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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 southern Somalia 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 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 mission led to clashes between U.N. forces and Somali warlords, including the "Black

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 Hawk Down" battle that left 18 rockets toward the road that

leads to the Kenyan border," said Ali Seed Yusuf, a resident coast. 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. warships are conducting anti-

terror operations off the Somali

U.S. warships have been seeking to capture al-Qaida members 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

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Commissioners to 'start over'

Vote 3-2 to terminate contract with architect

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners voted 3-2 Monday morning to terminate the contract between the county and local architect Phil Furgueron, who has served as project coordinator for a new jail facility 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



HERALD file photo Phil Furqueron goes over a design with commissioners in this photo taken in July.

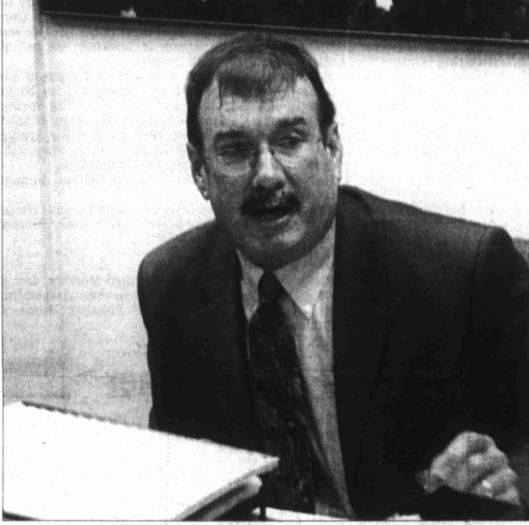
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Commissioners Jerry Kilgore and Bill Crooker both opposed the mea-

Barr said he felt the separation was necessary to satisfy the 'political climate" following the failure of the proposed \$10 million bond election in November.

"I think we have a great problem ahead of us in solving this jail situation," said Barr. "And I think the best thing would be to start all over and get some different ideas on how to do this. We need somebody with some experience. Phil, you've been an advocate of this big jail that's been defeated, and I think that's hurt you. And I think the political climate as such; if we are to proceed with this matter, is to start over and get some new ideas.

"I've looked at the contract. I've studied it all weekend, and it's sure biased against the county," he added. "You're just too expensive. We've 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 charge the county a penny until the bond was passed and the other one said he'd charge us 20something thousand dollars. And out of that



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkin

Newly elected Howard County Judge Mark Barr makes a motion to terminate the county's contract with local architect Phil Furqueron during Monday morning's meeting of the commissioner's court.

\$331,000, the only expenses to you were - and this is according to the county auditor's office - that you paid (architectural consultants) \$22,134."

Crooker, who along with Kilgore spoke on Furqueron's behalf, said he felt terminating the contract was unfair and unprofessional.

"I think he's been very

fair to us," said Crooker. "He's been responsive and he's tried to do what we've directed him to do. At several stages along the line the court itself 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. "From a professional See COUNTY, Page 3A

standpoint, I believe he's done his best to provide us with information and a plan that would fit in with our local architecture. I think it's totally unfair and unprofessional on our part to cause a cancellation of his contract. It's totally unfair."

Furgueron, who was present, along with his

be funded by certifi-

cates of obligation

\$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 commissioners were finally able to put an approximate price tag of \$47,000 on the project Monday morning.

Commissioners looked at three bids ranging in cost from \$24,000 to \$47,000, but it was exclusions from the bids that had the court struggling to find the cheaper - and quicker — route for the construction.

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.

"There are just so many exclusions in the bid, which means they are things they have left out that we're asking to be done, that's it's just not 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 firefighters in the event of a fire in the jail facility.

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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 business following the holiday season.

The council is expected to hear final reading of a resolunotice of intent to issue certificates of obligation.

The certificates would provide approximately \$1 million to build an annex for the current municipal animal shelter on Midway Road and finance repairs and paint the Northside Elevated Reservoir.

According to city officials, the projects currently designated for certificates of obligation McDonald said the issues cur-

tion directing publication of a would have little effect on the city's tax rate — approximately 2 cents per \$100 valuation

> "The average value of a home in Big Spring is \$32,000," City Finance Director Peggy Walker told the council. "The animal shelter and reservoir projects would mean an increase of a little more than \$6 per year."

Council member Gloria



are health related. and will have to be completed to protect the public.

"These aren't things we can afford to wait on," said

McDonald. "Both of these items the animal control annex and the repairs to the water

rently designated to reservoir - are both health risks, and they are both out of state compliance. Regardless of how we pay for them, they have to be done.

> "On the two items we plan to present in a bond election, I feel like these are things that really aren't up to us. They should be left up to the voters. We need to ask them what they think we

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MASTER GARDENER CLASS

A Howard County Master Gardener class is being offered, starting this month.

An orientation meeting will be held at 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 diseases, landscape design, native plants, xeriscape 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 college students might need a lesson or two about dating.

Beginning in February, the University of Sioux Falls will offer a one-credit dating course called "Finding Dates Worth Keeping."

Laurie Chaplin, a relationships counselor and licensed therapist who's been married 28 years, will be the instructor.

"Some people may think it's a slack course, but I think they'll come out with something that changes their lives," Chaplin said. "We go to college and get an education. But our love relationships 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. 15. No tickets will be available at the door, 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.

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Obituaries

Laura Sutphen

Laura "Louise" Sutphen, 87, of San Angelo, died Saturday, Jan. 6, 2007, in a San Angelo care facility. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2007, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring with chaplain Walter McCall of Odyssey Hospice officiating.

The family will receive friends from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

She was born June 28, 1919, in Hamlin and married Robert Vernon Sutphen Sept. 1, 1934, in Big Spring. He 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 of Water Valley and Nelda Carstensen and husband, Tommy of Garden City; two sons, Larry 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 in death by her parents, four sisters, and one brother.

The family suggests memorials to Vista Care Hospice, 940 Arroyo, Suite B, San Angelo 76904.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Opline condolences can be made www.npwelch.com

Nawlin Teel



Nawlin "Papa" Teel, 84, of Nome, former longtime resident of Big Spring, died Thursday, Jan. 4, 2007, in a 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 Rev. Elwin Collom, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, officiating. Graveside services will follow at 1 p.m., Wednesday, at Sweetwater Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Tuesday from 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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.

Mr. Teel worked as a engineer for the railroad until he retired. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII. Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Keith and Sissy Teel of Nome; a daughter and son-inlaw, Carol and Paul Schlipf of Big Spring; an adopted son, Gary Martin of Nome; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one brother and sister-in-law, Dewey and Doris Teel of Sweetwater.

He was preceded in death by one son, Bobby Teel. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. made at: Online condolences can be www.pwelch.com

Ruh Grantham





Ruth Grantham, 87, of Big Spring died Saturday, Jan. 6, 2007, at her residence. Funeral services will be 10 a.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 from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Ruth was born May 31, 1919, in Howard County to Jenny and Dick Rigsby. She was a lifetime resident of Howard County. Ruth married Emmett Grantham March 11, 1940, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death Dec. 8, 1985. Ruth attended 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

Ruth is survived by one sister, Odie Thompson of Big Spring; and several nieces and nephews including Dixie Daves, Raymond and Faye Stallings, Lyle and Lorrie Grantham, and Jean Roman all of Big Spring and Billy Joe Nichols of Bakersfield, Calif.; 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 special friend and neighbor, Lloyd Cobb of Big Spring.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one brother, Dick William Rigsby Jr.; one sister, Wilma Nichols and one nephew, Dick William Rigsby III.

