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Polls open at 7 a.m. Tuesday for election day **By MARILYN POWERS** Staff Writer

A general election will be held Tuesday with 16 state constitutional amendments on the ballot for all Gray County residents.

There are 16 amendment propositions. Voters who reside in the city of Pampa also have the opportunity to vote on a proposition that would allow Pampa Fire Department firefighters to engage in collective bargaining.

Registered voters in 10 house- ment. holds in an area of the county which is included in Miami Independent School District may also vote for a school trustee. Candidates are Shawn E. Ishmael, Kay Thompson and Rusty Early.

The collective bargaining proposition, if passed, would enable representatives of Pampa Professional Fire Fighters to talk directly to city commissioners and negotiate for items such as benefits and equip-

Currently, firefighters may tell their superiors about any issues and concerns; interaction between Pampa Fire Department and city government is usually accomplished

via PFD Chief Kim Powell. Collective bargaining would not allow the firefighters to go on strike or hold lockouts or work slowdowns, since they are emergency service personnel and are prohibited by law from doing so. All 23 Pampa fire-

fighters are members of PPFF. Voting hours Tuesday are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The list of polling places is: Precinct 1, Lefors Community Center, 103 N. Court, Lefors; Precinct 2, Lovett Memorial Library, 111 N. Houston, Pampa; Precinct 3, Grandview-Hopkins School: Precinct 4, Lovett Library, 302 N. Main, McLean; Precinct 5, First See VOTE, Page 3

'Shop Pampa and Win' campaign begins today

By KERRI SMITH Staff Writer

Most of the time when you shop at local businesses you just get a great product to take home and that's the end of the transaction.

But starting today, you can benefit by shopping at certain businesses around town by having a chance to win one of two \$600 drawings for Pampa Bucks.

The annual "Shop Pampa and Win" campaign sponsored by Pampa Chamber of Commerce begins today and runs through Dec. 7.

Participating businesses that will give away drawing tickets are Aaron's Sale and Lease, Sears, West Texas Landscape, Texas Furniture, One Stop Flooring, The Coffee Shop, Heard and Jones Healthmart, Wayne's Western Wear, Frank's True Value, United Supermarket, Coney Island and Peggy's Place.

Chamber The of Commerce is also accepting entries for the Christmas Parade starting today through Nov. 27.

The parade will begin When purchases are made forming at 1 p.m. Dec. 8 in during this time at certain the M.K. Brown parking lot and will kick off at 2 p.m. traveling from M.K. Brown through downtown. Entry into the parade is free and everyone is welcome to toss candy to bystanders along the route. Categories for the parade are commercial, classic cars, antique cars, non-commercial, horses, motorcycles / four wheelers, religious and bicycles. For questions about Shop Pampa and Win or the Christmas Parade, contact Chamber of



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The first drawing to give away \$600 in Pampa Bucks will be held immediately following the Christmas Parade, which is scheduled for 2 p.m. Dec. 8, in front of Rheams Diamond Shop, 111 N. Cuyler.

The second drawing, which is also for \$600 in Pampa Bucks, will be held that same day at 5 p.m. in Pampa front of The Plaza III in Commerce at 669-3241. Coronado Center.

Hoover Volunteer Firefighters, Texas Department of Transportation and Douthit Wrecker Service officials work around the auto-truck crash site near the Little Red School House today.

Man injured in morning crash

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

A Louisiana man suffered minor cuts today in a pre-dawn car-truck crash north of Pampa.

James Morris Vidrine, 69, of Eunice, La., was northbound on Texas Highway 70 when he was in collision shortly before 7 a.m. today with a BMW sedan driven by Stefanie Henderson, 40, of Amarillo. Henderson, a teacher in Perryton, was eastbound on FM

282. The impact spun the BMW around, knocking down a stop sign on FM 282 on the east side of Texas 70 and landing the car in a bar ditch in the northeast corner of the intersection. The crash smashed the car's front

The pickup rolled, coming to rest on the driver's side in a field just north of FM 282. Vidrine had to kick out the windshield to escape the cab of the truck.





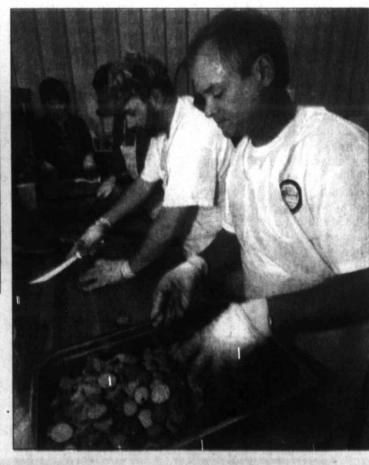
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Right - Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER Top - Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH At right, From front to back, Ronnie Williams, Aaron Urbanczyk, Doug Warminski and Bala Warminski slice sausage and put it in pans for the buffet table at Sacred Heart Catholic Church's annual Polish Sausage Festival held Sunday. Above, From left, Matt Craig, Kade Craig and Logan Siler enjoy eating at the festival.



Pampa man victim of armed robber

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

A Pampa resident was the victim of an armed robbery Saturday morning after a man came to his door asking about vehicles for sale, according to Gray County Sheriff's Office reports.

 Deputies were dispatched to a house on East Tyng Street at about 9:15 a.m. Saturday after receiving a call reporting a robbery, said GCSO Lt. Joe B. Hoard.

"The victim said someone had come to his door and was asking about vehicles for sale," Hoard said. "He stepped outside to talk to the man. The man pointed a pistol at him and made him go

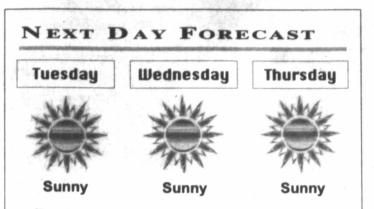
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Shop Pampa & Win Participating Businesses: Wayne's Western Wear, Aaron's Sales & Lease, Heard & Jones Healthmart, Texas Furniture, The Coffee Shop, Sears, One Stop Flooring, West Texas Landscape, Frank's True Value, United Grocery, The Coney Island and Peggy's Place. Shop Between Nov. 5th and Dec. 7th at these businesses to receive your drawing tickets. Two drawings for \$600 in Pampa Bucks, First at Rheams Diamond Shop following the Christmas Parade, the second in front of The Plaza III at 5:00 P.M. YOU MUST **BE PRESENT TO WIN!** For more information call the Chamber at 669-3241.

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Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 57. Wind chill values between 23 and 33 early. East northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south southeast.

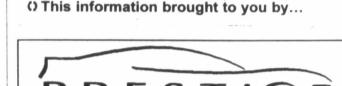
Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 34. Wind chill values between 27 and 32. South wind around 10 mph.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 71. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 43. South southeast wind around 10 mph becoming west northwest.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 72. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 41 East southeast wind around 5 mph.



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After eventful days, shuttle Discovery unlocks, heads home

HOUSTON (AP) — After shuttle Atlantis and its major a week and a half of intense and unprecedented work, the astronauts aboard shuttle Discovery undocked from the international space station on Monday to begin their two-day journey home.

"Thank you guys for the module and all your help," space station commander Peggy Whitson said as Discovery pulled away from the orbiting outpost.

Discovery's crew arrived at the station on Oct. 25 and quickly accomplished the ambitious tasks of moving a massive solar power tower and installing the module, a school bus-sized compartment that will serve as a docking port for future laboratories

cargo — a new European lab in December.

Shortly after undocking, the shuttle flew a full lap around the station, primarily so crew members could take pictures of the outpost's new configuration. Engineers were particularly interested in seeing how the newly mended solar wing was affected by the vibrations of undocking.

problems Computer forced pilot George Zamka to navigate the loop without help from software that provides information about the shuttle's path. But Discovery commander Pamela Melroy and Mission Control said he did a perfect job.





W.E. Combs, 86

HOWARDWICK — W.E. of Clarendon. Combs, 86, died Friday,

November 2, 2007, in Amarillo. Graveside Services were

held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, November 5, 2007, in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon with Rev. Dave Stout, pastor of the First **Baptist** Church of Howardwick, officiating.

Burial was in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon by **Robertson Funeral Directors**

years ago. He was a member Mr. Combs was born August 12, 1921, of the Clarendon Country in Paradise, Texas to Worthy Eugene and Olie Erick Combs. He married Joyce Marr on February 17, 1949, at Hereford. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, and was a compressor operator for Pioneer Natural Gas and later Cabot Corp. before retiring.

He was a resident of Pampa for 25 years before

Emergency Services

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

Friday, Nov. 2 Three traffic stops were

made. A traffic complaint was reported in the 900 block of Twiford.

An accident was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Animal control officers made calls concerning animals in the 1300 block of Mary Ellen, the 1100 block of Frost, the 700 block of Malone, the 1000 block of Frost, the 1700 block of Dogwood, the intersection of 23rd and Christine, the 1000 block of Finley, the 600 block of South Cuyler and the 100 block of South Faulkner.

Agency assistance was provided in the 300 block of Tignor.

Lost property was reported in the police department lobby.

Welfare checks were made in the 1200 block of Hobart and the intersection of Kentucky and Sumner.

Civil matters were reported in the police department lobby and in the 2800 block

police department lobby. Burglary was reported in the 800 block of North

where tools and a lawnmower valued at \$170 were stolen.

One alarm was reported. Saturday, Nov. 3

Eight traffic stops were made which resulted in three arrests.

Motorist assistance was provided at the intersection of Hobart and 19th Street.

A traffic complaint was reported in the 200 block of Miami.

An accident was reported at the intersection of Tyng and Starkweather.

Animal control officers made calls concerning animals in the 1000 block of Huff, the 300 block of Baer and the 1300 block of Mary Ellen.

Agency assistance was provided near the intersection of Brown and Gillespie and in the 12000 block of East Frederic.

