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"Ninety-nine voted in per-Susan Winborne.

Early voting continues between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays through Nov. 3 in the non-jury courtroom on the first floor of Gray County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell.

Pampa School District's proposition to issue \$47 million in bonds for renovation and construction involving the junior high and high schools is included on the ballots. Voters wishing to vote in the school district election are able to do so at the same location and on the same

ballot, said Winborne. the school bond election

Staff Writer

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Water Conservation District

board will also review a

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by Lindel Dairy that was

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The PGWCD board will

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## **99 vote early first** day; turnout good

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

general election began Monday with 99 Gray County voters casting their

son, which is a good turnout," said County Clerk

Voters eligible to vote in have that election included

on their electronic ballots, she said. Those not eligible to vote in the school election will vote on ballots that do not include the bond election

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THE PANPA NEWS

Precincts 4 and 6 may vote on one of two write-in candidates for the unexpired term of Precinct 4 county constable. Curtis Broaddus filed as a write-in candidate for the unexpired term of Don Fletcher, who vacated the office upon winning the 2004 election and being sworn in. Fletcher's promise to voters was that, if elected, Independent he would resign and thus save county taxpayers the cost of having a constable for that precinct.

Fletcher filed as a write-in candidate in response to Broaddus' filing, and said he would once again vacate the office if elected in order to continue the cost savings to the county.

Statewide races include those for the offices of gov-

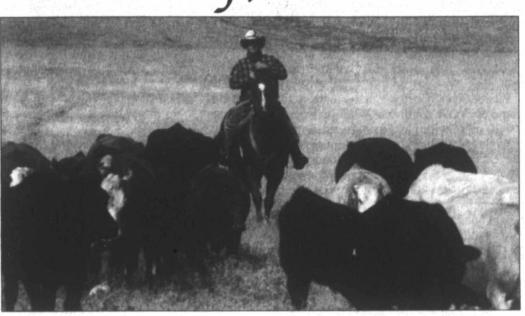
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Lefors girls win district title. SEE PAGE 9



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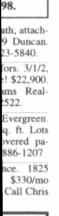
Pampa News photos by DAVID BOWSER Buck Arrington pushes cattle toward the shipping pens.

**Annual roundup begins** on Arrington family ranch

#### By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

The temperature was hovering just above freezing before dawn as Chad Epperson saddled his horse by the light bulb in the barn. Buck Arrington was already loading his horse in the stock trailer out in the dark. An hour later as the sun broke the eastern horizon, Arrington and Epperson and a dozen others were gathering strays in the Northwest Buffalo Pasture of the Arrington Ranch and pushing them into the herd that was following the feed truck, its siren wailing, driven by Buck's father, Bill Arrington. Like the Pied Piper, the senior Arrington led the procession to the white painted pipe shipping pens on the family ranch west of Pampa. As the sun rose and the temperature warmed, cowboys shucked heavy jackets and vests, separated the bawling calves from their mommas and loaded them on trailers to be taken back to the ranch headquarters for weaning and a month or so in the small feedlot there before being shipped to a sale barn and eventually to feedyards and then to packers where they'll be turned into steaks for the dinner table or hamburgers to go with malts at a fast food restaurant.



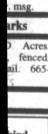


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## Water district plans meeting Wednesday

By DAVID BOWSER Donley County; Carlos and Haley Grissom, WHITE DEER -- The County; Stacey Johnson, Panhandle Ground Water County; Potter Conservation District will Donberger, Potter County; hold hearings Wednesday on Clayton Homes, within the Amarillo city limits; Falcon a secondary oil recovery permit and a Canadian River Club Building Co., Potter Municipal Water Authority County; Federico Saldana multiple well permit. Jr., Potter County, and Leslie PetCo Petroleum Pearson, within the Amarillo is

> city limits. Matt Moore Farms has applied for an irrigation well permit for a two-inch well in Wheeler County.

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The board will consider a high impact producing well application from Gary McFall of McFall Partnership. They will also amend a permit for Mesa Water and Frances Dean Maddox to correct informaon a previously tion approved permit.

Also on the agenda for their meeting, the board will consider action on 2006 proposed study areas.

The Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District board of trustees will meet beginning at 9 a.m. Wednesday at the district offices, 201 W. Third, White Deer.

#### See ROUNDUP, Page 3

Bill Arrington sorts cattle on his ranch Monday.



Cowboys herd cattle on the Arrington Ranch Monday.



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### **Obituaries**

#### Jene Jennings, 74

Jene Jennings, 74, died Monday, Oct. 23, 2006 in Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Jennings was born August 9, 1932, in Phillips. He had been a lifelong resident of the Pampa area. He married Sherry Newsom on November 5, 1951, in Wheeler. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He was a member of the Top O' Texas Masonic Lodge #1381 AF & AM, and was a lifetime member of the El Paso Scottish Rite Consistory.

Survivors include his wife, Sherry Jennings of the home; four sons, Gary

Billy B. Davis, 84, died Monday, October 23, 2006, in Amarillo, Texas.

Jennings & wife Cinda, Tracy Jennings & wife Pam, and Rick Jennings, all of Pampa, and Terrell Jennings & wife Jennifer of Fort Hood; three daughters, Regina Lewis & husband Ken of Keller, Pam Campbell & husband Merrill of Phoenix, Arizona, and Shanell Jennings of the home; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, Texas 79065, or Pampa Nursing Center, 1321 W. Kentucky, Pampa, Texas 79065.

on-line register Sign the at www.carmichael-whatley.com

#### Billy B. Davis, 84

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

## Gray County Weather

Today: Partly cloudy, with a high near 72. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 51. South southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 76. South southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of rain after midnight. Increasing clouds, with a low around 42. West southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Thursday: A 30 percent chance of rain before 4pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 55. Windy, with a north northwest wind between 20 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 45 mph.

#### Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 40. Windy, with a north northwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 66. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 42. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 70. North wind 5 to 15 mph becoming east. Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low

around 43. Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 68.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 47.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near

### **Emergency** Services

### Pampa PD

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

Twelve traffic stops were made. A vehicle accident was

reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart. Agency assistance was rendered in the 1000 block

of North Sumner. A runaway was reported in the police department lobby.

One suicide attempt was reported.

Lost property was reported in the police department lobby.

Civil matters were reported in the 300 block of Henry,

was received from the 2100 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the intersection of Kingsmill and Cuyler streets, the 2200 block of North Russell, and the 400 block of North Starkweather. Sex offender registration

was reported in the police department lobby. A narcotics violation was

reported in the 600 block of North Sumner. Two open doors were

checked.

Theft was reported in the 1300 block of North Hobart, the police department lobby, and the 1800 block of North Hobart.

Theft was reported in the 400 block of North Christy. Clothing, a driver's license and Texas ID card were taken, for a loss estimated at \$2,120.

Theft was reported in the 1400 block of West Harvester. A five-gallon gas can containing approximately one-half gallon of gas was taken, resulting in a loss estimated at \$31.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 2200 block of North Sumner. Mini-blinds were broken, resulting in damage estimated at \$25.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 600 block of East Craven.

#### Sheriff

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

Monday, Oct. 23 Vincent Eagle, 43, of Perryton was arrested in the

100 block of North Cuyler Pampa Police by Department for driving while intoxicated, third or more offense.

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Arthur Bernard Howze, 47, of Los Angeles, Calif., was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for possession of less than two ounces of marijuana. Tuesday, Oct. 24

Sarah Marie Watkins, 24, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on 223rd District grand jury indictments for forgery by passing and theft over \$1,500 and under \$20,000; a bond forfeiture on a 31st District grand jury indictment for possession of a controlled substance; a bond surrender for theft by check; and warrants for issuing a bad check and five counts of non-payment of court costs and fines on charges of issuing a bad check.

#### Fire

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

Monday, Oct. 23 4:40 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to the 1800 block of Lea on a

medical assist.

## **Beef recalled for possible E.coli**

WASHINGTON (AP) - A Connecticut company is recalling about 1,680 pounds of ground beef products because they could be contaminated with a dangerous strain of E. coli, the government said Monday.

The government said no illnesses have been reported from consumption of the beef subject to the recall.

Omaha Beef Co. Inc. of Danbury, Conn., produced the hamburger patties and bags of hamburger Oct. 18 and sent it to restaurants in Connecticut and southern New York state, the U.S. Food Safety and Inspection Service said.

The affected beef was packaged in 10-

pound boxes of "HAMBURGER PATTIES, OMAHA BEEF CO., INC." and in 5- and 10-pount bags of "HAMBURGER, OMAHA BEEF CO., INC." The packages have the establishment number "Est. 2769" inside the U.S. Department of Agriculture mark of inspection and the case code 101861.

Customers who bought the products affected by the voluntary recall should return them to the place of purchase, the service said.

E. coli lives in the intestines of cattle and other animals and typically is linked to contamination by fecal material.

## **Stocks**

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Milo	HAL	+0.55	SLB 61.66 +0.83
Corn	TRI	NC	Tenneco
Soybeans	KMI 105.98	-0.04	CVX
	XCEL 21.77	-0.16	Wal-Mart 51.58 +0.30
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock	Anadarko 46.33 -	-0.26	OKE
Market quotations are furnished by Edward	XOM 69.77	-0.15	NS Grp 65.35 +0.06
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the police department lobby, and the 1100 block of Prairie Drive. A silent/abusive 911 call

WASHINGTON (AP) President Bush's national security adviser said today the Iraqis are starting to make the tough decisions needed to halt rising sectarian violence, but must do more quick-

Stephen Hadley said Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki and the fledging government are starting to take steps aimed at quelling the rising sectarian violence and moving Iraq toward prosperity and peace.

"I think they've got to do more and they've got to do it faster," Hadley said in a radio interview at the White House. "And I think if you talked to Prime Minister (Nouri) al-Maliki he would say, to you, the same thing.'

With just two weeks until a crucial Election Day at home, the White House wants to ease political anxieties about security in Iraq. But at the same time it has rebuffed calls for a dramatic policy shift in the wartorn nation.

U.S. officials in Iraq said Tuesday that government leaders there have agreed to develop a

timeline by the end of the year for progress in stabilizing Iraq and reducing violence that has killed 300 Iraqi troops during the Islamic holy month of Ramadan alone.

Gen. George Casey, the top U.S. commander who appeared at a news conference with U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad, said Iraqi forces should be able to take control of security in the next 12 to 18 months with minimal American support.

