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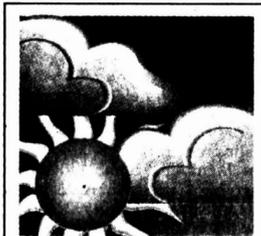
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Deputy finds stolen truck

Two people in a pickup truck in the drive-up lane at McDonald's got more than dinner Wednesday night - they were taken into custody by Sheriff's Deputy Chris Didway.

Didway's sharp eye that noticed the truck about 9:45 p.m. which had earlier that day been reported stolen in Perryton, said Chief Sheriff's Deputy Kelly Rushing.

The 2000 Ford pickup had been reported stolen by a Perryton man who came to the sheriff's office earlier Wednesday, Rushing said. The man thought he knew who took the vehicle and believed it to be in Pampa.

After questioning the people in the truck, Rushing said it became clear that neither of them knew the truck was stolen and they were released.

Debra Lynn Rawls, 29, of Perryton, wasn't so lucky. She was arrested at the Star Motel, taken to the Gray County Jail and charged with unlawful use of a motor vehicle.

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 45-13-32-53-42-47.
Estimated jackpot: \$10 million.
Number matching six of six: zero.
Matching five of six: 40. Prize: \$3,073.
Matching four of six: 2,300. Prize: \$132.
Matching three of six: 49,613. Prize: \$5.
Next Lotto Texas game: Saturday night.
Estimated jackpot: \$14 million.

Rhiannon Jade Anderson, infant.
Billie Poteet Barrett, 82, longtime Dunlap's employee.

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Everybody smile!



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)
Capt. Kirk Tolliver of the Houston Fire Department and Michaela, Payton, Christian and Nicholas Wells of Skellytown give the "thumbs up" sign while posing for a picture during an impromptu reception for the New York City Fire Department's "Thank You America" bicycle ride that passed through Pampa this week. Tolliver and another member of the HFD joined the tour at Oklahoma City and will continue to ride part of the way to California before returning to Houston, he said.

Tuesday p.m. dangerous time for city drivers

PPD report: Most wrecks with injury occur at that time

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Don't drive your car on Tuesday afternoons.

According to the Pampa Police Department's monthly accident report for November, the most likely type of

accident involving injuries in the community involves two or more vehicles and is mostly likely to happen between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. on a Tuesday.

Most non-injury accidents, however, happened during November between 10 a.m. and noon on Thursdays.

But Pampa police officers are quick to point out that because of the low number of accidents in the city, no statistical conclusions can be made.

The most non-injury accidents recorded during the 11th month of the year was in the 1200 block of North Hobart. The records for accidents with injuries did not

indicate a particular location as more frequent than others.

The most frequent factor cited in accidents in the city during the month was driver inattention.

There were only five accidents during November in Pampa that involved injuries. They accounted for seven injuries or possible injuries. There was only one incapacitating injury reported for the month.

One of the accidents involved a fixed object, one involved a parked vehicle, one involved a cyclist, but two of the accidents involved more than one vehicle.

Two of the accidents were on Tuesday. One each was on a Friday, a Saturday and a Thursday.

One accident was during the noon to 2 p.m. time frame. One was between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. One was between 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Two accidents with injuries were reported during the 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. period.

The accidents were in the 1100 block of Alcock, the 1300 block of Duncan, the 200 block of North Hobart, the 2100 block of Perryton Parkway and the 800 block of South Somerville.

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Shopping tour needs 60 helpers

Plans to invite 132 children to experience the 2001 Children's Shopping Tour scheduled for Dec. 15 are being finalized, according to General Chair Dan McGuire of Pampa Optimist Youth Club (POYC).

"I have checked our list with Sandra McKinney of the Texas Department of Human Services," said Capt. Patricia Steward of the Salvation Army. "We are inviting children between the ages of 5 and 10 who have not been on the tour before and have tried to eliminate duplications."

Jeff and Monica Welborn from Kiwanis Club of Pampa have confirmed 140 of the estimated 200 chaperones needed for the tour. Individuals interested in assisting the children with their shopping may call the Welborns at 665-4051.

