# Herald 

Official: U.S. airstrike in Somalia targets embassy bombers

By MOHAMED OLAD HASSAN Associated Press Writer MOGADISHU, Somalia - A
U.S. airstrike hit targets in U.S. airstrike hit targets in Islamic militants were believed to be sheltering suspects in the 1998 bombings of two U.S. embassies, Somali officials and
witnesses said Tuesday. Many
people were reported killed. Monday's attack was the first
overt military action by the overt military action by the
U.S. in Somalia since it led a U.N. force in the 1990s that intervened in Somalia in an effort to fight famine. The mis-
sion led to clashes between sion led to clashes between
U.N. forces and Somali war. lords, including the "Black
Hawk Down" battle that left 18
U.S. servicemen dead. Helicopter gunships launched new attacks Tuesday near the
scene of a U.S. airstrike in the village of Hayi, although it was not clear if they were American or Ethiopian aircraft, and it
was not known if there were any casualties.
Two helicopters "fired several Two helicopters "fired several
rockets toward the road that
leads to the Kenyan border," said Ali Seed Yusuf, a resident
of the town of Afmadow in southern Somalia. The aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower arrived off Somalia's coast and
launched intelligence-gathering missions over Somalia, the military said. Three other U.S. itary said. Three other U.S.
warships are conducting anti-
corror operations off the Somal coast. ing to warships have been seek bers thought to be fleeing Somalia after Ethiopia invaded Dec. 24 in support of the government and drove the Islamic
militia out of the capital and See AIRSTRIKE, Page 3A

## Commissioners to 'start over'

## Vote 3-2 to terminate contract with architect

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer
Howard County comvoted $3-2$ minate the contract between the county and local architect Phil Furqueron, who has served as project coordi-
nator for a new jail facilinator for a new jail facili-
ty for the past two years. The motion to terminate the contract came from newly elected County Judge Mark Barr, receiving a second from Commissioner Gary
Simer and support from

 design with commissioners
in this photo taken in July.

Commissioner Emma Brown Commissioners Jerry
Kilgore and Bill Crooker both opposed the mea sure.
Barr Barr said he felt the sep-
aration was aration was yecessáry to
satisfy the political clisatisfy the "political cli-
mate" following the fail mate following the fail
ure of the proposed $\$ 10$ million bond election in November.
"I think we have a great problem ahead of us in
solving this jail situasolving this jail situa-
tion," said Barr. "And I tion," said Barr. "And
think the best thing would be to start all over and get some different ideas on how to do this We need somebody wit some experience. Phil
you've been an advocate of this big jail that's been defeated, and I think that's hurt you. And think the political climate as such; if we are to pro-
ceed with this matter, is to start over and get some new ideas.
"I've looked at the con-
tract. I've studied it all weekend studied it all biased against the county," he added. "You're paid you $\$ 331,000$. And I've talked to some other architects to get a handle on this... two of them told
me they wouldn't even me they wouldn't even
charge the county charge until the bond was passed and the other one said he'd charge us 20 something thousand dol-
lars. And out of that


Newly elected Howard County Judge Mark Sarr makes a motion HERLLD photo/Thomas Senkins Newly elected lowal architect Phil Furqueron during Monday morning's meeting of the commissioner's court.
$\$ 331,000$, the only expens- fair to us," said Crooker. standpoint, I believe he's $\$ 331,000$, the only expens- "air to us," said Crooker. Standpoint, I believe he's $\$ 22,134 . "$
Crook
is according to the county and he's tried to do what us with information and a auditor's office - that you paid (architectural consultants) with Kilgore who along Furqueron's behalf, said he felt terminating the contract was unfair and nprofessional.
we've directed him to do. At several stages to do. the line the court altself had no direction, and we were floundering and didn't come up with anything solid. He has done what we've directed him to do, and I think he's been fair about it. lan that would fit a with our would fit in ure I local architecunfair and unprofessiona n our part tofessional on our part to cause a
cancellation of his conract. It's totally unfair." Furqueron, who was present, along with his
think he's been very "From a professional See countr, Page 3A
\$47,000 OK'd for standpipe
By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer
After reviewing three bid contracts to install a standpipe in the Howard
County Jail, county com missioners were finally able to put an approxi mate price tag of $\$ 47,000$ on the project Monday morning. Commissioners looked at three bids ranging cost from $\$ 24,000$ t
$\$ 47,000$, but it was exclusions from the bids that had the court struggling to find the cheaper - and quicker - route for the Bobby Bradshaw, an engineer with Crim \& Bradshaw, urged commissioners to throw out the $\$ 24,000$ bid during a phone conference, saying
the bid did not meet the county's needs.
county's needs.
"There are just so many exclusions in the bid, which means they are things they have left ou
that we're asking to be done, that's it's just no feasible," Bradshaw told commissioners.
Another major concern for commissioners was how soon the contractors
could begin work on the standpipe, which would deliver water to firefight. ers in the event of a fire in the jail facility.
See JAIL, Page 3A

Animal shelter, recall election on agenda for city council

By thomas Jenkins Staff Writer
Certificates of obligation and plans for a recall election for Mayor Russ McEwen top the agenda for today's meeting of the Big Spring City Council, as
the panel prepares to resume the panel prepares to resume
business following the holiday
season.
hear final reading of a resolu-
tion directing publication of a
notice of intent to issue certifinotice of intent to i
cates of obligation. The certificates would pro-
Thes vide approximately $\$ 1$ million rent municipal animal shelter on Midway Road and finance repairs and paint the Northside
Elevated Reservoir Elevated Reservoir,
According to city officials, the projects currently designated
for certificates of obligation
would have little effect on the 2 cents per - $\$ 100$ valuation increase. in Big Spring is $\$ 32000^{n}$ City Finance Director Peggy Walker told the council.-"The animal shelter and reservoir projects would mean an increase of a lit-
tle more than $\$ 6$ per year." tle more than $\$ 6$ per year." McDonald said the issues cur

be funded by certifiisks, and -hey are both healt cates of obligation cates or obligation are health related,
and will have to be completed to protect the public. things we can afford McDonald. "Both of these said McDonald. "Both of these items and the repairs to the water
state compliance. Regardless of
how we pay for them, they have how we pay
to be done.
"On the two items we plan present in a bond election, I fee like these are things that really aren't up to us. They should be left up to the voters. We need to See citr, Page 3A


Master Gardener class
A Howard County Master Gardener class is being offered, starting this month. 5:30 p.m. today in the Howard County Library basement. During the meeting, potential students will learn what the course entails.
Students become knowledgeable in soils and fertility, entomology, plant disxeriscape and a lot more. Guest speakers will include doctors and Extension agents who specialize in entomology, plant pathology and horticulture.
There is a fee of $\$ 75$. Class days are
Tuesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Your classroom or mine? SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) - Even colege students might need a lesson or two bout dating.
Beginning in February, the University of course called "Finding Dates. Worth Keeping."
Laurie Chaplin, a relationships counsetor and licensed therapist who's been "Some people may think it's a slack course, but I think they'Il come out with something that changes their lives," Chaplin said. "We go to college and get an education. But our love relationship impact us more than anything else.

## Banquet tickets on sale

Tickets are on sale for the annual Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet, set for Thursday, Jan. 18.
Tickets are $\$ 22$ each and are available at the chamber office. Businesses interesting in decorating a table for the banquet - and promoting themselves in the process - can get more information on doing that by calling 263-7641 The deadline to purchase tickets is Jan organizers say.
Local celebrity Tumbleweed Smith will be guest speaker for the banquet, which will include presentation of the Man and
Woman of the Year Woman of the Year.

