





**CASA Friends**



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 auxiliary. 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.

**City**

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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 that from happening again.

Bailey said that was a one-time expense.

"That won't be reoccurring," she said.

General fund expenses were amended from a budgeted \$1,009,586 to \$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.

**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 of town.

"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 on hold.

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

**COP CORNER**

I got gas the other night. Those \$30 didn't go very far, but we have to have fuel 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 you.

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 drive-off," 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.

Cop Corner is provided by Pampa Police Department and Lt. Fred Courtney.

**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.

The second stop 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 regarding the fencing of the breezeway at the Pampa Junior High will be available. Concerns have been expressed that the breezeway is a security hazard.

**Sears aids food bank**

Sears has joined with 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

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 distribution.

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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 civil-rights 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 of 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 into account the fractious nature of the Democratic Party.

Where the Republican majority best resembled the Prussian Army — disciplined, unified and determined — the Democratic majority in the upcoming Congress is disunited, dispersed and divided into myriad caucuses and

special interest groups. One could purchase the 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 — to see if one's bill has enough 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 two groups, one has to sell it

to the Democratic 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 passage.

This road map will be familiar to all veterans of the

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 anti-crime 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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**Dick Morris**  
Columnist



## 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 its charter.

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

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 that claimed more than 130 lives.

In 1978, the 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 1983.)

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.

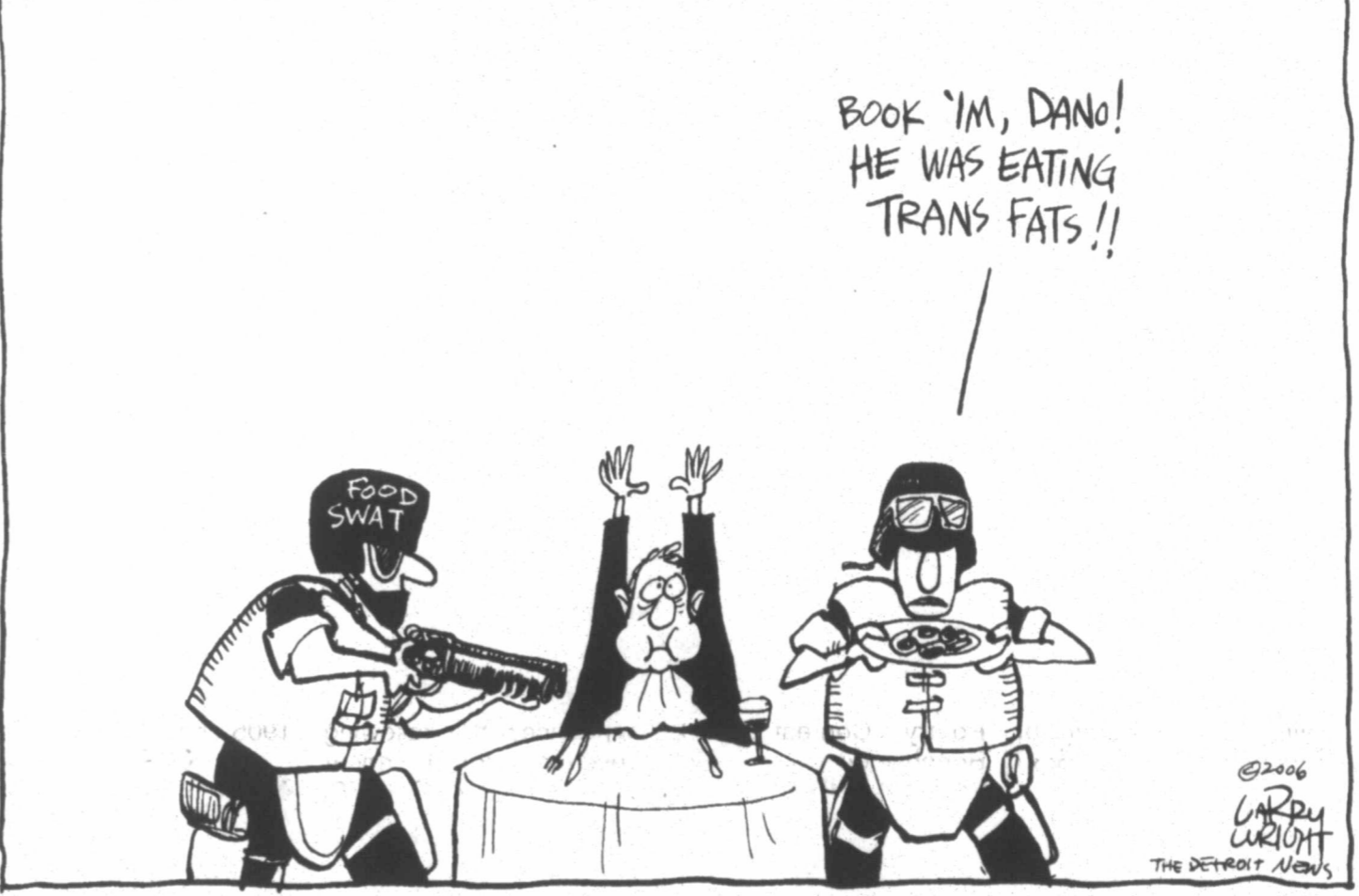
Ten years ago: President Clinton nominated Bill Daley to be commerce secretary and Bill Richardson to be United Nations ambassador. The U.N. Security Council chose Kofi Annan of Ghana to become the world body's seventh secretary-general. Trade ministers from 28 countries meeting in Singapore endorsed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

