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## Sample ballots

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## Governor's race crowded this year

By MARILYN POWERS Texas voters will face a
choice of six gubernatorial candidates in this year's genral election on Nov. 7.
Incumbent Gov. Perry, a Republican, has Perry, a Republican, ha
found himself challenged by
Democrat, a Libertarian, a Democrat, a Libertarian,
two independents, and a write-in candidate Chris Bell, a Democrat, commission on public education to seek solutions to today's public school problems, according to his Web
site. His list of those prob site. His list of those problems includes ways to raise
school funding, retention of chool funding, retention of
certified teachers, and textbook selection,
Bell is against the 2003 deregulation of tuition in higher education, and in for colleges and universities tax-free textbooks for students, expansion of the TEXAS Grant program which provides scholarships Texans, and low-income munity college funding munity college funding.
Bell is also against Trans Texas Corridor, a toll road plan that he says will use more than 150 square miles of privately owned property, including almost
1.5 million acres of farmland. He supports deployment
of the National Guard to the of the National Guard to the
Texas-Mexico border, stricter hiring laws concerning undocumented workers and greater enforcement of reform.
Bell also supports ncreased funding of the Texas State Parks and Wildlife Department,

Cooler weather on its way


One tree in Evergreen Park sports bright yellow autumn leaves, unlike all its One tree in Evergreen Park sports bright yeilow autumn leaves, unike all its
neighbors, which are still green. More seasonal foliage should appear in coming weeks as the year winds down to wintertime.

## PEDC proposes to work with company to create new jobs


#### Abstract

By DAVID BOWSE The Pampa Economic Development Corporation is proposing to work with MXT in Pampa, according to EDC President Dwight Fiveash. MXT Corporation, which according to city officials is moving into the old Marie Foundation building on Foster, manufactures packing material, canine treats and insula- tion from grain sorghum. They were recruited to Pampa by the Pampa Industrial Foundation. The proposed EDC contract will be forwarded to the Pampa City Commission for their approval, Fiveash said. City officials said they expect the item to be on the agenda for the commission's Nov. 14 meeting. 4 meeting. In other business at their Tuesday meeting, the Pampa Economic Development Corporation board of directors discussed creating a Web site on the Internet, a new logo and payment of services by the city of

Pampa. EDC member Shawn Clifton told the EDC member Shawn Clifton told the board that he had been dealing with board that he had been dealing with CentraMedia concerning the creation of a Web site. He said he expected to have someing on Nov. 9 . EDC Secretary Kathy Cota told the board that she had arranged to present that she had arranged to present a $\$ 250$ scholarship to Pampa High School art stu- dent Phillip Rodriquez for his design of dent Phillip Rodriquez for his design of a logo for the EDC. That presentation, Cota said, would be at 11:30 a.m. Nov. 2 in said, would be at 11:30 a.m. Nov. 2 in teacher Rod Wichert's classroom. Wichert's class will also be recognized with a certificate, Cota said. The EDC board selected Rodrique design from proposals submitted by Wichert's class. The board will make minor Wichert's class. The board will make minor changes to the original design, Fiveash said. Clifton said that he had discussed having the city bill the EDC for administrative and financial services. financial services.

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## More

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bers of the Texas National
Guard, and decreased Guard, and decreased case-
loads for Child Protective Services workers.
James
Libertarian Party's gubernatorial candidate, proposes
eliminating all existing busieliminating all existing busi-
ness and personal taxes in favor of the Texas Fair Tax, charged at point of final purchase for all consumer goods and services.
He wants
He wants to repeal the
state drug laws and devote
more of law enforcement's
efforts toward violent and
white collar crime, accord-
ing to his Web site. He sup-
ports the use of a full-val voucher system so that all children in the state may attend the public or private school of their parents Werner supports an open border policy. "My position
is that anyone who wishes to is that anyone who wishes to
come to the United States and to the United States
and whould be allowed to do so -- with the exception of known criminals, or indi-
viduals with ties to viduals with ties to criminal
or terrorist organizations," or terrorist organizations,"
Carole Keeton Strayhorn, most recently the state's
Comptroller of Public Accounts, is one of two inde-

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## Fund established for victim of industrial accident

By MARILYN POWERS By MARILYN POW
Staff Writer Staff Writer about $12: 45$ p.m., 40 minutes after a A fund has been established at
FirstBank Southwest to help meet expenses of the family of Michael Weston Blaine, 39, who died in an accident Oct. 17 at National Oilwell 60 . killed when he became caught up in a process involving wire rope spooling and drilling rig machinery, according to Precinct 1 and 3 Justice of the Peace Joe Martinez, who pro-
nounced Blaine dead at the scene
about $12: 45$ p.m., 40 minutes after a
911 call was received reporting a "possible fatality" at the plant. ""He was in the process of doing his task there with rig machinery and wire rope spooling procedures," Martinez said. "It went turning and caught him up in it." Blaine was employed by Stoehr
Wire Rope of Odessa, according to Martinez. A search of the company on the Internet shows that Stoehr is a division of CERTEX USA. The CERTEX USA Web site lists Stoehr of Odessa as a branch of its central

Wire Rope for more than 16 years. For more in
Survivors include his wife and at $665-2341$.
division, along with Graham Wire daughter, both of the home; two
Rope of 100 S . Ryder Road in sons, both of Amarillo; and his Rope of 100 S . Ryder Road in
Pampa. Blaine is, both of Amarillo; and his
san the site as
mother, father, one sister, one brothPampa. Blaine is listed on the site as mother, father, one sister, one broth-
branch manager at the Pampa office. er , a grandmother, and two grandNo one else was injured or killed children.
in the incident, Martinez said. in the incident, Martinez said.
Blaine was born Dec. 5, 1966, in Persons wishing to contribute to Blaine was born Dec. 5, 1966, in the fund may make checks payable
Washington, D.C. He had been a to FirstBank Southwest or to Glynis Washington, D.C. He had been a to FirstBank Southwest or to Glynis resident of Pampa for the past 14 Blaine, and note in the memo area
years. He married Glynis Euker on
of the check that the funds are to be Jan. 27, 1990, in Davis, Okla. They $\begin{aligned} & \text { oposited in the Michael Blaine }\end{aligned}$ had one child, Erica, age 14. memorial account, said Lynette Blaine had worked for Graham Dean, personal banker at FBSW.



