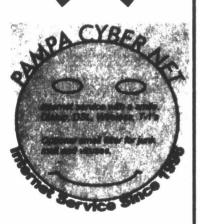
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LOCAL

City Commission will discuss city manager selection

Pampa City Commission will meet Thursday afternoon to discuss selection of a new city manager.

The commission will go into closed session to talk about the personnel matter. They will reconvene in open session to take any

The meeting is scheduled for 2 p.m., Thursday, in the Pampa City Commission chambers.

PHS Choir plans pancake breakfast to raise trip funds

Pampa High School Choir members will host a pancake breakfast from 6 a.m. to 11 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 9, at Chaney's Cafe, 716 W. Foster. Breakfast is \$5.50 per person.

Proceeds go to the choir's trip to England in the spring.

DEATHS

Cunningham Schmidt, 94, homemaker.

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CHILDERS BROTHERS HOUSE LEVELING





(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

As Rural Metro Ambulance Service paramedics, Louann Humphrey, left, and Kathy Tinney, right, grab their equipment as one of two critically burned men, believed to be Lyle Johnson, 49, of Amarillo, walks to the ambulance, his burned clothes hanging in shreds.

Two critical after blast rocks home

By DEE DEE LARAMORE EDITOR

Fumes from a cleaning fluid ignited by a heat source are believed to have caused the explosion in a north Pampa home Tuesday afternoon that critically burned two workmen

The two men, tentatively identified by fire officials as Lyle Johnson, 49, of Amarillo, and Michael Steven Smail, unknown age and address, were listed in critical condition at University Medical Center's burn unit in Lubbock.

Both men suffered extensive burns to their hands, arms, torso and faces from the powerful blast at the Dennis Stowers residence, 1001 Deer ·Place, in northeast Pampa. A housekeeper, who was not identified, was also at the residence when the explosion happened but was not reported to be injured.

"I thought something had hit the house. I literally thought something big had run into our house," said Robert Finney, who was at his home across the street from the Stowers with his wife Susan. "I ran out to see what could have hit it."

Susan Finney said she was in the kitchen when it happened.

"It was a huge explosion," them, but they wouldn't let



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Rural Metro paramedic Kathy Tinney attends a second injured workman, tentatively identified by fire officials as Michael Steven Smail.

she said. "I ran outside and the us," she said men were running out of the

were on fire.

sit down. We tried to help. Stevens. "They were using the

"All indications point to the house on fire. Their clothes two workers using lacquer thinner as the probable cause," "We tried to get them to said Pampa Fire Marshal Gary

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Hard-fought races yield 2 incumbents, 1 newcomer

Managing Editor

The 2002 election is now a memory in Gray County and across the nation.

A longtime county commissioner was defeated, an incumbent county judge was returned to office and an incumbent Justice of the Peace received a large majority to be elected to his first term in office.

Local businessman Gary Willoughby won his bid for the Precinct 2 County Commission seat defeating four-term commissioner Jim Greene Tuesday night, 791-

Willoughby carried all three voting precincts in the race to unseat Greene. Precinct totals were as follows: Precinct 2, Willoughby, 95; Greene, 75; Precinct 10, Willoughby, 197; Greene 83; and Precinct 13, Willoughby. 198; and Greene, 125.

Willoughby and his suporters were out early morning removing campaign signs. He said he and his crew had over 800 yard signs and 60 large signs to get picked up, adding the job would be complete by 5 p.m. today.

"I want to thank all the voters that helped me through prayer and their support," said Willoughby this morning. "I want to especially thank my Lord, my wife and my children."

"This election is a direct response to the people's voice," he said. "What I want to do now is meet with the guys of Precinct 2 and map out a plan of action for 2003, beginning Jan. 1, according to the people's voice," he said.

Willoughby, 41, said he wanted a smooth transition.

Longtime Commissioner Jim Greene said this morning he was appreciative of the support he received.

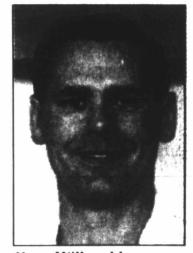
"I appreciate everybody who supported me all through the years. I always did my homework on the issues so I could make an educated deci-



Joe Martinez Justice of Peace, Pct. 1,3



Richard Peet Gray County Judge



Gary Willoughby Pct. 2 Commissioner

sion," he said. "I don't feel bad about any decision Lever made.

Greene said he had never been in a campaign that was so negative.

In the Justice of the Peace (See **RACES**, Page 3)

Gray County voters follow state's lead

Managing Editor

Voters in Gray County followed statewide voting as Texas went overwhelmingly Republican in Tuesday's elections. A total of 6,240 Gray County voters went to the polls in the general election.

In Gray County, incumbent Governor Rick Perry lead with 4.572 votes over Tony Sanchez, 1.328. The Phil Gramm who retires at the end of the year. governor's race was described by many political observers as the nastiest gubernatorial race in the history of Texas. Combined, Perry and Sanchez reportedly spent \$90 million on the campaign.

The U. S. Senate race was another closely watched race. John Cornyn won over Ron Kirk in Gray County, 4,634-1,303. He will replace Senator who received 1,794.

ELECTION

Cornyn is currently attorney general while Kirk is former mayor of Dallas.

Lieutenant governor was another hotly contested race in the state. Present Land Commissioner David Dewhurst garnered 4,191 votes locally to carry Gray County over former State Comptroller John Sharp

Other races in Gray County went right along with voters across the state. Returns locally were as fol-

Attorney General, Greg Abbott, 4,676, and Kirk Watson, 1,214;

Comptroller of Public Accounts, Carole Keeton Rylander, 5,098, and Marty Akins, 911;

Commissioner of General Land Office – Jerry Patterson, 4,185, David Bernsen, 1,480;

Secretary of Agriculture – Susan Combs, 4,605,

Tom Ramsay, 1,265;

Railroad Commissioner - Michael Williams, 4,439, Sherry Boyles, 1,346; Chief Justice, Supreme Court - Tom Phillips,

4,526, Richard G. Baker, 1,237; Justice S Court, PL

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Did You Know...

What Was The First Fast Food In Pampa?

Information Was Obtained From "Gray County Heritage" 1985 - Pampa Chamber Of Commerce 669-3241 Kentucky Fried Chicken, Then The Dairy Queen, Pizza Hut, Pizza Inn. and Cock O' The Walk

ON RECORD

POLICE

Pampa Police Department reported the following arrests and incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, Nov. 5

Timothy James Adcock, 19, 1601 Somerville, Apt. 504, was arrested on a warrant out of Hemphill County for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Betsy Amanda Crossman, 18, 1601 Somerville, Apt. 504, was arrested on a warrant out of Hemphill County for allowing an unlicensed driver to drive.

A wallet which belonged to a victim was turned into the police department by Rural/Metro Ambulance Service. The report said the wallet did not get sent with the patient

who was being transferred to Amarillo.

A theft of gas was reported stolen from a U-Haul truck in the 200 block of West Brown. Estimated loss was \$28.60.

A cell phone was reported lost in the 500 block of Short. Estimated loss was \$360. Theft of a welding machine and trailer was

reported in the 700 block of North Sumner. Estimate of loss was \$4,000.

Violation of a minor in possession of tobacco was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester. A wallet containing a resident alien card, drivers license and \$40 cash was reported stolen in the 100 block of East Harvester.

Violation of protective order was reported in the 1900 block of North Dwight.

OBITUARIES **ELLEN CUNNINGHAM SCHMIDT**

MIAMI — Ellen Cunningham Schmidt, 94, died Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2002, at Pampa. Services will be at 10 a.m., Friday, Nov. 8, 2002, at the First Baptist Church in Miami with the Rev. Lance Wood, pa tor, officiating. Burial will be in Miami Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatay Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Schmidt was born June 24, 1908, at Miami and had been a lifelong resident of the community. She married Edwin J. Schmidt on April 10, 1945, at Pampa. He preceded her in death in 1980.

She was a clerk and office manager for

1908-2002 Consolidated Utility for 18 1/2 years.

She was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by a niece, Bettany Cisneros in 2001; a great-nephew, Joe Litchfield; and her brothers and sisters.

Survivors include a step-son, Jerry Schmidt of Houston; a sister-in-law, Ivy Cunningham of Pampa; a niece, Ruth Ann Litchfield; a nephew, Toby Cumningham; four great-nieces, Erika Lapka, Megan Shuster, Leslie Brusa, and Nikki Smith; and three great-nephews, Carlo Lapka, Donny Cunningham, and Sam Cunningham.

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SERVICES TOMORROW

GORDON, Harry V. — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

sunny skies with highs in the mid-60s and light winds. Tonight should be clear with lows in the mid-30s and light winds. Thursday should be mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 70s. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph. Thursday night, mostly clear. Lows in the mid-40s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph. Friday, mostly sunny. Windy. Highs in the lower 70s. Southwest winds 15 to 25 mph increasing to

Today's forecast is calling for mostly 25 to 35 mph. Friday night, mostly clear. Lows in the lower 40s. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid-40s. Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid-60s. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid-30s. Veteran's Day, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s. Monday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s.

STATEWIDE

resulting in crystal clear skies over virtually cloudy Sunday in north and central West the entire state for the next few days, with Texas. No rain is in the forecast temperatures mostly in the 70s.

Partly cloudy skies will move in beginning Friday, but no rain is forecast this weekend except in eastern North Texas on Sunday. Temperatures should remain steady from the mid 60s to upper 70s over the state.

Temperatures Tuesday ranged from 80 degrees at Laredo and San Antonio to an overnight low of 28 degrees at Dalhart.

The West Texas forecast calls for highs in the upper 60s today, with mostly clear skies over the Panhandle and clear skies elsewhere. High temperatures will reach the mid 70s in many areas through the weekend, and overnight lows will be mostly be in the mid-

It will be windy Friday in the panhandle and South Plains, and clouds will increase over the rest of the region late Sunday.

High pressure will dominate over Texas, through the weekend, becoming mostly

South Texas will be sunny today and Thursday. Clouds will move in gradually, with mostly cloudy skies forecast in south central Texas by Saturday and in Southeast Texas by Sunday. Highs will remain in the 70s over the region through the weekend. A slight chance of rain is forecast in Southeast Texas on Sunday, otherwise it will be dry.

In North Texas, it will be clear and mild, with highs in the mid-60s today and warming to the mid-70s by Friday. Clouds will increase somewhat by Saturday, but high temperatures will remain in the 70s. Sunday, a chance of rain moves into the forecast.

It will be mostly cloudy Sunday in eastern North Texas with possible showers and storms, and a slight chance of rain is forecast

Judge steps back from Kickapoo ruling

SAN ANTONIO (AP) -A federal judge on Tuesday backed away from intervening in a fight between two factions struggling for control of the Kickapoo tribe and both sides seemed happy with his deci-

"It is clear to this court that Kickapoo sovereignty must be respected by the courts of the United States until such time as interference by another sovereignty is the only remedy,' wrote U.S. Judge Fred Biery, who urged tribal members to find their own solution.

His order restores the deposed tribal council to power. However, members of the opposition leadership said longtime chairman Raul Garza has agreed to step down. Garza's recall has been sought by a large majority of tribal members.

Juan R. Gonzalez, leader of the opposition, said the sides were negotiating a settlement until lawyers interfered based on the judge's ruling.