*'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)

### THE WAR ON CRIME ESCALATES...

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## 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 legislation.

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 been detrimental to some 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 of justice. Racial preferences are unjust. Corporate subsidies are unjust.

Pork-barrel 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 worse.

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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our freedoms that so many earlier generations fought to preserve. Arbitrarily designating some organi-

zation 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 terrorist.

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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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

KHAN YOUNIS, Gaza Strip (AP) — Palestinian gunmen forced a Hamas commander to his knees and shot him to death early today outside the courthouse 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 Fatah-allied Palestinian intelligence officer were killed in a drive-by shooting, sparking renewed conflict between the rival Hamas and Fatah factions. The violence has reduced chances for a unity government and

pushed the two sides closer to civil war.

Palestinian security officials said the slain man was Bassam al-Fara, 30, a judge at the Islamic court and a 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

down the killers. "Hamas is not going to forget the blood of its members," Barhoum said.

Fatah spokesman Tawfik Abu Khoussa rejected the 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 said.

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 was expected to be a month-

long trip.

"We need the prime minister to be here now to resolve the internal problems," said Haniyeh's political adviser, Ahmed Youssef.

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."

### 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 Winter Session at Clarendon College. "Federal Government," "U.S. History," and "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

prize, will be awarded. To 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](http://www.freecontest.com) on the Internet.

• **The Texas Department of State Health Services** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases 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 Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinic: Dec. 20, Hemphill County Hospital, in Canadian; and Dec. 26 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. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for 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 the courts and the overburdened child welfare system so that no child falls through the cracks.

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Example

## Morris

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even recognize myself."

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 attracting 60 votes, it will be dead-on-arrival.

So forget the nightmares about an amended Patriot Act 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.

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

Eileen McGann co-authored this column.

—Dick Morris was an adviser to Bill Clinton for 20 years. Eileen McGann is an attorney and consultant.

