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Silent bidding



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Kathy Schoenrock bids on a big screen television at the silent auction being held today at Austin Elementary to benefit E.W. Osby, a custodian who has undergone surgery for kidney cancer. Schoenrock's daughter, Sarah, is a third grade student at Austin. The auction will run through 6:30 p.m. today.

PGWCD to hold two hearings for wells on Nov. 28

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer
WHITE DEER -- Two hearings are scheduled for Nov. 28 in conjunction with the monthly meeting of the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District at their offices here.
The district will hold a hearing on a Canadian River Municipal Water Authority application for a combined well drilling permit at 9 a.m. and a hearing on a well

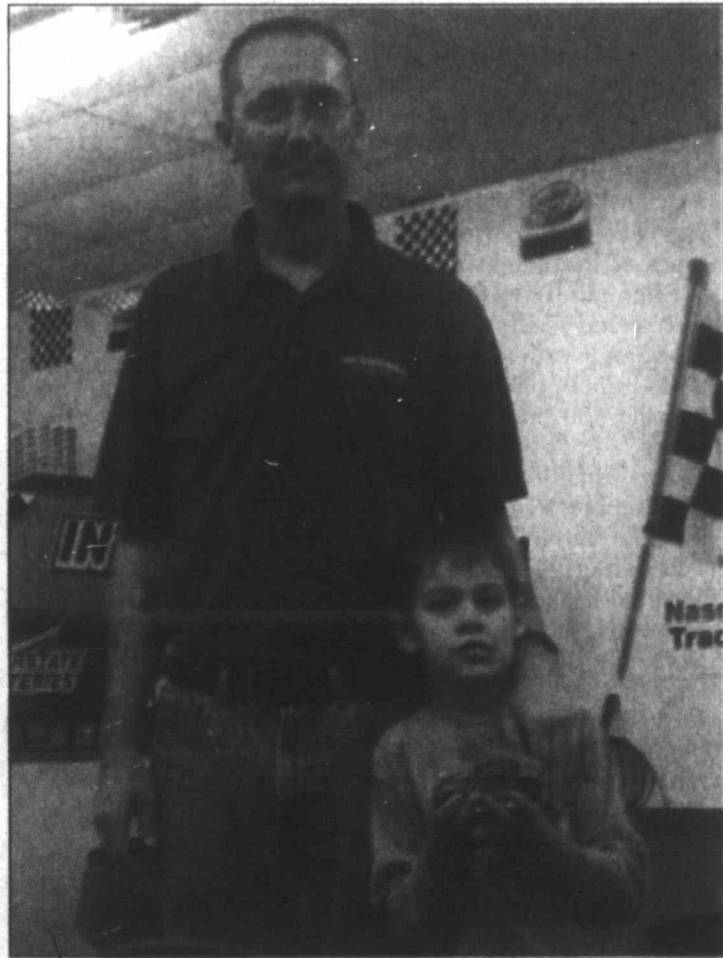
drilling permit application by Petrosearch Operating Company for secondary oil recovery at 11 a.m.
During their monthly meeting, the ground water district board will consider increasing the amount of their blanket bond, consider an agricultural water conservation equipment loan request to the Texas Water Development Board and consider the future conditions of the

Ogallala Aquifer within the boundaries of the district.
They will also consider a bid of \$1,000 by Vondell L. Stevens for five acres in Valley de Oro northwest of Amarillo.
The board will consider domestic well permits for Raymond Renfroe in Carson County, Ronald C. Richards in Gray County, Faron D. Seamon in Potter County and Johnnie Ray

Patak in Potter County.
They will consider two three-inch irrigation well permits for Luke Corbet in Donley County.
The ground water district board will also consider a replacement eight-inch irrigation well for Marvin Urbanczyk in Carson County.
The board will also discuss a penalty schedule for non-compliance with district rules.

Traffic stop nets cocaine; Police jail Canadian man

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer
A traffic stop resulted in the arrest of a Canadian man Saturday night after a Gray County sheriff's deputy found a substance believed to be cocaine in the man's Honda.
Luis Rey Contreras, 26, remained in Gray County Jail as of press time in lieu of \$2,500 bond on a charge of possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance. He will be released to pay later on a municipal charge of no driver's license, according to jail records.
At about 11:30 p.m. Saturday, Contreras was eastbound in the 200 block of West Brown when Deputy Steven White stopped him for a traffic violation. Contreras was placed under arrest for the violation, and the contents of his vehicle were inventoried by deputies before a wrecker service arrived to tow it away.
Deputies found a white powdered substance in the driver's seat, and a field test of the substance gave a positive result for cocaine, according to Lt. Joe B. Hoard of Gray County Sheriff's Office.



Pampa News Photos by KERRI SMITH
Stewart Nicholas brings in his son Hassan, 9, as often as possible to the slot car races. Hassan is showing off the colorful car he painted himself. Upper right, racers from left, J.T. Skinner, 9, Rhett Skinner, 13, and Christian Hinkle, 15, are preparing to race, while Austin Bruner, 18, and (seated) Bailey Beck, 11, help Hassan Nicholas, 9, with his controller as Hassan's dad, Stewart, watches.



Slot car racing for family fun

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer
Slot car racing can be fun for children of all ages as well as parents. The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1657 decided to open up a place where wholesome entertainment could be enjoyed by entire families.
This facility has two NASCAR tracks, one oval and one road race, and a drag strip in which the cars can go as fast as 80 mph. There are many options for those who wish to participate in the fun.
First timers get 30 minutes of racing free. A car and controller are \$5 for each 30-minute interval. Cars also sell starting at \$31. They can be painted and brought in each time. When someone brings in their own car, a controller can be rented for \$10 for the day.

For those who want to make this a more serious hobby, the VFW also sells parts for the cars and provides labor if needed for a donation. A workbench is available for racers to work on their cars.
"Pampa needed another place where families could go and have fun together, so the VFW decided to provide that," Rick Dunn, a member of the VFW who runs the race track, said.
He said their intent is not to make money, but to just break even so the VFW does not have to pay the rent. But, if they do make a profit, all those funds will go back into the community in some way.
On Saturday night, races are scheduled and occasionally the VFW buys pizza for

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Obituaries

Leaton Dale Hawkins, 84

Leaton Dale Hawkins, 84, died Sunday, November 19, 2006, in Pampa, Texas.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mr. Hawkins was born December 3, 1921, in LaBelle, Missouri.

He was a member of the National Rifle Association and was a life member of the VFW. He was a ham operator with the call sign W51VP. He loved to fish, play golf, bowl, and was an avid square and round dancer with his wife Mary Ann for many years. He was preceded in death by his parents and an older brother.

Survivors include one daughter, Jean Ann DuBowik & husband Joe of Pampa; one son, Stephen Dale Hawkins & wife Gloria of Pampa; one brother, Red Hawkins & wife Maxine of Pampa; three sisters, Joann Enloe of Anaheim, California, Mardelle Gamblin & husband George of Pampa, and Mary Ellen Claunch & husband Forrest of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be to First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson Pampa, Texas 79065.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whately.com



Hawkins

ers in a business known as Hawkins Radio Lab, from which he retired in 1984.

He was a member of the Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 AF & AM and the Scottish Rite Consistory of El Paso. He was a member of the National Rifle Association and was a life member of the VFW. He was a ham operator with the call sign W51VP. He loved to fish, play golf, bowl, and was an avid square and round dancer with his wife Mary Ann for many years. He was preceded in death by his parents and an older brother.

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Raymond Bridwell, 88

Raymond Bridwell, 88, died Sunday, November 19, 2006, in Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mr. Bridwell was born April 17, 1918, in Canadian. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1944. He was self employed in the construction business for 35 years. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army.

Survivors include three sons, Earl Bridwell, Lynn Bridwell and Wendall

Bridwell, all of Pampa; one daughter; Norma Mason of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and one brother; Pete Bridwell of White Deer. He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Merl Bridwell; and a brother, Junior Bridwell.

Memorials may be to Multiple Sclerosis Society, National Panhandle Chapter, 6222 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79109.

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Services tomorrow

GILLPATRICK, Cary Lind — Memorial services, 4 p.m., Carpenter's Church, Pampa.

Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 58. South southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 41. South southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 70. West southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Tuesday Night: Clear, with a low around 43. Southwest wind between 10

and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 73. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 43. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 71. Southwest wind around 10 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 42. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph,

with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 56. Northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 32.

Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 62.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 36.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 60.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of White Deer.

Wheat	4.67
Milo	5.75
Corn	6.70
Soybeans	5.42

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.

OXY	47.08	-0.41
BP PLC ADR	66.15	-0.23
Cabot Corp	43.35	+0.35
Celanese	20.80	-0.08

Cabot Oil Gas	58.72	-0.18
Coca Cola	47.10	-0.16
VLO	52.29	-0.57
HAL	32.16	-0.44
TRI	39.30	+0.35
KML	104.99	+0.00
XCEL	22.65	+0.02
Anadarko	46.46	-0.37
XOM	72.62	-0.46
Nat'l Oilwell	59.50	-0.80
Limited	30.62	-0.18
Williams	26.67	-0.04
MCD	41.70	-0.12
Atmos	32.49	-0.13

Pioneer Nat	40.80	-0.37
JCP	80.81	+0.71
COP	62.39	-0.31
SLB	62.64	-0.68
Tenneco	22.88	-0.09
CVX	68.99	-0.11
Wal-Mart	47.52	+0.02
OKE	41.28	-0.21
NS Grp	65.83	+0.04
New York Gold	622.50	
Silver	12.80	
West Texas Crude	55.81	

Coroner inquest to study teen's death

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A coroner said today he will conduct a formal inquest to determine how a 14-year-old boy wound up dead behind a state senator's house with the lawmaker's gun at his side.

