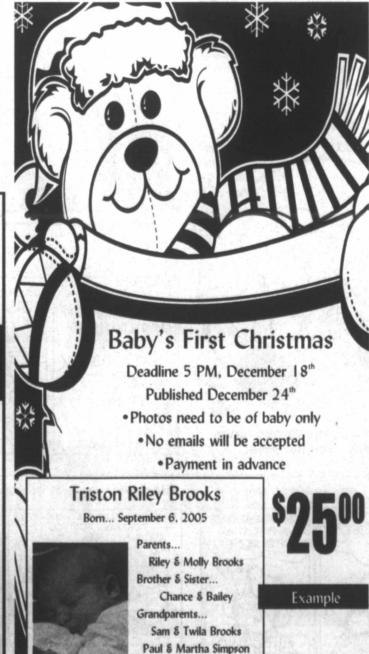
prize, will be awarded. To

The Department of State Health Services will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several diseases childhood including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinic will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m., Dec. 20, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

The Comprehensive

Breast Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Center Cancer announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinic: Dec. 20, Hemphill County Hospital, in Canadian; and Dec. 26 Texas and Jan. 23, Shepard's Crook Nursing Center, 916 N. Crest, in Pampa. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. available Funding is through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualfor assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673. CASA (Court

Appointed Special Advocates) of the High Plains will hold an informational meeting at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 8 at the Brown Alliance for Children, 315 N. Ballard, in Pampa. CASA volunteers are special advocates in court cases involving neglected or abused children. They help ensure that children find safe, permanent homes, assisting courts and the overburdened child welfare system so that no child falls through the cracks.



KHAN YOUNIS, Gaza pushed the two sides closer down the killers. "Hamas is Strip (AP) — Palestinian not going to forget the blood to civil war. Palestinian security offiof its members," Barhoum cials said the slain man was said. Bassam al-Fara, 30, a judge Fatah spokesman Tawfik outside the courthouse at the Islamic court and a Abu Khoussa rejected the cal adviser, Ahmed Youssef.

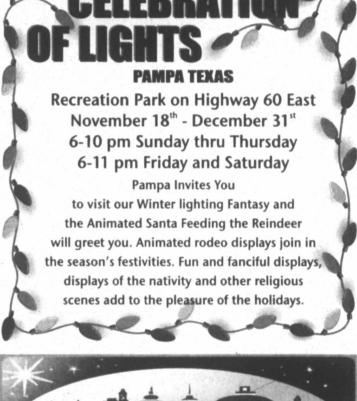
In Sudan, Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh, a top Hamas official, said he would return to Gaza on Thursday, cutting short a trip to Arab and Muslim countries, including Iran and Syria. Haniyeh left Gaza on Nov. 28 on what

even recognize myself."

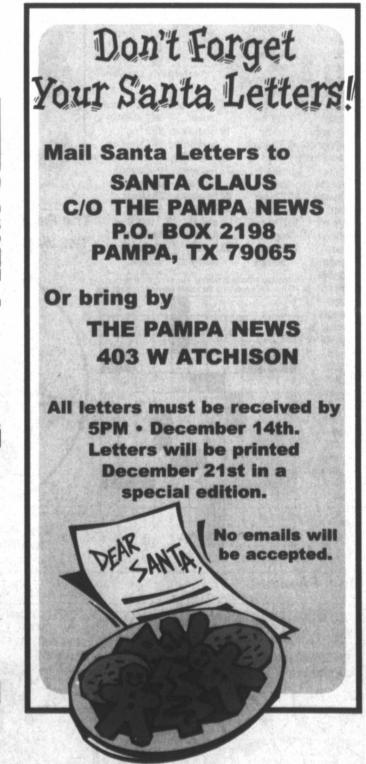
ing 60 votes, it will be dead-on-arrival. So forget the nightmares about an amended Patriot Act

What is the Democratic majority good for? One thing make trouble. It can't pass legislation.

