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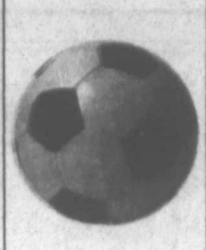
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City puts welcome signs plan on hold for now

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Plans to put up new welcome signs around Pampa came to a halt this week, at least for the time being, as a community art group questioned the City Commission about a project initiated by a local civic group.

Sena Brainard, representing the Outdoor Art Association, told the Pampa City Commission Tuesday afternoon that her group had been working on welcome signs on Texas Highway 70 north and south of Pampa since 2005, and questioned the city's intentions concerning a similar project being proposed by the

Pampa Rotary Club.

Chuck White with the Rotary Club spoke to the commission last month, proposing welcoming signs on the east and west entrances to Pampa on U.S. Highway 60, north and south entrances to the city on Texas Highway 70 and the east entrance to the city on Texas Highway 152.

White estimated the Rotary Club's project would cost between \$100,000 and \$125,000. He asked that some \$5,000 left over from the Super Playground Fund be used along with \$6,000 insurance settlement that the city had received after

a truck crashed into the brick 'Welcome to Pampa' sign on the west side of town along U.S. 60 be used for the project. He also asked the city to put up \$25,000 from the general fund. White said he thought the Rotary Club could raise the rest through donations.

The commission had prepared a resolution concerning the money for their meeting Tuesday, but after Brainard's presentation, they deferred action on the resolution.

"There's going to have to be some clarification," Mayor Lonny Robbins said.

The art association's proposal

would erect two pump jacks on a concrete slab with a sign welcoming visitors to Pampa. Brainard said that since the pump jacks would be on concrete slabs, they could be moved as the city expanded. The signs would be lighted by solar power.

She said one sign with a pair of pump jacks would be on the east side of Texas 70 where the highway meets the loop on the north side of Pampa. The other would be on the west side of Texas 70 where the Lefors highway dead-ends into the state highway on the south side of

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Limb pickup to begin; Tips offered on tree care

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

The City of Pampa will have crews out beginning Thursday to start the process of residential tree limb pickup. The northwest part of town will be first on the list.

Residents need to place the broken limbs by the curb next to the street and should not place any debris in the alley. The pickup service will be done on a one-time only basis, so once the clean up is done on a certain street this service will no longer be available and residents will be responsible for taking the limbs to the landfill.

Pedro Arreola, owner of A&T Yard Service, said less damage occurs in trees that are pruned before a storm comes through. His crew of four has a hard time keeping up when people call right before bad weather or high winds are forecast, so he suggests that people have this done ahead of time or on a regular basis.

"The damaged limb should be cut back behind the break to ensure the health of the tree," Arreola said. "This will help keep moisture from

settling into the cracks and possibly causing rot to occur. A sealer can also be sprayed on the fresh cut to help keep out insects and diseases."

To avoid having problems after storms or wind, people should have their trees trimmed. Limbs that hang over homes or power lines should always be taken care of.

According to Eddie Losoya, Landscape Manager of West Texas Landscape, pruning can be done any time of the year, but doing it in the winter while the tree is dormant is the preferred time.

"It is easier for the tree to recover from pruning in the winter and this also results in a vigorous burst of new growth in the spring," Losoya said. "The tree should be left alone in the spring while it is in the process of budding." He also said that the risk of disease is greater in the fall due to fungi spreading their spores during this season.

Most experts agree that if more than 50 percent of the crown, the top portion of the tree, is gone or

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Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH

A damaged tree on West Street is in need of repair after the recent ice storm. The jagged edge should be cut back to avoid further damage to the tree, according to local landscape companies. City crews will begin clean-up Thursday for limbs placed by the curb on residential streets.

Guilty plea nets 2 years in federal prison

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

A Pampa woman was sentenced Monday to two years in a federal penitentiary after she pled guilty in October to one count of an 80-count indictment, according to the U.S. District Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Texas in Amarillo.

Ginger Michelle Hollis,

42, was sentenced in U.S. District Judge Mary Lou Robinson's court in the Amarillo Federal Courts building. The two-year prison term will be followed by three years' supervised release. Hollis and a co-defendant, Lori Ellen Van Leer, 34, of Dumas, were also ordered to pay \$16,548.30 in restitution.

"They are joint and severally liable," said Christy Drake, assistant U.S. District attorney in Amarillo. "Ideally, each pays one-half of the restitution, but if one doesn't, the other will have to make up the difference."

Hollis pled guilty to Count One of the federal indictment, which alleged she participated in a conspiracy to

manufacture counterfeit obligations.

Van Leer also pled guilty to the same count and was sentenced Dec. 15 to four years in federal prison followed by three years' supervised release, plus the restitution order.

The case against Hollis

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Hollis

King hearing postponed again, reset for Jan. 30

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

PINEVILLE, Mo. — A hearing for a man accused in the murder of two southwest Missouri residents here and a Gray County family south of Pampa has been postponed again.

Levi King, 24, was to have appeared in court Tuesday in Pinedale for a preliminary hearing with regard to the deaths of Orlie and

Dawn McCool in McDonald County, Mo.

The two were shot to death as McCool and his daughter-in-law returned to his house the afternoon of Sept. 29, 2005.

King has also been charged in Gray County in connection with the Sept. 30, 2005, shooting deaths of Brian Conrad, 31; his pregnant wife, Michell Conrad, 35; and her son,

Zach Doan, 14, on Sept. 30, at their home between Pampa and Interstate 40. Michell Conrad was six months pregnant at the time of her death.

Michel Conrad's daughter escaped by playing dead until after the assailant left the Conrad home. She then called 911.

King was arrested later that day as he tried to cross back into the United States at El Paso from Mexico. He

told authorities that after reaching Juarez, he became scared and returned to the United States.

Janice Lynne Durbin, who took office Jan. 1 after defeating Steve Geeding in last November's election for McDonald County Prosecuting Attorney, said the hearing had tentatively been rescheduled for Jan. 30.

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NEXT DAY FORECAST

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mostly cloudy	Mostly cloudy	Cloudy

Thursday: Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s.
 Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. South winds 10 to 20 mph shifting to the east 10 to 15 mph after midnight.
 Friday: Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 30s.
 Friday Night: Cloudy with a 20 percent chance of light freezing rain and light sleet. Lows around 20.
 Saturday: Cloudy with a 30 percent chance of light freezing rain and light sleet. Highs in the upper 20s.
 Saturday Night: Chance of snow and light freezing rain and light sleet in the evening.

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Irene Sailor Shearer, 75

CLARENDON, Texas — Irene Sailor Shearer, 75, of Clarendon, died Jan. 9, 2007, at Claude, Texas.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, 2007, in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel in Pampa with the Rev. Billy Holland, pastor of First Christian Church in Miami, officiating.



Shearer

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Pampa with graveside rites courtesy Pampa Chapter #65 Order of the Eastern Star. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors. Mrs. Shearer was born July 4, 1931, in Pampa. She was a graduate of Pampa High School and Texas Christian University in Fort Worth. She married John Shearer in 1953 in Pampa. He preceded her in death in 1980. She was a member of the Eastern Star. She was a former member of the First Christian Church in Miami and was a current member of the Community Fellowship Baptist Church in

Clarendon. She loved to paint oil portraits and china. She will be remembered most as a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Survivors include one daughter, Lynn Calvert Like and husband Billy of Clarendon; one son, Mark Shearer of Clarendon; one brother, R. J. Sailor of White Deer; three grandsons, Jason Calvert and wife Aubrey, and Jeff Calvert, all of Lubbock, and John Calvert and wife Erica of Miami; one granddaughter, Elizabeth Calvert of Clarendon; and one great-granddaughter, Bella Calvert of Miami.

She was preceded in death by her parents, R. J. and Mabel Sailor; and one brother, Warren Sailor. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 1400 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79106. —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

Obituaries

Services tomorrow

SHEARER, Irene Sailor — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.
TERRILL, Ralph — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Bessie O. Davis, 101

Bessie O. Davis, 101, of Pampa, Texas, died Jan. 9, 2007, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors. Mrs. Davis was born Jan. 5, 1906, in Muskogee, Okla. She had been a resident of Pampa for the past 28 years, moving from New Mexico where she and her family were pinto bean farmers. She married Marvin Davis on Jan. 2, 1929, in Albuquerque, N.M. He pre-

ceded her in death in 1991. She was a homemaker and for many years did sewing for the public. She was an active member of Central Baptist Church. She was known for her doll collection and making quilts and afghans. Survivors include three daughters, Geneva

Johnston and husband OB of Conchas Dam, N.M., Peggy Hall and husband Raye of Pampa, and Carol Downs of Fritch; one son, Nelson Davis and wife Joyce of Saline, La.; one brother, Clyde Meadows of Austin; 18 grandchildren; 48 great-grandchildren; 14 great-great-grand-

children; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers and three sisters. Memorials may be made to Central Baptist Church, 513 E. Francis, Pampa, Texas 79065, or BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065. —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whitley.com.



Davis

Ralph Terrill, 86

Ralph Terrill, 86, of Pampa, Texas, died Jan. 9, 2007, at Pampa. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, 2007, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with Pastor Lonny Robbins, of the Trinity Fellowship Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, 2007, at the De Leon Cemetery in De Leon. Arrangements are under the direction of Nowlin Funeral Home in De Leon.