Pallbearers will be Raymond Stallings, Lloyd Cobb. Lyle Grantham, Larry Bennett, Grady Grantham and 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. 11th Place, Big Spring 79720 or Home Hospice, 1111 E. 7th, Big Spring 79720.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com Paid obituary



Eldred Noble

Eldred "Rudy" Noble, 54, died Jan. 8, 2007, following a sudden illness. Memorial services will be held 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 12, 2007, at Cornerstone Church with Chaplain Cherise Felty officiating.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Tuesday at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

He was born Feb. 6, 1952, in Fort Sill, Okla., the oldest child of Verda Lou and Eldred Allen Noble. The family moved to Big Spring in 1970. He had worked for 7-Eleven for the past 18 years and was a strong

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his three children and their spouses, 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 Lubbock and stepmother, Marjorie Noble 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

www.mversandsmith.com

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 Lighthouse Restoration Center. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Lighthouse Restoration Center with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial

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 employed by Tye Company in Lockney. He retired 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; 21 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Simona

Blanco and one sister.

South winds 15 to 25 mph.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Ricky Dyer

Ricky Dyer, 55, of Big Spring, died Monday, Jan. 8, 2007, in an Odessa hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.



Tonight-Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 30s. South winds around 10 mph. Wednesday-Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 60s.

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Wednesday night-Mostly cloudy. Not as cool. Lows in the lower 40s. South winds 15 to 20 mph.

Thursday—Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Highs in the mid 60s. South winds 15 to 25

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Friday-Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s. Friday night-Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and isolated thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 40s. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Lottery

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

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 1-6-9-13. Bonus Ball: 19. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball:

Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing:

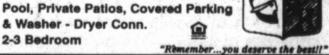
The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-6-9

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m.

 BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1400 block of U.S. Highway 87.

 ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1000 block of Main Street.

· AGGRAVATED ASSAULT was reported in the 600 block of Interstate Highway 20.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 54 inmates at the time of this report. JOE DANIEL GUERRERO, 29, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation

for driving while intoxicated. SHEILA EISENBACH, 23, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of resist-

ing arrest, search or transportation. JERRY LIN WHITE, 37, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of assault.

 ASHLEE BINGHAM WHITE, 26, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of assault. • ALVIN ALLEN PHILLIP, 42, was transferred to

the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of violation of parole. JACOB ANDREW FERRO, 26, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of bondsman off

bond for criminal mischief. DAVID ARTHUR WITTREIN, 26, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while

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 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 Highway 87. One person was transported to the VAMC.

· MEDICAL was reported in the 3800 block of McChristian. One person was transported to SMMC. · MEDICAL was reported in the 4900 block of Jackson. One person was transported to SMMC.

· MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of Holbert. One person was transported to SMMC.

· MEDICAL was reported in the 9900 block of County Road 10. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of College. One person was transported to SMMC. · MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of N.W.

Ninth Street. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of Robin. One person was transported to SMMC.

· TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of Wallace. Service was refused.

Take Note

 ANGELFOOD MINISTRY ORDERS ARE BEING TAKEN from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. this Thursday and Friday at North Birdwell United Methodist Church. 2702 N. Birdwell. For more information, contact Madeline Boadle at 267-2203.

HERITAGE MUSEUM IS WORKING with Tumbleweed Smith to produce a video documentary on the life of Pat McCormick, the famous woman bullfighter from Big Spring.

If you have information to share about her, you are invited to come to the museum between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11. Comments will be videotaped for use in the documentary.

• 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 bring an exciting weekend event to Big Spring is 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 afford

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attorney, Tim Yeats, asked to respond to the allegations from Barr several times during the proceedings, and was told to remain silent.

When Furqueron was allowed to speak, however, he painted a very different picture than the one presented by Barr.

"Out of that \$331,000, it is my responsibility to pay all of the other contractors that have contributed to this project. The county isn't liable for it, I am," said Furqueron. "If I were to stay on this project, which I've been a part of for two years and one month now, it would take at least four years to complete. Out of what the county pays to me, I would make approximate-

ly \$200,000, amounting to \$50,000 a year. That is not an exorbitant fee consid-

Furqueron was interrupted by Barr at that a make sense. point.

"Now I'm running this court, Phil," said Barr. "And I'm going to ask you a question."

Furgueron asked to finish what he was saying and was told by Barr to continue.

"Five-sevenths of the fees paid out by the county would go to other contractors," continued Furgueron.

"You pay me, and I pay the consultants... If you want to see the invoices, I'm willing to show them to you, even though I'm certainly not required to. I'm willing to do that because I want this entire process to remain trans-

Kilgore said the idea of

terminating Furqueron's did, or is he being termicontract, which would effectively send the county back to square one on the issue, simply didn't

"They take their direction from us," said Kilgore. "They told us they would do a 96-bed facility or whatever size we directed them to do. How it's going to help to change (architects) and doing everything over, I just don't see how it's going to help. I just don't understand."

Yeats reminded the court there are termination penalties in the contract between Furgueron and Howard County.

"Make no mistake about it, there are termination penalties in that contract," said Yeats. "I want to know, however, and I think Phil deserves to know if he's being terminated for something he

nated because there's been a change in direction here and the court just doesn't want him anymore. Can anyone tell me what Phil has done to violate his contract, what he's done wrong as an architect?"

Yeats' question was met with silence.

"Does he not deserve to know why?" asked Yeats. "Does he not deserve to know why he's being terminated?"

Barr declined to answer Yeats' question, saying he County Attorney Mike Thomas should be present.

Thomas told the court he had looked at the contract and felt Furgueron had been paid in full, but declined debate whether or not the local architect would be able to collect the termination penalties.

"This isn't the place to litigate this matter, Thomas told the court.

Brown, who was the deciding vote in the matter, said she felt Furgueron had done a good job, but felt it was time for the county to take a different approach.

"Phil has done nothing but what we've asked him to do," said Brown. "However, I feel like maybe we should go in a different direction. I hate to do this, but you have to do what you have to do."

Barr said the court plans to hold a meeting Jan. 17 at 10 a.m. in commissioner's court in hopes of interviewing several architects to replace Furgueron.

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JAIL

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And while the addition of a standpipe to the jail may seem costly, Sheriff Dale Walker said the cost of shipping inmates to other counties has begun to take a fiscal toll on his office as well.

transported "We've inmates approximately 9,000 miles over the last 30 days," Walker told commissioners. "We've used more than 300 gallons of fuel in the last two weeks. Our fuel cost for December is more than

"The November bill for housing our inmates at Dickens county was \$31,000, and our most recent bill from Glasscock County was \$13,000. As you can see, these costs are mounting up quick-

Walker said the county is currently housing 44 male inmates and 7 female inmates, using facilities in Dickens, Bailey and other counties.

"We made 46 different trips last month," said

Walker. "We're getting from Dickens County, which is transporting once a day for us and sometimes more when we're in a bind. However, all of the figures I've given you today is what Howard County has done in addition to

Commissioners voted to approve engineering services from N.D. White Engineering during the meeting, a move the court hopes will move the county closer to fixing its problematic smoke evacuation system, one of the main causes for the facility being shut down by the Texas Commission on Standards

"They had some people come out and look at the jail, and they plan to come out this week and perform an inspection," said Commissioner Bill Crooker. "We're limited on how much we can spend without getting bids on this to \$25,000, and they seem to think it will be close, but we can get it under that."

A test of the jail facility's smoke evacuation

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should do."

Also during today's meeting, council members are expected to review the certification of signatures from a recent recall petition, which is expected to result in the call for such an election

Mayor Russ McEwen was targeted along with four council members for recall in an affidavit filed last month by citizens objecting to the city council's passage of a no-smoking ordinance. However, during the verification process, it was determined petitioners had not gathered enough valid signatures to force recall elections for District 1 Horton, District Councilwoman

Councilwoman Stephanie JoAnn Staulcup, District Councilwoman Gloria McDonald or District 5 Councilwoman Knox. However, enough valid

signatures were obtained to force a recall election 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 election 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 Walker mayor, explained.