Eileen McGann co-authored this column. years. Eileen McGann is an attorney and consultant.









Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My older sister decided to join the Army before going to college. We didn't get along, and I was glad to see her go -- especially since it meant that I'd have a room of my own after always having had to share with her. She was just sent to Iraq. Now I realize that I really love my sister, and I'm worried sick about her. I also feel really guilty about being happy about her leaving. Having my own room isn't all that great, and when I look at her side of the room and her empty bed, I wish we were still sharing a room and she was out of harm's way. I want to write her and tell her how I feel and that I love her. But if I write her, I'm not sure how she'll react. I think about her and worry about her all the time. I tried to talk to my mom about how I feel, but she just blew me off and acted like she didn't believe me. Please tell me what I can do to deal with this. - SAD SISTER IN **SACRAMENTO**

DEAR SAD SISTER: Your mother is dealing with her own anxieties right now. Do not let another day go by without sitting down and writing that letter to your sister. Tell her exactly what you have told me. I am positive that not only will she be happy to hear from you, she will also be impressed by how much you have matured in such a short time. It's the only way to deal with what's bothering you.

DEAR ABBY: I was driving down the road the other day and noticed a young girl by the side of the road trying to put the chain back on her bike. As I drove past her, I slowed my car and then stopped and backed up to ask if she needed help. She said she almost had it on, so I drove away. Then it occurred to me later that maybe, in this day and age, I shouldn't have done what I did. I love kids and would never harm a child, and I would never want a child stranded by the side of

the road. But at the same time, I question if stopping was safe to do -- with kidnapping and child molestation in the news so often. Is it OK for a young man (I am 33) to stop and help a child who may need it without someone thinking I am up to no good, and with kids being taught not to go near strangers in cars? - UNSURE IN SEV-ERANCE, COLO.

DEAR UNSURE: You are a caring person, forced to choose between idealism and sad reality. You did the right thing by stopping to offer help and, when it was refused, by continuing on your way. However, because you felt the need to do more, you should have called roadside emergency services to let them know there was a stranded cyclist by the side of the road, so they could check to see if further assistance was needed.

DEAR ABBY: Our daughter recently gave birth to a baby boy. We would like to establish a college fund in his name, but we have a dilemma. Our son-in-law has two children by a prior marriage. We have an excellent relationship with all of them and do not want to hurt anyone's feelings. However, my wife and I are retired and are not in a position to fund three programs. What do you suggest? -- PROUD GRANDPA IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEAR PROUD GRANDPA: You are a loving grandparent. Please do not feel awkward because you cannot be as generous as you would like. Talk to your CPA or your attorney and ask for referrals to financial planners whom they trust. When you find the right adviser, discuss your entire situation and ask for recommendations.

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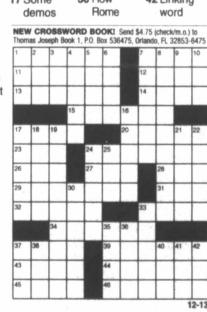
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By Bil Keane

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Sports Day

Harvesters can't play catch-up with Bulldogs

By JORDAN REAGAN Sports Editor

NOW BEING NOTIC?

With a game high of 42 points scored, Tyler Hall and the rest of the Pampa Harvesters couldn't seem to keep up with Borger Tuesday night, losing 66-

Doing good to begin with, the Harvesters finished the first quarter ahead by 1 point, 17-16.

Things didn't look as good for Pampa when the next quarter came around, as Borger pulled down rebounds left and right and put themselves way ahead of the game.

Though Pampa did not have as many as Borger, plenty of rebounds kept them in the game. Alex Clendenning led the Harvesters with rebounds, followed by Hall with 9.

Suffering an 8-point defecit halfway into the quarter, Hall dropped 15 points, and Clendenning 4 to put the team ahead going into halftime, 38-34.