Authorities concluded

Louis Farrell, a next-door neighbor of state Sen. Robert Regola, died of a single gunshot wound to the head, but investigators haven't determined whether the boy shot himself or was shot by someone else.

His body was found on

July 22 next to a 9 mm handgun belonging to Regola, with a flashlight and a cigar nearby.

No charges have been filed in the death of Farrell, a friend of the lawmaker's 16-year-old son, Robert Regola IV.

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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Sixteen traffic stops were made, resulting in at least one arrest.

Traffic complaints were received from the intersection of Cuyler and Kingsmill streets, the intersection of Price Road and Highway 152, the intersection of Harvester and Duncan streets, and the 500 block of North Russell.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 300 block of North Hobart, the 100 block of East Browning, the 900 block of North Hobart, the intersection of Browning and Starkweather streets, the police department lobby, and the 600 block of Plains.

Calls concerning animals were received from the 700 block of West Foster, the 600 block of Hazel, on two occasions from the 1100 block of Huff Road, the 2000 block of North Russell, the intersection of 19th and Wells streets, the 700 block of West Foster, the 1000 block of Terry Road, on 10 occasions from unreported locations, the 1800 block of North Dwight, on two occasions from the 600 block of North West, the 500 block of West Kingsmill, the 800 block of North Gray, the police department lobby, the 800 block of Alcock, the 400 block of Hill, the 100 block of Warren, the 300 block of North Christy, the 1900 block of North Dwight, the 800 block of Murphy, the 1100 block of North Hobart, the 1300 block of North Somerville, the 1000 block of Duncan, the 500 block of North Roberta, the 900 block of East Fisher, the 1000 block of East Browning, and the 200 block of North Russell.

Welfare checks were made at the intersection of Frederic and Barnes streets, the 1800 block of Lynn, and the intersection of Christine and Kentucky streets.

A runaway was reported in the 600 block of West Buckler.

Agency assistance was rendered at the intersection of Highway 60 and Cuyler Street and the 600 block of North Dwight.

Warrant service was attempted on three occasions, resulting in at least one arrest.

A suspicious person call was received from the 1000 block of Terry Road.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 1600 block of East Highway 60.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 1200 block of North Hobart, the 2800 block of Rosewood, and the 500 block of North West.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 1000 block of Varmon Drive.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 500 block of Magnolia, the 2200 block of Williston, the 1000 block of Duncan, the 100 block of East Harvester, the 500 block of Lefors, the 600 block of South Reid, the 1100 block of Juniper, and the 800 block of North Nelson.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 2400 block of Dogwood and the 800 block of South Barnes.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2100 block of North Faulkner. A windshield and rear view mirror on a vehicle were broken, resulting in damage estimat-

ed at \$700.

Criminal mischief and assault were reported in the 900 block of Duncan. The right front fender of a vehicle was shot with a paint ball, resulting in damage estimated at \$3.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of North Wynne. Rocks were thrown through a window, resulting in damage estimated at \$95.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2300 block of Beech. An estimated \$300 damage was done to a gate.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2800 block of Charles and the 600 block of Jordan.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 800 block of North Hobart.

Harassment was reported in the 1100 block of Varnon Drive.

Threats were reported in the 1100 block of Terrace.

A domestic disturbance and driving while intoxicated were reported in the 1000 block of North Wells. No injuries were reported in connection with the incident.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1800 block of Hamilton. Minor injuries were reported in connection with the incident.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 500 block of Oklahoma. The incident was verbal only.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 300 block of Canadian and the 700 block of North Gray.

Sexual assault was reported at One Medical Plaza.

Seven burglar alarms were reported.

Theft was reported in the 400 block of North Wynne. A driver's license, Social Security card, cash and wallet were taken, for an estimated loss of \$31.

Theft was reported in the 500 block of West Brown. Four tires and wheels valued at \$400 were taken.

Theft was reported at Allsup's, 309 N. Hobart. Alcoholic beverages valued at \$34.60 were taken.

Theft was reported in the 400 block of Roberta. Three pieces of gold and diamond jewelry valued at \$750 were taken.

Theft was reported in the 2100 block of Coffee. Three street cones valued at \$50 and belonging to the City of Pampa were taken.

Theft was reported in the 800 block of North Nelson.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 1800 block of North Hamilton.

Burglary was reported in the 1300 block of East Kingsmill. A vehicle window valued at \$900 was broken.

Burglary was reported in the 1000 block of North Sumner.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 400 block of Magnolia and the 1000 block of Neel Road, where the incident involved a 1992 Buick.

Sheriff

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

Saturday, Nov. 18
Timothy Frank Davis, 34, of Pampa was arrested in the 2300 block of Mary Ellen by Pampa Police Department for interfering with a 911 call, violation of a protective order, and two counts of burglary of a habitation.

Luis Rey Contreras, 26, of Canadian was arrested by GCSO for no driver's license and possession of

less than one gram of a controlled substance.

Sunday, Nov. 19

Jose G. Rodriguez Jr., 20, of Pampa was arrested in the 1000 block of Terry Road by PPD for public intoxication and minor in possession of alcohol.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents today.

Friday, Nov. 17
9:25 a.m. — A 1997 Cadillac Deville, driven by Jennifer Denise Frias, 26, of 601 E. Foster, and a 2006 Ford Taurus, driven by James Farren, 59, of Canyon, collided at the intersection of Browning and Ballard streets. No injuries were reported. Frias was cited for running a red light.

4:23 p.m. — A 1993 Lincoln Continental Town Car, driven by Elizabeth Telkamp Swinney, 53, of 1001 W. Randy Matson, and a 2003 Toyota 4-Runner, driven by Nissa E. Dunnam, 30, of 12014 White Acres, collided in the 500 block of West Florida. No injuries were reported. Swinney was cited for backing without safety.

Saturday, Nov. 18
9:15 p.m. — An unknown vehicle and driver collided with a 1994 Chevrolet Camaro, driven by Arlene Elana Silva, 36, of Grand Prairie, at the intersection of Neel Road and Plains Street. The unknown vehicle and driver then fled the scene. No injuries were reported, and no citations were issued.

Saturday, Nov. 18
9:03 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

12:26 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to BSA.

5:54 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.

5:57 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.

7:22 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to the 2400 block of Cherokee.

Sunday, Nov. 19
7:00 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Terry Road, but no transports were made.

12:48 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the Jordan Unit of TDCJ and transported a patient to PRMC.

1:42 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Russell and transported a patient to PRMC.

4:11 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Clark and transported a patient to PRMC.

6:19 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Coronado Healthcare Center and transported a patient to PRMC.

7:22 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to CHC and transported a patient to PRMC.

8:21 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital.

10:09 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of North Gray and transported a patient to PRMC.

Monday, Nov. 20
2:23 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Nursing Center and transported a patient to PRMC.

4:25 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of South Somerville, but no transports were

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Administration launches review of financial market regulations

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration will review the regulations governing the operation of America's financial markets to make sure that they don't harm this country's ability to compete in the global economy, Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson said today.

In his first major speech addressing market regulation, Paulson said the administration will convene a conference on capital markets and economic competitiveness early next year.

"Our capital markets remain

strong and competitive, but they face some significant challenges that do not lend themselves to easy answers or quick fixes," he said in a speech to the Economic Club of New York.

Paulson said he did not believe new legislation was needed to change the 2002 Sarbanes-Oxley Act, but he said changes were needed in the enforcement of that law, which was passed in response to a wave of corporate accounting scandals.

"We need to implement the law in ways that better balance the ben-

efits of the legislation with the very significant costs that it imposes, especially on small business," Paulson said.

Some companies are complaining that Sarbanes-Oxley has gone too far and is imposing unreasonable costs. Critics argue that the law is hurting the competitive position of American capital markets, leading to a decline in the number of companies choosing to be listed on U.S. stock exchanges.

Paulson said financial market regulations need to be examined to make sure that this country remains

competitive with foreign capital markets.

"Does the decline in initial public offerings (of stock) in U.S. capital markets signal potentially broader challenges to our competitiveness?" Paulson asked in his remarks.

Paulson said the "single biggest challenge" in Sarbanes-Oxley was Section 404 of the law which requires companies to assess internal controls to ensure financial reporting is accurate and reliable.

He said this provision should be implemented "in a more efficient

and cost effective manner." The Securities and Exchange Commission has said it plans to look at possible changes in the implementation of this provision.

The secretary said that what the administration wants to ensure is a proper balance between protecting investors and not stifling innovation in financial markets. He said U.S. regulators needed to be mindful of the growing competition from around the world including such expanding financial markets as London and Hong Kong.

Push on for greater Iraqi role in country

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States should push for available and trained Iraqi security forces to be sent to the front lines of the fight to stabilize the war-torn country, House Armed Services Committee Chairman Duncan Hunter said today.

"We need to saddle those up and deploy them to the fight" in dangerous areas, primarily in Baghdad, Hunter, a California Republican who is interested in his party's 2008 presidential nomination, told The Associated Press in an interview. He took a different tack from Sen. John McCain, a front-running 2008 hopeful who has urged that additional U.S. troops be sent there.

Today's statements continued an Iraq war policy debate that has been intensifying before and since midterm elections that saw Democrats grab back control of the House and Senate from the GOP.

Also today, Rep. Charles Rangel, a New York Democrat, pushed again on his argument that the military draft should be reinstated.

Rangel, incoming chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, had said Sunday that "there's no question in my mind that this president and this administration would never have invaded Iraq, especially on the flimsy evidence that was presented to the Congress, if indeed we had a draft."

In a speech Monday at Baruch College, he said he wants to hold hearings into current troop levels and future plans for Iraq and other potential conflict regions.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson endorsed Rangel's position, saying the country currently has "a backdoor draft."

House Speaker-elect Nancy Pelosi, talking to reporters Monday, said restoring the draft will not be on the early legislative priority list for the 110th Congress. Incoming House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer added, "The speaker and I discussed scheduling and it did not include that."