Jimmy Lynn 'Papa' Hampton, 60
Jimmy Lynn "Papa" Hampton, 60, died and Chris Hampton and Mark Hampton \&
Tuesday, October 24, 2006, in Amarillo.
wife Lora, all of Pampa; Tuesday, Cctober 24, 2006, in Amarillo. wife Lora, all of Pampa; one daughter, Services are pending with Carmichael-
Whatley Funeral Directors. Whatley Funeral Directors.
Mr. Hampton was born
Mr. Hampton was born November 17,
1945, in Lubbock. He married Barbara Tugwell on May 14, 1965, in Memphis, Tenessee. He was a cable technician for over 30 years.' He was an active member of
the First Baptist Church. He was an avid the First Baptist Church. He was an avid
woodworker. He was a member of the VFW Post \#1657. He was a veteran of the U. Navy, serving during the Vietnam War. Survivors include his wife, Barbara Hampton of the home; four sons, Richard Hampton \& wife Angie of Mulvane, Kansas,

## Gray County Weather

Today:
with a
Migh
hestly sunny,
nea with a high near 77.
Southwest wind between 10 Southwest wind between
and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Tonight: Mostly clear,
with a low around 47 Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph. Thursday: A 50 percent chance of rain. Mostly
cloudy, with a high near 56 Cloudy, with a high near 56 . Westy, with a west north-
west wind 10 ot 15 mph
increasing to between 35 and increasing to betweee 35 and
40 mph. Winds could gust as 40 mph. Winds could gust as


## BOND ISSUE <br> TOWN HALL MEETING OGTOBER 26TH 6:30 PM <br> at Mary Ellen \& Harvester Church of Christ Fellowship Hall All concerned citizens are asked to attend.

Thursday Night: A 20 peridnight Clo rain before al clearing toward gras break, with a low around 38 . Wind chill values between 28 and 33. Windy, with a north northwest wind with gusts as high 35 mph , mph. Friday: Sunny, with a high near 63. Windy, with a north arthwest wind between 15 Friday Night: Clear, with wind between 10 and 15 mph. with a high near 72 . West northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south southwest. Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 47 Southwest wind between
and 10 mph . and 10 mph .
with a high near Southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph .
Sunday Sunday Night: Mostly

Pampa students' poetry recognized Two Pampa Junior High recognized for their poetic abilities.
Riddhi Jani and Garrett Gordon were winners in the
Middle School Unrhymed Middle School Unrhymed
and Rhymed Category of the 2006 Poem in You the Hi Plains Chapter of the Poetry Society's of Texas.
Jani's poem was "Summer." Gordon's
"Yellow Snow." The two were recognized at the poetry society's annu-
al banquet Oct. 21, at the Amarillo Senior Citizens

## Pet of the Week

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She leaves behind to cherish her memories She leaves behind to cherish her memories
her father, C.T. Rasco of Pampa; two daughters, Shelley Rasco of Moore, Okla., and ters, Shelley Rasco of Moore, Okla., and
Cheryl Spriggs of Choctaw; two brothers, Gerald Rasco and wife Joyce of Pampa and Tony Rasco of Choctaw; one sister, Travis Bowman and husband Orlin of Harmon, Pampa;; a brother Carl and wife Judy Rollins of Nicoma Park and brother Lonzo Cody and wife Donna of Allen Okla.; her precious grandkids, Bradley and Brayden Rasco and Collin Spriggs; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, October , 2006, at Hibbs Funeral Home with inter-
ment following at Jones I.O.O.F. Cemetery es

## Pampa PD

 Pampa Police Departmen reported the following inciending at 7 a.m. today. Seven traffic stops were made, resulting in at least two arrests.Traffic
Traffic complaints were received from the 1000 block of Neel Road and the 800 block of South Hobart. Calls concerning animals were received from the 1600 block of North Somerville
and the intersection and the intersection of
Kentucky and Williston streets.
Lost property and credit card abuse were reported in the police department lobby A wallet containing a Visa card, MasterCard and Lost property was rep ed in the police department lobby.
Welf Welfare check informapolice department lobby the police department lobby A missing person was
reported in the 800 block of North Somerville.
One suicide attempt was Weported.
Warrant service was attempted on two occasions.
Agency assistance was Agency assistance was
rendered in the 200 block of North Russell, where found property consisting of narcotics was discovered. Suspicious person calls
were received from the 400 were received from the 400
block of East Browning and the 2100 block of North thussell.
A suspicious vehicle call was received from Highway
60 East 60 East.

## Shingles vaccine advised

ATLANTA (AP) - An ops excruciating long-term sory panel voted today to
nerve pain known as pos-
neuralgia recommend routine vaccines to protect older adults gainst shingles.
The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices vaccine for adults 60 and over. The committee's recommendations usually are
accepted by federal health accepted by federal health
officials, and officials, and they influence
insurance coverage for vac-
Shingles is a painful, blistering skin rash that is most common in people 60 and older. It usually goes away five shingles sufferers devel

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& \text { nerve pain } \\
& \text { therpetic } \\
& \text { Comnlicatio }
\end{aligned}
$$ Complications also can include scarring and loss of vision or hearing. Antiviral medications are only of limited help, and

some doctors say they do not prevent shingles from progressing into postherpetic neuralgia.
No vacci. No vaccine was available until May, when the U.S.
Food and Drug Administration licensed Zostavax, made by Merck \& Co. Shingles is caused by the varicella zoster virus, which also causes chickenpox.

## City Briefs

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where a checkbook valued at 5 was taken. Burglary of a motor vehile was reported in the 600 block of East Craven.
Nothing was taken from the Nothing
vehicle.

## Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today, Valerie Nalley, McLean was arrested by Texas Department of Public Peter J. Garcia, 41, Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department on bond surrenders for theft by check and two counts of theft over $\$ 50$ and under $\$ 500$. Pampa was arrested in the 1000 block of East Browning by PPD for evading arrest/detention with a vehicle, no insurance, and
driving while license is driving
invalid.
Krista Genae Cummings, 29, of Pampa was arrested in he 400 block of North Crest by PPD for public intoxicaMark Ambrose Granger, 37, of Pampa was arrested in he 400 block of North Crest intoxicated driving while warrant out of a fugitive Ark. for making a terroristic Eunice May Lymburner 31, of Borger was arrested by DPS for no insurance and expired vehicle inspection.