To start the second half, Pampa finished the third quarter behind by 6 points at 45-51, seeming to severely lose their momentum in the fast-paced game.

Fourth quarter action, of course, was much more intense between the two teams as the final buzzer drew nearer and nearer.

Managing to find themselves 8 points behind again, Matt Smith scored 7 points and Hall 14 in order to bring the boys back up.

The last minute of the game was eventful to say the least, as the boys tried desperately to regain a lead.

With just over 13 seconds on the clock, a Borger player was fouled, giving them an opportunity to make a free throw, which put them in the lead by 4 points.

Just 7 seconds later, Hall ran the ball down the court and shot the last of his 8 3pointers making the score

With less than 1 second left. Borger was fouled one last time, and sank 2 more free throws in order to seal their win.

Numerous fouls and free throw opportunities for Borger put them ahead in the last seconds of the game, the score finally resting at 66-69.

City of Pampa **Fall Mixed** Volleyball League **Standings**

Competitive Division:

Eagle Rock Energy	4-0
MUD	4-0
Mixed Ups	2-2
The Rowdy Bunch	0-4
Green Team	0-4

Recreational Division:

J&J Karts	4-0
SPG	4-0
Domino's	2-2
Jay's Drive-In	0-4
Triangle Well	0-4

After rebounding, senior Matt Smith tries to pass it out of the corner. This is one of four rebounds that Smith pulled down throughout Tuesday night's game.





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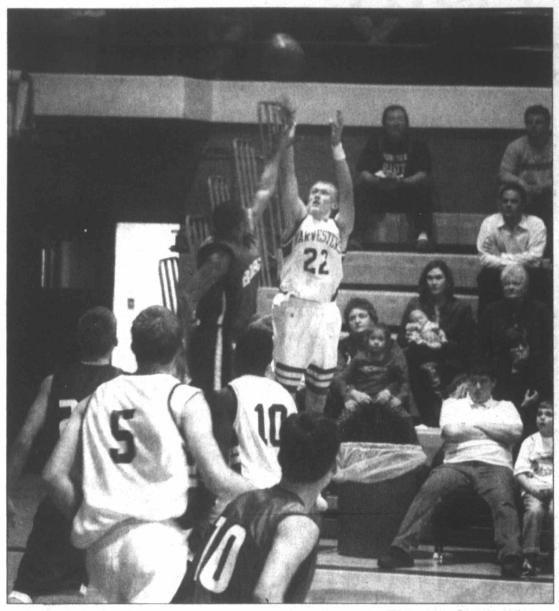


Photo by Sheila Winton Tyler Hall tosses in a 3 point shot during the second half of Tuesday night's Varsity boys game. Hall managed to score 42 points against Borger, sink 8 three-pointers, and pull down 9 rebounds.

Lady Harvesters outplay Borger Tuesday night, 74-64

By JORDAN REAGAN Sports Editor

Britteni Rice with 38 points and McKinsie East with 16 helped the Lady Harvesters overcome Borger on Tuesday night at McNeely Field House.

Other high scorers were Carlyn Teichmann with 9,

Kelsie Wyatt with 4 points scored.

Pampa kicked off the first half with a blast, finishing ahead by 17 points, 36-19.

Opening up the second half, East and Rice kept the ball on the Pampa side, scoring 4 and 5 points in the third

Amber Brown with 5 and quarter and pulling down 12 and 10 total rebounds, accordingly.

In the final quarter, Rice spent most of her time shooting free throws, as she was fouled 5 times by Borger. In the end, Pampa came out on top, defeating Borger 74-64.



Photo by Jordan Reagan

If Britteni Rice didn't shoot a mean free throw before, she should have it down to a fine art after being fouled five times Tuesday night in the fourth quarter alone. Along with her free throw points, Britteni scored a total of 38 points in Tuesday night's game against Borger.

Kobe put back in after minor injury; Lakers win 102-94

Angeles Lakers from blowing a big, game home winning streak. fourth-quarter lead.