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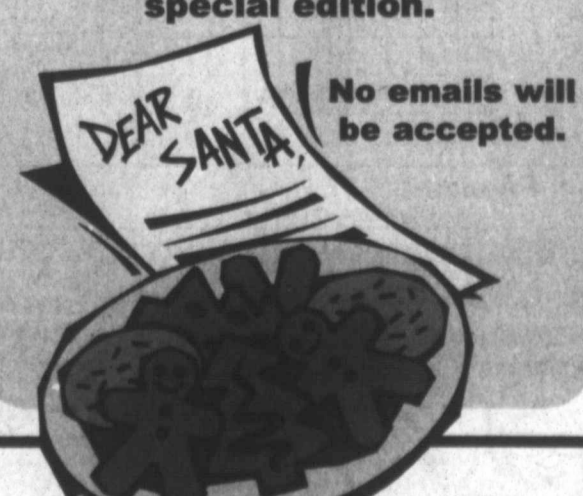


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# Dear Abby...

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

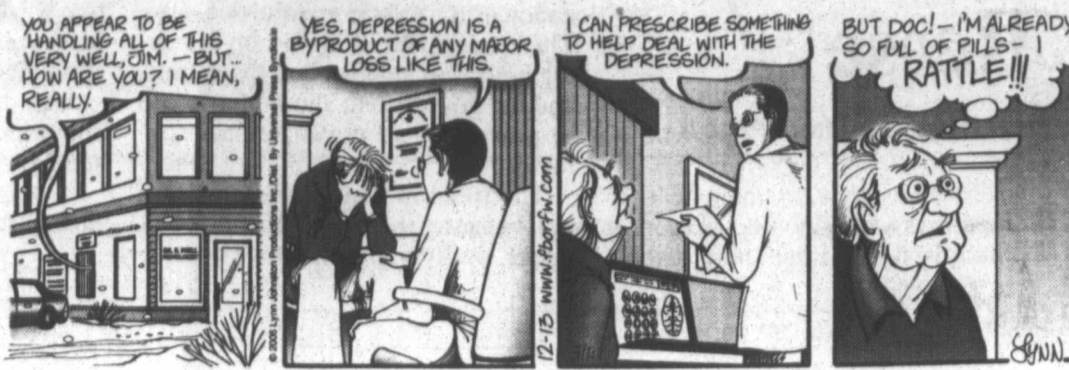
the road. But at the same time, I question if stopping was safe to do — with kidnapping and child molestation in the news so often. Is it OK for a young man (I am 33) to stop and help a child who may need it without someone thinking I am up to no good, and with kids being taught not to go near strangers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

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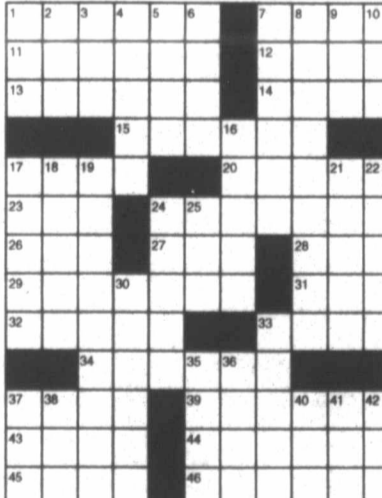
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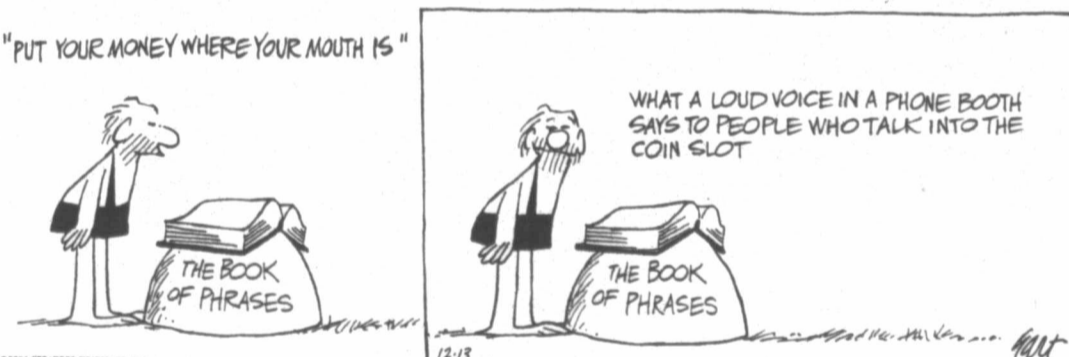


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# Sports Day

## Harvesters can't play catch-up with Bulldogs

By **JORDAN REAGAN**  
Sports Editor

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 66-69.