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## Bush acknowledges public discontent with war in Iraq

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war, President Bush conced- for withdrawal in my judged today that the United States is taking heavy casualties in Iraq and said, "I know many Americans are not satisfied
tion" there. "I'm not he said at a speech and ques tion and answer session at the White House 13 days before midterm elections. Despite conceding painful
losses, Bush said victory was essential in Iraq as part of the broader war on terror. "We're winning and we
will win, unless we leave will win, unless we leave
before the job is done" before the job is done," he
said. said. fighting American and Iraq forces change their strategies, the United States is also adjusting its military tactics. Americans have no
intention of taking sides in a intention of taking sides in a
sectarian struggle or standing in the crossfire between
rival factions," he said. rival factions," he said.
Several Democratic cr Several Democratic critics
have said that is precisely have said that is precisely
what the administration what the administration is
risking with an open-ended risking with an open-endea
commitment of American forces, at a time that a yearold Iraqi government gropes for a compromise that can satisfy Sunni, Shiite and
Kurdish political interests Kurdish political interests.
Bush spoke as Minister Nouri al-Maliki Minister Nouri al-Maliki
said the U.S. government has a right to revise its policie as it sees fit. At the same
time, he said that talk time, he said that talk of
timetables for troop with timetables for troop with-
drawals "is not coming from drawals inner circles in the U.S. government," but the product of the American election campaign. "We are not much

## COP CORNER

"Trick or Treat, Smell
my feet..." Well you know my feet..." Well you know
how that rhyme goes.
It's time again for all those ghosts and goblins to go out in search of a bag
full of candy. That means full of candy. That means
it is your time to be remindit is your time to be remind-
ed of what to expect on or ed of what to expect
about Tuesday, Oct. I'm guessing that is
when most trick or treaters will be out. Most every one will be out in costume and that
cerns.
cerns.
It's pretty hard to get
around in some of the around in some of the cos-
tumes. The masks make it tumes. The masks make it
hard for the kids to see. When you add in the becomes very important for everyone to be especially watchful, especially while driving.
Those little "Bogey
Persons" have one thought Persons" have one though on their minds and that ain't pedestrian safety.
Please be very careful!
 Courtney
Drive just a little slower in the residential areas to lessen the stopping dis,
tance of your car. Don' park in the middle of the street and let your kids out Pull to the curb
Park and let Park and let them come back to you instead of fol
lowing them while driving lowing them while driving
next to the curb. It takes everyone to make a good time happen. Enjoy the day with your kids an don't eat all the candy.
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cific deaths in Iraq. "There has been heavy fighting, many enemy fighters have been killed or cap-
tured and we've suffere casualties of our own," he said. "This month we've lost 93 American service members in Iraq, the most since
October of 2005 . During October of 2005. During more than 300 Iraqi security personnel have given their lives in battle. Iraqi civilians have suffered unspeakable violence at the hands of the
terrorists, insurgents, illegal terrorists, insurgents, illega
militias, armed groups and criminals."
He called these events "a serious concern to me, and serious concern
American people."
For all his fervor about the importance of the military mission in Iraq, Bush side stepped when asked whethe the Nov. 7 elections should be viewed as a referendum
on the war. on the war.
dum on which party has plan to make the economy grow, and which party has plan to make the America people safe," he said. If we succeed in Iraq, the
country (the United States) is more secure. If we don't succeed in Iraq, the country i less śecure."
As he has numerous times while campaigning for
Republican candidates, Bush Republican candidates, Bush
said of the Democrats, "I do not question their patriotism. I question whether or no they understand how dangerous the world is."
Bush doggedly defended the job that defense
Secretary Donald H Secretary Donald H.
Rumsfeld has done. "I'm satisfied at how he's done all his jobs. He's a smart, tough, capable admini'
president said.

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## EDC

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When it was first estab-
lished the EDC contracted lished, the EDC contracted with the city for services,
but Pampa Financial
Dit Director Robin Bailey said
the city had not the city had not gotten
involved with the EDC involved with the EDC
activities until they began receiving their monthly sales tax revenues in
September. Consequently, she said she had not billed the EDC for any services. While the former eco
nomic development cor nomic development co
poration paid the city $\$ 1,200$ a month, EDC
attorney Vanessa Buzard attorney Vanessa Buzzard
said that fee also includd said that fee also included
rent on office space. rent on office space.
Clifton said he would talk again with Bailey concerning the issue.

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## Viewpoints

## There goes the GOP base and probably both houses

The Republican base, that
vaunted entity whose every vaunted entity whose every
mood swing has controlled the zigs and zags of the Bush administration policy, ha moved out, according to th latest Gallup polling. Kar Rove's heroic efforts to pre-
serve its fealty have failed to serve its fealty have failed to
move Republican base vot ers. Karl cannot compensate for Bush's failure to projec his issues as the midterm disaster for the Republican Party nears. The Gallup poll earlie
this month shows that, in the wake of the Foley scandal the number of "white frequent churchgoers" who are planning to vote Republican has dropped from 58 percen to 47 percent since last
month. The margin of their support for Republicans over
Democrats, 26 percentage
points in September, has
entirely disappeared and the
parties are tied among this
core element of the Republican base.
The Gallup poll also
reveals that Democrats now reveals that Democrats now win all eight major issues,
including terrorism and including terrorism and
morality. Asked which party morality. Asked which party "moral standards in the country", Democrats now
win 47 to 36 ! And on terrorwin 47 to 36! And on terrorism, Democrats now have a 47-to-42-percent advantage.
The Foley scandal has wrought extraordinary damage to the Republican Party and appears to have had a particularly negative impact on the base. No amount of blame shifting story or for holding it until Story or for holding it until

## Today in History

## By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 25, the 298th day of 2006. There are 67 days left in the year
Today's Highlight in History:
On Oct. 25, 1854, the "Charge of the Light Brigade" took place during the Crimean War as an English brigade of more place during the Crimean war as ands, charged the Russian army during the Battle of Balaclava and suffered heavy loss-
On this date:
In 1400, author Geoffrey Chaucer died in London. In 1760, Britain's Ki
grandfather, George II.
'Life is not a
spectacle or a feast;
it is a
predicament.'

- George
Santayana
Spanish-born
philosopher
(1863-1952)
In 1918, the
Canadian steamship
Princess Sophia
foundered off the
coast of Alaska;
some 350 people per-
ished.
In 1939, the drama
"The Time of Your
Life," by William
Saroyan, opened in
New York.
In 1951, peace
talks aimed at ending
the Korean Conflict
resumed
Panmunjom after 63
days. In 1962, U.S. ambassador Adlai E. Says. In 1962, U.S. ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson presented In. Security Council.
In 1971, the U.N. General Assembly voted to admit mainland China and expel Taiwan.
In 1983, a U.S.-led force invaded Grenada at the order of President Reagan, who said the action was needed to protect
US citizens there. In 1986 in Gam
In 1986, in Game 6 of the World Series, the Boston Red orror in the tenth inning, forcing a seventh game, which the
ert Mets ended up winning.
In 2002, U.S. Sen. Paul Wellstone, D-Minn., was killed in a plane crash in northern Minnesota 11 days before the elec
Ten years ago: Federal judge Richard Matsch granted Oklahoma City bombing defendants Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols separate trials.
Five years ago: A day after the House signed on, the Senate sent President Bush the USA Patriot Act, a package
of anti-terror measures giving police sweeping new powers of anti-terror measures giving police sweeping new powers
to search people's homes and business records secretly and to search people's homes and business records secretly
to eavesdrop on telephone and computer conversations.