Lakers overcame the loss of Lamar Rockets, who played without Tracy coach Jeff Van Gundy benched Yao, Odom and the Rockets' near-his- McGrady. The six-time All-Star is Battier and starting point guard toric rally to beat Houston 102-94 out indefinitely with back spasms. Rafer Alston. The scrappy Rockets Tuesday night.

The Lakers led by 27 points the Lakers pulled out the victory January. they should've sealed long before.

Bryant, who took off the ice and 87; Milwaukee 94, Seattle 93; and and Smush Parker scored in the lane returned with the other starters with Golden State 126, Sacramento 113. to stall the Houston rally. 4 minutes left. "We had to come back out, just play defense and get half, then outscored the Rockets 30- McGrady, went 4-for-8 from 3- blowout. Atlanta missed its first 13 things under control.

time I've put the ice on and had to committed 10 turnovers and missed started its comeback. come back out and play."

HOUSTON (AP) — Kobe Luke Walton added 18 points and Bryant thought he was done for the seven assists for the Lakers, who teams respond," Battier said. night, until he had to go back into shut down Yao Ming in the second "Hopefully, that's a lesson we can said. "We had that confidence and the game to help stop the Los half and snapped Houston's six-learn."

Bryant scored 23 points and the in the second half — to lead the with 10:22 left when Houston Rockets missed four of their last

Odom sprained his right knee when overs without a field goal for 8 min- a 14-4 run as the Rockets turned 93-66 with 9:45 left. Phil Shane Battier blocked him on a utes and hit three 3-pointers during sloppy, committing eight turnovers Jackson pulled Bryant 3 minutes layup. Odom, the Lakers' leading a 24-1 spurt. later and Bryant started wrapping rebounder and second-leading scorhis knees in ice, figuring his night er, was taken to a hospital for an had ever overcome in a game is 23 need to have to play those guys," was over. However, Los Angeles MRI exam. The Lakers said Odom points, done twice, the last time in Battier said. "You've really got to didn't score another field goal until suffered a moderate MCL sprain 2001. Chuck Hayes' free throws the last minute and the Rockets got and Jackson said he'll be lucky to with 1:38 left cut the Lakers' lead to within two before the Bryant and play again before the end of 94-92.

The Lakers led by three at the nine of 13 shots.

"We didn't respond the way good end, we just said to ourselves, straight.

In the fourth quarter, the Lakers' Yao scored 26 points — just five lead reached 26 points — 90-64 — Two minutes into the game, reserves held the Los Angeles left-

In the other games Tuesday in Bryant's miss, Steve Novak "I found it entertaining," said night, it was: Denver 100, Atlanta missed a 3-pointer at the other end

13 in the third quarter to seemingly point range and scored 21 points. shots of the fourth and squandered "That was the weirdest game I've take control. They shot 65 percent Head and Hayes were the only four other possessions ever been a part of. That's the first in the quarter, while the Rockets starters on the floor when Houston turnovers.

"The guys Coach put in at the the Hawks, who lost their third

'We've got nothing to lose," Head we kept playing hard."

Yao played well early, hitting five of his first six shots. But the five shots of the half and the Lakers finished with a 13-3 run to take a 54-51 lead at the break.

The Lakers opened the half with in the first 6 minutes.

"We didn't have the focus you be on your game mentally. Nuggets 100, Hawks 87

Carmelo Anthony scored 26 However, Kwame Brown tipped points, Earl Boykins added 19 and visiting Denver dominated the for sharp-shooting Golden State. fourth quarter to beat Atlanta.

Luther Head, who started for turning a close game into a

Josh Smith had 21 points to lead

A&M bounces back, beats Fordham

Bucks 94, SuperSonics 93 Michael Redd had 22 points and Ruben Patterson added 21 for host Milwaukee. Andrew Bogut had 16 points, nine rebounds and six assists, and made a free throw with 1:14 left to give the Bucks a 94-93

Seattle's Luke Ridnour failed to get off a desperation 3-pointer before the buzzer sounded.