Welfare checks were made in the 2100 block of Lea and 1000 block of North Sumner.

Fraud was reported in the Duncan and the 600 block of North Dwight.

Agency assistance was reported in the 400 block of East Brown and the 700 block of Scott.

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Association for many years.

He was a member of the

First Baptist Church of

wife, Joyce of Howardwick;

two sons, Claude Combs and

wife Cathie of Amarillo, and

Arizona; three grandchil-

Charles Combs of Chandler,

Charles Michael

Survivors include his

Howardwick.

dren,

A 911 hang-up was reported in the 2200 block of Dogwood and the 700 block of North Hobart.

A civil matter was reported in the 500 block of North Dwight which resulted in an arrest.

A suspicious person was reported in the 100 block of South Ballard and the 100 block of East Craven.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of Carr and the 300 block of Anne where the front window of a house was broken.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 900 block of East Francis, the 500 block of Magnolia, the 200 block of Miami and the 1000 block of North Wells.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 500 block of Starkweather.

A narcotics violation was reported in the police department lobby.

A prowler was reported in the 600 block of Naida which resulted in an arrest and in the 1500 block of

Combs of College Station, William Edward Combs of Amarillo, and Lindsey Marie Combs of Amarillo; a cousin; two nieces; and two nephews.

MEMORIALS -The family request memorials be to the First Baptist

Church of Howardwick Building Fund.

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of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for driving while license invalid with previous conviction.

Jorge Alejandro Perez, 18, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for no driver's license and no insurance.

Breakell Courtney Johnson, 19, of Pampa was arrested by PPD on capias pro fines for failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear.

Joshua Kane Seymour, 20, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for on a bond surrender for possession of stolen property, two counts of possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to appear.

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 48-hour weekend period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Nov. 3

8:34 a.m. - Two units and six personnel responded to the 1400 block of South Hobart on a medical standby.

12:15 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 300 block of Tignor on a lifting assist.

6:29 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 1900 block of Kentucky on a car fire. 10:16 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1800 block of Holly on a medical assist.

Nelson. Theft was reported in the 200 block of North Wells

But their toughest assignment emerged when one of the newly installed tower's wings ripped in two places as it was being unfurled.

Fearing the damage could worsen and the wing could be ruined, NASA sent a spacewalking astronaut far from the safety of the station to make emergency repairs on what amounted to a live electrical generator.

Saturday's history-making spacewalk has allowed the space agency to push forward with plans to launch the

"We would never know that he doesn't have the data. It looks great," Mission Control said.

Astronaut Daniel Tani, who flew to the station aboard Discovery and will remain in orbit for two months, radioed the shuttle crew a last goodbye as they finished circling the outpost.

"I miss you already," he said. "Fly safe. Get home safe. I'll see you on the ground."

'Yep, we'll see you on the ground," Melroy replied.

Body found in Sabine River

BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) Authorities have recovered a body from the Sabine River, several days after an 18-year-old man fell out of a capsized canoe and disappeared.

Saturday's discovery by searchers with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries was the second recovery of a body from the Sabine in as many days.

The Orange County Sheriff's Office said searchers found the body near the Calcasieu Parish shore.

Calcasieu Parish coroner's investigator Zeb Johnson said authorities were working to confirm whether the body was 18year-old Roger Frank of Orange.

of Charles.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1000 block of Russell

Suspicious persons were reported in the 600 block of North Christy, the 400 block of East Frederic and the 2400 block of Charles.

An open door was reported in the 1000 block of South Sumner where the door jamb and window were damaged and power tools were taken.

A violation of Texas Beverage Alcoholic Commission was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of Sierra, the 700 block of Lefors and the 1400 block of Evergreen.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 2600 block of Charles.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2400 block of Charles.

Domestic disturbance was reported in the 800 block of South Barnes, the 1600 block of North Sumner and 1600 block the of Somerville, which resulted in an arrest.

Warrant service was attempted at one location which resulted in an arrest.

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A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 2800 block of Charles.

A suspicious person was reported near the intersection of Frederic and Barnes and in the 1100 block of Alcock.

A civil matter was reported in the 500 block of Frost, which resulted in an arrest. Criminal mischief was

reported in the 1100 block of McCullough where the side window of a Pampa police unit, valued at \$228, was shot out, in the 1600 block of Lincoln and in the 700 block of South Barnes where a side window of a vehicle was shot out with a BB gun.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 900 block of Varnon, the 500 block of Starkweather and the 1700 block of Aspen. A domestic disturbance

was reported in the 500 block of Starkweather. A prowler was reported in

the 400 block of Short. Theft was reported in the

200 block of West 30th. Burglary was reported in block 400 the of Starkweather where the back door was damaged with an estimated value of \$100, but nothing was taken from the residence.

Robbery was reported in the 1200 block of Tyng.

Two alarms were reported. Attemptsto serve were nade at four locations.

Sunday, Nov. 4 Seven traffic stops were made.

Traffic complaints were reported in the 200 block of Miami and the 300 block of Brown.

Motorist assistance was provided in the at the intersection of Hobart and Kentucky.

An accident was reported in the 1000 block of North Sumner.

checks were Welfare made in the 1200 block of North Sumner.

One alarm was reported. Monday, Nov. 5

A traffic complaint was reported at the intersection of Cinderella and Primrose.

Agency assistance was provided in the 100 block of East Starkweather.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 500 block of Starkweather and the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 2100 block of Perryton Parkway.

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

Saturday, Nov. 3

Zonia Salasar Zepeda, 28, of Pampa was arrested in the 100 block of West Crawford Pampa Police bv Department on a capias pro fine for failure to maintain financial responsibility. Sunday, Nov. 4

Erik Vensor Olivas, 20, of Pampa was arrested in the 900 block of East Travis by PPD for minor in possession of alcohol.

Manuel Venzos Olivas, 23, of Pampa was arrested in the 900 block of East Travis by PPD for purchasing and furnishing a minor with alcohol.

Younny Olivas, 17, of Pampa was arrested in the 900 block of East Travis by PPD for minor in possession of alcohol.

Luis Angel Lopez, 18, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for violation of probation - possession of marijuana.

Dan Allen Bailey, 63, of Pampa was arrested in the 1000 block of Neel by PPD on capias pro fines for failure to change address, possession of drug paraphernalia, theft under \$50, two counts of failure to appear and violation of a city ordinance - no running water. David Wayne Trekell, 39,

Sunday, Nov. 4

8:25 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1500 block of Dogwood on a lifting assist.

9:15 p.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to the 2300 block of Aspen on a smoke scare.

Guardian EMS Ambulance reported the following calls for the weekend period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Nov. 3

8:59 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Garland and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

9:07 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to South Highway 70. No transport.

10:16 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Holly and transported a patient to PRMC.

Sunday, Nov. 4

8:15 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of Dogwood and transported a patient to PRMC.

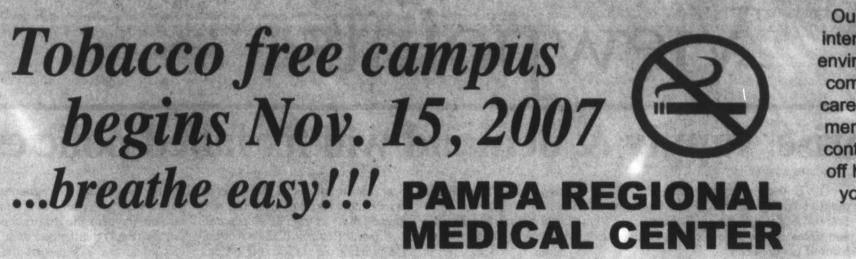
12:41 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.

3:02 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1800 block of Banks and transported a patient to PRMC.

5:23 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of Wells and transported a patient to PRMC.

7:47 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Veterans Administration Medical Center in Amarillo.

8:45 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of West Somerville and transported a patient to PRMC.



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The Pampa Kiwanis Club recently presented Travis music teacher Kay Pittman with a \$500 check to go toward the school's 9th Annual Veterans Day program, which is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Friday at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Handing the check to Pittman is Kiwanis member Lynn Allison. Also pictured are the kindergarten classes of Kristie Troxell and Kendra Cooper, which include Yazmin Badillo-Hernandez, Brian Bedolla, Matthew Blanco, Alondra Chavez, Cristal Diaz-Gonzalez, Emmanuel Hernandez-Zavala, Adamari Lopez, Pedro Majia, Ismael Olivas-Venzor, Cristian Ponce, Kevin Quazada-Zubia, Alan Carrasco, McKenna Cavalier, Juan Cordova, Audrey Cotton, Kayla Dewey, Zoe Fry, Emma Gill, Braden Gowin, Kaylee Ham, Michael Loftis-Valesquez, Chantel Munguia, Karl Parks, Ariana Perez, Mallorie Petty, Christian Porter, Sholby Reeve, Georgina Silva, Oscar Silva, Deylynn Thomas, Cooper Trolinger and Logan Wood.

White House told to answer subpoenas to Bush's aides

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Judiciary Lawmakers demanded a transcript and the Committee Chairman John Conyers exhort-

negotiations stalled

Study: Lack of sleep may lead to obesity in children

CHICAGO (AP) Here's another reason to get the kids to bed early: More sleep may lower their risk of becoming obese.

Researchers have found that every additional hour per night a third-grader spends sleeping reduces the child's chances of being obese in sixth grade by 40 percent.

The less sleep they got, the more likely the children were to be obese in sixth grade, no matter what the child's weight was in third grade, said Dr. Julie Lumeng of the University of Michigan, who led the research.

If there was a magic number for the third-graders, it was nine hours, 45 minutes of sleep. Sleeping more than that lowered the risk significantly.

The study gives parents one more reason to enforce bedtimes, restrict caffeine and yank the TV from the bedroom. The study appears in the November issue of the journal Pediatrics.