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House Speaker Dennis House
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(R-III.) did not act tion, Republican Sens. Mike
DeWine (Ohio), Conrad
 downscale Democrats, who have not yet focused on the elections, "come home" and vote their historic party loyalties.
The Republican base is likely to be felt even more keenly in
the House races. The very gerrymandering that GOP leaders had hoped would leave their House margin invulnerable may now back-
fire as the Republican white fire as the Republican white
churchgoers, whom the dischurchgoers, whom the dis-
trict lines had incorporated trict lines had incorporated tricts, now defect and vote Democrat or stay home in massive numbers. The gerry-
mandering designed to keep mandering designed to keep perverse effect of keeping perverse effect of keeping
disaffected Republicans in
the swing districts, magnify ing their effect on the elecCan the Republican Party reunite with its base? It' hard to see how they can win it back until the 2008 elec tion. A Hillary Clinton can-
didacy would obviously help them to regain the fierce loyalty of their base, but she would also bring in millions of single women voters who would support her candidacy by huge margins. The recent
census data- showing that census data showing that
half of all households are unmarried indicates how extensive a political force single women can become. In the long term, of
course, Democratic policies course, Democratic policie
on same-sex marriage and on same-sex marriage and
abortion are likely to bring See MORRIS, Page 9


## Legislative deadlock can be a good thing

I don't know if the brakes on the president, even expenditures - failed to find gods when they are elected
Democrats will gain a if it were for the basest of a cure for cancer failed to to public Democrats will gain a
majority in either the Senate or the House. I don't think it is knowable. I hope they do, because the Republicans have proven that having con-
trol of the White House, the Senate and the House produces bad government. With today's Republicans
duces bad government acting like their sole duty is to do whatever the president wants them to do, the system
of checks and balances is destroyed. A president especially one who doesn't feel bound by the Constitution, needs a restraining hand.
Even if the restrai Even if the restraining
hand is guided by partisa hand is guided by partisan
motives, it still acts as a restraint. Granted the Democrats are no prize and are hardly distinguishable from the Republicans. Nevertheless, if they controlled either the Senate or
the House, they could put the
if it were for the basest of
motives. I'm one of those people lock is a good thing. Most legislation passed these days lation. The
country
would be letter off if didn't pass
any laws any laws.
The country
would be greatly better off if they devoted a whole session to doing nothing but repeal-
ing bad laws. ing bad laws.
Many Americans have too much faith in government
and in laws. Government is like a retarded giant - very powerful but stupid. Almost nothing government tries to do succeeds. Just looking back at the past few decades,
it has - despite enormos
a cure for cancer, failed to
stop illegal drugs, failed to stop illegal immigrants, failed to protect the American people from terorists, failed to improve
 humans." All humans are
fallible. They don't change just because their paycheck People on government People on government pay
rolls are no more or no les honest, smart, stupid, vain, ambitious, etc., than people in the private sector. perfection or miracles fror perfection or miracles from
the private sector, and we the private sector, and we
shouldn't expect them from the public sector. The way to handle a retarded giant is exactly the way our Founding Fathers intended. Keep it simple tasks, and not many of those The way to keep it from usurping its legitimate powusurping its lo maintain a divided See REESE, Page 9

## Texas Thoughts

> Texas:
Oct. 16
> El Paso Times on soldiers' rights. Persons ready and willing to fight for deserving of citizen status in the United States of America.
> It was good to see 40 troops at Fort week. They came to America from 20 countries and 27 of the soldiers are headed to Iraq this month with the 4-1 Cavalry.
> In giving the soldiers their oath of
allegiance, US. District
> ailegiance, U.S. District Judge Philip
R. Martinez informed the 40 that there is a rich tradition in America they are


#### Abstract

most welcome to follow. Martinez said. "We ask that you bring your traditions and bring your cu enrich us." Indeed. Not only is this country made up of Italians) (talians) and St. Patrick's Day (Irish), which honors all who served in military. Many of our veterans came from other cultures, most notably the cultures Hispanics. El Paso has orces with many provided our armed background. And history Hispanic tispanics take their place high on the with World War I to World War II to ? in to Vietnam and now in the Gulf and in Afghanistan. Rep. Silyestre Rey, said in an Associated Press er Paso political fight over immigration has een a concern for soldiers who recent y became citizens, and soldiers who we to do everythitizens. "They asked mood in Congress about to change the is a country created with a legants. It immigration, of honoring immigrants and we should remember that," Reyes Our military forces have been spread thin as we continue our operations in the Gulf and in Afghanistan, along with having presence in Korea and in See SOLDIERS, Page 9


## Sample ballots




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From left to right, Fred Mays, PHS Choir Director and Fine Arts Department Head; Rhianna Anglin, Theater Arts teacher; Orville Blades, Bartlett Lumber;
June Dirickson, Art teacher; Pat Macumber, PHS Assistant Principal; and Wanetta Hill, Associate Choir Director.

## Donations aid PHS Fine Arts

##  <br> and under. They will adults and $\$ 2$ for children 12

 Hardware a certificate of appreciation for arts in public schools.Bartlett recently donated paint and wood to the Choir, Art, and Theater departments for their upcoming events. The PHS Theater Arts will present a performance of Roald Dahl's James and the

They will also host a Coffee Memorial
Center Blood Drive on Nov 17 in the PHS auditorium from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The PHS Choir will present Disney's
Beauty and the Beast Nov. 16-19 at M.K. Beauty and the Beast Nov. 16-19 at M.K Brown. Tickets will be available at the door and more information will follow.
Bartlett's donations and generosity Bartlett's donations and generosity pro-
vided materials for these projects.