Rashard Lewis led Seattle with 26 points, as the Sonics lost for the first time in four games without injured leading scorer Ray Allen.

Warriors 126, Kings 113

At Oakland, Calif., Matt Barnes set career highs with 32 points and 11 rebounds, and Andris Biedrins added 20 points and 14 rebounds

Baron Davis had 14 points and The Nuggets outscored the 13 assists for the Warriors, who Hawks 29-17 in the final period, won for just the second time in seven games.

Kevin Martin scored 32 points and Ron Artest had 22 for the Kings, who lost their fourth straight

China Promises 2008 Olympics no corruption

Chinese Communist Party ects. State television said that official on Wednesday prom- Liu had been handed over to ised a "clean" 2008 prosecutors Olympics, one day after the party expelled the Beijing and monitoring efforts on the vice mayor in charge of preparatory work of the Olympic construction proj- Olympics to prevent all ects, accusing him of bribery potential problems," Liu Qi,

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BEIJING (AP) — A connected to Olympic proj-

"We must tighten auditing and other charges, state secretary of the Chinese Communist Party's Beijing Liu Zhihua, who had been Municipal Committee, told unexpectedly fired in June, the Beijing Daily newspaper took bribes of "several mil- Wednesday. "Efforts must be lion yuan" and "helped his made to ensure that staff mistress to seek profit in members involved in the projects," a state television Olympic preparations and report said Tuesday, without venue construction projects offering further details. remain on track, and make Officials have said that Liu's sure the Olympics are clean."

Texas (AP) — Josh Carter snapped out of a two-game funk by being more aggressive, and helped his team-

mates in the process. Carter scored 24 points, Antanas Kavaliauskas added 19 and No. 13 Texas A&M beat Fordham 84-61 Tuesday

The Aggies (8-2) bounced back from losses last week to No. 12 LSU and top-ranked UCLA — their first nonconference losing streak since Billy Gillispie arrived as coach more than two years

"I was focused on being more aggressive," said Carter, who made eight of 10 shots. "I watched a little film the last two games and I wasn't taking open shots when I had them. I was being pretty passive so I have been

COLLEGE STATION, thinking about being aggressive and I carried that out

today." Carter, who had a dunk to start the Aggies' scoring, also connected on four of five 3-pointers.

His shooting opened up the floor for post players Kavaliauskas and Joseph Jones, who added 13 points. Texas A&M outscored

we have a plan and he executes it the way we need too."

Texas A&M led 39-28 at halftime. Kavaliauskas shot 6-for-7 from the field in the first half and had 13 at the break.

Sebastian Green led Fordham (5-4) with 19 points and Marcus Stout finished with 14.

Texas A&M trailed 11-6 before going on a 10-0 run to take the lead for good. Jones had six points during the

early surge. "Texas A&M came out and dominated us on defense," Fordham coach up the pressure a bit and when we didn't score for a

the second half to cut the Aggies' lead to nine, but

while they took control of

a 14-5 run, bolstered by two Carter 3-pointers, to push the lead to 18 points with 14

opportunity, they advantage Whittenburg said. "That is what top 20 teams do. This the NCAA tournament."

Dereck Whittenburg said. "I Fordham 38-20 in the paint. "I need to help him get thought we made some shots early in the first half. We had more shots because we need him to shoot it," Gillispie a little lead and were playing said of Carter. "We need him with them. We got in foul to make four or five 3s a trouble and couldn't really game and he can do that if run our offense, they turned

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Gillispie said. "We have to get all five guys playing as a unit. They are not playing selfish, but we have to have all five guys where they need to be. You have to execute defensively to be a good team."