"The cost to sponsor a child on the tour is \$65," said John W. Warner, treasurer for the project. "Donations can be mailed to me at Box 645, Pampa, Texas 79066-0645. Checks should be payable to the Pampa Optimist Youth Club."

Now that's a fly swatter



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)
A Storybook Theater performer brandishes a giant fly swatter during the presentation of "Country Mouse, City Mouse" at Travis Elementary today. The play teaches children the differences between country and city life. The program is being presented to Pampa Independent School District and other local elementary schools as part of a grant from the Texas Commission on the Arts and local foundations.

Water level measurements provide vital data to public

It's time for the annual winter water level measurement to begin in the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District.

The measurements are designed not only to help the District with vital data and information but it also helps out the general public, farmers and ranchers, a district spokesman said.

Some benefits from collecting the data include making saturated thickness maps that are useful in locating the amount of water under the ground in a particular place.

Many farmers and ranchers use these maps to locate the best places to drill irrigation wells or windmills.

Other maps prepared from the data are water level and depletion maps, the spokesman said.

The water level maps tell where the present water level is located and the depletion maps reveal how many feet the water table has risen or fallen in the past years.

Depletion maps are the same maps used for those landowners eligible for depletion allowance on their income tax returns.

The water measurements are gathered by using an E-line or a steel tape down the casing of the

well. An E-line consists of a long measuring tape with a battery-powered circuit running through it.

The end of the E-line that goes in first has a short in it. When this short goes into water a buzzer sounds on the reel telling the operator that it has found the water level.

The steel tape is used in much the same way. The tape is first covered with a blue or yellow chalk for four-to-five feet. This end is inserted into the casing. In order to put the right amount of tape into the well, the operator must know the previous year's water depth.

The tape is then pulled back out of the well. The operator finds the area where the chalk has been washed off the steel tape. From this reading, the operator can calculate the water level.

The PGCD has been measuring water levels on many different wells throughout the district including some on which the data goes back 40 years.

PGCD employees who will collect the data will be driving a red pickup truck that carries the District's decal on the door.

For more information call the district office in White Deer at 1-800-320-3536 or 1-806-883-2501.

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Daily Record

Obituaries

RHIANNON JADE ANDERSON
Rhiannon Jade Anderson, infant daughter of Pampa residents, was stillborn Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2001, at Amarillo. Private family services will be scheduled at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Survivors include her mother, Brianne King of Pampa; her father, Donny Anderson of Pampa; and her grandparents, Becky Anderson and Laura King, both of Pampa, and Richard King of Bakersfield, Calif.

BILLIE POTEET BARRETT

LUBBOCK — Billie Poteet Barrett, 82, died Sunday, Dec. 2, 2001. Graveside services were to be at 1 p.m., today in Abilene Municipal Cemetery. Burial will be under the direction of Sanders Funeral Home.

Born Dec. 5, 1918, in Eastland County, Mrs. Barrett attended Abilene High School. She married Findley Barrett on Dec. 18, 1941, at Abilene; he died in 1974. She came to Pampa in 1950 and worked at Dunlap's Department Store for 22 years.

She moved to Lubbock in 1997. Survivors include a nephew, Bill Poteet of Lubbock; and two great-nephews, Christopher and Phillip Poteet.

The family requests memorials be to Meals on Wheels of Lubbock.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro made the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, Dec. 5

12:30 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC for a patient transport to DPC Unit in Lubbock.

4:40 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Cuyler and Albert on a motor vehicle accident and transported one to PRMC.

10:39 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of South Farley; no transport.

Thursday, Dec. 6

12:11 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of N. Banks and transported one to PRMC.
6:12 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Crane Road and transported one to PRMC.

Stocks

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Wheat	2.44	dn 0.01	IBM	100.00	dn 0.50
Maize	3.55	dn 0.02	Microsoft	30.00	dn 0.25
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Gold	360.00	dn 2.00	Yahoo	18.00	dn 0.10
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Natural Gas	3.70	dn 0.05	Dropbox	13.00	dn 0.10
Oil	22.60	dn 0.10	Slack	12.00	dn 0.10
Coal	86.51	dn 0.05	Zoom	11.00	dn 0.10

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, Dec. 5

Frank Brackney Pechacek, 35, Dallas, held for transport to the Texas Department of Corrections on a 20-year sentence.