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 11 rebounds, followed by Hall with 9.

Suffering an 8-point deficit halfway into the second 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 3-pointers making the score 66-67.

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.

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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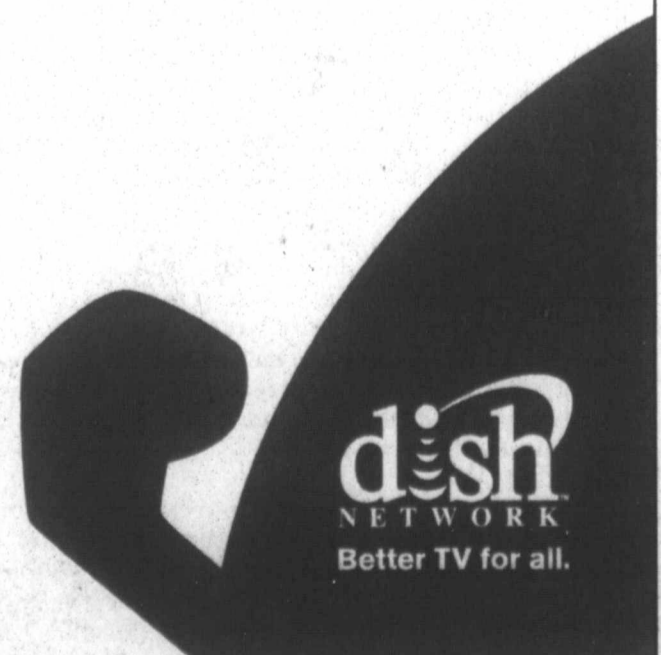
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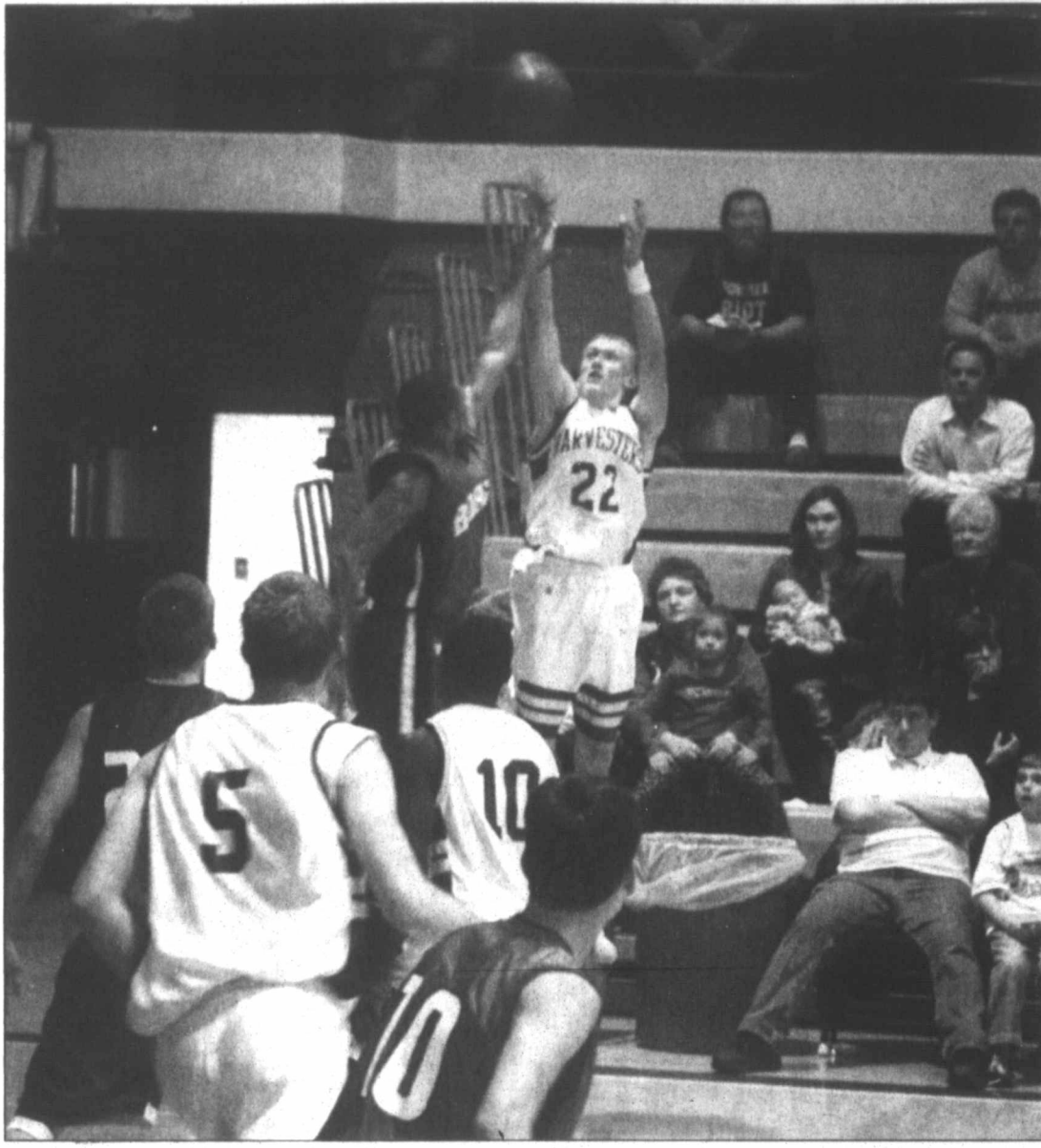