Mr. Terrill was born June

19, 1920, in De Leon. He married Charlene Smith on Jan. 18, 1938, in Eastland. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1961, moving from De Leon where he graduated from De Leon High School in 1938.

He was a farmer and rancher in the Pampa area. He also managed the Harvest Queen Elevator in Kingsmill. He was a former member of the Pampa Roping Club and the VFW Post #1657. He was a veter-

an of the U.S. Army, serving with the 44th Tank Battalion during World War II in the Philippines, Japan and New Guinea.

Survivors include his wife, Charlene Terrill, of the home; two daughters, Pat Hayes and husband Jim of Athens, and Joy Thompson and husband Joe of Pampa; one sister, Nina Beth Durham of Longview; four grandchildren, Melodee McGinnis of Arlington, Brad McGinnis and wife Michelle of Eules, Denise Childress and hus-

band Curtis of Blanchard, Okla., and Scott Thompson and wife Becky of Chatsworth, Calif.; five great-grandchildren, Colby Childress of Blanchard, Okla., Jackson McGinnis of Eules, Gracie Thompson, Tessa Thompson, and Griffin Thompson, all of Chatsworth, Calif.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, c/o Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, TX 79065, or to a favorite charity. —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whitley.com.



Terrill

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Eleven traffic stops were made, resulting in at least one arrest.

Calls concerning animals were received from the 1500 block of Coffee, the 1100 block of Sirroco, the 1200 block of East Francis, the 300 block of North Wells, the 1100 block of Neel Road, the 500 block of Doucette, the 2300 block of Primrose, the 300 block of Miami, the 100 block of South Sumner, and on four occasions from an unreported location.

A missing person was reported in the 1000 block of South Dwight.

Warrant service was attempted on one occasion. Agency assistance was rendered in the 200 block of North Russell.

A suspicious person call was received from the intersection of Atchison and Starkweather streets.

A civil matter was reported in the police department lobby.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 1300 block of Coffee.

Disorderly conduct was

reported in the 1100 block of Willow.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 1300 block of North Hobart.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of Scott. Two tires on a vehicle were cut. Estimated cost of damage is \$400.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 100 block of North Somerville.

Sex offender registration was reported in the 800 block of Locust.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 1900 block of Coffee and the 2100 block of North Sumner.

One burglar alarm was reported. Forgery was reported at Mr. Payroll, 309 N. Hobart. The incident involved a check.

Fraud was reported in the 400 block of East 17th. The incident involved \$103.65 in cash.

Burglary was reported in the 1300 block of Terrace. A video game was damaged.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the police department lobby.

Sheriff

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

Tuesday, Jan. 9
 Robert L. Curtis, 56, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for a 10-day sentence

for driving while intoxicated.

Ashmad R. Session, 26, of Pampa was arrested in the 500 block of Oklahoma by Pampa Police Department for evading arrest/detention and bond surrenders for delivery of a controlled substance in a drug-free zone, escape, and evading arrest/detention.

Elise Howley, 40, of St. Augustine, Fla., was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for possession of over five pounds but under 50 pounds of marijuana.

Florene Vincent Bucella Jr., 59, of Elkton, Md., was arrested by DPS for possession of over five pounds but under 50 pounds of marijuana.

Robert Allen Garza, 25, of Pampa was arrested in the 2200 block of Duncan by PPD for no valid driver's license, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and failure to appear.

Fire

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

Tuesday, Jan. 9
 9 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1900 block of Lynn on an odor investigation.
 9:29 a.m. — One unit and

three personnel responded to the 800 block of East Kingsmill on a smoke investigation.

2:06 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1800 block of North Nelson on a gas odor.

2:17 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 600 block of East Browning on a lift assist.

8:27 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1900 block of North Dwight on an odor investigation.

8:54 p.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to the 1700 block of Christine on an odor investigation.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, Jan. 9
 11:49 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported a patient to Plum Creek.
 6:01 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of North Wells. No transport.

Wednesday, Jan. 10
 6:09 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Ateberry Grain of White Deer:

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Anadarko	40.53	-0.83
XOM	71.71	-0.38
Nat'l Oilwell	55.21	-0.57
Limited	26.82	-0.38
Williams	25.40	-0.20
MCD	43.81	+0.02
Atmos	31.30	-0.17
Pioneer Nat	38.22	-0.47
JCP	77.22	-0.25
COP	65.81	-0.70
SLB	57.40	-0.79
Tenneco	24.94	-0.18
CVX	69.68	-0.95
Wal-Mart	47.51	+0.12
OKE	41.53	-0.27
NS Grp	NA	NA

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.

OXY	42.72	-0.94
BP PLC ADR	61.69	-0.75
Cabot Corp	44.85	-0.10
Celanese	24.73	-0.15
Cabot Oil Gas	56.08	-1.28
Coca Cola	48.55	-0.06
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Madeline Graves dance team places at competition

M.G. Dancers from Madeline Graves Dance & Gymnastics Center competed in a Dance Masters of America Chapter #35 competition held recently in Pampa. Students from the center placed as follows: Solo Title. Jenna Gee, high point in Petite Miss Division; Caylee Steward, first runner-up, Junior Miss Division; Danielle Zuniga, third runner-up and Allison Cooper, sixth runner-up, Teen Miss Division. Performing Arts. Olivia Tyler and

Jonah Munsell, silver medal, duet competition, Petite Division; Bethany Strange and Eddy Brainard, silver medal, Junior Division. Solo Competition. Eddy Brainard, two silver medals; Olivia Tyler, silver medal; Jenna Gee, silver medal; and Jonah Munsell, silver medal, all in the Petite Division. Caylee Steward, silver medal; and Bethany Strange, silver medal, both in the Junior Division.

Danielle Zuniga, gold medal; Allison Cooper, silver medal; Elysa Clements, silver medal; and Ashley Williams, gold medal, all in the Teen Division. These runner-ups and medalists are eligible to compete in the National Dance Masters of America contest slated in July in New York City. Classes at the center are under the direction of Madeline Graves and Shauna Munsell.

City

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town. Brainard said that when the art association first approached the city concerning the project, they were told that the city had no money to put into the project, so they relied on donations. She said the pump jacks had been donated, and Pampa artist Rusty Neef, who built the Woody Guthrie musical score on Hobart, had agreed to make the signs. She said she was not asking for any money from the city.

"We'd just like to complete our project," Brainard said. "We'd like to complete

what we started." In other business, the commission amended last year's budget to reflect additional revenues and expenditures.

Hidden Hills Golf Course made some \$37,000 more than expected.

"They had their greatest year ever," said Pampa City Manager John Horst.

Because of the added income, they also spent \$20,698 more than had been initially budgeted on improvements.

The leased properties, primarily the old U.S. Bus Building, earned \$27,400 last year instead of the \$2,400 that had been expected.

Lovett Library had revenues of \$431,105 last year, less than the \$469,105

expected because the library foundation did not give \$38,000 as had been budgeted.

Expenses in the General Fund were amended from \$1,009,586 that had been budgeted to \$1,392,267 in actual expenses.

M.K. Brown Auditorium's budget was amended from the budgeted \$680,348 to \$796,660. Lovett Library's budget was amended from a budgeted \$464,237 to \$509,254 in actual expenses.

Horst said that because of additional revenue from increased sales tax receipts, the city took the opportunity to complete more repairs than had originally been budgeted for the 2005-2006 fiscal year.

"This is just cleaning up

the books and closing out the year," Commissioner Brad Pingel explained.

The commission also amended the 2006-2007 budget to reflect an increase in funding for Pampa tourism.

Horst explained that normally the city budgeted 14 percent of the hotel/motel tax for tourism and promotion. Because of increased revenues in the tax this year, the commission, which had initially budgeted \$20,000 for tourism, increased the amount to \$29,100. Horst said that would be about 14 percent of the hotel/motel tax so far this year.

The commission also approved the sale of tax delinquent property at 321 Miami Street to Jimmy Duane Burks for \$100.

Meetings Thursday

Appraisal board

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Officers will be elected at the Gray County Appraisal Review Board's meeting at 2:30 p.m. Thursday in the conference room of Gray County Appraisal District, 815 N. Sumner.

Changes specified by Chapters 25 and 41 of the Texas Property Tax Code will be presented for approval.

Chapter 25 concerns local appraisals. State Senate Bill 1652 amended the tax code to require a written biennial reappraisal plan. The bill requires a public hearing concerning the proposed plan before it can be adopted.

Reappraisal of all real and personal property in an appraisal district must be completed every three years. Reappraisal plans are required to be approved by Sept. 15 of each even-numbered year.

Chapter 41 of the tax code concerns local review of appraisals, including challenges, corrections, and notification of changes.

Board members will also

hear a report by Chief Appraiser Pat Bagley at Thursday's meeting.

PEDC

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

A public hearing on employee incentive grants will open the Pampa Economic Development Corporation's meeting at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Nona Payne Room in the Pampa Community Building at 200 N. Ballard.

MTX, LLC, which has moved into the old Marie Foundations building on Foster, has requested an employee incentive grant for the creation of primary jobs in their manufacturing operation. The grant is not to exceed \$141,000 and would end on Sept. 30, 2009.

The economic development board will also discuss the adoption of a Pampa EDC mission statement, a veteran's job fair in El Paso and a Rotary Club proposal to fund landscaping entrances to Pampa.

They will also hear a report on the status of the EDC Web site.

Prison

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and Van Leer grew to include victims and law enforcement agencies in several area cities, including Pampa, Perryton, Dumas, Borger, Canyon and Amarillo, according to Pampa Police Department Assistant Chief Dennis Burton.