Lack of sleep plays havoc with two hormones that are the "yin and yang of appetite regulation," said endocrinologist Eve Van Cauter of the

was not involved in the new cities. study.

In experiments by Van Cauter and others, sleepdeprived adults produced more ghrelin, a hormone that promotes hunger, and less leptin, a hormone that signals fullness.

explanation: Another exercise and more likely to sit on the couch and eat cookies, Lumeng said.

Dr. Stephen Sheldon, director of sleep medicine at Chicago's Children's Memorial Hospital, praised the study and called for more research. He said children's sleep may be disturbed by breathing problems — some caused by overweight, such as sleep apnea, and some caused by enlarged tonsils and adenoids.

"I'm not so sure we have enough information yet on cause and effect," said Sheldon, who was not involved in the study.

Researchers used data from an existing federal study and focused on 785 children with complete information on sleep, and height and weight in the third grade and sixth grade.

University of Chicago, who The children lived in 10 U.S.

Mothers were asked: "How much sleep does your child get each day (including naps)?" On average, the third-graders got about 9 1/2 hours sleep, but some slept as little as seven hours and others as much as 12 hours.

Of the children who slept Tired kids are less likely to 10 to 12 hours a day, about 12 percent were obese by sixth grade. Many more -22 percent — were obese in sixth grade of those who slept less than nine hours a day.

> The researchers took into account other risk factors for obesity, such as the children's body mass index in third grade, and still found the link between less sleep in third grade and obesity in sixth grade.



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ed the White House today to comply with subpoenas of President Bush's key confidants in connection with a probe of U.S. attorney firings.

In so doing, the Michigan Democrat raised the specter of a House floor vote by Thanksgiving on contempt of Congrectional tions against chief of staff Joshua B⁷ .en and former legal counsel Harriet Miers.

"As we submit the committee's contempt report to the full House, 1 am writing one more time to seek to resolve this issue on a cooperative basis," Convers said in a letter to White House counsel Fred Fielding.

Conyers wants testimony and documents from Bolten and Miers on whether the Justice Department's purge of nine federal prosecutors last winter was carried out at the White House's behest.

Also in Conyers' sights: Karl Rove, the architect of Bush's rise to the White House and a top political adviser who left last summer.

A contempt report was being delivered to the House clerk on Monday, and a vote by the full House would happen next week if Fielding refuses to provide the information the Judiciary panel is demanding, according to several House Democratic aides.

The White House showed no signs of budging, calling Conyers' effort "futile" and a waste of Congress' time.

"This Congress is proving to be the all time champion of investigations," said White House spokesman Tony Fratto. "If the Judiciary Committee really wanted facts instead of headlines, they should have accepted the president's offer of accommodation to interview current and former advisors."

Fielding has declared that the information Conyers seeks is off-limits to lawmakers under the doctrine of executive privilege, but offered to make officials and documents available to the committee behind closed doors — not under oath and off the record.

Keeping the U.S. attorney controversy alive are several political and administrative developments, including the pending Senate vote on the confirmation of Michael Mukasey as attorney general. Unlike former Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, Mukasey during his confirmation hearings did not rule out prosecuting Miers and Bolten for contempt of Congress.

The committee was expected to file the contempt report with the clerk of the House later Monday, several Democratic officials said. If passed by the House, the contempt citation would be referred to the office of the U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia.

In what he said was his ninth letter to the White House on this issue, Conyers said he was trying one last time to reach an agreement on the release of the information.

The proposal included an initial release of communications between White House officials and others on the firings, according to Conyers' letter to Fielding. The White House would then make available for confidential staff review any remaining internal White House documents on the same subjects.

Finally, Miers, Rove and other, lowerranking current and former White House officials would be interviewed along the lines of Fielding's previous offer of private testimony not under oath. Convers insisted on a transcript of any such question-andanswer sessions, however. That's a condition that Fielding so far has rejected.

Conyers asked Monday that Fielding reply by end of the week. Congress goes on a twoweek recess in mid-November.

Conyers' panel passed a contempt resolution against Miers and Bolten July 25 after the two failed to respond to subpoenas compelling the information as part of the probe into the firings. The House investigation, which moved in cooperation with a probe by the Senate Judiciary Committee, spurred the controversy that led to Gonzales' resignation in September.

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back inside."

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"The victim showed him

where his wallet was," dent. Hoard said. "He took the

wallet and a couple of other

things and left out the front

The robber was not rec-

door."

"There are apparently no witnesses other than the complainant," Hoard said.

Taken were the victim's wallet containing an undisclosed amount of cash, along with a checkbook and credit cards.

Anyone with information on the incident may call the sheriff's office at 669-8022.

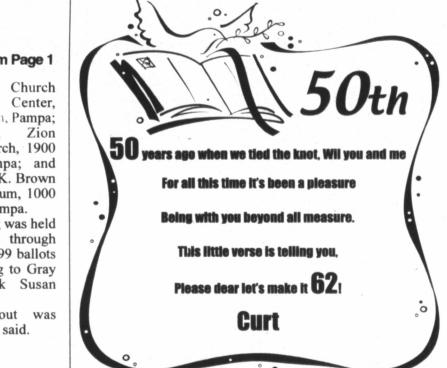
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Church Christian Family Life Center, 1633 N. Nelson, Pampa; Precinct 6, Zion Lutheran Church, 1900 Duncan, Pampa; and Precinct 7, M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium, 1000 N. Sumner, Pampa.

Early voting was held from Oct. 22 through Friday, with 399 ballots cast, according to Gray County Clerk Susan Winborne.

"The turnout was very low," she said.





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Viewpoints

Free enterprise, supply & demand will fix failed policies

Many politicians believe every imaginable problem can be solved by government.

For example, take the climate change and energy issues.

More than 900 bills have been filed in Washington. Some deal with the environmental issues; some deal with tax issues; and some deal with supply and demand issues

All, however, have a "solution" to the perceived problem.

Someone once said that we study history because history often repeats itself. It appears that the leadership of the U.S. House and Senate are traveling down the same path that was once traveled in 1979.

The House already has passed a punitive tax bill that takes \$16 billion out of the oil and gas industry and gives it to exotic fuels in the form of tax credits.

In 1979, President Jimmy Carter proposed "the most massive peacetime commitment of funds and resources in the nation's history."

Its aim: to cut oil imports in half by 1990. Its cost: estimated at \$142 billion. Its funding: an excise tax on decontrolled domestic crude oil, called by the administration a "windfall profits tax."

Instead of cutting imports in half they doubled. The \$142 billion program never got off the ground, but the "windfall profits tax" took some \$70 billion away from indus-

gas reserves.

What Carter failed to take into consideration was the most power-

Alex Mills Columnist

ful economic tool in his arsenal: free enterprise and the power of supply and demand.

All of his advisers expected crude oil to rise forever eventually reaching \$100 per barrel. Well, his mammoth, government-knows-

try for development of new oil and best ideas led to higher energy prices, double digit inflation, and interest rates as high as 20 percent.

Ronald Reagan defeats Carter. He decontrols crude oil prices immediately. Prices begin to fall, because of a glut of oil on the market. Oil hits bottom in 1986 at \$10 per barrel from a high of \$40 in 1982. And, Reagan didn't have to spend \$142 billion of taxpayers money to get it done. The marketplace did it for him.

The current Congressional leadership wants to revert to those failed policies of the 1970s.

George Bernard Shaw wrote that: "A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul."

The energy and environmental policies of the leadership appear to be a big payback the environmental groups (Paul) that helped them get elected at the expense of the oil industry (Peter).

Texas Alliance of Energy Producers, which represents more than 3,000 members in 25 states. The opinions expressed are those of the author and do not necessarily represent the opinions and/or policies of the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers. Mr. Mills can be reached

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Nov. 5, the 309th day of 2007. There are 56 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 5, 1605, the "Gunpowder Plot" failed as Guy Fawkes was seized before he could blow up the English Parliament.

On this date:

In 1857, muckraking journalist Ida M. Tarbell was born in Erie County, Pa.

In 1872, suffragist Susan B. Anthony defied the law by attempting to vote for President Ulysses S. Grant. (She was convicted by a judge and fined \$100 but never paid the fine.)

In 1895, George B. Selden of Rochester, N.Y., received the first U.S. patent for an "improved Road Engine."

In 1912, Woodrow Wilson was elected president, defeating Progressive Party candidate Theodore Roosevelt and incumbent Republican William Howard Taft.

In 1940, President Franklin D. Roosevelt won an unprece-

'Imagination is the only key to the future. Without it none exists -- with it all things are possible."

Ida M. Tarbell

dented third term in office as he defeated Republican challenger Wendell L. Willkie.

In 1946, Republicans captured control of both the Senate and the House in midterm elections.

In 1968, Richard M. Nixon won the presidency, defeating Vice President Hubert H. and



Bush puts kabosh on fruitcake trade ...

American journalist (1857-1944)

Humphrey American Independent candidate George C. Wallace. In 1985, Spencer W.

Kimball, president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, died at age 90; he was succeeded by Ezra Taft Benson.

In 1987, Supreme Court nominee Douglas H. Ginsburg admitted using marijuana several times in the 1960s and 70s, calling it a mistake. (Ginsburg ended up withdrawing his nomination.)

In 1990, Rabbi Meir Kahane, the Brooklyn-born Israeli extremist, was shot to death at a New York hotel. (Egyptian native El Sayyed Nosair was convicted of the slaying in federal court.)

Ten years ago: The House overwhelmingly approved a bill calling for the most far-reaching changes at the Internal Revenue Service in 45 years.

Five years ago: In midterm elections, Republicans won control of both houses of Congress and claimed a majority of the governors' races. Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman Harvey Pitt resigned under pressure after a series of political missteps that had embarrassed the White House.

Randy Johnson won his record-tying fourth straight National League Cy Young Award.

One year ago: Saddam Hussein was convicted and sentenced by the Iraqi High Tribunal to hang for crimes against humanity.