McCain said more troops should be sent into Iraq and that the soldiers there now are "fighting and dying for

a failed policy."

Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., the incoming chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said troop withdrawals must begin within four to six months.

Meantime, a Pentagon review of Iraq has come up with three options — injecting more troops into Iraq, shrinking the force but staying longer or pulling out.

The Washington Post quoted senior defense officials as dubbing the three alternatives "Go big, go long and go home."

The secret military study was commissioned by Gen. Peter Pace, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and comes as political and military

as part of the Iraq review. Pace has asked the group to look at what is going right or wrong in the military conduct of the entire global war on terror, including particularly the war in Iraq and what options are available to make progress.

There will be no formal report or recommendations to Pace and there is no set timetable for any presentations or ideas, said the officials, who requested anonymity because the deliberations are not public. Pace, they said, will use any thoughts and options coming out of the review to help develop his own recommendations for the defense secretary and the president.

Hunter said in the AP interview that he wants to "Go Iraqi." He also said the Pentagon has told him that some 114 Iraqi battalions are trained and equipped, and 27 of those units are operating in areas that see less than one attack a day.

A special advisory commission led by Bush family friend and former Secretary of State James Baker and former U.S. Rep. Lee Hamilton is to issue its report soon, and there has been strong speculation that its members would propose a way ahead for Iraq while making clear the U.S. military mission shouldn't last indefinitely.

The commission is expected to release its findings and recommendations sometime next month.

Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., who will take over the Foreign Relations Committee in January, said he'd like to see the commission assert that U.S. troop commitments are not open-ended; propose a clear political road map for Iraq; and recommend engaging Iraq's neighbors in a political and diplomatic solution.

The United States should "begin to let the Iraqi leadership know we're not going to be staying," he said Monday on NBC's "Today" program.

McCain said the U.S. must send an overwhelming number of troops to stabilize Iraq or face more attacks.

leaders struggle with how to conduct a war that is increasingly unpopular, both in the United States and in occupied Iraq.

Pace has said that all options for the Iraq war are on the table. Those would range from significantly boosting the number of troops to withdrawing a substantial portion of those now there.

Last week Gen. John Abizaid, the top U.S. commander in the Middle East, said the emphasis must be on training and preparing the Iraqis to take control of their own country.

According to senior military officials on Pace's staff, there are 16 military members, largely colonels who have recently served in the Gulf region, who have been meeting daily

'... fighting and dying for a failed policy.'

— John McCain
U.S. Senator

Home sales fall in 38 states this summer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sales of existing homes fell in 38 states during the summer, led by steep declines in Nevada, Arizona, Florida and California, as the once-booming housing market showed further signs of a steep slowdown.

The National Association of Realtors reported that sales dipped to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 6.27 million units nationwide, down by 12.7 percent from the same period a year ago.

The declines were the largest in once-booming areas of the country. Sales fell by 38 percent in Nevada, 36 percent in Arizona; 34.2 percent in Florida and 28.6 percent in California.

In all, nine states had sales declines in the summer of 2006 compared to the third quarter of 2005.

The weakness in sales also affected prices with 45

metropolitan areas experiencing price declines, according to a separate survey the Realtors did of 148 metropolitan areas.

The price survey showed that the median — or midpoint — price for an existing home sold in the third quarter dipped to \$224,900, down 1.2 percent from a year earlier.

Sales rose in 10 states and in two states — New Hampshire and Vermont — the Realtors did not have available data.

The nationwide 12.7 percent fall in sales was from a summer 2005 pace of 7.18 million units, which was the second highest in history. The all-time record sales pace was an annual rate of 7.19 million units set in the April-June quarter of last year.

Sales of both existing and new homes set records for a

fifth consecutive year in 2005 but have been falling steadily this year as conditions in the housing market have deteriorated.

The plunge in housing shaved a full percentage-point off economic growth in the July-September quarter with economists predicting a similar reduction in the current quarter.

But David Lereah, the Realtors' chief economist,

said he believed the decline in prices in formerly red-hot areas of the country was setting the stage for a rebound next year.

"With the market in full transition, buyers now have choices and sellers are more willing to negotiate," he said. "Under these circumstances, it's no surprise that overall home prices are slightly below a year ago."

Slots

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participants. Dunn said this type of activity can be enjoyed by all ages, starting as young as 3 or 4. They have quite a few teenagers that come in regularly as well as special needs children.

This facility is located in

the Coronado Shopping Center next to Hastings. The hours of operation are 3 to 11 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 10 a.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday; and 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday. The races are closed to the public Monday through Wednesday so people can reserve the space for parties. For more information or to make a reservation, call 669-2226.

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Viewpoints

PISD takes issue of safety for its students seriously

The teachers, staff, and administrators of the Pampa ISD have, like you, been saddened and shocked by the number of recent violent attacks that have been perpetuated against children while they have been at school.

The past few weeks, many meetings and hours of planning have been invested in evaluating the district's systems that are in place to keep the students safe while they are at school.

Much of the time in our last two school board meetings have been dedicated to the discussion of school safety and the planning for increased security at all campuses to ensure a safe learning environment.

Our school leaders are working with state and federal agencies and with recognized experts in security and safety to plan for improvements to the school plant to provide peace of mind to families.

We realize that since they are created by humans no plan is perfect. Through continual inspection we hope to "seal" as many "cracks" in the district's safety plan as possible.

With the passage of the recent bond election, safety and security at Pampa High School, Pampa Junior High School, and the renovated junior high building will be highlighted.

A fire and disaster warning system, improved sprinkler systems in case of fire, security cameras, and improved two-way communication between the office and the classrooms are only a few of the safety measures included in the building and renovation package.

Plans are being made to alter the entrance to each elementary campus so that visitors to the campus must enter the school office for registering and a visitor's badge before entering the hallways.

Before school ends this year, two elementary schools will benefit from the security of the new entrance arrangement, and the

Barry Haenisch
Superintendent



other schools will be completed before the beginning of school in the next school year.

The Pampa ISD Board of Education approved in its November meeting the plans for enclosing the breezeway between the gyms and the classroom wings at Pampa Junior High School to ensure monitored access to the campus.

Time and money are being expended to provide a safe and secure learning environment for

students and staff.

Ultimately, however, school safety comes down to people and relationships.

The district's employees are diligent and mindful of dangerous situations that can arise on their campuses.

At times, in the performance of their work, staff members may let strangers "slip by" or other situations of concern may go unnoticed. At those times we will depend upon parents, students, and community members to provide more sets of eyes to help keep our buildings and students safe.

You can see a perspective of our school that often we do not, and you are encouraged to share any concerns you may have with the school principal.

Relationships, more than anything else, can be the most important thing in keeping our schools safe.

Research reveals that children who are involved in their schools are far less likely to perform acts of violence, and we provide a wide variety of school related activities for our students.

Very often, perpetrators of violence comment on their plans before acting.

We encourage students and community members to report the names or a description of individuals who exhibit suspicious behavior to the district or to local law enforcement.

The leaders of your schools take seriously the responsibility of providing for school safety, and we are thankful that we live in a community where all of the citizens feel a responsibility to be involved in helping to find solutions to the challenges inherent in creating a safe environment.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Nov. 20, the 324th day of 2006. There are 41 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 20, 1947, Britain's future queen, Princess Elizabeth, married Philip Mountbatten, Duke of Edinburgh, in a ceremony broadcast worldwide from Westminster Abbey.

On this date:

In 1789, New Jersey became the first state to ratify the Bill of Rights.

In 1910, revolution broke out in Mexico, led by Francisco I. Madero.

In 1925, Robert F. Kennedy was born in Brookline, Mass.

In 1929, the radio program "The Rise of the Goldbergs" debuted on the NBC Blue Network.

In 1943, during World War II, U.S. Marines began landing on Tarawa and Makin atolls in the Gilbert Islands, encountering fierce resistance from Japanese forces but emerging victorious three days later.

In 1945, 24 Nazi leaders went on trial before an international war crimes tribunal in Nuremberg, Germany.

In 1959, the United Nations issued its "Declaration of the Rights of the Child."

In 1967, the Census Clock at the Commerce Department ticked past 200 million.

In 1975, after nearly four decades of absolute rule, Spain's General Francisco Franco died, two weeks before his 83rd birthday.

In 1980, faced with disastrous reviews from New York critics, United Artists announced it was withdrawing its \$36 million movie "Heaven's Gate" for re-editing.

Ten years ago: House Republicans chose Newt Gingrich to be speaker for a second term. Thirty-nine people were killed when fire broke out in a building in Hong Kong.

Five years ago: The alliance controlling Afghanistan's capital and much of its countryside agreed to attend power-sharing talks in Germany the following week. A federal judge extended a court order blocking an attempt by Attorney General John Ashcroft to dismantle Oregon's one-of-a-kind law allowing physician-assisted suicides. Federal health officials approved sale of the world's first contraceptive patch, Ortho Evra.

One year ago: Israel's dovish Labor Party voted to pull out of Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's government in the opening salvo of an election campaign.

'The next great step of mankind is to step into the nature of his own mind.'

— Stanley Kauffmann
American film and theatre critic



GOP's pride caused party downfall

The Holy Bible has an explanation for the midterm election results as good as any I can think of: "Pride goeth before a fall."

The American people finally got fed up with arrogance, corruption, lies, mismanagement and a reckless foreign policy. The Republicans had gotten drunk on power and became complacent. The Republicans apparently believed that the American people were incurably gullible. Well, they are sometimes too trusting, but they are not gullible.

The Democrats gave the Republicans a decisive beating, and if the Republicans hadn't spent so many millions of dollars, the beating would have been even worse. Some Democrats were just drowned out by GOP money. But the GOP

was a glum bunch by lunch hour the day after the elections.