## Reese

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Government.
The only way the people can protect themselves
from corruption is to make sure the politicians have nothing to sell. If stitutional duties and only to them, there would be no favors it could grant for cash or other goodies.
People should read their People should read their
Constitution, Affer listing the specific tasks Congress is authorized to
do, it does not say "and do, it does not say "and
anything else that might cross your mind."
I don't expect a return republic constitutional Lincoln destroyed. It would be enough if the American people just real-
ized that elected officials ized no smarter than they are, and some of them are a whole lot dumber. There
are some people in public office who couldn't run a hot-dog cart.
Georgia politician, if you expect government to
solve your problems, "You done come to the henhouse looking for wool."
-Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446,
Orlando FL 32802

## Soldiers

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Europe. Through it, the
U.S. Army continues to U.S. Army continues to
meet its recruiting goals. It meet its recruiting goals. It
has recruited 80,635 soldiers, about 7,000 more
than last year. According ta statistics obtained by
the AP, some 70,000 were first-time recruits It is good to see that
persons new to our counpersons new to our coun-
try are willing to serve our try are willing to serve our
country. It makes them especially deserving of especialy status.

## Morris

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the base back to its traditional bearings, but these issues seem to be
having little impact on holding the Republican majorities in Congress. Eileen McGann c thored this column.
adviser to Bill Clinton for 20 years. Eileen McGann, an attorney and consultant, is
VOTE.com
Legislativevote.com.

## AccuWeather forecaster says

 feds overplay El Nino effect

## Sexual abuse alleged with Foley priest

MIAMI (AP) - Another $\quad$ The man said "all of my
former altar boy says he was Sacred Heart Catholic
nightmares came back" Church in Lake Worth in former altar boy says he was sexually abused in the 1970s
by the same retired Catholic py iest who acknowledged
pronding former Rep. Mark fondling former Rep. Mark
Foley when Foley was a teenager, the man's attorney
said Wednesday said Wednesday The new allegations
against the Rev. Anthony
Mercieca were made by a Mercieca were made by a
man who lived in North
Miami and was an altar boy Miami and was an altar boy
at St. James Catholic Church where Mercieca worked,
attorney Jeffrey Herman attorne
said.
Her Herman said he planned to
file a lawsuit Wednesday against the Archdiocese of Miami. His client, now 40 only as John Doe No. 26, when he was about 12 years "He had been thinking about it before Foley came Foley came out and the Foley came out and the
church encouraged other victims to come forward, he decided to come forward,"
hen Mercieca's picture appeared on the news last Mercieca is now retired week amid Foley's claims
that the priest had molested does not serve in any
parish, but he regularly celehim. Foley had resigned brates Mass and hears conamid accusations that he sent fession in the cathedral on sexually explicit messages to Gozo, according to the
teenage boys who had Archdiocese of Malta. reenage boys who had $\begin{aligned} & \text { Archdiocese of Malta. } \\ & \text { worked on Capitol Hill. }\end{aligned} \quad$ In multiple interviews last
 on the Maltese island of ing sexual intercourse with Gozo in the Mediterranean. No one answered the phone at his home Wednesday. His
lawyer, Alfred Grech, did lawyer, Alfred Grech, did
not return calls to his cell not re
Archdiocese of Miami spokeswoman Mary Ross Agosta, asked about the latest allegations, said: "Any of
this type of behavior this type of behavior by
Father Mercieca was unknown to the archdiocese
and we had absolutely no and we had absolutely no
information to indicate that the father did indicate that engage in any type of inapproprate or abusive beháv-
ior." The Miami Archdiocese barred Mercieca from all church work as it investigates Foley's claim that the
clergyman molested him Foley, but he did acknowledge being nude with him when Foley was a boy.
Mercieca also denied hav Mercieca also denied having sex with any underage
children.
Herman said his client and Mercieca took a bicycle ride together one day after altar boy practice and then returned to the church where the abuse occurred.
"It was fondling and he performed oral sex on the boy," Herman said. "He attempted on another occasion following altar boy
practice, but the boy practice, but the by
declined to go on this bike ride and he never went back to the church after that."
Mercieca served Mercieca served as an
assistant pastor at the church $\begin{array}{lll}\text { clergyman molested him } & \text { assistant pastor at the church } \\ \text { from } 1975 \text { to 1985, accord- } \\ \text { when Foley was an altar boy } & \text { ing to church }\end{array}$ when Foley was an altar boy $\begin{array}{ll}\text { from } 1975 \text { to 1985, accord } \\ \text { ing to church records. }\end{array}$


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ACCOMPLISHMENTS


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## Dear Abby...

By Pauline \& Jeanne Phillip

DEAR READERS: Yesterday I printed DEAR ABBY: As a retired Air Force some of the feedback regarding my answer director of safety, I can attest that the probto "Feeling Guilty, Memphis, Tenn." after I ability of an accident or possible suicide urged her to wait until her serviceman among young people increases' markedly fiance returned from Iraq before breaking following a traumatic emotional situation their engagement. Today I will share more such as divorce, breakup (receipt of a Dear of them. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I am a psychologist and served in Iraq running a combat stress-conrol clinic. I couldn't agree more with the answer you gave that young woman, and have wished for a forum in which to provide that exact advice. Many of the soldiers we saw had exactly this problem -- Dear John letters, e-mails or phone conversations. I can't tell you how distracting the information was to them. In addition to placing their own lives in jeopardy, their inattentiveness jeopardized the lives of soldiers around them. Ladies (and gentlemen), listen up! Do not communicate this type of information until the soldier returns. It'll be easier to deal with complaints of deceit than with the guilt of possibly having caused physical harm to someone else. In this particular case, ignorance is bliss. -- TOM ANDERSON, COLUMBIA, S.C.

DEAR ABBY: My husband, and every soldier around who was discussing your DEAR ABBY: I cried when I read you column, disagreed with your reply. They response to "Feeling Guilty." I was a all said they would rather be given the bad Marine serving in Chu Lai, South Vietnam, news while deployed. They said they have in 1965, when a close friend got a "Dear lots of people around to support them. This John" from his wife. He died that same will give the soldier time to heal and close night as a result of an "accident" involving a chapter of his life. If she's worried about a hand grenade. I pray she has the heart to his reaction, it might be better to send a let- wait until her fiance returns to safe soil. ter to someone in his chain of command, ALWAYS A MARINE IN MY HEART perhaps with a sealed letter to him to ENGLEWOOD, FLA. ensure he gets any help he might need. She also needs to do the right thing and return any money or gifts he's given her. - SOLDIER'S WIFE, PARKERSBURG, w.VA. such as divorce, breakup (receipt of a Dea John letter), court-martial, etc. If "Feeling Guilty" values her friend's life at all, she should definitely wait until he has returned. Then she would probably be doing him avor by breaking up, because she's not in ove, she's in "lust." - ALFRED J. D'A MARIO, LT. COL., USAF (RET.)

