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Polls open at 7 a.m. Tuesday for election day
By MARILYN POWERS
Registered voters in 10 house- ment
nent.
Currently, firefighters may tell
Currently, firefighters may tell their superiors about any issues and
concerns; interaction between concerns; interaction between
Pampa Fire Department and city Pampa Fire isepartment 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-
lighters are members of PPFF.
Voting hours Tuesday are 7
7 V.ting A general election will be held
Tuesday with 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 Pampa also have the opportunity to
vote on a proposition that would vote on a proposition that would
allow Pampa Fire Department firefighters to engage in collective barfaining.

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 Precinct 4, Lovett Library, 302 N
Main, McLean; Precinct 5, First See VOTE, Page 3
'Shop Pampa and Win' campaign begins today

By KERR
$\qquad$ 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 But starting today, you ca benefit by shopping at certain businesses around town
by having a chance to win by having a chance to win
one of two $\$ 600$ drawings for Pampa Bucks. The annual "Shop Pampa and Win" campaign spon sored by Pampa Chamber of Commerce begins today and When purchases are mad during this time at certain local businesses, drawing tickets will be given to the person making the purcha Bucks. The first drawing to give
away $\$ 600$ in Pampa Bucks
will be held immediately folwill be held immediately fol-
lowing the Christmas lowing the Christmas
Parade, which Parade, which is scheduled
for 2 p.m. Dec 8 for 2 p.m. Dec. 8, in front of
Rheams Diamond Rheams Diamond Shop, 111
The second drawing, Thich is also for $\$ 600$ in Pampa Bucks, will be held that same day at 5 p.m. in Christmas Parade, contact that same day at ${ }^{\text {font }}$ p.m. in Pampa Chamber o


White Deer sausage festival


## Pampa man

 victim of armed robber By MARILYN POWERS Staff WriterA Pampa resident was the victim of an armed robbery 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. Street at about $9: 15$ a.m
Saturday after receiving 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 for sale," Hoard said. "He
stepped outside to talk to the man. The man pointed a pis tol at him and made him go See ROBBER, Page 3

## TIME TO WINTERHE



## NEXT DAY FORECAST <br> Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 57 . Wind chill val0 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 etween 10 and 15 mph , with gusts as high as 20 mph . Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around
South southeast wind around 10 mph becoming Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 72 . North northTest wind between 5 and 10 mph .
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, wit
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 Discoovery undocked from
the international space staion on Monday to begin their two-day journey home. "Thank you guys for the
module and all your help," space station commander space stationsitson said as
Peggy. Whitlon
Discovery pulled away from Discovery pulled away from
the orbiting outpost. the orbiting outpost.
Discovery's crew arrived
at the station on Oct. 25 and quickly accomplished the massive solar power tower and installing the module, a
school bus-sized compartment that will serve as a
docking port for future laboBut their toughest assign-
ment 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 be ruined, NASA sent a to make emergency repairs
on what amounted to a live electrical generator Saturday's history-making
spacewalk has allowed the space agency to push for-
ward with plans to launch the

in December. the shuttle flew a full lap

around the station, primarily oo crew the station, primarily pictures of the outpost's new configuration. Engineers in seeing how the newly mended solar wing was affected by the vibrations of undocking.
Compute $\qquad$ forced pilot George Zamka help from software that pro-
vides information about the shuttle's path. But Discovery commander Pamela Melroy did a perfect job.
"We would never know that he doesn't have the data. 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 sou 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 Louisian Department of Wildlife and Fisheries was the second recovery of a body from the

City

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## W.E. Combs, 86



Pampa Police Departmen
reported the following incidents for the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Three traffic stops were
made. traffic complaint was reported in the 900 block o Twiford.
An accident was reported in the 1200 block of North
Hobart. Animal control officers mals 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 1000 block of Finley, the 600 block of South Cuyler
and the 100 block of South 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 ed in the
lobby.
Welfa
Welfare checks were made in the 1200 block of
Hobart and the intersection of Kentucky and Sumner. Civil matters were report ed in the police department lobby and in the 2800 block of Charles.
A suspicious vehicle was
reported in the 1000 block of Russell.

## Suspicious persons wer

 North Chit the 600 block of of East Frederic and the 2400 block of Charles An open door was reportSouth Sumner where the door jamb and window were damaged and power tools were taken.A violation of Texas
Alcoholic Alcoholic Beverage
Commission was reported in the 100 block of East Disorderly conduct wa reported in the 1100 block of Sierra, the 700 block of Lefors and the 1400 block of Evergreen.
Criminal reported in the 2600 block of Charles.
Crimin
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 the 1600 block of Somerville, which resulted in an arrest.
Warrant
Warrant service was which resulted in an arrest.
police department lobby. Burglary was reported in the 800
Nelson.
Theft
200 block reported in the where tools and a lawnmower valued at $\$ 170$ were
stolen.

