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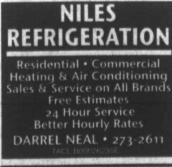
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Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS Tralee Crisis Center staff and others marched from the intersection of

Francis and Cuyler streets to the steps of City Hall Tuesday evening in the third annual Honorable Man March. Watson named Most Honorable

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Emotions ran high early Tuesday evening as the winning nominations in Tralee Crisis Center's Honorable Man contest were read on the steps of City Hall.

Nominators choked up and fought tears as they read their nominations. The nominees standing beside them also betrayed emotion as their eyes welled with extra moisture.

Gene Watson was named Most Honorable Man. His daughter, Nicole, of Charlotte, N.C., had nominated him but could not

attend Tuesday's ceremony. His son, Shawn, read the nomination.

Nicole wrote that she had been adopted by her parents when she was 3 days old.

"I remember how proud Dad used to look when people told him how much his daughter looked just like him," she said in the nomination.

Watson was always available to Nicole and attended everything from school functions to birthdays, even though he never passed up a chance at overtime as a crane operator at Celanese, See MAN, Page 3





Watson

City OKs budget for Pampa EDC

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

Pampa Commission has approved a \$264,712 operating budget for the Pampa Economic Development Corporation and reappointed three members of the EDC for two-year periods.

Shawn Clifton, treasurer of the Pampa Economic Development Corporation, told the city commission at the commission's meeting Tuesday afternoon that the EDC was basing its budget on an estimated income from sale tax revenues of \$81,000 a month.

Of the estimated \$972,000 that would go to the EDC annually, Clifton said they expected about 73 percent of their income to be available for economic development projects.

Clifton said that the EDC had budgeted \$80,000 for salaries. He said most of that would go to an executive director and that possibly some of it would go for a secretary. Clifton indicated travel expenses, employee taxes and insurance costs were based on the salary projections and had been worked out with advice from the city staff.

He said he expected an executive director to be hired in December or January.

In going over the budget with the commission, Clifton said the EDC is now renting a single office from the Pampa Chamber Commerce for \$200 a month. He said there are plans to renovate the second floor of the Pampa Community building that houses the chamber and move the EDC upstairs. If that happens, the EDC's rent could double, but then their office space would be much larger.

Clifton said the EDC had repaid a \$20,000 loan from the city plus about \$400 in interest when the EDC received its first sales tax check last month. The city had loaned the money to the EDC to get it started and allow it to rent office space and get organized.

"As of now, we are debt

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11 felonies included It's all about safety in list of indictments

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

A Gray County grand jury handed up 30 indictments Oct. 3 in 223rd District Court, including 11 first-

degree felonies. Adam Refugio Aguilar, 25, was indicted on two firstdegree felonies and two second-degree felonies. The first-degree felonies are two counts of aggravated robbery, with bond set at \$100,000 per count. The second-degree felonies are two counts of aggravated assault, with bond set at \$50,000 per count. Total bond amount for the four indictments is \$300,000.

On May 21, Aguilar allegedly threatened Layne and Mae Conner with a firearm while in the course of committing theft of property. He also allegedly on that date pointed the firearm at Mae Conner and shot the firearm in the direction of Layne Conner.

Carlos Jose Cordova, 25, was indicted on two firstdegree felonies and two second-degree felonies. The first-degree felonies are two counts of aggravated robbery, with bond set at \$100,000 per count. The second-degree felonies are two

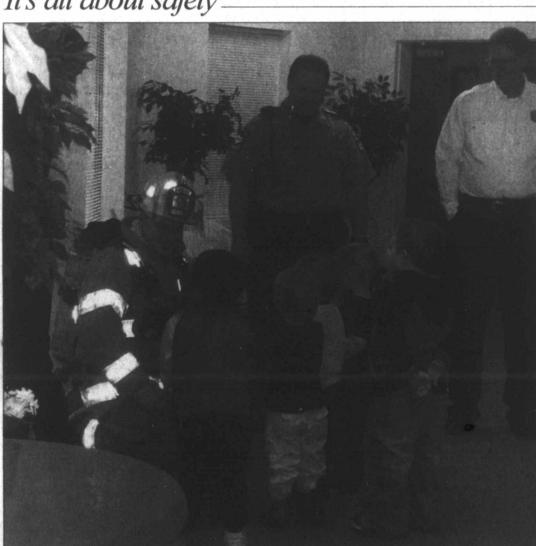
counts of aggravated assault, with bond set at \$50,000 per count. Total bond amount for the four indictments is \$300,000.

On May 21, Cordova allegedly threatened Layne and Mae Conner by exhibiting a firearm while in the course of committing theft of property. He also allegedly shot a firearm in the direction of Layne Conner and pointed the firearm at Mae Conner.

Davey Enriquez, 33, was indicted for four first-degree felonies. The indictments are for two counts of aggravated robbery, enhanced, and aggravated assault, enhanced. Bond on the robbery charges was set at \$100,000 each, and bond on the assault charges was set at \$50,000 each, for total bond of \$300,000.

On May 21, Enriquez allegedly threatened Layne and Mae Conner with a firearm while in the course of committing theft of property. He also allegedly pointed the firearm at Mae Conner and shot the firearm in the direction of Layne Conner on that date.

The charges against See JURY, Page 3



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Pampa Fire Department is visiting local schools and day care centers this week to give demonstrations in connection with National Fire Prevention Week. Firefighter Andy Schroeder wears full firefighters' gear to allow preschoolers at For Heaven's Sake Day Care and Preschool, 900 E. 23rd, to see what firefighters look like when they are working. Also participating in the presentations are, from right, Keith Fisher, fire marshal; Jim Sirmans, equipment operator; and Captain Keith Arnzen, standing behind the tree.





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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

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

Seven traffic stops were made, resulting in

at least one arrest.

Traffic complaints were received from the 700 block of North Hobart, the intersection of Francis and Somerville streets, and the 1900 block of Holly.

A vehicle accident was reported in the 700 block of North Hobart.

Calls concerning animals were received from the 1100 and the 1000 block of South Hobart.

Warrant service was attempted on one occasion.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 2800 block of Charles, the 500 block of North Dwight, the 1100 block of West Oklahoma, and the 1100 block of Huff Road.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 800 block of East Browning.

Prowlers were reported in the 200 block of South Tignor and the 600 block of Lowry. Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 1300 block of Coffee and the 100

block of South Wells.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1300 block of West Somerville, the 100 block of South Russell, and at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester, where at least one arrest was made in connection with the inci-

Driving while intoxicated, second offense, was reported in the 1400 block of Duncan. An arrest was made in connection with the

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 1300 block of Coffee. A civil matter was reported in the police

department lobby.

Harassment was reported in the police department lobby.

A disturbance was reported in the 2200 block of North Christy.

Assault was reported at One Medical Plaza. Theft was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred at Pampa

Pawn, 208 E. Brown. Cash totaling \$1,000 was taken. Theft was reported in the 1900 block of North Faulkner and the police department

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported

in the 1000 block of Gordon.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accident today.

Tuesday, Oct. 10

7:40 a.m. - A 1986 Mercury Grand Marquis, driven by Erica Arreola, 17, of 720 N. Christy, and a 2000 GMC Jimmy, driven by Wanda McCoy Morgan, 67, of 1011 Love, collided at the intersection of Gwendolyn and Hobart streets. No injuries were reported. Arreola was cited for failure to yield right of way at a stop sign and no valid Texas driver's license. Delores Dominguez Arreola was cited for allowing an unlicensed driver to drive.

Sheriff

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

Tuesday, Oct. 10

Juan Daniel Cano, 24, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on capias pro fines for animal at large and no rabies vaccination.

Kala Seymour, 17, of Pampa was arrested

by GCSO for no driver's license and possession of one or more but less than four grams of a controlled substance.

Waylon Lynn Bridwell, 29, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for no seat belt and failure to appear.

Yvonne Cheri Bridgeman, 35, of Pampa was arrested in the 1400 block of Duncan by Pampa Police Department for driving while intoxicated, second offense.