## Obituaries

Laura Sutphen
Laura "Louise" Sutphen, 87, of San Angelo, died
Saturday, Jan. 6, 2007, in a San Angelo care facility Saturday, Jan. 6, 2007, in a San Angelo care facility
Graveside Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m
Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2007, at the Peace Chapel a Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring with chaplain Walter McCall of Odyssey Hospice officiating. The family will receive friends
Wednesday at the funeral home.
Wednesday at the funeral home.
Sobert Vernon Sutphen Sept, in Hamlin and married preceded her in death Nov. 6, 1996 .
Louise liked to spend time gardening and was a Baptist.
Survivors include two daughters, Shirley Oaks and husband, Leon or Water valley and Nelaa Carstensen Sutphen and wife, Ruth of Grapevine and Ronald Sutphen and wife, Lydia of Clyde; one brother Kenneth Langham of Kingsland; 12 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren. She was also preceded
sisters, and one brother
The family suggests memorials to Vista Hospice, 940 Arroyo, Suite B, San Angelo 76904 . Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle \&


Nawlin Teel


Nawlin "Papa" Teel, 84, of Nome, for mer longtime resident of Big Spring Beaumont hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2007, at the Nalley-Pickle \& Welch
Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring with the Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring with the
Rev. Elwin Collom pastor of Hillcrest Rev. Elwin Collom, pastor of Hillcrest
Baptist Church, officiating. Graveside services will follow at 1 p.m. The family will receiveifriends at the funeral home Tuesday from 7p.m. - 8 p.m.
He was born Jan. 25.1922 .
He was born Jan. 25, 1922, in Sylvester and married Dorothy Louise McElyea Aug. 2, 1947, in Sweetwater
She preceded him in death July 27,2002 She preceded him in death July $27,2002$.
Mr. Teel worked as a ensiner for the
Mr. Teel worked as a engineer for the railroad until
he retired. He served in the U.S. Army during WWIL Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Keith and Sissy Teel of Nome; a daughter and son-in law, Carol and Paul Schlipf of Big Spring; an adopted
son, Gary Martin of Nome; six grandchildren eight Son, Gary Martin of Nome; six grandchildren; eight
great-grandchilddren; and one brother and sister-in-law, Dewey and Doris Teel of Sweetwater.
He was preceeded in death by one son, Bobby Teel. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Fickle \& Welch Funeral Home \& Crematory of Big Spring, Online condolences can be made a Buntharantham E.
 Ruth Grantham, 87, of Big Spring died Funeral services will be $10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$ Wednesday at Myers \& Smith Chapel with the Rev. Don Snipes, pastor of Baptist Temple Church, officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial
Park. The family will receive friends Park. The family will receive friends
from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers \& Smith Funeral Home.
Howard County to Jenny and Dick Rigsby. She was a ifetime resident of Howard County. Ruth married Emmett Grantham March 11, 1940, in Big Spring. He Centerpoint School and Beauty School in Big Spring She was a beautician in Big Spring for over 70 years having worked many years at the Crawford Hotel Beauty Shop. She later worked with her sister at the
Beauty Bar. Ruth was a member of Baptist Temple Ruurch. Ruth is survived by one sister, Odie Thompson of
Big spring, and several nieces and nephews including
Dixie Daves, Raymond and Faye Stallings, Llye and Digie Daves. Raymond and Faye Stallings, Lyle and
Dorrie Grantham, and Jean Roman all of Big Spring Lorrie Grantham, and Jean Roman all of Big Spring and Billy Joe Nichols of Bakersfield, Cainf.; several
great-nieces and nephews, including Shannon Estelle Gleave and Terry Lance Daves and a number of other great-nieces and nephews; and a very
and neighbor, Lioyd Cobb of Big Spring.
In addition to her parents and husband, she was pre ceded in death by one brother, Dick William Rigsb Jr., one sister, Wilma Nichols and one nephew, Dick William Rigsby III.
Pallbearers will be Raymond Stallings, Lloyd Cobb, Gary Stallings.. Honorary Pallbearers will be Murry vise, R.H. Weaver, T.F. Horton and Reaves Moren. The family suggests memorials to Baptist Temple Church, 400 E. 11 th Place, Big Spring 79720 or Home Hospice, 1111 E E. 7 th, Big Spring 79720 .
Arrangements are by Myers \& Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com


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Eldred Noble
Eldred "Rudy" Noble, 54 , died Jan. 8 , 2007, following a sudden illness. Memorial services will be held 11 Chaplain Cherise Felty officiating The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until p.m. Tuesday at Myers and Smith Funeral Home. He was born Feb. 6, 1952, in Fort Sill, Okla., the old est child of Verda Lou and Elared Ailen Noble. The 7-Eleven for the past 18 years and was a strong Christian.
He was preceded in death by his parents.
He is survived by his three children and their spous. es, Ken and Jennifer Noble, Delana and Josh Eilenberger and Joseph Noble, all of Big Spring; five
grandchildren, his siblings and their spouses, Charles Noble, Dee and Johnnie Sevey, Deantha and Larry Cotton, Karen Thurman and Janet and Preston Daylong, all of Big Spring and Melinda and Jeff Murphree of L
of Clovis, N.M
The family will be at 1201 Pennsylvania
Arrangements are under the direction of Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at ,
Noe Blanco Jr.
Noe Blanco Jr., 46, of Big Spring died Friday, Jan. 5 ,
2007, in Lubbock. Prayer services will be 7 p.m Tuesday at Libhuse Restoration Center. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Lighthouse Park.
He was born Aug. 20, 1960, in Lockney to Simona and Noe Blanco Sr. He married Gracie Rincon on July 14, 1980. He moved to Big Spring nine years ago from Lockney, where he had lived most of his life. He was nine years ago due to ill health.
He is survived by his wife, Gracie Blanco of Big Spring; four daughters, Linda Saldana, Lisa Nieto Angie Blanco, and Jessica Blanco, all of Big Spring four sons, Joe Saldana of San Angelo, Angel Blanco Noe Blanco III, and Roman Blanco, all of Big Spring
father, Noe Blanco Sr. of Lockney; three sisters; grandchildren: anhd four great-grandchildren.
He was preceded in death by his mother, Simon Blanco and one sister.
Arrangements are by Myers \& Smith Funeral Home.
Ricky Dyer
Ricky Dyer, 55, of Big Spring, died Monday, Jan. 8 , 2007, in an Odessa hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle wineral Home

## Weather

Tonight-Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 30s. South winds around 10 mph .
Wednesday - Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 60s. South winds 15 to 25 mph
Wednesday night-Mostly cloudy Not as cool Lows In the lower 40 s : South winds 15 to 20 mph .
Thursday - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Highis in the mid 60 s. South winds 15 to 25 of show
mph
Thurs
Friday-Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60 s. showers nand isolated thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 40 . Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

## Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night Winning numbers drawn: $5 \cdot-9-15-16-36$ Number matching five of five. none.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:
Winn
Winning numbers drawn: 1-6.9-13. Bonus Ball: 19 .
none matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball
Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: 225,000.
The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night

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## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the fol-
lowing activity between 7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. today: BURGLARY OF A HABITATION the 1400 block of U.S. Highway 87 . reported in the 1000 block of Main Street - AGGRAVATED ASSAULT was reported in the

Sheriff's report
The Howard C Note - Officials with the Howard County Jai reported having 54 inmates at the time of this report. Mond DANIEL GUERRERO, 29, was arrested for driving while intoxicated
or driving while intoxicated
county jail Monday by the BSPD was transferred to the ing arrest, search or transportation the HCSO LIN WHITE, 37, was Monday by the HCSO on a charge of 26 , was

- ALVIN ALLEN PHILLIP, 42, was transferred the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of iolation of parole.
- JACOB ANDREW FERRO, 26, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of bondsman of ond for criminal mischie
Monday by the HCSO on a charge of driving whil license invalid.
- JAMES EARL WHITE, 25, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication. - CUTBERTO MARTINEZ, 27, was arrested
Monday by the HCSO on charges of no driver's Monday by the HCSO on charges of no dre
license, running a stop sign and open container


## Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity: MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of North

- MEDICAL was reported in the 3800 block McChristian. One person was transported to SMMC. - MEDICAL was reported in the 4900 block ackson. One person was transported to SMMC. - MEDICAL was reported in the 400 bloc - MEDbert. One person was transported to SMMC County Road 10. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of College ne person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of N:W - MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of Robin One person was transported to SMMC.

OTRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of
Wallace. Service was refused.