Casey also said he felt the United States should continue to focus on drawing down the number of American forces in the country, adding that he would not hesitate to ask for more troops if he felt they were necessary.

"We're not making the progress we would like and that's why we have to look at what we are doing and see what we need to change to get the kind of progress that we need," Hadley told National Public Radio. "You don't need a timetable to be able and willing to say to the Iraqis, 'Look, if this is going to work and succeed, you have to step

up and make some very difficult choices.' "

He predicted that stability and security will not be achieved in Iraq before Bush leaves the White House.

> 'I think they've got to do more and they've got to do it faster."

#### Stephen Hadley National Security Adviser

"Is there going to be peace? Is there going to the end of any violence? Of course not. This violence is going to go on for a long time,' Hadley said. "But what you hope for is a situation where Iraqi governmental institutions and Iraqi security forces can manage and contain the violence so that it does not threaten the integrity of the Iraqi state and the ability of the Iraqi state to bring prosperity and economic life to its community."

Bush is under increasing pressure from lawmakers in both parties to change his war plan.

"We're on the verge of chaos, and the current plan is not working," Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said Monday in an Associated Press interview. U.S. and Iraqi officials should be held accountable for the lack of progress, said Graham, a Republican who is a frequent critic of the administration's policies.

Asked who in particular should be held accountable -- Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, perhaps, or the generals leading the war — Graham said: "All of them. It's their job to come up with a game plan" to end the violence.

Bush, in a CNBC interview, said, "Well, I've been talking about a change in tactics ever since I ever since we went in, because the role of the commander in chief is to say to our generals, 'You adjust to

the enemy on the battlefield."" conference.

White House press secretary Tony Snow said the United States would adjust its Iraq strategy but would not issue any ultimatums to the Iragis. "Are there dramatic shifts in policy? The answer is no," Snow said Monday.

He acknowledged, however, that Bush no longer is saying that the United States will "stay the course" in Iraq.

"He stopped using it," Snow said of that phrase, adding that it left the impression that the administration was not adjusting its strategy to realities in Baghdad.

Rumsfeld said U.S. government and military officials were working with Iraq to set a broad timetable for Iraqis to take over 16 provinces still being controlled by U.S. troops. But he said officials were not talking about penalizing the Iraqis if they don't hit certain benchmarks.

The Iraqis have taken control of two southern provinces but have been slow to take the lead in others.

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### Page scandal hearings may put GOP at odds WASHINGTON (AP) - The House spent more than six hours before the

Republican campaign chairman and the speaker of the House are likely to be at odds this week as they testify about the handling of ex-Rep. Mark Foley's come-ons to male pages.

Rep. Tom Reynolds, R-N.Y., who entered the House ethics committee chambers this morning, has said he warned Speaker Dennis Hastert about Foley last spring.

Hastert has returned to Washington SCHOOL BOND Election for testimony sometime later this week Town Hall meeting, October and has said he doesn't remember that 26th at 6:30 pm at the Mary conversation. Hastert's office took the Ellen & Harvester Church of unusual step of closing down the hall-Christ Fellowhip Hall. All ways near his office in an apparent Citizens are welcome to at- attempt to keep him away from

A four-member ethics investigating ton Prkwy. Suite 205, Pampa, panel is keeping key witnesses behind closed doors for hours as it tries to unravel conflicts over when and what VISION SOURCE accept- Hastert and his staff learned about ing applications for general Foley's conduct and what they did about it.

Hastert's chief of staff, Scott Palmer,

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committee Monday. Palmer has disputed one account that he was warned about Foley in 2002 or 2003.

Reynolds, head of the National Republican Congressional Committee, has said he spoke with Hastert last spring after learning of Foley's overly friendly e-mails to a former Louisiana page, who was 16 at the time. Those emails were not sexually explicit.

The speaker has said he can't recall the Reynolds warning, and has contended he doesn't remember having a separate conversation about Foley earlier this year with Majority Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio. Boehner not only recalls speaking with Hastert, but said the speaker told him the page's complaint "had been taken care of."

Boehner said after his recent testimony in the case that he didn't change the account of his actions.

Campaigning for a Republican candidate in Tennessee, Hastert said Monday he plans to testify before the committee this week.

"What Mark Foley did was wrong. It was ethically wrong. It's a shame. It's actually disgusting," Hastert told reporters after a campaign rally in Johnson City, Tenn.

In Washington, Palmer's lawyer, Scott Fredericksen, said his client hasn't changed his version of events. Former Foley chief of staff Kirk Fordham has said he warned the Hastert aide about Foley at least three years ago.

"What Kirk Fordham said did not happen," Palmer said weeks ago in his lone public statement on the matter.

Fredericksen said the testimony was 'consistent with the position he's taken all along."

Palmer spent more time in the committee offices than any other witness in three weeks of testimony, entering at 1:57 p.m. and leaving at 8:18 p.m.

Foley, R-Fla., resigned his seat Sept. 29 after he was confronted with sexually explicit instant messages he sent to former pages other than the Louisiana youngster.

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The Arringtons, like other area ranchers, will be gathering their calves this week and possibly into next week. The air will be filled with the smell of burnt hair as a hot branding iron marks them. They'll be vaccinated against disease and the bull calves will be made into steers.

It's a scene that has been repeated in some form or fashion for thousands of years, since man first domesticated cattle. It's a scene romanticized in western movies a generation ago.

It's a scene that's as American as apple pie, perhaps more American.

The cowboy is a uniquely American hero. His work ethic. His independence. A horse and rider pushing

cattle on the fall roundup. The Arringtons gather their cattle in the spring and

fall. While the trend in the cattle business today is to put bulls in the pasture with the cows for only a few weeks to shorten the calving season, the Arringtons leave their bulls with the cows year around.

The shorter calving season theoretically results in uniform sized calves, somebusiness, but the horse and thing the feedyards want, rider remain the backbone of the long day's work.

but Bill Arrington says the year around calving allows It hasn't changed much him to market his calves since Bill Arrington's throughout the year so he grandfather, G.W. 'Cap' can take advantage of sea-Arrington first drove his sonally high prices and 1,200 head of cattle from the Nobility Ranch in the The uniformity issue is southeastern Panhandle handled by sorting, just like north to the ranch he estabthe feedyards do for the lished on the headwaters of the Washita

> near present day Canadian in 1882.

Cap Arrington, an Alabama native who rode with John Singleton Mosby, Grey Ghost, the a Confederate guerrilla fighter during the War Between the States, first came to the Texas, Panhandle in the 1870s with the Frontier Battalion of the Texas Rangers. After his unit was disbanded by the State of Texas for budgetary reasons, Cap Arrington stayed on to become the first sheriff of Wheeler County, when Wheeler County covered the eastern half of the Panhandle.

He got into the cattle business when an English syndicate asked him to liquidate their ranching operation. He sold part of the cattle to the legendary Matadors Ranch, but bought 1,200 head of bovines. Since the Matadors already had an established brand, Cap Arrington also bought

the Rocking Chair brand. "He didn't want to have to re-brand 1,200 head of Bill Arrington cattle,"

laughed. Cap Arrington established his ranch in what is now Hemphill County, and it passed down to his heirs. Bill Arrington sold his share of the home place to nephew, Mike his Arrington, who still ranches there, and took the money to buy the old Schafer Rancher west of Pampa.

A wheat miller named Schafer had bought 20,000 sections from the White Deer Land Co. in 1906.

Over the years, that ranch too was broken up among Schafer's heirs. Bill Arrington's wife,

Greta, was Schafer's granddaughter and inherited a couple of sections out of the original ranch.

Beginning in 1961, Arrington and his bride began buying back the original ranch from the different heirs. They also added another 10 sections to the place.

Today, Bill Arrington's son, Buck, works alongside his Dad gathering and branding the cattle.

"Buck's son, Ty, will be the fifth generation to brand the Rocking Chair," Bill Arrington said proudly.

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## **Religious cult leader** executed in Ohio

LUCASVILLE, Ohio (AP) — Ohio executed a religious cult leader today for the murder of a family of five followers who were taken one at a time to a barn, bound and shot to death. The youngest was a girl just 7 years old.

Jeffrey Lundgren, 56, died by, injection at 10:26 a.m. at the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility for the deaths of the Avery family.

"I profess my love for God, my family, for my children, for Kathy (his wife). I am because you are," Lundgren said in his final statement.

The evidence against Lundgren was compelling.

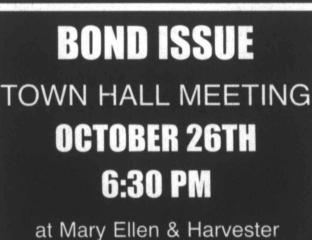
Upset by what he thought was the Avery family's lack of faith, arranged a dinner hosted by cult members. Afterward, he and his followers led the Averys one by one to their deaths while the others unknowingly cleaned up after dinner. A chain saw was used to muffle the gunfire.

Lundgren argued at his trial in 1990 that he was prophet of God and therefore not worthy of the death penalty.

"It's not a figment of my imagination that I can in fact talk to God, that I can hear his voice," he had told the jurors. "I am a prophet of God. I am even more than a prophet."

He was convicted of killing Dennis Avery, 49; his wife, Cheryl, 46; and their daughters, Trina, 15, Rebecca, 13, and 7-year-old Karen.





Church of Christ Fellowship Hall All concerned citizens are asked to attend.

## Voting

#### **Continued from Page 1**

ernor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, comptroller of public accounts, commissioner of the general land office, commissioner of agriculture, railroad commissioner, and assorted judges.

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchinson, a Republican, is being challenged by Barbara Ann Radnofsky, a

Jameson, a Libertarian. U.S. Rep. Thornberry, a Republican, is facing Roger J. Waun, a and Democrat, Thompson, a Libertarian.

Gov. Rick Perry, a Republican, is facing five opponents in his bid for reelection. They are Chris Bell, a Democrat; James Werner, a Libertarian; Carole Keeton Strayhorn and Richard "Kinky" Friedman, both independents; and James "Patriot" Dillon, a write-in candidate.

avoid the seasonal lows.

"We've been branding the

Rocking Chair since 1882,"

Bill Arrington says as the

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mother.

Rep. Warren State Chisum, R-Pampa, is also up for re-election, and faces Timothy Justice, L-Lefors.