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I had been thinking recently that I might start a business that would export fruitcakes to the Iranian Revolutionary Guard. That was the most appropriate export I could think of. But the president has put the kibosh on that idea with his tough new sanctions.

Despite always being described as tough, sanctions imposed by Congress or the president apply only to Americans. Anybody in any other country who might like to sell fruitcakes to the Iranians is free to do so.

My point is that sanctions are generally stupid, since they affect only American businesses. As much as the president and Congress might wish otherwise, U.S. laws apply only in the U.S. American businesses can be barred from doing business with a country that displeases American politicians, but the ban doesn't apply anywhere else.

And it does seem to me that I have at least heard rumors that today there is something called a global economy. Americans can't invest in Cuba or in any of the other countries on the politicians' scat list, but Europeans, Asians and others can and do. Other than substituting empty gestures for real action and appeasing domestic lobbies, I really don't see what good sanctions do. It's no longer 1945. We are not the only surviving industrial power. No matter what product you desire, you can find it in lots of other countries.

This empty gesture is just part of the

Texas Thoughts.

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

n Oct. 29

Fort Worth Star-Telegram on private tolls in Texas:

During this year's legislative session, Texas had an "oh, wait, hold on, don't do that" moment on privately funded tollways. Fair enough, but now it's time to figure out what the state should do, including how to pay for what the state's highway czar calls a \$100 billion shortfall in money needed for essential highway projects. Ric Williamson, the Weatherford

businessman who is chairman of the Texas Transportation Commission, says "the entire future of the state transbuildup to attacking Iran militarily. As some noted expert recently said, you have to be living on a different planet to imagine that Iran is or ever would be a threat to the world. Unfortunately, the president and the vice president apparently do live on another planet, because after a number of lies, they attacked two countries that were even less of a threat than Iran could ever hope to be.

Never mind that the Israeli foreign minister just said publicly that Israel would not be threatened by a nuclear Iran. Never mind that Iran says it wish-

> Charley Reese Columnist

es only to enrich uranium enough to fuel its reactors for generating electricity. Never mind that Iran does not have the capability of attacking either us or Israel.

I'd bet a dog that the president has convinced himself that we can stage another "shock and awe" show that will take out Iran's nuclear facilities and its military assets in one easy surgical strike. Strategic bombing has been overrated ever since World War II. The president might know a lot about baseball, but he knows practically nothing

portation system" depends on potential revenue from private toll road investors. Without it, staffers with the Texas Department of Transportation told commission members at a meeting last month, the state soon will have only enough money to maintain existing roads, with nothing left for new highways to relieve congestion.

In May, the Legislature - bowing to a buildup of constituent outrage against private toll road proposals and the thought that some of those projects could go to foreign companies slapped a two-year moratorium on new toll partnership contracts. There were a few notable exceptions, including the Texas 121 tollway planned for Denton and Collin counties.

Lawmakers also said a legislative

about war.

Ask an American veteran who sat on an invasion fleet for days while naval guns and airplanes blasted some small Pacific island to smithereens. He will tell you that when he went ashore, the Japanese were still there ready to fight. Our bombing campaign against Serbia no doubt killed Serb and Albanian civilians, but when it was over, the Serb army forces came out of Kosovo virtually intact. The famous shock-and-awe show made for good television, but missed its intended target - Saddam Hussein and his top lieutenants.

If you hope that bombing can take out Iran's nuclear facilities and its military assets, you are hoping for something that only a magic fairy can deliver. And please, to talk about a "surgical" strike with bombs is like saying a sawed-off shotgun can be fired with pinpoint accuracy. You cannot bomb any urban area without killing innocent civilians.

Nobody can know for sure what will happen if our Great Leader decides to attack Iran, but anybody will tell you that it won't be good. Come to think of it, maybe we all should send fruitcakes to the fruitcakes in the White House, if we can find the address of the planet they are living on.

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

study committee should be named to determine whether heavy reliance on private toll roads is a good idea. The committee is to have nine members, with the governor, lieutenant governor and House speaker each appointing three. Five months later, only Speaker Tom Craddick has made his appointments.

Come on, Gov. Rick Perry and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst. This problem is not going away on its own. Even after members are named, legislative study committees are often slow to start their work and slow to move forward. This one will have some heavy lifting to do before writing its required report for the 2009 legislative session.

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Specter joins supporters of Mukasey for attorney general

By HOPE YEN **Associated Press Writer**

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The top Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee said Sunday he is bothered by Michael Mukasey's refusal to say whether waterboarding is torture but will support his nomination for attorney general anyway.

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., joins two key Senate Democrats in saying he will back Mukasey because the retired judge has said that if Congress passes a law banning waterboarding, "the president would have absolutely no legal authority to ignore such a law."

"He could have said a lot of

Loyal football fans

things which would have given me more assurances," Specter said. "But he is intelligent; he's really learned in the law. He's strong, ethical, honest beyond any question. He's not an intimate of the president."

"And you have to balance it off with where we are today," said Specter, R-Pa. "The Department of Justice is dysfunctional. It is not performing. And every day that passes, we do not have someone in charge of the investigation against terrorism, the fight against violent crime."

The Judiciary Committee is set to vote on Mukasey's nomination Tuesday.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., on Sunday reiterated his support for Mukasey, even though he said Mukasey's answers about waterboarding haven't been totally clear.

"I wanted (Mukasey) to say that waterboarding was torture and illegal," McCain, a former prisoner of war, told reporters in Mason City, Iowa. "He said that he would get briefed on the procedures."

The Republican presidential candidate — who is not on the Judiciary Committee — said he received a letter from Mukasey that said the former judge found waterboarding, which simulates drowning, "repugnant and he would never support such a thing."

Mukasey's confirmation had been in doubt as five of the panel's 10 Democrats, including Chairman Patrick Leahy of Vermont, had lined up against Mukasey after he refused to state categorically that waterboarding is illegal.

But last Friday, Democratic Sens. Charles Schumer of New York and Dianne Feinstein of California announced they would support the nomination. With nine Republicans on the panel, Schumer and Feinstein's support virtually guarantees that a majority of the committee will recommend his confirmation.

Specter previously had been mum on whether he would support

Mukasey, citing questions about waterboarding.

On Sunday, Specter said he believed "Judge Mukasey went about as far as he could go" in stating his views because a more categorical answer that waterboarding was illegal could open a wave of lawsuits against administration officials.

"It is very important, in the national interest, that we have a strong attorney general. So I would have liked better assurances," Specter said. "And I think Congress ought to take a firm stand on waterboarding.'

Specter spoke on CNN's "Late Edition."

Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH

Jerri Joiner did not let the cold weather Friday night deter her from coming out to support the Harvester football team and her son Josh Mulkey, who is a defensive back on the team. The Harvesters play their last game at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo against Palo Duro.

Tolls

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There's no time like now to get this committee started.

It's clear that private toll road advocates have done a terrible job of selling the idea to fellow Texans. Now

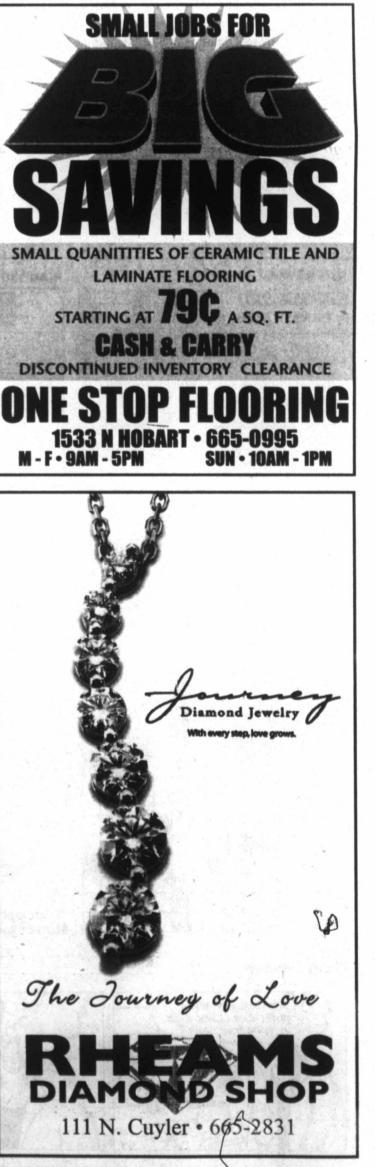
tions leading those regional mobility authorities (in Dallas-Fort Worth, it's called the Regional Transportation Council), were left to solve their own problems. At the same time that they were given the freedom to spend transportation dollars, it became clear that there were far from enough available.

Bayer agrees to stop sales of heart drug

WASHINGTON (AP) -The government has asked Bayer Pharmaceuticals to suspend sales of a drug used work with the FDA and regto prevent excessive bleed- ulators in other countries to ing during heart bypass sur- re-evaluate the drug's risks gery that may increase the risk of the patient's death. The Food and Drug Administration said today that Bayer AG has agreed to stop selling the drug, Trasylol, pending detailed review of preliminary results from a Canadian study that suggested an increased risk of death. The study comparing the safety and efficacy of the drug, Trasylol, with two others was recently halted.

Trasylol remains a safe and effective treatment option, but that the company would and benefits and determine where any label changes are needed.





it's in deep trouble. If the concept is to be salvaged, the legislative study committee will have to gather the right data and sell the whole thing anew - in a way that constituents can believe is independent of political pressure or influence from those who want to make money from toll roads. Perry was the first to

push private toll roads in 2002, when he proposed a 50-year plan to build the 4,000-mile, \$175 billion Trans-Texas Corridor. That February, as if to emphasize the point, Fluor Enterprises of Sugar Land submitted an unsolicited proposal to build one of the corridor's priority projects.

the By 2003 **Transportation Commission** was touting the potential of public-private partnerships to build new roads, saying investors would be willing to pay billions upfront for contracts to build new roads, then collect tolls and share that revenue with the state for as long as 50 years. The Legislature climbed

on board in 2003, passing House Bill 3588 - a massive rewrite of state transportation law that authorized private toll road contracts, which it called comprehensive development agreements (CDAs).