## e alarm was reported.

Saturday, Nov. 3
Eight traffic stops were
made which resulted in three arrests.
Motorist assistance was
provided at the intersection provided at the intersection of Hobart and 19th Street.
A traffic complaint was A traffic complaint was
reported in the 200 block of reported

An accident was reported
at the intersection of Tyng and Starkweather. Animal control officers made calls concerning ani-
mals in the 1000 block of mals 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
Welfare checks were made in the 2100 block of
Lea and 1000 block of North
Sumner.
A suspicious vehicle was reported

A suspicious person was eported near the intersec-
ion of Frederic and Barnes and in the 1100 block of Alcock.
A civil matter was reportwhich 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 reported in the 900 block of
Varnon, the 500 block Varnon, the 500 block of
Starkweather and the 1700 A domestic disturbance was reported in the 500 block of Starkweather.
A prowler was reported in
the 400 block of Short. the 400 block of Short.
Theft was reported in Theft was reported in the
200 block of West 30 th. Burglary was reported in the 400 block of Starkweather where the back estimated value of $\$ 100$, but estimated value of $\$ 100$, but
nothing was taken from nothing was taken from the
residence. Robbery was reported
the 1200 block of Tyng. Two alarms were reported.
Attemptsto serve were

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Duncan and the
North Dwight.
Agency assistance was reported in the 400 block of East Brown

A 911 hang-up was reported in the 2200 block of
Dogwood and the 700 block Dogwood and the 700 block
of North Hobart. of North Hobart.
A civil matter was reportdwight which resulted in Dwigh
arrest.
A suspicious person was A suspicious person was
reported in the 100 block of South Ballard and the 100 block of East Craven.
Criminal mischief 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 was reported in the A narcotics violation was reported in the police departA prowle
A prowler was reported in
the 600 block of Naida which resulted in an arrest and in the 1500 block of
North Sumner orth Sumner.

Monday reported
traffic complaint w
reported at the intersection
of Cinderella and Primrose.
Agency assistance was
provided in the 100 block of East Starkweather.
Disorderly conduct was Starkweather and the 1200 block of North Hobart.
Burglary of a motor vehi-
cle was reported in the 2100 block of Perryton Parkway

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the follow ing arrests today.
Zonia Salasar Zepeda, of Pampa was arrested in the by Pampa Police Department on a capias pro ine for failure to maintain financial responsibility. Sunday, Nov. 4
Erik Vensor Olivas, 20, of 900 block of East Travis by PPD for minor in travis by PPD for mishol.
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 alcofurnish
hol.
$\xrightarrow{\text { Pa }}$
Younny Olivas, 17, of
Pampa was arrested in the 900 block of East Travis by PPD for minor in possession f alcohol.
Luis Angel Lopez, 18, of Pampa was arrested by bation - possession of marijuana. Allen Bailey, 63, of Pampa was arrested in the 1000 block of Neel by PPD on capias pro fines for fail-
ure to change address, posure to change address, pos-
session of drug parapherna-
lia, theft under $\$ 50$, two counts of failure to appear
and violation of a city ordiand violation of a city ordi-
nance - no running water.
nance - no running water.
David Wayne Trekell, 3

GCSO for driving while icense invalid with previous conviction. Jorge Alejandro Perez 18 of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for no driver's license Courtney $\quad$ Breakell Johnson, 19, of Pampa was
arrested by PPD arrested by PPD on capias pro fines for failure to main-
tain financial responsibility and failure to appear.
Joshua Kane Seymour, 20,
f Pampa was arrested by GCSO for on a bond surrender for possession of stolen property, two counts of pos-
session of drug parapherna session of drug paraphern
lia and failure to appear.

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls
during the 48 -hour weekend during the 48 -hour weekend period
today.

Saturday, Nov. 3
8:34 a.m. Two units and six personnel responded Hobart on a medical standby 12:15 p.m. - One unit and three personnel respond-
ed to the 300 block of Tignor orra lifting assist.
6:29 p.m. - One unit and two personnel responded to
the 1900 block of Kentucky he 1900 block of Kentucky
on a car fire. 10:16 p.m. - One unit and three personnel respondon a medical assist.

Sunday, Nov. 4
a.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to the 1500 block of Dogwood 9:15 p.m. - Two units and six personnel responded to the 2300 block of Aspen Guardian EMS Ambulance reported the fol lowing calls for the weekend
period ending at 7 a.m. today. Saturday, Nov. 3 8:59 a.m. - A mobile block of Garland and trans ported a patient to Pamp ported a patient to Pamp 9:07 p.m. A mobile Highway 70. No transport. 10:16 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 ed a patient to PRMC Sunday, Nov. 4 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 ICU responded to the 150 dock of West Kentucky and transported a patient to 3:02 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1800 block of Banks and trans 5:23 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 700 ed a patient to PRMC. ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to
Veterans Administration Medical Center in Amarillo ICU responded to the 1400
block of West Somerville and transported a patient to

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Kiwanis donation


The Pampa Kiwanis Club recently presented Travis music teacher Kay Pittman with a $\$ 500$ check to go toward the school's 9 th 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 Fry, Emma Gill, Braden Gowin, Kaylee Ham, Michael Loftis-Valesquez, Chantel Fry, Emma Giil, Braden Gowin, Kaylee Kam, Michael Loftis-Valesquez, Chantel Reeve, Georgina Silva, Oscar Silva, Deylynn Thomas, Cooper Trolinger and Reeve, Georgina Silva, Oscar Silva, Deylynn Thomas, Cooper Trolinger and

## White House told to answer subpoenas to Bush's aides

WASHINGTON (AP) - House Judiciary
Committee Chairman John Conyers exhortCommittee Chairman John Conyers exhort-
ed the White House today to comply with 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 Congre cita-
tions against chief of staff Joshua B tions against chief of staff Joshua
former legal counsel Harriet Miers.
"As we submit the comminee's contempt report to the full House, I am writing one
more time to seek to resolve this issue on a more time to seek to resolve this issue on a
cooperative basis," Conyers 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 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 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 budging, calling Conyers'
"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 accommo-
dation to interview current and former advisors."
Fielding has declared that the information Fielding has declared that the information
Conyers seeks is off-limits to lawmakers Conyers seeks is off-limits
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.
where his wallet was," dent Hoard said. "He took the wallet and a couple of other things and left out the front door."
The rob The robber was not recognized by the victim, and the robber's face was con-
cealed by a hooded sweatshirt, Hoard said. There were no other persons in th house at the time of the inci-