Pampa police launched an investigation after receiving a report last Feb. 25 concerning counterfeit checks being passed in local businesses. Several such reports were received through March 31, Burton said.

"There were several incidents where local merchants were bilked out of money because of counterfeit checks," he said.

"They weren't spending \$20 or \$25. They were spending big bucks wherever they went," said Detective Beverly Chace, lead PPD investigator on the case.

"When this started, we didn't have a clue who was doing it," Chace said. "We talked to some other agencies. Everybody got together and tracked them down."

The offenders were using several different names as aliases. One of Hollis' names, police found, was Jennifer Lopez.

When Chace talked to law enforcement officers in Dumas, she learned that Van Leer was at that time giving a statement about the counterfeiting activity she had been engaging in.

Chace was able to get information from Van Leer, along with photos of Hollis and Van Leer which were

then shown in a photo line-up to the victimized merchants.

"The merchants positively identified them," Chace said.

After the counterfeiting was traced to Hollis in Pampa, a search warrant was obtained for her residence at 1004 S. Nelson.

The search warrant was executed, and officers found and confiscated computer equipment, personal and commercial checks, payroll checks, identification cards, and paper used to make Texas Department of Public Safety identification cards, Burton said.

Hollis was arrested and booked into Randall County Jail on Sept. 6 by a U.S. Marshal on federal charges of conspiracy to manufacture counterfeit obligations, according to jail records. The jail is often used for

detaining persons charged with federal offenses.

"One of them used to work at one of the convenience stores," Chace said of the co-defendants. "When people would come in, she'd take their check information when they gave a check."

The two admitted to purchasing legitimate and false identification, manufacturing counterfeit personal and payroll checks by using Hollis' home computer, and passing the checks at local businesses.

An assault case against Hollis is still pending.

Gray County Jail records show Hollis was booked into the jail June 23 on a charge of assault causing bodily injury to a family member. She was released on June 25. No disposition of the case has been reached.

Trees

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damaged then the tree is probably not worth saving and it should be cut down and removed.

Losoya also suggests that topping off the tree, making a straight cut across the top of the tree reducing the branches a great deal, should not be done. He said this can lead to decay or cause the tree to sprout profusely and make the tree even more unmanageable.

Homeowners need to be careful when working around the damaged trees. According to the International Society of Arboriculture, potential hazards and tree problems are not always obvious to the untrained eye and may occur later when people are not expecting it.

Ice-damaged tree limbs can split or break high in the treetops and they may

not fall to the ground right after the storm. Damaged branches can stay in the trees until another storm or wind occurs weeks or months later.

International Society of Arboriculture Executive Director Jim Skiera said that trees should be checked from the bottom up, preferably by a certified arborist, to determine the full extent of the storm damage. He suggests hiring a professional to prune or remove trees because this is a dangerous job. Professionals are better equipped to do the job carefully.

"People should hire only reputable companies to do this type of work and be wary of individuals who go door-to-door and offer bargains for doing tree work," Skiera said. "Ask any tree care company for proof of insurance before hiring them to do work on your trees. A reputable company will have personal and property damage insurance."

King

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A hearing had been planned for Jan. 4, and then postponed to Jan. 9.

King, who is being held in a state prison near Kansas City after an attempted escape from the McDonald County jail last year, is expected to waive

his preliminary hearing in Division II court and plead not guilty to the McCool murders in Division I court.

A Division II court in Missouri is similar to a Justice of the Peace court in the Texas. A Division I court is similar to a state district court in Texas.

Durbin said he is also expected to request a change of venue for the trial.

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Man bitten on plane twice by scorpion

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — A scorpion stung David Sullivan on the back of his right leg, just below the knee, then continued up that leg and down the other, he believes, before getting him again in the shin.

It wasn't what he was expecting on a flight from Chicago to Vermont.

Sullivan, a 46-year-old builder from Stowe, was aboard the United Airlines flight on the second leg of his trip home from San Francisco, where he and his wife Helena had been visiting their sons. He awoke from a nap shortly before landing and noticed something strange.

"My right leg felt like it was asleep, but that was isolated to one spot, and it felt like it was being jabbed with a sharp piece of plastic or something."

The second sting came

after the plane had landed and the Sullivans were waiting for their bags at the luggage carousel. Sullivan rolled up his cuff to investigate, and the scorpion fell out.

"It felt like a shock, a tingly thing. Someone screamed, 'It's a scorpion,'" Sullivan recalled. Another passenger stepped on the two-inch arachnid, and someone suggested Sullivan seek medical help.

He scooped up the scorpion and headed to the hospital in Burlington. His wife stopped at the United counter and was told the plane they were on had flown from Houston to Chicago. The Sullivans surmised the scorpion boarded in Texas.

"The airlines tell you you can't bring water or shampoo on a plane," Helena Sullivan said.

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Viewpoints

Another New Year's resolution — tech etiquette

Here's something many of us need to do better on this New Year: Be more civil toward one another, particularly where technology is concerned.

I remember reading a Wall Street Journal story last year about a couple of Boston lawyers. One, a 34-year-old woman, sent an e-mail to an older, established lawyer declining his job offer.

The older lawyer, miffed the woman would e-mail her rejection after she'd already accepted the job orally, fired off a reply. He said she was "irresponsible professional."

She replied that if he were a real lawyer, he would have had her sign a contract. So he replied, suggesting, in so many words, that she was a

snob. She sent one last reply that read: "blah, blah, blah."

Well, the older lawyer e-mailed the exchange to a colleague, who forwarded it to another colleague and soon the entire Boston legal community read it. It was featured on "Nightline" and in the papers, and now you're reading about it here.

This latest example of technology-enhanced rudeness reminded me of a similar situation that happened to me seven years ago. Just after moving to Washington, D.C., I'd joined a large writers' organization. Since I was new to town, I decided to start an informal monthly happy hour to meet other writers — or, to be more precise, WOMEN writers.

I got permission from the writers' organization to send an e-mail out to all 4,000 members. Several folks e-mailed me back, and we soon established a time and place to meet. Nearly 40 folks attended the first event — one that would be the L A S T event.

As it went, one particularly attractive attendee caught my attention. I found myself in stiff competition with another fellow in trying to win the woman's affection. She soon made it clear to us that she had no interest in either of us'

knuckleheads and that she came only to discuss the writing craft.

After she landed her blow, the other fellow and I quickly realized the pickings were otherwise slim. The other women were either much older than we

or otherwise didn't strike our fancy. It never occurred to us that they might have come to meet men.



Tom Purcell
Columnist

subject under the sun. It was the first time in my life I was happy to hear the words "last call."

The next morning, I got an e-mail from the other fellow. He thanked me for organizing the event, then said, "and for goodness sakes, for the next happy hour event, do NOT invite any more loud, obnoxious (expletive)!"

I was surprised at the rudeness of the fellow's e-mail. That should have been the end of it. But it was just the beginning.

You see, instead of e-mailing his response only to me, the fellow unwittingly sent his reply to all 4,000 members of the writers' organization, some of whom, much to his poor luck, were also

women of overpowering verbosity.

I don't know how many e-mail responses came that day, but they surely topped 100. A story-line quickly established itself. Our heroine, who was so viciously attacked, did nothing to deserve her fate and, incidentally, it's typical of misogynistic men to be threatened by intelligent women.

As for our villain, he was dubbed an idiotic male rogue. He should not only apologize, the e-mails demanded, but he should resign from the writers' organization, give up writing altogether, and move to

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 10, the 10th day of 2007. There are 355 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 10, 1776, Thomas Paine published his influential pamphlet, "Common Sense."

In this year:

- in 1861, Florida seceded from the Union.
- in 1870, John D. Rockefeller incorporated Standard Oil.
- in 1920, the League of Nations was established as the Treaty of Versailles went into effect.
- in 1946, the first manned contact with the moon was made as radar signals were bounced off the lunar surface.

In 1946, the first General Assembly of the United Nations convened in London.

In 1947, the musical fantasy "Finian's Rainbow," with music by Burton Lane and lyrics by E.Y. Harburg, opened on Broadway.

In 1957, Harold Macmillan became prime minister of Britain, following the resignation of Anthony Eden.

In 1967, Massachusetts

"Then say that God is everywhere and yet we always think of Him as somewhat of a recluse."

— Emily Dickinson
American poet
(1834-1886)

Republican Edward W. Brooke, the first black elected to the U.S. Senate by popular vote, took his seat.

In 1967, National Educational Television (forerunner of the Public Broadcasting Service) operated as a true network for the first time as it carried President Johnson's State of the Union address.

In 1994, the United States and the Vatican established full diplomatic relations for the first time in more than a century.

Ten years ago Dallas police ended their investigation of Dallas Cowboys stars Erik Williams and Michael Irvin, saying a woman's claim that Williams had raped her while Irvin held a gun to her head was false.

Five years ago, Marines began flying hundreds of al-Qaida prisoners in Afghanistan to a U.S. base on Cuba. The White House revealed that Enron Corp. had sought the administrator's help shortly before collapsing with the life savings of many workers. Todd Eldredge won his sixth U.S. Figure Skating Championship title.

One year ago Iran resumed nuclear research two years after halting the work to avoid possible U.N. economic sanctions. Apple Computer CEO Steve Jobs unveiled an iMac computer based on Intel chips. Bruce Sutter became the fourth relief pitcher elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Today's Birthdays: Jazz musician Max Roach is 83. Opera singer Serrill Wilkins is 72. Blues artist Eddy Clearwater is 72.