Area and local races, other than that for Precinct 4 constable, consist of unopposed incumbents. They are: Lee Waters, Democrat, 223rd District judge; Steven R. Emmert, Republican, 31st District judge; Gaye Honderich, Republican, district clerk; Lynn Switzer, Republican, 31st District attorney; Richard Peet, Republican, county judge; Winborne, Susan

Republicant county clerk; Joe Patrick Martinez, Republican, Precincts 1 and 3 justice of the peace; Kurt Republican, Curfman, Precinct 2 justice of the peace; Mary Ann Carpenter, Republican, Precinct 4 justice of the peace; James L. Hefley, Republican, Precinct 4 county commissioner.

Scott Hahn, who won the Republican nomination over incumbent Lee Cornelison for county treasurer in last year's elections, is also unopposed.

## College tuition, fees up 6.3 percent



#### By JUSTIN POPE AP Education Writer

College price increases slowed this year but they again topped inflation, and financial aid isn't keeping pace, a new report says.

Tuition and fees at public four-year public colleges rose \$344, or 6.3 percent, to an average of \$5,836 for the 2006-07 academic year, according to the College Board's annual "Trends in College Pricing" report, released Tuesday.

Accounting for inflation, prices rose just 2.4 percent — the lowest rise in six years, and the third straight time the gap between prices and overall inflation has narrowed.

Tuition and fees at private four-year colleges rose 5.9 percent overall, to \$22,218.

The news that price hikes are getting smaller is tempered by the fact that this decade has been a period of an extraordinary increases in college costs. Published prices are up 35 percent in five years — the largest increase of any five-year period in the 30 years covered the report.

That's coupled with the reality that grant aid isn't covering the price hikes. For the 62 percent of full-time undergraduates who receive grant aid, the average net cost of a four-year public school rose 8 percent to \$2,700, the report said.

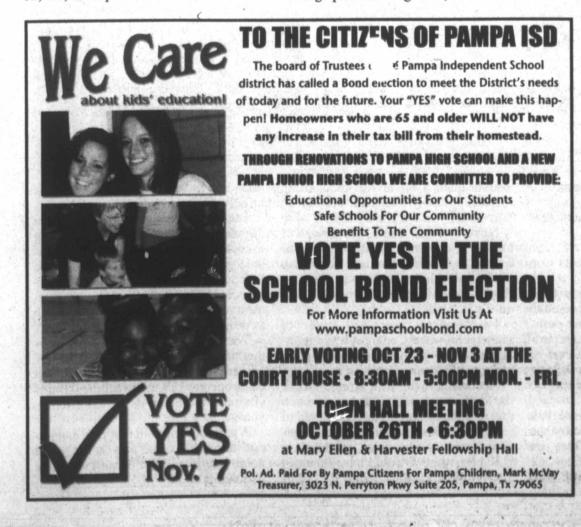
"There is some good news: There's a lot of aid out there that is helping students," said Sandy Baum, senior policy analyst at the College Board. "But there are real notes of caution about ... the failure of grant aid to keep up with the rise in prices.'

The best news came for people at the nation's public two-year colleges, which educate nearly half of American college students. There, tuition and fees rose just 4.1 percent to \$2,272. The increase was limited by California, which is home to more than a fifth of the nation's two-year public college students and lowered tuition and fees 12 percent this year. Elsewhere, prices rose 5.1 percent.

Accounting for financial aid, however, the average net cost nationally for two-year public college students declined, and is less than \$100.

"We're seeing more students who would generally have gone to the state university coming to the community college because of the issue of pricing," said Wilfredo Nieves, president of Middlesex Community College in Connecticut, who spoke at the announcement.

At four-year public schools, adding room and board to tuition and fees makes the college prices average \$12,796.



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# Viewpoints

## Mental illness not a laughing matter and should be treated

We've all been ill at least once in our lives. But one category of illness is still misunderstood and stigmatized, even though scientific understanding of it has come a long way from the Dark Ages.

Mental illness prompts whispered confidences behind hands, insensitive jokes, and even fear and disgust. Most people understand that it is not contagious -- you can't catch it from someone in the same way you can catch and pass on a cold -- but that's about all they understand.

Some mental illnesses are curable, while others are treatable but not curable because they stem from a personality disorder or some other glitch in the brain's "wiring" which can't be fixed.

I have run across a number of individuals who were suffering from various types of mental illness, and I confess some of them scared me.

When I was first starting out as a staff writer, a call from a delusional woman was routed to me one evening. This lady was a regular caller at the newspaper where I worked, and everyone had had a turn at trying to cope with her calls. It was like a rite of initiation.

She told me that aliens from UFOs were taking over the world. They had already infiltrated our highest levels of government, and she rattled off names of several top government officeholders, claiming they were among the aliens successfully masquerading as humans.

Our only hope, according to this woman, was the Boy Scouts. They were the only ones who were not infiltrated and who would be able to mount a successful campaign to deliver us from these interlopers.

I somehow managed to get off the phone without being rude to the caller. Everyone had a good laugh

about it, but later I wondered why we didn't show more concern than hilarity for the woman. She obviously needed help, and might have even been a danger to herself.

Some years later, I had a job in which I sometimes had to cope with people who had some form of mental illness. I remember in par-

Marilyn **Powers** Staff Writer



ticular a lady who was diagnosed with bipolar disorder. She was plumb scary.

One time when I visited her, she was so down in the dumps I wondered if she might even be suicidal. Her speech was slow and quiet, she barely raised her head or made eye

contact, and projected an air of great weariness and sadness.

The next time I saw her, she was talking at warp speed, unable to sit still, and I thought I was going to have to physically restrain her from floating up to the ceiling.

Back at another newspaper, a woman walked in one day wearing an aluminum foil skullcap and claiming she was receiving transmissions and must contact then-Secretary of State Colin Powell.

Some sufferers of mental illness wind up on an up-down cycle. They hit bottom with their illness at its worst, and finally receive help. They are treated and given prescription drugs which improve their state.

Then they start feeling better, to the point that they decide they don't need their medication any more and quit taking it. The problem is, they need to take their medication all the time, even after they

get better, or they slide right back down to the same condition they were in before receiving help.

They hit bottom again, and are again treated and given medication. And so it goes.

One lady comes to mind who is in this type of cycle. We can always tell when she has stopped taking her medicine and is in a downward spiral, because we start hearing from her. Her phone calls become more and more bizarre, until finally we hear that she has once again been committed to a mental hospital for treatment.

One time, this lady called and left me a message on my voice mail. When I listened to the message later, I was glad I had not been in the office to take the call.

She said she knew what the Pentagon's secret weapon was -teeth. Yes, teeth. She wanted me to

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## Today in History

#### By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 24, the 297th day of 2006. There are 68 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 24, 1945, the United Nations officially came into existence as its charter took effect.

On this date:

In 1537, Jane Seymour, the third wife of England's King Henry VIII, died 12 days after giving birth to Prince Edward, later King Edward VI.

In 1648, the Peace of Westphalia ended the Thirty Years War and effectively destroyed the Holy Roman Empire.

In 1861, the first transcontinental telegraph message was sent as Justice

Stephen J. Field of California transmitted a telegram to President Lincoln.

In 1901, widow Anna Edson Taylor became the first person to survive going over Niagara Falls in a barrel.

In 1931, the



McGinley American poet and author (1905-1978)

*History* must

always be taken

with a grain of salt.

It is, after all, not a

science but an art.

George Washington Bridge, connecting New York and New Jersey, opened to traffic.

In 1939, nylon stockings were sold

publicly for the first time, in Wilmington, Del.

— Phyllis

In 1940, the 40-hour work week went into effect under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938.

In 1952, Republican presidential candidate Dwight D. Eisenhower declared, "I shall go to Korea" as he promised to end the conflict. (He made the visit over a month later.)

In 1962, the U.S. blockade of Cuba during the missile crisis officially began under a proclamation signed by President Kennedy.

In 1991, "Star Trek" creator Gene Roddenberry died in Santa Monica, Calif., at age 70.

Ten years ago: Rioting erupted in St. Petersburg, Fla., after a white police officer fatally shot a black man during a traffic stop. The New York Yankees took the lead in the World Series, defeating the Atlanta Braves 1-0 in Game 5.

Five years ago: The House passed a \$100 billion on economic stimulus package. Two trucks crashed head-on in a main tunnel through the Alps, igniting a fire and killing 11 people. O.J. Simpson was acquitted in Miami of grabbing another driver's glasses and scratching the man's face in a road-rage argument.

One year ago: Hurricane Wilma knifed through Florida with winds up to 125 mph.



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## **Robotic free-traders support free exchange**

syndicated column titled "New Deal for U.S. Manufacturers" stokes the fires of misunderstanding and panic. Mr. Buchanan, my longtime friend, is right e i g n about a lot of things, but he's wrong about trade.

First, he laments, Japanese, "Europeans, Canadians and Chinese sell us so much more than they buy from us, because they have rigged the rules of world trade." But so what? I buy more from my grocer than he buys from me. It wouldn't make a difference if I lived 2 feet south of the U.S.-Canadian border and my grocer lived 2 feet north of it.

### Texas Thoughts

#### **By The Associated Press**

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

#### Oct. 14

San Antonio Express-News on unions and national security:

Last winter, when a company from the United Arab Emirates was poised to run some of America's largest ports, Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., reportedly told longshoremen at the Port of Newark, "We wouldn't transfer the title to the devil, and we're not going to transfer it to Dubai."

The Dubai Ports World deal, you may recall, had been approved by the Treasury Department Committee on Foreign Investment. The emirates are U.S. allies in the war on terror. And

trade deficit, pointing out that it's reaching an annual rate of \$816 billion, and that means "dependency on foreigners." Actually, the for-

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deficit I run with my grocer. When I purchase \$100 worth of groceries, my goods account (groceries) rises by \$100, but my capital account (money) falls by \$100. That means there's really a balance in my trade Like many, Buchanan account. By the same token,

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Patrick Buchanan's recent worries about our foreign my grocer's goods account (groceries) falls by \$100 but his capital account (money) rises by \$100, also a balance in his trade account.

Mr. Buchanan writes,

"Imports surged \$188 billion for month [of July], as our dependency on foreigners for the

vital necessities of our national life ever deepens." That means we imported \$188 billion worth of goods. Do foreigners keep all those c llars they earned under a stupid. They use those dollars to import capital goods

such as U.S. stocks, bonds and U.S. Treasury notes.