Fire

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

7:40 a.m. - One unit and two personnel responded to the 1000 block of North Price Road on a natural gas leak.

Tuesday, Oct. 10

7:44 a.m. – One unit and three personnel responded to the intersection of Hobart and Gwendolyn on a vehicle accident.

8:39 a.m. - Two units and four personnel responded to the 900 block of East 23rd on a fire prevention program.

9:56 a.m. - One unit and five personnel responded to the 200 block of North Ballard on a fire prevention program.

Gray County Weather

Today: Patchy fog before 11 a.m. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 71. North-northwest between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of rain. Increasing clouds, with a low around 38. North-northeast wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 46. North wind 5 to 15 mph becoming east-southeast.

Thursday Night: Mostly

600 N. Ward

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clear, with a low around 39. East-southeast wind around

5 mph becoming calm. Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 63. Southsouthwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 44. South wind around 10 mph.

Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 70. South wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Obituaries

Wanda Faye Betchan, 77, of Pampa, Texas, died Oct. 10, 2006, at Amarillo, Texas. Services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, 2006, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with Pastor Lonny Robbins, of Trinity Fellowship, officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Betchan was born May 10, 1929, in Quanah. attended Quanah schools. She loved to play

Rita Griffith Coats, 68, two years and in Lubbock passed away Oct. 9, 2006, in a Dallas hospital. She was born Oct. 8, 1938, in Lockney, the daughter of Melvin and Myrtle Pearson Griffith. She had lived in Mineral Wells for the past

ARLINGTON — Mary

Jean Horrell, 74, died Sunday, Oct. 8, 2006. Memorial services will be at 4 p.m. Oct. 12 at Bethel Temple under the direction of Emerald Hills Funeral

Diana Pickett, 57, of Pampa, Texas, died Oct. 7, 2006, at Pampa. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, 2006, at Memory Gardens Mausoleum with

the Rev. Norman Rushing,

pastor of Central Baptist

Wanda Faye Betchan, 77

bingo and loved to fish. She both of Odessa, and Curtis was a very hard worker and enjoyed life to the fullest.

Survivors include one daughter, Reba Justice and husband Glenn of Odessa; one sister, Linda Gee and husband Marlin of Pampa; one brother, J. C. Davis of

Pampa; four grandsons, Matt daughter, Forrest Justice of Justice of Lubbock, John Odessa; one daughter-in-Justice and Robbie Justice, law, Coreta Ray of Yukon,

Yukon, Okla.; one granddaughter, Crista Moore of Okla.; Yukon, three great-grandsons, Tanner Justice and Tyler Justice, both of Phoenix, Ariz., Demitri Justice of Odessa; one great-grand-

Wayne Ray of Kenneth and Opal Ray of Pampa. She was preceded in death by her parents, Doyle and

Okla.; and special family,

Jimmie Davis; a son, Wayne Ray on Oct. 16, 1998; and a sister, Laverne Devoll on Aug. 3, 2005. MEMORIALS: Trinity

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Rita Griffith Coats, 68

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prior to that.

She was a member of the Southside Church of Christ.

Services will be 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, 2006, at Southside Church of Christ

South Plains Church of Christ in Lubbock. Burial will follow in the

Friday, Oct. 13, 2006, at

Lubbock Cemetery. She is survived by her

husband, Charles B. Coats of in Mineral Wells, and 2 p.m. Mineral Wells; son and Nora Griffith Bybee.

daughter-in-law, Matt and Jennifer "J. T." Coats of Irving; sister, Ann Griffith Loter of Pampa; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and sister,

Mary Jean Horrell, 74

Home in Kennedale.

Mrs. Horrell was born in Pampa to Otto and Mildred Patton. In 1955, she married Roy Horrell Jr., her husband of 50 years.

by her parents.

Survivors include her husband, Roy; her children, Lou Ann Spencer of Puyallup, Wash., Rhonda Gail Horrell of

She was preceded in death Abilene, Gary Horrell of Waxahachie and Kay Brown of Arlington; her sister, Ottolene Jones of Lake Tawakoni; eight grandchildren; and seven greatgrandchildren.

Diana Pickett, 57

Church, officiating.

Entombment will be in Memory Gardens Mausoleum under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley

Funeral Directors. Mrs. Pickett was born Sept. 24, 1949, in Tyler. She Pampa since 1981. She was a former employee of OMI, leaving in 1998. She was currently employed by Wal-

Mart as an associate. She was a Baptist. Survivors include one son,

had been a resident of Eddy Pickett of Pampa; and one granddaughter, Brianna

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Katherine Oneal Vaught, 82

CANYON - Katherine Oneal Vaught, 82, a former Pampa resident, died Sept. 12, 2006, at Hudson House in Canyon. Funeral services were conducted Sept. 16 in Memorial Park Mausoleum in Amarillo with her son-inlaw, Steve Hawkins and daughter Gloria officiating.

Graveside services, arranged by Carmichael-

Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa and presided over by the Rev. Barry Loving, were held Sept. 18 in Pampa. Mrs. Vaught, who lived in Pampa and later in Amarillo, was born at Holts Summit, Mo., to Mabel and Harrison Vaught.

She was a dental assistant with Dr. George Snell from 1956 until his death in 1972

and retired from Bell Helicopter in Amarillo in 1989.

Mrs. Vaught was named Most Congenial Employee by Pampa Business and Professional Women's Association in 1965.

Survivors include a daughter, Gloria Prince Hawkins; two grandchildren, Steve E. Hawkins of Dallas and Matthew Hawkins of Lubbock; and two great-grandchildren.

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Enriquez are enhanced because on Oct. 18, 1991 in 222nd District Court of Deaf Smith County, he was convicted of the felony offense of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. He was also convicted Jan. 9, 2002 in 251 District Court in Potter County of the felony offense of burglary of a habitation.

Charles Wayne Jones, 33, was indicted for three firstdegree felonies and one state jail felony.

The first-degree felonies are three counts of delivery of a controlled substance, enhanced. The state jail felony is delivery of a controlled substance.

Bond on two of the firstdegree indictments against Jones was set at \$15,000 each. Bond on the third firstdegree charge was set at \$7,000, and bond on the state jail felony was set at \$6,000. Total bond is \$43,000.

On July 14, 2005, Jones allegedly delivered to Gary Walsmith four grams or more but less than 200 grams of methamphetamine. Jones also on that date allegedly delivered to Walsmith one gram or more but less than four grams of methamphetamine.

On June 20, 2005, Jones allegedly delivered one gram or more but less than four grams of methamphetamine to Damon Samford.

The first-degree felony charges are enhanced because on Nov. 9, 1999, Jones was convicted in 31st District Court in Gray County of the felony offense of delivery of a controlled substance.

The state jail felony indictment against Jones alleges that on June 20, Jones delivered less than one gram of methamphetamine to Damon Samford.

Edward Charles Broadbent, 49, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, enhanced. Bond on the second-degree felony was set at \$4,500.

On Dec. 19, 2005, Broadbent allegedly possessed one gram or more but less than four grams of cocaine. On March 7, 2001, Broadbent was convicted in 223rd Judicial Court in Gray County of the felony offense of aggravated assault on a public servant.

Robert Allemand, 33, was indicted for making a false statement to obtain property or credit. Bond on the thirddegree felony was set at

On March 10, 2004, Allemand allegedly made a false or misleading written statement by signing the name of Melinda Birkeland to a business credit application with the intent to obtain a 2003 Ford F350 for himself.

John Kelly Hayes, 46, was indicted for driving while intoxicated, third or more offense. Bond on the thirddegree felony was set at \$5,000.

On Oct. 16, 2005, Hayes allegedly operated a motor vehicle in a public place while intoxicated.

Hayes was convicted of an offense relating to the operating of a motor vehicle while intoxicated on Sept. 24, 1987 in District Court Dickinson County, Kan. and on Nov. 20, 1989 in the Court Common Pleas Allegheny County, Pa.

Keith DeShawn Stewart, 31, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance in a drug-free zone. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$10,000.

allegedly possessed one gram or more but less than four grams of cocaine within 300 feet of The Optimist Club, a public youth center, at 601 East Craven.