Transportation The Commission also adopted the Texas Metropolitan Mobility Plan, changing the way it distributed money for highways. For decades, construction projects had been selected and funded one at a time from Austin. The new plan was to allocate money by region and let regional mobility authorities, created under HB 3588, decide how to spend it.

In effect, local officials who were named to posi-

Highway construction in Texas traditionally has been funded primarily from motor fuel tax revenue. But more and more of that money is needed to maintain existing roads. And Williamson says that costs for labor, asphalt and related materials, right-of-way and engineering work have escalated 65 to 70 percent in the past 10 years. Meanwhile, legislative leaders refused to raise the

And the state's congressional delegation continues to have a hard time increasing the state's share of revenue from the federal motor fuel tax. Texas only gets back about 90 cents out of each fuel tax dollar that it sends to Washington.

It's almost as if local decision-makers are being pushed down a funnel that leads to only one source of money to meet future needs: private toll road contracts.

Williamson says that in 2003, the transportation commission had identified 56 projects in the state's highway plan that private companies would be interested in bidding on because of their potential toll revenue. That number has grown to 87.

Toll roads clearly don't work everywhere. They work best in heavily populated metropolitan areas such as Dallas-Fort Worth. But Williamson and others are saying that the money that investors are willing to pay upfront for toll road contracts, plus the portion of the annual toll road revenue that they would be willing to share, is the best source of money for other new roads.

If that's the case, so be it. But Texans clearly still need convincing. URL: http://www.dfw.com

Trasylol, also known as aprotinin, works by blocking enzymes that dissolve blood clots.

There are not many treatment options for patients at risk for excessive bleeding during cardiac surgery, the FDA noted in its announcement. The agency said it was working with Bayer to phase Trasylol out of the marketplace in a way that does not cause shortages of other T r a s y l o l : drugs used for this purpose. Bayer has said it believes

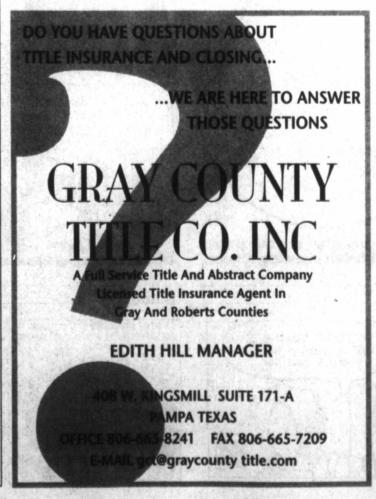
The announcement came more than a month after FDA advisers recommended Trasylol remain on the market despite its links to an increased risk of death and other serious side effects.

The FDA approved it in 1993 to stanch the loss of blood and prevent the need for blood transfusions in surgeries to bypass clogged coronary arteries.

The agency began re-evaluating the drug's safety after the January 2006 publication of two studies that linked the drug's use to serious side effects, including kidney problems, heart attacks and strokes.

On the Net:

FDA information on http://tinyurl.com/2c43mu



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By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My younger brother died unexpectedly two years ago. He was only 27. Since then, my parents have befriended his close friends. There are two couples, the "Smiths," who have a baby they named after my brother (my parents are his godparents), and the "Joneses" (Bill Jones was my brother's best friend growing up). My parents want to invite them to every holiday dinner or event we have. My husband and I host the dinners at our home because it's larger than my parents' and we enjoy entertaining. The problem is, the Smiths and the Joneses are inconsiderate guests. They are always late -- an hour or more -and my mother always wants to wait for them! They eat, run, and barely talk to my husband. Sometimes they fail to show up without even a phone call. (Also, they never offer to help or bring anything.)

My parents are very forgiving and do not seem offended by it, even though they know I was very annoyed at the last holiday dinner and said so. My husband says we will no longer host any holiday dinners if the Smiths and Joneses are coming. I agree with my husband and couldn't care less if these "friends" attend. However, I don't want to upset my parents. I understand their need to keep a part of my brother alive. Nor do I want to stop having holiday parties at my home. My parents' home is messy, cluttered, and they have cats to which my husband is allergic. Mama stresses out when she has to have anyone over. Are my husband and I wrong to say enough is enough and ban the friends? How should we handle this without upsetting my already emotionally fragile parents? -- DISGUSTED HOSTESS

DEAR DISGUSTED: The Smiths and Joneses appear to be completely ignorant about the social graces. Apparently, no one has told them the importance of being on

time for a dinner party, or calling to inform the hosts if plans have changed and they will be unable to attend. Nor do they seem to realize that part of being good guests is making conversation with everyone at the party -- the host included. If you haven't already discussed this with your parents, it's time you did. Tell them they would do the Smiths and Joneses a favor to explain the basic rules of etiquette to them -because if they pull this one more time, they will no longer be invited to your home. Frankly, they are behaving as if they don't want to be entertained in your home, and their rudeness conveys that they don't appreciate your hospitality.

DEAR ABBY: In two weeks, I am moving to a place of my own. It's my first -- a condominium in a small garden-style complex with fewer than 16 units. I plan on living here for several years, and I'm interested in getting to know my neighbors.

How do I accomplish it? Should I go knocking on doors with some type of baked goods? I'm not usually a very outgoing person, but I think it's important to know the neighbors I'll be "living with" for the next few years of my life. Have you or your readers any suggestions? - FIRST-**TIME HOME BUYER**

DEAR FIRST-TIME HOME BUYER:

When a new person moves into a building, the neighbors are usually interested in seeing what the person has done with the unit. Rather than knocking on doors, slip an invitation to an "open house between 7 and 9 p.m." under their doors, then serve coffee and pastries over the two-hour period. I can't guarantee you will make lifelong friends, but it will acquaint you with your neighbors and them with you.



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All-District tennis honorees announced | Long-time optimist

By JORDAN REAGAN Sports Editor

After wrapping up their fall season just weeks ago finishing 4th in district, the Pampa Harvester tennis team had one player recognized in second-team all-dis-

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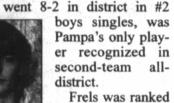
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Frels was ranked --- below iust -Randall's #2 boys **Kevin Freis** singles player Brad

> district this fall and was also recognized as district 3-4A's

Senior Kevin Frels, who MVP.

"Kevin has worked very hard this season, and deserves this recognition," head coach Sarah Corse said, "I expect great things from him and everyone else on the team this spring."

Frels was also recognized as an honorable mention in #1 boys doubles with partner Jack Ware.

Of Pampa's honorable mentions, Ware and Frels

were among three doubles teams recognized, including #2 boys doubles team Myles Foreman and Garrett Couts and #3 girls doubles team Lauren Couts and Holly Gage.

Sports

Pampa also had three honorable mentions in singles - #1 boys singles player Jack Ware, #6 girls singles player Alyssa Hoelting and #7 boys singles player Matt Kelley.

football coach to make a big move

Currently the coach of the Optimist Football team, the Packers, long-time Pampa resident' Ace Acevedo has coached for the Optimist football program for 22 years.

Though it may not be his last year as a mentor and a coach, this year will be his last in Pampa, as his job with Conoco-Phillips is moving him to Montana.

Tonight at 6, a going away party will be held for Acevedo at the Sportsman's Club on South Barnes.

All who would like to wish Acevedo well on his big move are invited to attend tonight.

Adrian Peterson's rushing record helps Vikings top Chargers

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) finished another feat, the talk turned to two more.

Peterson rushed for an NFL-record 296 yards for Minnesota in Sunday's game, putting him well on pace to break Eric Dickerson's rookie record for the season — and within range of Dickerson's all-time mark for yards rushing in one year.

"I set my bar high, because I know anything is possible when you continue to work hard," Peterson said.

The hits just keep on coming for Peterson, who carried the Vikings to a 35-17 victory over the San Diego Chargers. His career? Yeah,

"Every time he touches Right after Adrian Peterson the ball, my jaw drops," teammate Darren Sharper said.

Coach Brad Childress and running backs coach Eric Bieniemy looked at each other during practice last week and had a feeling Peterson was on the verge of a big game. It was subtle progress, figuring out how to poke his head inside the hole to lure the linebacker in before taking off on a run around the end, but that's part of playing this difficult position.

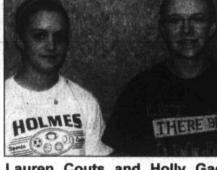
"He's going to hit home runs, but he's understanding the patience part of it as well," Childress said.

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Myles Garrett Couts and Foreman were recognized as honorable mentions in #2 boys doubles with a record of 5-4 in with a record of 5-4 in district. district.



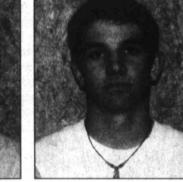
Lauren Couts and Holly Gage were recognized as honorable mentions in #3 girls doubles



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Kevin Frels was recognized as a second-team all-district player in #2 boys singles with a record of 8-2 in district.



Jack Ware was recognized as an honorable mention in #1 boys singles with a record of 4-6 in district.

Alyssa Hoelting was recognized as an honorable mention in #6 girls singles with a record of 5-5 in district.



Matt Kelley was recognized as an honorable mention in #7 boys singles with a record of 4-2 in district.

Lefors Pirates **Owens and Romo make it look easy** in Cowboys' 38-17 rout of Eagles

PHILADELPHIA (AP) ---Soon after Terrell Owens finished taunting fans by flapping his arms in the end zone, there weren't many people left in the stands to boo.

T.O. stuck it to the Philadelphia Eagles again. He tortured the secondary and tormented the crowd.