## Take Note

- ANGELFOOD MINISTRY ORDERS ARE BEING TAKEN from 10 a.m. 6 p.m. this Thursday an Friday at North Birdwell United Methodist Church 2702 N . Birdwell. For more information, contac
Madeline Boadle at $267-2203$.
- HERITAGE MUSEUM IS WORKING with Tumbleweed Smith to produce a video documentary on the life of Pat McCor
If you have information to share about her, you are nvited to come to the museum between $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. and p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11. Comments will be videotape
- THE POWWOW COMMITTEE OF BIG SPRING is planning its 2007 Powwow and is in need of new members and volunteers. Anyone interested in Native American dancing or just interested in helping to encouraged to contact Robert Downing at $263-3255$ or Randy McKinney at 267-4843.
- CHRIST COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP IS COL LECTING INFANT CAR SEATS AND CARRIERS These are given to new mothers who cannot affor them.
To donate your old or new car seats and carriers Christ Community Fellowship, 263 -love. All donations are appreciated.


ly $\$ 200,000$, amounting an exorbitant fee consi ering..."

Continued from Page 1A attorney, Tim Yeats, allegations from Barr sev aral times during the pro ceedings, and was told to remain silent.

When Furqueron was
allowed to speak, howevallowed to speak, howev-
er, he painted a very difer, he painted a very dif-
ferent picture than the was targeted along with four council members for last month by citizens objecting to the city council's passage of a no-smok ing ordinance. However during the verification process, it was deter-
mined petitioners had not gathered enough valid signatures to force recal elections for District 1 Councilwoman Stephanie
Horton,
District Councilwoman JoAnn Staulcup, District ${ }^{4}$
Councilwoman Gloria McDonald or District 5 Councilwoman Joann Knox. However, enough valid signatures were obtained for the mayor, Walker confirmed. The finance director's office received petitions containing 661 signatures, of which 498 were certified as valid. That's 25 more than we
needed - we needed 473 - so we will proceed with the recall election of the mayor," said Walker. "The recall election will be held the same date as the election for the
mayor's seat and the District 5 council seat. The top item on the ballot will be the recall and the second item will be elec tion of a major. So if
Mayor McEwen seeks office again then his name would be on the ballot again with any others seeking to run for mayor,
The combined election s set for May 12. Candidate filing begins Feb. 12 at city hall. McEwen said he plans to run for re-election.
Also on today's agenda: purchase financing for various equipment and capital improvements. - First reading of a reso-


































































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toward the Kenyan
toward the Kenyan bor-
der. The White House would not confirm the attack, nor would the Pentagon.

## MYERS \& SMITH

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$\qquad$ Rebecca "Becky"
Cannon, 59 , died Friday Cannon, 59, died Friday
Funeral Services will be at 11:00 AM Tuesday at Myers \& Smith Chape with burial at Trinity Memorial Park
Noe Blanco, 46, died
Friday. Prayer Services Friday Prayer Services
will be at $7: 00 \quad$ PM
Tuesday Tuesday at Lighthouse
Restoration
Center Restoration Center.
Funeral Services will be at 2:00 PM Wednesday at Lighthouse Restoration Center with burial at Mt Olive Memorial Park.
Ruth Grantham, Ruth Grantham, 87
died Saturday Funera dervices will be at 10:00 AM Wednesday at Myers \& Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. The friends from 5:00 until 7:00 PM Tuesday at Myers \& Smith Funeral Home.
Rudy Rudy Noble, 54, died receive friends from 7:00 until 9:00 PM Tuesday at Myers \& Smith Funeral
Home. Home. Memorial
Services will be at 11:00 AM Friday
$\qquad$

Cornerstone Church. ${ }^{\text {at }}$











mayor to execute a conMountain Medical Center for its WorkSTEPS program.

Emergency reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute a with Chase Equipment Leasing Inc. $\stackrel{\text { First reading of a reso- }}{\text { lution authorizing the }}$
lution authorizing the 7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail

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The meeting is slated for 5:30 p.m. today in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth
Street. Street.
Contact Staff Writer
Thomas Jenkins at 263 . Thomas Jenkins at 263 .


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people peaceably to ssemble and to petition the Government people peaceably to assemble
for a redress of grievances．＂


Other Views

## With good leadership we can progress

As the 80th Legislature convenes
Tuesday，let＇s keep in mind that for all the problems the governor and law makers will be called on to solve（o perhaps create），Texas is in pretty good shape．
Unemployment is below 5 percent．The hous Unemployment is below 5 percent．The hous ing market is healthy in most places too healthy，actually，for some property taxpayers．
The economy is growing，with a major Toyota The economy is growing，with a major Toyota
truck factory that just opened in San Antonio truck factory that just opened in San Antonio
and a huge Samsung semiconductor plant being built in Austin．
Even the budget is in pretty good shape，with Even the budget is in pretty good shape，with budget although the actual amount won＇t be known until new Comptroller Susan Combs issues her official revenue estimate．That $\$ 15$ billion figure is highly misleading，given that a big chunk of it will go toward offsetting new property tax cuts and keeping up with growth in the number of students．Even so，better to
argue over $\$ 15$ billion of more than $\$ 10$ billion of less，as lawmakers did four years ago The very first day of the 140 －day session could
prove the most dramatic，if state Rep．Jim Pitts prove the most dramatic，if state Rep．Jim Pitts，
R－Waxahachie，forces a floor vote in his chal R－Waxahachie，forces a floor vote in his chal
lenge to the incumbent House speaker，Rep． lenge to the incumbent House speaker，Rep．
Tom Craddick，R－Midland．With or without a Tom Craddick，R－Midland．With or without race handles the aftermath could set the ton The challenges the Legislature faces are rea The challenges the Legislature faces are rea enough，and none will be solved in one legisla ing and managing them．
One of the most important challenges is cost $y$ ：the need to provide a solid public education for all of the state＇s children and to ensure that enough of them are academically prepared for and can afford a college education．This isn＇t some utopian goal，but absolutely necessary if Texas is to continue to prosper in a worldwide There will always be a need for skilled and unskilled blue－collar employees whose forma education may end with high school diplomas If there weren＇t such a need，Texas and the rest of the country wouldn＇t be a magnet for foreign workers．
But modern economies are built，sustained and grow on more highly educated workers including those with advanced degrees．That＇ why several state leaders have indicated that this legislative session will focus considerable attention on higher education，and well it should．
The state＇s prosperity has brought renewed attention to environmental concerns．Projected growth in power demands has inspired plans to build 17 coal－fired power plants and generated quality And over thed growth is putting pres quaity．And contnued growth is putting pres sure in Central Th San Antonio is backing legislation that woul boost the amount of water his city can pull out of the Edwards Aquifer much to the alarm of other communities that also rely on the aquifer The state park system is in serious disrepair the prison system is full，the property tax sys tem needs reform，the highways are crowded and health insurance costs continue to balloon However difficult the problems，we should not lose sight of the fact that Texas＇prosperity gives lawmakers considerable means to manage them．Success is not inevitable，but with good leadership and good will，progress can be made

## Saddam Hussein＇s last negotiation

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ithin hours of hanging，the drum hanging，the dr
beat began－as cable－news sages pronounced that
the Iraqi scourge＇s execution will
not improve the situation in Iraq． Or，as Newswe situation in raq． is gained by is gained by
Saddam＇s demise These days，the first rule of war cov erage is that nothing －not even milita victory－will
improve Iraq＇s prospects． The second rule
that everything is that everything is
botched．So Hussein＇s trial was not fair，the appea

swift and the exe
$\qquad$ ficiently solemn． In the 24－hour news cycle，you an kil your own citizens with tion and lead them into an avoid－ able war．But，if later you are brought to justice，coverage of your trial will be not so much ＂deeply－flawed＂trial
It won＇t much matter that the defendant admitted that he
ordered the deaths of 148 Shiite men and boys in Dujail in 1982．To the American press，justice would have been better served if it had moved with the slothfulness of You would think it a good thing
for Iraq if Hussein had more time his nose at the families of his vic
tims． Indeed，critics are so busy trying Indeed，critics are so busy tryin
to transform Iraqi prosecutions into an O．J．Simpson trial that they fail to notice that the families tured and murdered for rebelling against Hussein now know that the Butcher of Baghdad can no longer hurt them．That＇s why there was dancing in Dearborn， of Iraqi Americans who fled their homeland while under Hussein＇s rule．Hussein cannot come back， as he did in 1963 after he fled to Syria and Egypt．He will never He will hold no more power on this earth．Somehow，that＇s no big gie． When you think of all the inno－ cent people who have perished
during the war in Irag there is during the war in Iraq，there is
something refreshing about seein the most guilty Iraqi meet his maker．Opinion Journal＇s James Taranto used the headline：＂The Oddly，some human－rights Odaly，some human－rights Or as Richard Dicker，director of Human Rights Watch＇s International Justice Program，
said in a press statement：＂The said in a press statement：＂The test of a government＇s commit－
ment to human rights is measured by the way it treats its worst offenders．History will judge these actions harshly．＂