They might use some of it to build factories in the U.S. such as Honda, Novartis and Samsung. The dollar amount of those purchases is going to equalize the value of what to we import. We sport a huge surplus in our capital the account with foreigners. As such, they are dependent on us for a safe and profitable place to invest their earnings. That dependency contributes to our economic growth.

Then there's Buchanan's worry about U.S. manufacturing job loss. U.S. farming has a similar history. Farm employment peaked between 1840 and 1870. In

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nals convicted of crimes such as bribery, extortion and kidnapping.

The unions representing longshoremen the same ones Lautenberg was pandering to couldn't stomach a broad ban on felons holding jobs. So the final version of the Port Security Act that came out of conference committee only excludes employment of those guilty of high crimes, such as treason and terrorism.

The message Congress is sending is that if you're an Arab friend of the United States with a clean record, you can't operate U.S. port facilities. But if you're a murderer or an extortionist, you've got a job.

A ports security bill that puts dangerous felons to work may serve some union interests, but it doesn't serve the national interest.

despite quite a bit of fear-mongering,

the deal probably would have enhanced

Congress couldn't stomach an Arab-

owned company running American

ports. So in the name of port security,

they worked overtime to block the deal

September, when Congress was scram-

bling to pass a much-anticipated ports

the Senate version included a provision

that prohibited individuals convicted of

serious felonies including treason, espi-

onage and murder from working in

U.S. ports. And it would have imposed

a seven-year waiting period on crimi-

security bill before it recessed.

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Bleachers at the rodeo grounds present a contrast of horizontal lines and angled supports as the structure welcomes the morning sun, standing ready to be useful in the future.

## **Bush prosecutors targeting GOP** lawmakers in probes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Public corruption cases brought by Justice Department prosecutors in Washington are on the rise, fueled in part by investigations targeting Republican lawmakers in Congress.

With the Nov. 7 elections looming, prosecutors have moved forward on investigations of three GOP lawmakers in the last month alone. And several Justice Department officials privately hint that even more inquiries involving Republicans and Democrats alike — may be under way.

"We can't look at what party someone is a member of in deciding whether or not to pursue an investigation," Attorney General Alberto Gonzales told reporters last week, calling government corruption prosecution one of his top priorities. "We have to follow the evidence wherever it leads."

Gonzales said there is "no special emphasis" on those cases as the elections approach. illegal sexual contact with teenage congreskeep a low profile on government corruption cases in the months before an election to avoid unfairly influencing voters. Justice Department data show a 60 percent increase over the last five years in government corruption convictions and settlements by its Washington-based public integrity unit. Prosecutions resulted in 84 convictions and settlements in 2005, the data show, compared to 52 in 2001. The aggressive pursuit of Republican lawmakers by Bush administration prosecutors is a sign of the independent streak of career attorneys inside the public integrity unit, said Paul F. Rothstein, a legal and government ethics professor at Georgetown Law School.

The unit's prosecutors generally lead or assist in high-profile corruption or national security cases, including inquiries involving members of Congress or the administration. According to its annual report, the unit had five open investigations — all of them unidentified — involving Congress at the end of last year.

The unit has seen an increase "in certain kinds of corruption that gets in newspapers," said one prosecutor who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the cases. "Any time you're investigating a member of Congress, it's going to get a lot of attention.'

In the last month, the Justice Department has moved forward on inquiries involving two House Republicans: Reps. Mark Foley of Florida and Jim Kolbe of Arizona, both being investigated for possible improper or But the Justice Department generally tries to sional pages. At the same time, prosecutors stepped up their investigation into whether Rep. Curt Weldon, a Pennsylvania Republican, steered \$1 million in contracts to his daughter's lobbying firm. All three men have denied the charges. Foley resigned shortly after the allegations surfaced, while Kolbe is retiring from the House. Additionally, three other House Republicans and one GOP senator, as well as two House Democrats have been linked to ongoing Justice Department investigations over the last year. Two other House Republicans - Reps. Randy "Duke" Cunningham of California and Bob Ney of Ohio — have pleaded guilty to corruption charges. Experts say the spike in reported corruption cases is likely caused by one-party control of both the House and Senate. Investigations by the Republican-controlled House Ethics Committee, for example, ground to a near-standstill for more than a year because of partisan squabbles over staff and rules for its inquiries. "It's far worse than what we've seen for decades on Capitol Hill," said Craig Holman of the watchdog group Public Citizen. "We've got sex, we've got bribery, we've got lobbyist corruption, earmarking, money laundering. ... The people who are in power become very comfortable with their positions, and they don't think that they can get

## **Terrier rescued** by fishermen

KEY LARGO, Fla. (AP) After fishing without a bite for hours in the Florida Keys, a Massachusetts couple finally pulled something into their boat: a 5-year-old cairn terrier named Tigger.

Ray Truche Jr. and Lisa Largrassa were motoring their 23-foot fishing boat earlier this month on Florida Bay when they suddenly felt they had hit something in the water.

"As we came back upon it, I realized it was a little fat dog," said Truche, of Manchester, Mass. "It was having trouble keeping its head above water. Its big eyes were looking at us. It was almost as if it was saying, 'Don't leave me here!"

Tigger had apparently fallen overboard from Diane and Richard Beckman's boat

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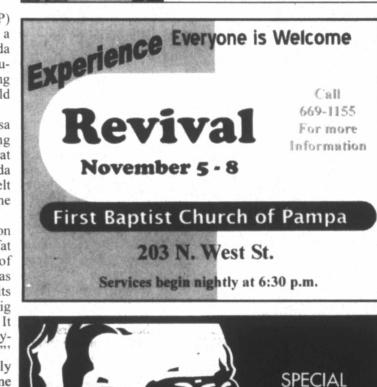
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"A lot of them are nonpolitical — they do have a taste for rooting out corruption and wrongdoing," Rothstein said. "There are some tensions coming from it. ... It's probably a very delicate and agonizing situation for the political appointees at the top" of the Justice Department.

Investigations by the public integrity unit at Justice headquarters in Washington make up only a sliver of public corruption cases prosecuted nationwide, most of which are handled by U.S. attorneys' offices. Last year, for example, federal prosecutors around the country charged 445 government officials, resulting in 390 convictions.

With only 29 attorneys, the public integrity unit in Washington is small when compared to the 450 government lawyers who in trouble for stepping over the line." prosecute criminal cases in the capital.

during their trip from Key Largo to Marathon, The Key West Citizen reported Monday.

## Powers

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get the word out that the Pentagon's secret was no longer secret.

It's easy to laugh at the words and actions of people who are in the throes of mental illness and who are acting or speaking in weird ways.

But we need to remember that they are ill, and that most of them can be helped by the proper treatment.

After all, conditions like pneumonia and arthritis aren't laughing matters, are they?

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1900, 40 percent of American workers were employed in farming; today, it's less than two percent. Technological advances made that possible. U.S. manufacturing employment reached its peak in 1950 and Pat calls "robotic freehas been in decline ever since.

This has more to do with technological innovation than outsourcing. It's a worldwide phenomenon. Since 2000, China has lost 4.5 million manufacturing jobs compared to the loss of 3.1 million in the U.S. Nine of the top 10 manufacturing countries, who produce 75

ufacturing output (the U.S., Japan, Germany, China, Britain, France, Korea, Canada, Mexico), have lost manufacturing jobs, Italy being the exception. Because of technological manufacturing output has risen while manufacturing employment has fallen.

I'm one of those whom traders." That might be another label for those of us who support peaceable, voluntary exchange, and I plead guilty. Buchanan, like so many others, points to the government subsidies and tariff protections given to businesses in other countries, a practice from which we can't plead complete

percent of the world's maninnocence. Protectionists call for "free trade but fair trade." They call for a "level playing field."

> In effect, they're saying that if other governments rip off their citizens with business subsidies and import duties, forcing them to pay higher prices, our government should retaliate by using the same tools to rip off its citizens.

> The next time I see Pat, I might ask him what he would do if we both were at sea in a rowboat and I shot a hole in my end of the boat. Would he retaliate by shooting a hole in his end?

-Dr. Williams serves on the faculty of George Mason University as John M. Olin Distinguished Professor of Economics.

Italy, and progress,

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#### **CLUB NEWS**

Club news is published strictly on a first come, first serve basis due to space limitations. The deadline each week for is Wednesday at 5 p.m., (Tuesday at 12 noon on holidays such as Thanksgiving and Christmas.) The deadline does not guarantee publication that week. Thank you.

#### **Genealogy Society**

Gray County Genealogy Society will present a program with Mrs. Bobette Doerrie of Booker at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa. Mrs. Doerrie's topic will be "Spanish Flu: The Great 1918 Epidemic."

The program is inspired by the potential threat of the recent bird flu epidemic in Asia. The Spanish flu was similarly devastating in the early 1900s.

Doerrie is director of Student Services at the Allen Campus at Frank Phillips College in Perryton. She holds a bachelor of arts degree in biology from McMurray College and a master in education degree from DePaul University. The upcoming program will be free and open to the public.

#### **Progressive Club**

Progressive Texas Extension Education Association Club met Oct. 12 at the home of Helene Baumgardner in Pampa with Ruth Barrett presiding in the absence of June Rowin. Seven members and one guest were present.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

-Members answered roll with their "favorite snack between meals."

-Mary Ann Bailey delivered the treasurer's report.

-Geneva Barton gave the Council report. The Council Christmas Party will be Dec. 9. Gifts for a gift exchange should range from \$5 to \$10 in price, and donations will be taken for the Rainbow Room, an outreach of Child Protective Services.

-Members were encouraged to attend the Ochiltree County Craft Show in November. -A TEEA officer training workshop is scheduled Dec. 8 in Canyon.

—A going away party is planned for Eva Dennis who is moving to Georgia.

—Barrett presented the program. Her topic was "Things a Woman Should Know When She Travels Alone."

-Door prizes were won by Barton and Leny Howard.

The next meeting will be at 2 p.m. Nov. 9 at Barton's home in Pampa.

#### **Pampa Art Club**

Pampa Art Club met Oct. 17 at Pampa Community Building (Chamber building).

During the meeting, Kathy Gist conducted a demonstration. A video will be shown at the coming meeting as a followup to her presentation.