The combined election is 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: · Award bid for lease purchase financing for various equipment and capital improvements.

· First reading of a reso-

lution authorizing the mayor to execute a renewal agreement with the West Texas Water Ski

 First reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute a mutual release of all claims with Thomas A. Land regarding the city's occupancy of and alleged damages to property.

· First reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute a contract with Scenic Mountain Medical Center for its WorkSTEPS pro-

 Emergency reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute a master lease agreement with Chase Equipment Leasing Inc.

· First reading of a resolution authorizing the

mayor to execute a joint ald.com election agreement with Big Spring Independent School District.

 First reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute an election services contract with the Howard County Elections Administrator.

 First reading of a resolution establishing. TexSTAR Investment Pool as an authorized investment and authorizing the mayor to execute an application for participation.

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

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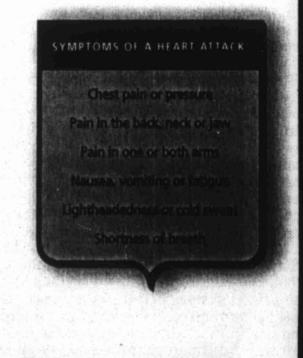
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OTHER VIEWS

With good leadership we can progress *

s the 80th Legislature convenes Tuesday, let's keep in mind that for all the problems the governor and lawmakers will be called on to solve (or perhaps create), Texas is in pretty good shape.

Unemployment is below 5 percent. The housing market is healthy in most places too healthy, actually, for some property taxpayers. The economy is growing, with a major Toyota 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 up to \$15 billion more to spend over the current 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, R-Waxahachie, forces a floor vote in his challenge to the incumbent House speaker, Rep. Tom Craddick, R-Midland. With or without a floor vote, how the winner of this rare speaker's race handles the aftermath could set the tone for a very successful, or disastrous, session.

The challenges the Legislature faces are real enough, and none will be solved in one legislative session. But it can make progress in reducing and managing them.

One of the most important challenges is costly: 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 **Tex**as is to continue to prosper in a worldwide economy.

There will always be a need for skilled and unskilled blue-collar employees whose formal 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's 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 much worry over their impact on Texas air quality. And continued growth is putting pressure on the state's water supplies, including here in Central Texas. Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, is backing legislation that would 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 system 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.

Austin American-Statesman

Saddam Hussein's last negotiation

ithin hours of Saddam Hussein's hanging, the drumbeat began - as cable-news sages pronounced that the Iraqi scourge's execution will not improve the situation in Iraq. Or, as Newsweek intoned, "Little is gained by Saddam's demise."

These days, the first rule of war coverage is that nothing not even military victory - will improve Iraq's prospects.

The second rule is that everything is botched. So Hussein's trial was not fair, the appeals process was too

swift and the execution was insufficiently solemn.

In the 24-hour news cycle, you can kill your own citizens with impunity, subject them to starvation and lead them into an avoidable war. But, if later you are brought to justice, coverage of your trial will be not so much about the carnage as about the "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 a California death-penalty appeal. You would think it a good thing

for Iraq if Hussein had more time to foment insurgency and thumb his nose at the families of his vic-

Indeed, critics are so busy trying to transform Iraqi prosecutions into an O.J. Simpson trial that they fail to notice that the families of Kurds and Shiites who were tortured 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, Mich., home to a large community 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 terrorize his countrymen again. He will hold no more power on this earth. Somehow, that's no big-

When you think of all the innocent people who have perished during the war in Iraq, there is something refreshing about seeing the most guilty Iraqi meet his maker. Opinion Journal's James Taranto used the headline: "The World's Smallest Violin."

Oddly, some human-rights groups have their big fiddles out. Or as Richard Dicker, director of Human Rights Watch's International Justice Program, said in a press statement: "The test of a government's commitment to human rights is measured by the way it treats its worst offenders. History will judge these actions harshly.

What nonsense. The measure of

a government's commitment should be in how it treats its citizens. Hussein had countless Iraqis 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." History will focus on his misdeeds, not the timely execution of a guilty despot.

As for "little is gained" - do not think that homicidal tinpot dictators do not look at Hussein's fate and shudder. They've just found out that, if deposed, they are not guaranteed final years of luxurious 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 others trumped all.

If this execution were the martyr's end he sought, Hussein would not have greeted U.S. troops who found him in a hole in the ground 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

ant a bountiful stock tip for 2007 that will make you grin from ear-to-ear next December? Sock a lot of your seed money into Kellogg's, General Mills, Beatrice Foods, Archer Daniel Midland and Cargill.

Corn, once again is king! The humble grain that has turned thousands of hard-scrabble Midwestern farmers into millionaires over the decades is about to skyrocket in both popularity and price because of the nation's suddenly insatiable thirst for ethanol.

That's the word from Lester R. Brown, the chief deep-thinker at the Earth Policy Institute, a littleknown Washington think-tank with an excellent track record for spotting potential environmental disasters.

Troubled by the dramatic increase in corn acreage devoted to ethanol rather than food, Brown is urging a moratorium on new ethanol distilleries just as Democratic congressional leaders are proposing to tax Bfg Oil and divert the revenues to subsidize more ethanol produc-

Brown says a distillery moratorium 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.

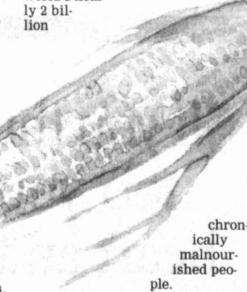
"The unprecedented diversion of the world's leading grain crop to the production of fuel will affect food prices everywhere," Brown said. As world corn prices rise, he notes, so do those of wheat and rice as consumers look for tasty substitutes and farmers compete

for increasingly scarce croplands. Brown says that investment in fuel ethanol distilleries has soared since the late-2005 hike in crude

oil prices — so much so in fact, that the federal government's collection of pertinent data has been left in the dust.

A compilation by his Earth Policy Institute showed there were 116 U.S. ethanol distilleries in production using 53 million tons of grain annually at the end of last year with 79 under construction with a capacity to devour an additional 51 million tons of grain.

In addition, designs for more than 200 new ethanol plants were on the drawing board and 11 existing ones were being expanded. Brown worries that the uncontrolled growth of Big Ethanol will wreak havoc on the global economy with near apocalyptic implications for the world's near-



The U.S. corn crop currently accounts for 40 percent of the global harvest, but a whopping 70 percent of the world's corn exports. Iowa alone exceeds the entire corn production of Canada and so does Illinois, which ranks a close second.

With corn supplies tightening fast, Brown says rising prices will hit not only products made directly from corn such as breakfast cereals, but those from animals who rely on corn for their sustenance - including pork, poultry, beef, milk, eggs and cheese.

The automotive demand for corn-based ethanol is nearly insatiable. Filling a 25-gallon tank on one mid-size vehicle consumes enough grain to feed an Egyptian peasant for a full-year. Yet converting the entire U.S. grain harvest — corn, rice, wheat, barley and oats - to ethanol would supply only 16 percent of America's motoring fuel.

What's worse, ethanol is not even an effective substitute for gasoline — requiring huge federal subsidies to compete at the pump and delivering only 70 percent the energy of an equivalent amount of

Brown predicts that the soaring food prices triggered by the ethanol splurge will spark urban food riots in many of the world's smoldering tinderboxes, including Indonesia, Egypt, Algeria, Nigeria and Mexico igniting even more anti-Western sentiment. "The world desperately

needs a strategy to deal with the emerging food-fuel battle," Brown says. "As the leading grain producer, grain exporter and ethanol producer, the United States is in the driver's seat. We need to make sure that in trying to solve one problem — our dependence on imported oil — we do not create a far more serious one: chaos in the world food economy

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 Institute's new report ought to be distributed as "required reading" to those members of Congress ever anxious to pander to the desires of Big Agriculture.