## government＇s commitment

 zens．Hussein had countless Iraqi killed without a trial．He ordered the death of an 11－year－old boy because he thought it was＂the right of the head of state．＂Historywill focus．on his misdeeds，not the timely execution of a guilty despot．
As for＂little is gained＂－do not think that homicidal tinpot dicta－ ors do not look at Hussein＇s fate and shudder．They＇ve just found guaranteed final years of luxuri ous living abroad．Now，they know，there are forces at large who want them to face death before the very people whom they
had terrorized and beaten down． This is not the end desired by men for whom dominion over oth ers trumped all．
If this execution were the ma yr＇s end he sought，Hussein would not have greeted U．S．troop round three years ago with these words：＂I am Saddam Hussein， president of Iraq．I want to negoti

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## Could ethanol trigger a food crisis？

By Eric Peters

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next ear－to－ear next money into Kellogg＇s，Gour see money into Kellogg＇s，General Daniel Midland and Cargill． Corn，once again is king！The
humble grain that humble grain that has turne thousands of hard－scrabble Midwestern farmers into million－ aires oreset in both decad is about to price because of the nation＇s sud－ denly insatiable thirst for ethanol That＇s the word from Lester R． Brown，the chief deep－thinker at the Earth Policy Institute，a little with an excellent track record spotting potential environmental disasters．
Troubled by the dramatic
increase in corn acreage devo
to ethanol rather than food，
Brown is urging a morato－
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Brown says a distillery morator um is urgently needed because new projections forecast that the
global auto industry＇s appetite for corn－based fuel will rival that of
humans by 2008.
＂The unprecedented diversion of the world＇s leading grain crop to the production of fuel will affect said．As world corn prices rise，h notes，so do those of wheat and rice as consumers look for tasty substitutes and farmers compete for increasingly scarce croplands
Brown says that investment in fuel ethanol distilleries has soare since the late－2005 hike in crude
oil prices－so much so in fact，
that the federal government＇s col－ lection of pertinent data has been

## A compilation by his Earth

 Policy Institute showed there wer 116 U．S．ethanol distilleries in production using 53 million tons of duction using 53 million tons of grain annually at the end of last with a capacity to devour an addi－ tional 51 million tons of grain． In addition，designs for more than 200 new ethanol plants were on the drawing board and 11 exis ing ones were being expanded
Brown worries that the unco trolled growth of Big Ethanol will wreak havoc on the global econo－ my with near apocalyptic
implications for the world＇s near－
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corn－based ethanol is nand for corn－based ethanol is nearly insa one mid－size vehicle consumes enough grain to feed an Egyptian peasant for a full－year．Yet con－ verting the entire U．S．grain ha vest－corn，rice，wheat，barley and oats－to ethanol would sup ply only 16 per
motoring fuel．
What＇s worse，ethanol is not even an effective substitute for
gasoline－requiring huge federa gasoline－requiring huge federal
subsidies to compete at the pump subsidies to compete at the pump
and delivering only 70 percent the and delivering only 70 percent the gas．
Brown predicts that the soaring food prices triggered by the ethanol splurge will spark urban food riots in many of the world＇s smoldering Indonesia，Egypt，Algeria Nigeria and Mexico－ igniting even more anti－ Western sentiment． The world desperately the emerging food－fuel battle， Brown says．＂As the leading grain producer，grain exporter＇an ethanol producer，the United States is in the driver＇s seat．We need to make sure that in trying to solve one problem－our depen create a far more serious one not chaos in the world food ocone Lester Brown＇s sage words ought to be heeded by new House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and new Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid．And the Earth Policy distributed as＂required reading to be o those members of Congress ev anxious to pander to the desires of Big Agriculture．

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 for 40 percent of the global har－ vest，but a whopping 70 percent ofthe world＇s corn exports．Iowa the world＇s corn exports．Iowa duction of Canada and so does Illinois，which ranks a close sec－ With
With corn supplies tightening fast，Brown says rising prices wil y from corn such as breakfast cereals，but those from animals who rely on corn for their suste－ nance－including pork，poultry， beef，milk，eggs and cheese

Bird Poop：An American kestrel caught in winter＇s icy grasp



Seen perched on utility lines，hovering above the ground，or
gliding toward its prey，the American kestrel depends upon
insects and mice for its diet．
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had given him．Familiar glaring at him．It blinked． had given him．Familiar glaring at him．It blinked．
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tail with black bars．miles seemed endless． Pulling the cap back to Finally，he arrived in our

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Pop Goes the Weasel



## STONEWALL JACKRABBIT AND BIG EARS HARE



Harel Do you know the difference between a rabbit and a hare？
Promise me that you will find out the difference tomorrow after you wake up．Will you find out in a book？Will you ask someone？Will you look for the
difference on your com－
puter？
Sthe day that bothered be very beautiful．The

out to them． ＇That just isn＇t very
nice．＂The other rabbits just kept on eating as if nothing had happened． But something about to happen！ The other rabbits didn＇t see himl Stonewall jackrabbit didn＇t see him， eitherl Harry Hare didn＇t see him，but because of his very big ears，he heard himl It was the he was swooping down He was swooping down
toward the rabbits intending on having one for his breakfast．Even though the hawk was very silent，gliding down down to his breakfast， Harry had heard the slightest gush of air rushing underneath his wings．Harry looked up， saw the hawk，and screamed out to the other rabbits，＇Run，run， hawk is comingl＇Before the hawk could ，Beac any of the rabbits，they had been warned soon enough to hide．They

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1001 Gregg－263－7316 were safe from the hawk． And all because
Hare＇s big ears！
＇I wish I had big ears．＂ cried the bunny．I wish 1 had big ears，＂cried the cottontail．＇Me，too，＂ said all of the other rab－ bits．Stonewall even thought that he wished his ears were just a little bigger．
From that day on，no one ever called Harry hare names．They were very sorry that they ever calling someone names is not very nice．They promised to never do that again．
Stonewall Jackrabbit and Harry Hare said to tell you＂Good Night． Actually，Harry Hare heard you tell someone Good Night．＇and he told Stonewall，and now Stonewall ca
＇Oood Night1＇

## Texas briefs

Council to put immigration-related measure on ballot
FARMERS BRANCH - Voters will get the chance to decide whether the city should keep a new rule requir ing apartment landlords to verify the citizenship or During a meeting Monday, the City Council voted to put a rental ordinance they approved late last year on he bans to let the new rule take effect Frida, the counc plans to let the new rule take effect Friday.
The Mexican American Legal Defense and injunction to immediately suspend the ordinance from being enforced, MALDEF staff attorney Marisol Perez said by phone Monday night.
LULAC and other opponents of the new rule plan to start registering voters in time for the municipal elec
tions, said Elizabeth Villafranca, president of the Farmers Branch chapter of the League of United Latin American ciuzens.
In November, the City Council unanimously approved requiring property managers or owners ver renters. Property managers or owners who break the rule face a misdemeanor charge punishable by a fine of up to $\$ 500$. Council members also approved resolu ions making English the city's official language and program so they can enforce immile partion of a feder ans Opponents of the ordinances had submitted a petiallowed under the city's charter. More than 1,200 reg. istered voters from Farmers Branch signed it, far exceeding the number required to force a vote, said attorney winam brewer, who represents severa