Lawmakers demanded a transcript and the
negotiations stalled. negotiations stalled.
Keeping the U.S 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 Mukasey during his confirmation hearings
did not rule out prosecuting Miers and did not rule out prosecuting M
Bolten for contempt of Congress.
The committee was expected to file the
contempt report with the clerk of the House contempt report with the clerk of the House
later Monday, several Democratic officials later Monday, several Democratic officials said. If passed by the House, the contempt
citation would be referred to the office of the 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. House documents on the same subjects. Finally, Miers, Rove and othe, lowerranking current and former White House officials would be interviewed along the
lines of Fielding's previous offer of private lines of Fielding's previous offer of private
testimony not under oath. Conyers 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.
tion against Miers and Bolten July 25 after tion against Miers and Bolten July 25 after
the two failed to respond to subpoenas comcontroversy that led to Gonzales' resignation in September.

## Robber

Continued from Page I
back inside."
The two men went inside the residence, where the robber told the victim to lie down on the floor and then
demanded money.
"The victim showed him

## Study: Lack of sleep may lead to obesity in children

## CHICAGO (AP) - Here's another reason to get

 Here's another reason to getthe kids to bed early: More
sleep may lower their risk of sleep may owe
Researchers have found that every additional hour per fight a third-grader spends sleeping reduces the
child's chances of child's chances of being
obese in sixth grade by 40 percent.
The less sleep they got, 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 thir child's weight was in third
grade, said Dr. Julie Lumeng grade, said Dr. Julie Lumeng
of the University of of the University of
Michigan, who led the
research Michigan,
research.
If there
If there was a magic number for the third-graders, it was nine hours, 45 minutes
of sleep. Sleeping more than of sleep. Sleeping more than
that lowered the risk signifithat low.
cantly. 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
Lack of sleep plays havoc the "yin and yang of appetite regulation," said endocrinol-
ogist Eve Var Cauter of the

University of Chicago, who
was not involved in the new was not
study.
In ex
In experiments by Van Cauter and others, sleepdeprived adults produced more ghrelin, a hormone that
promotes hunger, and less
leptin, a hormone that sigleptin, a hormone that signals fullness.

## Another explanation: Tired kids are less likely to

 exercise and more likely to sit on the couch and eatcookies, Lumeng said. cookies, Lumeng said.
Dr. Stephen Sheldon Dr. Stephen Sheldon, Chicago's
Memorial
Children's Chicago's Children's
Memorial Hospital, praised 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 as sleep apnea, and some
caused by enlarged tonsils and adenoids.


The children lived in 10 U.S
Mothers were asked: child get each day (including naps)?" On average, the third-graders got about $91 / 2$ hours sleep, but some slept as little as seven hours and others as much as 12 hours Of the children who slep 10 to 12 hours a day, abou 10 to 12 hours a day, about
12 percent were obese by 12 percent were obese by
sixth grade. Many more 22 percent - were obese in sixth grade of those who
slept less than nine hours day. The researchers took int account other risk factors for obesity, such as the children's body mass index in
third grade, and still foe third grade, and still found the link between less sleep in third grade
sixth grade.

## Vote

Continued from Page 1
Christian Church Family Life Center, 1633 N. Nelson, Pampa;
Precinct $6, \quad$ Zion $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Precinct } \\ \text { Lutheran Church, } & \text { Zion } \\ 1900\end{array}$ Lutheran Church, 1900
Duncan, Pampa; and
Precinct 7, M.K. Brown Precinct 7, M.K. Brown
Civic Audita Civic Auditorium, 1000 N. Sumner, Pampa. Early voting was held
from Oct. 22 through 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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pelling 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

"There are apparently no witnesses other than the complainant," Hoard said. Taken were the victim's wallet containing an undis-
closed amount of cash along with a checkbook and along with a
credit cards.
Anyone with informatio on the incident may call th sheriff's office at 669-8022.

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## Viewpoints

Free enterprise, supply \& demand will fix failed policies

Many politicians believe every
imaginable problem can be solved imaginable prob
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 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 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 form of tax credits.
In 1979, President Jimmy Carte 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 oil, called by the administration "windfall profits tax.
Instead of cutting imports in hal they doubled. The $\$ 142$ billion program never got off the ground but the "windfall profits tax" took

## Today in History

## By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Nov. 5, the 309th day of 2007. There are 6 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History
Fawkes was seized before he could blow" failed as Guy Parliament.

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 con victed by a judge and fined $\$ 100$ but never paid the fine.)
In 1895 , George B. Selden of Rochester, N.Y., received 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. Roosyegelt won an unprecedented third term in
office as he defeated Republican challenge Wendell L. Willkie. In 1946, Republicans captured control of both the Senate and the House i
tions.
Imagination is the only key to the future. Without it none exists - with it all things are possible.