Erika Batyia Vargas, 20, was indicted for tampering with physical evidence. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$5,000.

On Nov. 6, 2004, Vargas allegedly concealed a controlled substance with intent to impair its availability as evidence in an investigation of the offense of possession of a controlled substance.

Leticia Vargas, 40, was indicted for tampering with physical evidence. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$5,000.

On Nov. 6, 2004, Vargas allegedly concealed a controlled substance with intent to impair its availability as evidence in an investigation of the offense of possession of a controlled substance.

Juan Manuel Martinez, 37, was indicted for driving while intoxicated with child passenger. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$1,500.

On Jan. 3, Martinez allegedly operated a motor vehicle in a public place while intoxicated and while

On Jan. 11, 2005, Stewart the vehicle was occupied by a passenger younger than 15 years of age.

Jugo Rivera Nava, 28, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$5,000.

On Nov. 6, 2004, Nava allegedly possessed less than one gram of cocaine.

Cedric Deshun Parker, 19, was indicted for two counts of possession of a controlled substance. Bond on the state jail felonies was set at \$5,000 each, for total bond of \$10,000.

On Nov. 22, 2005, Parker allegedly possessed less than one gram each of cocaine and methamphetamine.

Jason Samuel Shorter, 25, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$3,000.

On Nov. 24, 2004, Shorter allegedly possessed less than

one gram of methamphetamine.

Michael Brandon Voss, 29, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance. Bond on the state jail

felony was set at \$5,000. On Jan. 27, 2004, Voss allegedly possessed less than one gram of methampheta-

Anthony Lee Williams, 30, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$2,500.

On July 13, 2004, Williams allegedly possessed less than one gram of methamphetamine.

Reggie Ugene Williams, 36, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$3,000.

On Dec. 15, 2004, Williams allegedly possessed less than one gram of cocaine.

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she said.

"He always provided a shoulder to cry on, good advice, and a loving hug," Nicole said. "People would tell me he's the nicest guy and would tell me how he helped them."

Watson is now a driver for Panhandle Transit and helps his wife take care of Nicole's 90-year-old grandmother, who has Alzheimer's disease.

"He enjoys his job. The passengers are the highlight of his day," Nicole wrote. "He is an everyday hero for my family and members of the community."

Dennis Edmondson, nominated by his daughter, Angie Edmondson, was named first runner-up.

"If I could take all the goodness in the world and put it into one person, that would be my dad," Angie said. "He is always reaching out to help someone else and is concerned with the wellbeing of others.

"He loves deeper than any other person I've ever met. He will always be my first love, my first hero, and my best friend," she said. "The best advice my dad gave me is, 'Please just never marry anyone who doesn't love you as much as I do."

Assistant 31st District Attorney Franklin McDonough was second runner-up, nominated by Connie Investigator Lockridge of the 31st District Attorney's office.

Lockridge McDonough's devotion to his family, church and work as reasons why she nominat-

"He is a devout family man, married five years and with three daughters," she said. "He is a hands-on father with a protective passion toward his wife and daughters."

McDonough is competent and knowledgeable about his work as assistant district attorney, Lockridge said. He also sometimes conducts worship services singing at his church.

"Very few men in their 20s have impressed me with their life decisions, but he has," she said.

Mike Flynt, nominated by Jeane Autry and the staff of Meals on Wheels, was third runner-up.

Flynt has worked as a volunteer for Meals on Wheels for the past 20 years. He helped with the new Meals on Wheels building by seeing that work got

done and helping with tools

and equipment.

He also helps residents of the Pam Apartments by taking them to appointments and other activities and running errands for them, Autry said.

Tuesday's events began with a march south on Cuyler Street from Francis Avenue to Foster Avenue, then west on Foster to City Hall. Pampa High School drummers beat a drum every 19 seconds to symbolize how often a person is affect-

Bikers Against Child Abuse, a motorcycle group, participated in this year's

Purple and white balloons were released at the end of the ceremony on the steps of City Hall. There were 143 balloons to symbolize the 143 victims who died as a result of domestic violence in Texas in 2005. Each balloon had the name and a brief story concerning the



victim it represented. Life-size red-painted silhouettes of two domestic violence victims flanked the steps where the nominations were read. One of the silhouettes represented Twila Busby of Pampa, who died ed by domestic violence. Jan. 1, 1994 as the victim of domestic violence. Her two children also died that day. 2537 Perryton Pkwy • 669-1000

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free," Clifton said. Pampa City Manager John Horst told the commission that the EDC budget could be amended during

the year, but they would have to return to the city commission for approval of any amendments.

The city commission reappointed Clifton, Kenneth May and James Bradley to the Pampa Economic Development Corporation for two-year terms.

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Viewpoints

Here's hoping the Citgo boycott catches on

hood Citgo station is really the branch office of Venezuelan strong man Hugo Chavez's government: The company is a whollyowned subsidiary of El Loco's state oil company. Having recognized the connection, 7-Eleven Inc., is dropping Citgo as its gasoline supplier at more than 2,100 of its stores. Here's hoping the boycott catches

While denying any explicit linkage between the company's action and Chavez's the United Nations; he said policies, Margaret Chabris, a the lectern smelled of sulfur said: "Regardless of politics,

Your friendly neighbor- Americans' concern over derogatory comments about our country and its leadership recently made by Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez."

> Alex Baker, chief executive of AIG Baker Shopping Center Properties LLC, said that his company would no longer patronize Citgo. Florida state Rep. Adam Hasner is exploring banning Citgo gas stations from the Florida Turnpike.

Chavez recently called President Bush the "devil" at 7-Eleven spokeswoman, after Bush used it for his own speech to the General we sympathize with many Assembly. But, more to the

point, El Loco is trying meddling in elections across Latin America - hoping to create more anti-American allies.

Dick

Morris

Columnist

Nicaragua, he is backing former Sandinista dictator Daniel

Ortega for president in the presidential election - and Ortega is likely to win. In Ecuador, he's funding the presidential candidacy of Rafael Correa, the frontrunner in recent polling.

Chavez sponsored and funded the election of leftist Evo Morales in Bolivia. And

president of Mexico and Peru - Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, and Ollanta

> Humala narrowly lost at the polls elections this year. He has lent more than \$1 billion to

the leftist government in Argentina after it was shut off from IMF financing because of its default.

On top of all this, the government of Colombia says Chavez has been sheltering and aiding FARC - the leftist guerillas besieging that

his endorsed candidates for nation in alliance with druglords.

Chavez has traveled to Iran and Belarus where he was seen hobnobbing with the most repressive and anti-American regimes on the planet and to Russia with whom he has explored ongoing arms dealings.

At home, he has gradually eroded civil liberties and now threatens to run the nation for the next 20 years.

He buys popularity in Venezuela by distributing massive amounts of oil revcareful to keep them in poverty by repelling business and deterring foreign investment, he uses his

petrol wealth to distribute free food and to pay for imported Cuban doctors in the barrios.

Yet a goodly proportion of his revenue comes from us when we buy our gasoline at a Citgo station. Why continue to subsidize the Chavez regime and its anti-American activity? That is a question each of us must answer each time we gas up.

Eileen McGann coauthored this column.

-Dick Morris was an adviser to Bill Clinton for 20 enues to the poor. While years. Eileen McGann, an attorney and consultant, is a CEO of VOTE.com and Legislativevote.com.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 11, the 284th day of 2006. There are 81 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Oct. 11, 1779, Polish nobleman Casimir Pulaski, fighting for American independence, died two days after being mortally wounded during the Revolutionary War Battle of Savannah, Ga.

On this date:

In 1890, the Daughters of the American Revolution was founded in Washington.

In 1906, the San Francisco Board of Education ordered the city's Asian students segregated in a purely "Oriental" school.

*Compassion is the basis of all morality.

— Arthur Schopenhauer German philosopher (1788-1860)

(The order was later rescinded at the behest of President Theodore Roosevelt, who promised to curb future Japanese immigration to the United States.)

In 1942, the World War II Battle of Cape Esperance began in the Solomons, resulting in an American victory over the Japanese.