Sculpting classes will be offered Nov. 1-3 at 2210 Williston.

New by-laws will be presented for consideration at the next club meeting which will get started at 10:30 a.m. Nov. 7 at Pampa Community Building. Mimi Gross

 and Billy Collinsworth will serve as hostesses.

#### **Timeless Treasures guild**

GUYMON, Okla. — Timeless Treasurers Quilt Guild will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday at Christian Church Disciple Center in Guymon. All attending the meeting are asked to bring a small 16pack of crayons for the morning lecture and are encouraged to bring an item for show-and-tell.

Coffee and breakfast snacks will be served starting at 9:30 a.m.

Anna Mayer will present the afternoon workshop. Cost of the workshop will be \$5.

For those planning to attend the workshop, the following supplies are needed in addition to the crayons: Crayon sharpener or knife; iron; ironing board or pad; pencil; light box (optional); 12 1/2-inch piece of good quality fabric; patterns; color wheel; tape; and paper towels.

# String of arsons causeEvents calendarfor concern in Bexar• Amarillo College's Lam<br/>will present Improv Night at 7

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Investigators say arson is suspected in a string of fires that has destroyed four unfinished homes and one newly constructed house all on the same block.

A fire early Sunday in the Heritage Oaks subdivision of southern Bexar County spread from an unfinished home to a neighboring family's home. The fire followed the torching of three unfinished homes on the same street this summer.

There were no injuries in Sunday's blaze, but neighboring residents said the crime has gone too far.

"This isn't a game anymore," said Shannon Maris, who lives with her two daughters across the street from the targeted row of houses. "Whoever's doing this knows what they're doing. They enjoy what they're doing. And now it's personal."

Chris Lopez, arson investigator for the Bexar County Fire Marshal's Office, said criminal arsonists are sometimes attracted to striking in an area more than once. He said there were no leads in the case.

"Right now we don't know what a motive would be," Lopez said.

Monica Taub watched from the street with her husband and two young children early Sunday as wind-blown flames spread from the neighboring unfinished home and gutted her family's house.

She said her family wasn't notified of the street's history of arson when they purchased the home.

"It would have made us think twice about buying the house," she said. • Amarillo College's Lamplight Youth Theatre Co. will present Improv Night at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Ordway Hall in Amarillo. The evening will consist of 15 to 20 on the spot skits. Admission is \$5. Proceeds are used to fund the non-profit children's theater. To purchase tickets, call (806) 371-5353.

• BACA (Bikers Against Child Abuse) will meet at 3 p.m. Sunday at the BACA house, 12055 E. Frederic. The meeting is open to anyone who is interested. For more information, contact Randy "Crazy Eagle" Estep at (806) 440-2104.

• Wayland Baptist University Llano Estacado Museum will be the site of a seven-hour seminar Oct. 31 for health professionals. The seminar will be conducted by Dorothy Yeager, MS, CFCS. Registration will begin at 7:45 a.m. The deadline to pre-register is Monday. Cost of the workshop will be \$89. Continuing education credit has been approved for Texas and New Mexico nurses. For more information or to pre-register, call 1-888-836-7684.

• The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinic: Oct. 30-31, Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, both in Pampa. Participants will receive a low-cost selfexam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

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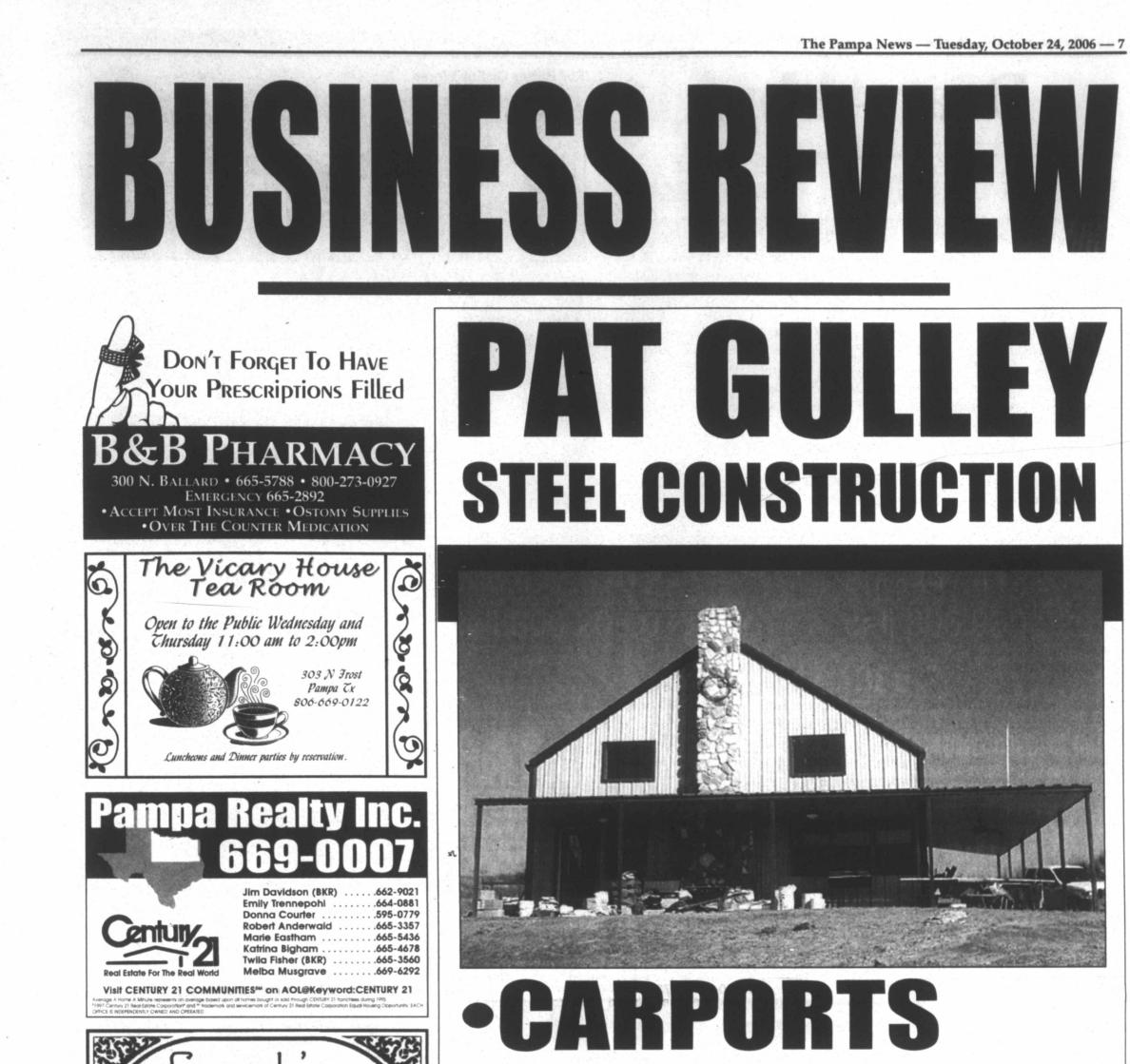
joins The National Arbor Day Foundation throughout the month. The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign. The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between Nov. 1 and Dec. 10 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's colorful bimonthly publication, "Arbor Day" and "The Tree Book" with information about tree planting and care. To receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Ten Free Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City. NE 68410, by Oct. 31. For more information, check out the foundation's Web site at www.arborday.org on the Internet.

• Lamplight Youth Theatre Co. will present the children's classic "Charlotte's Web" Nov. 3-5 in Ordway Hall on AC's Washington Street Campus. Performances are scheduled at 7:30 p.m. the 3rd and 4th and 2:30 p.m. the 4th and 5th. For tickets or more information, call (806) 371-5353.

• Friends of Aeolian-Skinner Opus 1024 of Amarillo will present Bradley Hunter Welch in concert at 7 p.m. Nov. 5 at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Amarillo. The award-winning organist holds bachelor and master degrees in music from Baylor University and Yale University, respectively.

• Pampa Book Club will meet and discuss "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini, Nov. 8. The club meets at 10 a.m. the second Wednesday of every month in the Texas Room at Lovett Memorial Library.





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By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: You printed a letter from "Feeling Guilty, Memphis, Tenn." (9/6) from a woman wanting to call off her engagement to a soldier stationed in Iraq. You stated, "Under no circumstances should you ... " From my experience, I disagree. I am an Operation Iraqi Freedom widow. I have maintained a steady friendship with my husband's fellow soldiers and their mates. Military personnel stationed in a war zone develop bonds stronger than blood ties. They eat, bathe, sleep, live and die together. I say, call him and tell him the truth. His comrades will know how to comfort him. When his tour is up, he will no longer have that 24/7 support. Soldiers face enough problems readjusting to civilian life without dealing with a broken heart. If she waits and he dies, it will scar her for life. What if he has her listed as his beneficiary on his life insurance policy? If she doesn't want him anymore, should she still receive \$500,000? I have seen this happen with my own eyes. -- MILITARY WIDOW, VALDOSTA, GA.