- Ida M. Tarbell American journalis

In 1968, Richard M Nixon won the presi dency, defeating Vice
President Hubert President Humphrey and American Independer Wallace. Ln 1985, Spencer W. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, died at age 90 he was succeeded by Erra Taft Benson.
In 1987, Supreme Court nominee Douglas H. Ginsburg admitted using marijuana several times in the 1960 s and 70 s, nation.)
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 native El Sayyed Nosair was convicted of the slaying in federal court.)
Ten ye
Ten years ago: The House overwhelmingly approved a bill calling for the most far-re
Revenue Service in 45 years.
Five years ago: In midterm elections, Republicans won conrol of both houses of Congress and claimed a majority of the overnors' races. Securities and Exchange Commissio Chairman Harvey Pitt resigned under pressure after a series olitical missteps that had embarrassed the White House cague Cy Young Award
One year ago: Saddam Hussein was convicted and sentence by the Iraqi High Tribunal to hang for crimes against humanity

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ful economic tool in his arsenal: free enterprise and the power of supply and demand. All of his advisers expected reaching $\$ 100$ per barrel. Well, his
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 mar-
ket. 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. ership wants to revert to those ership wants to revert to
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 olicies of the leadership appear to be a big payback the environmental groups (Paul) that helped them get industry (Peter). Alex Mills is President of the Texas Alliance of Energy Poducers, which represents more han 3,000 members in 25 states. The opinions expressed are those of the author and do not necessarily represent the opinions and/or poli
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## Bush puts kabosh on fruitcake trade

I had been thinking recently that I buildup to attacking Iran militarily. As might start a business that would expor fruitcakes to the Iranian Revolutionary uard. That was the most appropriate dent has put the kibosh on that ide with his tough new sanctions.
Despite always being described as 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 gener ally stupid, since they affect only president and Congress might wish oth erwise, 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. 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, Asian and others can and do. Other than substituting empty gestures for real action nd appeasing domestic lobbies, 1 real 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
buildup to attacking Iran militarily. A some noted expert recently said, you 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 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-

es only to enrich uranium enough to fuel its reactors for generating electric ity. 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 military assets in one easy surgical strike. Strategic bombing has been overrated ever since World War II. The president might know a lot about base-
ball, but he knows practically nothing

## Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas. 2
Fort Worth Star-Telegram on private olls in Texas:
During this year's legislative ses sion, 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 for essential highway projects or essential highway projects. usinessman who is chairman of the Texas Transportation Commission, says "the entire future of the state trans-
portation system" depends on potential revenue from private toll road Texas Department of Transportation old commission members at a meeting last month, the state soon will have only enough money to maintain existing roads, with nothing left for
In May, the Legislature - bowing to buildup of constituent outrage against private toll road proposals and the thought that some of those projects could $g o$ to foreign companies slapped a two-year moratorium on new few notable exceptions, including the Texas 121 tollway planned for Denton and Collin counties.
Lawmakers also said a legislative

## bout war.

Ask an American veteran who sat on an invasion fleet for days while naval Pacific airplanes blasted some small ell you island to smithereens. He will Japanese were still he went ashore, the Our bombing still there ready to fight. Our bombing campaign against Serbia civilians, but when it was over, the Serb army forces came out of Kosovo virtually intact. The famous shock-and-aw show made for good television, but missed its intended target - Sadda Hussein and his top lieutenants. If you hope that bombing can take out ranan's nuclear acilities and its mil thing that only a magic fairy can deliv er. And please, to talk about a "surgi cal" strike with bombs is like saying sawed-off shotgun can be fired with pinpoint accuracy. You cannot bomb
any urban area without killing innocen civilians.
Nobody can know for sure what will happen if our Great Leader decides to attack Iran, but anybody will tell you hat it won't be good. Come to think to the fruitcakes in the White House we can find the address of the planet they are living on. Whrite to Charley Reese
2446, Orlando, FL 32802.
study committee should be named to study committee should be named to pretermine whether heavy relliance roads is a good idea. The committee is to have nine members, with the governor, lieutenant governor and House speaker each appointing hree. Five months later, only Speake Tom Craddick has made his appoinCom Come on, Gov. Rick Perry and Lt not going away onst. This problem is nembers are named own. Even after committees are often slow to start the work and slow to mlow to start their one will have some heavy liffin. this the 2009 legisg its required report for legislative session.

## Specter joins supporters of Mukasey for attorney general

By HOPE YEN
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - Th 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 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 would have absolutely no legal
authority to ignore such a law." "He could have said a lot of Tuesday
things which would have given $m$ more assurances," Specter said 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, no performing. And every day that 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 Mukasey's confirmation had Sunday reiterated his support for been in doubt as five of the panel's Mukasey, even though he said 10 Democrats, including Chairman
Mukasey's answers about water- Patrick Leahy of Vermont, had boarding haven't been totally clear. "I wanted (Mukasey) to say that vaterboarding was torture and illegal," McCain, a former prisoner of war, told reporters in Mason City, owa. "He said that he would ge
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 water-
boarding, which simulates drowning, "repugnant and he would never support such a thing."
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 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 onfirmation. Specter previously had been
mum on whether he would support

Mukasey, citing questions abou waterboarding. On Sunday, Specter said he bout as "Judge Mukasey went about as far as he could go" in stat gorical views because a more cate was illegal could waterboarding was illegal could open a wave o lawsuits against administratio officials.
"It is national interest, important, in the strong attorney have liked better Specter said. "And I think Congress ought to take a firm stand on waterboarding." Specter
Edition."

Loyal football fans
 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 football team and her son Josh Mulkey, who is a defensive back on the team. The Ha
last game at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo against Palo Duro

## Tolls

Continued from Page 4
There's no time like now get this committee start
It's clear that private toll road advocates have done a terrible job of selling the fellow Texans. Now concept is to be salvaged the legislative study committee will have to gather he right data and sell th way that constituents ca believe is independent o political pressure or influence from those who wan make money from to roads.