Hollywood: Pretend courage vs. reality

Years ago, an old Hollywood scriptwriter described actors as children. After all, they make their living playing make-believe. Their strong points tend to be empathy and imagination. The tools of their trade are their bodies, their faces and their voices.

The scriptwriter's point was that people should not put too much stock in the off-screen politics of actors. Since acting is all about emotions, actors tend to be emotional rather than logical or analytical.

There seems to be an inverse ratio between talent and intelligence. The most talented actors often make a mess of their private lives, while the lesser talents often show remarkable shrewdness. Arnold Schwarzenegger was already a millionaire businessman before he even attempted to crack the movie business.

Nobody ever suggested Ronald Reagan could play Hamlet, but he did all right in his private life.

Who knows why George Clooney has decided that of all the pockets of human misery in the world, the tribal conflict in the Darfur region of Sudan should receive the world's major attention? Who knows what Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt thought they were accomplishing by spending Christmas Day with some Colombian refugees — refugees they had never seen before and will likely never see again. I suppose they thought these people would simply be blessed by their brief presence.

One has to say, however,

that in contrast to the bleeding hearts who talk a good game, Jolie and Pitt have contributed millions of dollars of their own money to various charities.

As I have pointed out before, the people who have been refugees the longest are the Palestinians in the camps of the West Bank, Gaza, Lebanon, Syria and Jordan. Many were victims of ethnic cleansing in 1947-48 and again in 1967. As far as celebrities are concerned, however, the Palestinian refugees are treated like lepers.

The last star who spoke for them, Vanessa Redgrave, was drowned in hate speech from the usual Israel First crowd. It's not that the

Palestinian refugees are not legitimate victims. They are. The problem is that they were victimized by the most sacred of sacred cows, Israel.

Real courage, as opposed to the make-believe variety, is not a hallmark of the Hollywood crowd. Other than the Native American actor Wes Studi, Glenn Ford and another bit player, I can't think of any actor who fought in Vietnam. Today's actors tend to reserve their sympathy for politically correct victims and their bravery for long-dead opponents like Joe McCarthy.

All too often, today's actor says something like: "Listen up, you peasants. I, the great multimillionaire celebrity, am speaking up on behalf of little black babies starving in Africa. I and my staff just returned from a

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Charley Reese
Columnist

Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

Jan. 2

Austin American-Statesman on more security in new nuclear plants:

The Nuclear Energy Institute, the trade group for the nuclear power industry, is showing foresight by calling on the federal government to set down tougher design standards for surviving potential attacks on a new generation of plants now rather than later. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission recently decided not to do so, but it should reconsider.

The problem, The New York Times has reported, is that the design standards for the next generation of power

plants do not include requirements for resisting an aerial assault such as occurred on Sept. 11, 2001.

That's not to say nuclear power plants are particularly vulnerable: Their concrete shells provide considerable protection.

But should the government adopt new standards against air attacks later, it would be far costlier to add them to a plant already under construction or completed than to incorporate them in the original design.

So in a Dec. 8 letter to the NRC, the institute asked it to draft standards for dealing with "large fires and explosions" from sources such as "commercial aircraft impact."

The industry may also have its eye on public opinion.

No new nuclear power plants ordered after 1973 have been built in the United States, thanks in large part to the partial meltdown at the Three Mile Island facility in Pennsylvania in 1979.

Also damaging was the escalating cost of nuclear plants caused partly by evolving federal safety standards as plants were being designed and constructed. Austin's 16 percent share of the South Texas Project, for example, shot up in cost from \$161 million in 1973 to almost \$1 billion by the time it was fully operating in the mid-1980s. (Poor design, construction and management also contributed to the cost overruns.)

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OIL & GAS

RRC posts monthly stats

AUSTIN — The Texas Railroad Commission issued a total of 1,258 original drilling permits in November 2006, compared to 1,552 in November 2005.

The November total included 1,090 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 54 to re-enter existing well bores, and 114 for re-completions. Permits issued in November 2006 included 263 oil, 290 gas, 666 oil and gas, 33 injection, three service and three other permits.

Texas preliminary October 2006 crude oil production averaged 888,494 barrels daily, down from the 898,326 barrels daily average of October 2005.

The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for October 2006 is 27,982,144 barrels, an increase from 27,898,512 barrels reported during October 2005.

In November 2006, operators reported 423 oil, 846 gas, 20 injection and one other completion compared to 293 oil, 631 gas, 31 injection and six other completions during November 2005.

Total well completions for 2006 year to date are 12,308 up from 10,058 recorded during the same period in 2005.

Operators reported 299 holes plugged and three dry holes in November 2006 compared to 693 holes

TABLE 1: November Texas oil and gas drilling permits and completions by district

RAILROAD COMMISSION DISTRICT	PERMITS TO DRILL OIL/ GAS HOLES	OIL COMPLETIONS	GAS COMPLETIONS
(1) SAN ANTONIO AREA	31	16	10
(2) REFUGIO AREA	54	4	63
(3) SOUTHEAST TEXAS	80	7	26
(4) DEEP SOUTH TEXAS	118	26	266
(5) EAST CENTRAL TX	52	3	57
(6) EAST TEXAS	133	7	95
(7B) WEST CENTRAL TX	49	57	46
(7C) SAN ANGELO AREA	97	55	68
(8) MIDLAND	198	151	17
(8A) LUBBOCK AREA	98	73	3
(9) NORTH TEXAS	246	20	147
(10) PANHANDLE	102	4	48

TABLE 2: October Texas top 10 oil and gas producing counties ranked by preliminary production

COUNTY	CRUDE OIL (BBLs)	COUNTY	TOTAL GAS (Mcf)
1. GAINES	2,358,340	1. ZAPATA	23,674,579
2. YOAKUM	2,094,958	2. FREESTONE	21,246,662
3. ANDREWS	2,068,000	3. PANOLA	21,235,202
4. HOCKLEY	1,554,573	4. PECOS	16,548,189
5. ECTOR	1,529,912	5. WEBB	16,027,880
6. SCURRY	1,371,393	6. HIDALGO	15,138,905
7. PECOS	973,484	7. WISE	13,411,087
8. UPTON	923,367	8. TARRANT	11,945,849
9. MIDLAND	857,434	9. DENTON	11,315,646
10. CRANE	740,543	10. ROBERTSON	11,102,601

plugged and zero dry holes in November 2005.

Texas oil and gas wells produced 470,732,283 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas

based upon preliminary production figures for October 2006, up from the October 2005 preliminary gas production total of

425,420,550 Mcf. Texas production in October 2006 came from 132,851 oil and 72,773 gas wells.

Fire in Hereford fatal to 3 children; child, mom injured

HEREFORD, Texas (AP) — A 1-year-old boy and his 2-year-old twin sisters died when a fire swept through their home in this Panhandle town, and another child and their mother were hospitalized.

Neighbors reported the fire in the front bedroom of the wood-stucco house Tuesday night and volunteer firefighters arrived within minutes. One-year-old Oryan Xavier Duran and his 2-year-old twin sisters, Givonna Faith and Kaya Hope Duran, were killed.

Mary Nicole Duran, 4, and the children's mother, Danielle Marie Duran, 22, were taken to the University Medical Center in Lubbock. The child was in critical condition and the mother was in satisfactory condition on Wednesday, said hospital spokeswoman Monique Loke.

The state fire marshal is trying to determine what caused the fire.

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photo op in Africa on my private jet. You people ought to do something about those poor babies."

I'm sure America's poor, the minimum-wage workers and the single moms struggling at two or three jobs to make ends meet will respond generously. You know the private-jet crowd has a lot of influence with the Greyhound-bus and city-transit crowd.

Part of the reason America has become celebrity-crazy is that large corporations heavily invested in the entertainment

industry now own a lot of news operations. Disney, for example, owns ABC, and Time Warner owns Turner Broadcasting, HBO and several other entertainment businesses, as well as CNN and the Time magazine family of publications. There is no such thing as legitimate entertainment news. It's all hype for the latest show or movie. Hopefully, the celebrity craze will pass, too, like other fads.

The true heroes in the world are those people who slug away every day to solve real problems far away from paparazzi and network TV cameras. They shine where it counts in the hearts of the people they help.

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another city, where, hopefully, something bad would happen to him.

In any event, as civility continues breaking down across America, technology is helping us get more efficient at being rude. In the New Year, we ought to be more cautious when we use it.

Here's one solution: If you wish to say something nasty about somebody, use the phone. You can only offend one person at a time that way.

—Tom Purcell is a humor columnist syndicated exclusively by Cagle Cartoons.

Op-Ed

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Another reason for the huge cost of the South Texas plant and others was that each was virtually custom built.

Today, for the next generation of nuclear plants, the industry and the commission have a highly standardized design to reduce construction cost and time. "We want this thing to basically be a paint-by-the-numbers," said Mitch Singer, a spokesman for the Nuclear Energy Institute.

That's why the industry wants any new safety standards against air attacks or accidents included now, not after the plants are built.

New federal incentives and the increasing demand for electricity, coupled with growing concern about global warming that makes coal and even natural gas

plants more problematic, have encouraged some companies to consider building nuclear power plants again. The NRC expects to receive about 30 license applications for new plants in the next year or so, including nine in Texas.