DEAR ABBY: When I was a company commander in Vietnam, Dear John letters were my biggest personnel problem Soldiers in harm's way cling desperately to girlfriends and wives. I had one soldie ommit suicide over a Dear John letter. We earned to put soldiers under a suicide watch for a few days after such a letter Family members and friends who write to "attle" do the soldier no favor Let the soldier get home with support from family and friends before dropping the news. Letters and e-mails should be overwhelmngly positive. Our military people deserve that much. - RON K., ROGERSVILLE, TENN


Flo \& Friends



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> Pampa's Taylor snags diving gold as Harvester swim and dive team rocks at Big Spring Invitational

## By MICHAEL J. STEVENS

 The Pampa Swim \& Dive team competed in an 11-team invitational meet in Big Spring Friday and Saturday, and indication of what is to come in the season ahead, this ampa squad should be something to watch. Miller says the boys' team posted the best times he has seen in past four years. Colby Dennis placed 5th in the 1meter dive Friday. The team (Cole Guyer, Kelly Stofle, meter dive Friday. The team (Cole Guyer, Kelly Stofle,
Dustin Neef and Dennis) took 3rd in Saturday's medley relay with a time of $1: 56.45$. The same crew took 2nd in the 00 free relay, posting a time of $3: 54.38$.
The boys had solid individual performance as well with
Neef coming away with 2 nd in the 100 breaststroke (1.13 Neef coming away with 2nd in the 1 .
and 4 th in the 50 freestyle ( 24.44 ).
Dennis placed 5th in (24.44)
Guyer finished 6th in the 100 backstroke and Stofle in 6 th in the 200 individual medley.
Jeremy Zellefrow, Chris Hinkle, Caleb West and Zach
Robles also contributed to the team's solid performance and 5 th place overall finish.
For the girls, Rebecca Taylor brought home the gold

West, Amber Bradford and Taylor anchored a 2nd place performance in Saturday's medley relay (2:09.20). The sam
foursome secured another 2nd in the 200 free relay with

The only team to finish better in the two events was an way strong 5A squad from Midland High School In individual competition, Cole claimed 1st place in the 00 backstroke. West took 3 rd in the 100 breaststrok
$1: 21.69$ ). Bradford finished 4th in the 100 butterfly $(1: 21.69)$. Bradford finished 4th in the 100 but
$(: 20.69)$, while Taylor took 4th in the 50 freestyle. Ana Saucedo, Abby Hathcoat, Britney Puolin and Tony Kiper did their part to help Pampa to a 3rd place finish overall. The impressive showing marks the first time in six years Pampa has been able to finish ahead of rival Pecos at the figh school level. The strong outing also
Coach Miller said after the meet, "The truly amazing fact is that both teams, boys and girls, are made up of freshman and sophomore swimmers and divers. We are looking fo ard to a very good year.
Pampa takes to the pool again Nov. 11 when the team

## JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL

PJHS teams play tough against visiting Demons

## Junior High Football Tuesday Oct. 24 <br> Tuesday, Oct. 24 Harvester Field, Pampa

## 7th Grade

Pampa Gold 20, Hereford 0
The Pampa Junior High School 7th grade Gold team osted Dumas Tuesday afternoon at Harvester Field The first score came with when Jesse Cruz rumbled 38 yards for a Pampa touch down. The extra point rum failed, giving Pampa an early 6 0 lead.
The next score came in the second quarter when Ryan Pearson bulied his way into the end zone from the 5-yar
line. Trevor Morgan ran extra point in. At the break it wa Pampa 14, Dumas 0.
irt againe running out in the third quarter, Cruz hit pay the game. The extra point run failed, making the fina core Pampa 20, Dumas 0 .
The 7th grade Gold team will play again Tuesday whe he team hosts Perryton. Game time will be $4 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.
Pampa Green 14, Dumas 20
In the second game of the afternoon, the PJHS Green The came up short against visiting Dumas, 14-20. In De second period with 4.09 to end he first quara 15 -yard touchdown run for Pampa. The extra point, however, run was nò good.
Dumas scored again at the end of the second quarter,
sending the teams to the locker room with Pampa trailing 14-6.
Pampa found the end zone again in the fourth quarter when Reid Miller hit Trevor Smith for 55 -yard pass whic gave the Gold team the ball at the Hereford 1-yard line.
Shane Smith took it in from there with 38 seconds left in the game. Reid Miller took care of the extra point run making the final Pampa 14, Dumas 20 .
The next game for the Gold team will be Tuesday when
he team hosts Perryton at 5:30 p.m.
8th Grade
In the face of a growing list of injuries, the 8th grade han-perfect season. Though both tea Tuesday, neither did so without a fight. Expect nothin less from these tough players Tuesday when they face Perryton.

## Time change

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Those planning to travel to Canyon Thursday for the unior varsity football game between Randall and Pamp and not $7 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. as listed on most PHS schedules. The freshman game is still set to begin at $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. and will be played at Harvester Field.

## Wednesday's Sports Brief

bASEBALL
$\underset{\text { BT. LOUIS (AP) - }}{\text { Baseball players and own- }}$ Baseball players and own-
ers proclaimed an unprecedented era of labor peace finalizing a new five-yea ollective bargaining agree ment before G
Lawyers struck the dea ast weekend during negotiations in New York, then worked on putting it writing. The agreement which runs through th 2011 season, is subject The deal makes relative y minor changes to the pre ious agreement, and does 't alter baseball's drug rules.
WASHINGTON (AP) Joe Girardi told the doesn't want to be thei PRO FOOT
PRO FOOTBALL
The NFL will play
many as two regular-season games per year outside the United States starting in 2007, with Mexico,
Canada, England and Canada, England and Germany as possible site or starters.
The plan, first announced ast month, was approved at the recommendation of new commissioner
Goodell, who said the bene its of reaching an internaional audience outweighed home games.
Mark Waller, senior vice president of NFL

International, said the league expected to schedule 007. PITTSBURGH (AP) Ben Roethlisberger's sec-
ond concussion in slightly ond concussion in slightly
more than four months may nore than four months may not keep him out of the
Pittsburgh Steelers' lineup Pittsburgh Steelers' lineup
Sunday or prevent him from practicing this week. The Super Bowl-winning
quarterback is quarterback is questionable or Sunday's game in Oakland, but Bill Cowhe sounded very much like his starting quarterback ready to go this week. Roethlisberger briefly knocked unconhelmet hit with the Falcons Chauncey Davis midway through the third quarter of Pittsburgh's 41-38 overtime loss in Atlanta.
BRISTOL BRISTOL, Conn. (AP) New York Giants' $36-22$ win over the Dallas Cowboys on Monday night audience in cable history. The network announced that the game, featuring two
of the NFL's biggest rivals was seen in an average of $11,807,000$ homes, based on a 12.8 rating. That transates to $16,028,000$ viewers. The previous record for cable television was the
debate over NAFTA in debate over NAFTA in
November 1993, between November president Al Gore then-vice presiden
and Ross Perot.