Perry Perry was the first to push private toll roads in 50 -year plan to build the 4,000-mile, $\$ 175$ billion Trans-Texas Corridor. That February, as if to emphasize of Sugar Land submitted an unsolicited proposal build one of the corridor's | priority projects. |
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ransportation Commissio was touting the potential or public-private partnerships investors would be willing to pay billions upfront for contracts to build new roads, then collect tolls and share that revenue with the The Legislature climbed on board in 2003, passing House Bill 3588 - a mas sive rewrite of state trans portation law that authorized private toll road contracts, which it called comprehensive devel
agreements (CDAs).
The Transportation Commission also adopted the Texas Metropolitan Mobility Plan, changing the way it distributed money or highways. For decares, 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 In effe who were named to posi-
tions leading those regional mobility authorities (in called the Regional Transportation Council), were left to solve their own that they were given the freedom to spend transportation dollars, it became clear that there were far from enough available. Highway construction in
Texas traditionally has been funded primarily from funded primarily from more and more of that money is needed to maintain existing roads. And Williamson says that costs for labor, asphalt and relatand engineering work have escalated 65 to 70 percent in the past 10 years. Meanwhile, legislative leaders refused to raise the
tax. 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 sends to Washington.
It's almost as if decision-makers are being pushed down a funnel that leads to only one source of money to meet future needs: private toll road contracts.
Willi
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 revof their potential toll rev-
enue. 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 wiling 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

## Bayer agrees to stop sales of heart drug

WASHINGTON (AP) -
The government has asked The government has asked Bayer Pharmaceuticals to
suspend sales of a drug used suspend sales of a drug used
to prevent excessive bleeding during heart bypass surgery that may increase the risk of the patient's death. The Food and Drug Administration said today 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 the drug, Trasylol, with two
others was recently halted. 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 during cardiac surgery, the ment. 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 Bayer has said it believes

Trasylol remains a safe and effective treatment option, but that the company would
work with the FDA and regwork with the FDA and reg
ulators in other countries re-evaluate the drug's risks and benefits and determine where any label changes are needed.
The announcement came more than a month after FDA advisers recommended
Trasylol remain on the marTrasylor remain on tespite 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 blood and prevent the need
for blood transfusions in surgeries to bypass clogged coronary arteries.
The agency began re-eval uating the drug's safety after the January 2006 publication
of two studies that linked the of two studies that linked the
drug's use to serious side drug's use to serious side
effects, including kidney problems, heart attacks and strokes.
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## Dear Abby...

By Paulline \& Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My younger brother died time for a dinner party, or calling to inform unexpectedly two years ago. He was only the hosts if plans have changed and they 27. Since then, my parents have befriended will be unable to attend. Nor do they seem his close friends. There are two couples, to realize that part of being good guests is the "Smiths," who have a baby they named making conversation with everyone at the after my brother ( $m y$ parents are his god- party -- the host included. If you haven' parents), and the "Joneses" (Bill Jones was already discussed this with your parents, my brother's best friend growing up). My it's time you did. Tell them they would do parents want to invite them to every holi- the Smiths and Joneses a favor to explain day dinner or event we have. My husband the basic rules of etiquette to them and I host the dinners at our home because because if they pull this one more time it's larger than my parents' and we enjoy they will no longer be invited to your entertaining. The problem is, the Smiths home. Frankly, they are behaving as if and the Joneses are inconsiderate guests. they don't want to be entertained in you They are always late -- an hour or more -- home, and their rudeness conveys that they and my mother always wants to wait for don't appreciate your hospitality. 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 our your readers any sugges
TIME HOME BUYER
DEAR FIRST-TIME HOME BUYER When a new person moves into a building, he neighbors are usually interested in see ghat 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 coffe and pastries over the two-hour period. can't guarantee you will make lifelong friends, but it will acquaint you with your neighbors and them with you.
DEAR ABBY: In two weeks, I am moving to a place of my own. It's my first -- a con dominium 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? Shoutd I go knocking on doors with some type of baked goods? I'm not usually a very outgo g person, but I think it's important to know the neighbors I'll be "living with" for he next few years of my life. Have you or ur readers any suggestions? - FIRSTe neighbors are usually interested in see what the person has done with the unit pastries over the two-hour period.


## Beetle Bailey




B.C.


## Haggar The Horrible



## Flo á Friende



## Blondie





Jack Ware and Kevin Frels were recognized as honorable menrecord of 5-4 in district.

Long-time optimist football coach to make a big move
Currently the coach of the Optimist Football team, the Packers, long-time Pampa resident Ace Acevedo has Packers, long-time Pampa resident Ace Acevedo
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 ConocoPhillips is moving him to Montana.
Tonight at 6 , a going away party will be held for Acevedo the Sportsman's Club on South Barnes.
All who would like to wish Acevedo well on his big move
Adrian Peterson's rushing record helps Vikings top Chargers

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) Right after Adrian Peterson
finished another feat, the talk finished another feat, the talk turned to two more.
Peterson rushed for an 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 Dickerson's rookie record for the season - and within
range of Dickerson's all-time range of Dickerson's all-time me 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 com-
ing for Peterson, who carried ing for Peterson, who carried
the Vikings to a $35-17$ victory over the San Diego
Chargers. His career? Yeah, it's only eight games old.