Logan Taylor Daniels, 22, Alanreed, was charged with burglary of a building.

Thursday, Dec. 6

Debra Lynn Rawls, 29, 405 N. Ash, Perryton, arrested for Ochiltree County on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following arrest and incidents during the 24-hour time period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, Dec. 5

Richard Ray Gallaher, 50, 705 N. Gray, arrested on two warrants charging issuance of a bad check.

Criminal mischief was reported at the Hickory Hut, 716 W. Brown, where minor damage was caused to a door.

A motor vehicle was vandalized in the 500 block of Lowry. Damage was estimated at \$2,600.

Child Protective Services reported a sexual assault on a minor child.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 1100 block of Varnon where an RCA VCR valued at \$65 was stolen.

A forgery was reported by Albertson's, 1233 N. Hobart.

A runaway was reported in the 700 block of North Bradley. The child returned home later.

Fires

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

Tuesday, Dec. 4

3:27 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1000 block of East Gordon.

Wednesday, Dec. 5

10:05 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a report of smoke at Hazel and Browning streets. None was found.

11:15 a.m. — Two units and six firefighters responded to a fire alarm at Pampa Regional Medical Center. The alarm was accidentally tripped.

2:42 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters, including "Sparky" the Fire Dog, appeared for a special ceremony at Harvester Lanes on Texas Highway 70.

4:46 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision at Albert and Cuyler streets.

10:45 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1000 block of South Farley.

Thursday, Dec. 6

1:56 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a carbon monoxide check in the 2700 block of Comanche. Firefighters found a high concentration of the deadly gas, later determined to have come from the fireplace. They ventilated the residence to remove the gas. No injuries were reported.

Bolivia's American first lady called 'just Ginger from Texas'

By VANESSA ARRINGTON
Associated Press Writer

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP) — "I'm just Ginger from Texas," says the former schoolteacher. "And I married this Bolivian guy, and now they call me first lady."

Actually, on the world scene, Virginia Gillum de Quiroga is one of two Texan first ladies. The other is Laura Bush, and the two women are to meet in Washington on Thursday when Bolivian President Jorge Quiroga makes an official visit to the White House.

"La primera dama de Bolivia" is universally known here by her nickname, Ginger, and has reddish hair and hazel eyes. She speaks with a bit of a twang, watches her diet and exercises daily. But though she may look and act 100 percent American, she says she feels Bolivian and is raising her four children as Bolivians.

Bolivianness is a question she has frequently faced since her husband, Jorge Quiroga, became president five months ago. Although generally mild-mannered, 38-year-old Gillum can be a bit defensive about it, pointing out that she has lived in Bolivia since 1989.

"I think it's irrelevant that I'm American," she said in an interview. "I may make mistakes a lot of times when I'm speaking Spanish, but I know no one judges me. I think people are open to giving me a chance."

To a Bolivian journalist who pressed the subject at a news conference, she retorted: "Look, I eat more llajua than my husband!" Lljajua is a spicy Bolivian sauce.

Still, it makes a change for Bolivians to have a "norteamericana" in the presidential mansion, even though she holds Bolivian citizenship, according to Oscar Jordan, director of the government's migration office.

"How can a North American be the first lady of Bolivia?" asked Alberto Camacho, the head of Central Obrero Boliviano, the workers' union. "She has no idea what it feels like to be a Bolivian."

But he adds that neither do most other Bolivian politicians and their families.

"These people have their houses, their cars, their workers who cook their food, wash and iron their clothes, take care of their children," he said. "They don't know what suffering is."

Gillum has pledged to come to grips with that suffering by visiting villages throughout Bolivia, South America's poorest nation, and listening to those who come to her office every day lobbying for the needy.

She says she wants her children to understand it too. After a young girl wrote to her 11-year-old

daughter Vanessa describing how poor her Bolivian jungle school is, the daughter launched a drive to collect educational games for the village.