"To me, Raul's agreement is still in effect. We're Kickapoo, and it was done in Kickapoo," Gonzalez said. "When we do things, we don't sign documents. We agree on something, and that's it.

Roy Barrera Jr., who represents the deposed council, said his clients are "happy" with Biery's action.

'Neither party was hurt by this ruling. The judge said both sides must compromise, that no one can win it all," said Barrera. "We're pleased he did not dismiss our suit, and has retained it in the event that we need to go back to court, an action I hope is

Biery also withdrew an order that directed the opposition leaders to surrender the Lucky Eagle Casino that they have occupied since Oct. 28. Indians

at the casino had vowed to forcibly resist a court-ordered eviction.

The ruling apparently clears the way for the casino to reopen. Gonzalez said gamblers could be back in action by the end of the week

Bureau of Indian Affairs officials said Tuesday that an offer to mediate the dispute in the wake of the ruling appears acceptable to both sides.

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SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrest during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, Nov. 5 Ashley Dawn Ragan, 24, 706 N. Frost,

was arrested for violation of a protective

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance responded to the following calls in the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, Nov. 5

12:42 p.m. - A Mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Hobart and transported one patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).

1:24 p.m. - A Mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Deer Place and transported a patient for pick-up by Life Star helicopter and conducted another patient to North West Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

1:27 p.m. - A Mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Deer Place on a fire department stand-by.

2:52 p.m. - A Mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one patient to PRMC.

. FIRE

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

Tuesday, Nov. 5

1:29 p.m. – Five units and nine firefighters responded to an explosion at 1101 Deer Place. Two workers at the home owned by Dennis Stowers were critically burned. See related story and photos, Page 1.

Republicans sweep Texas elections, too

By MATT CURRY ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

The Grand Old Party pulled off a grand display of political power, taking all statewide offices in a Texas-sized show of allegiance for President Bush.

Incumbent Gov. Rick Perry easily won election Tuesday to the post he assumed when Bush was promoted to the White House. State Attorney General John Cornyn was tapped to fill the seat of U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, who is stepping down.

David Dewhurst moved from the land commissioner's office to lieutenant governor, perhaps the most powerful position in state gov-

"If the son of a tenant farmer can become governor of the greatest state in the nation, then any child can achieve any dream," a jubilant Perry told supporters in Austin, where he and Cornyn celebrated victory.

With most of the votes counted, Perry polled 58 percent to 40 percent for Laredo banker Tony Sanchez, who spent at least \$59 million of his own money. Cornyn had 55 percent to 43 percent for Ron Kirk, the former Dallas mayor who would have been the first black senator from the state.

Sanchez declined to concede late Tuesday, saying that he still expected a close finish final totals were delayed because of problems counting ballots in two of the state's most populous counties, Bexar and Tarrant. Kirk, however, acknowledged a short time later that the voters had spoken.

"We're not going to get there tonight," he said, his wife and mother by his side. "I know we're going to get there someday."

Not this Election Day, when Republicans flexed their muscle across the country. In Texas, they rallied behind their presidential native son, who appeared in the state as late as Monday to show support for GOP candidates.

"You're in a solidly Republican state. Democrats had not won a statewide race in three election cycles, and now it's four," said Jerry Polinard, a political scientist at the University of Texas-Pan American.

Democrats were hampered by the growing state and national Republican trend and inexperienced candidates facing veteran politicians at the top of the ticket, he said. Their only advantage, Polinard said, was Sanchez' hefty war chest.

Texas Democrats' put together a racially diverse ticket with a business-friendly attitude, but that clearly wasn't enough to offset warm feelings for President Bush.

"Bush and the Republicans have just got a message and a style that the Democrats can't put a dent in right now," said Charles Elliott, longtime political scientist at Texas A&M-The gubernatorial campaign in recent

weeks centered on the state's growing homeowners' insurance crisis, questions about shady business dealings and respect for law

Cornyn maintained that Kirk is too closely tied to out-of-state liberals and soft on defense issues. Kirk countered that he forged a bipartisan reputation as mayor and was better suited to work with leaders of both parties.

In the race for lieutenant governor, Dewhurst depicted Sharp as an out-of-step liberal, while Sharp touted support from business leaders. Dewhurst outpaced John Sharp 52 percent to 46 percent.

In legislative races, the GOP was in position to win control of the Texas House for the first time in 130 years.

Texans voted on 32 U.S. House races, including six in which an incumbent was. without major-party opposition and three more that were uncontested. The makeup of the delegation remained in question early Wednesday. Democrats started with 17 House seats to

13 for the Republicans. After the 2000 Census, the state gained two more seats in reapportionment, both of which were expected to be won by Republicans. Republican Greg Abbott, a former Supreme

Court justice, defeated Democrat Kirk Watson, a former Austin mayor, in the race to replace Cornyn as attorney general.

Former state Sen. Jerry Patterson, a Republican, defeated Democratic state Sen. David Bernsen in the contest to replace Dewhurst as land commissioner.

Republican Railroad Commissioner Michael Williams won re-election over Democrat Sherry Boyles.

Republican Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs, the first woman elected to the office, defeated Democrat Tom Ramsay to win another term. Carole Keeton Rylander, a Republican and

the first woman elected comptroller, was easily re-elected over former University of Texas quarterback Marty Akins, a Democrat. State District Judge Dale Wainwright of

Houston and Supreme Court Justice Wallace Jefferson won seats on the nine-member Texas Supreme Court, giving the historically white court two blacks for the first time.

Republican Steven Wayne Smith, outspent by more than half a million dollars, beat Democrat Margaret Mirabal, who attributed the loss to straight-ticket Republican voting.

Smith has sued the Texas Supreme Court to lift restrictions on what court candidates can say or do while campaigning. After a U.S. Supreme Court ruling this summer that such rules imposed an unconstitutional gag order, Smith said he felt free to discuss previous court decisions, and he did.

GOP incumbents Tom Price, Paul Womack and Cathy Cochran defeated Democratic challengers for seats on the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

Voters approved a constitutional amendment that would allow counties to eliminate constable positions that have been vacant for seven years.

AMR to spin off Executive Airlines regional carrier

FORT WORTH (AP) — The parent company of American Airlines, struggling to cut costs after large losses, announced Wednesday that it will spin off Executive Airlines, Caribbean regional carrier.

Fort Worth-based AMR Corp. said in a statement Wednesday that its American Eagle regional subsidiary has signed a letter of intent to sell Executive to San Juan, Puerto

Rico, hotelier Joaquin Bolivar. A purchase price was not disclosed. Executive Airlines president Gary Ellmer will retain his

position after the sale, according to the statement.

The sale will keep American Airlines in compliance with its contract with its pilots union, according to the statement. The contract with the Allied Pilots Association limits the amount of flying that can be done on

American Airlines flights. The deal with Bolivar will

include a marketing partnership under which Executive will continue to feed passengers to American, but not under American's name or codes, the statement said. The operations AmericanConnection brand AMR licenses to independent regionals that feed American, the statement said.

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(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Pampa firefighters carry fire hose into the Deer Place home where two men were critically injured in an explosion Tuesday. Windows, hanging open from the blast, can be seen in the upper left corner of the photograph.

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BLAST

lacquer thinner to clean the floor when fumes from the thinner came in contact with a heat source and exploded," he

Finney said she had seen the workmen drive up to the Stowers house, adding that she heard the explosion shortly afterward. "It wasn't very long after they got there," she said.

Stevens said the men were using an electric buffer to clean a floor in the basement of the two-story brick home. A trailer in front of the residence had the words "Concrete Engraving" written on the side, but fire officials did not know this morning exactly what work the men had been hired to do at the residence.

"It was basically a huge explosion," Stevens said, which caused a flash fire that burned the men. The main force of the explosion traveled to the northeast, he said, adding that he heard that homes several blocks away shook from the blast.

Sliding glass doors and

windows on the northeast corner of the home were blown out. "It almost blew the corner of the house off. If it had been any stronger, it would have," Stevens said.

Two double garage doors on the west side of the home were buckled out about two feet from the building and storm windows on the south side of the second story were also blown open and hanging at an angle.

Election workers, voters and church workers at Calvary Baptist Church, west of the Stowers home, however, did not realize there had been an explosion, the fire marshal

Two of the family pets, a dachshund and Yorkie, were missing initially, but later found to have survived the explosion, fire officials said.

When firefighters arrived, Stevens said, one man was sitting in the front yard and the grass around him was burning. The other man walked around, his shirt gone, obviously in shock. The housekeeper, also in shock, was sitting on the driveway in front

of broken garage doors, until Stowers drove up to see what had happened. Then she ran to them, hugging Tonya Stowers. She was later checked by Rural Metro Ambulance personnel, but was not transport-

ed for treatment. Johnson, who appeared to be the most severely injured, was transported to Lubbock by LifeStar helicopter. Smail was taken by ambulance to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo and later transferred to the Lubbock burn unit.

Stevens said he could not estimate the amount of damage the house sustained in the blast. Firefighters extinguished two or three small fires in the basement, he said, but otherwise there was no other fire damage.

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Johnson over Floyd Holder, 4,488-1,219.

who is a Democrat.

ELECTION

District Clerk Gaye

Honderich (R), received

5,118 votes while County

Clerk Susan Winborne (R),

garnered 5,133 votes. Both

were also unopposed in their

Lee Cornelison was unop-

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tion. He defeated incumbent

County Treasurer Scott Hahn

and Tory Peet in the

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bid for office.

Uncontested races returned 1, Mike Schneider, 4,430, several incumbents to office. Linda Yanez, 1,115; They include the 31st Judicial Justice, Pl. District Judge Steve Emmert Wainwright, 4,409, Jim (R), 5,064; and the 223rd Parsons, 1,299; Justice #Pl. 3, Judicial District Judge Lee Wallace B. Jefferson, 4,307, Waters (D), 3,901. Waters William E. Moody, 1,419; was the only Democrat on the Justice Pl. 4, Stephen Wayne ballot to be elected. In Smith, 4,379, Margaret January, he will be the only Mirabal, 1,354. Gray County elected official

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Pl. 1 - Tom Price, 4,549, John W. Bull, 1,142; Justice, Pl. 2, Paul Womack, 4,470, Pat Montgomery, 1,289; Justice Pl. 3, Cathy Cochran, 4,533, J.R. Molina, 1,161; and State Board of Education, District 15, Bob Craig, 4,344, Schaeffer, 1,340.

COUNTY

Incumbent State Senator of District 28 Robert Duncan won handily in Gray County over his opponent, Libertarian Jon Ensor, 4,997-348. He will be representing Gray County effective in January 2003, after Senator Teel Bivins district was changed by redistricting.

State Representative Warren Chisum was unopposed. He received 5,018

Chief Justice, 7th Court of Appeals, was won by Phil

advance to the general election. He received 5,097 votes in Tuesday's election. Bill Reeves was elected to the unsalaried position of · Inspector of Hides and Animals. He received 4,847

> County Commissioner Precinct 4 James Hefley received 1,598 votes while Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4 Mary Ann Carpenter received 1,610 votes. JP Precinct 2 Kurt Curfman received 1,007.

Local voters also went along with statewide voters when they overwhelmingly supported the constitutional amendment to allow county commissioners to do away with constable positions which have been vacant seven years. The vote for was 4,179 compared to only 917 against.