Dale Klein, the NRC chairman, is a former University of Texas engineering professor and vice chancellor. Klein is eager to get new plants licensed, and he and other commissioners have said nuclear power plant operators cannot be held responsible for every possible kind of danger. Some of that responsibility is borne by federal agencies responsible for guarding the nation against attack.

But building new nuclear plants won't be without controversy. One particularly bad accident or even a failed terrorist attack could again destroy their public acceptance.

So the industry is right to call for incorporating tougher safety standards now rather than later, even if in the short run it slows down licensing.

Malibu fire destroys 5 homes

MALIBU, Calif (AP) — Investigators were trying to determine what caused a wind-whipped fire that roared through a tony beachfront neighborhood and destroyed five homes, including one belonging to Suzanne Somers.

The point of origin of the blaze was believed to be above a park along Pacific Coast Highway, Los Angeles County Fire Department Chief P. Michael Freeman said Tuesday.

"At this point nothing is being ruled out in terms of the cause," he said.

Monday's sunset blaze, driven by Santa Ana winds, was blown downslope from

Malibu Bluffs Park over about 20 acres and across Malibu Road along the beach, destroying five homes and damaging six others including a guest house, authorities said.

One woman was transported to a hospital after suffering smoke inhalation, but there were no other injuries. Damages were estimated at \$60 million.

Besides the winds, firefighters struggled with the oceanfront homes' decks and pillars.

"We had firefighters crawling on their bellies, dragging hoses underneath decks ... to save these homes you still see standing," Freeman said.

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Sports Day

Hall closed to McGwire as Ripken and Gwynn gain entry

NEW YORK (AP) — Mark McGwire's Hall of Fame bid was met with a rejection as emphatic as his upper-deck home runs.

While the door to Cooperstown swung open for Cal Ripken Jr. and Tony Gwynn on Tuesday, McGwire was picked by less than a quarter of voters — a result that raises doubts about whether Barry Bonds, Sammy Sosa or other sluggers from baseball's Steroids Era will ever gain entry.

McGwire, whose 583 home runs rank seventh on the career list, appeared on 128 of a record 545 ballots in voting released Tuesday by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

"I hope that as time goes on, that number will increase," Gwynn said. "I hope that one day he will get into the Hall of Fame, because I really believe he deserves it."

The 23.5 percent vote McGwire received represented the first referendum on how history will judge an age when bulked-up players came under suspicion of using performance-enhancing drugs. Baseball didn't ban steroids until after the 2002 season.

"We knew," Gwynn said. "Players knew. Owners knew. Everybody knew, and we didn't say anything about it."

Gwynn, with an infectious

laugh and smile, and Ripken, with cool professionalism, were different on and off the field. They both said they knew McGwire would take some attention from their elections, but while Gwynn was open with his opinion on Big Mac, Ripken was guarded. Ripken said Goose Gossage and Jim Rice belong in the Hall, but stayed away from whether McGwire should gain the honor.

"I don't think it's my place to actually cast judgment," Ripken said.

He also rejected Gwynn's assertion that steroid use was common knowledge.

"I didn't know," Ripken said. "Looking back, maybe

I can be the most naive and most ignorant person around."

"There's that big black cloud hanging over baseball with steroids. It's a shame."

— Goose Gossage
2007 Hall of Fame Candidate

As the announcement approached, fans, players and managers voiced their views. Many voters said McGwire was hurt by his

2005 congressional testimony, when he repeatedly evaded questions.

"There's that big black cloud hanging over baseball with steroids," Gossage said. "It's a shame. There are a lot of great players in that era. Who knows what's going to happen?"

Gwynn remembered the way McGwire "was able to really bring a town and a country together" when he hit a record 70 homers in 1998 — a mark Bonds broke when he hit 73 three years later. Gwynn predicted McGwire eventually will be elected.

Jim Milner, McGwire's business representative, did not return telephone calls.

McGwire, who lives in a gated community in Irvine, Calif., has made few public comments in recent years.

Ripken and Gwynn were rarities in the age of free agency, each spending his entire career with one team. They will be inducted during ceremonies July 29 at the Hall along with anyone elected from the Veterans Committee vote, which will be announced Feb. 27.

Ripken, the Baltimore Orioles shortstop who set baseball's ironman record, was picked by 537 voters and appeared on 98.53 percent of ballots to finish with the third-highest percentage behind Tom Seaver (98.84) and Nolan Ryan (98.79).

Alumni Scrimmage shows good turnout

By JORDAN REAGAN
Sports Editor

The Pampa High School soccer department held the annual Alumni Scrimmage Saturday, Jan. 6 in which former team members competed with current PHS soccer players.

Two games took place Saturday - the boys soccer team played the mens alumni team, and the girls soccer team played the womens alumni team.

The Harvesters boys defeated the more than 25 participants of the alumni team, 1-0.

Victor Quezada scored the first and only goal with less than 5 minutes left in the game.

About 14 alumni women showed up

to face the Lady Harvesters and tied their game, 2-2.

Midfielder Faby Soria scored the first goal for the Lady Harvesters early in the first half to take a quick lead.

Later in the first half, the alumni scored to tie 1-1, only to score again midway through the second half, taking a 2-1 lead.

With very little time remaining, midfielder Kylee Wariner scored the Lady Harvester's last goal, to ultimately tie the game.

"This game really helped us figure out some things about our team," assistant girls soccer Coach Trent Davis said, "We were able to move the ball around in the midfield pretty well,

and we were able to get a lot of shots on the goal."

The girls will play next at Lubbock Coronado at 7 p.m. Tuesday Jan. 16. The next home game will be on Feb. 2 against Caprock, in which the girls will compete for a play-off spot.

The boys are heading to Wichita Falls on Friday to play in a tournament, and will play their first game against Dallas Skyline.

"We want to thank all of the alumni who participated, and we want to thank all of the people that came to watch the game," Coach Davis said, "We had a tremendous turnout."

Lady Harvesters fail to hold up against Caprock

By JORDAN REAGAN
Sports Editor

Britteni Rice led the Lady Harvesters in Tuesday night's game against Caprock with 32 points and 8 for 9 freethrows.

Facing Caprock the first time this season, Pampa was defeated, 75-69.

Also helping the team was

McKinsie East with 12 points and 8 rebounds, and Carlyn Teichmann with 8 points.

The Lady Harvesters will play again in Pampa on Friday with district foes Palo Duro, along with the boys who will also play Palo Duro here.

8th grade Green Team pounds Borger Bulldogs

Fast break offense and full court pressure on defense helped secure win number 3 for the Pampa 8th grade Green Team on Monday night against the Borger Bulldogs. Pampa took control of the game offensively in the first quarter and jumped out to a 12-2 lead. Several quick steals and tight man-to-man defense carried the Green Team to a 20-12 lead at halftime.

Pampa used a full court press in the third quarter to frustrate the Borger offense and maintain a 34-25 lead going into the fourth. Strong rebounding by Chase Ferguson and a team free throw percentage of 75 percent in the fourth quarter

kept the game out of Borger's reach.

Garrett Ericson led the Green Team in scoring with 22 points, 2 assists and 2 steals. Joseph Mechelay had 11 points, 5 assists and 1 steal. Chase Ferguson had 9 points, 12 rebounds and 2 assists. Reid Bradley had 6 points, 2 rebounds and 3 steals. Jonathan Polasek had 3 points, 3 rebounds and 2 steals. Tyler Malone had 3 points, 2 steals and 1 assist. Hudson Bentley finished out the scoring with 1 point and 4 rebounds.

The 8th grade Green Team will be in action again on Thursday, Jan. 18 in Amarillo against the Westover 8th grade A Team.

Big Bowlers



Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH

Fenton Motors hosted a bowling tournament in December to benefit the Children's Meal Ministry at Briarwood Church. The first place winners received a check for \$750. Pictured are the winning team, from left, Mike Lane, Heather Lane, Judy Anderson and Andy Anderson. Presenting the check was Harvester Lanes owner Shirley Jernigan, right.

Pampa Optimist Club starts spring basketball

By JOHN WARNER
Special to The Pampa News

Optimist basketball for boys in the third, fourth, fifth and sixth grades will begin next week with a coaches' meeting on Monday and sign-ups and tryouts on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, according to Kevin Davis, an Optimist vice-president.

"We need several coaches," Davis said, "The coaches will meet at 7:30 p.m.

Monday. The sign-ups will be from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday."

The first games are scheduled for the week of Jan. 29. Davis said that he expects the season to end just before Spring Break for the school district.

A playing donation of \$35 is requested from each participant. The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way agency.

Changes in lacrosse case at forefront as classes resume Wednesday

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — With spring classes resuming, much has changed in the criminal case against three Duke University lacrosse players since students and faculty left for winter break last month.

Rape charges against the players were dropped after the woman who said she was attacked at a team party last March wavered on some key details.

Then the Durham County prosecutor was charged with ethics violations, and a group of district attorneys in North Carolina urged him to recuse himself from the divisive case.

University officials last week invited two of the players to return to the Durham campus as students in good standing when classes

resume Wednesday after winter break. Officials noted that circumstances had changed and suggested that more time off would harm their educational progress.

In a letter to the Duke community, the university's president, Richard Brodhead, explained administrators' reasons for inviting Collin Finnerty and Reade Seligmann to return.

A third player charged, Dave Evans, graduated in May a day before he was charged.

"There are still serious charges, and I don't think anybody thinks there was reason to celebrate" when the rape charges were dropped, lacrosse coach John Danowski said Tuesday. "It was certainly a step in the right direction,

toward the truth."