**DEAR MILITARY WIDOW:** Please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss. Although I did receive mail from some readers who agree that the young man should be told, I received more thanking me for having urged the writer not to send a Dear John letter. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend of almost two years has recently been deployed. Before he left, we had a discussion about what to do if I met someone else. He

lain to go to and the other men around who are experiencing -- or have experienced -infidelity. I think her fiance would be better served by her respect, not her guilt. --**GIRLFRIEND IN S.C.** 

DEAR ABBY: When my son got married, just before his first deployment, my sisterin-law said to me, "She better not write him a Dear John letter while he's over there!" I just laughed and said they'd known each other for four years, had just gotten married, and she wasn't even giving them a chance. My son got a Dear John e-mail from his wife (his first and only love), spoke to her on the phone as soon as he could get through, and about an hour later he was gone -- a self-inflicted gunshot to the heart. I know our daughter-in-law didn't mean for this to happen. Her parents advised her to go ahead and tell him. If they had only had the chance to read your column, perhaps they would have advised her differently, and I would still have my son. I hope your column will save some other Marine's life. He showed no signs of depression before this and did not use drugs or alcohol. We miss our son terribly, and I want you to know that when I read your reply to that young woman, it felt really good to see you stress, "Under no circumstances ..." Thank you from the bottom of one Gold Star mother's heart. --**GOLD STAR MOM IN MARYLAND** 

DEAR ABBY: Regarding "Feeling Guilty," do you think you would have given the same lecture had it been a man

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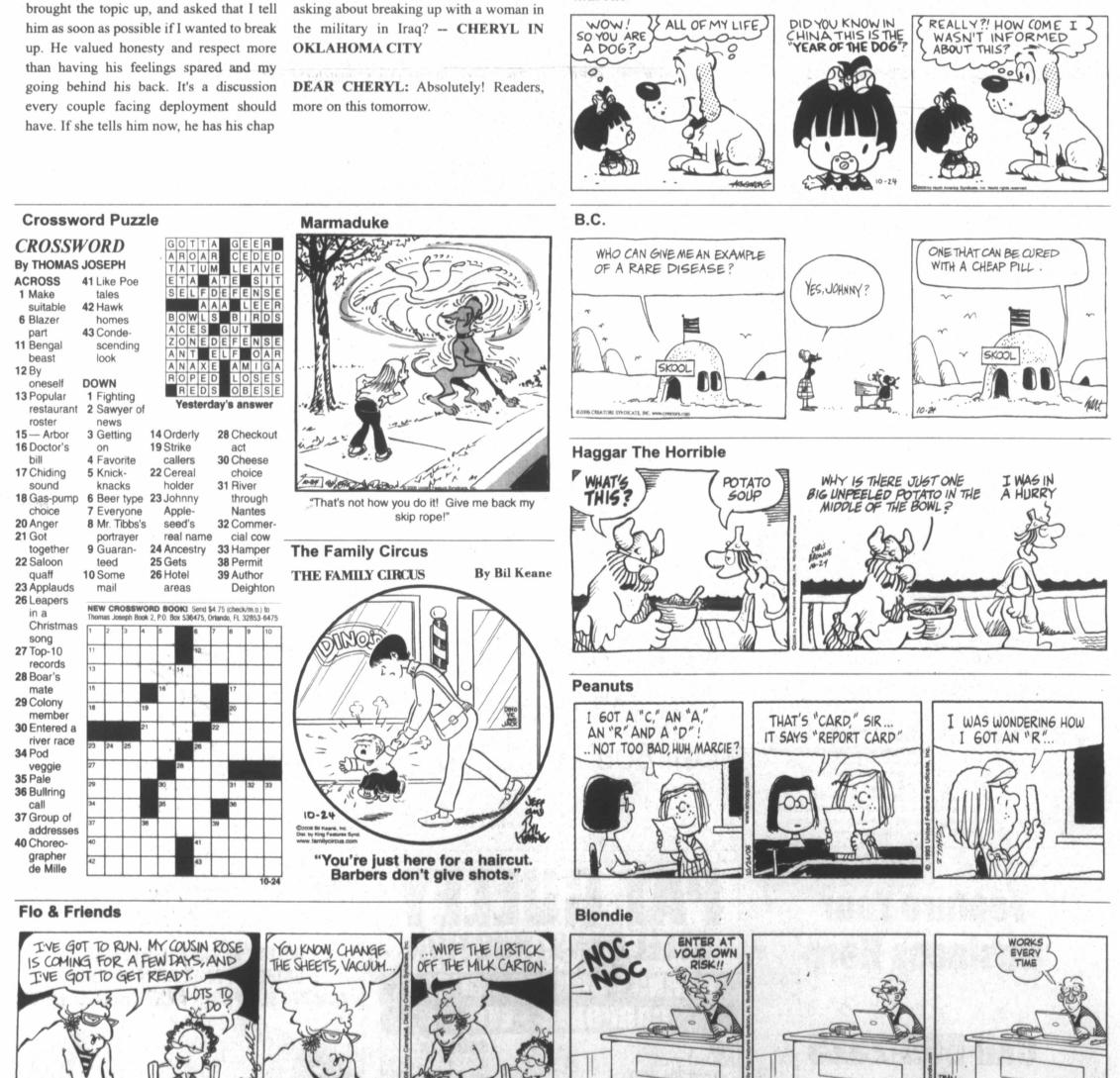
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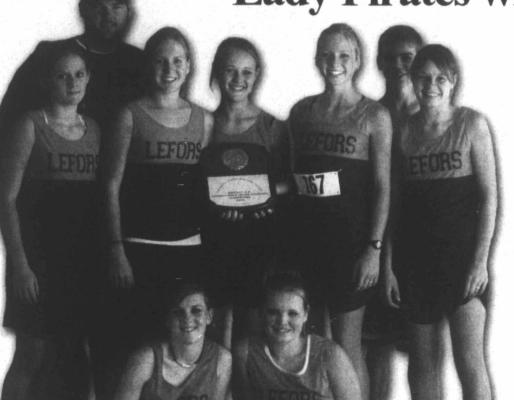


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# Sports Day

The Lefors High School girls' cross country team captured its third consecutive district win Monday at the District 2-1A Meet in Canadian. The lone male runner for Lefors, Gabriel Miller (standing second from right), placed 5th. Lefors will compete at the regional meet in Lubbock Nov. 4. Pictured are (standing, left to right)- Kara Davis, **Coach Gary Kirby, Valerie** Miller, Tori Meeks, Emily Jackson, Miller, and Lacie Johnston. Seated in front are Misty Pairsh and Ashley Shephard.



## Lady Pirates win third district title

District 2-1A Cross Country Meet Canadian Monday, Oct. 23

#### Results

#### **High School Girls**

Team

1st Lefors\* 2nd Follett

3rd Hedley

4th Booker

5th Groom

\*Third consecutive year Lefors has won the District title.

#### **Lefors Individual Results**

Valerie Miller,	1st	(11:52.51	)	
Emily Jackson	2nd	(11:52.84	4)	
Tori Meeks	5th	(12:20)		
Kara Davis	7th	(12:26)		
Lacie Johnston	17th	(13:26)		
Misty Pairsh	24th	(13:48)		
Ashley Shephard	36th	(15:52)		
Boys				
Gabriel Miller	5th		17:53	
NOTE: Lefors will	next con	npete at Re	gionals N	Vov
4 in Lubbock.				

#### Courtesy photo

### **AP High School Football Poll**

Here is The Associated Press' high school poll after games of Oct. 19-21, with first place votes in parentheses, records, points based on 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1, and the team's ranking in last week's poll:

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Team	Rec	Pts	Pvs
1. Southlake Carroll (17)	7-0	197	1
2. Lufkin (3)	7-0	182	2
3. Euless Trinity	7-0	156	3
4. Smithson Valley	7-0	130	4
5. Katy	7-0	117	5
6. Galena Park North Shore	7-0	104	6
7. Cedar Hill	7-0	72	7
8. Spring Westfield	7-0	57	8
9. A&M Consolidated	6-1-1	39	9
10. Los Fresnos	7-0	12	10

Also receiving votes: Plano East 7, Austin Westlake 6, Friendswood Clear Brook 5, Cedar Park 4, Allen 3, Coppell 3, El Paso Coronado 2, San Antonio Churchill 2, Odessa Permian 1, Cypress Falls 1.

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Class 4A			
Team	Rec	Pts	Pvs
1. Texarkana (12)	7-0	180	1
2. Stephenville (5)	7-0	178	2
3. Corpus Christi Calallen	7-0	144	3
4. Highland Park (1)	7-0	142	4
5. Lamar Consolidated (2)	7-0	123	5
6. Brenham	6-1	90	6
7. La Marque	7-1	70	7
8. Copperas Cove	6-1	64	8
9. Aledo	6-1	45	9
10. McKinney North	7-0	40	10

#### NFL INJURY REPORT

## Number of teams lose key players

#### **PRO FOOTBALL**

KIRKLAND, Wash. (AP) - Seattle Seahawks quarterback Matt Hasselbeck will miss at least three weeks with a strained ligament in his right knee.

And he's not happy about how it happened.

Hasselbeck believes Minnesota's E.J. Henderson could have avoided rolling into his lower right leg Sunday early in the second half of Seattle's loss to the Vikings.

An MRI showed the Pro Bowl quarterback strained his right medial collateral ligament. Coach Mike Holmgren said Hasselbeck has a Grade 2 sprain on a three-grade scale and will miss "around" three games.

Pittsburgh Steelers aren't saying if Washington. quarterback Ben Roethlisberger sustained his second concussion in slightly more than four months.

Roethlisberger was fit enough to fly home with the Steelers following their 41-38 overtime loss Sunday in Atlanta, and to drive his SUV to a team meeting, despite being briefly knocked unconscious during a helmet-to-helmet hit with the Falcons' Chauncey Davis.

The Steelers did not provide an update on Roethlisberger.

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - The Indianapolis Colts expect defensive tackle Montae Reagor to miss a second straight game after he was injured in an automobile accident while on the PITTSBURGH (AP) — The way to Sunday's matchup with

State police reports said Reagor's head was injured when his SUV flipped over after another car ran into him while he was driving to the RCA Dome.

Also, Colts safety Mike Doss will miss the rest of the season with a torn ACL

BEREA, Ohio (AP) — Cleveland's Gary Baxter tore patellar tendons in both knees during Sunday's loss to Denver and will undergo surgery on Tuesday.

DENVER (AP) — Broncos left tackle Matt Lepsis is out for the season after tearing a ligament in his right knee during Denver's win over the Cleveland Browns, and garvard main

some behind his back. It's a di-



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Also receiving votes: Edcouch-Elsa 7, New Branfels Canyon 6, El Paso Riverside 3, Waco 2, Alamo Heights 2, Whitehouse 2, Crowley 1, Wolfforth Frenship 1.

Class 3A			
Team	Rec	Pts	Pvs
1. Cuero (12)	8-0	187	1
2. Gilmer (6)	7-0	183	2
3. Giddings (2)	7-0	160	3
4. West Orange-Stark	7-0	143	4
5. Celina	7-0	119	5
6. Decatur	7-0	75	7
7. Dallas Madison	7-0	72	6
8. Wimberley	6-1	60	8
9. Hutto	6-1	41	9
10. Sweetwater	6-1	16	Х

Dropped out: No. 10 Carthage

Also receiving votes: Palestine 10, Rio Hondo 10, Liberty Hill 7, Hondo 5, Snyder 4, Midland Greenwood 3, Devine 2, Bellville 1, Burkburnett 1, Brownsboro 1.