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Tyler Hall tosses in a 3 point shot during the second half of Tuesday night's Varsity boys game. Hall managed to score 42 points against Borger, sink 8 three-pointers, and pull down 9 rebounds.

# 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,

Amber Brown with 5 and 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

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

HOUSTON (AP) — Kobe Bryant thought he was done for the night, until he had to go back into the game to help stop the Los Angeles Lakers from blowing a big, fourth-quarter lead.

Bryant scored 23 points and the Lakers overcame the loss of Lamar Odom and the Rockets' near-historic rally to beat Houston 102-94 Tuesday night.

The Lakers led by 27 points — 93-66 — with 9:45 left. Phil Jackson pulled Bryant 3 minutes later and Bryant started wrapping his knees in ice, figuring his night was over. However, Los Angeles didn't score another field goal until the last minute and the Rockets got within two before the Bryant and the Lakers pulled out the victory they should've sealed long before.

"I found it entertaining," said Bryant, who took off the ice and returned with the other starters with 4 minutes left. "We had to come back out, just play defense and get things under control."

"That was the weirdest game I've ever been a part of. That's the first time I've put the ice on and had to come back out and play."

Luke Walton added 18 points and seven assists for the Lakers, who shut down Yao Ming in the second half and snapped Houston's six-game home winning streak.

Yao scored 26 points — just five in the second half — to lead the Rockets, who played without Tracy McGrady. The six-time All-Star is out indefinitely with back spasms.

Two minutes into the game, Odom sprained his right knee when Shane Battier blocked him on a layup. Odom, the Lakers' leading rebounder and second-leading scorer, was taken to a hospital for an MRI exam. The Lakers said Odom suffered a moderate MCL sprain and Jackson said he'll be lucky to play again before the end of January.

In the other games Tuesday night, it was: Denver 100, Atlanta 87; Milwaukee 94, Seattle 93; and Golden State 126, Sacramento 113.