Nearly two years to the day Owens was banished from the Eagles, the star receiver caught 10 passes for 174 yards and one touchdown to help the Dallas dismantle Cowboys Philadelphia 38-17 on Sunday night.

Tony Romo threw three TD passes, Marion Barber had 106 total yards and one score and NFC East-leading Dallas improved to 7-1 for the first time since 1995, their last Super Bowl winning season.

"It was gratifying, but the most important thing is we came in here and got a win," Owens said. "I just wanted to come here and show these guys this is what I do. When I played here, I made plays and nothing is going to change."

Desperately needing a victory to have any hope of

defending their division championship, the last-place Eagles (3-5) were dominated on both sides.

It's the worst start for Philadelphia since Andy Reid became coach in 1999. Reid had a tumultuous week, missing practice Thursday to be in court with his two oldest sons. A judge sentenced Garrett and Britt Reid to prison and likened Reid's home to a "drug emporium." Owens, of all people, had sympathy for his former boss

who kicked him off the team on Nov. 5, 2005, following a series of incidents, including repeated criticism of quarterback Donovan McNabb.

"It's tragic for him to go through this," Owens said. "I can't do anything but wish him well."

Right from the start, it was clear Reid and the Eagles were in for a tough night.

McNabb fumbled on the first play from scrimmage, and the Cowboys converted it into their first score, a 2yard run by Julius Jones.

Owens had a key 23-yard catch on third-and-6 during that drive, just one of several big plays he made.

Unlike his visit to Philadelphia last year, T.O.'s second trip to Lincoln Financial Field since he was booted off the team he helped reach the 2004 Super Bowl was merely an afterthought.

There were no mock funerals in the parking lot or derisive chants in the stands. Even the boos lacked venom.

"There's a lot of love in those boos," Owens said with a wide smile. "The fans love me here."

Once the Cowboys went up by 14 late in the second quarter, Owens tried to incite the rowdies. He strutted along the sideline, gesturing and yelling at the crowd behind the bench.

CORRECTION

It was incorrectly stated in Sunday's issue that the ampa Harvesters' last football game will be played iday in Amarillo.

The game will actually take place at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Dick Bivins stadium in Amarillo.

Photo by JONELLE COOMBES

Lefors Pirate Payton Johnson puts pressure on the Miami passer. Lefors defeated Miami 59-43. The win clinched a playoff spot for the Pirates for the 2nd consecutive year.

Patriots use late comeback to beat Colts 24-20, improve to 9-0

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Tom Brady and the New England Patriots finished like champions Sunday.

Now it's on to the next challenge: A perfect season and perhaps another Super Bowl title.

In the latest sequel of the league's hottest rivalry, Brady threw two touchdown passes in the last 10 minutes and led the Patriots back from a 10-point deficit against the defending Super Bowl champi-ons for a 24-20 victory at Indianapolis.

They played with a champi-

onship effort and made championship plays and we did not, so that's disappointing," Colts coach

Tony Dungy said. By winning the battle of the unbeatens, the Patriots seemingly ended the debate about which team is better. The Colts (7-1) will now spend this season chasing the Patriots (9-0) for home-field advantage in the playoffs.

The difference in schedules won't make it any easier, either. Indy still has trips to San Diego and Baltimore and home games against its three division rivals in addition

to Kansas City.

New England, meanwhile, has only three games left against teams better than .500 --- at Baltimore (4-3), home against Pittsburgh and at the New York Giants (6-2) — as they try to become the first team to finish with a perfect season since the 1972 Miami Dolphins.

But the Patriots did show some chinks Sunday.

They failed to score on their opening possession for the first time. They trailed in the fourth quarter for the first time all season. They failed to score at least 34

points and win a game by 17 or more points.

New England also required a frantic finish to beat the Colts.

"They are tough and make you work for everything, but I thought our guys stepped up and made some big plays," Pats coach Bill Belichick said. "Especially in the second half when we needed to."

None were bigger than New England's new connections: Brady-to-Randy Moss and Bradyto-Donte' Stallworth.

Trailing 20-10 with 9:42 left in the game, and the Colts seemingly

in control, Brady went to work.

He hooked up with Moss on a 55-yard play that put New England at the Indy 3. Brady went to Wes Welker for a 3-yard TD three plays later to make it 20-17.

Then after Welker had a 23-yard punt return to put the Pats at midfield, Brady found Stallworth for a 33-yard gain and threw a 13-yard TD pass to Kevin Faulk with 3:15 to go. That made it 24-20 and gave Super Bowl MVP Peyton Manning one more chance to duplicate last season's comeback in the AFC title game.



Autopsy inconclusive on Shay after Olympic trials death

NEW YORK (AP) --- An autopsy of hard in aerobic sports, such as cycling, elite runner Ryan Shay was inconclusive Sunday after the 28-year-old collapsed and died in Central Park at the U.S. men's marathon Olympic trials a day earlier.

"We want to take a closer look at the heart tissue," said Ellen Borakove, spokeswoman for the city medical examiner's office. She said the office likely would reach a conclusion in a week after examining Shay's tissue on microscopic slides.

Shay collapsed about 5 1/2 miles into the race Saturday, and later was pronounced dead at a city hospital.

"They know how he died ... of a cardiac arrest. What caused it is what's in question," his father, Joe Shay, told The Associated Press. "We certainly want to know that as soon as possible. When we know that we'll release that to the public as soon as we can. We're patient."

Joe Shay said Saturday that Ryan was diagnosed with an enlarged heart at age 14. But doctors had repeatedly cleared him for competition, because having a larger than normal heart is not unusual among elite athletes. Training running or swimming, tends to result in a bigger heart that pumps more blood throughout the body.

Dr. Douglas Zipes, a spokesman for the American College of Cardiology who studies sudden deaths in athletes, said it can be difficult to differentiate a normal athlete's heart from potentially deadly hypertrophic cardiomyopathy.

Cardiac echo tests and electrocardiograms can help evaluate whether the heart is healthy or not, said Zipes, a distinguished professor at the Indiana University School of Medicine. Genetic testing can also determine whether a person is at risk for certain problems.

Still, those precautions may not catch everything.

Joe Shay said doctors could not adequately test Ryan using a treadmill when he was a teenager because his heart rate was so low. Zipes said that's not uncommon among elite athletes.

Zipes will sometimes have athletes stop training for a month in an attempt to learn why their hearts are enlarged. Healthy athletes' hearts will shrink during that time. The size won't decrease if

they suffer from hypertrophic cardiomyopathy.

Ryan Shay and other top athletes underwent medical testing in Flagstaff, Ariz., where he trained, last spring, his father said, and he was cleared for running.

"He said the doctors told him that because your heart rate is so low, when you're older you may need a pacemaker to make adjustments on that," Joe Shay said.

Ryan didn't complain of any problems, his father said, but he never was one to do so.

"One of the issues is athletes often ignore warning signs you or I might pay attention to," Zipes said, "because" they are so pushed to achieve a particular end point."

A memorial service for Ryan Shay was to be held Sunday either at an area church or in the gymnasium at Central Lake High School in Michigan's northern Lower Peninsula, Joe Shay said. He said his son's professional coach, Joe Vigil, and his college coach at Notre Dame, Joe Piane, were to deliver eulogies.

Rosenfels shines in 4th quarter of Texans' 24-17 win

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) for 23 yards. - Sage Rosenfels once again saved his best for the fourth quarter, leading the Houston Texans to yet another win over the struggling Oakland Raiders.

Rosenfels connected with Andre' Davis on a 42yard touchdown pass midway through the fourth quarter that helped Houston snap a three-game skid. The Texans remained unbeaten in three meetings with Oakland by beating the Raiders 24-17 Sunday.

Getting his first start of the season in place of the injured Matt Schaub, Rosenfels produced little for Houston (4-5) until after the Raiders (2-6) cut a 17point deficit to seven early in the fourth quarter. Ron Dayne, who rushed for a season-high 122 yards, bulled his way to the Oakland 42 on three rushes

Then on a third-and-2, Davis sped past cornerback Stanford Routt and caught the long TD pass that gave the Texans a 24-10 lead with 7:50 to go. Davis was greeted with a chest bump by injured teammate Andre Johnson, who ran onto the field in street clothes to congratulate his teammate.

Rosenfels came into the game with the third-best quarterback rating in the fourth quarter (125.1) and has thrown all seven of his touchdown passes in the fourth period this season.

Josh McCown threw his third interception on Oakland's next drive, sealing the win for the Texans, who had lost five of six since a 2-0 start. McCown finished 13-for-28 for 158 yards, throwing a 28-yard TD pass to Tim Dwight with 1:30 left.

Doing it Belichick's way, Patriots far and away the NFL's best

By JIM LITKE AP Sports Columnist

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Face it, nobody else in the NFL is going to come this close the rest of the way.

The New England Patriots did in the defending Super Bowl champions 24-20. At their place. On their carpet in front of a hostile crowd, even while losing the turnover battle, their composure on a few occasions and rolling up a franchise record for penalty yards.

A perfect season is a near-certainty.

So how about if we give Little Bill an "A" on his report card right now, so he can get a headstart on to the next level, where Lombardi and Walsh reside. Belichick is that good. He is the first certifiable legend of the free-agent era.

Belichick doesn't play well with the rest of the coaches as it is, and

Lately, though, he's taken to beating them up, and even the one team the Pats couldn't overpower lost its stomach when it came to crunch time.

"Some victories do mean more than others," New England linebacker Tedy Bruschi said afterward. "We tried to treat it like any other game. This is one we're going to remember."

Belichick wouldn't go even that far. He answered just about every question by calling the Colts "a good football team.

"What else would they be? My God," he scolded one reporter, "Did you watch them play?"

The final time he was asked whether this win mattered more than most, Belichick narrowed those steely eyes and said almost by rote, "I don't care about all that. This was a just a game against the Colts. That's all it was. The other

how they get so much done in such a short time.