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

mid-afternoon, the gentlemanfarmer noticed the numerous hawks along the road. Perched atop telephone poles, redtailed hawks hunched forward as they searched the barren fields. Gliding along the fence rows, northern harriers flew low to the ground in search of

mice. As t h e y gripped utility wires, kestrels used their tails constantly to maintain their bal-



ance. Seeing so McCasland many different raptors

thrilled the country novice. His decision to live away from town meant extra hours on the road. Yet he had traded convenience for sunsets and silence.

"They'd better hurry," he thought as the gray, billowy clouds started sharing their moisture. Ice was quickly forming on the windshield. He knew the birds wouldn't have much more opportunity for a meal as the freezing drizzle became a menace.

As he turned off the slippery pavement, he heard the familiar crunch of icy gravel. Pulling into his carport, he was thankful he had met few vehicles on the two lane road. Stopping was difficult enough as it was. When he started to open the truck's door, he realized it took some effort to break the seal the weather had given it. He'd have to leave much earlier in the morning to get to work on time.

Throughout the night, a mixture of freezing drizzle, followed by sleet, then snow, created an ethereal countryside. The next morning, where acres of brown rows had dominat-

s he drove home now lacy trees, fragile grasses, and flat crystal land as far as he could see.

The man had memorized much of his daily drive. Fields of cotton stubble, windmills, an abandoned bus, and unplowed strips were familiar landmarks, but this morning presented some familiar sights and covered others. Leaving two hours early, he turned on to the pavement and started the arduous trip toward town.

The drive seemed endless yet beautiful. He, and nature's offering, were one. As he glanced toward his left, he noticed a dark object on top of the side of a furrow. It had not been in the field previously. Slowly skidding to a stop parallel to a fence row, he noticed the thing had a tail. "If that,s a bird, what's it doing there?" He decided to investigate.

As his boots broke through the crust of ice and snow, he pulled his coat tight about his throat. The windchill was in the teens, and he'd hate to be outside very long. Approaching the ice incrusted figure, he realized it was a bird. Clutched in the talons of one foot was a partially eaten mouse. Only the hind legs and tail remained. The man knew immediately that this was one of the little raptors that hovers over a spot before diving and capturing mice.

Afraid the kestrel had frozen during the night, he decided to take the bird rather than leave it for a coyote. His stocking cap was long and wide enough to slip over the raptor. Later he'd remove the remains of the mouse from the bird's foot. Back inside the warmth of the truck, the man placed the bird in his cap on the passenger seat.

After he had driven a few miles, he stopped. Glancing at his hat, he felt the need to look at the ed the view, there were kestrel again. As he held



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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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the wet bundle in one hand, he carefully opened the knitted gift his wife had given him. Familiar to the man, although enshrouded by ice, were the bird's rusty wings and tail with black bars.

see the dark marks on the side of the head, he was startled to see an open eye glaring at him. It blinked.

Quickly closing the cap, the man decided to bring the kestrel to us. The miles seemed endless. Pulling the cap back to Finally, he arrived in our convenience of a cell phone, he had not been able to tell us he was coming. When we answered the door that morning, we did not expect any deliveries, let alone a bird in a stocking cap.

Ice that had acted as insulation from the severe storm was still adhering to the bird's feathers. The markings and large size of the bird were that of an adult female American kestrel. From the mouse remains clutched in her foot, we figured that the bird's flight ability had already been compromised by ice forming on its wings when it spotted the mouse. Hunger had driven the bird to start eating immediately while on the ground. The added

driveway. Without the weight of the ice had made it impossible for her to fly to safety with the remainder of her catch.

Although worried about whether he had done the right thing, the man justified his taking the kestrel from an area he knew to be frequented by bobcats, coyotes and badgers. Trying to reassure him, we felt he certainly had not harmed the bird. The following week, temperatures stabilized and forecasters promised more than a week of moderate weather. Having dined on mice and exercised during her captivity, the smallest of our country's falcons took flight on a cloudless day.

Bebe McCasland is federally and licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.



Pop Goes the Weasel

South dealer NORTH **♦**Q86 ♥Q94 EAST WEST 1072 **◆**J953 ♥10862 SOUTH ◆AK4 ♥AK7

The bidding: North East Pass 3 NT All Pass four of diamonds.

There are plays that are difficult for a declarer to make because they run completely contrary to standard procedure. But bridge being the kind of game it is, there is room for an occasional deviation from the norm - especially when logic indicates that the deviation has everything to gain and nothing to lose.

Take this case where West led the four of diamonds against three notrump, and East won with the king. East returned the diamond queen, whereupon West made the

eminently correct play of the three. West's only hope was that East would later gain the lead and return a third diamond before declarer could score nine tricks. East's return of the nine indicated he did not have four diamonds originally, as in that case he would have returned his original fourth-best diamond. Declarer's most likely diamond holding, therefore, was Q-J-x-x.

Lacking a ninth trick, South now tried a club finesse. East won with the king and returned a diamond, and the contract went down one.

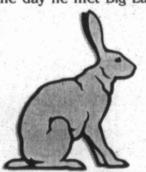
The excellent defense notwith standing, declarer did himself in at trick two when he covered East's nine of diamonds with the queen. Instead, he should have played his eight on the nine! This maneuver would have thoroughly discombobulated the defense. Another diamond lead by East would have given the defenders their third trick, and East's king of clubs would subsequently have scored their final trick.

From declarer's viewpoint, the diamond duck at trick two guarantees three notrump regardless of whether West started with four, five or six diamonds. The hard part is to think of it before the queen or jack

Tomorrow: A horrible nightmare. ©2007 King Features Syndicate In

STONEWALL JACKRABBIT AND BIG EARS HARE

a funny name for a rabthat name is because of the way he is. Tough! Stonewall Jackrabbit was one very tough rabbit. Nothing ever bothered him. Nothing! Until the day he met Big Ears



Hare! 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 computer?

The day that bothered Stonewall started out to be very beautiful. The mind at all. They had

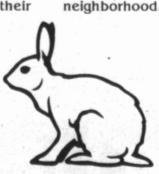
bit, isn't it? How he got treetops were dancing with each puff of the Everyone was Stonewall had happy. decided that he would have some of the delicious Prickly Pear Cactus for breakfast. He went

> his favorite cactus bush, knife and fork in hand, I mean pawl Did you know

that jackrabbits just love to eat some varieties of cacti? Did you know that cacti meant more than one cactus? Did you know that rabbits ate breakfast using a knife and fork? I didn't either! In this story, they do. They are very well-mannered rabbits.

Stonewall Jackrabbit was really enjoying his breakfast when he looked up and saw some of his friends coming along to join him. They had joined him for breakfast many times before and he didn't

Stonewall Jackrabbit is sun was shining. The heard that a strange new have big ears. Stonewall birds were singing. The rabbit had moved into their neighborhood.



They had even seen him a few times and they had laughed at his big ears. Some of them had even called him 'Big Ears.' That wasn't very nice, was it? It is never nice to call someone a name they do not like.

Stonewall Jackrabbit seen his

ears sticking up above the cacti bushes long before he ever saw the

decided to go visit this strange new neighbor. Off he went. This new rabbit was not hard to find for Stonewall had

hare. Stonewall did not think the hare's ears were so

big at all. Lots of rabbits

had big ears, too. 'My name is Stonewall," he said to the stranger,

'What is your name?' ' Very happy to meet you," the stranger said

Stonewall, 'My name is Harry Hare.' 'Please join me and my friends for breakfast

over in my favorite cactus patch," Stonewall said to Harry Hare. 'Don't let the

other rabbits bother you by calling you Big Ears. They just do not understand that they may be hurting your feelings.

Besides, I think my own ears are bigger than yours." They both laughed.