Every time he touches the ball, my jaw drops,"
teammate Darren Sharper teamm
said.
Coas. Coach Brad Childress and unning backs coach Eric Bieniemy looked at each week during practice last Peterson was on a feeling big game. It was subtle progress, figuring out how to poge his head inside he hole oo lure the linebacker in before taking off on a run round the end, but that's part of playing this difficult "He's
"He's going to hit home uns, but he's understanding he patience part of it Peterson, who scored on


## Lefors Pirates

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## All-District tennis honorees announced

By JORDAN REAGAN
Sports Editor After wrapping ust weir fall season just weeks ago fin-
ishing 4th in disrict, the Pampa Harvester tennis team had one player recognized in sec-nd-team all-dis- Kevin Frels singles player Brad doubles teams recognized as McKenzie, who went 9-0 in doubles teams recogn

Senior Kevin Frels, who MVP.
went $8-2$ in district in \#2 went $8-2$ in district in \#2
 boys singles, was
Pampa's only playPampa's only play-
er recognized in er recognized in
second-team alldistrict. district.
Frels was ranked just below Randall's \#2 boys
singles player Brad district this fall and was also
recognized as district 3-4A's

s
 were recognized as Holly Gage Garrett Couts and Myles Lauren Couts and Holly Gage
Foreman were recognized as were recognized as honorable
honorable mentions in \#2 boys mentions in \#3 girls doubles doubles with a record of 5-4 in with a record of 5-4 in district.

Jack Ware was recognized as an honorable mention in \#1 boys sinin district.



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



Alyssa Hoelting was recognized as an honorable mention in \#6 record of $5-5$ in district


Soon after Terrell Owens finshed taunting fans by flapping his arms in the end zone, there weren't many people left in the stands to T.O. stuck it to the Pe 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 receiver caught 10 passes for
174 yards and one touch174 yards and one touch-
down to help the Dallas Cowboys dismantle Philadelphia
Funday night.
Tony Romo threw three
TD passes, Marion Barber score and NFC East-leading Dallas improved to 7-1 for the first time since 1995, their last Super Bowl winning season.
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 and noth
change."

## change." Despe

Dry to have any hope of

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - defending their division and the Cowboys converted

Thursday at Dick Bivins stadium in Amarillo.
championship, the last-place it into their first score, a 2 Eagles (3-5) were dominated yard run by Julius Jones.
on both sides. on both sides. Owens had a key 23-yard It's the worst start for catch on third-and-6 during
Philadelphia since Andy that drive, just one of several Philadelphia since Andy that drive, just one of several
Reid became coach in 1999. big plays he made. Reid became coach in 1999. big plays he made.
Reid had a tumultuous week,
Unlike his missing practice Thursday to Philadelphia last year, T.O.'s be in court with his two old- second trip to Lincoln est sons. A judge sentenced Financial Field since he was Garrett and Britt Reid to booted off the team he
prison and likened Reid's helped reach the 2004 Super $\begin{array}{ll}\text { prison and likened Reid's } & \text { helped reach the } 2004 \text { Super } \\ \text { home to a "drug emporium." } & \text { Bowl was merely an after- }\end{array}$ Owe to a "drug emporium." sympathy for his former boss who kicked him off the team on Nov. 5, 2005, following a series of incidents, including repeated criticism of quarte
back Donovan McNabb back 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 clear Reid and the Eagles were in for a tough night. first play from scrimmage

## CORRECTION

It was incorrectly stated in Sunday's issue that the
Pampa Harvesters' last foothall game will be played Friday in Amarill last footoail game will be played The game will actually take place at $7: 30$ p.m.
Thursday at Dick Bivins stadium in Amarillo hought.
There
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 those boos," Owens said
with a wide smile. "The fans love me here."
Once the Cowboys went quarter, Owens tried to incite along the sideline sesturing and yelling at the crowd behind the bench.

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Tom Brady and the New England Patriots finished like Now Now it's on to the next chal-
lenge:A perfect season and perhaps another Super Bowl title.
In the latest sequel of the
league's hottest rivalry, Brady 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 back from a 10-point deficit against
the defending Super Bowl champions for a 24-20 victory at Indianapolis.
"They played with a champi-

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.
onship plays and made champi- to Kansas City. onship plays and we did not, so
that's disappointing," Colts Tony Dungy said
Tony Dungy said.
By winning the battle of the 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 Indy still has trips to San Diego and Baltimore and home games against its three division rivals in addition

New England, meanwhile, has only three games leff against teams better than . 500 - at Baltimore (43), home against Pittsburgh and at they try to become the first team to finish with a perfect season since the 1972 Miami Dolphins. But the Patri
chinks Sunday. chinks Sunday.
They failed $\qquad$ opening possession for the first time. They trailed in the fourth quarter for the first time all season.
 Trailing $20-10$ with $9: 42$ left in season's comeback in the AFC title
ent
24-20, improve to 9-0

## Autopsy inconclusive on Shay after Olympic trials death

NEW YORK (AP) - An autopsy of lite runner Ryan Shay was inconclulapsed 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 heart tissue," said Ellen Borakove,
spokeswoman for the city medical pxaminer'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 $51 / 2$ miles into
he race Saturday, and later was prohe race Saturday, and later wa
nounced dead at a city hospital.
"They know how he died ... of a c
diac arrest. What caused it is what's
diac arrest. What caused it is what's in
question," his father, Joe Shay, told The question," his father, Joe Shay, told The 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." Shay said Saturday that Ryan was diagnosed with an enlarged heart at
age 14. But doctors had repeatedly age 14. But doctors had repeatedly
cleared him for competition, because cleared him for competition, because
hard in aerobic sports, such as cycling, 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 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 dis-
tinguished professor at the Indiana tinguished professor at the Indiana
University
School of University School of Medicine.
Genetic testing can also determine whether a person is at risk for certain problems.