If the Democrats will just restore congressional oversight and hold this administration accountable for the next two years, they will have earned the thanks of the American people. The Republicans had used their majorities in both houses to stifle any independent investigations and any honest attempts at oversight. They acted like puppies on President Bush's leash. The Republican leadership treated its Democratic colleagues in a most unfair manner.

Already, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld

has resigned and decided to get out of Dodge before the new "sheriff" holds him accountable for his bloody blunders.

Rats never show any loyalty to a sinking ship. I expect there will be other departures. Once you've played top dog in an arrogant and disdainful manner, the prospect of becoming the low dog isn't too appealing.

A change of majority has a tremendous impact. Now the Democrats will take over the chairmanships of the various committees and have the power to hire a majority of the staff. About 3,000 Republican committee gofers will be looking for work. To be a member of the

minority party in the House or Senate is to be, for all practical purposes, powerless. The majority will set the agenda and the rules.

The only way a legislative body can work effectively is on a collegial basis. If there are some remaining Republicans who treated their Democratic colleagues with respect and courtesy, they will probably be able to get some things done. It's the arrogant hind ends of a horse who will likely find themselves shut out of the action, as they deserve to be.

I'm sure the next Congress, which will take office in January, will have some positions on some issues that I will disagree with, but that's the price of a free society. If you're one of those people who will only

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Charley Reese
Columnist



Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Nov. 12
Houston Chronicle on adult abstinence:

The government has a public safety interest in trying to curtail some adult behaviors. Drunken driving is one.

Sex between consenting adults is not.

Yet recently published guidelines from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services encourage state health officials to use part of their Abstinence Education Program grants to dissuade single 20-somethings from having sex.

Critics charge that the government's \$170 million abstinence-only program

fails even its intended audience of school-age youngsters. Various studies of abstinence education show mixed results. Some studies show no reduction in sexually transmitted disease or unintended pregnancies. Comprehensive sex education, which includes information about birth control and protection against sexually transmitted diseases, delivers consistently superior outcomes, research shows.

There is no reason to believe that efforts to convince adults to refrain from having sex outside of marriage would succeed. What little success the effort brought would hardly justify the millions that would be directed toward such folly.

For one matter, the National Center for Health Statistics reports that in

2004, 1.5 million babies were born to single mothers, more than half of whom were in their early 20s. That suggests that many, if not most young adults are having sex. Other data point out that young adults are more likely than other groups to contract STDs.

Obviously, what young people clearly need is information to help them avoid the health risks and unintended pregnancies that go along with unprotected sex. That means the facts about condoms for disease prevention and other forms of birth control. Instruction on the benefits of abstaining before marriage could be included.

What grown-ups don't need is government-funded harangues to "just say no" to premarital sex.

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GOP fund-raiser sentenced to 18 years

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — A former GOP fundraiser at the center of a scandal-plagued state investment in rare coins that helped Democrats seize power in the midterm elections was sentenced Monday to 18 years in prison.

Tom Noe, a prominent coin dealer accused of taking at least \$2 million, was convicted last week of theft, corrupt activity, money laundering, forgery and tampering with records.

Lucas County Common Pleas Judge Thomas Osowik, who described the crime as an "elaborate scheme of theft on a large scale," also fined Noe \$120,000.

"You continued to spend the bureau's money at what I thought was a shockingly, alarmingly large rate, and done for one purpose: to present some type of a facade that you had a bottomless cup of wealth and luxury at your disposal, when in fact it was at the state's expense," Osowik said.

Noe declined to make a statement during the hearing.

Defense attorney John Mitchell urged Osowik before sentencing to consider that Noe is unlikely to repeat his crimes.

"I think it's important to consider that this was a one-time crime and set of circumstances that I think will never echo at any point in the history of this state again," Mitchell said.

Separately, Noe already has been sentenced to two years and three months in federal prison after pleading guilty earlier this year to funneling \$45,000 to President Bush's re-election campaign.

The scandal surrounding the investment that Noe managed had dogged the state GOP for more than a year, culminating this month with Democrats winning a U.S. Senate seat and four of five statewide offices after 12 years of Republican rule.

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation gave Noe \$25 million in 1998, followed by another \$25 million in 2001 to invest in rare coins. Democrats charged that Noe got the money because of his ties with the GOP.

Investigations into the coin investment led to ethics charges against Republican Gov. Bob Taft, who pleaded no contest to failing to report golf outings and other gifts. Four former Taft aides pleaded no contest to similar

charges.

Prosecutors said Noe used the money to pay off business loans and pay for a home in the Florida Keys. Prosecutors did not indicate whether he used the money to make campaign contributions to Republicans, including Bush and Taft.

Defense attorneys during the trial insisted Noe had permission to invest the money and that the coin fund produced \$7.9 million in profits over seven years.

Noe's former right-hand man testified that he borrowed rare coins and faked records with the approval of his boss. Timothy LaPointe, Noe's close friend, said they both intended to repay the money.

Ohio Attorney General Jim Petro last week said he will renew efforts through a lawsuit to seek at least \$4 million that Petro charges Noe took from the coin investment for personal use.

Before the investigation began, Noe was a member of state boards that oversee the Ohio Turnpike and Ohio's public universities. He was a top GOP fundraiser who gave more than \$105,000 to Republicans including Bush and Taft in 2004.

Economic indicators rise in October

NEW YORK (AP) — An indicator of future economic activity inched higher in October, a private research group said Monday, suggesting that recent weakness in the housing market hasn't been severe enough to offset lower gas prices and a rising stock market.

The Conference Board, an industry-backed research group based in New York, said its Index of Leading Economic Indicators rose 0.2 percent last month. The increase came in shy of analysts' consensus forecast for a rise of 0.3 percent.

The index stood at 138.3 versus 139.1 in January.

The index is designed to predict economic activity in the three to six months ahead. October's modest increase fit with economists' view that growth is moderating. The index fell in both July and August before edging modestly higher in September. It has been down four of the last seven

months. "The index has basically been about as flat as pancake for the last year, and we see that as sort of consistent with our view of the slowing economy," said David Wyss, chief economist with Standard & Poor's.

Six of the 10 indicators that make up the index rose in October but a sharp decline in housing permits and weaker vendor performance partially offset those gains.

The housing sector has been a major sore spot for the economy in recent months.

Evidence of the slowdown mounted Friday, when a report of October building permits showed the slowest pace of annual growth in nine years. Housing construction plummeted as builders tried to curb swelling inventories of unsold new and existing homes. On Monday, the National Association of

Realtors said sales of existing homes fell in 38 states and the prices of homes slid in 45 metropolitan areas.

"Economic weakness is skewed toward housing and motor vehicles," said John Lonski, chief economist of Moody's Investor Service.

"The economy is growing

more slowly, but we have yet to have weakness spread beyond housing and motor vehicles to such a degree that we need to fear the proximity of a hard landing," Lonski added, referring to when the economy turns from growth to a recession.

MADD pushing new technology

WASHINGTON (AP) — New technology like alcohol-detecting devices in cars may hold the key to eliminating drunken driving, according to a campaign launched Monday by Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

The Irving, Texas-based organization, along with the U.S. Department of Transportation, is pushing for such devices as well as tougher enforcement measures around the country.

"If we can't stop drunks from driving, we'll stop vehicles from driving drunks," said Glynn Birch, president of MADD, at a news conference. Birch said technology, along with tougher laws and enforcement, has put eliminating drunken driving "within our reach."

The organization wants

states to pass laws requiring breath-test interlock devices in vehicles for all those who have been convicted of drunken driving — even after the first offense. The device shuts down the car if alcohol is detected. Only New Mexico has such a law for first offenders; other states allow the device for repeat offenders.

MADD also wants states to implement more sobriety checkpoints. It also wants to establish a panel of safety experts to explore other technology options that would help prevent drunk driving.

"Drunk driving is a problem that is painful and persistent, but it's also preventable," said Transportation Secretary Mary E. Peters in a statement. "Pairing the public and private sectors for the common good is a powerful combination."

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support those who agree with you 100 percent on 100 percent of the issues, then you and your supporters can hold your meetings in a closet.

We are too large and too diverse a country to reach unanimity on all the issues that arise. As long as we can come together on those few that are really important, diversity of opinion won't hurt us. In fact, it helps because it assures the issues will be fully debated. No individual, no party and no group has a monopoly on either wisdom or virtue.

At any rate, this midterm election has been a tonic for me. I feel good about the country. The American people haven't gone to sleep at the switch, and they aren't taken in by the president's rhetoric.

If the Democrats get complacent and make the same mistakes the Republicans did, there will be another election, and the voters can toss them out. We really do have the best of all possible countries, despite our faults. How much easier it is to change political direction when people use the ballot instead of the bullet.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: This may seem like a trivial matter, but as the holidays approach, I know printing this letter will help people in the fast-growing technical support industry, as well as the people depending on them. When folks purchase large appliances and electronics this holiday season and need to call for help getting them set up or repaired, it's important that they remember to have a few things handy to make the process go faster for all concerned. Always have the model number, serial number and sales slip handy. Also, please remember that the people on the other end of the line are doing everything they can to get things working. Foul language, raised voices and threats against tech support won't get anything done faster. So before calling, take a deep breath, be certain that you're calm enough to deal with someone on the other end of the line, and make sure to follow his or her directions. And remember, sometimes the solutions take time. Tech support professionals have to follow company policies, just like everyone else. — **DOING ALL SHE CAN IN WATERTOWN, N.Y.**

DEAR DOING ALL SHE CAN: Those all are sensible suggestions. I know firsthand that having the model number, serial number and sales slip can hasten the time it takes to schedule a service call. And it goes without saying that customers will get more cooperation if they don't abuse the customer service personnel. You catch more flies with honey than with vinegar.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have two boys, 12 and 13. They have had computer training at school for years, but my husband and I are computer illiterate. We gave the boys a computer for their birthday, and now they are locked in their bedroom for hours. People tell me they can't watch

ing pornography without a credit card, but I am having trouble believing that. We have no public space in our home we can move the computer into. What, if anything, should we do? — **WORRIED MOM IN PITTSBURGH**

DEAR WORRIED MOM: Most houses and apartments have a living room or eating area. Put an end to your boys using the computer while locked in their room. The computer should be moved out into the open. If that's not possible, then insist that the door be kept open, and remove the lock if they refuse to comply. Also, it's time you and your husband checked into evening classes for adults at your local high school so you can learn the basics about computers. They have become far easier to use than in years past, and you should at least be able to check the computer "history" to see where your young explorers have been spending their time. It's a matter of asserting your parental authority, so please start doing it now. It's really no different than knowing what they're doing at the mall.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I have been together for six years, and the only problem I have with him is that he lies about meeting other women on sex sites. The problem with this is that he is looking for someone in our hometown for discreet sex. I have confronted him and told him how it makes me feel, but he still does it and finds other sites to go on. What am I to do? — **SAD IN SALISBURY, MD.**

DEAR SAD: End the romance. Your "boyfriend's" actions indicate that he is unwilling or unable to remain faithful to you. It's time to find a man who wants what you want out of a relationship.