Gillum says she's glad her children are exposed to the world's have-nots. "A lot of people hide reality from their children," she said. "They hide everything that's not good in the world. But then how do those children grow up and want to put something back into it?"

Gillum, a Houston native, first met Tuto, as her husband is nicknamed, on a blind date in Austin, where he was working for IBM. He had spent nearly 12 years in the United States, spoke English with no accent, and when he told her he was from Bolivia, she thought he was talking about his ancestors.

He was determined to return to his country to pursue a career in politics. His marriage proposal was contingent on her agreeing to live in Bolivia, so in 1988 they came to visit.

Gillum loved the laid-back, family-oriented atmosphere and the Andes-to-Amazon diversity. They married in 1989, honeymooned in Texas, then settled in Bolivia.

She taught at the American school in La Paz while her husband rose through cabinet positions to the vice presidency. On Aug. 7, a day after Hugo Banzer resigned to battle cancer, he became president.

He has to serve out Banzer's term, which ends next year, but because of term limits, he would have to wait until 2007 to run for election as president.

Gillum isn't the only foreigner with a Latin American husband for president.

Mary Flake, from Memphis, Tenn., moved to Honduras after marrying Carlos Flores 28 years ago. Her husband became president in 1997, and in October Gillum went to visit her and get tips on the art of being first lady.

Eliane Karp, a Belgian anthropologist, is the outspoken wife of Alejandro Toledo, who became Peru's first freely elected president of Indian descent in June.

Karp is credited with helping Toledo secure the Indian vote with her fluency in Quechua, the ancient Incan language spoken in Peru, Bolivia and Ecuador.

A naturalized U.S. citizen, she met Toledo in the 1970s at Stanford University, where she was getting her Ph.D.

Karp has spoken out sharply against sexism in Peru, and proposed giving the first lady's office more clout. Gillum, on the other hand, shuns anything that might be seen as the least bit controversial. When asked in a magazine profile if she is a feminist, she said: "I prefer not to answer that."

Space shuttle 'Endeavor' blasts off towards international space station

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Space shuttle Endeavour raced toward the international space station early Thursday to deliver the fourth crew to live in the orbiting outpost.

After nearly a week of delays, Endeavour lifted off from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida for an 11-day mission shortly before sunset Wednesday under extremely tight security.

It was the first shuttle launch since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, and Endeavour's commander, Dominic Gorie, marked the occasion with some patriotic parting words.

"We're all aware that for over 200 years and certainly over the last two months, freedom rings loud and clear across this country. But right here and right now, it's time to let freedom roar. Let's light them up," Gorie told Mission Control shortly before takeoff at 5:19 p.m. eastern time.

The launch was scheduled for last Thursday but a jammed docking mechanism on space station Alpha forced two delays. After that was fixed, bad weather scrubbed Tuesday's attempt.

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While no one died in the storm, which caused major damage at a trailer park on the city's northwest side, one person remains hospitalized from injuries from the tornado.

Journalists weren't present when the astronauts departed for the launch pad and space center employees had to be behind a barricade.

The shuttle, due to arrive at Alpha on Friday, is delivering the space station's newest crew. American astronauts Carl Walz and Daniel Bursch and Russian cosmonaut Yuri Onufrienko, the

new station commander, will stay until May.

Endeavour will be the ride home for Alpha's current residents: commander Frank Culbertson and cosmonauts Vladimir Dezhurov and Mikhail Tyurin. They have been living aboard Alpha since August.

Besides ferrying up a load of station supplies, the shuttle also carried New York City police and fire department badges and patches, and flags from the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and Pennsylvania. Also on board were thousands of small American flags, which after Endeavour's return will be given to the families of those killed on Sept. 11 and to survivors of the attacks.

After liftoff, several NYPD, FDNY and New York City OEM (office of emergency management) caps were displayed inside Mission Control.

This is NASA's sixth and final shuttle flight of the year.

"It's a great way to end a great year," Kennedy Space Center director Roy Bridges told the launch team. "You really put the icing on our holiday cake."