## Still, those

 everything.Joe Shay said doctors could not ade quately test Ryan using could not adewhen he was a teenager because his heart rate was so low. Zipes said that's Zipes will among elite athletes. stop training for a month in athletes to learn why their hearts are enlarged. Healthy athletes' hearts will shrink dur-
they suffer from hypertrophic cardiomyopathy.
Ryan Shay
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 you're older you may need a pacemaker to make adjustments on that," Joe Shay maid.
Ryan didn't complain of any problems, his father said, but he never was one to do so.
"One of the "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 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 euloDame, Joe Piane, were to deliver eulo-
gies.

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) for 23 yards. again saved his best for the Davis sped past cornerback fourth quarter, leading the Stanford Routt and caught Houston Texans to yet the long TD pass that gave another win over the strug- the Texans a $24-10$ lead gling Oakland Raiders. Rosenfels connected with Andre' Davis on a 42-
yard touchdown pass midyard touchdown pass mid-
way through the fourth way through the fourth
quarter that helped Houston snap a three-game skid. The Texans remained unbeaten in three meetings with Oakland by beating
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 17 point deficit to seven early in the fourth quarter. Ron Dayne, who rushed for season-high 122 yard
bulled his way to the
Oakland 42 on three rushe with 7:50 to go. Davis was greeted with a chest bump
by injured teammate Andre by injured teammate Andre field in street clothes to congratulate his teammate. Rosenfels came into the game with the third-bes quarterback rating in the
fourth quarter (125.1) and 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, seal-
ing the win for the Texans ing the win for the Texans,
who had lost five of six who had lost five of six
since a $2-0$ start. McCown since a 2-0 start. McCown
finished 13-for- 28 for 158 yards, throwing a 28 -yard
TD pass to Tim Dwight

## 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 t, nobody else in the NFL is going to come this close the rest of the
way.
The New England Patriots did in he 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-cer-
tainty.
So how about if we give Little Bill an "A" on his report card righ ow, so he can get a headstart on to Whe next levert, wherere 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 it's only going to get worse. It was
bad enough when he kept showing bad enough when he kept showing smarter he was.

Lately, though, he's taken to worrying about the long haul. It's eating them up, and even the one lost its stomach when it came to
crunch time "Some victories do mean more than others," New England linewacker "Tedy Bruschi said afterother game. This is one we're going to remember.' Belichick wouldn't go even that
far. He answered just about every far. He answered just about every guestion by calling the Colts "What else would they be? My "Did you watch them play?" The final time he was asked whether this ' win mattered more han most, Belichick narrowed hose steely eyes and said almost This was a just a game against the Colts. That's all it was. The other ames don't mean a thing. Honestly, Belichick doesn't care bout his legacy. Yet.
Guys like him rarely get hung up
how they get so much done in such Look at the way Belichick usualy 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. 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 stan-
dard coaching fare for this one, a
dark blue polo shirr over khaki
slacks, might have been more
revealing than anything he said.
Maybe he ffigured 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"
scarefests.
Then again, maybe Belichick
chose Sunday's outfit because the
game was being played in a cli-

Figuring Belichick out is a life time project. He spent most a lifeearly career in Bill (Big Bill) Parcells' shadow, and (Big Bill) first head-coaching stint his 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 ov enough guys in New England. As capriciously as he treats
many of his players, he's fiercely 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. gospel.
He takes
He takes chances on some guys with rough pasts - Randy Moss
being just the latest - and makes being just the latest - and makes
examples of others who don't buy wholeheartedly into his team-first sermons, cutting or trading them, or working them until they wish. he'd gotten rid of them earlier.
into Belichick's schemes because They work. deep in single coverage, coaxed a wo penalties on the pivotal into of the fourth quarter, then put the squeeze on Peyton Manning when "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 the championship game" Colts
coach Tony Dungy said, referring 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 worn it in the fourth quar-
ter today." ter today."
Some day Belichick will look
back and appreciate that, too Just not now.
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## Peterson

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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 JamalLewis gained for Baltimore Lewis gained for Baltimore
in 2003 against Cleveland. He led Minnesota to a fran-chise-record 378 yards Plus, with 1,036 yards at
Phing, to. the midpoint of the season,
he's gaining fast Dickerson's rookie record of 1,808 set in 1983
Dickerson rushed for 2,105 yards the next year, which Childress was history. thought he had the hes back in the league.
other way right now," the oach said.
$\qquad$
For all that he's done for
the Vikings, his actual impact on the At 3-5, they're merely on
pace to finish with the same
have been big news.
Instead, San Diego (4-4) Instead, San Diego (4-4) dard all-around performance.
Minnesota pressured Philip Rivers into one of the worst games of his career
and made sure LaDainian 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. one lost fumble.
"It's not defense or
offense. It's all of us," offense. It's all of us,"
Rivers said. "Obviously we Rivers said. "Obviously we
were given plenty of opporwere given plenty of oppor-
tunities, but we didn't do
enough," enough."
Tomlin Tomlinson rushed times for 40 yards and on
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 any-
ting like it." thing like it."
The Charg The Chargers knocked Minnesota quarterback garvaris 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 That score was set up by seven straight running plays. "That's how I like to play "That's how I like to play
football," Childress said.

## Texans CB Robinson's season likely finished with knee injury



> or during the ensuing pileup that lef
him motionless on the ground. him motionless on the ground.
"My leg was stuck in the ground
and somebody came and jumped on "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 wa. This is part of te out of the way. This is part of the sport
that I play.". hat I Ilay."
> Robinson spent a few minutes on the turf before rising and gingerly
moving to a cart, which took him to the 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.
Robins Robinson has been the strongest player in Houston's secondary, earaing praise for his toughness and steady
play. Opponents have targeted fellow play. Opponents have targeted fellow
correrback DeMarcu Faggins for
most of their big throws.