In Gray County, 1,663 voted straight Republican tickets while only 445 voted straight Democrat. Fifteen voters cast straight tickets in the Libertarian primary while there were nine in the Green Party.

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RACES

Precinct 1 and 3, incumbent Joe Martinez won 936-339 over Debbie Darby.

Martinez said Tuesday night he was very pleased with the outcome. Currently in the U.S. Army National Guard reserve at Fort Hood, he was in town for the election, but had to leave early Wednesday morning to return to his duty station.

"It is very uplifting to be elected," he said. "I feel gratitude to those who supported me while I was away, and to still be their choice."

Martinez was appointed to the position upon the retirement of previous JP Bob Muns in March 2001. "I am looking forward to a new term," he said.

Darby said this morning she appreciated the people who voted for her.

"I appreciate the support. I learned a lot through the campaigning. I have met so many new people and become reacquainted with so many old friends. I have really enjoyed meeting so many people in Pampa," she said.

Darby said she is planning to further her education, but she may return to the political scene. "I may be back," she said.

Voting precinct totals were Precinct 1, Martinez, 132, Darby, 63; Precinct 3, Martinez, 40, Darby, 13; Precinct 7, Martinez, 156, Darby, 63; Precinct 11, Martinez, 174,

Darby, 43; Precinct 12, Martinez, 73, Darby, 70; Precinct 14, Martinez, 358, Darby 95; and Precinct 15, Martinez, 378, Darby, 104.

In the county judge's race, Judge Richard Peet is returning for a third term. He defeated his challenger Greg Kurtz, 3,949 to

"I appreciate the voters who voted for me and supported me," said Peet. "The election indicated the people of Gray County are positive in the future of Pampa and the county. Their votes spoke strongly," he said.

Peet said the outcome of the elections locally and across the state demonstrated voters don't want negative. He said the people want to move forward in a positive manner.

"I wish to thank the people of Gray County for their support, and I wish the best for Gray County," said challenger Greg Kurtz.

Precinct-by-precinct voting was early voting, Peet, 1,515, Kurtz, 815; Pct. 1, Peet, 118, Kurtz, 80; Pct. 2, Peet, 78, Kurtz, 90; Pct. 3., Peet, 35, Kurtz, 21; Pct. 4, Peet, 33, Kurtz, 8; Pct. 5, Peet, 134, Kurtz, 89; Pct. 8, Peet 402, Kurtz, 139; Pct. 9, Peet, 216, Kurtz, 102; Pct. 10, Peet, 179, 'Kurtz, 104; Pct. 11, Peet, 148, Kurtz,72; Pct. 12, Peet, 67, Kurtz, 77; Pct. 13, Peet, 224, Kurtz, 94; Pct. 14, Peet, 318, Kurtz, 136; and Pct. 15, Peet, 330, Kurtz, 153.

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Voters decide contested races

Carson County Commissioner Kevin Howell, a

Republican, was returned to office with a vote total of 231-

186 over his Democrat challenger Grady Milton. Justice of

the Peace, Prct. 4 Randy Elliott, Republican, won 377-270

race was the only contested local race. James F. Duvall, Jr., a

Republican, received 65 votes while write-in candidate Terry

Underwood got 43 votes and Julie Watkins garnered 32.

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Former FBI chief under fire

WASHINGTON (AP) -Former FBI and CIA chief William Webster, whose appointment to head a new accounting oversight board ignited sharp debate, is considering stepping down amid the controversy that has also ensnared Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman Harvey

Webster said he will step aside if he decides he can't be effective heading the board mandated by Congress in response to the wave of corporate accounting scandals, according to published reports Tuesday.

"I'm not the only one that cando this job," Webster told The New York Times. "If I conclude my ability to serve impedes on the ability of the board to function, I will step aside."

"I'm watching very carefully to see if all this activity is impeding my ability to act effectively," he told USA Today. "When I reach a conclusion as to whether that effectiveness would be impaired, I'll act."

Webster did not return calls on Monday and Tuesday from The Associated Press.

The debate over Webster's appointment had created new problems for Pitt, head of the SEC, who submitted his resignation to President Bush on Tuesday night. Pitt was already in trouble with the White House and is facing investigations into whether he concealed from his fellow commissioners information about Webster's watchdog role at U.S. Technologies before they named him to head the new board.

Webster headed the audit committee of U.S. Technologies' board of directors when it fired the company's outside accountants last year. Washington-based

Technologies now is considered insolvent and faces fraud accusations.

Ari Fleischer, traveling with the president on Air Force One, declined to comment further on Pitt and how the growing controversy over Webster reflects on his leadership of the SEC. "The inspector general is

looking into this matter," Fleischer said Tuesday, referring to an inquiry into Webster's selection by the SEC's inspector general. The Senate Banking Committee plans hearings on the issue when Congress returns a later this month, and the General *Accounting Office, Congress' auditing arm, also is investigat-

Reds appear on verge of cutting interest rates

paign in which politicians spent a lot of time talking about the ailing economy, the Federal Reserve
appears ready to act.

been changed since Dec. 11, when the central bank
pushed it to 1.75 percent.

That marked the 11th rate cut in 2001, a year in

appears ready to act.

Many private economists think the central bank has grown concerned enough about weak economic statistics to do something they have not done for almost a year - cut interest rates in an effort to give the economy a boost.

The Fed's top policy-setting group, the Federal Open Market Committee, was meeting behind closed doors Wednesday, the day after Election Day, to consider a possible interest rate cut.

In advance of the Fed's announcement, many analysts insisted that the only question is whether the Fed cuts interest rates by a quarter-point or a half-point. They contended that the Fed would be most influenced by last week's report showing that unemployment rose to 5.7 percent in October as businesses slashed payrolls for the second consec-

The rising jobless rate increased concerns that the recovery, which has been proceeding in fits and starts, could be in danger of stalling out alto-

"The Fed has to be deeply concerned," said David Jones, a longtime Fed watcher who has just released a third book on the central bank under Chairman Alan Greenspan. "The problem is that the recovery just does not seem to be gathering enough momentum to be self-sustaining.

The Fed's key lever for influencing the economy — the federal funds rate, the interest that banks

first recession in a decade as well as the economic shocks from the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The Fed has been content since that time to leave rates at a four-decade low, believing it would be the medicine needed to get the economy back on track. The low rates have had a spectacular impact on key sectors — for example, causing auto sales to soar this summer as car buyers took advantage of zero-interest financing offers.

Sales of both new and existing homes are also headed to records this year, reflecting the lowest mortgage rates since the mid-1960s.

The strength in these two critical areas, however, has not been enough to launch a sustained economic recovery in the face of continued layoffs, a wave of corporate accounting scandals and rising fears about a possible war with Iraq.

The economy did rebound from lackluster growth, improving from a 1.3 percent rate in the spring to 3.1 percent in the summer. But many forecasters believe growth will slump again in the current quarter, with the most pessimistic expecting the economy to grow at an anemic rate of 1 percent or lower. The concern is that the surge in consumer spending, especially for big-ticket items, has run its course.

"Things don't look good for the holiday sea-

WASHINGTON (AP) — After an election cambring in which politicians spent a lot of time talking about the ailing economy, the Federal Reserve pages ready to act.

That marked the 11th rate cut in 2001, a year in which the central bank aggressively lowered rates in an effort to combat the effects of the country's find it rose by 100,000 to 8.2 million.

The expectation of a rate cut this week has helped lift spirits on Wall Street, with the Dow Jones industrial average enjoying a triple-digit gain in light trading on Tuesday.

Further Fed rate cuts may not be able to do much more than give a boost to investor confidence, considering that interest rates have been at such low levels for so many months that much pent-up consumer demand has been exhausted.

Some analysts are worried that the Fed's interest rate magic has about run its course, and it's time for the White House and Congress to end their squabbling and come up with further fiscal stimulus. That could be either increased spending, perhaps for a further extension of unemployment benefits, or further tax cuts to encourage business investment.

Jerry Jasinowski, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, said bank regulators also need to be concerned about a developing credit crunch in which banks are refusing to make new loans because of the weak economy.

"Many creditworthy small and medium-sized manufacturers are unable to obtain the working capital they need to operate and expand," he said. "We will never see a solid recovery until this bottleneck in our financial system is eliminated."

Child dies after woman begs officials for help

By P. SOLOMON BANDA ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

LAFAYETTE, Colo. (AP) Even before her stepson's baby was born, Lea Dowler was so worried about the parents' ability to care for the newborn that she wrote to a hospital, pleading that someone help them.

No one did.

Within eight weeks of his birth, Tanner Dowler's arms, legs and ribs had been broken. His burned feet had been wrapped in toilet paper and his face scratched. He died Oct. 12, nine days after his parents brought him to a hospital and were arrested.

"It's the worst case I've ever seen in 30 years," said Lafayette Police Chief Paul Schultz.

As Joseph and Audra Dowler face charges in Tanner's death, state authorities are investigating whether Lea Dowler's plea for help to the hospital - and later to Boulder County officials was ignored. A report from Colorado's Human Services Department is expected in about six weeks.

State child protection officials, who oversee county agencies, said a letter like Lea Dowler's would have been too vague to prompt an investigation because it did not provide the Dowlers' address or an indication the child would be harmed. The couple had been living in their car.

"We walk a fine line on when

we should protect a child or intrude on family life," said Christine Highnam, director of Boulder County's Department of Social Services. "A general concern, with no other detail, is probably something that we have no right to go knocking on somebody's door and intervene in their lives.

Lea Dowler's letter to county officials questioned how the parents would feed the baby, wash his clothes and pay for his care without county and state aid.

Lea Dowler and her husband, Woody, did not return a message left at their Brighton residence. A woman who answered the door at the house declined a recent interview request.

Attorneys for Joseph and Audra Dowler did not return calls for comment.

Sometime after Lea Dowler wrote the letter, Audra and Joseph Dowler moved into a low-budget motel that many working poor call home. Audra worked at a pizza parlor, while her husband stayed home with Tanner, according to a police

In June, Lea Dowler wrote to Platte Valley Medical Center in Longmont and asked officials to locate the couple and give them parenting classes. The baby was born Aug. 10, and Lea Dowler sent her letter to Boulder County two days later.

'This is a plea for help for them all," the letter to the county said. "Our grandson has to be protected and raised healthy and happy. We want to be a part of his life — his long, healthy life."

Police said Audra Dowler, 19, told authorities she and her husband pinned the baby's arms behind his back so he wouldn't pull out his pacifier and then

covered his face with pillows to muffle his cries.

Tanner became lethargic and stopped eating at least two days before he taken to the hospital, according to the police report.

"I think I broke our son," Audra quoted Joseph as saying, according to police.

Early on Oct. 3, Tanner let out a shriek that Audra told police sounded like "a cat's tail in a rocking chair." She finished her shift later that evening and, together with her husband, took him to a hospital.

Tanner's death left some officers in tears. A few needed to talk to counselors. Dozens of people attended a public view-

"He was such a beautiful baby, so perfect," neighbor Nancy Audley said. "I had no idea they were torturing him in there."

Joseph Dowler has been charged with first-degree murder and child abuse. His next hearing is scheduled for Jan. 14. Audra Dowler has been charged with child abuse. Her next hearing is scheduled for

Joseph Dowler's family said he is taking the brunt of the blame to protect his wife. "She was his first true love," Lea Dowler told the Boulder Daily Camera last week.