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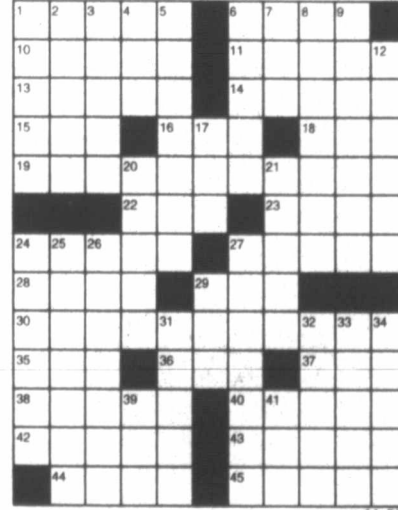
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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 - 15 Clock numeral
 - 16 Sturdy tree
 - 18 In addition
 - 19 "Heavens!"
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 - 23 Sitar's cousin
 - 24 Cartoon sea serpent
 - 27 Carries
 - 28 Epps of "House"
 - 29 Actor DeLuise
 - 30 "Heed this advice"
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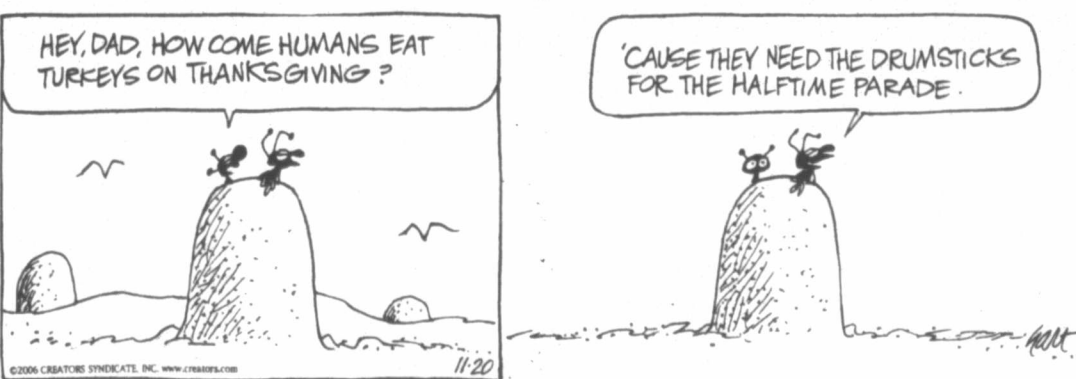


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Sports Day

Lefors Pirates storm into regional playoff picture

By **DAVID BOWSER**
Staff Writer

LEFORS — As the Lefors Pirates take to the field Saturday night against the Whitharral Panthers for the Six Man Division II regional playoffs in Silverton, Pirate Coach Joey Czubinski will have already proven state football pundits wrong.

Lefors beat McLean 39-34 in the bi-district playoff game in Groom Friday.

"To our small school and community," said Lendi Jackson, student services director for Lefors Independent School District, "this is a major accomplishment."

When Coach Czubinski told sports writers in preseason interviews that the Pirates would make the playoffs, he had little credibility. The team finished last season with one win and nine losses.

This year, Lefors was picked to finish fourth out of a five-team district.

Czubinski and the Pirates had a 7-4 record this year, winning district and reserving a spot in bi-district play against McLean.

They were not expected to win over McLean.

"We were 20-point underdogs," Czubinski said.

He said that was good motivation for his team.

Indeed, last Friday night's game started out looking like a McLean victory. The McLean Tigers led at the end of the first quarter 22-12. That lead had shrunk to 28-26 by half-time.

The bigger Lefors team came back in the second half and after a scoreless third quarter put 13 points on the scoreboard in the fourth quarter to take the contest.

"This was the best game I've seen my players play in my four years here at Lefors," Coach Czubinski said today. "Heart, desire, guts and sticking to the game plan is what won this game."

The coach said that after being down 22-6 early in the game, the Pirates responded with great resilience.

"That's what I love about these guys," Czubinski said. "They are fighters."

The Pirates' Cameron Klein ran 18 times for 136 yards, had a 22-yard touchdown reception from Brent Roberson and 11 tackles.

"He played great defense," Czubinski said.

Roberson had 16 runs for 91 yards. He ran for one touchdown, threw for another and intercepted two passes.

Czubinski said Roberson's 60-yard touchdown run on an interception just before halftime was a turning point in the game.

"That was a real momentum swinger," Czubinski said.

Tory Coombes ran six times for 78 yards for the Pirates and scored two touchdowns.

"He had a solid night of offense

and defense," Czubinski said.

The Lefors coach said the Pirate defense held the Tigers to 219 yards and 34 points.

"That was 36 points less than our last game against them," Czubinski said.

The coach said the offensive line of Dustin Forsyth, J.D. Pairsh, Tanner Ray and Andrew Soto controlled the clock in the second half with 45 running plays for 319 yards.

"Nick Hess, Jeremy Sprouse, Payton Johnson, Robert Wallen, Devan Ranks, Trevor Czubinski, Brandon McBee and others all contributed to the victory," Coach Czubinski said.

The Pirates' win against their Gray County rivals marked Lefors' first playoff win since 1974, and the first playoff win ever for the team since moving to Six Man football.

"I was very happy Friday night," Czubinski said.

Jackson said that traveling to Groom for last Friday's game, she told her husband that if community spirit could win a football game, McLean didn't stand a chance.

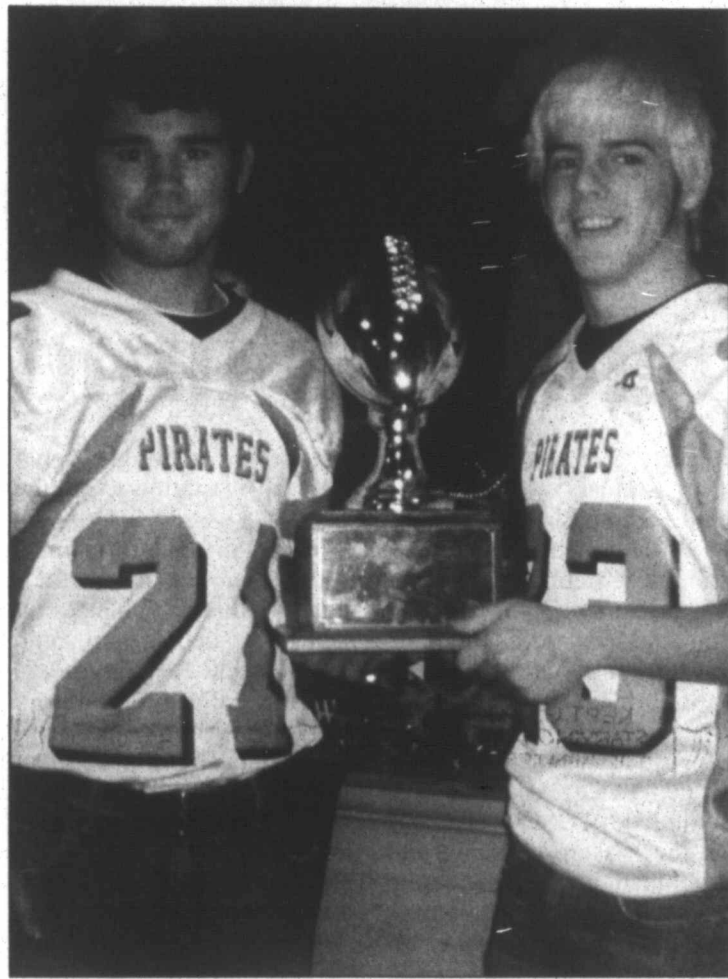
Football team members, students and even some parents have bleached their hair or colored their hair orange and black (the school colors) in support of school spirit, Jackson said.

"There were more fans at the game (Friday) night than I can remember ever seeing at a game in 32 years," she said.

"Practically the whole town of Lefors was there," Czubinski said, "and their support was great energy for the team."

Jackson said there would be a pep rally at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Lefors.

Lefors will meet Whitharral at 6 p.m. Saturday in Silverton.



Courtesy photo

Lefors Pirate Football players senior Brent Roberson, left, and junior Cameron Klein hold their history-making 2nd place district trophy at Friday's pep rally. Both Roberson and Klein have been named Amarillo Globe-News players of the week. Lefors went into Friday night's game against McLean a 20-point underdog and won 39-34. The Pirates will play Whitharral Saturday in the next round of playoffs.



Courtesy photo

Cameron Klein (32) carries the ball Friday night while J.D. Pairsh blocks. Defending for McLean is Mark Smith (35).