Class 2A				
Team		Rec	Pts	Pvs
1. Jeffers	son (15)	7-0	192	2
2. Mart (	(2)	6-1	173	3
3. Crawl	ford	6-1	131	6
4. Marlin	n	6-1	127	7
5. Lexin	gton	6-2	73	8
6. Troup	(1)	7-0	69	х
7. Newto	on (1)	5-2	68	9
8. Tatum	n (1)	5-2	56	1
9. Blanc	0	6-1	49	10
10. Hami	lton	7-0	23	х

Dropped out: No. 4 Altair Rice, No. 5 Early

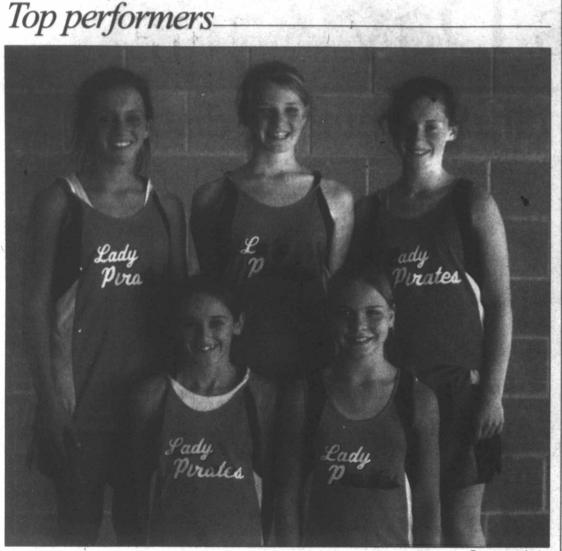
Also receiving votes: Altair Rice 19, Schulenberg 17, Comfort 15, Omaha Pewitt 14, Childress 12, Wall 12, Early 10, New Boston 9, East Bernard 8, Refugio 7, Sonora 4, Corrigan-Camden 3, Canadian 2, Ozona 2, Boyd 2, Paradise 1, DeKalb 1; Stratford 1.

Class 1A			
Team	Rec	Pts	Pvs
1. Windthorst (18)	7-0	197	1
2. Alto (2)	7-0	177	2
3. New Deal	7-0	151	3
4. Goldthwaite	7-0	146	4
5. Chilton	6-1	111	5
6. Wolfe City	7-0	100	6
7. Nazareth	7-0	85	7
8. Roscoe	7-1	54	8
9. La Villa	6-0	38	10
10. Price Carlisle	7-0	8	Χ.

Dropped out: No. 9 Grapeland

Also receiving votes: Grapeland 6, Rocksprings 6, Tenaha 5, Normangee 5, Munday 2, Bosqueville 2, Thrall 2, D'Hanis 1, Sterling 1, Groveton 1, Gilmer Union Hill 1, Collinsville 1.





Courtesy photo

The Lefors Junior High girls' cross country team placed third at the District 2-1A meet in Canadian Monday. Individual results were (standing, left to right)-Monica Pairsh, 17th (14:05); Story Pairsh, 9th (13:42); and Kaittlynne Reeves, 27th (14:45). Kneeling are Taylor Overstreet, 2nd (12:33) and Amber Shephard, 6th (12:53).

## LaRussa: 'I don't believe it was dirt'

was still trying to get a grip on what Kenny Rogers had on his hand.

The Detroit pitcher answered wave after wave of questions Monday, making this percolating World Series flap seem like an innocent mistake. Mud, resin, spit, dirt he insisted that's what everyone saw at the base of his left thumb in Game 2.

An hour or so later, the Tigers found out what St. Louis Cardinals manager Tony La Russa thought about Rogers' explanation.

"I don't believe it was dirt," La Russa said. "Didn't look like dirt."

The Tigers got to hear it for themselves, too, because La Russa's words from the interview room boomed all around Busch Stadium, courtesy of the PA system. He never mentioned pine tar, but many believed that's what Rogers really used.

Beyond the ballpark, it was the No. 1

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A day later, baseball to help them grip the ball. A little bit, that's OK; too much, that borders on cheating.

> "There's a line that I think that defines the competition. And you can sneak over the line, because we're all fighting for the edge," La Russa said. "I always think, 'Does it go to the point of abuse?' And that's where you start snapping."

> Rogers, who's gone from playoff farce to postseason force this October, stood in the clubhouse and tried to explain away what happened.

> "I rub up the balls between the innings and before the game all of the time," he said. "I rub up the bullpen balls I pitch with with mud, resin, spit. I do it all the time. They rub the ball up, too, with mud before the games.

> "The game balls, they're dirty. Usually, when I get done, there's not much on my hand, but I guess a little bit more than normal. I wiped it off and proceeded to pitch seven pretty good innings," he said. "Mud, resin, sweat. It's always there. I try not to go crazy with it, but it's not making my pitches do anything crazy."

## **Giants drop Cowboys**, 36-22

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The New York Giants have the NFL's leading rusher, a uarterback-harassing defense and, suddenly, firm control of the NFC East lead.

Now, after a 36-22 victory over the Dallas Cowboys on Monday night, they play three straight games at home.

Considering their 1-2 start, the Giants (4-2) couldn't ask for a better situation.

"A couple weeks back, we decided we've had enough," coach Tom Coughlin said.

"We are playing smarter football. We are not getting stuck in a

bunch of bad situations," Eli Manning said. "Everybody has got to make a good commitment to this team."

The Cowboys could only hope things were so peaceful.

Drew Bledsoe was replaced after throwing an interception at the goal line with the Cowboys poised to take the lead just before halftime. Tony Romo wasn't any bet-

ter, getting picked off on his first pass and having another of his three interceptions returned for a touchdown.

"That was really a poor performance," coach Bill Parcells said. "I'm ashamed to put a team out there that plays like that. I mean, really. We ought to apologize to the people that came out to watch that. That's not good football."

Parcells isn't sure if he'll go back to Bledsoe, the quarterback he picked first overall with the New England Patriots in 1993, or stick with Romo with the Cowboys (3-3) playing their next three games on the road.

"I have to think that over," Parcells said. New York has won three straight since an early break. More importantly, the Giants are 3-0 against NFC East after refusing to let Dallas gain any momentum Monday night.

"Early in the year, we made so many mistakes. We have not done that a lot in the last three weeks," Tiki Barber said. "We were able to find some focus during the bye week.'

Michael Strahan had two of the Giants' six sacks against Dallas to match Lawrence Taylor's career club record at 132 1/2. There were also four interceptions, the first by Sam Madison on Bledsoe's last pass when the Giants led only 12-7.

The offensive highlights included Barber running for 114 yards, Brandon Jacobs scoring on a 3-yard run, and Manning throwing for 189 yards and two touchdowns - a 50-yarder to Plaxico Burress on the fifth play of the game providing a quick start.

#### with his feet.

Rookie Kevin Dockery sealed the victory by returning the final interception 96 yards for a touchdown with 2:38 left.

Bledsoe was the first off the field and left the locker room quickly after going 7-of-12 for 111 yards. Romo said he hadn't + ilked to the veteran quarterback.

"Whoever is back there, we have to ride with it," Owens said.

Romo, whose only passes in four NFL seasons were two completions at the end of

last week's lopsided win over Houston, was 14-of-25 for 227 yards with two touchdowns.

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While Romo avoided pressure and threw some pretty passes, his niscues were too nuch to overcome. He started with Dallas down only five and rallied them back to within 11, but couldn't get the job done. His 53-yard TD pass to Patrick Crayton came after his third pickoff. "I don't feel very

good about the situation right now," Romo said. "I definitely would have liked to have performed better. Hopefully next week that will change."

For all their good, the Giants also came away with two serious injuries: Arrington tore his left Achilles' tendon and is likely out for the season, and defensive end Osi Umenyiora missed most of the second half with a strained hip.

Notes: Bledsoe's 1-yard TD run was his second this season, and the 10th in his 14year career. ... After three straight 100-yard games, Julius Jones was held to 30 yards on 13 carries. ... Jay Feely had field goals of 31 and 32 yards for the Giants.

#### **ARRINGTON OUT**

IRVING, Texas (AP) - New York Giants linebacker LaVar Arrington is out for the season after tearing his left Achilles' tendon in the second quarter against the Dallas Cowboys on Monday night.

The Giants also lost defensive end Osi Umenyiora to a strained hip in their 36-22 victory. He went down late in the second quarter, returned for the start of the third but lasted only one play. He was helped back to the locker room, and the team said he's questionable for next week.

Arrington was hurt chasing down Dallas' Julius Jones on a running play. Arrington ended up on the turf in obvious pain, with doctors calling for a motorized cart to get him to the locker room.

topic in sports.

"We know it's all over the place right now," umpires' supervisor Steve Palermo said

Partly because some photographs from Rogers' start in the AL championship series against Oakland showed what appeared to be the same kind of yellowish-brown smudge on his pitching hand that caught everyone's attention Sunday night.

Prompted by La Russa, the umpires asked Rogers to clean off his left hand before the second inning. He wound up pitching eight shutout innings in a 3-1 victory that evened the World Series at one game each.

Game 3 is Tuesday night, with reigning NL Cy Young winner Chris Carpenter starting against Nate Robertson. The forecast is for cool conditions.

It's commonly known within baseball that pitchers sometimes put some sort of substance on their hands in chilly weather

Rogers has pitched 23 scoreless innings this postseason — after going 0-3 with an 8.85 ERA in previous postseasons.

La Russa said he brought the smudge to the umpires' attention, but did not demand they search Rogers because he didn't want to make a big deal about it.

And yes, La Russa said the Cardinals were aware Rogers had a similar spot earlier in the postseason.

"I said, 'I don't like this stuff, let's get it fixed.' If it gets fixed let's play the game. It got fixed, in my opinion," La Russa said.

"If he didn't get rid of it, I would have challenged it. But I do think it's a little bit part of the game at times, and don't go crazy," he said.

Even after Bledsoe had been sacked four times, once by LaVar Arrington for a safety, he had a chance to put the Cowboys ahead iust before halftime. Instead, Madison stepped in front of Terry Glenn.

"Too many mistakes. Too much improvising," Parcells said, explaining the quarterback switch. He also said Bledsoe's final pass was designed to be thrown to the other side of the field — where Terrell Owens was

On his first snap, Romo also threw an interception - a ball tipped by Strahan and caught by linebacker Antonio Pierce. That set up Manning's 13-yard TD to Jeremy Shockey for a 19-7 lead.