Matsuzaka talks near deadline

NEW YORK (AP) — As Boston officials tried to work out a contract with Daisuke Matsuzaka before Thursday's deadline, the Houston Astros and Texas Rangers found pitching help of their own.

Five days after a potential trade with the White Sox came apart, Houston acquired Jason Jennings and pitcher Miguel Asencio from the Colorado Rockies on Tuesday for outfielder Willy Taveras and pitchers Taylor Buchholz and Jason Hirsh — who all would have been sent to Chicago for Jon Garland.

Astros general manager Tim Purpura needed to replace Andy Pettitte, who left his hometown team Friday after three seasons to go back to the New York Yankees.

"This gives us a solid No. 2 starter and some depth in the

exciting day for us."

Eric Gagne and the Texas Rangers reached a preliminary agreement on a one-year contract worth about \$6 million.

Gagne, like Matsuzaka, is represented by agent Scott Boras. As the midnight Thursday EST deadline for Matsuzaka to sign approached, Red Sox officials left agent Boras'

bullpen," Purpura said. "It's an office Tuesday night apparently still

"We're going back to Boston tomorrow," chairman Tom Werner

There was no evidence that progress was made Tuesday, when the Red Sox had said they would present their second offer.

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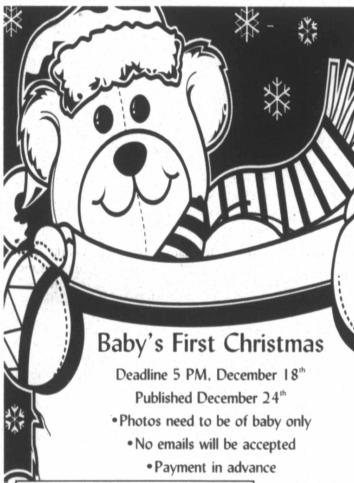
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slightly tamed, but your impulsiveness still plays a role in your plans. A partner will do whatever's necessary to have a greater say. Let him or her - as you really don't have a choice. Tonight: Dinner TAURUS (April 20-May 20) **** Many people have different ideas. The way to learn to enjoy your many associates is to be open to their

ideas. Go along with someone else's idea of a good time. Choose to do nothing halfway; give 100 percent. Tonight: Where the party is. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Easy does it. You might have a lot of errands to run and people to touch base with. You need to feel accomplished and that you have achieved some important results. Your happier side emerges when dealing with a fun pal. Tonight: Don't push too hard.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) **** Your creativity merges to another level. You'll feel much different if you flow and don't buck trends. You don't need to have all the answers. Let the child in you out, and get into the merry quality of the season. Tonight:

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Basics count. Listen to what others offer, but make it OK to stay close to home. Inevitably, good news will head in your direction. A child or loved one adds a lot to your life and happiness. Invite

your kidlike side out. Tonight: Happiest

staying close to home. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **** Your words drep on a willing listener or audience. Last-minute errands and visiting with neighbors and friends mark your plans. Relax and don't allow yourself to feel pressured. Others act in

unexpected ways. Tonight: Hang out.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** Your possessive side emerges You might want to handle a personal matter differently. How you see someone could be very different from how he or she really is. Use this person's actions as an indication of where the distortion might lie. Tonight: Your treat.

**** You are all smiles as you

approach life's adventures. Your creativ-

ity emerges, allowing greater flex and

happiness. Others might unload even

more responsibility on you. Loosen up

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Tonight: New vistas. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Listen to your instincts when making important choices. The unexpected occurs when dealing with a vital

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Research upsetting some notions about bees

By EDITH CHENAULT **Extension News**

COLLEGE STATION Genetic research, based on information from the recently released honey bee genome, has toppled some long-held beliefs about the honey bee that colonized Europe and the U.S.

According to research published recently in Science, an international professional journal published by the American Association for Advancement of Science, the four most common subspecies of honey bee originated in Africa and entered Europe in two separate migrations, said Dr. Spencer Johnston, entomologist with the Texas **Agricultural Experiment Station** and one of the authors of the

A large number of different bee species exist in Asia, where it had long been thought the honey bee originated, Johnston said.