Cowboys end perfect season for Indianapolis Colts

By **JAIME ARON**
AP Sports Writer

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Tony Romo paused to think. He and the Dallas Cowboys had just ended the Indianapolis Colts' bid for a perfect season and he was trying to recall a win this satisfying for him.

"Against Waterford High School," he said, smirking. "They were really good at the time."

In only the fourth start of his NFL career, Romo did something no other quarterback has done this season — beat Peyton Manning and the Colts.

Romo was a Manning-like 19-of-23, with only one incompleteness in the second half, leading the Cowboys to a 21-14 victory Sunday that was as important to

Dallas as it was disappointing to Indianapolis.

The Cowboys (6-4) are two games over .500 for the first time all season. Romo is 3-1 since taking over for Drew Bledsoe and Dallas is suddenly a team to be reckoned with in the NFC, especially with four of its final six games at home.

"I told the team (this win) ought to tell them something about what they're capable of doing," said Parcells, who in his 19 years in the NFL had never ended an opponent's perfect start this deep into a season. "If we keep playing like this, we have a chance to do something."

Romo is a big reason for the new vibe surrounding the Cowboys.

Although he had a fumble on his first drive and an interception on his third, Romo threw for 226 yards and closed the game with three tremendous drives: a 68-yarder to tie it, an 80-yarder for the go-ahead score and another that burned the final 2:59, preventing Manning from getting back on the field.

After time ran out, Romo walked off with the game ball in one hand and gave Manning a consoling pat on the head with his other hand.

"I wished him good luck. He did the same," Romo said. "He's like, 'You're a good player.' So that's meaningful to me."

Romo was coming off a game that earned him NFC player of the week honors. He's certainly

deserving after this performance in his first home start.

"He did a good job keeping his poise, his head in the game and the players respond to him well," Parcells said.

Maybe the burden of an unbeaten season was becoming too much for the Colts. They sure played like it, turning the ball over on four of their first six possessions and coming up empty on their final two drives.

After close calls all season, Indianapolis (9-1) couldn't overcome this sloppy outing.

"We've been playing with fire — and the fire caught us," Colts coach Tony Dungy said.

Manning threw two interceptions after having thrown only

three all year. He lost his first fumble of the season and Marvin Harrison lost his first since 2004. All told, Indianapolis had its most turnovers in 79 regular-season games, dating to Nov. 25, 2001.

Still, the loss could be somewhat of a relief. There won't be any more questions about chasing the hallowed mark of the 1972 Miami Dolphins or their own 13-0 start last season. The focus now returns to mundane topics like winning the division and becoming the AFC's top seed, all of which seems within reach considering the Colts' remaining foes are a combined 25-34.

Last second TD puts Bills in win column over Texans

By **CHRIS DUNCAN**
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Buffalo quarterback J.P. Losman got to the point.

"J.P. in the huddle said, 'I'm not throwing the freakin' check down now. I've got to take a shot in the end zone, so guys, get open,'" Peerless Price said.

Nearly out of time and needing a touchdown to beat Houston, Price did what Losman asked.

The Bills receiver made a diving catch in the back of the end zone with 13 seconds left to lift Buffalo

to a 24-21 win over the Texans on Sunday.

Officials reviewed the play, but saw that Price had dragged both feet inbounds.

"If you've been playing receiver for a while, those are things that you're kind of trained to do," Price said.

Price's 15-yard TD catch was only his second reception of the game and made him the unlikely hero after Lee Evans set a Buffalo record with 265 receiving yards.

Evans finished with 11 catches

and twice burned Texans cornerback Demarcus Faggins for 83-yard touchdown catches in the first quarter. Buffalo (4-6) had never had two 80-plus yard touchdown passes in a game.

Both plays were part of a wide-open game plan that Bills offensive coordinator Steve Fairchild designed and Losman executed.

"Before the game, we decided that we were going to be aggressive 'throwing the ball,'" said Losman, who finished 26-of-38 for 340 yards. "Coach Fairchild said,

'I'll call it, you wing it and let's roll.'"

Losman's yardage total marked a career high and, he hopes, the birth of a high-powered offense. The Bills hadn't scored three offensive touchdowns in a game since December 2005 and came in with the NFL's second-worst pass offense.

"I've been telling everybody it's just a matter of time, we're going to explode, and have breakout games," Losman said. "I don't know if this is the game, or what.

But I hope it is."

The Texans (3-7), meanwhile, were demoralized after blowing another chance to win back-to-back games for the first time since 2004.

"We had the game won and we lost it," said receiver Eric Moulds, a former Bill. "It is really frustrating."

Houston fans often blame losses on quarterback David Carr, but they can't this time.

Soriano, Cubs agree to 8-year deal

NEW YORK (AP) — Alfonso Soriano is the latest beneficiary of the Chicago Cubs' spending splurge.

Soriano and the Cubs reached a preliminary agreement on an eight-year contract worth about \$136 million, a major league official told The Associated Press on Sunday, a deal that would be the fifth-largest in baseball history.

The contract is contingent on Soriano passing a physical, according to the official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the deal had not yet been announced.

General manager Jim Hendry declined comment Sunday. But earlier he made it clear that the Cubs, who finished 66-96 last season for last place in the NL, were going to be major players in the market.

"We won 66 ballgames. We darn sure better be aggressive," Hendry said.

On a busy weekend following the annual GM meetings:

—First baseman Nomar Garciaparra agreed to two-year contract to stay with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

—Outfielder Moises Alou and the New York Mets closed in a one-year contract worth about \$8 million to \$9 million, another baseball official said.

—Cincinnati reached a preliminary agreement on a two-year contract with left-hander Mike Stanton, a person familiar with the discussions said, and were close to an agreement with shortstop Alex Gonzalez.

—Outfielder Frank Catalanotto and Texas reached a preliminary agreement on a \$13 million, three-year deal, a Rangers official said.

—Right-handed reliever Justin

Speier agreed to terms of a four-year contract with the Los Angeles Angels, a deal worth about \$18 million and contingent on the 33-year-old passing a physical.

Today the Mets had to inform Tom Glavine whether they will exercise his \$14 million option — the team has said it will be declined, allowing the left-hander to choose between New York and a return to the Braves. If he goes to Atlanta, the Mets are likely to try to sign Barry Zito.

Also, the Boston Red Sox are expected to discuss possible trades involving Manny Ramirez, owed \$38 million over the final two guaranteed years of his contract. The Angels are a possible trading partner, but Ramirez can't be dealt without his consent.

Soriano, a former second baseman, could play center field and give the Cubs a leadoff hitter with a combination of speed and power. He had 46 homers and 41 stolen bases last season with the Washington Nationals, batting .277 with 95 RBIs and 41 doubles.

"Suffice it to say a contract like that simply doesn't fit in with trying to build a team from where we are," Nationals president Stan Kasten said. "We wish Alfonso well. We have been expecting it, and we're ready to move on."

In total dollars, Soriano would trail only Alex Rodriguez (\$252 million for 10 years), Derek Jeter (\$189 million for 10 years), Ramirez (\$160 million for eight years) and Todd Helton (\$141.5 million for 11 years).

After hiring Lou Piniella as its new manager, Chicago re-signed third baseman Aramis Ramirez to a \$75 million,

five-year deal, added second baseman Mark DeRosa (\$13 million over three years), acquired left-hander Neal Cotts from the White Sox and re-signed pitchers Kerry Wood (\$1.75 million) and Wade Miller (\$1.5 million), and backup catcher Henry Blanco (\$5.25 million over two years). All this activity comes as the team's parent company, Tribune Co., is weighing options to sell all or some of its holdings.

"In that ballpark and in that city, they should be very excited," said former White Sox manager Jerry Manuel, currently the New York Mets' bench coach. "Because of the lack of pitching in our industry, if there is a lack in this area you have to load up on the other side — and people are going to load up on offense. He's a tremendous player."

The 33-year-old Garciaparra won the NL comeback player of the year award last season, shifting to first base with the Dodgers. A former shortstop and third baseman, Garciaparra had a .303 batting average and hit 20 homers, matching J.D. Drew for the team lead. He was slowed late in the season by quadriceps and oblique muscle injuries.

Alou hit .301 this year with 22 homers and 74 RBIs in 345 at-bats for the Giants. The 40-year-old, a six-time All-Star with .301 career average in 15 major league seasons, figures to replace Cliff Floyd, hobbled by an Achilles' tendon problem for much of the year.

With Alou in left, Carlos Beltran in center and Shawn Green in right, the Mets could move to trade Lastings Milledge, who had a difficult rookie season and appeared to be at odds with some teammates.



Courtesy photo
Ashley Facio and her ninth grade Pampa teammates traveled to Canyon Saturday and came away with a loss, 23-57.

Another BCS whine served before its time

By JIM LITKE
AP Sports Columnist

If I had a vote for coach of the year, Michigan's Lloyd Carr would get it because of what he didn't do.

After wading into the Buckeyes' den and losing the best game of the college football season by three points Saturday night, he didn't beg for a rematch or lobby the people who actually do cast ballots in the Bowl Championship Series polls to bail him out.

"The BCS is a system that governs and will take care of all that," Carr said. "I think it will be very interesting to see what transpires in the

polls as we go forward. But I don't care to speculate. I know it will probably be very controversial either way. So that's what we like."

At the end of what had been a very tough couple of days, Carr cracked a smile.

A day earlier, he had to tell his team about the death of Bo Schembechler, who not only hired and mentored Carr, but continued to shape the program in ways both real and symbolic. A few minutes earlier, the 42-39 loss at Ohio State had likely cost Carr a shot at the national title and perhaps even the consolation prize of the Rose Bowl.

With the Wolverines' season over at 11-1, somebody asked how tough it would be to find out where his team would land.

"I have no idea," Carr replied. "I guess we'll find out."