Look at the way Belichick usually dresses. That dingy, gray, hooded sweatshirt he favors was probably a functional choice the first time he put it on, prompted by cold weather or the snow in New England.

Now that he's caught so much flak for the outfit, it's become just another way for him to stubbornly stick it to the man.

So Belichick's choice of standard coaching fare for this one, a dark blue polo shirt over khaki slacks, might have been more revealing than anything he said.

Maybe he figured when he watches highlights from the perfect season with his grandkids a dozen years from now, they won't think he was always dressed like Jason from the "Friday the 13th"

worrying about the long haul. It's mate-controlled dome. We'll never know.

Figuring Belichick out is a lifetime project. He spent most of his early career in Bill (Big Bill) Parcells' shadow, and during his first head-coaching stint in Cleveland, he failed to get the players there to believe in him enough to bring all those brilliant X-and-O schemes to life.

Finally, though, he won over enough guys in New England.

As capriciously as he treats many of his players, he's fiercely loyal to a core of guys - Bruschi, Mike Vrabel, Tom Brady, Matt Light and others — who police the locker room for him and spread the gospel.

He takes chances on some guys with rough pasts — Randy Moss being just the latest — and makes examples of others who don't buy wholeheartedly into his team-first

into Belichick's schemes because they work.

They found a way to get Moss deep in single coverage, coaxed a veteran Colts offensive line into two penalties on the pivotal drive of the fourth quarter, then put the squeeze on Peyton Manning when it counted most.

"They force you into playing perfect ... keeping the pressure on people, forcing you to play well for all 60 minutes. The last game here, the championship game" Colts coach Tony Dungy said, referring to the AFC finale against the Pats that propelled the Colts to a Super Bowl, "we won it in the last minute.

"They won it in the fourth quarter today."

Some day Belichick will look back and appreciate that, too. Just not now.

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it's only going to get worse. It was bad enough when he kept showing them up, proving just how much smarter he was.

games don't mean a thing." Honestly, Belichick doesn't care

about his legacy. Yet. Guys like him rarely get hung up

scarefests.

Then again, maybe Belichick chose Sunday's outfit because the game was being played in a cli-

sermons, cutting or trading them, or working them until they wish he'd gotten rid of them earlier. Most important, the Patriots buy

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touchdown runs of 1, 64, and 46 yards, became the first rookie to top 200 yards twice in the same year. He bested the 295 yards Jamal Lewis gained for Baltimore in 2003 against Cleveland. He led Minnesota to a franchise-record 378 yards rushing, too.

Plus, with 1,036 yards at the midpoint of the season, gaining fast on he's Dickerson's rookie record of 1,808 set in 1983. Dickerson rushed for 2,105 yards the next year, which is the most in NFL history.

Childress was asked if he thought he had the best back in the league.

"Yeah, you can't feel any other way right now," the coach said.

For all that he's done for the Vikings, his actual impact on their success is not yet clear. At 3-5, they're merely on

pace to finish with the same record they had last year. With the lingering uncertainty at quarterback and the improbability that Peterson will repeat this, no matter how good he gets, there's no guarantee this team can climb into playoff contention in the second half of the season.

Peterson scored two of his three touchdowns and gained 253 yards in the second half, helping the Vikings rally from a 14-7 hole. They trailed at the half after Antonio Cromartie plucked a missed field goal out of the air and returned it 109 yards for a touchdown, the longest play in NFL history.

In any other game,

have been big news. Instead, San Diego (4-4) saw a three-game winning streak end with a substandard all-around performance

pressured Minnesota Philip Rivers into one of the worst games of his career and made sure LaDainian Tomlinson didn't come close to matching Peterson's performance. The Vikings came into the weekend with more yards passing allowed than any other NFL team, but Rivers went just 6-for-17 for 59 yards in the first half and finished 19-for-42 for 197 yards, one interception and one lost fumble.

"It's not defense or offense. It's all of us," Rivers said. "Obviously we were given plenty of opportunities, but we didn't do enough."

Tomlinson rushed 16 Cromartie's feat would times for 40 yards and one

touchdown. He sought out Peterson to congratulate him on the field after the game, perhaps a torch-passing of sorts from the reigning NFL MVP to a rookie who's playing like one.

"I was just sitting over there on the sidelines, and to have over 200 yards in the second half, that's impressive," Tomlinson said. "I've never seen anything like it."

The Chargers knocked quarterback Minnesota Tarvaris Jackson out of the game with a concussion late in the second quarter. Brooks Bollinger relieved, and he threw a 40-yard touchdown pass to a wideopen Sidney Rice in the third quarter that put the Vikings in front 21-14.

That score was set up by seven straight running plays.

"That's how I like to play football," Childress said.

Texans CB Robinson's season likely finished with knee injury

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) -Houston cornerback Dunta Robinson was told he'll miss the rest of the season after seriously injuring his right knee in a pileup with teammates in Sunday's win over the Oakland Raiders.

Robinson, the Texans' top cornerback and a rising star in his fourth NFL season, left the Coliseum field on a cart late in the first quarter after a teammate hit him from behind.

"My season is over, and I've just got to get ready for next year," Robinson said while leaning on crutches in the Texans' locker room after their 24-17 win. "It's just another step in the road, another bump I've got to get over."

Team doctors told Robinson his hamstring ripped completely off the bone, and he might have torn at least one knee ligament. The club won't know the injury's full extent until an MRI back in Houston on Monday, but the doctors told Robinson he's finished for 2007.

"It doesn't look good at all," Houston coach Gary Kubiak said. "We're probably going to be in the corner market here real quickly."

Robinson, who had 33 tackles and two interceptions entering the game, was hurt while attempting to strip the ball from Raiders receiver Ronald Curry after a catch near the first-down marker in Houston territory.

Earl Cochran, Robinson's 281pound teammate, came barreling into Robinson from behind in an attempt to make the tackle, bending Robinson awkwardly. Robinson wasn't sure whether the injury occurred on that hit

or during the ensuing pileup that left him motionless on the ground.

"My leg was stuck in the ground, and somebody came and jumped on my back, probably trying to move the pile," Robinson said. "I couldn't get out of the way. This is part of the sport that I play."

Robinson spent a few minutes on the turf before rising and gingerly moving to a cart, which took him to the locker room. He was seated upright, and acknowledged cheers from Oakland's fans with a wave of his hand.

Robinson has been the strongest player in Houston's secondary, earning praise for his toughness and steady play. Opponents have targeted fellow cornerback DeMarcus Faggins for most of their big throws.

Johnson wins 3rd straight race, takes Cup points lead

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) - Jimmie Johnson won a dramatic side-by-side duel with Matt Kenseth, grabbing his third straight victory and, more important, wresting the NASCAR Nextel Cup points lead from Jeff Gordon on Sunday at Texas Motor Speedway.

The reigning Cup champion, who began the day nine points behind Hendrick Motorsports teammate Gordon. moved out to a 30-point lead with two races remaining in the Chase for the championship.

Gordon, a four-time champion, led early in the race, but was no factor in the late going, struggling with handling before managing to squeeze out a hard-earned seventh-place finish that kept the points battle close heading to Phoenix next week.

Johnson, who took the points lead for good at Texas last year on the way to his first and only title, said, "I do know we're racing for the championship and now we have control of it, I guess."

Kenseth was one of three drivers who moved to the front on the final pit stops by the leaders, taking only two tires. Chad Knaus, Johnson's crew chief, decided to change all four on the No. 48 Chevrolet and his driver came out fifth for the restart on lap 306 of the 334-lap race.

Kenseth took the lead from Ryan Newman on the restart and it took Johnson until lap 313 to move to second. He then began closing quickly on the No. 17 Ford of Kenseth, who had a lead of just over one second.

Once Johnson caught him, the two battled lap after lap, with both wiggling dangerously several times and bumping at least once.

They crossed the finish line exactly even — the timing showing the difference as 0.000 seconds - on lap 328 and lap 332 as Kenseth, the 2003 Cup champion, tried desperately to hold off Johnson.

But the determined Johnson finally got some space on Kenseth with two laps to go and raced away to his third straight victory and ninth of the season, winning by 0.944 seconds - about 10 car-lengths.

"I expected a good fight," Johnson said. "I didn't think his two tires would last that long or be that good. There wasn't much time left to get it done.'

A disappointed Kenseth said, "He ran me down from a long way back. I don't know how fast he was, but I was steadily losing grip. Four tires is just too much.'

Third-place Clint Bowyer, the surprise of the Chase, saw his changes for a championship all but end when he had to make two green-flag stops because of a tire vibration, losing two laps and finishing 19th. That left him a daunting 181 points behind Johnson.

The results also mathematically eliminated six of the 12 drivers in the Chase, including 10th-place Kenseth.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Nov. 6. 2007

You will make a difference this year if you allow your friends to play a more active role in your life. They often feel that they know more than you about what will work. Let everyone play his or her hand. Time will ultimately reveal the whole story. Learn to work with others and give them their space. Often you might want some downtime for yourself. If you are single, you could meet someone with ease next year. This person could be very unusual. Be ready to break patterns. If you are attached, start planning a special vacation together. LIBRA helps you see the other side.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** How you spin out of bed is quite different from how your day ends up. Have faith, and you will be happy. Be careful with your temper. You will see that someone could be highly reactive. Is this person jealous? Tonight: Just say

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** Getting the job done makes a difference. You might need to revamp your schedule accordingly. Pressure builds before you can contain a problem. Stop and relax. Know that if you relax, you might accomplish much more. Tonight: Soak away stress.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) **** Your creativity forces some-

one to rethink his or her position. Don't overspend in order to make a point. In

fact, holding yourself back might be extremely intelligent under the circumstances. Tonight: Let your hair down. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Once more, you are forced to mainly handle basics, whether you want to or not. Be careful of a tendency to be irritable or touchy. Readjust your schedule as needed. You won't feel so pressured. Tonight: Happy at home. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)

 $\star \star \star \star$ You might want to rethink a conversation before you have it. The irony is that you will want to rethink it after you have it. There might be so many implications and innuendos that sorting reality from fiction will take talent. Tonight: Swap war stories with a pal. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

 $\star \star \star \star$ Use the daytime hours, when you'll feel more empowered than you have in a while. Relax with the moment and acknowledge how stubborn a roommate can be. Can you change this person? It is unlikely. You still can choose to enjoy this person. Tonight: Treat yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** Take your time as you move into a new dimension and see a situation a lot differently. You could be exhausted and drawn out. Give yourself some time, and you will recharge your batteries. Adjust your plans if need be. Tonight: It's your call.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** Aim for more of what you want. Success will head in your direction if you focus and stay on target. Friends have strong ideas, but so do you. Realize when you need some distance to think. You might not have all the facts. Tonight:

Take some personal time SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

basis.