## Johnson wins 3rd straight

 race, takes Cup points leadFORT 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 beehind 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 goin, strugling with was no factor in the late going, struygling with handling
before managing to squeeze out a hard-earned seventh-lace 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 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." of it, I guess."
Kenseth was one of three drivers who moved to the fron on he 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
had a lead of just over one second.
had a ead of ohso caught him, the two battled lap after lap,
Once Jone 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


## 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, 9 -year-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 third-
grader said while munching a grader said while munching a
McDonald's french fry.

Aaron was diagnosed with mus-
cular dystrophy two and a hal years ago and has had speech diffi-
culty since school age. But he culty since school age. But he
doesn't let using a wheelchair 80 doesn't let using a wheelchair 80
percent of the time slow him down percent of the time slow him down,
scout officials said. "Aaron is a ve 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, else, and always does his best,
which is what scouting is about.

Adamen 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 helps $\operatorname{lift}$ him up. His sales pitch is a wide constant smile, raised eyehis mother explains his goal to qualify for a college scholarship. "It wasn't just mom and dad
helping sell," said Beverly Ruiz helping sell," said Beverly Ruiz,
dressing up in his uniform, pecking or
After three weekends of knocking on doors, one neighbor knocking on doors, one neighbor lent a hand and gathered orders from his
architectural firm's employees and 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. popcorn.
It's the It's the most ever sold by one
said John Thurston, president and CEO of South Texas Council, Inc. Boy Scouts of America. Last year Boy Scout in Victoria was recog nized for the highest previous
sales, about $\$ 6,000$ Popcorn procee Popcorn $\left.\begin{array}{c}\text { proceeds } \\ \text { baron's cub scout group, Pack } 296\end{array}\right)$ 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

Punk rocker

unk 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 $\mathrm{I}-35$ to the east, includes the option
for the state to earn credit for the state to earn credir,
though not payment, for
pushing traffic to the tollpushing traffic to the toll-
way. That includes by lowering $1-35$ speed limits. the Texas Department of Transportation said the
agency won't do that, even agency won't do to
for financial gain.
"We don't expect to be
reducing speed limits on I-
35," spokeswoman Gaby
Garcia said "They
Garcia said. "They are set by
traffic engineering studies
traffic engineering studies
and not by economic gain." and not by economic cain.
The state signed the Texas
130 deal 130 deal in March with a
consortium made up of consortium made up of
Cintra of Spain and Zachry Cintra of Spain and Zachry
Construction Corp. of San Construction Corp. of San
Antonio. Antonio.
Under the deal, CintraZachry will finance, build and operate the $\$ 1.3$ billion tollway in the hope of ev
tually turning a profit.


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## Memorial held for 'Baby Grace'

TIKI ISLAND, Texas (AP) - Residents up tennis shoes with purple flowers on them.
held a memorial service to help focus atten-
tion on the case of "Baby Grace" tion on the case of "Baby Grace," the young
girl whose remains were discovered inside a girl whose remains were discovered inside a
storage box that washed ashore on Galveston Bay.
Brage box that washed ashore on Galveston Hundreds of tips from around the country sketches of the unidentified child on Friday. A fisherman found the toddler's body a week ago along the Intercoastal Waterway. gathered around a 4 -foot-tall wooden cross 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 "This i. "This is not the place to end this little girl's
life," said Maj. Ray Tuttoilmondo of the 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 waist-long, wavy blond or light brown hair 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-

## Crash claims third child of veteran

DALLAS (AP) - A wounded Iraq veter- limit, traffic investigators have said, but they an and his wife have lost a third child from
injuries the boy suffered in a car accident on accident on a combination of
high speed, drowsiness and powerful winds. injuries the boy suffered in a car accident on
the way to visit his father in the hospital. $\begin{gathered}\text { high speed, drowsiness and powerful winds. } \\ \text { The three children were in the back seat. }\end{gathered}$ Three weeks after his siblings died in an Logan was in a child seat, but the other two 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 Meir three Center in San Antonio when the deadly crash occurred n Interstate 10 about 12 miles east of Lisa J
Lisa Johnson overcorrected the steering in blast of wind on the drive from EI Paso, causing the car to roll at least four times, officials have said.

Several callers believe that the child's
body may be that of Madeleine McCann, a 4ody may be that of Madeleine McCann, a
year-old British girl whose disappearance year-old British girl whose disappearance
from a resort hotel in Portugal in May has
made international headlines, Tuttoilmondo made int
said.
"Based on the totality of the circumstances, we do not believe it's her
(Madeleine)," Tuttoilmondo said and added (Madeleine)," Tuttoilmondo said and added that his office is working with the
Local authorities and the FBI are going through missing person reports from across country in an effort to identify the girl.
Galveston County memorial fund to as an account to pay for her funeral as well who helps to solve this crime. The Galveston County Medical 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 he Galveston County sheriff's Office at 4098477 or any Crime Stoppers organization. 8477 or any Crime Stoppers organization.

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with hearing loss to be "product testers"


The couple's youngest children, 2-yearold Logan and 5 -year-old Ashley, died at the injuries Lisa
isa Johnson was driving at the speed Funeral Ho Funeral Home
hometown.
hildren were not wearing seatbelts. Sgt. 1st Class Eugene Schmidt, a family
pokesman, said Tyler survived longer than sokesman, 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 has survived five brushes with improvised
explosive device blasts during two years in explosive device blasts during two years in
Iraq, Schmidt said last month. The latest left him with a traumatic brain injury, and he peaks 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