NFL Standings \＆Schedule

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NBA Preseason Standings
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（7），Ledezma（8），TJones（9），JWalker（9）and IRodriguez． （7），Ledezma（8），TJones（9），JWalker（9）and IRodriguez．
W－Reyes 1－0．L－Verlander 0－1．HRs－St．Louis，Rolen（1），
Puios（1）．Detroit，Monroe（1）． Game 2
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Game 3
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Robertson，Ledezma（6），Zumaya（6），Grilli（7），Rodney（8），
Miner（8）and IRodriguez；Carpenter，Looper（9）and YMolina．

LSU strength coach arrested BATON ROUGE，La．（AP）－An assistant strength
coach for LSU was arrested and accused of violating state law by inviting＇student athletes to his home to meet a sports agent and suggesting the agent should represent the athletes，LSU police said Tuesday．
Travelle Ernest Gaines，26，of Port Allen，surrendered to university police and was booked into East Baton Rouge It was the second arrest in two weeks conn school about violations of the law regulating sports agents in Louisiana，the university said．Gaines had been employed with the athletic department since July．
LSU said the student athletes invited to Gaines LSU said the student athletes invited to Gaines＇home
didn＇t realize an agent would be there，and the university didn＇t realize an agent would be there，and the university
said there was no evidence that the student athletes violat－ ed the law．
University police arrested sports agent Charles Taplin， of Houston，earlier this month for attempting to contact student athletes．
LSU said interviews with several student athletes after Taplins arrest led them to Gaines，but university spokes－
woman Kristine Calongne said there was no direct link between the two cases．

## NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Owners approve international games
during regular season beginning 2007

NEW ORLEANS（AP）－The NFL will play as many
as two regular－season games per year outside the Unité as two regular－season games per year outside the United
States starting in 2007，with Mexico，Canada，England and Germany as possible sites for starters．
The plan，first announced last month，was approved Tuesday at the recommendation of new commissioner Roger Goodell，who said the benefits of reaching an inter－
national audience outweighed the loss of some teams， home el ames．
＂We are talking about a limited number of games that we think will have a tremendous impact，＂Goodell said． overseas．There are more and more fans on a global basis．＂ Mark Waller，senior vice pr
said the league expected to
schedule only one overseas schedule only one overseas
game in 2007 ．
No specific sites were
given for the games． given for the games．
However，Waller said the
league hoped to announce the first site by this coming
Super Bowl，while the Leams would be selected
later． ＂Germany has a large
number of sites as it＇s just
done the World Cup．UK done the World Cup．UK
has a significant number of
great sites Walef gaid．
We know the sites manexico shortage of venues that are inte and Canada，so therels no shortage of venues that are interested in these games．
The plan would be set up so that teams would ro over a 16 －year period，witheach team playing outside the country twice over that span，once as a visitor，the other as
a home team．That means a team would lose one home a home team．That means a team would lose one home
team during that span． ＂Obviously the league＇s going to work out the econom－ said Pat Bowlen，owner of the Denver Broncos．＂We＇re
comfortable with it．Obviously we＇d like to play in Mexico or Canada and not have to travel to Europe and that＇s probably the way it would be set up because of our location．But as far as the league＇s concerned，I think it＇s a
great idea．＂ great idea．
In 2005 ， In 2005，the NFL staged its first regular－season game
outside the United States when the Arizona Cardinals hosted the San Francisco 49ers in Mexico City．A crowd of
103,467 flocked to Azteca Stadium，the largest crowd for a regular－season game in NFL history．
The league also has played numerous exhibition games overseas for the past two decades．The New England
Patriots and Seattle Seahawks will play a preseason game Patriots and Seattle Seahawks will play a preseason game
next August in Beijing． Waller said the international popularity of certain teams
would not necessarily determine who goes abroad．He said would not necessarily determine who goes abroad．He said
people in foreign markets were more concerned with sim－ ply hosting a regular season，game，rather than exhibitions in which the best players tend see little action． Waller said． NFL games regularly have been televised live in
Mexico and Canada and more recently in Europe，notably
happen．＇

The owners also voted to take the league＇s Web site NFL．com，in－house after allowing CBS SportsLine to operate it for the past five years．The league plans to
relaunch the site next spring with the help of other league－ relaunch the site next spring with the help of other eague－
owned media such as NFL Films and the NFL Network． The visit to New Orleans was a short one as most own－ ers arrived either Mo
left Tuesday evening．
Former NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue，before he
officially left the job over officially left the job over the summer，had called for the regularly scheduled October meetings to be held in New
Orleans as part of the league＇s show of support for the city Oreans as part of the league＇s show o
as it rebuilds from Hurricane Katrina．
＇The long－term market，nobody can tell right now．But a year ago，before Katrina， we weren＇t quite sure and look what we＇ve done．There＇s no telling what could
－Tom Benson
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Benson continued．＂But a year a weren＇t quite sure and look what we＇ve done．There＇s no As what could happen．＂，which has hosted nine Super Bowls，might get its first since 2002，team owners were ＂I don＇t know about the next Super Bowl in line，but obviously New Orreans has always been a great place to host Super Bowls，＂Denver Broncos owner Pat Bowlen
said．＂I＇d expect you＇d see more．＂ Goodell said the bidding process for the 2011 Super Bow will begin soon with a decision hopefully made by Ariz．The Saints＇lease in the Superdome ends that same sea－ son．So without an extension，the league would risk the in the process of losing its NFL franchise． Proposals for a stadium in Los Angeles，often cited as a possible future home for the Saints or another small－mar－
ket team，was discussed，but there was no substantial progress made．
One increasing concern is projected construction costs now escalating in the range of $\$ 1$ billion．That makes the
project less attractive to the league unless public funding project less attractive to the league unless public funding or a possible outside investor materializes，owners said．
＂At this meeting，I don＇t think（NFL owners）were pre－ ＂At this meeting，I don＇t think（NFL owners）were pre－
pared to pay that for Los Angeles＇stadium，＂Benson said．

## Parcells ponders：Bledsoe or Romo？

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Class members included, from left, Teri Williams, and Barbara Burns; middle row Alecia Ingersol, Linda Lantz and Lisa Sealman-Holman; back row, Matt Gill and Mike Kirkpatrick.