As they were entering the favorite cactus patch, the other rabbits started

laughing at poor Harry Hare again. Stonewall was very bothered by this and quickly put a stop to it. 'Never call anyone a name,' he cried 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 him! Stonewall jackrabbit didn't see him,

either! Harry Hare didn't see him, but because of his very big ears, he heard him! It was the

hawk that lived nearby! 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, hide, hide anywhere. A hawk is coming!' Before the hawk could reach any of the rabbits, they had been warned soon enough to hide. They

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were safe from the hawk, And all because of Harry Hare's big ears!

'I wish I had big ears,' cried the bunny. 'I wish I had big ears," cried the cottontail. 'Me, too,' said all of the other rabbits. 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 did! Now they know that 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 can tell you, 'Good Night!'

Big !

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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 requiring apartment landlords to verify the citizenship or immigration status of their tenants.

During a meeting Monday, the City Council voted to put a rental ordinance they approved late last year on the ballot May 12. But in the meantime, the council plans to let the new rule take effect Friday.

The Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund plans to ask the courts for an 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 elections, said Elizabeth Villafranca, president of the Farmers Branch chapter of the League of United Latin American Citizens.

In November, the City Council unanimously approved requiring property managers or owners verify the immigration or citizenship status of apartment 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 resolutions making English the city's official language and allowing local authorities to become part of a federal program so they can enforce immigration laws.

Opponents of the ordinances had submitted a petition in hopes of forcing a vote on the measures, a move allowed under the city's charter. More than 1,200 registered voters from Farmers Branch signed it, far exceeding the number required to force a vote, said attorney William Brewer, who represents several opponents of the new rule.

Jury to begin deliberating sentence for truck driver Tuesday

HOUSTON (AP) — Arms around each other, family members of a truck driver facing a possible death sentence 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 the 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 closing arguments in his retrial.

More than 70 immigrants from Mexico, Central America and the Dominican Republic were packed inside Williams' trailer in the failed 2003 smuggling attempt from South Texas to Houston. Nineteen died from dehydration, overheating and suffocation after nearly four hours inside the oven-like container.

Washington told jurors Monday that Williams gave water to the immigrants crammed into the trailer before he abandoned the container near Victoria, about 100 miles southwest of Houston. Williams also has admitted guilt and expressed remorse, signs he could be rehabilitated, Washington said.

But Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel Rodriguez told jurors Williams was a "cold-hearted, callous, depraved" individual who deserves a death sentence because he alone could have freed the immigrants before they died but chose not to open the trailer's doors.

Newly renovated Capitol apartment at stake in speaker's election

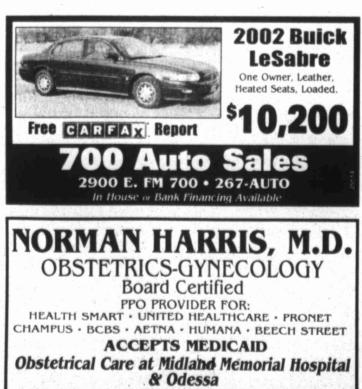
AUSTIN (AP) — Some valuable real estate is at stake as members of the Texas House of Representatives elect a new leader at the start of the biennial legisla-

And it's not just the podium at the front of the House chamber.

.The winner gets access to the nation's only residence inside a statehouse, a 2,000-square-foot apartment that recently got a pricey — and controversial — makeover 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 chamber is expected to vote on Tuesday afternoon.

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 to potential donors last year, the 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 principal found to have segregated Latino students from white children has been moved to an administrative job.

Teresa Parker, former principal of Preston Hollow Elementary, started working Monday in the Dallas Independent School District's alternative education programs. Parker chose to work in the department after receiving several options, said DISD spokesman 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. "We gave her a number of options to chose from, but we told her that being principal at Preston Hollow wasn't one of them."

Woman gets 2 1/2 years for mailing marijuana to herself

AMARILLO (AP) — An Amarillo woman who mailed 78 pounds of marijuana to herself was sentenced to 2 1/2 years in federal prison Monday.

Tiffany Joy Kelly, 28, pleaded guilty in October to one count of illegal use of a communication facility, the U.S. Attorney's Office in Dallas said in a 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 parcels.

A search warrant allowed officials to open the packages, which were then resealed and sent to Kelly at a motel in Amarillo.

Kelly was arrested after accepting the packages. Prosecutors said she admitted buying the marijuana and mailing it to herself so she could distribute it.

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Martin Luther King Jr.

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What was Martin Luther King Jr.'s

family and educational background?

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fought for the rights of all people, regardless of race, religion or any other factor that some people use to differentiate. Equality was

The federal holiday in King's honor was first celebrated in

ages to go out into their communities and serve, just as King did.

The hope is that his holiday is not a day off, but a time when peo-

King was born Jan. 15, 1929, at his family's home in Atlanta.

While in his junior year at Booker T. Washington High School,

Elementary School in Atlanta — even though he was below the

legal school age of 6. When his age was discovered, he was not

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

King continued his studies at several institutions, and earned

his doctorate of philosophy in 1955 at age 26. He also was award-

ed honorary degrees from colleges and universities in the United

In 1953, King married Coretta Scott at her family's home in

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Labor leader and civil rights activist Philip Randolph organized the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters in 1925. It was the first union of mainly black workers to be recognized by the American Federation of Labor.

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A dream of

A national holiday

honors the life of

civil-rights leader

By KARALEE MILLER McClatchy Newspapers

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, the served as co-pastor with his

King was elected president of the Montgomery Improvement

Association, the organization that started the Montgomery bus

He also was a founder of the Southern Christian Leadership

— and the third black man — to receive the honor.

How did King come to be honored

How did King die?

prison at age 70 in 1998.)

with a national holiday?

Conference, for which he served as president from 1957 to 1968.

the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. At 35, he was the youngest man

boycott. The boycott, which began Dec. 1, 1955, after Rosa Parks

was arrested for refusing to give up her seat to a white passenger,

King was arrested 30 times for his role in civil-rights activities.

Among his many accomplishments and awards, King received

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

later, James Earl Ray was arrested in London for King's assassi-

nation. On March 9, 1969, before coming to trial, Ray entered a

guilty plea and was sentenced to 99 years in prison. (He died in

Four days after King's assassination, Rep. John Conyers, a

Michigan Democrat, submitted legislation proposing King's birth-

day as a holiday. However, it would take several years and millions

In the 1980s, President Ronald Reagan was clear that he did

not want to make King's birthday a holiday. He thought it should

be a day of remembrance and not a paid holiday. Pressured by his

The first observance of King's birthday as a national holiday was

aides, however, Reagan signed the legislation on Nov. 2, 1983.

of signatures on petitions to Congress for that to become reality.

wages and intolerable working conditions. About two months

father back at Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Chatter Box

Peace is not merely a distant goal that we seek, but a means by which we arrive at that goal." Martin Luther King, Jr., thinkexist.com

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 government must gain control over rebel fighters. Iraqis are not yet ready to take 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 face daily struggles, resistance and attacks from Iraqi 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 a timetable to bring many troops home in 2007. But several top Army generals believe that this is an unrealistic goal. They say there is still much more work to be done in 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 U.S. Winter Olympians.

The third top newsmakers are philanthropists Warren Buffett, and Bill and Melinda Gates. The second top newsmaker is Nobel Peace Prize

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winner Muhammad Yunus. SOURCES: WWW.THEKINGCENTER.ORG; NOBELPRIZE.ORG

How did King get involved Jan. 20, 1986. King's birthday now is celebrated on the third in the civil-rights movement? Monday in January. King began his career as a minister, ordained in February 1948 Snuggly fleece scarves

Wrap up in style with a simple sewing project. These scarves are so easy to make, you can create a bunch in no time at all. Plus, it's easy to personalize them so that each one is just perfect for its recipient. Does Mom love flowers? Does your best

friend like hearts? You can make scarves just for them.