In 2000, the latest figures available, 31 children died from child abuse or neglect in Colorado. Nationwide, that figure was 1,236, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

"Unfortunately, Tanner Dowler is one data point in these 1,200 deaths a year," said Dr. Andrew Sirotnak, Director of the Kempe Child Protection Team at Children's Hospital, which has developed national programs to prevent child abuse. "It's another tragic case of a family that needed help and didn't get it."

Ryder case still under deliberation

BEVERLY HILLS. Calif. (AP) - Jurors in Winona Ryder's shoplifting trial ended their first day of deliberations without reaching a verdict on whether the actress went on a shoplifting spree at a Beverly Hills store.

The panel deliberated for five hours and ended the day Tuesday without sending any messages to the court and without asking any questions. They were scheduled to return Wednesday for a second day of talks.

Ryder made a brief appearance at the courthouse at the start of the day, but left after about an

The 31-year-old "Girl, Interrupted" star is charged with grand theft, burglary and vandalism for allegedly stealing more than \$5,500 worth of merchandise from the Saks Fifth Avenue store on Dec. 12, 2001.

Jurors must decide whether the actress was a thrill-seeking thief as prosecutors suggested or if she was the victim of overzealous department store security guards as the defense argued.

She faces up to three years in prison if convict-

In another development, the California 2nd District Court of Appeal chastised Superior Court Judge Elden Fox for refusing to release the questionnaires which jurors filled out at the start of the Ryder trial.

questionnaires focused on how much the jurors knew about the Ryder case and what opinions they had formed about the actress before they were called for jury

The appeals court gave the judge time to correct the error. He was ordered to either release the information by Nov. 7 or file a petition of opposition with the appeals court by Nov.

The court ruling came in response to an appeal filed by The Associated Press, the Los Angeles Times and the Los Angeles Daily Journal.

Ryder has appeared in more than two dozen other movies, including "Mr. Deeds," "Little Women," "Reality Bites" and "Edward Scissorhands."

Newly restored Stinnett landmark to present band from Waxahachie

STINNETT - At 8 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 9, music lovers will have a new venue to attend. The newly restored Miss Anna's, 719 Main, is "Mark presenting the Gorman Band".

Mark Gorman Band of Waxahachie was the 2000 and 2001 Dallas Music Country Band of the Year. Mark Gorman was the 2001 Dallas Music Male Vocalist of the Year.

A native Texan, Gorman has played guitar for nearly 35 years, holds a bachelor of fine arts/music education with a concentration in voice from Stephen F. Austin State University, has written and directed 10 full-length Broadway-style musicals, has conducted on the stage of the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center and has

performed on stages all over the country. He is at home conducting Mozart before the tuxedo clad upper crust as he is playing Texas Swing and Blues in a smoky dance hall. Learn more about the band at www.markgormanband.com.

Admission is \$10 for this debut of "Saturday Nites At Miss Anna's." The entertainment is intended for persons 21 years and older.

Dec. 7 is the next "Saturday Nites At Miss Anna's" and they will present Sparky and the Wild Turkeys. The admission to this evening of country, big band, and top 40s music will be \$5.

Early reservations are now being accepted for Miss Anna's New Years Eve party with Sparky and the Wild

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Israeli politics: Sharon's Likud takes lead in polls

JERUSALEM (AP) — Benjamin Netanyahu was approved as Israel's foreign minister Wednesday, bringing him into the Cabinet of the man he seeks to succeed as prime minister, Ariel Sharon. Opinion polls gave Sharon the edge in their rivalry.

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Polls also suggested Sharon's right-wing Likud party would make strong gains over the moderate Labor Party in the January election that Sharon called a day earlier, sending Israel into a turbulent campaign.

Before the general vote, both parties will hold. primaries to choose a leader and candidate for

In Likud, Sharon leads the former premier Netanyahu by 44 percent to 38 percent, according to a poll by the Dahaf institute published in the Yediot Ahronot daily. The survey had a margin of error of 4.2 percentage points.

Despite the rivalry, Netanyahu agreed to Sharon's request to serve as foreign minister in the caretaker government, and the appointment was approved by parliament Wednesday, in a 61-31 vote, with five abstentions.

Sharon's offer and Netanyahu's acceptance have been portrayed as part of a complex game between the two, with each trying to win points with Likud voters for seemingly placing the national interest ahead of their rivalry.

Opposition legislators criticized the appointment a farce, saying Netanyahu will be preoccupied with primaries.

"Who actually believes that Netanyahu will deal with Israel's foreign policy?" said Ofir Pines-

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shore of Lake Superior, is

among the few facilities in the

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degraded DNA from old sam-

ples, said Jack Ballantyne, a

DNA expert from the National

Center for Forensic Science in

it sounds pretty reasonable

they have come with accurate

results," Ballantyne said.

'Based on my knowledge,

The Paleo-DNA Laboratory

him," Parr said.

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Orlando, Fla.

Paz, head of the Labor Party faction in parliament.

No date has been set for the Likud primary. Sharon wants to hold it as quickly as possible, perhaps by late November, while Netanyahu wants more time in order to campaign among

In Labor's Nov. 19 contest, party chief Binyamin Ben-Eliezer faces two dovish candidates, Haifa Mayor Amram Mitzna and legislator Haim Ramon.

Mitzna, who leads the trio in polls among party members, said Wednesday that as party chief he would not lead Labor into another coali-

Many Labor members have sharply criticized Ben-Eliezer for serving as Sharon's defense minister for the past 20 months and overseeing major offensives against Palestinian militants. "The Labor Party made a very serious mistake

when it joined the Likud government," Mitzna told Israel Army Radio on Wednesday. "I will not make the same mistake.

Labor bolted last week, after Sharon rejected Ben-Eliezer's demand to cut funding to Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. On

Tuesday, six days after Labor's departure, Sharon called early elections, saying he had been unable to restore a stable parliamentary majority.

The Dahaf poll indicated that Sharon has the best chances of becoming prime minister. Under Israel's electoral system, voters choose a party, not a candidate. The party leader first able to form a stable coalition is named prime minister.

The survey among 550 Israeli adults indicated that Likud would win 33 seats in the 120-member parliament, up from 19, and emerge as the strongest party. Israel's right wing, overall, would make strong gains, the poll indicated, giving a Likud leader a better chance than his Labor rival to form a coalition. Labor would lose seven seats and drop to 19, the poll said.

Another survey by the Geocartographia agency showed 34 percent of respondents preferred Sharon as prime minister, 29 percent favored Netanyahu, 15 percent chose Mitzna, while 3 percent each gave their backing to Ben-Eliezer and Ramon. Sixteen percent either had no opinion or said they didn't like any of the candidates. The survey had an error margin of 4.3 per-

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TORONTO (AP) -Nearly a century ago, Canadian sailors buried an unidentified infant who died on the Titanic and, touched by the tragedy, called him the Unknown Child — a symbol of the children lost in the luxury liner sinking.

Now at last, the child is known. On Tuesday, Magda Schleifer, a retired Finnish bank clerk, visited the grave, which DNA tests have now established holds the remains of one of her rela-

"First I thought this could not be true," Schleifer, 68, told The Associated Press in a telephone interview from Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Schleifer had long known that her grandmother's sister, Maria, had died with her five children — including her 13month-old son, Eino Panula when the Titanic went down in 1912.

A Finnish survivor had told Schleifer's grandmother that Maria was offered a seat in one of the Titanic's lifeboats. "But she refused to leave the boat only with Eino, while her four other children were still in another part of the boat," Schleifer

Now, after two years of study, researchers in Canada have filled in the story, matching DNA remains taken from the grave to Schleifer.

The tests, completed last showed Unknown Child was Eino,

TDA to host workshop

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Agriculture will help host a Small Business Finance Workshop from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Nov. 13 at Childress Fair Park Auditorium in Childress.

The workshop will focus on the challenges and opportunities in economic development in rural Texas. Speakers will discuss how to locate resource's, develop business plans, and obtain funding through programs like the Texas Capital Fund. Other topics will include diversifying agriculture, development business incubator systems, and retaining businesses.

"This is a great time to get together and strategize about rural community development beyond the traditional means," said Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs. "We must all work together to grow businesses and help rural Texas prosper."

Speakers will include Rep. Bob Turner as well as representatives from Texas Department of Agriculture, Midwestern State University Small Business Development Center, Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, and West Texas A&M University.

For registration information, contact Childress Development Economic Corp. at (904) 937-8629 or Sheila Martin, TDA Rural Economic Development specialist, at (806) 358-7285.

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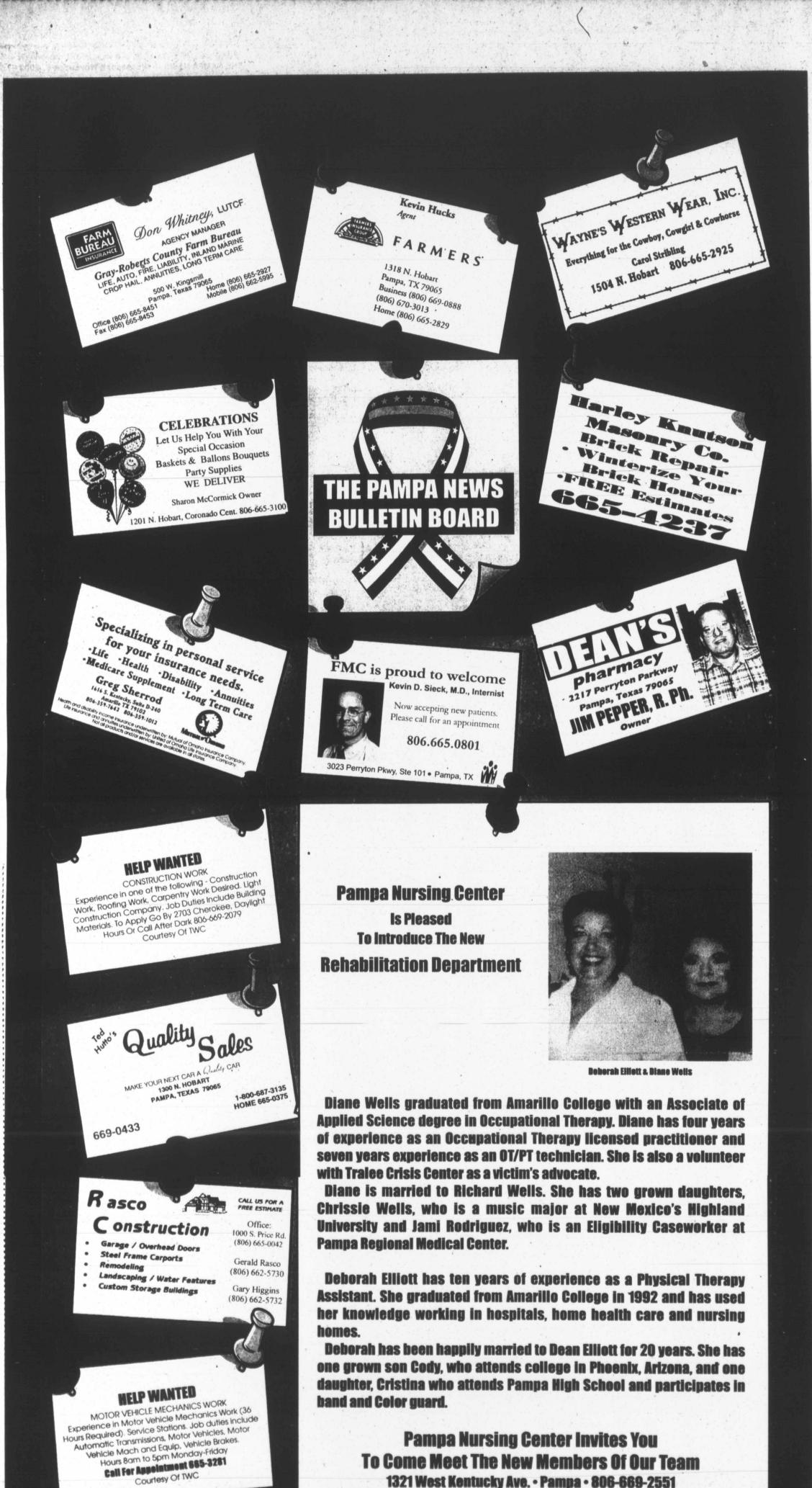


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High Court considering California's three-strikes

WASHINGTON (AP) -The Supreme Court is considering whether sentencing shoplifters, petty thieves and other minor criminals to life terms amounts to cruel and unusual punishment banned in the Constitution.