In 1962, Pope John XXIII convened the

first session of the Roman Catholic Church's Second Ecumenical Council, also known as Vatican II.

In 1968, Apollo 7, the first manned Apollo mission, was launched with astronauts Wally Schirra, Donn Fulton Eisele and R. Walter Cunningham aboard. In 1975, "NBC Saturday Night" (later "Saturday Night

Live") made its debut with guest host George Carlin. In 1984, space shuttle Challenger astronaut Kathy Sullivan

became the first American woman to walk in space. In 1986, President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S.

Gorbachev opened two days of talks concerning arms control and human rights in Reykjavik, Iceland. In 1991, testifying before the Senate Judiciary Committee, law professor Anita Hill accused Supreme Court nominee

Clarence Thomas of sexually harassing her; Thomas reappeared before the panel to denounce the proceedings as a "high-tech lynching." In 1991, comedian Redd Foxx died in Los Angeles at age 68.

Ten years ago: Roman Catholic Bishop Carlos Filipe Ximenes Belo and Jose Ramos-Horta of East Timor won the Nobel Peace Prize for their pro-democracy efforts in troubled East Timor.

Five years ago: In his first prime-time news conference since taking office, President Bush offered the Taliban a chance to stop America's punishing assaults on Afghanistan by turning over suspected terror mastermind Osama bin

The FBI warned of possible terrorist attacks in the days to come. Trinidad-born writer V.S. Naipaul won the Nobel Prize in literature.



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Texas hailstorm won't bother Bush

President Bush has been bonked on the head by so many facts that refute his rhetoric in recent days, he must feel like he's been caught in a West Texas hailstorm. But don't worry about him. He's a hardheaded man. I haven't seen a fact yet that can get past his hair.

Even as the president has been putting a dent in the aviation-fuel inventory by flying around to tell Americans that they are safer because of the war in Iraq, out comes a National Intelligence Estimate and a couple of generals who say, "No, you're not."

As a number of people pointed out, even before the Iraq invasions in 2003, sending the Army to Iraq was the biggest favor Bush could possibly have granted to old Osama bin Laden. Invading a Muslim country, and killing and abusing its people, has been a great recruiting tool. There are now more insurgents than there were two years ago. There are now more attacks than there were two years ago.

A much-annoyed president ordered parts of the NIE

to be declassified (part of it had been leaked). Actually, the NIE should never be classified in the first place. The American people and Congress have a right to know about the work product of our \$40 billion-a-year intelligence industry. It's

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mostly bureaucratic heifer dust anyway.

Columnist The only legitimate reason to classify

anything is to prevent an enemy from learning in advance of troop movements or to protect a valuable source. Neither applies to

the NIE. But the prez wanted it declassified to get to one of those if-then scenarios so well loved in the Washington skunk works. The NIE says that if the jihadists (apparently we have gone from Islamic extremists to Islamic fascists to, finally, an official designation as "jihadists") are defeated in Iraq, then they might become discouraged and lose popularity.

suppositions without any supporting evidence. If we have not defeated the jihadists in three years at a cost of a quarter of a trillion dollars, what evidence is there to support the belief that we can defeat them in

> the future? And if we did defeat them, what evidence is there to support the supposition that

they would

become discouraged? The Palestinians have been struggling with Israel and losing for nearly a century, and they haven't given up. We fought the "insurgents" in Vietnam for 10 years, dropping more high explosives on them than we used in World War II, and they didn't get discouraged and give up. As a matter of fact, we got discouraged and gave up.

Use your noodle. Who do you think is more likely to get discouraged and give up? The insurgents, who are at home and whose supply line

This, of course, is a pair of stretches around the corner, or the U.S., which has 147,000 troops at the end of a 7,000-mile supply line? It costs us far more to buy milk and bottled water for our troops than it does to make improvised explosives, since the bunglers in the Pentagon left Iraq littered with thousands of artillery shells. There were not enough troops to police them all up though, of course, the secretary of defense, Donald Rumsfeld, insisted we had all the troops we needed.

Already a slight majority of Americans don't believe the war is worth it, and as the dollars keep pouring out and the bodies keep coming back, that figure will surely grow. On the other hand, nobody gets to vote as to whether the insurgents should continue to fight.

As my fictional hero, Gus McCrae of "Lonesome Dove" fame, would say, Congress has always been too leaky a bucket to put much faith in. It was Congress that pulled the plug on our troops in

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

Oct. 2 Austin American-Statesman on reforming higher education:

Is higher education, long a force for advancement in many areas of American life, in danger of declining to second-rate status?

That's what a commission studying the future of higher education warns, a warning echoed last week by U.S. Margaret Education Secretary Spellings. Commission leader Charles Miller, former chairman of the University of Texas System Board of Regents, said college education is in need of urgent reform.

The plan proposed by the commission and Spellings calls for more transparency, easier access to financial aid and more accountability. The reformers are focused on outcomes not unlike the Bush administration's No Child Left Behind program for public school children in the lower grades through high school.

But that smacks of nationalizing higher education and forcing standardized tests on college students, something most college educators strongly oppose. One member of the commission, David Ward, president of the American Council of Education, refused to sign the final report because of its emphasis on testing. He called testing "a very blunt instrument for achieving accountability."

Some of what the commission calls for would be good for America's 3,700 colleges. Financial aid, for instance, is a daunting mess that should be improved and simplified. The cheapest college education now costs tens of thousands of dollars, so financial aid is vitally important for America's diverse student body.

Nor is there anything wrong with schools being more transparent about costs, admission requirements, graduation rates and more.

But a system for providing accountability and fathoming outcomes is much

We share the fear of testing students and using scores to determine the value

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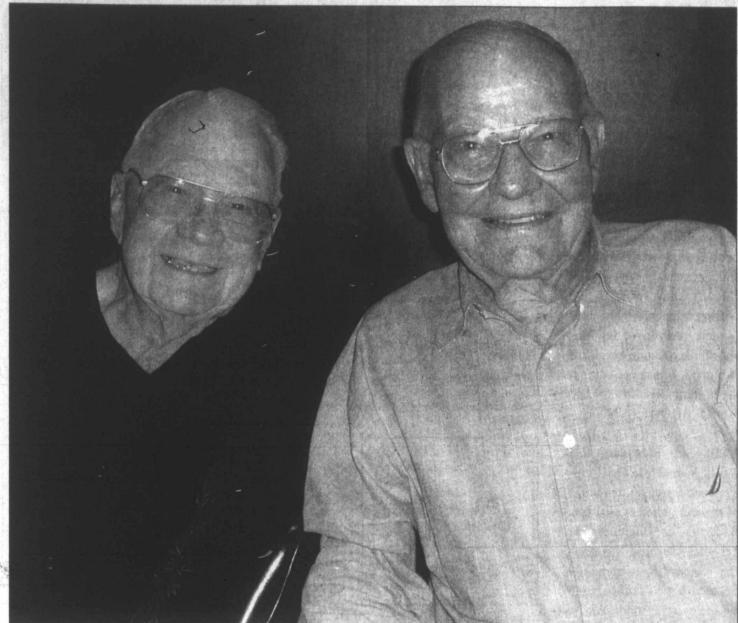
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Dr. Joe Donaldson and Bob Curry discuss the upcoming Arts and Crafts Festival to be staged Saturday and Sunday at M.K. Brown Auditorium in Pampa. The festival is sponsored by Pampa Fine Arts Association and will open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Donaldson's daughter, Gail Kincaid of Austin, will be showing her jewelry at the festival.

Events calendar

 Kwahadi Kiva Indian Museum in Amarillo will host Kwahadi Dancers "21st Annual Indian Summer Shows" at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 28 at the museum. Texas barbecue will be served prior to the show at 6:30 p.m. The Fire Hoop Dance and many others are part of the performance. For dinner and ticket reservations, call the museum gift shop at (806) 335-3175.

 The next Cowboy Poetry Breakfast will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday at the Big Texan Steak Ranch in Amarillo.