MATERIALS ■ 7- by 60-inch rectangle of col-

ored fleece Scraps of fleece in assorted colors

Scissors or pinking shears ■ Needle

■ Embroidery floss in assorted

Try This

Time needed: One to two hours DIRECTIONS

1. Choose a motif — perhaps one shown here, or a brand-new design you've thought up yourself.

2. Cut out the shapes you'll need to create it from the scraps of fleece. For example, a night scene might consist of several stars and a crescent moon. Or you can use two circles for a snowman's body and head and then add a

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hat and other distinguishing details.

3. Experiment with where to place your cutouts on the scarf (we decorated

a 12-inch portion just above a lower edge).

4. Use the needle and floss

to attach the pieces with single stitches knotted by hand. One stitch should be enough to hold smaller pieces (such as a flower or snowflake). Larger pieces (such as the crescent moon) may take two or more stitches. Trim the ends above each knot to the length you desire.

5. For fringe, make a series of 4-inch long snips in the scarf bottom. Then tie an overhand knot at the top of each strip.

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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, authorities said.

Flames boiled furiously out of the skeletons of multimillion-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 number 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

Actress Victoria Principal was among the residents 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 bordered by Iran and Oman and serve as the entrance to the Persian Gulf.

Damage to the fast-attack USS Newport News submarine and the supertanker was light and there was no resulting spill of oil or leakage of nuclear fuel, officials from the U.S. Navy and the Japanese government

Both ships remained able to navigate, Navy officials

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, causing 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 Navy and the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo.

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 the Internet, showing the deposed Iraqi leader's 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 Tuesday, pans up the shrouded body of the former leader from the feet. It apparently was taken shortly after Saddam was executed and placed on a gurney. He

was hanged shortly before dawn on P As the panning shot reaches the white shroud is pulled back and I 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 blotches, and there is blood on the shroud where it 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

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

Troop plan faces Demo opposition

By ANNE FLAHERTY

Associated Press Writer WASHINGTON

President Bush is telling 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 to call for as many as 20,000 additional troops.

The extra forces would be sent to Baghdad, which has been consumed by sectarian violence, and western Anbar Province, a base of the mostly Sunni insurgency and foreign al-Qaida fighters, Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, and others said following the session with Bush.

A day before Bush's nationally televised speech describing his proposal, Sen. Edward Kennedy, a longtime critic of Bush and the war, will propose legislation denying him the billions needed to send more troops to war unless Congress agrees first. Though it was unclear whether the bill would ever reach the full Senate, it could at least serve as a rallying point for the most insistent foes of the Iraq conflict.

Democrats seem divided on whether to block funds for troop increases, but many were not ruling it out. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D. Nev., said Democrats would "look at everything" in their power to curb the war, short of cutting money for troops already in the field.

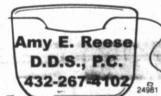
Sen. Carl Levin, Dof the Armed Services Committee, said he would only consider an increase in U.S. forces in Iraq if Bush agreed to start withdrawing troops within six months.

"We've got to focus the attention of the Iraqis on their responsibility for their own country," Levin told the Detroit Free Press.

The bill by Kennedy, D-Mass., is guaranteed to fuel the debate among lawmakers on how far they should go to try to force the president's hand on the unpopular war.

Under the Constitution, the president has broad war-making powers, while Congress controls spending. Democratic leaders have swiftly Mich., the new chairman rejected any suggestion of withholding money from troops already in combat zones.

"The Congress has the power of the purse and what we are saying is before the president sends additional American troops into the civil war, the president has to come back to the Congress and get the authority for that deployment," Kennedy said Tuesday.





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

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Colts and Manning looking to advance

The Indianapolis Colts have not lowered their expectations. They still envision a Super Bowl title next month.

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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 atop The Associated Press Top 25 after upsetting Ohio State 41-14 in the BCS national championship game, a matchup Florida lobbied hard for late in the regular season when it looked as if the Gators would be left out.

Ohio State finished No. 2. LSU was third, and Southern California and Boise State rounded out the top five.

Florida received all but one of the 65 firstplace votes. Boise State, 13-0, got the other from Greg Archuleta of the Albuquerque Journal in New Mexico.

North Carolina moves to No. 1 in AP

North Carolina is No. in The Associated Press' college basketball poll for the first time in almost six years. The wait has been quite a bit longer for Washington State, which is ranked for the first time in

almost 24 years. The Tar Heels (14-1) moved into the top spot after three weeks at No. 2 following UCLA's loss at Oregon last weekend.

Breeders' Cup increses purse

The Breeders' Cup got bigger and richer Monday, with thorough bred racing's showcase event expanding to 11 races over two days in the largest addition to the competition since it

began 24 years ago. Three \$1 million races were added to the program, beginning with this year's Breeders' Cup Championships at Monmouth Park.

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Tuesday, January 9, 2007

Gators shock nation in BCS game

By BEN WALKER

Sports

AP National Writer

GLENDALE, 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 Ohio State, they poured on the

compliments. When they got on the field Monday night, the Gators showed how they really felt.

Second-ranked Florida turned 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-"I could name four or five teams 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 perfection 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 in the Eiesta Bowl on New Year's



Florida's Cornelius Ingram runs away from Ohio State's Jamario O'Neal in the first half during the BCS national

other first-place vote in the AP

championship game. The Gators won in a route, 41-14.

Florida's amazingly easy victory left the Gators with a 13-1 calls for a playoff system.

Day? The No. 5 Broncos got the record and the Buckeyes at 12-1. That, and with Wisconsin and Louisville also having lost just once, will almost surely renew

"I love Boise State. We don't want to go play them. We're done, we're done, then

See GATORS, Page 2B

Texas Tech moves to 2-0 in Big 12 play

By DAVE SKRETTA

Associated Press Writer Hanne

MANHATTAN, Kan. Jarrius Jackson scored 23 points and Texas Tech shut down the Kansas State offense in a 62-52 victory Monday

Martin Zeno added 12 points and freshman Decensae White had 11 for the Red Raiders (13-4, 2-0 Big 12), who have won seven of their last eight and are off to their best start in three years.

Texas Tech, playing without starting center Esmir Rizvic, led 27-26 at halftime before building a 41-32 lead with about 10 minutes left in the game.

The Wildcats (10-6, 0-2) used a 9-0 spurt to cut the lead to two points, but Texas Tech coach Bob Knight quickly called a time-out that quieted the Bramlage Coliseum crowd. The Red Raiders scored immediately out of the break and slowly built their lead back up to 11 with just under 4 minutes to

play. Jackson was the catalyst, penetrating the lane to draw fouls and hitting short jump shots every time Kansas State threatened to get back in the game. The Big 12's third-leading scorer added seven rebounds, three assists and was

8-of-9 from the free throw line. David Hoskins had 23 points on 7-of-13 shooting to lead the Wildcats, who have lost three in a row since winning the Las

Vegas Holiday Classic in December. Leading scorer Cartier Martin was held to only six points on 2-of-11 shooting, and didn't hit his first field goal until the 10:29 mark of the second half.

It was only the third meeting between Knight and Kansas State coach Bob Huggins, who together have 1,459 career wins and rank first and seventh among active Division I coaches in victories. The two hadn't faced each other since Knight was at Indiana and Huggins at Cincinnati more than 14 years ago. Knight has won all three meetings by double digits.

Employing Knight's trademark man-to-man defense and harassing the Wildcats in the half court, Texas Tech held Kansas State without a field goal for nearly nine minutes in the first half.

The Red Raiders kept the pressure up throughout the second half, holding Kansas State to 30 percent shooting for the game. The Wildcats hit only 2-of-15 3-pointers and committed 14 turnovers.