Hearing oral arguments on two cases Tuesday, the justices took up California's three-strikes-you're-out law, the toughest in the nation, which California's voters and the Legislature approved in 1994. It can produce the nation's most severe sentences for repeat offenders convicted of minor crimes.

The cases before the court concerned Leandro Andrade, who got 50 years for stealing nine children's videotapes from Kmart, and Gary Ewing, serving, 25-to-life for taking three golf clubs, stuffing them down his pants at a golf course.

Attorneys for the two urged the justices to set aside their sentences and argued that the law unfairly punishes people for past conduct. "It is not just cruel and unusual, it's cruel and unique," said Chemerinsky, Erwin Andrade's attorney.

Justice Antonin Scalia asked: "Why is it cruel? Why is it unreasonable?"

The law, challenged as a violation of the Eighth Amendment's bar to cruel and unusual punishment, was designed to remove repeat offenders from the street, Justice Anthony M. Kennedy said.

"That's the whole purpose of the California law you're asking us to ignore," Kennedy said.

Ewing's attorney, Quin Denvir, said the three-strikes law increased his client's sentence six-fold.

The law, approved by California lawmakers and 72 percent of voters, requires a sentence of 25 years to life for a felony committed by someone already convicted of two felonies such as rape, murder, robbery, burglary and certain other crimes.

The law also requires such convicts to serve their full sentences before becoming eligible for parole, which has swelled the ranks inside California's prisons. More than 7,100 inmates are serving third-strike sentences.

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor suggested the debate should be left to the states, nearly all of which have repeat-offender statutes.

"We have said we are going to give great latitude to legislatures," she said.

publicans win control of Congress, leaving Democrats to grumble about President Bush

BY SANDRA SOBIERAL ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Exultant Republicans took control of the Senate held onto the House, handing President Bush hisric bragging rights and two years to push through an genda starting with deeper tax cuts. Sweetening the rize, Republicans claimed a majority of the goverors' races and left Democrats grumbling about a opular wartime president,

Bush made celebratory calls into the early morning ours Wednesday and already was talking of his own 004 re-election campaign. White House advisers pasted about a new mandate, and said the president ould be beckoning Democrats to fall in line.

Republican leaders, in a victory lap on the mornng talk shows, credited Bush's aggressive campaignng and a fired-up GOP base of supporters for pushng the party to heights few had thought possible in a midterm election, when the president's party historically loses seats.

"I had a sense or a feel that maybe this would hapen but I must say it did exceed our hopes and expecations," said Mississippi Sen. Trent Lott, expected to return as majority leader with the GOP taking clear control of Congress.

Of Bush's role, he said on NBC's "Today" show: "I think it was a referendum on his leadership and he really showed that he was committed - that he was willing to put his prestige on the line."

Outgoing Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., glumly acknowledged, "This was one tough night," and said the war on terrorism and the prospect of war with Iraq drowned out what the Democrats were trying to say about the shaky economy.

"The president made that his drumbeat," Daschle aid. "It resonated."

The trend in the House appeared to be single-digit GOP gains and a possible turnover in Democratic leadership. Rep. Dick Gephardt of Missouri was expected to decide in a day or two whether to seek a new term as minority leader; a few officials thought he would not do so.

Rep. Harold Ford, D-Tenn., suggested Wednesday it might be time for Gephardt to step down. "It's obvious that we need some fresh faces and in some ases fresh ideas," Ford said on Don Imus' radio show. Of Gephardt, he said rank and file Democrats are asking "some pretty tough questions about his leadership."

With four races undecided, the Republicans won 227 House seats, the Democrats, 203, and there was one independent.

When the new Congress is sworn in in January, it will be the first time in 50 years that Republicans take outright control of the White House, Senate and

After prevailing in a squeaker in Minnesota, where over the vote count. Senate votes were counted until sunup Wednesday,

here was some consolation for Democrats. They broke the GOP grip on governorships in Illinois, Michigan Pennsylvania, electoral troves critical to Bush's designs on a second term.

Republicans will hold at least 51 Senate seats - plus Vice President Dick Cheney's tie-breaking vote. In the House, Tuesday's voting padded the GOP majority by at least two seats.

'Oh, wow," said North Carolina's Elizabeth Dole, one of seven newly elected Republican senators. "What a night!"

Republican Rep. Saxby Chambliss denied incumbent Democrat Max Cleland a second term. And Robert Ehrlich, who will be the first Republican governor of Maryland in nearly four decades, declared, "To Maryland Republicans, our time in the desert is

There was some consolation for Democrats. They broke the GOP grip on governorships in Illinois, Michigan and Pennsylvania, electoral troves critical to Bush's designs on a second term. Democrats also captured formerly Republican or independent-held governorships in Kansas, Maine, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

Still, Republicans claimed at least 20 of the 36 governorships at stake Tuesday.

Yet undecided early Wednesday was the South Dakota battle between Daschle protege Sen. Tim Johnson, the Democrat incumbent, and Rep. John Thune, the GOP challenger hand-picked by Bush. The governors' races in Arizona and Oregon were also too close to call.

The president's younger brother Jeb easily held onto the Florida governor's office, beating back the full force of a national Democratic Party that had made him its No. 1 target - not only to avenge the 2000 presidential recount debacle in Florida, but also as hopeful prelude to toppling the older Bush in 2004.

Norm Coleman, Bush's recruit to challenge incumbent Sen. Paul Wellstone, narrowly defeated former vice president Walter Mondale, the Democrat named to the ballot after Wellstone's death in a plane crash 11 days before the election.

Tuesday's off-year ballot appeared to draw little more than a third of eligible Americans to the polls, where widely anticipated technical problems amounted to a few hiccups. Only the Alabama governor's race lingered in dispute because of a disagreement

relieved to report a "boring" day of scattered; in touchscreen voting machines whose m

delayed Sept. 10 primary results by a week,
"We finally have this monkey off our back the
cannot conduct a proper election in Florida."

His predecessor, Katherine Harris - Den villain and Republican heroine for her role in the 2000 presidential recount — coasted to election for House seat representing the Sarasota area.

The Republican majority for a fifth straight election.

tion assured Illinois Rep. Dennis Hastert a third term

Bush's approval ratings, which shot up after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, have hovered in the h 60s, despite a sputtering economy, corporate accounting scandals involving some of his biggest campaig donors and public anxiety about his talk of war with

Daschle spoke of common ground, but it was unclear how cowed Democrats would be. Bush will have to reach out to at least some Democrats because Senate rules often require 60 votes to get legislation. and nominations approved.

Tuesday's vote marked only the third time in century that the president's party improved its per tion in the House at midterm, and the first time Senate gains in two decades.

In Missouri, Bush's aggressive can helped former Rep. Jim Talent oust incumbent Jean Carnahan, And Republicans successfull defended open seats in New Hampshire, where R John Sununu triumphed, and in a string of Sou states, the president's Texas among them.

In Louisiana, Republicans forced Democratic Mary Landrieu into a December runoff.

Democratic incumbent governors fell in Geor and South Carolina.

Already, Bush advisers have been at work on possible set of new tax cuts whose centerpiece be the permanent extension of his 10-year re in income and inheritance taxes. And Bush is e bulldoze objections by Senate Democrats and unions to parts of his plan for a new Departm Homeland Security.

Bush's post-Sept. II agenda obviously some resonance.

"I believe that right now in our country we I protection and I don't want to see President Bush as stalemated by another party's views as far as protecting our country," Dan Wessels of Lakewood, Colo. said after voting for successful Republican incu Sen. Wayne Allard.

Ballot initiatives to legalize or lighten up on mari juana use were rejected in Nevada, Arizona and Or Cigarette smokers were slapped in Florida, with a on smoking in restaurant workplaces, and in Arizona with a sharp spik In Florida, Secretary of State Jim Smith was arette taxes — from 58 cents to \$1.18 per pack

LSPS exhibit at Square House

PANHANDLE - Carson artists dedicated to pro-County Square House Museum in Panhandle will host Lone Star Pastel Society's (LSPS) "Annual Members Only Exhibition" throughout November in its Hazlewood Gallery.

be present to visit with the public during a reception in their honor from 2-4 the museum.

More than 50 pastels by LSPS members and 30 photographs by George Halbert will be on display.

Since its founding in an impressive group of moting pastels as a medium. Its roster of members includes Len and Ginny Slesick, Ann Crouch, Amy Winton, and the late Frank Reaugh.

A wide variety of genre Many of the artists will is on view at the exhibit along with the photographs by Halbert which off-sets the pastels and rounds out p.m., Sunday, Nov. 10 at the show. According to Halbert, his pieces are most influenced by the work of Ansel Adams, Minor White, and Edward

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanna Phillips

Woman's Pay-by-Play Account At Work Drives Co-Worker Nuts

DEAR ABBY: I work in an office that's made up of cubicles, so there cans are infected by an insidious is little privacy. After two years at virus: hepatitis C. More than 100 this job, I have, for the most part, new cases occur each day. Most peo-learned to block out background ple have no signs or symptoms noise. However, my co-worker when this virus attacks the liver -"Gina," who sits in the cubicle next their internal power plant - and it to mine, talks to herself constantly.

This woman provides me with a running diatribe of every single task she does all day long: "Hit experimented with injecting drugs enter, file-save — OK, done!" "Open (even just ence), snorted cocaine, new file," "Delete," etc. Her monologue goes on and on. It's extremely distracting and annoying. I have time, to ask their doctors for the talked to my bosses more than once simple blood test that detects about it, and they've talked to Gina, but still she continues.

I feel like I'm slowly going insane. And now that I'm pregnant, my nerves are even more on edge. Her constant verbalizing has become too much to bear. What's the answer, Abby?

GOING NUTS AT WORK IN REDDING, CALIF.

DEAR GOING NUTS: Your co-worker may not even be aware that she's talking aloud when she does it. If it's possible, move to another cubicle. If it's not, then, in the interest of your mental health, invest in a pair of earphones that can mask her monologue with "white noise" or music - anything to block out her muttering. Pregnancy is difficult enough without street

DEAR ABBY: Millions of American be seriously damaged without

any warning. It is critical that anyone who has shared a razor or toothbrush at any time, to ask their doctors for the hepatitis C. The test is not routinely done during a physical exam.