 $\star \star \star$ You might need to make an adjustment because of all the plans that surround you at the present moment. A parent or older relative has an expectation. If you want, you can probably fulfill it. Tonight: Where your friends are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) $\star \star \star \star \star$ Take time to stop and look at the big picture. You might be disconcerted by what you see, and how you might be playing a stronger role in a mess than you realize. You can change this pattern now. In fact, events could force changes. Tonight: Check in on an older relative.

AOUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) $\star \star \star \star$ A partner plays a stronger role in a situation than you might like. Open up to new possibilities. Perhaps being less dominant could be better for you ultimately. Think positively when you see long-term trends. Tonight: Take in a movie.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **** Others clearly want to be more dominant. Instead of fighting about what

is going on, relax. Take this time as free time for your own projects. A partner might need a lot of attention. Listen to your instincts. Tonight: A partner has suggestions.

BORN TODAY

Actress Sally Field (1946), former NFL player Pat Tillman (1976), newswoman Maria Shriver (1955)

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Corpus Chrsti Cub Scout excels in fund-raising popcorn sales

By MIKE BAIRD

Corpus Christi Caller-Times CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) - Despite some physical limits, 9year-old Cub Scout Aaron Ruiz has sold twice as much popcorn as any Coastal Bend scout ever as part of a fundraiser — enough to fill four swimming pools with the fluffy kernel treat.

"It's a lot of work," the London Independent School District thirdgrader said while munching a McDonald's french fry.

Punk rocker

Aaron was diagnosed with muscular dystrophy two and a half years ago and has had speech difficulty since school age. But he doesn't let using a wheelchair 80 percent of the time slow him down, scout officials said.

"Aaron is a very determined boy," said Veronica Adams, his den leader for two years. "He is real quiet, but no matter the event Aaron keeps up with everybody else, and always does his best, which is what scouting is about.

"When he puts his mind to it," Adams said, "Aaron blows away the other kids."

With his parent's help Aaron visited neighbors, insisting on walking to every door after his father helps lift him up. His sales pitch is a wide constant smile, raised eyebrows and a repeating nod while his mother explains his goal to qualify for a college scholarship.

"It wasn't just mom and dad helping sell," said Beverly Ruiz, Aaron's mother. "It was Aaron

dressing up in his uniform, pecking on doors, smiling and selling popcorn.'

After three weekends of knocking on doors, one neighbor lent a hand and gathered orders from his architectural firm's employees and customers totalling \$4,202 -Aaron's biggest sales. With additional support from nine area businesses, Aaron has sold \$11,204 of popcorn.

It's the most ever sold by one scout in the South Texas council,

said John Thurston, president and CEO of South Texas Council, Inc. Boy Scouts of America. Last year a Boy Scout in Victoria was recognized for the highest previous sales, about \$6,000.

Popcorn proceeds benefit Aaron's cub scout group, Pack 296, gets a 35-percent commission in addition to prizes.

"We're very proud of our little guy who has worked quite a bit to get there," said the scout's father, George Ruiz, a chemical engineer.



COURTESY PHOTO Punk rocker WeJoe Willey paused for a quick picture recently during Hi-Land Christian Church's Hallowed Happening.

Toll road pact includes plan to reduce speed on Interstate 35

SAN ANTONIO (AP) -The state's deal with private contractors to build and operate a new toll road from Austin to Seguin would reward the state for lowering the speed limit on Interstate 35.

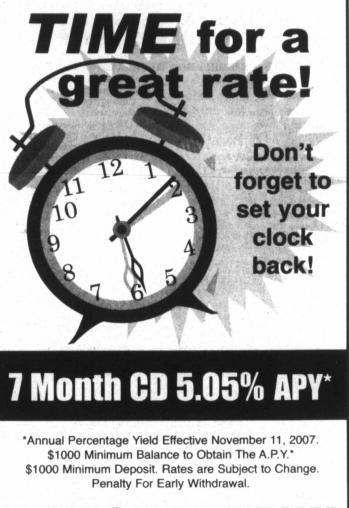
The state's privatization contract for the 40-mile stretch of Texas 130, which will run parallel of I-35 to the east, includes the option for the state to earn credit, though not payment, for pushing traffic to the tollway. That includes by lowering I-35 speed limits.

But a spokeswoman for the Texas Department of Transportation said the agency won't do that, even for financial gain.

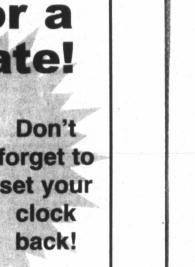
"We don't expect to be reducing speed limits on I-35," spokeswoman Gaby Garcia said. "They are set by traffic engineering studies and not by economic gain."

The state signed the Texas 130 deal in March with a consortium made up of Cintra of Spain and Zachry Construction Corp. of San Antonio.

Under the deal, Cintra-Zachry will finance, build and operate the \$1.3 billion tollway in the hope of eventually turning a profit.









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Memorial held for 'Baby Grace'

TIKI ISLAND, Texas (AP) — Residents held a memorial service to help focus attention on the case of "Baby Grace," the young girl whose remains were discovered inside a storage box that washed ashore on Galveston Bay.

Hundreds of tips from around the country have poured in since authorities released sketches of the unidentified child on Friday. A fisherman found the toddler's body a week ago along the Intercoastal Waterway.

Attendees to Sunday's memorial service gathered around a 4-foot-tall wooden cross bearing the words "In loving Memory of Baby Grace."

After speeches, prayers, songs and poems, attendees took the cross by boat to the small uninhabited island where the child's body was found.

"This is not the place to end this little girl's life," said Maj. Ray Tuttoilmondo of the Galveston County Sheriff's Office. "We won't quit until we figure it out."

Authorities say forensic dental examination has narrowed the girl's age to between 2 and 3 years. She is described as white, 32 to 35 inches tall and 25 to 30 pounds. She had waist-long, wavy blond or light brown hair. She was wearing a Target-brand pink, flowing skirt, a pink or red shirt and white light-

up tennis shoes with purple flowers on them. Several callers believe that the child's body may be that of Madeleine McCann, a 4year-old British girl whose disappearance from a resort hotel in Portugal in May has made international headlines, Tuttoilmondo said.

"Based on the totality of the circumstances, we do not believe it's her (Madeleine)," Tuttoilmondo said and added that his office is working with the FBI to completely rule out the possibility.

Local authorities and the FBI are going through missing person reports from across country in an effort to identify the girl.

Galveston County Crime Stoppers set up a memorial fund to pay for her funeral as well as an account to offer a reward for anyone who helps to solve this crime.

The Galveston County Medical Examiner's Office ruled the child had been dead for at least two weeks and sustained a skull fracture. The cause of death has not been determined but authorities are treating the case as a homicide.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Galveston County sheriff's Office at 409-766-2222, the agency's tip line at 866-248-8477 or any Crime Stoppers organization.

Crash claims third child of veteran

DALLAS (AP) - A wounded Iraq veteran and his wife have lost a third child from injuries the boy suffered in a car accident on the way to visit his father in the hospital.

Three weeks after his siblings died in an Oct. 13 accident on the gusty West Texas plains, 9-year-old Tyler Johnson died Saturday at Children's Medical Center Dallas.

Army Spc. John Austin Johnson was waiting for his wife, Lisa, and their three kids to visit him at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio when the deadly crash occurred on Interstate 10 about 12 miles east of Ozona.

Lisa Johnson overcorrected the steering in her sport utility vehicle after encountering a blast of wind on the drive from El Paso, causing the car to roll at least four times, officials have said.

The couple's youngest children, 2-yearold Logan and 5-year-old Ashley, died at the scene. Tyler Johnson suffered massive head injuries.

Lisa Johnson was driving at the speed hometown.

limit, traffic investigators have said, but they blamed the accident on a combination of high speed, drowsiness and powerful winds.

The three children were in the back seat. Logan was in a child seat, but the other two children were not wearing seatbelts.

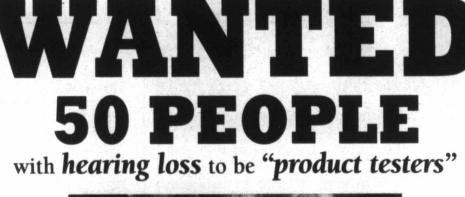
Sgt. 1st Class Eugene Schmidt, a family spokesman, said Tyler survived longer than expected.

The Johnsons were too upset to talk publicly, but Schmidt said they're coping the best they can.

"I think the good thing is they knew it (Tyler's death) was coming," Schmidt said. 'They had time to prepare for it this time."

Johnson, who is stationed at Fort Bliss, has survived five brushes with improvised explosive device blasts during two years in Iraq, Schmidt said last month. The latest left him with a traumatic brain injury, and he speaks with a severe stutter.

Visitation for Tyler is set for Wednesday and a funeral for Thursday at Roller-Ballard Funeral Home in Benton, Ark., the family's





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