Jury to begin deliberating
sentence for truck driver Tuesday
HOUSTON (AP) - Arms around each other, family tence for his role in the nation's deadliest human smuggling attempt listened as a defense attorney pleaded for a jury to spare his life
"I ask you as if his father were asking. Please save his son, please save his son," defense attorney Craig
Washington said Monday as he turned and looked at he father of Tyrone Williams "You have the power in your hands to save (his) son.""
A jury was set to begin deliberating on Tuesday whether to sentence Williams to death or up to life in prison. He was convicted last month on 58 counts of conspiracy, harboring and transporting immigrants in
connection with the deaths of 19 illegal immigrants. The start of deliberations was to come a day after clos ing arguments in his retrial.
More than 70 immigrants from Mexico, Central merica and the Dommican Repubic were packe inside Williams trailer in the failed 2003 smuggling from dehydration overheating and suffoctition after nearly four hours inside the oven-like containe Washington told jurors Monday that Williams gave water to the immigrants crammed into the trailer sefore he abandoned the container near Victoria, bout 100 miles sounwest or Houston. Williams als could be rehabilititated, Washington said. urors William. A. Attorney Daniel Rodry callous, depraved" individual who deserves a death sentence ecause he alone could have freed the immigrants efore they died but chose not to open the trailer'

Newly renovated Capitol apartment at stake in speaker's election
AUSTIN (AP)- Some valuable real estate is at stake elect a new leader at the start of the biennial legisla ive session.
And it's not just the podium at the front of the House hamber
The winner gets access to the nation's only residence recently got a pricey , and controversial with funds raised by current Republican House Speaker Tom Craddick and his wife, Nadine. Craddick is being challenged by fellow Republican Rep. Jim Pitts of Waxahachie. The 149 -member cham The Craddicks raised more than $\$ 1$ million last sum


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mer to overhaul the apartment's two kitchens, two bathrooms and laundry room, to install wood floors
and to remove a loft and spiral staircase in the living room.
In a letter Craddicks said the renovation is a "gift to all Texans" that will let the speaker's residence "reflect the same attention to detail that is seen throughout the Capitol. The Craddicks, who own a house in Midland and a vacation home on Lake LBJ northwest of Austin, repeatedly declined to speak with The Associated Press about the project last summer or allow a
reporter to tour the apartment. The residence is not included in the public Capitol tour, and only invited guests may enter, Craddick spokeswoman Alexis DeLee said.
Principal moved following segregation suit DALLAS (AP) - An elementary school principa found to have segregated Latino students from white Teresa Parker, former principal of Preston Hollo Elementary, started working Monday in the Dallas Independent School District's alternative education programs. Parker chose 10 work in the department Celso Martine Celso Martinez
"She has 31 years of service and a lot of history and expertise, and we wanted to keep that in the district, Martinez said. "e gave her a number or options
chose from, but we told her that being principal a
Prestow wasn't one of them."

Woman gets $21 / 2$ years for mailing marijuana to herself
AMARILLO (AP) - An A search warran mailed 78 pounds of mari- the packages, which were juana to herself was sen- then resealed and sent to tenced to $21 / 2$ years in Kelly at a motel in federal prison Monday. Amarillo. Tliffany Joy Kelly, 28 , Kelly was arrested in October accepting the packages. to one count of illegal use Prosecutors said she of a communication facil- admitted buying the marity, the U.S. Attorney's ijuana and mailing it to Office in Dallas said in a herself so she could di news release. She has
been in custody since her arrest in July, after a postal inspector in El Paso became suspicious of two Express Mail
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Martin Luther King
fought for the rights of all people, regardless of race, religion or any other factor that some people use to differentiate. Equality was his goal, his mission
1986. Tederal holiday in King's honor was first celebrated in 1986. The day is meant to serve as a catalyst for people of all The hope is out into their communities and serve, just as King did. ple do what they can to make a difference.
What was Martin Luther King Jr.'s
family and educational background?
King was born Jan. 15, 1929, at his family's home in Atlanta. When he was 5, King started school at the Yonge Street Elementary School in Atlanta - even though he was below the legal school age of 6 . Whe
While in his junior year at Booker T. Washington High Schoo King earned high scores on the college entrance exams, allowing him to enter Morehouse College - at age 15, as he had skipped both ninth and 12th grades. In 1948, he graduated with a degree in sociology.
Kis on his studies at several institutions, and earned his doctorate of philosophy in 1955 at age 26 . He also was award States and foreign countries.
In 1953, King married Coretta Scott at her family's home in Alabama. King's father performed the service. The couple would have four children.
How did King get involved
in the civil-rights movement?
at the age of 19 . He worked as assistant pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta. He later served at a church in Alabama. From 1960 until his death in 1968, he served as co-pastor with his father back at Ebenezer Baptist Church.
King was elected president of the Montgomery Improvement Association, the organization that started the Montgomery bus boycott. The boycott, which began Dec. 1, 1955, after Rosa Park was arrested for refusing to give up her seat to a white passenger lasted 381 days.
King was arrested 30 times for his role in civil-rights activities. He also was a founder of the Southern Christian Leadership
Conference, for which he served as president from 1957 to Among his many accomplishments and awards, King received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. At 35, he was the youngest man - and the third black man - to receive the honor.

How did King die?
On April 4, 1968, King was fatally shot while standing on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tenn. He was in Memphis to help lead sanitation workers in a protest against low wages and intolerable working conditions. About two mass assination. On March 9, 1969, before coming to trial, Ray entered a guilty plea and was sentenced to 99 years in prison. (He died in prison at age 70 in 1998.)
How did King come to be honored
with a national holiday?
Four days after King's assassination, Rep. John Conyers, a Michigan Democrat, submitted legislation proposing King's birthof sign a holiday. However, it would take several years and million In the 1980 Petitions to Congress for that to become real did not want to m, President Ronald Reagan was clear that it should be a day of remembrance and not a paid holiday. Pressured by his aides, however, Reagan signed the legislation on Nov, 2, 1983. The first observance of King's birthday as a national holiday was an. 20, 1986. King's birthday now is celebrated on the third Monday in January.

In The News


Time For Kids
Person of the Year 2006: The American Soldier
It has been a difficult year for the 140,000 members of the U.S. Armed Forces who are on duty in Iraq. These brave men and women have worked tirelessly to try to
keep peace in Iraq, where violence continues to devastate the country. They have made progress training Iraqi forces, but Iraq remains deeply divided and very dangerous. To establish a peaceful nation, the Iraqi govemment must gain control over rebel fight-
ers. Iraqis are not yet ready to take ers. Iraqis are not yet ready to full control of their country. More than 2,800 Americans have lost their lives in Iraq since the war began in March 2003. The troops rebel fighters. American soldiers also are fighting the war on terror in Afghanistan. It has been five years since a U.S.-led invasion forced the Taliban from power there.


A soldier entertains an Afghan boy with his protective helmet in Afghanistan.
There is great debate about the future of U.S. troops serving in Iraq. Congress is working to create a proposal to change the course of the war. Some lawmakers propose al top Army generals believe that this is an unrealistic goal. They say there is still much more work to be done Iraq before the country is ready to stand on its own. Until. then, U.S. troops will continue to pay a heavy toll in Iraq. For their courage and commitment to defending freedom in the United States and around the world, the U.S. Armed Forces are the Time For Kids Persons of the Year.

## THE RUNNERS-UP

According to kids like you
The fourth top newsmakers of 2006 are the US Winter Olympians.
The third top newsmakers are philanthropists Warren Buffett, and Bill and Melinda Gates.
The second top newsmaker is Nobel Peace Prize winner Muhammad Yunus.