Consuming alcohol is a major problem for anyone who is hepatitis C-infected. Alcohol speeds the damage to the liver. This is why it is vital that hepatitis C be identified so further damage to the liver can be avoided and treatment options can be discussed.

This silent disease can be stopped. The first step is to find out if you are infected and to avoid infecting others. Hepatitis C is spread through blood-to-blood contact, and while not easily spread through sex, it is possible.

We will send free information about hepatitis C to your readers if they send a self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope to the Hepatitis Foundation International, P.O. 500, Silver Spring, MD 20904 The Web site is: www.Hepatitis-Foundation.org.

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THELMA KING THIEL, CEO, HEPATITIS FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL

DEAR THELMA: According to the information I have read, 4,000 deaths are attributed to hepatitis C each year. The highest incidence of this disease is in individuals between the ages of 30 and 49. However, an estimated 240,000 children in the United States have been exposed or are already infected. Education and early treat-

ment can reduce the number of fatalities. A word to the wise ...

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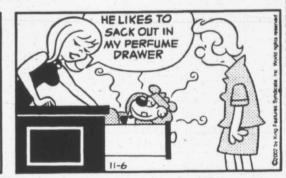
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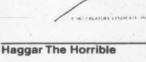
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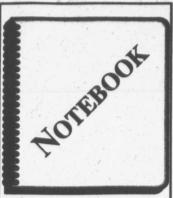






"To him they're the keys to happiness."

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BASKETBALL

PAMPA - Pampa Harvester basketball boosters will be holding it annual baked potato dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday in the high school cafeteria.

Tickets are six dollars per person and will be available at the door. Tickets can also be purchased at the athletic office or from any player.

FOOTBALL

CANADIAN

Canadian notched a 28-14 win over Highland Park in District 6-2A action last weekend.

Austin English led the Canadian offense with touchdown runs of 47 and 14 yards. He finished the night with175 yards rushing on 29 carries.

David Godino added a 1-yard scoring run for the Wildcats. They also scored through the air as quarterback Riley Morris hit Anthony Newcomb on a 33-yard TD pass.

Canadian improved to 4-1 in district play and 7-2 for the season. Highland Park falls to 1-4 and 4-5.

SHOOTING

SANFORD The Meredith Gun Club is having an open class match (.22 plate and speed) on Sunday, beginning at 1 p.m.

Entry fees are three dollars per gun per event or five dollars for both.

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GENERAL

HOUSTON (AP) — The search for a new Texas A&M athletic director is getting a boost from former Big Eight Commissioner Chuck Neinas, according to a broadcast report Tuesday.

Benton Cocanougher, chairman of the A&M search committee, told Houston television station KRIV that the panel hired Neinas to help find a replacement for Wally Groff, who is stepping down on Dec. 31.

"Chuck Neinas has great experience handling searches for major universities like Texas and Oklahoma," said Cocanougher, dean emeritus of the Lowry Mays College and Graduate School of Business. "Neinas knows the people and will help the search committee identify who the outstanding candidates are."

Neinas is executive director of Chuck Neinas Sports Services in Boulder, Colo., former College Football Association executive director.

Female bowler makes history with 300 game at Harvester Lanes

teenager Ashleigh Burns won't soon forget the summer of 2002.

That's when she made history by bowling a perfect game at Harvester Lanes.

Competing Aug. 29 in the Caprock League, the 19year-old Burns opened with a 300, followed by 180 and 182 for a 662 series. She became the first local female bowler, and only the second woman, to ever roll a 300 in Pampa.

Several years ago, an out-of-town bowler had a a 722 at Western Bowl and a perfect game in a Pampa women's tournament.

"Bowling is my life," Burns said. "I just love it. It's been part of my life for 12 years."

Burns threw her first ball as a second grader when she accompanied a friend to Harvester Lanes. She beat the friend and a love affair with the sport was born.

said. "Many people think that bowling is not a sport. You have to have a lot of talent. It's more mental than physical."

stringing 12 strikes before. Her other high games were she said. 278 and 266.

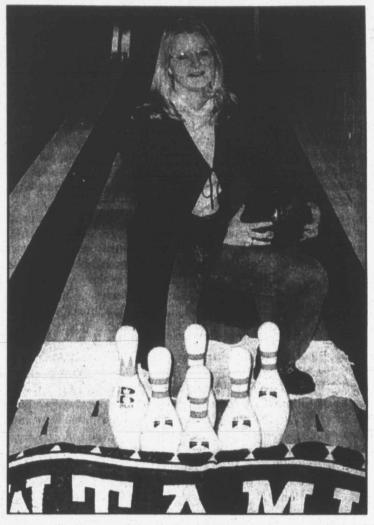
She had two 700 series', 706 at Bowling City. Burns has won several awards at Harvester Lanes, including the Toys For Tots Tournament and the City

Burns is currently in her second year as a member of the West Texas A&M college team in Canyon. The Lady Buffs travel all over the country, bowling in "I love the sport," she tournaments from Las Vegas to St. Louis.

> Ashleigh is the daughter of Dale and Marie Burns of Pampa. "I want to think my lov-

Burns has come close to ing parents for all of their support through the years,"

> Burns also had words of praise for youth coaches Warren Dahn and the late Sue Henderson, Harvester Lanes owners Joann and Ralph West, pro shop operator Red Mills and WT coaches Regina Loveall and Mark Scroggins.



(Pampa News photo by Tess Kingcade)

Pampa's Ashleigh Burns is in her second year as a member of the West Texas A&M bowling team.

First-year coach has chance to get Childress to playoffs

CHILDRESS, Texas (AP) Johnston's winless inaugural - Childress coach Mark Manley knows Bobcats fans are accustomed to winning.

Entering his first season, Manley wanted nothing more than to continue the winning tradition started by Charlie Johnston, who retired last season after 35 years and a 315-93-

Though Manley won't have a winning season, the Bobcats have three more wins than

team in 1967. Childress (3-6, 1-3) faces Vernon on Friday and still has a shot at the playoffs.

If Breckenridge beats Bowie, Childress gets in by winning by 11 points. If Bowie wins, Childress needs only the win for a playoff berth. "It makes going into this last

week a little less of a challenge to get players up to play," Manley said. "I just hope the

Players say there isn't much of a difference in the coaches' styles, though practices are more efficient.

"Coach Manley is real prepared. It seems like he's a little more organized," said Gary Gostnell, a tight end and defensive end. "It seems like big shoes to fill, but so far he's doing pretty good."

Manley has jazzed up kids are excited. It'll be a good Childress' offense, adjusting the playoffs 25 times. The

Johnston's more traditional ground-bound attack. With his son Matthew Manley Jr. at quarterback, Manley has his team passing a little more.

"He's added some things he wanted to add," Johnston said. "To be honest, I got pretty conservative in my old years."

Expectations have always been high in this West Texas town of about 5,000.

Bobcats were the state runnerup in 1975 and 1976.

He retired after last season as the third-winningest coach in Texas prep history. He also owns the state record for most wins at a single school.

Johnston, 61, has attended all but two of Childress' games this year. He's finding it difficult to watch games from the stands.

"I do see things and I try to Johnston took Childress to blot that out of my mind," he

Bill Walton: The redhead reflects (briefly) at 50

By JIM LITKE **AP Sports Writer**

He played for John Wooden, against Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, alongside Larry Bird and with the Grateful Dead in concert.

The funny thing? Those were all way down on Bill Walton's wish list for when the fateful day arrived.

"No. 1 was just to make it and No. 2 was to still be upright, and I'm close on both of those. No. 3 was to spend it with my family, and I'm headed to my parents' house next.

"They still live in the house we grew up in and I'm going over there," Walton added, "to thank them for the greatest life that anybody ever had."

His life. But don't let the testimonial throw you. Walton's summer began with his 30games-in-30-days chronicling of last season's playoffs, and his schedule has tapered off only a little since. The redhead isn't retiring or even slowing down, just pausing (briefly) to reflect on the eve of his

50th birthday. Walton will actually spend most of the big day on

a cross-country flight to New York, where he'll prewas taking Monday off at home in San Diego, catching up with family, putting together a new wish list and resting an ankle that was surgically fused a few weeks ago — his 32nd operation.

"I'm getting ready for the next 50 years," he cracked, and whatever you think about Walton and his relentlessly upbeat style, you have to admire the way the man gets around — and always has. The arc of his career would be perfect for a basketball version of "Forrest Gump."

Walton was one of the greatest college players ever when Wooden's UCLA dynasty was at its brightest. One magical night, in the 1973 NCAA championship game against Memphis State, he took 22 shots and made 21. Some people still believe it was the best game ever played by anybody.

The next year, he was the top pick in the NBA draft. Three years after that, the center of a championship team in Portland, and the league MVP the year after that. Walton didn't arrive in time to play against his

childhood idol, Bill Russell, but saw plenty of Abdulpare to work Wednesday Jabbar, whom he followed at night's NBA telecast. So he UCLA and considered the "Just think of the adjust- along other lessons. One of best big man ever.

Then, just as his pro career was taking flight, Walton was grounded by a series of foot, leg and ankle problems that would make him "the poster boy for injury in the NBA.

"I missed more than 9 1/2 of 14 seasons I played," Walton recalled. "It's why I hate seeing guys unable to play. I know what they're going through."

Injuries wiped out the 1978-79 season, and after a trade to the Clippers, two more seasons after that. Celtics boss Red Auerbach rescued Walton in 1985 with a trade that brought him to Boston. There, as the league's best sixth man, he helped Bird put another championship banner in the rafters.

That second chance resonates throughout Walton's work as a broadcaster. It's why he argues to let Michael Jordan play for as long as he wants, why he lectures fans to be patient enough to allow Yao Ming to develop.

"There's a good chance he could become the most dominant player in the game in a few years," Walton said, "but we've got to cut this guy some slack.

ments he's trying to make language, culture, going from a place where everyone told him 'no' - to everything — to the 'Ritz-Carlton life,' where everybody on the other end of the phone is always saying, 'yes.'

"Plus, he's never played at anywhere near this level and the NBA is full of tough, nasty, vicious cutthroat guys making a living and this guy is still only 22 years old."

The third of Walton's four sons is the same age, and not a bad basketball player, either. Arizona senior Luke Walton is one of the Wildcats' two candidates for the Naismith award and a big reason why Arizona could wind up atop the Associated Press preseason poll.

The son plays forward instead of center, but with Luke's all-around skills and his ability to orchestrate what happens on the floor, the pedigree is unmistak-

The father, though, worries more about passing them is about striving, always. Having performed onstage with his beloved Grateful Dead, Walton is already scheming to play the piano in Carnegie Hall, backed by a symphony orchestra.

"The single most important person in my life outside of my parents has been Coach Wooden. He didn't just teach basketball, he taught us lessons about justice, opportunity ... about making the world a better

"I look at him now, always on the go, and every time we cross paths, he's the one who tells me, 'Slow down, you're racing around too much.' Then, I remember coach Wooden is what now, 92?"

"And you know what that tells me?" Walton said, barely hanging around long enough to answer his own question. "It tells me I'm not doing nearly enough."

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The Big Unit wins fourth straight Cy Young Award

NEW YORK (AP) -Randy Johnson won yet another Cy Young Award and then he teed off.