Disaster aid denied for tornado-stricken Hondo residents

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — South Central Texas residents hardest hit when a tornado roared through two months ago were dealt a setback when the Federal Emergency Management Agency denied a request by Gov. Rick Perry for a major disaster declaration.

The declaration would have made storm victims in the Hondo area eligible for grants and low interest loans.

"The uninsured people who lost homes and all their belongings were counting on FEMA, so it was a huge letdown," said Pauline Avila of the Community Council of South Central Texas,

which is assisting about 40 families left homeless.

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Weather focus

PAMPA — Today, partly sunny with highs in the mid 30s. West to southwest winds 5 to 15 mph.

Tonight, mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s. South winds 5 to 15 mph becoming southwest 10 to 20 mph late.

Friday, mostly sunny. Highs 50 to 60. Northwest winds 10 to 20 mph becoming northeast.

STATEWIDE — Rain, fell

early Thursday in North and Northeast Texas as a cold front moved slowly southward through the state.

The rain extended from near Paris through McKinney and Dallas-Fort Worth to Glen Rose. The rainfall was moving northeast at 20 mph as the front tracked southward.

Scattered showers were expected to begin tapering off

in the afternoon in advance of drier and cooler air moving in on Friday and remaining in place for the weekend.

Early-morning temperatures ranged from 30s to 70s.

Extremes were 32 degrees at Amarillo and 73 at Brenham.

Other readings are 51 degrees at Abilene, near 60 at Dryden and 70 degrees at Lufkin.

Winds were generally light and westerly in the Panhandle and South Plains, with variable conditions elsewhere.

Partly to mostly cloudy skies covered West Texas early Thursday as cirrus streamed northeastward with a subtropical jet.

A slight chance of showers was expected in North Texas, with drier air and more seasonal temperatures in the forecast for Friday.

Skies should be mostly cloudy from the Permian Basin and Big Bend east to the Edwards Plateau and Concho Valley.

Daytime highs were expected in the 50s and 60s through Friday.

Lows overnight will drop to the 30s and 40s, with a few readings in the 20s in the mountains and over parts of the western South Plains.



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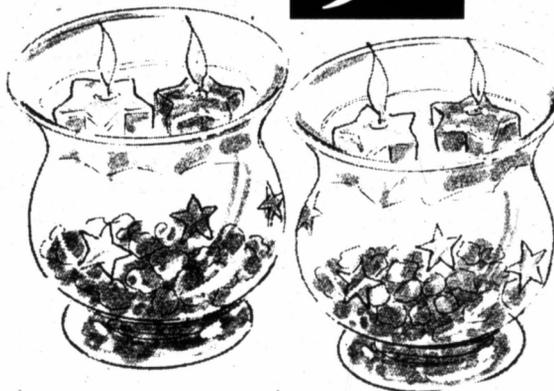
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Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion around Texas: Wichita Falls Times Record News on bullies: For one in three students, those in the sixth through the 10th grade, walking through the school's hallways is as excruciating as stepping on hot coals or as challenging as running the gauntlet.

For one in three students, a bully is waiting. That's according to a nationwide study of more than 15,000 private and public schools, printed in the American Journal of Medicine this spring. Unfortunately for those students, few schools have adopted anti-bullying policies, despite the outcry in the wake of the Columbine tragedy — that students bullied incessantly could eventually retaliate, possibly fatally.

Far too often, the bully and the victim receive the same punishment, when an administrator seeing the skirmish after the first punch is thrown misinterprets the victim's accountability. Even when the bully is individually disciplined, the punishment hardly measures more than detention, in-school suspension, alternative campuses or expulsion.

Any hope of getting to the root of the bullying is thrown out the door. Resolving the conflict could very well prevent further encounters and, in the process, uncover underlying reasons the bully reacts in such a way.

Experts call that process "conflict resolution." Conflict resolution first emerged, according to an in-depth article appearing in the Nov. 11, 2001, The New York Times Magazine, in the 1970s. Over the past three decades, though, only 15 to 20 percent of our nation's public schools include conflict resolution in the curriculum.