Both teams were playing without major contributors who were injured in their Big 12 openers on Saturday.

Rizvic suffered a fractured eye socket during a 68-54 victory over Oklahoma. The 7-foot center, who was hit in the face by an elbow from Sooner for

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McGrady fuels Rockets past the Bulls with 31 points

By ANDREW SELIGMAN

AP Sports Writer CHICAGO - Tracy McGrady was tired, tight, and couldn't shake his defender. He was feeling 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 victory over the Chicago Bulls on

Monday night. "I couldn't seem to get going, physically," McGrady said.

But once he found the energy, he didn't stop.

with 1:19 left to break a 77-77 tie. Houston's Shane Battier blocked a driving layup by Ben Gordon with 25 seconds left. McGrady then hit one of two free throws to make it a three-point game and Chuck Hayes and Luther Head added two foul shots apiece.

Texas Tech's Martin Zeno, left, battles of a rebound before the Red Raiders

started Big 12 competition. Texas Tech is now 2-0 in conference play.

MCT photo/Rich Sugg/Kansas City Star

point performance for McGrady, 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,

It was the sixth straight 30-

made some adjustments, (got) the ball on the move a lot and (created) some space on offense," he said. Juwan Howard added 16 points

and nine rebounds. Dikembe

and the Rockets won for the sixth time in eight games since Yao Ming broke a bone in his right leg. They hit just 34 of 87 shots, including 8-of-32 on 3pointers, but the Bulls never got going, either.

Chicago went 30-for-82, including 3-of-15 from long range. The Bulls suffered their third loss in four games - each by seven points or less.

"A lot of shots we had were open," said forward Michael Sweetney, who had eight points and six rebounds. "We just had an off night."

Gordon led Chicago with 24 points, and Luol Deng scored 20 after finishing with 30 in McGrady hit a 22-foot jumper Mutombo grabbed 16 rebounds, Saturday's 106-89 win over

Detroit.

"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. Dikembe Mutombo protects the 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 game since Dec. 23, when he frac-

tured a bone below his knee See ROCKETS, Page 2B

Tomlinson leads way

By BARRY WILNER

AP Football Writer

 San Diego charged through the NFL season, putting up the league's best record at 14-2. No wonder five Chargers made The Associated Press All-Pro team.

back Running Tomlinson LaDainian was a unanimous choice, and was joined by tight end Antonio Gates, fullback Lorenzo Neal, defensive tackle Jamal Williams and linebacker Shawne Merriman on the elite squad. Merriman made it despite serving a four-game suspension for violating the league's steroids policy. Merriman still wound up with a 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 Player and Offensive Player of the Year awards. "I think that's significant and ... I'm obviously very happy to be named on it."

Tomlinson, who set NFL records for points with 186, touchdowns with 31 and TDs rushing with 28, was one of three unanimous choice by a nationwide panel of 50 sports writers and broadcasters who cover the NFL. Bailey tied for the league lead with 10 interceptions even though opponents tried to avoid throwing to the Broncos cornerback's side of the field.

quarterback .Saints Drew Brees edged the Colts' Peyton Manning 25 votes to 24 for the quarterback spot. It was the first time since 2002 that Manning was not the first-team quarterback.

Brees engineered the turnaround in New Orleans from 3-13 to 10-6 and an NFC South division title.

He was joined on the All-Pro squad by Saints second-year tackle Jammal Brown.

In all, there are 18 AFC players and 10 from the

NFL names All-Pros, | Colts may thrive as outsider in playoffs

By BARRY WILNER

AP Football Writer

INDIANAPOLIS - The Indianapolis Colts have not lowered their expectations. They still envision a Super Bowl title next month.

Yet the Colts, burdened by a sieve of a run defense and an unimpressive final seven games of the regular season, entered the playoffs as more of an outsider than a championship contender. Judging by their performance in their postseason opener, that might be a very good thing for Peyton Manning and his

Not that they will ever go unnoticed as long as the premier quarterback of his generation is flinging 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

The focus is on San

2 record, the 492 points the scored,

MVP/Offensive Player of Year (LaDainian Tomlinson), the leading man (Shawne sack Merriman) and five All-

And it's on Baltimore. which has a defense reminiscent of the stultifying 2000 NFL champions, and 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 Steelers.

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 offense that can move the ball in a number of ways. Defensively, it's always better when you play with the lead, but that hasn't been the case. We haven't had a lot of big leads this

to be very well-prepared

to go into Baltimore." Consider: Manning has not

been at his best this season. Sure, he's excelled far more than he's bombed, but there have been instances, particu-Saturday larly last against the Chiefs, when he wasn't the main reason Indianapolis won.

 The combination of Addai and Dominic Rhodes has ably replaced Edgerrin James, and Addai has more gamebreaking potential than James.

 Marvin Harrison was a nonfactor against the Chiefs and Reggie Wayne was a supporting receiver. So Dallas Clark, the perfect antidote in the passing game Baltimore's active linebackers, caught nine passes for 103 yards.

 With tear-your-headoff safety Bob Sanders back in the lineup, Indy's defense looked quite capable against Kansas City. It will need a similar effort in Baltimore, but before the playoffs began, speculation centered on whether Johnson would

Diego, with the gaudy 14- year. I think we're going rush for 200 yards at the RCA Dome. He got 32 and his team got 44.

"We have a good defense," said tackle Anthony McFarland, who played on a very good one in Tampa Bay and won a championship. "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 you can get."

Most significant, it's quite possible the Colts have learned from past failures, including going flat in the postseason after an early clinching of the division. Dungy doesn't think there's an advantage to turning it on for the playoffs — he says it's not "good strategy" but it was clear from their domination of Kansas City that the Colts have a better feel for the postseason this January.

Does that make them a potent threat to get to the big game, where any AFC representative should win? This Saturday's matchup with the Ravens should answer that.

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"How do I compare both of them? Well, I have confetti landing on my head," Gator's athletic director Jeremy Foley said after the championship game. "I couldn't believe it in April, I can't believe it now. I can't

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finished," Meyer said.

"There are probably five, six, seven great football teams in this country and there is one way to 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 questioned whether Florida belonged in this game. The coach urged his Gators not to take the bait.

'Always say great things about your opponent. If you're going to talk, talk about your teammates," Meyer said.

"Like I said, motivation, it was not an issue. If you are looking for a great

pregame speech, didn't have to make any. We had one for 30 days there," he

Ohio State started out like the one-touchdown favorite it was, but only for an instant.

Ted Ginn Jr. returned the opening kickoff 93 yards for a touchdown, but then it quickly fell apart for the Buckeyes. Ginn hurt his foot in the touchdown celebration and hobbled off after Ohio State's first offensive play.

By the time he returned for the second half on crutches, Florida led 34-

n't keep the pressure where we needed it to be,' Buckeyes coach Jim Tressel said.

"Ohio State didn't get it done," he said.

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 get the University of Florida back here," Leak said. Smith, meanwhile.

joined a long list of Heisman Trophy quarterbacks - Jason White, Eric Crouch and Gino Torretta, among them for 35 yards with one play of the game and from five times and held him to that point on really could- minus-29 yards on 10

> "Not everything in life is going to go the exact way you want it," Smith

said. "I don't have any regrets, though. I really don't. We came out and fought. 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 Smith. Linebacker Earl Everett got into the act, too, running down Smith on one play despite missing his helmet.

"Nobody never gave us a chance at all," Florida receiver Dallas Baker said. "We came here with to fall apart in bowl a chip on our shoulder games. He was just 4-of-14 and something to prove. a chip on our shoulder Nobody gave us a chance, "We scored on the first interception, sacked him but finally we can throw up the No. 1."

It was the national title for Florida, adding to the Heisman winner Danny Wuerffel brought home in 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 one the basketball Gators won by beating UCLA for the national championship in Indianapolis last spring.