## Nation and world briefs

Fire erupts in Malibu, destroys four mansions MALIBU, Calif. (AP) - A wildfire fanned by Santa Ana winds destroyed four seaside mansions and significantly damaged four others as it spread over more
than 20 acres in this celebrity enclave Monday ities said.
Flames boiled furiously out of the skeletons of mul-timillion-dollar beach homes for about two hours until there was little left to burn. One resident, who was not identified, was hospitalized for smoke inhalation Fire officials initially said eight homes were lost, but
after full containment was achieved they cut that num ber in half. A guest home also was destroyed.
"The neighborhood looks like a war zone," County Fire Chief Michael Freeman said late Monday. "Anything that was down there that could burn, did burn."
Actress Victoria Principal was among the
who rushed out to hose down their houses.
U.S. nuclear-powered submarine and Japanese ship collide near Straits of Hormuz DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) - A U.S. nuclear-powered submarine collided with a Japanese
oil tanker in the Straits of Hormuz, through which 40 percent of the world's oil supplies travel, officials said. No one was hurt in the accident that happened Monday night in the 34-mile wide straits, which are
o the Persian Gulf
Damage to the fast-attack USS Newport News subno resulting spill of oil or leakage of nuclear fuel, officials from the U.S. Navy and the Japanese government said.
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Both ships remained able to navigate, Navy officials
The b
The bow of the submarine was traveling submerged when it hit the stern of the supertanker Mogamigawa as the vessels were passing through the Straits, caus-
ing minor damage to the Japanese vessel, the U.S. Navy and Japan's Foreign Ministry said. The Japanese government said it was informed of the crash by the

New video showing Saddam's corpse shortly after hanging posted on Internet BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - The second clandestine video from Saddam Hussein's execution appeared on corpse, with a gaping neck wound, after his hanging. The video appeared to have been taken with a camera phone, like the graphic video of the hanging which showed guards taunting Saddam in the final moments
of his life.
The footage, which appeared on the Internet
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## Troop plan faces Demo opposition

By ANNE FLAHERTY Associated Press Writ
WASHINGTON WASHINGTON - A day before Bush' President Bush is telling A day before Bush's lawmakers he will send thousands more U.S troops to Iraq's two most troubled regions, in a
plan that Democrats are resisting as a major escalation of a $31 / 2$-year-old war. Bush on Wednesday will
announce a new war strategy and is expected strategy and is expected
to call for as many a 20,000 additional troops. The extra forces would be sent to Baghdad, which has been consumed by
sectarian violence, and the western Anba Province, a base of the
mostly Sunni insurgency mostly Sunni insurgency ers, Sen. Kay Bailey
Hutchison, R-Texas,
thing" in their power to curb the war, short of cut ting money for troop already in the field.
Sen. Carl Levin, Mich., the new chairman of the Armed Service Committee, said he would only consider an increase in U.S. forces in Iraq if Bush agreed to start with
drawing troops within six months.
attention of the focus the attention of the Iraqis on their own country" Levin told the Detroit Free The bill by Kennedy, DMass., is guaranteed to fuel the debate among lawmakers on how far
they should go to try they should go to try to
force the president's had on the unpopular war

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Borden County Independent School District (I.S.D.) in Gail, Texas, is presently accepting transfer students for the spring semester of 2007

The Borden County I.S.D. is a "Recognized District," as named by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for the 2005-2006 school year. This past year, the district also received ten (10) Gold Star Performance awards from the TEA for high percentages of "Commended" students on all five TAKS testing areas, completion of the
Recommended/Distinguished Achievement graduation planes, college readiness in both mathematics and language arts, student attendance, and completion of advanced academic courses.

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Please contact Mr. Jimmy Thomas, Borden County I.S.D. Superintendent, at (806) 756-4313 or (806) 756-4316 if you are interested in transferring your child for the spring semester of 2007
the president has broad war-making powers, while Congress controls
spending. Democratic spending. Democratic
leaders have swiftly leaders have swiftly withholding money from troops already in combat zones.
The Congress has the
power of the purse and power of the purse and
what we are saying is before the president sends additional American
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Saddam's head and neck.
His head is unnaturally twisted at a 90 degree angle to his right. It shows a gaping bloody wound, circular in shape, about an inch below his jaw line on the left side of his neck. His left cheek is marked with red covered his head.

California governor proposes sweeping plan to cover the state's uninsured
SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) - To succeed with his plan to extend health care to 6.5 million uninsured Californians, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger will have to find common ground between groups that often are to odds.
Union
Union leaders quickly balked at a requirement that all Californians have insurance, calling it a tax on the
middle class. A demand that all but the smallest businesses offer their workers insurance upset many of Schwarzenegger's business allies.
"I look forward to everyone now having those debates," Schwarzenegger said via videolink to a panel of health care stakeholders who assembled Monday to hear his plan. Under the proposal, all Californians
must have insurance, although the poorest will be subsidized. Those who go uncovered will be subject to tax penalties.



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## IN Brief

NFL divisional playoff schedule Saturday, Indianapolis at Baltimore, $3: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Philadelphia at New Orleans, 7 p.m. (FOX). Sunday, Seattle at
Chicago Chicago, Noon (rox).
New England an Diego, 3:30 p.m. (CBS).


Colts and Manning looking to advance
The Indianapolis Colts have not lowered their
expectations. They still envision a Super Bowl title next month.

## See Page 2B

AP's top five
for college football
Florida didn't have to
lobby to win this vote The Gators are No. 1 in a landslide. The Gators finished Press Top 25 after upset ting Ohio State $41-14$ in pionship game, matchup Florida lob bied hard for late in the looked as if the Gators would be left out
O. 1 and Southern Californi and Boise State rounded out the top five.
Florida received a but one of the 65 first $13-0$, got the other from Greg Archuleta of the Albuquerque Journal in

North Carolina
moves to No. 1 in AP
North Caroina is No. Press' college basketbal poll for the first time in wait has been quite a b longer for Washington or the first time in The Tar Heels (14-1) after three weeks at No 2 following UCLA's loss
at Oregon last weekend

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becan 24 years ago. Three $\$ 1$ million races gram, beginning with this year's Breeders'
Cup Championships at

## Gators shock nation in BCS game

 By BEN WALKER AP National WriterGLENDALE, Ariz - For more than a month, the Florida Gators stewed in silence.
Asked about Heisman Trophy winner Troy Smith, they heaped on the praise. Asked about No. 1 compliments. When they got on the field Monday night, the Gators showed how they really felt.
Second-ranked Florida turned Second-ranked Florida turned
out to be way too good for the out to be way too good for the
Buckeyes, embarrassing them 41 14 to run away with college football's national championship. "Honestly, we've played a lot
better teams than them," Florida defensive end Jarvis Moss said. in the SEC that could probably compete with them and play the same type of game we did against Florida got all but one of the 65 first-place votes in the final
Associated Press poll. Ohio State dropped from No. 1 and finished second.
Chris Leak and Tim Tebow showed off coach Urban Meyer's twin quarterback system to per-
fection as the Gators became the first Division I school to hold national titles in football and basketball at the same time.
Now, only one question
remains: What about $13-0$ Boise State, the last undefeated team left standing after stunning
Oklahoma on the very same field Oklahoma on the very same field $\begin{aligned} & \text { Florida's amazingly easy victo- } \begin{array}{l}\text { once, will almost surely renew }\end{array} \\ & \text { in the Fiesta Bowl on New Year's } \\ & \text { ry left the Gators with a } 13-1 \text { calls for a playoff system. }\end{aligned}$


Florida's Cornelius Ingram runs away from Ohio State's Jamario $O^{\prime}$ 'Neal in the first half during the BCS national championship game. The Gators won in a route, 41-14.
Day? The No. 5 Broncos got the record and the Buckeyes at $12-1$. "I love Boise State. We don't want to other first-place vote in the AP That, and with Wisconsin and go play them. We're done, we're

Texas Tech's Martin Zeno, left, battles of a rebound mofotore the Red Ralder sumes started Big 12 competition. Texas Tech is now 2.0 in conference play.

## Texas Tech moves to 2-0 in Big 12 play

By DAVE SKRETTA
$\qquad$ MANHATTAN, $G$ Kan. points and Texas Tech shut in a $62-52$ victory Monday
Martin Zeno added 12 point and freshman Decensae White had 11 for the Red Raiders (134, 2.0 Big 12 ), who have won seven of their last eight and are years.
Texas Tech, playing without led $27-26$ at halftime before building a 41-32 lead with about 10 minutes left in the game. $9-0$ spurt to cut ( $10-6,0-2$ ) used a points, but Texas lead to two Bob Knight quickly called time-out that quieted the Bramlage Coliseum crowd. The Red Raiders scored immediate built their break and slowly with just under 4 minutes to 11 play.
Jackson was the catalyst, penetrating the lane to draw shots every titting short jump threatene time Kansas state game. The Biget back in the ing scorer rebounds, three assists and was 8 -of-9 from the free throw line. on 7 -of-13 Hoskins had 23 points Wildcats, who have lost three