While Romo sparked the offense at times with his mobility, the mistakes he made with his arm overshadowed anything he did

"It felt like somebody hit me in the back of the leg, but there was nobody there," Arrington said. "When I went down, I knew it. I just didn't feel right."

Doctors told Arrington that it was "an injury that I could come back from and be the same player." He could be out six months.

Arrington was among the reasons the Giants took a 12-7 halftime lead, having sacked Dallas quarterback Drew Bledsoe in the end zone for a safety in the first quarter. It was one of four sacks for New York to that point; Umenyiora had one, too

Arrington is in his first season with New York after playing six years for Washington. The safety was his first sack with the Giants.

'That was sad. We lose a player," coach Tom Coughlin said. "He was getting better every day.'

The Giants also played the second half without cornerback Frank Walker, who strained a hamstring.

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2006:

Scorpio, how you verbalize your ideas can make all the difference in what goes down this year. You will learn, if you don't know already, the power of the spoken word. Tighten up your finances with an eye to greater security and stronger investments. You might want to restructure your life. Study your options. If you are single, meeting people happens easily, but watch yourself, as you could become possessive. This behavior or attitude might not help a relationship. If you are attached, you need to work on better communication and understanding. Both of you will smile more often as a result. CAPRICORN likes to hang with you

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

#### ARIES (March 21-April 19)

\*\*\* Opportunity strikes if and when you look past uproar or upset. You might want to question if reframing a situation might help. The power of perspective and mental outlook will become apparent. Tonight: Chill out to music. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You might be frazzled because of what you feel and hear. Remember, you can also decide the facts aren't there yet, or someone might not be as detailoriented as you might like. Tonight: Talk to a partner.

#### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\* Others command your attention, and perhaps not in a positive manner. Think in terms of potential gains and growth through letting someone run with

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the ball. If you think this person is wrong, you might be giving him or her an opportunity to see just that. Tonight: Listen to great music

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Easy does it. Honor a change of tune or decide to go in a new direction.

You have a propensity to overreact, especially when overwhelmed. A financial risk is unavoidable. Listen to news that heads in your direction. Tonight: You need some time off. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\*\*\* Investigate facts with an eye to adding to your creativity and ability to sleuth through a problem. You can find solutions if you integrate different aspects of an issue. An associate or partner could act strangely. Tonight: The wild card hits financially VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\*\* You feel as if you are on a rollercoaster ride. You are tired and looking at a situation differently, and your nerves are frayed. Someone in your immediate environment acts up out of the blue. Honor a family member's needs. Tonight: Cocoon at home LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\*\* Knowing that you have alternatives will help you deal with the unexpected that seems to run through your life. You could be easily overwhelmed by all that is going down. Choose to take events as a challenge. Tonight: Meet a friend; swap war stories SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\*\* Every time you come up with a brainy (or so you think) idea, an obstacle gets tossed in your path. You find others more willing to tell you no than ever before. Think positively, and you'll jump over today's hurdles. Tonight: Treat

#### yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\*\* You are on top of your game. Listen to your sixth sense. Be innovative. The incredible imagination you have needs to be put to use and funneled accordingly. Make no money commitments. You could change your tune later. Tonight; Your treat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  $\star \star \star$  Though you might be over-whelmed by what comes down your path, you cannot put a halt to it. Listen to your intuition right now, especially as you might not be comfortable or centered. Hold action until later. Tonight Very happy

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\* Head for what you want whether you develop a mind-set toward a long-term desire or take an action. Move early in the day to maximize your success. You need to withdraw and do something very different. Tonight: Some time off.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\*\* Take action, and you'll create what you want. Any extra energy will help you hit a home run. Emphasize what needs to happen. Aint for what you want and make it a reality. People in general play a significant role. Tonight: Where the party is.

#### BORN TODAY

Actress Tracy Nelson (1963), actress. singer Barbara Cook (1927), singer Helen Reddy (1942)

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## **OU wins without Peterson**

DALLAS (AP) — Oklahoma won its first game without Big 12 rushing leader Adrian Peterson. Now, the Sooners face a Missouri team that will play its first game without one of the league's top defenders.

Tigers defensive end Brian Smith, the school's career sack leader, broke his right hip last weekend and is done for the regular season. Coach Gary Pinkel still can't explain how the injury occurred.

"If you saw that film, you'd say there's no way in the world he even got hurt," Pinkel said Monday on the Big 12 coaches teleconference.

"He just kind of turned and kind of stumbled. There was not hardly any contact at all. It was just as freakish as you could ever imagine."

Since he has to be on crutches for 6-8 weeks before any kind of rehabilitation even without surgery, it's unlikely that Smith would be able to return and play in a bowl game.

The senior is tied for third in the Big 12 with 7 1/2 sacks this season, and has 31 1/2 in his career.

Smith got hurt in the second half of Missouri's 41-21 victory over Kansas State on Saturday, the same day the Sooners beat Colorado 24-3 in their first game since Peterson broke his collarbone falling into the

#### end zone

No. 19 Oklahoma (5-2, 2-1 Big 12), which will need help to win the Big 12 South because of its loss to Texas, plays Saturday at No. 23 Missouri (7-1, 3-1), the North coleader with No. 20 Nebraska (6-2, 3-

Peterson, who hopes to return for a bowl game, was on the sideline last weekend in a hooded sweat shirt and cap. The 2004 Heisman Trophy runner-up was encouraging teammates and his replacement, Allen Patrick, who ran 35 times for 110 yards and a touchdown.

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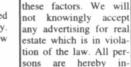
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Expressing no emotion, ex-Enron Chief Executive Officer Jeffrey Skilling watched former employees and investors of what was once the nation's seventhlargest company get up, one by one, at his sentencing and call him everything from greedy, to a liar, to a drunk.

"You should send him to the rest of his life in prison," former Enron employee Anne Beliveaux told U.S. District Judge Sim Lake after saying that Skilling's actions, which helped bring down the company, were the result of "greed, nothing but greed."

Lake did not send Skilling away for life but he did

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impose a tough sentence Monday: 24 years and four months in prison. It is the harshest punishment by far in Enron's scandalous collapse and one that capped a string of tough sentences for top executives in corruption cases.

"His crimes have imposed on hundreds, if not thousands, of people a life sentence of poverty," Lake said.

Lake approved a request from Skilling that he not immediately be detained but instead be taken into custody sometime during the next 30 to 45 days. Lake suggested the 52-year-old be sent to the federal facility in Butner, N.C.

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This mule deer jumps a fence on the Arrington Ranch west of Pampa Monday while a crew of cowboys conducted a roundup of cattle nearby.

## WTC officials say they were stopped

NEW YORK (AP) — The workers who spent months searching for the remains of the dead in the World Trade Center rubble were often at odds with the agency overseeing the cleanup and frequently asked to halt the operation as they gingerly recovered body parts.

As the work was wrapping up in 2002, several officials handling the recovery warned that things were moving too fast. They believed more pieces of the lost 2,749 victims could be found, but they were overruled, two of those officials told The Associated Press this week.

The officials gave the account after a utility crew accidentally discovered body parts last week in an abandoned manhole along the western edge of the site, and forensic experts have since dug down and found more than 100 bones and fragments from skulls, ribs, arms, legs, feet and hands.

"I knew that this was going to hap-

### **Family mourns** miner killed

pen — they really just wanted us out of there," said retired Police Lt. John McArdle, the New York Police Department's ground zero commander. "There was not a good exit strategy for some of these places, and if there was, it was poorly done."

The project finished months ahead of city officials' yearlong prediction, and cost about \$750 million — just a fraction of the initial multibillion-dollar estimate.

The medical examiner's office said no new remains were found Monday, but recovery was expected to continue Tuesday and last through the week.

The area where remains were found is one where officials raised objections.

The officials said they repeatedly aired their concerns to the agency in charge, the Department of Design and Construction, which was later praised for the cleanup of 1.5 million tons of trade center debris.

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"The desire was driven by one thing, and that was, 'Get it done,"' said another official who protested, speaking to the AP on condition of anonymity because he is not authorized to publicly discuss the work. "Many a time the issue was raised about how fast it was going and things were being missed."

Mayor Michael Bloomberg acknowledged Monday that "there was a lot of pressure to do things quickly," but said workers "did everything they thought was appropriate at the time, as much as they could. It was just a massive task where things are spread out for a very large area, and the practical reality is you can't get to everything.'

Deputy Mayor Ed Skyler, who is overseeing the new recovery effort, said a review of past procedures before the work is completed would be premature, but noted that the Fire Department was designated as the lead agency for finding remains.

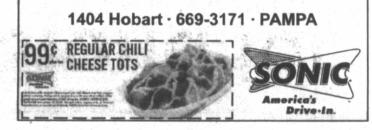


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"And now, this," said Charles Kimmel, Reightler's lifelong friend and brotherin-law. "Now, we might just build a race car and let his two boys run it. In memory of him."

Reightler was killed Monday in an explosion half a mile deep in an R&D Coal Co. anthracite mine in a remote, mountainous region of Tremont Township, about 80 miles northwest of Philadelphia.

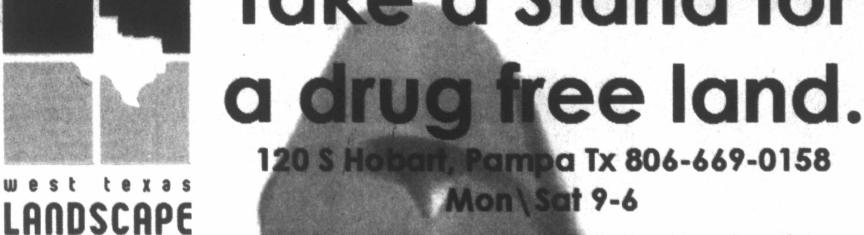
Five other miners escaped, authorities said.

It appeared the blast occurred when miners detonated explosives, said Dirk Fillpot, spokesman for the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration. The miners had checked for methane gas before the 10:30 a.m. detonation but didn't detect any, he said.

The accident knocked out the mine's ventilation system, making it too dangerous for investigators to go down into the shaft. Officials hoped to restore the ventilation system by Tuesday so they could get a firsthand look at the damage.

The five miners who escaped, including the foreman, were being interviewed, said Mark Carmon, a spokesman for the Department of Environmental Protection. He did not have any information about what they told investigators.

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