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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. "We're a team that hangs in there," coach Jeff Van Gundy said. "We've been without Yao or McGrady or

both since (early December). It hasn't been a situation

of woe is me. We've tried to fight and claw, play good 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

it, the Rockets "played terrible basketball." McGrady got going, and the Rockets wiped out the lead. 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 loss to Minnesota, started the quarter with a 3. McGrady added two more as the lead reached 65-58,

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ward Longar Longar, was scheduled to have surgery Monday and will likely miss the rest of the season.

Before game, the Huggins announced that

Texas A&M. scorer will months of rehabilitation.

talented freshman forward Bill Walker tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee during a 69-65 loss at No. 8 Wildcats' third-leading undergo surgery in a week to 14 days and faces six to eight

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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 quarter, we came out and made some adjustments on the defensive end. We put a stop to their tough guys 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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> **GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Your plan is in motion, though perhaps only in your mind. Anyway, powers come to your aid when you act as though you already have a force behind you. Be bold. Be big. Be mighty.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Many new demands come into your world, and the old ones aren't going anywhere. The result is a glut. If you keep your optimism, people and events organize them--today. selves. Miraculous!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The philosopher Albert Camus said, "In the depth of winter I finally learned that there was in me an invincible summer." You find yourself similarly remarkable now, and others thrive around your bright glow.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You get snarled in the neediness of others, but you don't mind a bit. Humans are fragile. You

became involved with

Gary, she has snubbed

me. My younger sister,

Amy, had lived with me,

rent-free, for more than

five years and was

absolutely furious when

have left is my mother,

and I cannot even visit

her when my sisters are

at her house because they

This has been going on

for six months, and I am

at my wits' end about how

to deal with them. I have

tried placating them,

ignoring their caustic

remarks, trying to reason

with them, all to no avail.

They don't speak to Gary,

except to say hello when

they accidentally run into

him, and have nothing

but bad things to say

about him behind his

I'd hate to lose my sis-

ters completely. I used to

think of them as my

friends. What do I do

now? - Ostracized in

Dear Omaha: Do your

sisters have any reason to

dislike Gary? If not, they

are being jealous and vin-

dictive. In time, they

should get past this, but

the process can be unpleasant. Tell them

how much you love them,

and add, calmly, that

their behavior will accom-

plish nothing but hard

feelings. Meanwhile, vis-

iting your mother should

be up to Mom, not Pam

and Amy. Enlist her help

to make it clear to your

sisters that you are wel-

come in her home. (If

they don't like to see you

there, they should leave.)

Dear Annie: My son is

getting married next

spring. The parents of the

bride have already told us

back.

Omaha

refuse to see me.

when tenderness is so obviously required.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You know your loved ones quite well and can therefore 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

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your plans seem to whir and blur around you. Welcome to life in a blender. But this evening, your buttons are no longer being pressed and you can relax, perhaps with a blended drink of your own.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Sure, you're fabulous under pressure, but who needs it? When you refuse to obligate yourself, you'll find you're in find beauty in it. So it's the unique position to any supposedly "tough" easy for you to be tender give joyfully, voluntarily rock 'n' roll guys.

and more than anyone expects.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're modeling for those who look up to you. Your success secret is a simple one: When you fall, get up. This, done consistently, relentlessly and often, is what makes

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been in years. He moved in six months ago. The problem is my sisters, "Pam and Amy." Pam recently ended a bad relationship, and since I

KATHY MITCHELL MARCY SUGAR

we are only obligated for the traditional items she had to move out. (flowers, rehearsal din-She's barely spoken to me ner, etc.). The bride's parsince. The only family I ents are paying for everything else.

The bride's parents initially 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 have steady girlfriends 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 the money to do some remodeling on our house instead. Would it be selfish of us to ask the groomsmen to bunk together, even though they were originally told they'd have individual rooms? We absolutely love our future daughterin-law and don't want anyone to be angry with us. Our son wants his groomsmen to have separate rooms. Your opinion?

— The Groom's Mom Dear Mom: You can ask 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 newlyweds.

Dear Annie: I read with interest the letter from "Stressed-Out Parents" of the 35-year-old woman who is abusing drugs.

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once, we gave her food, a home, bought her a car and gave her enough money to get back on her feet. She stole everything that wasn't nailed down, abandoned her children (we are raising them), and has 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 family for the child who refuses to get well. - Giving Up in South Dakota

Dear S.D.: Letters such as yours make us sad. We: hope someday soon your daughter will get the help: she needs.

Dear Annie: I have been married for 13 years. It have beautiful kids and a wife I love intensely. The problem is, she acts like I'm not even alive. I hug her and tell her I love her on a regular basis. She will kiss me if nobody else is remotely close. She never hugs me or makes me feel like I mean anything to her.

When we first married, she made me feel like a king. Now I can't do any thing right. She holds her boss in high esteem. I never get higher than the toilet. The most attention I get from her is when I come home on payday.

I'm still crazy in love with her, but the way she acts, I can't help but wonder 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 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, lost the inclination to be demonstrative with you. These are issues that require open discussion, and if telling her directly how you feel doesn't help, you need a third-party mediator who can help 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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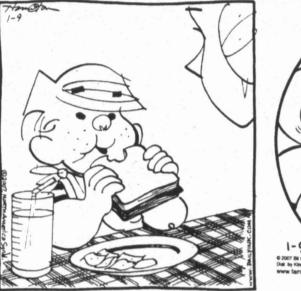
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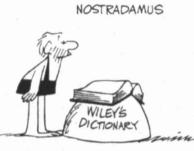


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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 9, the ninth day of 2007. There are 356 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 9, 1913, Richard Milhous Nixon, the 37th president of the United States, was born in Yorba Linda, Calif. On this date:

In 1788,

Connecticut became the fifth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1793, Frenchman Jean Pierre Blanchard, using a balloon, flew hot-air between Philadelphia and Woodbury, N.J. In 1861, Mississippi seced-

ed from the Union.

In 1861, the Star of the West, a merchant vessel bringing reinforcements to Federal troops at Fort Sumter, S.C., retreated after being fired on by a battery in the harbor.

In 1945, during World War II, American forces began landing at Lingayen Gulf in the Philippines. In 1957, Anthony Eden

resigned as British prime minister; he was succeeded by Harold Macmillan. In 1964, anti-U.S. rioting

broke out in the Panama Canal Zone, resulting in the deaths of 21 Panamanians and three U.S. soldiers. In 1968, the Surveyor 7 space probe made a soft

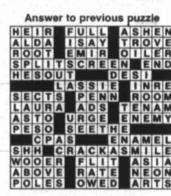
landing on the moon, marking the end of the American series of unmanned explorations of the lunar surface. In 1972, reclusive billionaire Howard Hughes, speaking by telephone from the

Bahamas to reporters in Hollywood, said a purported biography of him by Clifford Irving was a fake. In 1987, the White House released a memorandum prepared for President

Reagan in January 1986 that showed a definite link between U.S. arms sales to Iran and the release of American hostages Lebanon. Today's Birthdays: Author

Judith Krantz is 79. Football Hall-of-Famer Bart Starr is 73. Sportscaster Dick Enberg is 72. Actress K. Callan is 71. Folk singer Joan Baez is 66. Actress Susannah York is 66. Rock musician Jimmy Page (Led Zeppelin) is 63. Singer David Johansen (aka Buster Poindexter) is 57. Singer Crystal Gayle is 56. Actor J.K. Simmons is 52. Rock musician Erlandson is 44. Actress Joely Richardson is 42. Rock musician Carl Bell (Fuel) is 40. Rock singer Steve Harwell (Smash Mouth) is 40. Rock singer-musician Dave Matthews is 40. Actress-director Lauren Adams is 39. Singer A.J. McLean (Backstreet Boys) is 29.

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