Vegas Holiday Classic in
December. Leading scorer Cartier Martin was held to only six points on 2 -of-11 shooting and dian't hit his first field end half 0.29 mark of the It was only the third meetin etween Knight and Kansa State coach Bob Huggins, who together have 1,459 career win and first and seventh es in victories. The I I coach faced each other since Knight was at Indiana and Huggins incinnati more than 14 year go. Knight has won all thre Emps by double digits. mark maying Knight's trade harassing to-man defense an half court, Texas Tech in Kansas State without a fiel goal for nearly nine minutes in The Red Raiders kept the pressure up throughout the second half, holding Kansa the tame The whooting hit only 2 -of- 153 -pointers and com mitted 14 turnovers. bith teams were playin who were injured in their Bi 12 openers on Saturday. ye socket during a fracture ry over Oklahoma. The 7-foo an elbow from Sooner for See TECH, Page 28

## McGrady fuels Rockets past the Bulls with 31 points

By ANDREW SELIGMAN AP Sports Writer CHICAGO - Tracy McGrady was tired, tight, and couldn't ing much better by the time the fourth quarter started. "I knew I was going to take over," McGrady said. McGrady scored 15 of his 31 points in the final period, hitting the go-ahead jumper to lift the Houston Rockets to an $84-77$ vic tory over the
Monday night
"I couldn't seem to get going, physically," McGrady said. But once he found the energy, he didn't stop.
McGrady hit a 22 -foot jumper
with 1:19 left to break a 77.77 tie. and the Rockets won for the Detroit Houston's Shane Battier blocked sixth time in eight games since a driving layup by Ben Gordon Yai Ming broke a bone in his then hit one of two free McGrady right leg. They hit just 34 of 87 make it a three-point game and pointers, but the Bulls never got Chuck Hayes and Luther and added two foul shots apier Hea added two foul shots apiece.
It was the sixth straight It was the sixth straight $30-$ who hit just three of 10 shots in the first half and scored 25 in the final two periods.
"I kind of got loose a little bit, made some adjustments ( ball on the move a lot and (creat d) some space on offense," he said. Juwan Howard added 16 points and nine rebounds. Dikembe Mutombo grabbed 16 rebounds
pointers, but the Bulls never got pointers, but
going, either.
Chicago we
Chicago went $30-$-or-82, including 3 -of- 15 from long range. The Bulls suffered their third loss in
four games - each by seven points or less. $\qquad$ open," said forward Michael Sweetney, who had michael and six rebounds. "We just had an off night."
Gordon led Chicago with 24 points, and Luol Deng scored 20 atter finishing with 30 in
Saturday's $106-89$ win over
"Well, they are No. 1 in the league in points allowed and defensive shooting percentage," Bulls coach Scott Skiles said. "Sometimes when you get that reputation, teams come in and for whatever reason they miss. They are a good defensive team. basket and they have guys on the perimeter who move around well."
And they're winning without Yao, who was in Chicago to have his leg examined. The All-Star center attended his first road tured a bone below his knee See ROCKETS, Page $2 B$

## NFL names All-Pros, Tomlinson leads way

By BARRY WILNER AP Football Writer - San Diego charged putting up the league's best record at 14-2. No wonder five Chargers made The Associate
Press All-Pro team. Press All-Pro
Running LaDainian was a unanim Tomlinson and was joined choice, end Antonio Gates fight back Lorenzo Neal, defensive tackle Jamal
Williams and linebacker Shawne Merriman on the elite squad. Merriman made it despite serving a
four-game suspension for our-game suspension for
violating the league's violating the league's
steroids policy. Merriman still wound up with
league-best 17 sacks. "When you've got five guys on the All-Pro team,
that says a lot," said Tomlinson, who did quite a bit in 2006, winning the
AP's Most Valuable $\begin{array}{lll}\text { AP's } & \text { Most } & \text { Valuable } \\ \text { Player } & \text { and } & \text { Offensive }\end{array}$ Player and Offensive
Player of the Year
awards. "I think tht's awards. "I think that's be named on

## GATORS

finished," Meyer said. five, six, seven great football teams in this country figure out who the better team is and that's to go play the game," he said.
Meyer was certain his team was among the best, even though many quesbelonged in this game. The coach urged his Gator
bait.
Always say great
things about your oppo nent. If you're going to talk, talk about your "Like I said, motivation, it was not an issue. If you
are looking for a great

## ROCKETS

during a loss to the Los Angeles Clippers, and players
bellowed "Hey Yao!" before the game as he hobbled into the locker room on crutches, his, leg in a brace. Gundy said. "We've been without Yao or McGrady or oth since (early December). It hasn't been a situation and find a way to win on a given night." Yao's presence wasn't enough to spark the Rockets
early. They shot 1 -for-17 from 3 -point range in the first half and trailed $40-30$ at the break. Or, as McGrady put the Rockets "played terrible basketball
McGrady got going, and the Rockets wiped out the
ead. They were ahead $54-51$ going into the fourth and used the long ball to make it a seven-point game in the
opening minutes.
Rafer Alston, who missed his first nine shots after
failing to connect on his last 11 in Sunday's overtime failing to connect on his last 11 in Sunday's overtime oss to Minnesota, started the quarter with a 3 .
McGrady added two more as the lead reached $65-58$,

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Colts may thrive as outsider in playoffs

By BARRY WILNER AP Football Writer
INDIANAPOLIS InDIANAPOLIS - The not lowered their expectations. They still envision a Super Bowl title next month.
Yet the
Yet the Colts, burdened by a sieve of a run
defense and an unimpres sive final seven games of the regular season,
entered the playoffs as entered the playoffs as
more of an outsider than more of an outsider than a championship con-
tender. Judging by their tender. Judging their postperformance in that might
season opener, that be a very good thing for
Peyton Manning and his Peyton Manning and his
team.
team.

Not that they will ever go unnoticed as long as the premier quarterback
of his generation is fling. ing the ball and rookies like Joseph Addai are outrushing the likes of Larry Johnson
If the Colts were an NFC team, they could have
booked flights to Miami for the first week in February. But being something of an afterthought in the loaded AFC could work in Indy's
favor. "Ohio State didn't get it
d Leak, maligned for never winning the big
one, completed 25 of 36 passes for 213 yards and a touchdown. The Rambolike Tebow threw for one TD and powered into the end zone for another.
"My legacy was to My legacy was to get
the University of Florida back here," Leak said. Smith, meanwhile,
joined a long list of joined a long list of Heisman Trophy quarterEric Crouch and Gi
Torretta, among them to fall apart in bowl
games. He was Just 4 -of-14 for 35 yards with one interception, sacked him
five times and held him to five times and held him to
minus-29 yards on 10 runs. is going to go the exact
way you want it," Smith

Diego, with the gaudy 14 . 2 record, the 492 points
scored, MVP/Offensive Player o the Year (LaDainian
Tomlinson), the leading Tomlinson), the leading sack man (Shawne
Merriman) and five All Merriman) and five All-
Pros. And it's on Baltimore,
which has a defense remwhich has a defense reminiscent of the stultifying
2000 NFL champions, and 2000 NFL champions, and
an experienced, skilled an experienced, skilled
and confident offensive leader in Steve McNair. And, naturally, it's on the Patriots as they seek a fourth title in six years equaling the amazing run
by the 1970s Pittsburgh by the
The Colts? Until they shut down Johnson with a defensive performance the Ravens would have bragged about, they were
barely in the Super Bowl discussions.
I think we have a very
adaptable team and we play to the situation," coach Tony Dungy said.
I think we have an I think we have an
offense that can move the ball in a number of ways. Defensively, it's always
better when y better when you play with
the lead, but that hasn't the lead, but that hasn'
been the case. We haven' had a lot of big leads this
said. "I don't have any
regrets, though. I reall
regrets, though. I really
don't. We came out and don't. We came out and
fought. We came up short ought. We came up short.
"Sometimes you have great games and sometimes you don't. Defensive ends Derrick Harvey and Moss made it
a miserable night for a miserable night for
Smith. Linebacker Earl Everett got into the act Everett got into the act,
too, running down Smith on one play despite miss-
ing his helmet.
"Nobody never gave us
"Nobody never gave us
a chance at all," Florida receiver Dallas Baker said. "We came here with a chip on our shoulder and something to prove. Nobody gave us a chance,
but finally we can throw but finally we can throw up the No. 1 It was
national title for Florida
adding to the one Heisman winner Danny
Wuerffel brought home in
but the Bulls weren't finished.
They scored eight straight and 11 of 13 to take a 69 67 lead with 6:25 left. Gordon scored seven during that stretch. His jumper off the dribble put the Bulls ahead by one, and he hit a 3 -pointer after a basket by McGrady to make it 69-67 Chicago.
"We play great defense," McGrady said. "In the third the defensive end. We put a stop to their tough guy and made them take shots they didn't want to take. On the other end, we came down and executed our offense and got ourselves back in the ballgame.