The New York City school system implemented conflict resolution programs in its 375 schools, the magazine reported, with pleasing results. The curriculum includes lessons, discussions integrated into social studies, peer mediation or a combination of all three approaches, teaching "a specific set of skills aimed at resolving disputes not only without aggression but happily."

Not only do the victims find the hallways less daunting, the bully's school performance on achievement tests improves, the magazine stated, and a positive attitude, not anger, bubbles to the surface.

Schools where conflict resolution was implemented found a 29 percent decrease in hitting and fighting, 20 percent decrease in verbal taunting. But where there were no attempts to remedy the situation, the magazine reported, physical aggression increased an unacceptable 41 percent and verbal aggression jumped 22 percent.

The goal isn't to prevent violence so much as create a peaceful environment more conducive to learning.

The Wichita Falls Independent School District doesn't have an anti-bully policy per se. The school system's zero tolerance policy treats a bully the same way it does a student found with aspirin in her backpack. They are both removed from the situation, no questions asked or allowed.

It's yet another infuriating weakness in a zero-tolerance policy. The victim of the bullying gets a reprieve for only a short time, until the bully is returned to the environment.

The bully's victim would probably want the school district to ask his tormentor, "What's eating you?"

Asking that one question, the simplest form of conflict resolution, could prove beneficial all around.

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Christmas spirit abounds in Pampa

Driving the streets of Pampa Wednesday night, I found so many beautifully decorated homes and yards in the community.

Stopping and taking pictures of a few homes, I met so many nice people. It really put me in the Christmas spirit.

Local residents are not letting the tragedy of Sept. 11 stop them from observing what should be the most pleasant season of the year.

As I toured the community, I found homes and yards adorned in the traditional holiday settings. Christmas trees and Santas abound.

A delightful assortment of Disney characters on Linda Drive are a dream for young children.

The traditional nativity scenes are seen in many yards this year.

It seems so many people are determined to continue with as much normalcy as possible, and I am pleased. They are a wonderful example to young children.

Through the years, I've heard people say many times they don't even want to put up a Christmas Tree. Not me! I love the season.

Christmas is the season children's eyes should have that special sparkle no matter what sort of personal or national tragedy has occurred.

I attended a seminar many years ago conducted by the late Mary Panagatou with Catholic Family Services in Amarillo, and I will never forget something she said. "People often think that they can leave their children material things, and that is most important," she said in that quiet voice of hers. "However, the only thing that parents really leave their children are memories. It is up to the parents as to what type



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Managing editor

of memories those children possess."

That statement made such an impression on me that I tried to always remember it when raising my children and in providing guidance to my grandchildren.

Whenever I think of my late grandmother, I always feel love. She left me many, many good memories. She knew about leaving memories before the psychologists did.

While it is unlikely I can leave few worldly possessions to my children and grandchildren, I'm trying to leave memories for them.

This past weekend four of my grandchildren helped me finish decorating the my tree and my home. The event has been traditional for three of them: Peyton, 7; Christian, 5; and Paige, 3. These three have always lived close by and participated in the decorating.

For the oldest of the four, Zac, 12, it was something quite different. He has always lived far away on naval bases with his mother and has not had the traditional family Christmas with us but once or twice when he was very small.

He is now making his home with my

youngest daughter and her family while his mother is in the Arabian Sea due to the Attack on America. The family decorating was a new adventure for him.

Our family is certainly not a 'Brady Bunch' happy, happy family. (I don't really think those exist.) But I try.

As I was playing Christmas music on cassette tapes, Zac asked about playing his CDs. Peyton quickly told him I didn't have a CD player.

Christian told him that I had some "Big CDs" that we could play. Zac had a quizzical look on his face. Then Christian told him I even have some CDs with BIG holes in the middle. Zac was more confused.

I quickly explained that the 'Big CDs' were 3 1/3 records and the 'CDs' with big holes in them were 45-size records. It was interesting trying to explain records and stereos to a CD Kid. I didn't even tell him I also have 78 size records.

Hopefully, he will be able to share these memories with his mom in future years at Christmas.

