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Commission split on leadership

Harrison chosen mayor on 32 vote, Denver declines vice-mayor nomination

By KERRY PERCY
DENVER

The city commission split 32-18 on Tuesday to elect Steve Harrison as mayor, but the commission failed to elect a vice mayor, leaving the position open.

Harrison, 52, was elected mayor on a 32-18 vote. He is the first African American to hold the office since 1965. He was previously the city's deputy mayor.

The commission also failed to elect a vice mayor. The commission had previously voted to elect a vice mayor, but the vote was tied 18-18.

The commission will meet again on Tuesday to elect a vice mayor.

Trying to decrease wind erosion, maintain soil moisture

By JEFFREY W. HARRIS
DENVER

The United States Department of Agriculture is helping farmers in the Rocky Mountain West region to reduce wind erosion and maintain soil moisture.

The agency is providing technical assistance and funding to help farmers implement conservation practices such as no-till farming, cover crops, and windbreaks.

The program is part of the National Conservation Adoptions Program, which provides financial incentives for farmers to adopt conservation practices.

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By JEFFREY W. HARRIS
WASHINGTON

Rep. Louie Gohmert (R-Texas) has demanded answers from Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano regarding the agency's response to the Boston Marathon bombings.

Gohmert said that the agency's response was inadequate and that it had failed to protect the public.

Napolitano has defended the agency's response, saying that it was a complex and difficult task.

Former Liberal residents receive Philanthropist of the Year award in OKC

By JEFFREY W. HARRIS
OKLAHOMA CITY

The former Liberal residents of the Oklahoma City area have been honored with the Philanthropist of the Year award in Oklahoma City.

The award was presented to a group of former Liberal residents who have made significant contributions to the community.

The award was presented by the Oklahoma City Philanthropic Society.