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year. I think we're going
to be very well-prepared to ge very well-prepar
Consider:

- Manning has not been at his best this season. Sure, he's excelled
far more than he's ar more than he's
bombed, but there have bombed, but there have
been instances, particularly last Saturday against the Chiefs, when he wasn't the main reason Indianapolis won. Addai and Dominic Rhodes has ably replaced Edgerrin James, and Addai has more gameJames.
- Marvin Harrison was nonfactor against the Chiefs and Reggie Wayne was a supporting receivperfect antidote in the passing game to passing
Bare's active linebackers, caught nine passes for 103 yards. - With tear-your-headoff safety Bob Sanders
back in the lineup, Indy's back in the lineup, Indy's defense against Kansas City. It will need a similar effort in Baltimore, but before lation clayoffs began, specu-
centered on centered on
whether
Johnson would 1996 under coach Steve Spurrier with a $52-20$
romp over Florida State in the Sugar Bowl. The trophy will make a perfect bookend for the ne the basketball Gators won by beating UCLA for ne natip in Indianapolis onship in Indianapolis
rush for 200 yards at the
RCA Dome. He got 32 and his team got 44 We have a good Anthony said tackle Anthony McFarland, who played on a very good one in Tampa Bay and won "Regardless of what the critics say, if you go out and take it one play at a time and do your job, play fast and tackle, that's the kind of performance yo can get."
Most
Most significant, it's quite possible the Colts failures, including going flat in the postseason after an early clinching of the division. Dungy does n't think there's an advantage to turning it on for the playoffs - he sa, but it was clear fro their domination of Kansas City that the Colts have a better feel for the postseason this January. Does that make them potent threat to get to the big game, where any AFC win? This Saturday's matchup with the Raven should answer that.
"How do I compare both of them? Well, I have confetti landing on my director Jeremy Fole said after the champi onship game. "I couldn believe it in April, I can' believe it now. I can'
believe I can talk without jinxing us.

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when tenderness obviously required. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You know your loved ones quite well and can thereore operate like an expert
oddsmaker. In many cases you state exactly what's going to happen before it does. But that doesn't guarantee they'll
listen. SCORPIO (Oct. 24 -Nov. 21). The art of finance is your realm of expertise now. Being frugal makes you creative. If you had
all the money in the world to spend, you wouldn't do any better than you do SAGITTARIUS̉ (Nov. 22 SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 -
Dec. 21). Your plans seem ou. Whir and blur around blender. But this evening, your buttons are no you can relax, perhaps you can relax, perhaps
with a blended drink of your own.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 Jan. 19). Sure, you're fabwho needs it? When but who needs it? When you
and more than anyone expects. 18). You're modeling for
those who look up to you. Your who losk up to you. simple one: When you fall, get up. This,, done consistently, relentlessly and often, is what makes you a winner. 20). It's your enthusiasm that makes you popular. Friends call you just to hear you say "Atta boy"
or "Go girl!" and they aren't disappointed. Even If they have nothing to
report, you find something to praise. Petite rock dynamo Pat Petite rock dynamo Pat
Benatar has been hitting us with her best shots for almost 30 years. Capricorn is the sign of charts have music charts have been choice. Working her way up the charts side-by-side next to her faithful guitarplaying husband Neil Giraldo, Benatar proved voices could trample over ny supposedly "tough"

## Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I am a $40-$
something woman who has been divorced (and
alone) for more than 10 years. Last year I met
"Gary," and he has made me happier than I have been in years. He moved in six months ago.
The problem is my sis. ters, "Pam and Amy."
Pam recently ended a bad
relationship and relationship, and since Gary, she has snubbed
me. My younger sister, rent-free, for more than
five years and was absolutely furious when she had to move out.
She's barely spoken to me She's barely spoken to me have left is my mother, and I cannot even visit at her house because they refuse to see me.
This has been for six months, and I am to deal with them. I have ried placating them,
ignoring their caustic remarks, trying to reason They don't speak to Gary except to say hello when they accidentally run inte
him, and have nothing but bad things to say back. him behind his
I'd hate to lose my sis.
Td hate to lose my sis-
ters completely. I used to hink of them as my friends. What do I do
now? - Ostracized in now? Dear Omaha: Do your dislike Gary? If not, they are being jealous and vindictive. In time, they
should get past this, but the process can be unpleasant. Tell them

we are only obligated for
the traditional items ner, etc.). The rearsal din ents are paying for every thing else.
The bride
tially said they would pay for individual hotel rooms for the entire wedding party, but I offered to
cover the cost of the
groomsmen's rooms. All eight groomsmen are from out of town (as are we). None of them are
married, but almost all married, but almost al
have steady girlfriends
who will also beattending who will also be attending the wedding.
The amount of money
for hotel rooms is substantial, and although we can afford it, my husband
would like to use th money to do some remodeling on our house instead. Would it be selfish of us to ask the
groomsmen to bunk groomsmen even though they were originally told they'd have individual rooms? We absolutely love our future daughter
in-law and don't want In-law and don't want
anyone to be angry with ans. Our son wants his groorismen to have separate rooms. Your opinion? -The Groom's Mom Dear Mom: You can ask
if any of the groomsmen if any of the groomsmen
would like to share a room, but since you can afford it and originally agreed to get separate rooms, you should keep
your promise, even if it means postponing the work on the house. There's no point in creating ill will with the new-
Dear Annie: I read with the "letter from Parents" of the 35 -year-old
woman woman
drugs.
My 35 -year-old daughter is serving her third
prison term on drug-relatped charges. We are no longer in contact. I can't can't stand around and
watch her die and not be able to stop it. More than

## once, we gave her food, a home, bought her a car

 and gave her enough money to get back on herfeet. She stole everything hat wasn't nailed down abandoned her children we are raising them), and as caused so much anguish in our family that it may be beyond
repair. I know I had to step back to salvage my own sanity. Don't sacrifice the rest of your famiy for the child who refus-
es to get well. - Giving es to get well. - Giving
Up in South Dakota Dear S.D. L. Letters such
s yours make us sad. We hope someday soon your daughter will get the help
Dear Annie: I have been married for 13 years. I: wife I love intensely. The problem is, she acts like mer not even alive. I hug on a regular basis. She will kiss me if nobody' else is remotely close. She never hugs me or makes me feel like
thing to her.
When we first married, she made me feel like a king. Now I can't do any ${ }^{2}$ thing right. She holds her never get higher than the never get higher than the get from her is when I come home on payday. I'm still crazy in love with her, but the way she der if there is someone else. I know I'm not perfect, but I'd like to feel that she loves me. What
can I do? - Lost That can I do? - Lost That
Loving Feeling in Iowa Dear Iowa: It's possible your wife has transferred her affections to someone else, but it's also possible that she has, over time, ost the inclination to be These are issues that require open discussion, and if telling her directly how you feel doesn't help, you need a third-party you work on the problem. Please seek marriage counseling, and ask your wife to go with you. As always, if she refuses, go without her.
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## BEETLE BAILEY



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Today is Tuesday, Jan. 9 ,
the ninth day of 2007. There are 35d days left in the yeare.
Today's Highlight in History:
On Jan. 9, 1913, Richard

On Jan. 9, 1913, Richard
Milhous Nixon, the 37h president of the United
States, was born in Yorba States, was
Linda, Calif.
On this date:
$\qquad$ In 1788 , Connecticut became U.S. Constitution. In 1793, Frenchman Jean Pierre Blanchard, using a
hot-air
balloon,
flew hotair balloon, flew
between Philadelphia and
Woodbury N J Woodbury, N.J.
In 1861, Mississippi seceded from the Union.
In 1861, the Star of the In 1861, the Star of the
West, a merchant vessel
bringing reinforcements to bringing reinforcements to
Federal troops at Fort Federal troops at Fort
Sumter, s.C., retreated after being fired on by a battery in the harbor.
In 1945, durin
In 1945, during World War
II, American forces began
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