## Shepard's Crook holds class on coding, adverse events

Coding and Adverse Advents Outcome class Lisa Sealman-Holman, JD, BSN, RN HCS-D, COS-C CO; conducted the class. Lisa is a 20 -year veteran of home care as an
RN . She has experience as a field nurse, director and executive with home and hospice agencies, both large and small.
Soon after graduating from University of
Houston with her law degree she took a posiHouston with her law degree she took a position as the Director of Regulatory Affairs for the Texas Association for Home Care where
she advocated for home care agencies and she advocated for home care
acted as a regulatory resource.
She participated in the writing of the home care regulations in Texas as well as the Nursing Delegation rules and rules regarding Nursing Peer Review in Texas. Lisa's most recent position was the Vice President of
Legal Affairs for a management company providing a full array of services to agencies throughout Texas.
She has been involved in accreditation
surveys, acquisitions and surveys, acquisitions and many regulatory crises with state survey agencies and the
intermediary, including termination proceedintermediary, including termination proceed-
ings and investigations. Part of her responsibilities included legal and risk management, acting as Compliance Officer, development of policies and forms, survey compliance, appeals of Medicare denias, writing
cies on a variety of subjects and education or staff. Lisa established her own Lisa established her own home care and
hospice consulting company, Selmanhospice consulting company, Selman-
Holman \& Associates, LLC, in 2004 . Lisa is certified as a Homecare Coding Specialist-Diagnosis (HCS-D) and is certified in OASIS competency, COS-C. She is the consulting editor to Eli Research's Home Health ICD-9 Alert and is the technical edi-
tor to Decision Health's Diagnosis Coding Pro for Home Health.
She is a frequent contributor to other home care periodicals. She is a member of the Board of Advanced Medical Coding health codinalty advisory board on home health coding and is a BAMC approved
instructor for the HCS-D exam She participates on the OASI She participates on the OASIS Certificate
and Competency Board on the Exam Revie Task Force. She is an active member of the Texas Association for Home Care and fre quently serves on regulatory task forces.
She also is participating with the T She also is participating with the Texas
Medical Foundation's Quality Improvement Medical Foundation's Quality Improvement
Organization State Home Health Coalition for OBQI.
Although Lisa is well known for her education on coding, she has wide expertise i

Drug bust Home sales drop reveals documents

WASHINGTON (AP) - A drug bust at a trailer park

in New Mexico turned up what appeared to be classified documents taken from the Los Alamos nuclear ties said Tuesday.

## Local police found the

 documents while arresting a man suspected of domestic violence and dealingmethamphetamine from his mobile home, said Sgt $\begin{array}{lll}\text { mobile home, said } & \text { Sgt. } \\ \text { Chuck Ney of the Los }\end{array}$ Alamos, N.M., Municipal Police Department. The documents were discovered during a search of the man's drug business, Ney said. Police alerted the FBI to the secret documents, which
agents traced back to a woman linked to the drug dealer, officials said.' The woman is a contract employ-
ee at Los Alamos National ee at Los Alamos National
Laboratory, according to an FBI official who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the case. The official would not except to say that they appeared to contain classified material and were stored on a computer file.
FBI special agent Bill Ewell in Albuquerque,
N.M., confirmed that a N.M., confirmed that a
search warrant was executed on Friday night in connection with the classified documents, but he refused to discuss details.
"We do have an investigation with regard to the matnot discuss pending investinot discuss
gations,"
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { WASHINGTON (AP)- } & \text { decades, } \\ \text { Sales of existing homes fell } \\ \text { Housing, which had set } \\ \text { for a sixth straight month in } & \text { sales records for both new } \\ \text { September and the median } & \text { and existing homes for five }\end{array}$ annual basis by the largest rapidly loosing altitude this amount on record, further year, as consumers were bai housing market. $\quad$ rates, soaring energy price The National Association and a slowing economy. of Realtors reported - that However, economists sales of previously owned
homes fell by the Realtors said they
hercent in September to a seasonally could be hitting bottom. adjusted sales pace of 6.18 "The worst is behind us as
million units, the slowest far as a market correction sales rate since January this is likely the trough for The median price of a sin- $\begin{aligned} & \text { sales," said David Lereah } \\ & \text { the Realtors' chief econo }\end{aligned}$ gle-family home fell mist. "When consumers rec of 2.5 percent from the price stabilizing, we'll see the in September 2005. That buyers who've been on the was the biggest year-over- sidelines get back into the year price decline in records market.


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## GM reports smaller 3Q loss; starts to reap benefits of plan

DETROIT (AP)
General Motors
Corp. postGeneral Motors Corp. post-
ed a smaller $\$ 115$ million ed a smaller $\$ 115$ million
loss for the third quarter today as it began to reap the benefits of its turnaround plan.
The world's biggest
automaker said that excludautomaker said that excluding special charges, it would the period.
Its sales rose nearly 4 percent and it said the losses in both its global and North American automotive operations shrank as its efforts to show results. GM's loss amounted to 20
cents per share for the Julycents per share for the July-
September period and was far better than its loss of
$\$ 1.7$ billion, or $\$ 2.94$ per $\$ 1.7$ billion, or $\$ 2.94$ per
share, a year earlier. The company said that
excluding charges associated with the reorganization at Delphi Corp., its former parts division, and its lowof its finance arm, it earned 93 cents per share in the latest quarter.
That beat Wall Street expectations. Analysts
polled by Thomson polled by Thomson
Financial predicted the cominancial predicted the com-
pany to earn 49 cents per share excluding special charges.
Still, GM stock dropped $\$ 1.28$, or 3.5 percent, to the New York Stock Exchange.
The company also said its third-quarter revenue totaled $\$ 48.8$ billion, up from $\$ 47.1$ billion during the same period last year.
reflect the work we've been doing, particularly on cost reduction, really beginning to take hold. This is the third quarter in a row where

> we've showed improvements of over a billion in our North Amertcan operations. Oilikviously not what we'd lie but certainly with a billion-six improvement over last year, we're moving in the right direction," GM Chairman and Chief Executive Reck Wagoner said Wednesday morning on the CNBC cable network. GM attributed much of the improvement to its global automotive operations, where the company still lost $\$ 116$ million, but that was an improvement of $\$ 1.5$ billion over last year's shird quarter. In North America, GM lost $\$ 374$ million, but that was an improvement of $\$ 1.3$ billion over last year, the company said. Chief Financial Officer Fritz Henderson. said the company is benefiting from
significant cost reductions

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