Danowski, hired to replace former head coach Mike Pressler, who resigned after the rape accusations, said his and his team's thoughts and prayers were still with the accused players.

Neither Finnerty nor Seligmann had decided yet whether to return to Duke, James P. Cooney III, an attorney for Seligmann, said Tuesday. He said they could choose to return to the school next fall, or later this semester.

Brodhead has criticized District Attorney Mike Nifong since the charges were dismissed, and he continued that criticism in his letter.

"If this case has taught us anything, it is our need for a

legal process based in fairness, the rule of evidence, and withholding judgment until the truth is established," Brodhead wrote.

Some students and faculty said they weren't surprised by the university's decision to allow the two players to continue their studies.

"It was just a logical thing to do," Duke Student Government President Elliott Wolf said, adding that he thinks the criminal case has been publicly discredited.

Paul Haagen, chairman of the university faculty's Academic Council, said he thinks Brodhead's letter will get an overwhelmingly positive response.

"I think there is an increasing sense that the criminal case doesn't have

legs," said Haagen, a professor in the law school.

But Haagen said many faculty members and students remain concerned over the larger issues highlighted by the team party in March. The stripper who made the accusations is a black single mother while all but one lacrosse player is white, prompting public discussions about racism and sexism.

"For some people, I think they're afraid that as the criminal case appears to have less and less strength to it, that other set of issues will get lost and confused," Haagen said. "We're going to keep moving forward (on those issues) in an intelligent, thoughtful way. That doesn't mean that you hold a couple of kids hostage."

Basketball Booster Club meeting tomorrow

The Pampa Harvester Basketball Booster Club will be meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday in the High School Cafeteria.

Dallas Mavericks get back on track, defeat Utah Jazz

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Dirk Nowitzki scored a season-high 38 points, including two free throws with 10.2 seconds remaining, to help the Dallas Mavericks beat the Utah Jazz 108-105 on Tuesday night.

Nowitzki, who has averaged more than 30 points in his last six games, scored 25 in the second half as the Mavs avenged a 101-79 loss to Utah on Dec. 11, when they shot a season-low 37.7 percent.

The Mavs had no trouble this time, as they made 53 percent of their field goals

and handed the Jazz their just their third home loss of the season.

Swingman Jerry Stackhouse was kicked out of the game after getting called for his second flagrant foul. He also was hit with a technical in the first half for an argument with Utah coach Jerry Sloan.

Josh Howard scored 21 points and Jason Terry shook off a recent slump to score 11 of his 18 in the fourth quarter. The Mavs, who have the NBA's best record at 28-8, bounced back after falling 101-98 to the Los Angeles Lakers on Sunday, breaking

their 13-game win streak that began the game after the last loss to Utah.

The Jazz, who were led by Carlos Boozer's 29 points, shot just 8-of-21 in the final period after hitting 57 percent to that point.

The Jazz led 94-91 on Derek Fisher's 3-pointer to beat the shot clock. But Terry's free throws capped an 11-3 run as the Mavs held the Jazz without a field goal for more than 4 minutes to take a 102-97 lead with 2:38 to play.

Utah had three chances to draw even in the last minute after Josh Howard missed a

layout and two tip attempts, Devin Harris threw a bad pass and Nowitzki inexplicably drove for a layup and missed before the final buzzer.

But the Jazz could not convert any of their last-minute 3-point attempts, including Mehmet Okur's desperation turnaround shot when Utah inbounded with just 0.3 seconds to play.

Okur and Matt Harpring each scored 14 points for the Jazz, who lost for the first time this season at home when leading at halftime.

With 32 seconds left in the first quarter, Stackhouse

caught Harpring square in the jaw and dropped him in an attempt to clear the ball. The officials immediately called a flagrant foul on Stackhouse.

Stackhouse then got a technical foul after he jawed with Sloan near midcourt.

Stackhouse, was ejected with 7.8 seconds left in the third quarter when he flagrantly fouled Jarron Collins on his way to the hoop.

Stackhouse and the Jazz have a history of fighting. In 1996, Stackhouse grabbed former Utah guard Jeff Hornacek by the throat and hit his face at least two

times. After a game in 2005, Stackhouse and Utah's Kirk Snyder scuffled in a hallway near the Jazz team bus.

Though Utah trailed by seven early, Boozer led the Jazz to a 53-45 halftime lead. Twice, Boozer stole the ball and drove down the court for a dunk.

The Mavs beat San Antonio 90-85, lost the tight game to the Lakers and beat the Jazz on a three-game stretch against some of the Western Conference's best teams.

Duncan leads San Antonio to victory over Blazers

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — It was a decidedly routine night for the San Antonio Spurs at home on Tuesday.

But after some of their recent games, no news was good news.

"Point-wise we're doing a pretty good job. Tonight we did a pretty good job," said Tim Duncan, who had 16 points in the Spurs' 98-84 victory over the Portland Trail Blazers.

But, he added: "I still can't say we're where we want to be."

Manu Ginobili and Tony Parker had 14 points apiece, Brent Barry added 13 and Bruce Bowen scored 12 — all on 3-pointers — for the Spurs.

Although San Antonio won Sunday on the road against Memphis to snap a three-game losing streak, Tuesday marked the team's first home game since a 90-85 loss to the Dallas Mavericks on

Friday.

"We shot the ball well tonight and that helped us keep our lead," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "Overall, pretty good team defense to hold them to 84. Just go on to the next game tomorrow."

Zach Randolph led the Blazers with 25 points, followed by LaMarcus Aldridge with 17, Jarrett Jack with 13 and Brandon Roy with 10.

"We didn't look like we belonged here," Blazers coach Nate McMillan said. "We made a lot of mistakes with the ball."

Portland had 19 turnovers for 28 points, while San Antonio committed 15 turnovers for 12 points.

"But I like the fact that we were aggressive," McMillan continued. "If we keep doing that, winning will find its way into that locker room."

Parker was back Tuesday and

played 21 minutes after sitting out Sunday's game against Memphis with a strained hip.

"We had a good win. We played pretty good defense and shot the ball well," Parker said. "Overall, it was a good win."

Bowen said every night the Spurs' defense learns a new lesson.

"It's important for us to get things the right way. Even if they score, if we're doing it the right way it means we have progress. That's what it's about right now," Bowen said.

Likewise, Aldridge said he's learned from the Spurs.

"Being a veteran team, even when things get tough for them, they stay together," he said. "When things get tough for us, we tend to separate and do things on our own."

The Blazers took a 21-18 lead into the second quarter, but San Antonio was ahead 51-44 at half-

time. Parker had 10 points in the half and Duncan added nine.

Randolph led the Blazers at the half with 14 points, followed by Jack with 11.

Both teams went 18-of-37, just under 50 percent, in the first half, but San Antonio shot 90 percent from the foul line to Portland's 67 percent.

The Spurs opened the third quarter with an 15-4 run that included a fast-break 3-pointer from Bowen and four free throws from Ginobili.

San Antonio was up by as many as 19 points, but Portland answered with a 12-2 run led largely by Roy to put them back within nine with just under two minutes to go in the quarter. Randolph had 10 in the period.

The Spurs took a 77-68 lead into the final 12 minutes. They opened the quarter with a 10-3 run and at one point had an 18-point lead.

Barbaro suffers significant setback in recovery

KENNETT SQUARE, Pa. (AP) — Barbaro has suffered a significant setback in his recovery from laminitis, with damaged tissue removed from the Kentucky Derby winner's left hind hoof.

Barbaro was being treated aggressively for his discomfort and is in stable condition, according to a statement released this morning by the University of Pennsylvania's New Bolton Center.

"Things were marching along pretty smoothly until this," Barbaro's co-owner Gretchen Jackson said. "We've been there before with him. He's a horse that wants to live."

The setback comes one week after a new cast was placed on Barbaro's laminitis-stricken left hind foot to help realign a bone.

It was the first dose of bad news after months of progress that included owners Gretchen and Roy Jackson and chief surgeon Dean Richardson talking about releasing Barbaro from the hospital as soon as the end of the month.

"It's sad that's he's had a setback because he was marching along toward living outside the hospital," Jackson said. "The only thing we care about is that he's not in pain."

Barbaro had become uncomfortable on his left hind foot and a cast was removed after some new separation on the inside portion of his hoof was found.

Barbaro shattered his right hind leg in the Preakness on May 20. In mid-July severe laminitis, a potentially fatal disease caused by uneven weight distribution in the limbs, resulted in 80 percent of Barbaro's left hind hoof being removed.

Joseph Jones overcomes illness, helps Texas A&M defeat Baylor

WACO, Texas (AP) — Texas A&M coach Billy Gillispie kept asking Joseph Jones if he was feeling OK.

Gillispie wasn't sure after what he heard in the cramped locker room at halftime, when Jones was "vehemently" vomiting because of a nervous stomach. But Jones kept saying everything was all right, and he proved it when the eighth-ranked Aggies needed him most.

Jones had six points and three rebounds in the 3-minute stretch that finally put the Aggies ahead to stay, and Acie Law IV drove for consecutive layups late to push them to their seventh straight victory, 61-51 over Baylor on Tuesday night.

"I've never heard anybody throw up quite like that, and for as long," Gillispie said. "He kept saying 'I'm fine.' That's only because he's a tough guy and a team player."

After a nearly 3-minute

break on the bench, Jones returned to the game with two free throws with 11 1/2 minutes left to tie it at 41.