Writers will conduct its used book and video sale from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday in the parking lot at 5800 W. 45th in Amarillo. The sale will include used books, videos and computer video games. Local authors will be on hand to sale and sign their books. Proceeds will help fund the "Frontiers in Writing" conference in June. For more information, log onto www.panhandleprowriters.org on the Internet.

· The Texas Department of State Health Services will offer immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m., Oct. 18 , TDH, 736 S. Panhandle Professional Cuyler, Pampa. Call 665-4752 for more information

 Red Hat Dollies Society of Pampa will meet at 11 a.m. Oct. 19 in the private meeting room at Pampa Senior Citizens Center. The meeting is open to interested women 50 and older. For more information, call 669-9297 or 669-9916.

more information, call 806 354-4442.

 An inaugural Quinceanera Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 21 at the Amarillo Civic Center Grand Plaza. Admission is \$2, age 7 and under are free. Worth the Wait will sponsor an essay contest for girls 12 to 15 who can submit a one-page essay about the importance of a Quinceanera, what this day means to them, how they will make good decisions (like choosing to remain abstinent and avoid drugs, alcohol, tobacco and violence) and how this event will impact their lives for a chance to win an entire Quinceanera package, including the dress, invitations, flowers and everything else for that special day, valued at \$5,000. Essays may be sent to Worth the Wait, P.O. Box 51329, Amarillo, TX 79159. For

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of a college education. How do you test and score for creativity, commitment, passion or a fierce love of learning? Those are among the many marvelous aspects of American higher education in all its vast diversity.

Another is the variety of choices students have to further their learning.

Students can choose a large, highly ranked state university such as Texas, or

a smaller, private school the sentiment, but any such as Huston-Tillotson, a local institution in Abilene, a community college in Wichita Falls, or a religionbased school in San Antonio or Houston.

The array of options is almost endless, and that has been a lasting value to U.S. higher education.

Miller said the federal government pours billions of dollars into higher education in grants and financial aid, and the government should know what it is getting for that money.

We don't disagree with cation secretary and eventu-

reform that threatens to force the wonderful mix of options into a one-size-fits-all mold must be rejected.

Another concern is the proposal to create a database to track student progress through college, anywhere and anytime.

UT, among other schools, has had a database hacked twice in recent years. A superdatabase of student information would be an inviting target for hackers and criminals.

Of all the reforms the edu-

ally Congress considers, cost should be the top priority. Tuition is up 40 percent at four-year institutions over the last five years and up 65 percent at UT in the past three years. Good students are in danger of being priced out of college.

Reform can be a good thing, but Spellings should follow the physicians' dictum and first, do no harm.

Pet of the Week

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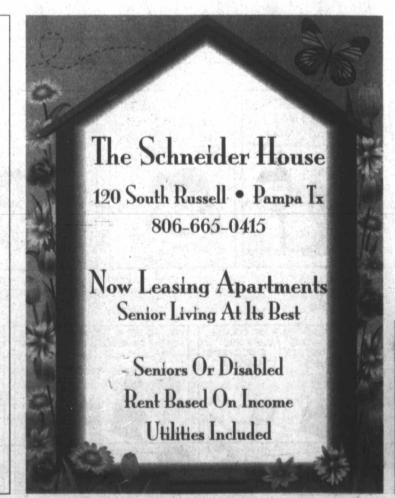
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Vietnam and on the Vietnamese government. It will eventually do the same in Iraq and Afghanistan.

As much as the windbags Washington aspire to be an empire, they just don't have the staying power of the Roman President legions. Bush, however, will leave office convinced he never made a single mistake in eight years. I've known sociopaths who feel

-Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802.



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm in a relationship with a man I'll call "Dominick," who was arrested a few years back, but he refuses to tell me what he was arrested for. I have two children, and I don't want to continue this relationship if Dominick is a child molester. Do you know where I can find out what he did? -- UNEASY IN SANFORD, FLA.

DEAR UNEASY: All you have to do is go to www.fdle.state.fl.us and click on the sexual offender data base link. It's the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Web site, and it contains publicrecord information on people who have been classified as sexual predators/offenders under Florida law. Readers, please note that different states have different laws about what information is made available to the public regarding criminals in this category. From the FDLE site, you can link to other state sites and to the National Sex Offender Public Registry www.nsopr.gov, which is provided by the U.S. Department of Justice. However, that this man has refused to divulge the reason for his arrest to you should have already raised a huge red flag. It means he has plenty to hide, and because he's unwilling to be forthcoming, my advice is to invest no more time in him.

DEAR ABBY: I am 17. I had a dear friend I'll call "Gina." Her father was addicted to drugs and her mother died when she was young. Gina had nowhere to live because of certain things that were going on in her life, so I talked to my parents and they agreed she could live in our home. We took her in and treated her like a family member. After living here for a month, Gina did something horrible. She had sex with a boy I'll call "Jesse." He was my first love and

meant the world to me. Jesse and I were together for two years, on and off, and it was right after we had broken up that Gina lied to my face about what happened with him. She couldn't even own up to it. I heard it from one of my other good friends. Abby, my family accepted Gina as one of our own. We clothed her, fed her, gave her a place to stay and comforted her through all her troubles. I don't know what to do. Pretend like nothing happened? She hurt me very badly, and everyone I tell this story to seems to think I should break off the friendship for good. I miss her company, but she really hurt me. Should I forgive her? -- BURNED IN BROOKLYN

DEAR BURNED: Gina may have lied because she was ashamed of what happened. I see no reason to pretend that nothing happened. However, whether you forgive Gina would depend on something you at left out of your letter. Because this happened "right after" you and Jesse broke up, is it possible he used her to punish you? And who spread the story around? Was it Gina, or was it Jesse bragging about his latest conquest? You need to be able to tell Gina how much her fling hurt you. She used extremely poor judgment under the circumstances to forge ahead with that "romance" while living under your roof. But if Jesse told her it was over between you, I can see why she might have. Forgiveness will depend on the answers you get from Gina, and how much forgiveness you're capable of.

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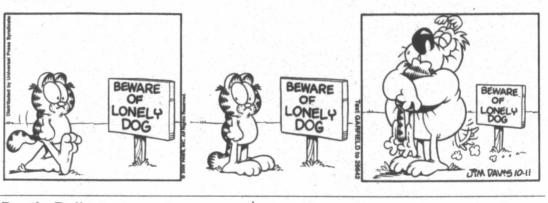
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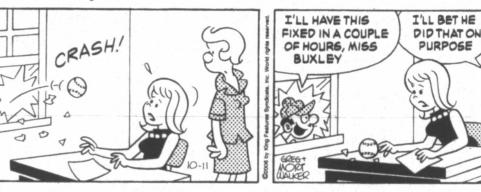
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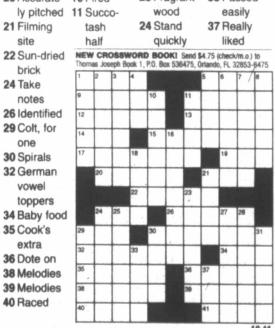


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Sports Day

Tigers open ALCS with impressive win over A's, ace Zito

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) -Funny how the Detroit Tigers thought they were putting too much pressure on themselves during their struggles down the stretch, then in their AL championship series opener they were so incredibly loose.

Carlos Guillen hugged old friends on the opposing side before the game and manager Jim Leyland did his share of socializing, too.

The way things are going, the Tigers might have many more enjoyable October days ahead.

Brandon Inge hit a solo home run and RBI double from the bottom of the order, Ivan Rodriguez also homered and Nate Robertson pitched the Tigers past the Oakland Athletics 5-1 Tuesday night in Game 1 of the ALCS.

"This is postseason. It's a new slate," Inge said. "It's wiped clean and we can go out there now and forget about everything that happened in the season and have some fun and play some good hard base-

And fundamentally sound base-

The Tigers battered Barry Zito, turned four double plays and once again relied on their flame-throwing relievers. Only one thing went wrong: Sean Casey, Detroit's No. 3 hitter, left early because of an injured left calf and expected to be out a couple of days.

Game 2 in the best-of-seven series — a rematch of the 1972 ALCS — is Wednesday night, with Oakland's Esteban Loaiza facing Justin Verlander.