Contrast that with what Florida coach Urban Meyer said Sunday, when both The Associated Press poll and BCS rankings kept Michigan in the No. 2 slot, ahead of Southern California, by margins no wider than a few blades of grass.

"If that does happen," Meyer said about a possible rematch between Ohio State and Michigan in the national title game, "all the (university) presidents need to get together immediately and put together a playoff system."

"I mean like now," he added, "January or whenever to get that done."

By my reckoning, that might be the earliest a coach has ever uncorked any BCS whine. The Gators, ranked fourth by the BCS with two games left against Florida State and Arkansas, haven't even been hosed yet.

But apparently Meyer figures it's never too early to launch a pre-emptive strike. And if he and his colleagues weren't so quick to take the hush money — many have

contracts triggering handsome bonuses for appearances in the major bowls — and fall into line when the BCS hijacked college football's postseason back in 1998, maybe we'd have that playoff system that sounds so good all of a sudden.

Instead, members of the coaching fraternity don't develop a conscience until it's their ox that's being gored — or in Meyer's case, looks like it might be.

In his defense, this isn't the first time Meyer has mentioned a playoff — that came when he was trying to wedge his former team, Utah, into a BCS bowl. And even so, that little rant isn't on par with the most memorable whines, such as when Oregon coach Mike Bellotti got the short end of the stick and he said infamously, "I liken the BCS to a bad disease, like cancer." Nor is it as self-serving as Texas coach Mack Brown's shameless plea two years ago.

"If you've got a vote, vote for us," Brown said. "I'm asking you to do that and I'm asking everyone across the nation. This team deserves to be in the BCS. They deserve to go more than some teams that are being talked about."

But that's what makes Carr's refusal to pander even more admirable.

He buttoned his lip, even though Michigan has the best argument, by far, among the one-loss teams clamoring for a shot at Ohio State. USC lost to unranked Oregon State, Florida lost to an Auburn team that's been beaten twice, Arkansas was humbled by USC at the start of the season at home, and Michigan beat Notre Dame in South Bend by 26 points.

But those four teams all have games left, and if the results don't swing enough votes, well, you know what's coming next. Given the BCS suits' uncontrollable desire to "tweak" the format — a half-dozen at last count — next year's innovation will be a "kiss-and-cry" area for coaches who get jobbed.

If somebody can explain what's so precious about the current format, beyond the nonsense about arguments being good for the game, let's hear it. The BCS has turned coaches into whiners and the college presidents who supposedly call the shots in the system into hypocrites. They want to protect the major conferences, the bowls and their TV partner

and decide nothing tougher than how to divvy up the take.

Those presidents claim a playoff would harm their student-athletes' chances at academic success, but Penn State coach Joe Paterno, a Big Ten colleague of Carr's with impeccable old-school credentials shot holes in that alibi a while back.

"Whenever the talk turns to having some kind of a playoff, they say you can't miss classes and yet we've already got NCAA playoffs (in every other college sport) and everything else. I mean, who's kidding who?" Paterno added. "They've got to try to figure out a way to get rid of it and the hypocrisy of money, money, money."

Those kids the current system pretends it wants to protect might be loaded down with schoolwork, but even they could find the time to write an essay that would clean this mess up in a heart-beat. It would be exactly one word long: Playoff.

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Saturday's Cryptoquote: NOT ONLY DOES BEAUTY FADE, BUT IT LEAVES A RECORD ON THE FACE AS TO WHAT BECAME OF IT. — ELBERT HUBBARD

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2006.
You'll discover the power of persuasion this year. You will stay on top of your game because of an innate resourcefulness. Others often seek you out for solutions. Lady Luck carries you through problems, which will help you eliminate a lot of stress in your life. You will also begin a new 11-year luck cycle. Christen it well. If you are single, someone quite special could pop into your life at any given moment, even in the next few days. You will have much to smile about. Just relax and be more in touch with your needs. You will know when the right person crosses your path. If you are attached, the two of you can build a very strong bond with even greater financial security. No matter what your status, you will make money. SAGITTARIUS understands money.

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)
***** If you bother to take in the big picture, you will be much happier. You could be amazed by what you notice. An insight, though uncomfortable, could be important. Don't worry — you need this information. Tonight: Take your time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
***** Work with individuals, as groups and meetings might be provocative. You might discover that someone sees you with a different perspective. New beginnings become possible when dealing with a partner. Tonight: Where the gang is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** Others want to try another

approach, and quite quickly at that. Speed does count. New beginnings become possible for those open to others' reactions. You are lucky and full of vaivoom. The unexpected occurs professionally. Tonight: A must appearance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
***** Your creativity comes through no matter what. You have ability and style. You have a unique way of handling someone, which adds to your allure. If you detach, you might see a situation far differently. Tonight: Easy does it. Where is your favorite chair?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***** You are playful, which is a good thing, as you could be dealing with someone who is quite difficult or temperamental. You are coming from a fundamentally anchored position. Tonight: You cannot control someone else's quirks.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
***** Basics count. You move in a new direction. You might perceive a situation differently once others finish acting up. Deal with the unanticipated reactions. Listen, and you'll come out smelling like a rose. Be independent. Tonight: Relieved to be home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
***** Speak your mind, but don't be surprised at what comes down your path. How you deal with someone could be very different from the norm. Your nerves could be strung out from too much excitement or change. Tonight: Hang out, but be ready for some lively moments.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
***** Expenses could go a bit overboard if you aren't careful. Understand what others expect, and you will be OK. Intensity is the name of the game. The unexpected

occurs when you are dealing with children and loved ones. Tonight: Be happy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
***** You are all smiles. You might want to rethink an opportunity. What goes on in your head could be very different from reality. Try expressing some of your optimism in a fashion that counts. Tonight: The world could be your oyster.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
***** You might want to rethink a situation more carefully. You might want to integrate what someone has to say. Listen to news that heads in your direction. Others mean well and actually could be a source of good news. Tonight: Get some R and R.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***** Sometimes you might not have the right answers or could be inordinately flustered. Know when to pull back and change gears. Emphasize your goals and long-term desires. Others appreciate what you do. Tonight: Hook up with your pals.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
***** You might need or want to try another approach. Others are demanding. At the same time, important information is heading in your direction. Taking an overview works! Tonight: Could be late.

BORN TODAY
Actress Juliet Mills (1941), singer, songwriter Livingston Taylor (1950), singer, Bjork (1965)

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Johnson caps dream season

HOMESTEAD, Fla. (AP) — Not long ago, Jimmie Johnson and Chad Knaus were considering a split.

The driver-crew chief combination worked well during the regular season — better, in fact, than almost any other — but when NASCAR's playoffs got going, something wasn't right. They couldn't carry their success through to the finish.

So car owner Rick Hendrick sat them down and made them decide if the relationship should continue.

They chose to stick it out. And this year, they worked it out.

No bad luck, no ill-timed wreck, no gremlin in the machinery was going to deny Johnson his long overdue Nextel Cup title Sunday.

"It was a decision we had to make — they really had to make — did they want to be together?" said Hendrick. "They made that decision, and when things got tough this year, they cinched it up between the two of them. They're as good of a combination as I've ever had in racing."

They proved it with a banner season. A Daytona 500 victory. A win at the prestigious Indianapolis Motor Speedway. All but four of the 22 regular-season weeks on top of the points standings.

But the No. 48 team was used to those kinds of accomplishments.

A first NASCAR championship? For the driver and team who had everything but, nothing could have come as a bigger relief.

"It's going to take a little bit of time for this to soak in, just to think what this team has accomplished and the year we've had," Johnson said. "Being a champion, it's the only thing I ever wanted to be."

He finally got his wish via a ninth-place finish at Homestead-Miami Speedway that sealed his championship by 56 points over Matt Kenseth, who finished the race ahead of Johnson, in sixth.

Greg Biffle won the Ford 400 for the third straight season, beating rookies Martin Truex Jr. and Denny Hamlin to the finish line. Kasey Kahne was fourth and Kevin Harvick rounded out the top five.

Juan Pablo Montoya, making the first Nextel Cup start of his budding NASCAR career, ran as high as 13th, but his race ended in a fiery wreck 16 laps from the finish.

When this Chase got rolling 10 weeks ago, few thought Johnson would win it. The most dominant driver of the regular season had wrecked out of the first Chase race, dropped to ninth in the standings and knew he'd need a furious rally.

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FOUND small lap-size white Shi-Tzu female puppy. No collar. 10th & Christine. 662-2190.

LOST IN 300 BLOCK OF EAST BROWN 2 YEAR OLD MALE ROTTWEILER, WEARING LARGE CHOKE CHAIN. REWARD 662-1071

14d Carpentry

Carpentry, Roofing, Re-placement windows, steel siding & trim Jerry Nicholas 669-9991, 662-8169

14e Carpet Serv.

NU-WAY Cleaning service, carpets, upholstery, walls, ceilings. Quality doesn't cost. It pays! No steam used. Bob Marx owner-operator. 665-3541, or from out of town, 800-536-5341.

14h Gen. Serv.

COX Fence Company. Repair old fence or build new. Free estimates. Call 669-7769.

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JH Concrete Work, slabs, sidewalks, driveways, additions, roofing, fences. Call lv. msg., I will return your call. Free Est. 806-382-5408

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HOUSE Cracking? In bricks or walls? Childers Brothers, Inc. 800-299-9563, 806-352-9563

CERAMIC tile work. Re-modeling floor, shower, kitchen. Texture, painting, dry wall. Free esti. Call 665-3453 leave message, Jesus Barraza.

14s Plumbing/Heat

JACK'S Plumbing & Faucet Shop, 715 W. Foster, 665-7115. Faucets, plumbing supplies, new constr., repair, remodeling, sewer / drain cleaning, septic systems installed. VISA/MC

Larry Baker Plumbing Heating/ Air Conditioning Borger Hwy. 665-4392

21 Help Wanted

NOTICE Readers are urged to fully investigate advertisements which require payment in advance for information, services or goods.