No, not on baseball. The Big Unit was getting ready to play Pebble Beach Golf Links when his latest honor was announced Tuesday, and rather than delay his round, Johnson grabbed a cell phone and talked about his fastballs and sliders while deciding among woods and wedges.

"I'm trying to make a putt on No. 2 right now," he said, the California coast off to his side.

No doubt, his score Tuesday was far lower than his perennially high strikeout total.

Johnson was a unanimous pick over Arizona teammate Curt Schilling, winning a record-tying fourth straight National League Cy Young and fifth overall — one short of Roger Clemens' record.

The Big Unit, who will earn an additional \$4 million because of the award, received all 32 first-place votes and 160 points from a panel of the Baseball Writers' Association of ·America.

'The big picture, obviously, is to get to the World Series. If you remain consistent and have a good year, it's kind of a bonus," Johnson said, referring to the award. "This has come from maintaining consistency, hard work and dedication, and my teammates being very supportive offensively, defensively and in the bullpen."

Schilling was runner-up for the second straight season, getting 29 second-place votes and three thirds for 90 points. Atlanta closer John also led the majors in innings (260)

Smoltz was third with 21 points.

Johnson matched Greg Maddux (1992-95) as the only pitchers to win four straight Cy Youngs and became the NL's 11th unanimous winner, the first since Maddux in 1995. Johnson and Schilling became the first pitchers to finish 1-2 in Cy Young voting in consecutive years.

Johnson, who has won the award in all four seasons since signing with the Diamondbacks as a free agent, earned his first Cy Young with Seattle in 1995.

"I've got them in my office, and they're displayed nice," he said. "I'm a very simple person, and I work hard, and I push myself, and this is the reward."

Colangelo, the Jerry Diamondbacks managing general partner, signed Johnson hoping the left-hander's best days were ahead.

'He's just done an incredible job. He's an extraordinary individual," Colangelo said Tuesday. "He has a tremendous work ethic. The fact that he's been able to maintain this intensity level for as long as he has is amazing.

Johnson went 24-5 with a 2.32 ERA and 334 strikeouts, becoming the first major leaguer since Boston's Pedro Martinez in 1999 and the first NL player since the Mets' Dwight Gooden in 1985 to win pitching's triple crown.

The 39-year-old Johnson set a career high for wins, led the major leagues in strikeouts for the ninth time and became the first pitcher to reach 300 in five straight seasons. He

and complete games (eight), and led the NL in opponents' batting average (.208)

Schilling went 23-7 with a 3.23 ERA, 316 strikeouts and just 33 walks in 259 1-3 innings. Schilling, who has never won a Cy Young, was 21-5 with a 2.77 ERA though Aug. 31, while Johnson was 19-5 with a 2.63 ERA.

Johnson sealed the award by going 5-0 with an 0.66 ERA in September as Schilling was 2-2 with a 6.19 ERA. On Sept. 20, Schilling allowed eight earned runs for only the third time and a career-high 14 hits in 9-4 loss to Colorado at Coors

Arizona, the NL West champion, was 55-15 when Johnson or Schilling started, 43-49 the rest of the time. The defending World Series champions were swept by St. Louis in the first round of the playoffs.

Last year, Johnson and Schilling were co-MVPs of the seven-game World Series win over the New York Yankees. Johnson called that the 'top of the mountain' and recalled the thrill of having his family at the Diamondbacks' parade.

Injuries to Luis Gonzalez and others crippled Arizona.

"It was more of an uphill battle," Johnson said. "We weren't on all cylinders."

This didn't match getting a World Series ring, but by winning the award Johnson earned a \$1 million bonus on top of his \$12.35 million salary. In addition, his 2003 salary automatically increased from \$12 million to

\$15 million.

Schilling, who had a \$10 million salary, earned a \$250,000 bonus for finishing second.

In addition to leading the league in the major categories, Johnson moved up from 10th to fourth on the career strikeout list at 3,746, trailing Nolan Ryan (5,714), Steve Carlton (4,136) and Clemens (3,909). Among the pitchers he passed last season were Tom Seaver, Perry and Walter

"I obviously have a great deal of respect for the people I'm amongst and have a great appreciation for what they've done," Johnson said, "because I realize how hard it is to

Johnson, Carlton and Maddux are the only four-time winners in the NL. Hall of Famer Mike Schmidt, Carlton's former Philadelphia teammate, compared the two Tuesday.

"If there is a link between them, it's in their focus, in their ability to focus on that pitch, that batter, that out," he said.

At 39 years, 2 months, Johnson became the fourth-oldest pitcher to win a Cy Young, trailing Gaylord Perry (40), Early Wynn (39, 10 months) and Clemens (39, 6 months). Johnson doesn't know how much time he has left in the major leagues.

'That really is a question no one has the answer for," he said.

Spurs defeat Warriors, 93-73

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Memphis until Tuesday morning Antonio Spurs already have two 7- because of mechanical problems with footers in their starting lineup. It their plane. Even so, Duncan had 13 appears they're putting up an even bigger wall against opponents.

The Spurs' defense constrained a second straight opponent at home Tuesday night, limiting the Golden State Warriors to 28 second-half points in a 93-73 victory — their fourth straight.

"A great effort, especially in the second half," Tim Duncan said. "Guys are really digging in and making a huge effort. And it's good to see we're getting the job done."

In last Friday's home opener, the Spurs held Toronto to an NBA record-tying low six points in the fourth quarter.

The Spurs didn't arrive home from

points, 10 rebounds and four blocked shots in his third double-double of the season, Tony Parker scored 21 points, Stephen Jackson 13 and David Robinson had 10 with 13 rebounds.

"They really grinded out after a long night last night," coach Gregg Popovich said. "That showed me a

Malik Rose made only the seventh 3-pointer of his career when his 39foot shot beat the buzzer and gave San Antonio a 73-57 lead.

Jason Richardson cut the Spurs' lead to 75-63 early in the fourth, but that was the closest Golden State

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Team Two	11	13
Team Four	6	18
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High scratch game: Ralph West 267; High scratch series: Ralph West 717; High handicap game: Ralph West 278; High handicap series: Ralph West 750.

Women

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Harvester Women's League (Week 10)

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Team	Won	Lost
O'Brien Enterprises	30	10
Peggy's Place	29	11
Schiffman Machine	- 24	16
Rug Express	23	17

Davis Minit Mart	20	20
Coney Island	19	21
Harvester Lanes	17	23
Gymnastics of Pampa	16	24
Big Uns!	13	27

Week's Top Scores

High scratch game: O'Nita Robinson 188; High scratch series: Pat Butler 504; High handicap game: Tina Bond 240; High handicap series: Mia Dominey 735.

Wednesday Night Mixed League

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Harvester Lanes	18	6
State Farm Insurance	18	6
Bob's Bandits	17	7
Team Three	13	11
Team One •	11	13
Cooper Energy Service	e 8	16
Team Five	7	17
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Week's Top Scores Men

High scratch game: Dan Anderson 279; High scratch series: Dan Anderson 708.

Women High scratch game: Kristi Lee 209; High scratch series: Becky Hall 498.

Rockets fall to SuperSonics, 104-97

HOUSTON (AP) - Gary Payton had a career-high 18 assists Tuesday night as the Seattle SuperSonics almost blew a 20-point fourth-quarter lead before holding off the Houston Rockets 104-97 to remain unbeaten.

Seattle (4-0) pulled away in the third quarter with long-range shooting, making five 3s in the quarter. The Sonics finished 11-for-18 from 3point range, including 4-of-5 by Vladimir Radmanovic

Seattle led 78-62 to start the fourth quarter and 95-75 with 5:16 to play before the Rockets made a run, led by Cuttino Mobley's three 3pointers.

Houston got it down to 100-94 with 36 seconds to play on one of Mobley's 3-pointers, but Payton and Radmanovic each hit two free throws to keep the Sonics in the lead.

The Sonics had six players in double figures, led by Payton with 20 and Rashard Lewis with 18 points and 12 rebounds.

Payton's 18 assists gave him 6,968 for his career and moved him past Bob Cousy (6,955) for 11th place on the career list. His previous career-high was 17 assists reached twice, the last time against Washington on Nov. 10, 1999.

Steve Francis had 33 points, 11 rebounds and nine assists, Eddie Griffin added 23 and Mobley finished with 22.

Houston jumped out to a 15-6 lead and held it until a basket by Jerome James early in the seco ond period gave Seattle a 26-25 edge.

Neither team could get more than a 5-point lead in the second quarter, and Griffin hit a 3point basket at the buzzer for a 47-46 Houston halftime lead.

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Miami	5	3	0	.625	200	167
Buffalo	5	4	0	.556	248	269
New England	4	4	0	.500	206	165
N.Y. Jets South	3	5	0	.375	160	206
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Indianapolis	4	4	0	.500	160	167
Tennessee	4	4	-0	.500	183	212
Jacksonville	1 3	. 5	. 0	.375	164	157
Houston North	2	6	0	.250	107	214
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Pittsburgh	5	3	0	.625	192	160
Cleveland	4	5	0	.444	205	195
Baltimore	3	5	0	.375	139	162
Cincinnati West	1	7	0	.125	113	214
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Denver	6	2	0	.750	207	170
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Nov. underestimate the importance of flexibil- might not be happy. Do explain where

tively zero in on what appears to be right. friend A domestic change could prove most CANCER (June 21-July 22) beneficial financially. Your money base ** You push hard to please a specifyear. If you are attached, your relation- your calls. ship will grow because of your willing- 'LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ness to share. Help a partner understand ** Others delight in teasing you.

5-Dynamic; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Work with what others offer right now. Think freedom. Tonight: Put up your feet, before some- LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) one asks you for a favor.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** An associate supports a wild and cons before you leap. Your creativity authority figure in your life. You find that mounts right now, when others feel out going along for the ride is far easier, even of control. Focus on getting the job done. if sometimes you might think you're at Your efficiency does count. Tonight: the top of a roller coaster heading down. Organize mail, bills, etc. Think long-Enjoy the many options life offers. term budget. Tonight: Pay bills. Check out a possible SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

You might need to revamp plans, as one could opt to reverse direction about an grabs you as a distinct possibility. Don't investment or expenditure. A partner

ity, even if you feel like you are being you're coming from. Tonight: Dinner at a You make waves this year, both at home pulled like a rubber band. Give a little favorite spot. Help cheer up a loved one. and at work. Others will learn to trust more. Tonight: Do what you want first, SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) your innate unpredictability. You instinct hen check in with a loved one or a *** You run a hard bargain. Taking

builds because of your extraordinary and ic associate. Recognize the unpreprofessional work. Communication also dictability of this person. Work with othproves to be one of your many strengths. ers as only you can. Sensitivity to your If you are single, you will meet people limits might also be important. Fatigue ner with ease. You will plunge into an impor- could set in. Consider cloning yourself! CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) tant relationship late in your birthday Tonight: Get some extra R and R. Screen

you better by explaining. Sometimes he Unexpected developments might feel your workload. Handle a personal matter during lunch or after work. Use your tal-The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll ents where they are needed. Tonight: 4-Positive; Work as late as you need to.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

** If you can work from home, do so. Test out ideas with associates or those ** * Laugh and work with the unex- with common interests. If you must go to pected. A surprise proves to be delight- work, add that homey touch to your enviful. Accept diversity and new possibili- ronment. Demonstrate caring to those ties into your schedule. So what if you you work with. A relationship builds in need to reschedule a meeting or two? intensity. Tonight: Make weekend plans.