Fresh off surprising the New York Yankees in four games in the opening round, the typically freeswinging Tigers worked the count against Zito.

"We thought if we slowed down against him a little bit, it would work a little better," Inge said. "It's huge, get a little momentum

The A's ace retired the first eight batters of the game before running into trouble, with 10 of the last 13 Tigers facing him reaching base on the way to a 5-0 lead.

"After that I started to nit pick a

little bit instead of coming right after them," Zito said. "This is the playoffs. If you don't get ahead in the count it becomes more exposed than in the regular season."

The wild-card Tigers showed off their gloves, too, tying a league championship series record for double plays, last accomplished by the San Francisco Giants exactly 19 years earlier — on Oct. 10,

Robertson, who lost Game 1 against the Yankees in his postseason debut, pitched five shutout innings to win for the first time in the Coliseum. The 29-year-old lefty struck out the side to escape a fourth-inning jam after Frank Thomas drew a leadoff walk and Jay Payton doubled him to third.

"That's Nate," said Rodriguez, one of two Tigers players with a World Series ring. "He never gives up. He never feels any weakness up

The Tigers are again feeling good about themselves after losing their final five games of the regular-season, starting

Robertson's Sept. 27 outing. And they have all but forgotten that awful 119-loss season from three years ago.

Oakland never trailed in its division-series sweep of the Minnesota Twins, taking quick leads in all three games. This time, the A's grounded into double plays to end both the second and third innings to squander early scoring chances, then had another double play in the

"We were dodging bullets all night. We just put too many guys on base," Leyland said.

The A's made mistakes resembling some of their blunders in four straight first-round losses from 2000-03 — not the clean, crisp defense they showed in the division series. They also went 0-for-13 with runners in scoring position.

"With three days off, I think guys came in here a little overanxious and tried to do things we don't normally do," Thomas said.

Zito, Oakland's lone All-Star this season, didn't allow a hit until Inge — the No. 9 hitter — lofted a

drive that stayed just inside the leftfield foul pole with two outs in the third.

Curtis Granderson followed with a double, then Placido Polanco walked on Zito's 56th pitch. After Casey followed with a walk, pitching coach Curt Young paid a visit to the mound before Magglio Ordonez's infield single that fivetime Gold Glover Eric Chavez bobbled at third base.

Zito threw 38 pitches, 18 balls, in the inning after-needing only 31 to get through the first two, and he gave way to Chad Gaudin after only 3 2-3 innings. His line: seven hits, five runs, three walks and no strikeouts on 92 pitches.

Casey was in a walking boot after the game and Guillen will likely shift from shortstop to fill in at first.

"Hopefully tomorrow it feels a lot better and I'll get treatment and be back in there soon," Casey said. "It's frustrating. I've been down this road before. I'm sure those

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Die-hard fans



These happy Pampa Harvester fans were decked out for the homecoming football game last weekend. From left are Donny Hulsey, Chris Steward, Colton Thompson, Steve Thompson and Rick Pearson.

Mets, Cardinals gear up to play for NL pennant

NEW YORK (AP) — After cruising through a sensational regular season, Tom Glavine and the New York Mets are trying to reach the World Series with a makeshift pitching rotation.

Pedro Martinez is injured. So is Orlando Hernandez. And the Mets might start rookie John Maine twice in the NL championship series against St. Louis.

Trying to slow down slugger Albert Pujols is a tall order for any staff, much less one missing two experienced

No wonder so much is rid ing on Glavine's outing Wednesday night, when the Mets and Cardinals open the going to go out there and

best-of-seven NLCS at Shea Stadium.

"I don't feel like there's any added pressure on me," Glavine said. "Losing Pedro and losing El Duque certainly hurts us. It's not the ideal situation going in. But that's the responsibility of all 25 guys on our team to try and make up and pick up the slack.'

A rejuvenated Jeff Weaver will be on the mound for the Cardinals, who won 14 fewer games than New York this year. That doesn't mean they lack confidence, though

"I think we can compete with anybody and we're just

prove it," Pujols said. "It doesn't matter how bad or how good you look in the paper. You need to go out there and prove it when you cross that line 8 o'clock tomorrow.'

Both teams are all banged up. The Mets have been missing Martinez and Hernandez since the postseason began, and left fielder Cliff Floyd is hobbled by a sore Achilles' tendon.

St. Louis should have All-Star third baseman Scott Rolen back in Game 1 after he received a cortisone shot for his surgically repaired left shoulder. But center fielder Jim Edmonds has been fighting the effects of a concussion, and the pitching staff is without injured closer Jason Isringhausen and starter Mark Mulder.

Yet plenty of stars are still at full strength, including

Much of the talk as the teams worked out Tuesday centered on whether New York's depleted staff could contain the reigning MVP - and whether the Mets would pitch to him at all.

"Yes, and carefully," the 40-year-old Glavine said. "So much of it depends on

the situation of the game." But with Rolen and Edmonds hurting, St. Louis' lineup looks less than imposing aside from Pujols, who batted .331 with 49 homers and 137 RBIs this year. It would seem the smartest strategy for the Mets might be to force someone else to try and beat them.

"It's tough for one guy to

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Cowboys' medicore start has matched expectations

By JAIME ARON **AP Sports Writer**

IRVING, Texas (AP) — A quarter of the way into their season, the Dallas Cowboys have done little more than maintain their status quo and live up to expectations.

Think about it: Didn't you already know that Drew Bledsoe is error-prone? That a questionable offensive line might force Bledsoe into making even more mistakes?

That Terrell Owens is a ticking time bomb? That Bill Parcells is stubborn?

Of course. Thus, all the first four games have proven is that the Cowboys are good enough to beat bad teams like Tennessee and Washington, but they're not ready to topple really good clubs like Jacksonville and Philadelphia, especially on the road.

Back in training camp, I figured

Dallas to be 2-2 with some warmto-the-touch friction coming out of the Owens-Eagles game. The true test will be how the Cowboys respond to the upcoming stretch.

The next six weeks feature two games the Cowboys should win (Houston, Arizona), two they're likely to lose (at Carolina, Indianapolis) and two that are tossups (Giants, at Redskins).

Whether Dallas emerges closer to 8-2 or 2-8 will depend on how much Parcells and his brain trust take advantage of whatever they've learned thus far.

Some of that knowledge was merely reaffirming what they should've already known - like the fact that Bledsoe needs to be protected more and trusted less to make plays on his own. That includes having more faith in the running game.

And what about the defense? Say what you want about Bledsoe, but in relation to preseason expectation, the stoppers have been the bigger disappointment. At times, they've looked great, even during the losses. Yet they gave up far too many big plays to Philadelphia and weren't able to protect an early 10-0 lead against Jacksonville.

Sure, the offense puts them in some bad positions, and rookie Pat Watkins was mostly to blame for every huge gainer the Eagles had. The bottom line is, if they can become the shut-down unit they were billed to be, things could get a lot better for Dallas in a hurry.

The defenders know it, too. "We feel like we have the guys in place to win games and have the upper hand on key situations, but we haven't shown that yet," cornerback Anthony Henry said Monday.

"We feel like we'll get started real shortly."

Bledsoe is the easiest target for criticism because he's the most visible. But it all comes back to expec-

Now in his 14th season, Bledsoe is an above-average quarterback whose teams went 45-53 in games he started between 1998-2005.

He's missed the playoffs his last six years as a full-time starter, a feat unmatched in today's NFL. The last quarterback so consistently unsuccessful was Jeff Blake, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. Blake was good enough to start at least 10 games over seven seasons between 1995-2003, but bad enough that he never led Cincinnati, New Orleans, Baltimore or Arizona to the play-

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Disgraced cyclist Landis takes his doping case to the Internet

By JIM LITKE **AP Sports Columnist**

Floyd Landis might be on to something. Lord help the sports world if he

With a request to dismiss the doping case against him denied three weeks ago, the cyclist and his handlers have decided they won't

stand pat during the three months before Landis' arbitration hearing is scheduled to begin. So he's going public with his latest defense, apparently undeterred that a half-dozen previous attempts were huge flops.