EXP. Maintenance person needed. Must have own tools. Call to apply 665-4274 or 806-433-6939

CDL position open. Dump truck exp. preferred. Day hauls only. Pre-employment drug test is required. Apply in person to Billie or Kenneth only. West Texas Landscape, 120 S. Hobart, Pampa.

NOW hiring all positions, hostess & waitstaff. Full-time. Apply in person before 11am & aft. 2pm, Dixie Cafe.

PRIVATE day school needing FT&PT day care workers. At least 1 yr. exp. preferred. 665-0703 ask for Cynthia or Chrissy

HAUL & Wench Truck Drivers. Must have CDL. Oilfield exp. req. 1724 McCullough, 665-0729.

Interim HealthCare

Is now taking applications for a **CASE MANAGER RN**

*Excellent Pay & Benefits Package Home Health Experience Preferred

Apply in person at, 1201 N. Hobart, Space D (Coronado Center) or online at www.interimhealthcare.com

Fresenius Medical Care World's Largest Integrated Dialysis Co. is now seeking qualified applicants for the following position:

Staff RN

RN Qualifications:
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Apply in person at: Pampa Dialysis Center 2545 Perryton Parkway Pampa, Texas 79065

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SEMCRUDE has openings for full time Bobtail & Transport Drivers in the Pampa and surrounding areas, must have Class A CDL with X endorsement and meet DOT qualifications. Excellent benefit package incl. medical, dental, vision & life ins.; along with a 401K package, paid vacation, sick and holidays. Please apply at www.semgroup.com/careers or call 806-934-7505 for application.

YARD/SALES Person. Highly self-motivated. Full time. White House Lumber, 101 S. Ballard.

FULL & Part-Time Janitorial Serv. taking appli. Dr. license req. Will train. 665-2667.

NEED Industrial Journeyman Electrician. License req. Exc. salary, insurance, exc. retirement plan. 4 day work week. 806-878-2060 for interview.

RN Needed for DON position. Borger Healthcare Center. Please fax resume to 806-274-5976 attention James.

LVN 12 hour shifts Every other weekend Only work 15 days per month Borger Healthcare Center Please fax resume to 806-274-5976, attention James

FULL-TIME employment. Must be 18 yrs. Insurance, vacation & sick leave. Retirement plan offered. Bartlett's Lumber, 500 W. Brown, Pampa.

MAINTENANCE man needed for Pampa area apt. complex. Random drug testing. Call 806-665-1875

***TRUCK DRIVER* New Pay Increase!** 401k, medical ins. & pd. vacation. Must have current CDL, pass drug test, DOT physical, good driving record.

BOURLAND LEVERICH SUPPLY Hwy. 152 West Pampa, Tx. Apply in person 8 am-5 pm, Mon.-Fri.

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DEPENDABLE, hard-working with open availability. Possible chef management positions available.

KFC Apply in person 2201 N. Hobart, Pampa

ST. Ann's Nursing Home has 2 openings for CNAs, 7-3 & 3-11. Full-time. Excellent benefits. Will assist with Certification. Panhandle, 537-3194.

PART Time Nursery Workers needed, Hours to be determined. If interested please call: Cornerstone Baptist Church, 669-6509

JANITORIAL Bids are being accepted by Cornerstone Baptist Church, for cleaning our new building. If interested call 669-6509.

TEXAS Rose Steakhouse is now hiring for all positions. Please apply in person

ELECTRIC Motor & Equipment is now hiring all shop positions. Apply in person, 725 S. Price Rd

TOP O' Texas Oilfield Service needs Class A CDL Drivers. Benefits. Apply 408 S. Price Rd.

STEAMER Operator. Experience required. Benefits. Apply in person, 408 S. Price Rd., Pampa.

CORONADO Health Care Center is needing dietary cooks & dietary aides. Please apply in person, 1504 W. Kentucky.

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Transport Drivers Needed We want you to haul CO2 for us!!! Welcome Offering Sign-On Bonus Reliant Transportation is an established company looking for good qualified drivers for day and night driving positions and who are willing to work with the following benefits

*Scheduled Days Off
*Home most nights
*Night position higher rate
*Local hauling
*Nice equipment
*Medical Ins. Benefits
*401K Plan
*Scheduled Paid Vacation
*No 24 Hour On-Call
If you have a clean driving record, current Class A CDL with HazMat / Tanker endorsement and 2 yrs driving exp., we would like to hear from you. All applicants must be able to pass drug / alcohol testing and a background check will be performed.

Please Call 888-339-0599 For More Info.

PARKVIEW Hospital Home Health in Wheeler, needs a Part-Time RN. Pick up resume 306 E. 9th or call Susan 826-1370.

ST. Ann's Nursing Home in Panhandle has an opening for a Full-Time Evening Cook's Helper. Hours are 12:30 to approx. 8:30pm. Must be able to work weekends. Exc. benefits. 537-3194.

PART-TIME RN is needed on weekends. St. Ann's Nursing Home in Panhandle. 537-3194.

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THE City of Canadian will be taking applications or resumes for Service Workers in the Public Works Department. Must be able to learn to operate all equipment owned by the City of Canadian. Must be High School graduate and have a valid Texas driver's license. \$10 per hour, minimum, depending on qualifications. Paid vacations and full City benefits, incl. exc. retirement plan. Applications and job requirements may be picked up at City Hall, 6 Main Street, Canadian, TX 79014, Mon. thru Fri., 9am-5pm. The City of Canadian is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

NOW hiring individual w/ CDL A or B w/ HazMat & Tanker Endorsement. Good starting pay. Medical insurance avail. Off weekends. 806-683-5649

FREE FIREWOOD You cut & haul 779-2115

69a Garage Sales NEARLY NEW has expanded to be able to accept gently used furni., incl. baby furni. & equip. 2216 N. Hobart, Pampa, 665-3860.

DEBBIE'S Used Furniture. We buy & sell. 903 S. Main, Borger, 273-2905, 886-0268 Mon.-Sat.

FROM and Estate. 100s of VHS movies \$2 ea., records \$1.50. Red Barn, 1420 S. Barnes, Sat. 10-5

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2 horse bumper pull trailer, good floor, tires, lights. Call 669-6851.

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Chamber

New business welcomed



Courtesy photo

The Top O' Texan's recently welcomed Accolade Home Care to the Chamber. Goldcoaters were Susan Winborne, Darville Orr, Mary McDaniel, Gladys Vanderpool, Larry Baker, June Beyer, and Jerry Foote. Representing Accolade Home Care are Debbie Archer, Viviana Nunez, Veronica Kirkwood, Thomas Reynolds, Lisa Espe, Jamie Holland, Gayla Chester, Jeree Woods, Suzanne Courtney, Anita Smith and Kim Guinn. We would like to welcome you to the Chamber of Commerce!

Letter from the desk of the executive director

Asked to write a composition titled, "What I'm thankful for on Thanksgiving," a student wrote, "I am thankful that I'm not a turkey."

We do have a lot to be thankful for, don't we? We are very fortunate to live in the Texas Panhandle, and are blessed with strong family and community ties.

As we approach this upcoming Holiday, I hope you'll join me in saying thank you to those you cross paths with, and share a smile with them. It'll make Pampa an ever better place to call home.

And maybe you can share these thoughts with them:

Knock, knock!

Who's there?

Arthur.

Arthur who?

Arthur any leftovers?

How can you tell a male turkey from a female turkey?

The male is the one holding the remote control.

And my favorite:

The restaurant owner from California that wanted to know how to roast a turkey for a vegetarian menu.

Happy Holidays!

Pat Vanderpool
Executive Director
Pampa Chamber of Commerce

SHOP PAMPA & WIN
Shop at any of these participating businesses between November 7th and December 1st and **YOU** could win!

Visit each participating business for details on how to receive your drawing tickets. Then, bring your tickets to the drawings for a chance to win. The first drawing will be at approximately 3:45 pm in front of Tarpley Music. The second drawing will be at approximately 5:30 pm in front of Dunlap's. Two lucky people will win \$600 worth of Pampa Bucks.

YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!

New members

Community Christian School
220 N. Ballard
Pampa, TX

New Life Assembly of God
1435 N. Sumner
Pampa, TX

Red Deer Villa RV Ranch
2100 Montagu
Pampa, TX

ASI Consulting, Inc.
1224 N. Hobart Suite 202
Pampa, TX

2006 PAMPA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CHRISTMAS PARADE

We would like to invite everyone to join the Pampa Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 2nd at 2:00 p.m.

The parade theme this year is "WALKING IN A WINTER WONDERLAND".

The parade will begin forming at 1:00 pm on Saturday, December 2nd in the M. K. Brown Auditorium parking lot. Please enter the parking lot through the West entrance off of Sumner St. on the South side of the auditorium. If dropping someone off, please circle around and exit out the West exit on to Sumner St. on the North side of the auditorium. The parade will begin promptly at 2:00 p.m.

You are welcome to throw candy during this year's parade! However, please DO NOT have anyone on your float dressed as SANTA! The only Santa in the parade will be the "official" Santa at the end of the parade. We ask that you PLEASE be considerate of this rule.

Please fill out the form below and return it to the Chamber office by no later than November 27, 2006. We look forward to your participation. ALL ENTRIES ARE FREE AND WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO BE PART OF THIS YEAR'S PARADE.

Name of Organization: _____ Contact Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____ Phone: _____
Type of Entry (ie float, dancers, pickup, etc.): _____

Please circle the appropriate category for your entry:

COMMERCIAL	NON-COMMERCIAL	RELIGIOUS
CLASSIC CARS	HORSES	BICYCLES
ANTIQUUE CARS	MOTORCYCLE/4 WHEELER	

You may return this form by mail to Pampa Chamber of Commerce, 200 N. Ballard or by fax to 806-3244

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