"Their origin in Africa was suggested in other studies, but our result shows it dramatically to be true," he said.

Taking genetic information from the honey bee genome sequencing effort, researchers from Texas A&M University, University of Illinois, Cornell University, Washington State University, University of Kansas and the University of California-Irvine, and one private producer traced the genealogy of honey bees. Two branches originate in Africa.

The honey bee is not native to North America; it was introduced from Europe for honey production in the early 1600s, Johnston said. Subspecies were introduced from Italy in 1859, and later from Spain, Portugal and elsewhere.

When honey bees collected in Europe and Africa were studied, they separated genetically into



(Texas Agricultural Experiment Station photo by EDITH CHENAULT) Dr. Spencer Johnston, professor with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, works on a cytometer, an instrument used to determine the size of genome samples, at Texas A&M University. Located at the Center for Biosystematics and Biodiversity. the cytometer is one of two on the Texas A&M campus.

four distinct groups, he said.

However, the genome of U.S. bees "was a complete mix of the three different introduced European subspecies," he said.

That mixture is changing with the introduction of the fourth subspecies from Africa in 1990. The form that was Italian mixed with other strains has been crossbreeding with an Africanized-Spanish strain. In effect, the Italian mix is disappearing. This has not happened

European varieties.

"It is clear that introduced African bees mated with existing U.S. bees and that colonies with large portions of the African bee genome were able to out-compete the original U.S. mixture," he said.

"Why the Africanized honey bee successfully invaded the New World but has not moved across Europe, we don't know," Johnston added. "Maybe (the

to the same extent with the U.S. varieties) were selected (by beekeepers) for everything but competition."

> An important goal of the research was to identify candidate genes that could be responsible for the overly defensive behavior in Africanized honey

"It will be a race among researchers to find out which specific genes are involved in behavior," he said.

Darfur: Aid workers say food, supplies kept from thousands

KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP) - Food and other basic relief is not reaching thousands in the war-torn Darfur region of Sudan, despite what the United Nations calls the world's biggest humanitarian effort.

More than a dozen aid workers have also been slain in recent months, and spiraling violence has forced many to pull out. Seventy-four World Food Program vehicles have been attacked and one driver has been killed since a peace treaty was signed in May between Khartoum and one of several rebel factions in Darfur. Other rebels rejected the deal.

Violence has been increasing and last month, in the worst looting yet, Arab tribal fighters known as janjaweed ripped apart a WFP warehouse and took 800 tons of food in the rebel stronghold of Bir Maza as government forces assaulted the town.

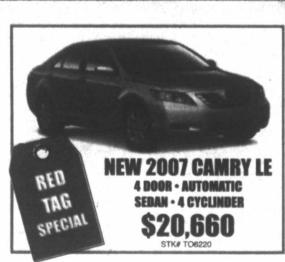
More than 200 U.N. and aid workers have had to leave remote outposts and refugee camps and some of the region's main towns — like the North Darfur capital of El Fasher, which last week was also looted by janjaweed.

Meanwhile, some 200 World Food Program trucks are being blocked by the government from reaching Darfur, said Kenro Oshidari, the Sudan director for the U.N. agency.

Janjaweed are not the only dangers. Three water engineers working with the U.N. Children's Fund were killed in June by refugees who thought they came to poison a well rather than fix it. Nine others were abducted in October and five are still being held, said UNICEF spokesman Edward Carwardine.

"Security is our most serious impediment throughout Darfur," he said.

The U.N. has called the Darfur conflict the world's worst humanitarian crisis. More than 200,000 people have been killed and more than 2.5 million driven from their homes in the three-year fight between the government and ethnic African rebels.













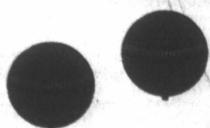
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