This one will be an online at his web site, www.floydlandis.com,

complete with a PowerPoint presentation, digital slide show and more than 300 pages of documentation. Landis' attorney, Howard Jacobs did not return a message left at his office Tuesday, but rumors that Pinocchio was being cast as the lead investigator for the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency appear to be just that.

"He wants everything out in the open," San Diego physician and cycling coach Arnie Baker, who has worked with Landis and other top U.S. cyclists, told USA Today last week.

"The hearing may not happen for a long time," added Baker, who prepared the PowerPoint presenta-

tion, "so Floyd felt it was necessary to let the public see everything, to get all the information that they need right now."

More likely what we'll get, though, are warmed-over versions of the excuses Landis tried out previously in news conferences and on shows ranging from "Larry King Live" to "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno." Several new arguments Jacobs raised in a failed attempt to have the case dismissed are also included, apparently on the theory that they're confusing enough to fool the public, if not the review board that denied the request.

It's enough to make you wish the whole thing could be turned over to

Judge Mathis tomorrow instead of waiting for a panel from the American Arbitration Society to clear its schedule sometime in late January or early February. But no such luck.

One of those arguments, for example, goes into some detail about how Landis' urine samples were labeled, presumably raising questions about how they were handled. It sounds promising, until you learn that the cyclist's spokesman Michael Henson, also told the newspaper that Landis does not deny the sample is his.

A second argument has to do with a carbon isotope test that established the testosterone detected in Landis' sample was from an outside source. In his request, Jacobs pointed out that Landis' results showed he exceeded the acceptable range in only one of four metabolite measures that were part of the test — and contends all four must be abnormal. The actual language in the USADA code says "metabolite(s)," meaning one or

There are more examples, but you get the point. None of Landis' arguments have scored points with the experts, so his handlers have repackaged the presentation in a one-sided, high-tech attempt to

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Torre under the gun to win the big one next year for the Boss

By RONALD BLUM **AP Baseball Writer**

NEW YORK (AP) - Now Joe Torre has to lead the New York Yankees back to the World Series, as if he didn't know that already.

George Steinbrenner ended three days of speculation that followed his team's second straight firstround exit from the AL playoffs, telling Torre on Tuesday that he will be back for a 12th season.

Ever since Detroit eliminated the Yankees on Saturday, reports of Torre's imminent dismissal dominated New York media. When Steinbrenner left Monday to return to Tampa, Fla., he said he still hadn't made a decision.

Would he revert to his old ways, when he changed managers 20 times from 1973-95? Or would he stick with the revered Torre, who led the team to four World Series titles in his first five years but none in the six seasons since?

"Let's just say that he echoed support and commitment to having me go on in this job," Torre said. "I felt comfortable with the conversa-

Steinbrenner recounted the talk in a statement issued through spokesman Howard Rubenstein, saying he told Torre: "You're back for the year. I expect a great deal from you and the entire team. I have high expectations, and I want to see enthusiasm, a fighting spirit and a team that works together. Responsibility is yours, Joe, and all of the Yankees.

'Yes, I am deeply disappointed about our loss this year," Steinbrenner added. "We have to do better, and I deeply want a championship. It's about time."

Since Saturday's Steinbrenner spent his time listening to the advice of his top executives. On Monday, Torre spoke with him about 15-to-20 minutes, and told him: "If you feel in your heart a change has to be made, go ahead and do it." After that phone call, Torre said he felt more confident he would keep his job.

All the while, camera crews camped outside Torre's home in suburban Westchester.

"I thought I had the cure for cancer or something," Torre said.

The most likely successor for the 66-year-old Torre was Lou Piniella, who served two terms as Yankees manager in the 1980s.

For two days, speculation about Torre's job ran nonstop. First he was out; then he was in.

"I didn't read the paper," Torre said. "But I know my sisters did and my brother did and wife did."

Torre has led the Yankees to 11 consecutive playoff berths and nine AL East titles in a row, finishing in a tie with the Mets for best regularseason record this year at 97-65. But despite having baseball's largest payroll by a wide margin, the Yankees haven't reached the World Series since 2003.

"When we go to spring training every year, we talk about getting to the World Series. We don't talk about having a good year, let's have a good record and all that stuff. It's getting to the World Series. So you know going in what the requirements are," Torre said. "He requires a lot. He expects a lot and we know that. You can't pick and choose the parts that you like

about working for George Steinbrenner. You have to understand the whole package, and the whole package has been pretty damn good as far as I'm concerned for 11 years."

Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said team executives gave Steinbrenner their opinions on Torre. Steinbrenner informed them of his decision just before telling the manager his job was

"I believe that he is the right man for this job right now at this point in time," Cashman said.

Some of Torre's players lent their support.

"Always in my mind, Joe is manager of the New York Yankees," Hideki Matsui said.

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Joy's Unlimited was named the winner of the Downtown Merchants Homecoming Parade Window Decorating Contest sponsored by the Football Booster Club. Pictured are owner, Kathy Topper, Keely Downs, Jennifer Read, Evan Read, Bailey Read, Jesse Downs, and Ayden Downs.

PYOC girls' basketball coach named

Teresa Eubank will serve as Optimist Girls, Basketball Commissioner this season, according to Kevin Davis, Optimist Vice-President in charge of youth activities.

"We need coaches and interested parents to come to an organizational meeting on Monday, Oct. 16, at 7:30 p.m. at the Optimist Club," Eubank said. "We are going to be doing things differently this year and want to get input from parents and coaches before we begin try-

Registration and tryouts for the third and fourth grade division and the fifth and sixth grade division will be Oct. 17, 18 and 19 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Optimist Gym. All girls need to regis-

Eubank has coached in the Optimist Girls, Basketball



program for four years. She and her husband, Alan, have three children, Taryn, 13, Taylor, 9, and Carson, 7. Eubank is a graduate of Texas Tech University. She taught school for five years in Pampa before becoming a full time stay-at-home moth-

The Eubanks are members of the Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ.

"Optimist girls' basketball is a positive activity the girls can enjoy," Eubank said. "It keeps them busy. We want our kids to be busy. We want to make sure they are involved in the right activities which will keep them out of trouble.

"Basketball helps girls learn to get along with other people and how to work together." Eubank said. "It also helps them make good choices.'

Optimist Girls' Basketball is open to all girls in this area who are in the third, fourth,

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fifth and sixth grades. The Pampa Optimist

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guys will be fine." Robertson and his relievers were in control, with Oakland's only run coming on Payton's RBI groundout

Fernando Rodney and Joel Zumaya each reached triple digits on the radar gun, with Zumaya topping

in the eighth.

out at 102 mph. Todd Jones finished it.

The Tigers — whose deep and talented pitching staff was baseball's best this season - held Thomas 0for-3 with a walk after the Big Hurt had a hit in each of the A's first three playoff games, including two home runs in the division series opener.

"If they shut us down, you can't be surprised," Chavez said. "They shut down the Yankees."

Notes: Ramon Santiago came in at SS when Guillen shifted to 1B to replace Casey. Santiago is the first Tigers reserve position player to appear in the postseason. ... The A's tied a postseason record for worst performance with runners in scoring position, set by St. Louis against the New York Mets in Game of the 2000 NLCS.

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win a seven-game series for a team," New York third baseman David Wright said. "You have to keep him from the RBI situations."

Pujols hit a key home run in the first round against San Diego, a series the Cardinals (83-78) won impressively in four games after going 3-9 to end the season and nearly squandering their big NL Central

"If you want to walk him, walk him. The guys that hit behind him have made that strategy not pay off enough to where managers say, this is not good," St. Louis skipper Tony La Russa said. "My favorite quote, when you deal with really dangerous hitters — it's about competition, not cowards. You raise competitors, not cowards. I really like that."

La Russa has his Cardinals in the NLCS for the third straight season and fifth time in seven years overall - a run that began with a loss to the wild-card

Mets in 2000. St. Louis is 1-3 in its last four NLCS appearances and is still looking for its first World Series championship since

The Mets went on to lose the Subway Series in 2000 to the crosstown Yankees, already eliminated from this year's postseason.