The Lakers led by three at the half, then outscored the Rockets 30-13 in the third quarter to seemingly take control. They shot 65 percent in the quarter, while the Rockets committed 10 turnovers and missed nine of 13 shots.

"We didn't respond the way good teams respond," Battier said. "Hopefully, that's a lesson we can learn."

In the fourth quarter, the Lakers' lead reached 26 points — 90-64 — with 10:22 left when Houston coach Jeff Van Gundy benched Yao, Battier and starting point guard Rafer Alston. The scrappy Rockets reserves held the Los Angeles leftovers without a field goal for 8 minutes and hit three 3-pointers during a 24-1 spurt.

The largest deficit the Rockets had ever overcome in a game is 23 points, done twice, the last time in 2001. Chuck Hayes' free throws with 1:38 left cut the Lakers' lead to 94-92.

However, Kwame Brown tipped in Bryant's miss, Steve Novak missed a 3-pointer at the other end and Smush Parker scored in the lane to stall the Houston rally.

Luther Head, who started for McGrady, went 4-for-8 from 3-point range and scored 21 points. Head and Hayes were the only starters on the floor when Houston started its comeback.

"The guys Coach put in at the

end, we just said to ourselves, 'We've got nothing to lose,'" Head said. "We had that confidence and we kept playing hard."

Yao played well early, hitting five of his first six shots. But the Rockets missed four of their last 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 a 14-4 run as the Rockets turned sloppy, committing eight turnovers in the first 6 minutes.

"We didn't have the focus you need to have to play those guys," Battier said. "You've really got to be on your game mentally."

Nuggets 100, Hawks 87  
Carmelo Anthony scored 26 points, Earl Boykins added 19 and visiting Denver dominated the fourth quarter to beat Atlanta.

The Nuggets outscored the Hawks 29-17 in the final period, turning a close game into a blowout. Atlanta missed its first 13 shots of the fourth and squandered four other possessions with turnovers.

Josh Smith had 21 points to lead the Hawks, who lost their third

straight.

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 lead.

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 for sharp-shooting Golden State.

Baron Davis had 14 points and 13 assists for the Warriors, who 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 road game.

## China Promises 2008 Olympics no corruption

BEIJING (AP) — A Chinese Communist Party official on Wednesday promised a "clean" 2008 Olympics, one day after the party expelled the Beijing vice mayor in charge of the Olympic construction projects, accusing him of bribery and other charges, state media said.

Liu Zhihua, who had been unexpectedly fired in June, took bribes of "several million yuan" and "helped his mistress to seek profit in projects," a state television report said Tuesday, without offering further details. Officials have said that Liu's alleged misdeeds were not

connected to Olympic projects. State television said that Liu had been handed over to prosecutors.

"We must tighten auditing and monitoring efforts on the preparatory work of the Olympics to prevent all potential problems," Liu Qi, secretary of the Chinese Communist Party's Beijing Municipal Committee, told the Beijing Daily newspaper Wednesday. "Efforts must be made to ensure that staff members involved in the Olympic preparations and venue construction projects remain on track, and make sure the Olympics are clean."

## A&M bounces back, beats Fordham

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Josh Carter snapped out of a two-game funk by being more aggressive, and helped his teammates in the process.

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

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 ago.

"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

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 Fordham 38-20 in the paint.

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

Fordham scored first in the second half to cut the Aggies' lead to nine, but Texas A&M responded with

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

"Every time we missed an opportunity, they took advantage of it," Whittenburg said. "That is what top 20 teams do. This team is very, very good. They could go a long way in the NCAA tournament."

Texas A&M's Acie Law took only one shot in the first half but finished the game with 11 points and a team-high seven assists.

"It was a good win for us," 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 Lincecum 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

bullpen," Purpura said. "It's an 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'

office Tuesday night apparently still apart.

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

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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SCIENCE

# 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 the 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 article.

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

to the same extent with the 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

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 bees.

"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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