* * * Others seek you out, provoking responsibilities. Schedule a meeting later some interesting ideas. Weigh the pros

** * * Keep reaching for and seeking out answers. Your inquiring mind *** Others present many options. distinguishes you from the majority. You

risks seems to be innate to your sign, yet you could surprise others with the direction you decide to head in. Remember, ultimately, the person you answer to is you. Open up to the possibilities. Tonight: Treat a depressed friend to din-

** Listen to others' reasoning, but ultimately take responsibility for your finances. You make strong decisions in this realm, anyway. A change in how you view your responsibilities could help. or she is negative. CAPRICORN likes off-kilter. Allow your creativity to ease · Claim your power this afternoon. Tonight: Know when to leave work.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) * * * Clear as much work as you can during the daylight hours, when success naturally comes your way. You might not need to explain your actions. Still, it might be a nice thing to do. A child or loved one could be out of sorts. Tonight:

Do your thing. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** Take your place in the limelight. Others seek you out. Your spontaneity now helps you with the boss. Remember that no matter what, you have

more. Tonight: Work as a team. Evangelist Billy Graham (1918), actors

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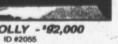
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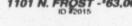












Predator potent anti-terror weapon

ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) - With the killing of six al-Qaida suspects in Yemen by a missile fired from a pilotless Predator spy plane, the CIA's combat participation in the war on terrorism has expanded beyond Afghanistan.

The Predator has become a deadly tool and powerful psychological weapon that seemingly comes from nowhere to deliver a fiery strike.

"It's a demonstration that al-Qaida can run, but they can't hide," said Daniel Mulvenna, a terrorism expert at the Center for Counterintelligence and Security Studies outside Washington. "Eventually the technological reach of the U.S. intelligence community is going to produce these opportunities."

Missiles fired from lurking Predators have killed Osama bin Laden's operations chief and threatened an Afghan warlord. The deadly drones give the CIA a way to track and kill suspected terrorists without putting U.S. pilots at risk, admittedly with the possibility of unintended civilian casualties.

The Yemen strike killed Qaed Salim Sinan al-Harethi, al-Qaida's chief operative in Yemen and a suspect in the October 2000 bombing of the destroyer USS Cole that killed 17 American sailors, U.S. officials said. Five other people, also believed to be al-Qaida operatives, were riding in al-Harethi's car and died in the attack.

The attack provoked criticism of U.S. tactics in the broadening terror war.

Swedish Foreign Minister Anna Mohammed Atef.

Lindh called the strike "a summary execution that violates human rights."

"Even terrorists must be treated according to international law. Otherwise, any country can start executing those whom they consider terrorists," she said.

The airstrike on al-Harethi's car was reminiscent of Israeli airstrikes that target vehicles of suspected members of the radical Islamic groups. The U.S. government has criticized that practice, most recently on Tuesday.

spokesman Department State Richard Boucher deflected questions on the attack in Yemen, but said U.S. opposition remains to "targeted killings" of Palestinians by Israel.

"If you look back at what we have said about targeted killings in the Israeli-Palestinian context, you will find that the reasons we have given do not necessarily apply in other circumstances," Boucher said.

The White House defended the Yemen operation.

"Sometimes the best course is a good offense," presidential spokesman Ari Fleischer said Tuesday. "The president has made clear that we fight the war on terrorism wherever we need. Terrorists don't recognize any borders or nations.'

The use of the armed Predator apparently was the first outside Afghanistan, where CIA-operated drones have fired at least four times. One of those attacks, a November operation that also included strikes by U.S. military aircraft, killed al-Qaida military head

The United States developed the Predator after the 1991 Persian Gulf war to give military commanders views of the battlefield without having to put pilots there.

First used in 1995, the remote-controlled spy plane can lurk in an area for up to 16 hours, unseen and unheard at 15,000 feet, its cameras transmitting live video, infrared or radar pictures to military commanders or intelligence officials anywhere in the world. The video is sharp enough to be able to spot a person from five miles away, officials

The CIA was the first to fly Predators modified to carry one Hellfire missile under each wing. Originally built as anti-tank weapons for Army helicopters, the 125-pound Hellfires streak through the air faster than the speed of sound to deliver about 17 pounds of high explosives.

The Bush administration has ordered an additional 22 of the aircraft and their associated ground stations at a cost of about \$160 million. The Air Force already has about four dozen of them and the CIA has an undisclosed num-

The Predator has its limits. Like other small planes, it can't fly in harsh weather like snow or fog, and its video would be largely useless in those conditions anyway.

The plane also can be difficult to fly and is vulnerable to enemy anti-aircraft fire. At least nine Air Force Predators and one CIA drone have crashed during missions involving Afghanistan or Iraq since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

relinguishes post

WASHINGTON (AP) -Harvey Pitt, who provoked outcries over his ethics in a string of political missteps, resigned under pressure as the government's top securities regulator. The Bush White House, embarrassed by Pitt's troubles, was relieved to have him go.

Pitt's turbulent 14-month tenure as chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission came at a time when the administration needed to shore up investors rattled by a wave of accounting scandals.

The Democrats lost one of their favorite targets Tuesday, Election Day. Pitt told President Bush in a letter that "the turmoil surrounding my chairmanship" had made it difficult to stay in the job. "Rather than be a burden to you or the agency, I feel it is in everyone's best interest if I step aside now. to allow the agency to continue the important efforts we have started.'

The White House quickly accepted his resignation.

On Wednesday, the Bush administration defended the president's appointment of Pitt and his substantive performance at the commission.

"I don't think he went soft on the accounting industry," White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said. "There were other circumstances that arose that Mr. Pitt reacted and

resigned." Three administration officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the White House welcomed the resignation of a regulator who had created a host of political problems for Bush in the run-up to the midterm elections. Pitt's stumbles had been seen as weakening the SEC at a time when the market was reeling from corporate debacles, including Enron Corp., WorldCom Inc. and Global Crossing Ltd., and the

economy was fragile. Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., suggested the White House may have wanted to "minimize the news" of Pitt's departure by making it

known on Election Night. Pitt attended a routine commission meeting Wednesday, listening to staff members and asking questions as they discussed proposed new rules requiring attorneys to report company violations to a top executive.

Commissioner Harvey Goldschmid, a Democrat who had bitterly opposed Pitt's selection of former FBI director William Webster to head a new accounting oversight board, said during the meeting that the last weeks have been "a period of enormous pain" for the SEC.

Pitt's latest fumble came when he failed to share with fellow commissioners information about Webster's past before the agency voted last week to put him in charge of the accounting panel.

The revelation led SEC commissioners, including Pitt, to request an internal investigation of Webster's selection and renewed the almost daily drumbeat of calls from Democrats and other Pitt critics for his resignation.

Pitt withheld information about Webster having headed the board of directors' auditing U.S. committee at Technologies, a company facing investor lawsuits alleging fraud. Webster told The New York Times that Pitt assured him that SEC staffers had looked into the issue and determined it would not pose a prob-

Webster's future as head of the new oversight board was unclear; he said this week that he would step aside if he decided he couldn't be effective in that job.

Teen 'Thelma and Louise' charged in stick-up

BARNEGAT, N.J. (AP) — When two teenage girls walked into the Sun National Bank and announced a stickup, branch manager Linda Williams thought it was a

They were 5-feet-2 inches tall, one in a black knit ski mask, the other with a nylon stocking over her face. One carried what looked like a silver handgun.

It was almost noon, two days before Halloween.

"What is this, a joke?" Williams said.

"No, we ain't (expletive) joking," one of them replied. "Give us your money." Williams handed a black plastic trash bag to the teller.

The teller stuffed \$3,500 in cash into the bag and the girls ran out, jumping into a getaway car driven by their mother, authorities said.

"A teenage 'Thelma & Louise," said Detective Michael Duffy, shaking his head.

and their mother, Kathleen Wortman Jones, 34, of Barnegat, were charged in the heist along with a 16-year-old stepsister and Jones' husband.

Police said they stole because they were facing foreclosure on their rundown ranch house and needed the money to pay the mortgage.

Neighbors said 11 people stayed at the house at a time, including a 13-year-old boy, a grandmother with one leg and an uncle who is a disabled vet-

"I just can't even believe a mother would let her children do something like this," said neighbor Carrie Dempsey. "What kind of conversation could they have had? 'I want you kids to put masks on and I'll wait in the car?' For \$3,500, they ruined their

At the house Tuesday, a police man declined to open the door to a reporter. "We don't have anything to say," he said. The

lives.

Two twin 14-year-old girls couple does not yet have an attorney, he said.

> The twins, whose names weren't released because they are juveniles, are charged with armed robbery, possession of a firearm and theft.

Described by police as polite and respectful, they were being held Tuesday in a juvenile shelter.

The 16-year-old, who was charged with conspiracy to commit armed robbery and possession of stolen property, was released on recognizance to the custody of her grand-

Jones was charged with armed robbery, possession of a weapon for an illegal purpose

She was being held on \$75,000 bail, along with Kevin Jones, 37, who was charged with hindering apprehension.

Police said Jones, who is on disability, clidn't know about the robbery until afterward. They said he was charged because he disposed of the gun - a toy that fires plastic pel-

lets — in a Dumpster. The five were arrested Friday when a police SWAT team, working from leads generated by detectives and a bank surveillance video, searched the home.

Police said they found \$2,700, but don't know what happened to the rest.

As for the mortgage? "I don't even know if they got around to paying it," said Duffy.

Drilling Intentions

Intentions to Drill

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star Ltd. Partnership, #3 Hobart '49', 467' from North & West line, Sec. 49,A-2,H&GN, PD 12500'

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Gas Well Completions HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Dominion Oklahoma Texas E&P, Inc., #9 Meek '67', Sec. 67,M-1,H&GN, spud 7-15-02, drlg. compl 7-29-02, tested 9-30-02, potential 4253' MCF, TD 11660', PBTD 11601

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star Ltd. Partnership, #309 Yeager, Sec. 9,4,AB&M, spud 7-20-02, drlg. compl 8-4-02, tested 10-7-02, TD 11800', PBTD 11659

HEMPHILL (S.E. CANA-DIAN Douglas) El Paso Production Co., #2A Jones Trust '26', Sec. 26,1,G&M, spud 8-9-02, drlg. compl 8-17-02, tested 9-14-02, potential 67 MCF, TD 7410, PBTD 7310'

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9-27-02.

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(WILDCAT) GRAY Cambridge Production, Inc., #1 Webb 'AA', Sec. 2, A-6, H&GN, spud 9-24-00, plugged 8-24-01, TD 13165' (gas) GRAY (WEST PANHAN-

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(gas) WHEELER (PANHAN-DLE) Ricon Petroleum Co., Porter, Sec. 14,27,H&GN (oil) — for the following

wells: #1, spud unknown, plugged

9-17-02, TD 2220' -#3, spud unknown, plugged

9-24-02, TD 2195'

#4, spud unknown, plugged 9-25-02, TD 2228'

(MILLS WHEELER RANCH Des Moines) Chevron U.S.A., Inc., #1046 Abernethy, et al Unit, Sec. 46, A-7, H&GN, spud 8-29-02, plugged 10-5-02, TD 12180' (dry) -

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