So after a three-game sweep of the Los Angeles Dodgers in the division series, the Mets (97-65) own the Big Apple in October for a change. And even without Martinez and Hernandez, the NL East champions are favored by some to win their first World Series title since

and a balanced, relentless lineup that starts with speedy Jose Reyes getting on base for sluggers Carlos Beltran, Carlos Delgado and Wright.

"It's tough to see some guys get hurt. But what are you going to do, roll over and quit? You might as well keep fighting. We've come so far," said Delgado, who batted .429 with a homer and several clutch hits

against the Dodgers — the first playoff series of his 14year career.

"Unorthodox in baseball means absolutely nothing. Just win, and label it however you want."

Then there's the Mets' home-field advantage at raucous Shea Stadium. And Glavine, a 290-game winner who tossed six shutout innings to beat Los Angeles in Game 2.

"Glavine kind of stabilizes this team," closer Billy Wagner said.

The Cardinals' staff features ace Chris Carpenter, the 2005 NL Cy Young Award winner. He went 2-0 with a 2.03 ERA in the first round and is slated to start The reasons for that are Game 3 against New York New York's deep bullpen — then possibly Game 7, if necessary.

But first, Weaver gets the ball in the opener. Cast off by the Angels in July, he knows New York all too well following an unsuccessful stint with the Yankees from 2002-03, when he was often booed lustily in the Bronx.

"That definitely prepared me for anything that can come my way," Weaver

Landis

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confuse the issue just enough to win support in the court of public opinion. USADA's rules prohibit the agency from commenting on an active case.

But just as with cyclist Tyler Hamilton and sprinter Tim Montgomery, you get the sense officials there are bristling at their inability to respond to what they consider disinformation campaigns and ginned-up science trotted out on behalf of athletes they've got dead to rights. So much so, in fact, that the most exciting prospect at a recent meeting

wasn't new beakers or an improved mass spectrometer, but by a proposal to change the World Anti-Doping Agency code to let researchers and scientists respond immediately to some of the more outrageous claims.

On the other hand, the anti-doping forces already boast considerable powers almost-limitless resources, so maybe it's a fair-enough fight already. And their record in doping cases suggests as much.

The real danger, then, might not be whether Landis succeeds in lining up public sport, especially since it won't matter if the evidence USADA presents at the arbitration hearing is as airtight as it sounds.

What could pose a problem, though, is if enough athletes and their high-priced legal helpers decide to pursue the same strategy.

In just the past few weeks, we've seen an NFL lineman stomp an opponent, an NBA player draw a gun and fire a warning shot during an altercation outside a strip club, and the customary number of assaults and drunken-driving arrests. If Landis beats his rap, the first request out of these guys' mouths will no longer be to see their lawyers, but to borrow a laptop loaded with PowerPoint.

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Hornets outduel Mays, 84-81

was one of the NBA's most improved players last season. He doesn't want to stop there.

West scored 17 points and Brandon Bass hit the go-ahead jumper to lift the New Orleans Hornets to an 84-81 victory over Dallas on Tuesday night in a preseason game without most of the Mavericks' starters.

West, who finished second in the voting for the league's most improved player last season, was 7-of-10 from the field and matched his scoring average from last season in only 24 minutes.

"I'm going to be a threat," West said. "I'm going to shoot the basketball until somebody shuts the water off. That's the way I'm going to approach it."

After missing most of the 2004-05 season with a right knee injury, West nearly tripled his scoring average last season after moving into the starting lineup when Jamaal Magloire was traded in the preseason.

This year, he came into training camp as

the team's leading scorer.

"I felt like I was in pretty good shape coming into camp," West said. "It was just a mat-

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — David West ter of coming in and getting my timing down."

Reigning rookie of the year Chris Paul also picked up where he left off for New Orleans, with 10 points and six assists in 21 minutes. He had assists on five of West's seven baskets.

"Me and David West, we could probably do what we do with blindfolds," Paul said. "We just always know where each other's going to be."

Linton Johnson III added 12 points for New Orleans, which went up 82-81 on Brandon Bass' jumper with 2:01 to play. Cedric Simmons, one of New Orleans' two first-round draft picks this year, then hit a jumper in the key to stretch the lead to three.

Bass blocked Maurice Ager's layup in the final minute, and Jose Juan Barea missed a desperation shot from just beyond halfcourt that would have sent the game to overtime.

The defending Western Conference champions left most of their starting lineup at home and bore little resemblance to the team that lost to Miami in the NBA finals in June.

Cowboys

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For all of Bledsoe's faults, Parcells is sticking with him because he knows what he's going to get. Insert your own joke here, but Parcells prefers that to the unknown of Tony Romo. (An unknown because Parcells refuses to give him meaningful playing time.)

The problem Sunday in

Philadelphia was that Parcells seemed to forget Rule No. 1 about Bledsoe: He needs all the blocking he can get. If five linemen aren't enough, then keep a tight end or two around to help, and a running back if that's what it'll take.

Parcells also miscalculated by coming out throwing against Philadelphia instead of going after the defense's weakness against the run. And not enough of those throws wound up in Owens'

hands. Blame T.O. for not get-

ting open and Bledsoe for not getting him the ball when he was. But also blame Parcells for not calling a quick-hitting route or two that would've gotten Owens' first catch out of the way and would've set him up to do something after the catch, which is his strength anyway.

Owens came away pouting. That's another potential headache looming, one that will get exponentially worse if Dallas gets closer to 2-8 than 8-2.

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You have a lot of get-up-and-go. Others naturally want you to lead or take a key role in whatever is important in their lives. You think in positive terms, whereas others often can be testy or demanding. Learn to focus on your goals and not on people. As far as your relationships, think about what you really want from each bond, then proceed. Reflection, not action, is your best friend. If you are single, emphasize getting to know each potential sweetie better. You might be surprised at the strength of your choices. Avoid impulsiveness. If you are attached, focus together on what you want. Teamwork adds to the quality of your life. CANCER pushes you into the lime-

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) *** You come from a place of stability, though you'll probably discover you want to stay close to home. You have energy and direction because of some-

one's suggestion. Get some exercise. Tonight: Anchor in. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** You know what you are saying and also understand where you are coming from. Your creativity emerges when following through on what might seem routine. When secure, you are an endless source of ideas. Tonight: Listen

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** Curb a tendency to commit before you evaluate. Some sober and serious thinking draws more creativity and dynamic ideas. Creativity grows when you allow others to flow and brainstorm. Tonight: Your treat.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) **** You finally feel as if events and your life are following a better path. Sometimes you feel pushed and prodded to no end. Today, you could put an end to others taking advantage of you. You are a force to be dealt with. Tonight: All smiles

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** Take your time dealing with others. Though it might feel right, your knee-jerk response could trigger a sequence of events. You have a way that draws many to you. Understand what

needs to happen. Tonight: Easy does it. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** Step to the head of the class. You'll get much more done than you'd originally anticipated. You might want to think about someone's strong drive. Let this person help you be more enthusiastic. Tonight: Zoom in on what you want.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Take charge of a professional situation. You might become the authority before you know it. Listen to another's instincts. He or she might give you very valuable feedback. Trust this person. Tonight: In the limelight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **** Your insight can now become a reality. Read between the lines. Sometimes what isn't being said could be more important than what someone shares. Open up to possibilities and a potential venture. Tonight: Follow the

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** Work with each individual who

Marion Jones (1975)

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with each person could have a lot to do with the end results. Realize everyone wants to be important. Take the high road Moove on in! if possible. Tonight: Happiest with a pal

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**** Others play a large role in what goes down. You might want to see life from another perspective. Try listening more to what those around you share. Intuitive responses work. A take-charge attitude parts the waters and makes the impossible possible. Tonight: Let others make the call.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ** Emphasize what you can do. You

could be frustrated with someone trying to teach you another way of thinking. Take a leap of faith. Let this person have his or her way. This approach might be the only way to hush him or her up! Tonight: Think positively. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

**** You have creativity and drive on your team. A partner might push you in a key direction. As a result, you could feel overwhelmed if you don't use your brain. If you have had enough, sound off a warning. Tonight: Start your weekend

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