After Baylor regained the lead on two free throws by Patrick Fields, Jones hit two more free throws and then grabbed a rebound that led to Donald Sloan's driving baseline layup with 10 minutes left.

The Aggies (14-2, 2-0 Big 12) led for good after that, extending the lead to 47-43 when Jones scored on a put-back after Law missed a shot.

"I wanted to get in there and have an inside presence for my team," Jones said. "I have to be aggressive and go to the ball. That's what I had to do."

Gillispie said it's not the first time the nerves have gotten the best of the 6-foot-9 forward in the locker room. Jones showed no signs of that on the court, finishing with 14 points and 12

rebounds.

"I saw some stuff in his eyes I've never seen before," Gillispie said. "He was saying yes for all the right reasons. He wanted to help his team."

Law finished with 20 points.

Jones was only 2-of-7 from the field, but went 10-of-11 from the line to increase his Big 12-leading free throw percentage to .872 (68-of-78).

The Aggies' second seven-game winning streak of the season has come since consecutive losses to No. 13 LSU and No. 4 UCLA. The Aggies are off to their best start since opening 16-2 in 1959-60.

Kevin Rogers had 19 points and nine rebounds to lead Baylor (10-5, 0-2), which has lost 25 straight games against ranked teams since a win at Oklahoma State on Feb. 15, 2003.

The Bears were within 50-

47 with 3 minutes left until Law drove for the consecutive layups, the second after a rebound by Jones.

"We did some things well enough to win," Baylor coach Scott Drew said. "Credit A&M for making a lot of free throws and big plays down the stretch."

Texas A&M is the only team in the country that hasn't allowed more than 65 points in a game this season. UCLA was the nation's top-ranked team when it beat the Aggies 65-62 on Dec. 9, their last loss. Baylor was averaging 81 points a game.

The Aggies have won nine straight Big 12 games, their longest conference winning streak since they won 11 Southwest Conference games in a row over two seasons from 1979-80. The Aggies are 2-0 in the Big 12 for the first time in the 11-year-old league.

Still looking for a signature victory under Drew, the

Bears led 39-34 when Curtis Jerrells hit a 3-pointer off an inbounds pass from Tweety Carter with 13 minutes left.

Josh Carter then hit a 3-pointer for A&M before Jones took over.

"We got complacent with the lead," said Carter, one of seven underclassmen who played for Baylor. "You've got to slow down and play defense. A&M did a good job of pressuring the ball."

Rogers scored 13 points after halftime, including the first two Baylor baskets to tie the game at 28.

Jerrells had 11 points and Carter had 10 for the Bears.

Baylor led 14-12 after Rogers hit a long jumper from the top of the key midway through the first half. The Bears then had a chance to add to that lead when Jerrells had a steal and passed to Patrick Fields for a breakaway layup — but Sloan got back and drew a charging foul.

Tulsa's Kragthorpe named head coach at Louisville

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Steve Kragthorpe's whirlwind journey left him a little confused.

Moments after being introduced as Louisville's head coach, Kragthorpe was midway through an answer about how he'll approach recruiting when the day's dizzying events finally caught up with him.

"We're going to try and find the best players that fit the University of Tulsa,"

Kragthorpe said Tuesday, before catching himself. "University of Tulsa? University of Louisville. I haven't slept in two days."

Yup, Louisville athletic director Tom Jurich didn't waste any time in luring Kragthorpe away from Tulsa. The hiring came less than 48 hours after Bobby Petrino resigned to become head coach of the Atlanta Falcons.

"We might have just con-

cluded the shortest search in the history of the NCAA," Jurich joked.

The process was less of a search and more of a mission for Jurich, whose relationship with Kragthorpe dates to 1990, when Jurich was the athletic director at Northern Arizona and Kragthorpe was hired as quarterbacks coach.

After four successful years under the relentless but ultimately restless Petrino, Jurich wanted some stability.

And with national signing day less than a month away, Jurich knew he didn't have time to form a search committee and go through a formal interview process.

"It was very important for me to continue to build on this momentum we have in this program and the continuity that is going on right now," Jurich said. "I wanted a person who could lead this program for many, many years to come and would

look at this program as a destination. I certainly found the guy."

Kragthorpe, 41, signed a five-year, \$1.1-million deal that runs through the 2012 season, the first of what he hopes will be several contracts he signs with the Cardinals.

"I don't want to be a guy that moves around, I want to be a guy that stays in one place," he said.

Kragthorpe takes over a

Louisville program that flourished under Petrino. The Cardinals went 12-1 this season, won the Big East and finished sixth in the final Associated Press poll.

It's a long way from Kragthorpe's first days at Tulsa four years ago, when he took over a program that had won just two games in the two years before he arrived.

Dallas Stars fall to Gretzky's Coyotes

DALLAS (AP) — Three weeks ago, the Phoenix Coyotes were sitting eight games under .500 and going nowhere in the Western Conference standings. Now they're the league's hottest team.

Ed Jovanovski and Shane Doan scored power-play goals during a span of 2:21 in the second period and the Coyotes extended their season-best winning streak to seven games with a 5-2 victory over the Dallas Stars on Tuesday night.

Coyotes coach Wayne Gretzky said that while

stringing together wins is nice, his team has just reached the break-even point games (20-20) for the first time since Phoenix was 1-1 on Oct. 7. There's plenty of work ahead if the Coyotes hope to challenge the Western Conference heavyweights.

"We have a ways to go," Gretzky said. "We dug ourselves a pretty good hole. But I'm proud of the way the guys have gotten back in the race."

Mikael Tellqvist stopped 29 shots, including all 16 he faced in the second period, to

help the Coyotes wrap up a perfect five-game road trip.

"I would have bet the whole world we wouldn't have swept all five games," Coyotes center Jeremy Roenick said. "It's totally out of the realm of amazement."

Doan's empty-net goal with 50 seconds left, his 13th of the season, closed out the Stars.

Travis Roche and Owen Nolan added goals for the Coyotes, who have collected at least a point in their last nine games (8-0-1).

"We're going to try to ride

this wave as long as possible," Tellqvist said. "Nobody thought we'd be in the playoff race a couple of weeks ago."

The Coyotes have won their last six on the road.

"Our power play has given us a chance, and our goaltenders have taken the pressure off with some big saves," Doan said. "The thing is, we needed this streak to get to .500. That's how deep we were buried."

Niklas Hagman and Jere Lehtinen scored for the Stars, who had won five straight over the Coyotes.

T.O. reportedly fires his publicist

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Terrell Owens apparently had his reasons for firing his publicist.

Owens has fired Kim Etheredge, his publicist since 2005, according to several media reports this week.

Etheredge was the person who called 911 from Owens' home on Sept. 26 to report that the Cowboys receiver was having an allergic reaction to an accidental overdose of pain medication.

The next day, after T.O. spent the night at the hospital, Etheredge denied rumors that Owens attempted suicide, saying, "Terrell has 25 million reasons why he should be alive." That was a reference to the \$25 million, three-year contract Owens got from Dallas last March.

Owens and Etheredge, a former TV production coordinator, first met when he played in San Francisco.

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1 Public Notice

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: **JUAN C. CASTILLO**. You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and Petition to establish the Parent-Child relationship, a default judgment may be taken against you.

The accompanying petition was filed on the 8th day of January, 2007, in the indicated court of GRAY County, Texas. You are directed to file a written answer to the accompanying pleading on or before 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served with this citation and accompanying pleading. PETITION TO ESTABLISH THE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP
File Number: 0010728300
Cause Number 34605
Other parties to the action:
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STEVEN MARK MARRUFO
ISSUED under my hand and seal of court this 8th day of January, 2007
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AS of this date, Jan. 9, 2007, I, Lee Myers, am no longer responsible for any debts other than those

Ground spider diversity studied in research project

By EDITH CHENAULT
Extension News

COLLEGE STATION — None of Takesha Henderson's discoveries are named Charlotte, but they are weaving a new chapter in Texas entomology. Her graduate studies at Texas A&M University have led to the discovery of 25 new spiders in Brazos County and one species found for the first time in Texas.

In research sponsored by the National Science Foundation, Henderson, who is earning a master's degree, has been studying ground spider diversity, distribution and abundance in the 515-acre Lick Creek Park south of College Station.

She has caught 1,000 specimens in 111 species over two years. The most common were several species of wolf spiders, she said.

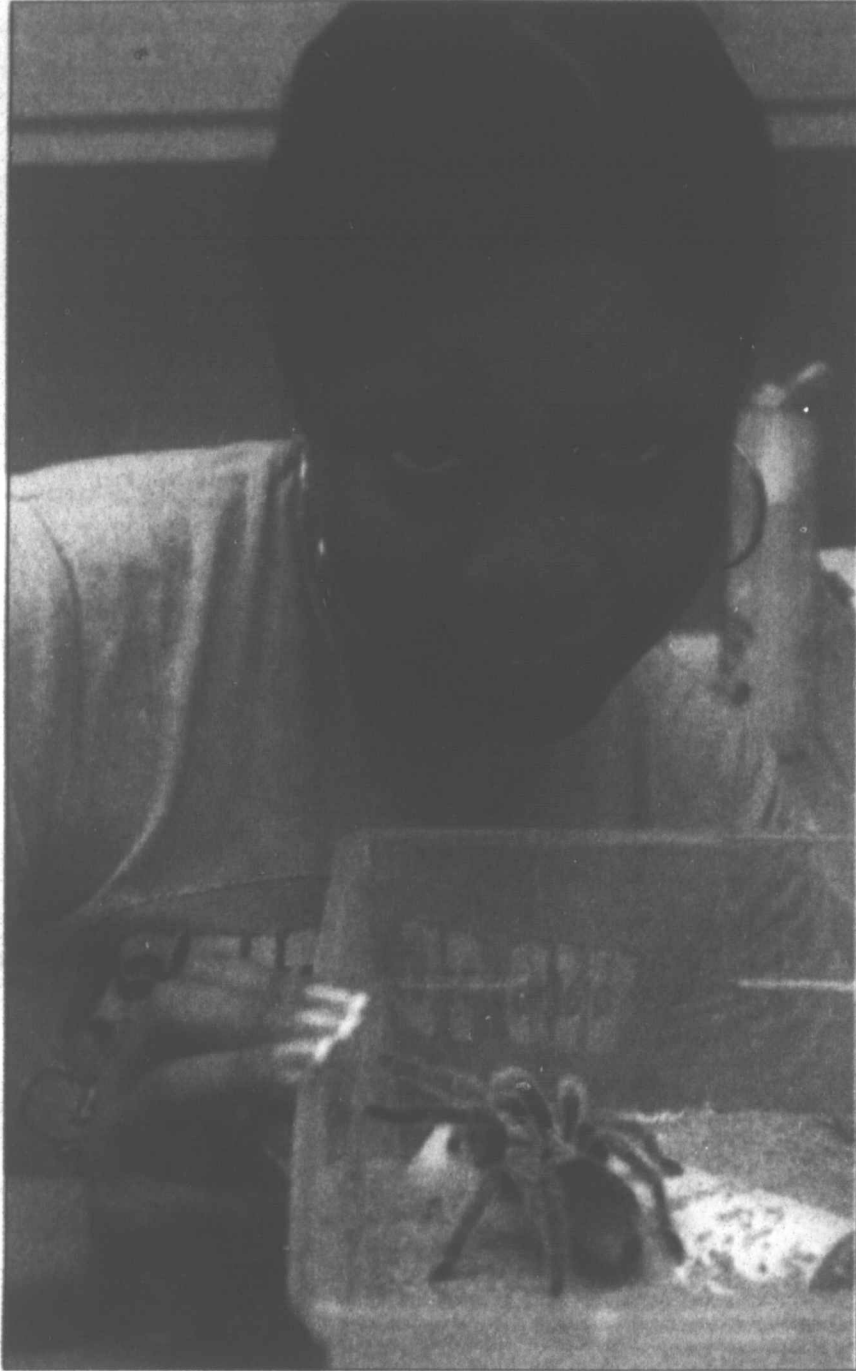
A total of 989 species of spiders have been identified in Texas; 280 of these are found in Brazos County.

Henderson set out pitfall traps — made of plastic cups, funnels and animal-safe antifreeze — to collect the spiders. A variety of sites — including upland woods, post oak woodlands and an area disturbed by a high level of human activity — were chosen.

The collected samples are being identified and placed in the Texas A&M Insect Collection, department of entomology.

Dr. Marvin Harris, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station entomologist and chair of Henderson's master's committee, began working with her when she was an undergraduate.

"Takesha's work at Lick Creek



Texas Agricultural Experiment Station photo by EDITH CHENAULT

◀ Takesha Henderson shows a rosehair tarantula she has had since 1997. The Texas A&M University graduate student has a long-lasting interest in spiders and is studying ground spider diversity as part of her master's degree studies.

Park is expanding our knowledge of this local natural resource and the role such habitats play in nature," Harris said. "This knowledge can enrich our human experience and can also be used in larger studies of biodiversity and production agriculture involving spiders."

For people who think the only good spider is a dead spider, Henderson has this to say: A diverse spider population signifies a healthy habitat.

Spiders "help maintain the balance of nature," said Dr. John Jackman, Texas Cooperative Extension entomologist in College Station, "They help keep a lid on the population of arthropods. They keep us from being covered up with everything else."

The spider inventory at Lick Creek will give researchers a baseline for further studies on biodiversity and the impact of humans on the environment, Henderson said.

Henderson's studies have allowed her to continue a childhood interest. She remembers being intrigued by insects and tarantulas when she was young. "My parents wondered why I liked eight-legged creatures," Henderson said. "Mom couldn't stand it at first."

But her parents allowed her to keep her collection as long as the tarantulas and spiders didn't get out into the house, she said.

As an undergraduate, Henderson took her parents, who lived in

Brenham at the time, to some of her classes.

"Her enthusiasm for spiders was backed by the hard work required for her to become proficient in their identification and to study their biology," Harris said.

In all of her collecting and studies, Henderson has never been bitten, although she has had a skin irritation caused by a rosehair tarantula flicking off some of its abdominal hair, she said.

Henderson hopes her studies will be a stepping stone to a new career when she graduates in May. "There are few arachnologists," she said. "But that (knowledge) comes in handy when someone gets bitten or you have major spider problems."

The City of College Station has a long-term commitment to inventory the park, which has diverse plant and animal populations, for changes in habitat, she said. The park has areas for hiking, bird watching and horseback riding, and is one of the areas that has Navasota Ladies'-Tresses, an endangered orchid. More information on the park can be found at http://www.cstx.gov/docs/111946232004lick_creek_brochure-04.pdf

A free publication that describes common Texas spiders is available from the Extension Bookstore at <http://tcebookstore.org/>. Click on "Insects" and then "Spiders."

Latin leftists attend Ortega's return to power

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — Former revolutionary Daniel Ortega takes office Wednesday in a ceremony expected to be attended by more than a dozen world leaders, including many Latin American leftists celebrating their latest ally in the region.

Ortega has promised a delicate balance between taking a moderate economic and social stance while cultivating close relationships with U.S. opponents such as Venezuelan Hugo Chavez and the communist Cuban government. Ortega was once one of the most bitter foes of

Washington, which secretly backed a rebel insurgency aimed at toppling him.

Chavez was arriving just hours after he was sworn in for another six-year term in his own country, echoing Cuban communist leader Fidel Castro in taking his oath: "Socialism or death!"

Chavez, who has called President Bush the "devil," is using his inaugural visit to play up his support of Nicaragua, promising the impoverished nation 32 desperately needed electricity plants, low-interest loans to the poor from a

branch of his state development bank and help in improving the country's health and education systems.

Another guest will be Bolivian President Evo Morales, a close ally of Chavez and Castro. Morales has expressed doubts about the U.S. drug war efforts in South America and recently announced that U.S. citizens would need visas to visit Bolivia.

The U.S. is wary of Morales' ties to Chavez and Castro.

Castro won't attend because of his health, but Ortega has already

sought close ties with the communist island, attending Castro's delayed 80th birthday celebrations in December. Cuba was sending the revolutionary leader Jose Ramon Machado Ventura to the inauguration.

Nicaraguan officials initially said that hard-line Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, who has defied international criticism of his country's nuclear program, also planned to attend. They later said a lower-level Iranian representative would come instead.

Ringo Starr's childhood home may be preserved as part of new museum

LONDON (AP) — The childhood home of Ringo Starr may be saved from the wrecking ball.

Negotiations are under way to dismantle the condemned Liverpool row house and rebuild it as part of a major new museum in the northwestern English city, officials said Wednesday.

The Liverpool City Council

approved the demolition of the tiny Victorian house on Madryn Street, one of more than 400 properties to be razed for a redevelopment project, in 2005, despite protests from Beatles fans.

The council ruled that the house, where Starr lived for about three months before his family moved to another street nearby, had no historic

significance.

Starr, 66, has criticized the plan to demolish the homes, saying they should be restored.

National Museums Liverpool said talks were under way with the council and the house's owner to preserve the home as part of the new dockside Museum of Liverpool, slated to open in 2008.

City councilor Flo Clucas said the house has major cultural significance, both for Beatles fans "and to help tell the story of streets like Madryn Street to the wider world."

The childhood homes of John Lennon and Paul McCartney are both owned by the National Trust heritage group and are open to the public.

Events calendar

• **Pampa Book Club** will have scheduled to discuss the following books: "First Man in Rome" by Colleen McCullough, Feb. 14; "Widow in the South" by Robert Hicks, March 14; "Peace Like a River" by Leif Enger, April 11; and "The Last Promise" by Richard Evans, May 9. The group meets at 10 a.m. in the Texas Room at Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa.

• **CREATE-a-Beat!** of Pampa is offering a series of eight classes for hearing infants and their families. "Baby Sing & Sign" is divided into eight-week sessions. The enrollment fee is \$100. Future sessions will be March 21 (10 a.m.); and March 20 (6:30 p.m.). To register or to find out more, call 665-7474 or e-mail cmoore@createabeat.org.

• **Leadership Perryton** and other sponsors will present Jeff Tobe, of Pittsburg, Pa., from 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday at Frank Phillips College Allen Campus in Perryton. Registration will be from 6-6:30 p.m. Tobe will present "Coloring Outside the Lines." Individuals, business owners and employees are invited to attend the free seminar. For more information, contact Perryton Chamber of Commerce at (806) 435-6575.

• **The next monthly Cowboy Poetry Breakfast** will be at 8 a.m. Saturday at the Big Texan in Amarillo. Marianne Logan will be the facilitator. The guest performer will be Don DeHay of Amarillo.

• **The Texas Department of State Health Services** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases. The following clinic(s) will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m., Jan. 17, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

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