This weekend we are preparing candies, cookies and other goodies to send her and her brother who is also serving in the U.S. Navy in the same area. Ironically, her battle group is being sent to relieve her younger brother's.

Some day he and his cousins will know how important it is to carry on with normalcy by putting out the Christmas decorations no matter what occurs. They will have the memories we are leaving them today.

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The 'Simon strategy' for winning

Until Sept. 11, Democrats mad about George W. Bush's "stealing of the presidency" were hot to trot, and conservatives upset about the Bush centrist strategy on many issues were ready to rumble. Now, though, the search for security is trumping all other questions, and if that trend continues, a lot of election races across the country a year from now will be enormously changed.

The race to be governor of the nation's biggest state provides one example. Two months ago, at 8:50 a.m. on Sept. 11, two Republicans were eating breakfast in New York City. One of them, Mayor Rudy Giuliani, received a message and told the other, businessman Bill Simon, "You won't believe this — the World Trade Center has been hit by a plane."

Giuliani then headed downtown while Simon moved on to another meeting in an attempt to garner backers for his California gubernatorial campaign. He needs many such meetings, because in the GOP primary he is likely to face California Secretary of State Bill Jones and Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan. If he wins that, he will go up against incumbent Democrat Gray Davis, who recently blurted out unsubstantiated information about a terrorist threat to several bridges.

You might think that Simon would be determined to find some hot-button social issues as a way to gain voters' attention. Nope. The Simon strategy for winning is to emphasize infrastructure questions. He will encourage private companies to build more power plants. He will push for more lanes to be added to high-



Marvin Olasky
Syndicated columnist

ways and for some private toll roads to receive clearance.

None of this sounds spectacular, even in a state that faced potential energy shortages earlier this year, but Simon argues that "the terrorist threat causes people to be more focused."

Simon's drift is clear: Voters seeking protection for themselves will pay less attention to questions (such as terrorism-in-the-womb abortion) that seem not to affect most people directly. Elections will be won not by those who wake up voters, but by those who promise secure sleep.

Simon hopes to become the favored candidate of conservatives, without taking on positions that could hurt him in the general election. On education, he notes that "vouchers are a loser in this state" and talks instead of increasing the number of charter schools and bringing in private companies to take over failing schools. He embraces compassionate conservatism and emphasizes his philanthropic work.

He is also hoping that voters will support those who seem personally secure. Simon, born in 1950, benefited from a childhood under the protection of a doting mom and five sisters,

Catholic church attendance and plenty of money. He attended Tony Williams College in Massachusetts, where he became captain of the squash and tennis teams. He then went to Boston College's law school, worked for three years as a federal prosecutor in New York under then-U.S. Attorney Giuliani, and became an investment banker and philanthropist like his father, William E. Simon Sr.

The Nixon administration secretary of the treasury died in June 2000, but he still seemingly lives on in his son's home in the posh Pacific Palisades section of Los Angeles. A portrait of his father dominates one wall of Bill Simon's study, and family mementos are prominently displayed. Like George W. Bush, Simon seems comfortable with himself and capable of winning over voters who think of vegetables when they hear of squash.

Can Simon understand voters' anxieties? He talks about his own insecure decade: "In my 20s, not unlike President Bush, I went through a wilderness period." The Simon wilderness included a marriage that after four years ended in separation and then a civil divorce, accompanied by a Catholic church annulment, which "was a wake-up call for me." Now, "my faith is central to my life," as is his second marriage and the three children who are products of it.

Simon wants his family, and other Americans, to feel secure without taking security for granted: "When things are going well, you think you're invincible. It changes life when you know there are people in the world who would like to see you dead." It changes politics, too.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Dec. 6, the 340th day of 2001. There are 25 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 6, 1889, Jefferson Davis, the first and only president of the Confederate States of America, died in New Orleans.

On this date: In 1790, Congress moved from New York to Philadelphia.

In 1884, Army engineers completed construction of the Washington Monument.

In 1921, British and Irish repre-

sentatives signed a treaty in London providing for creation of an Irish Free State.

In 1923, a presidential address was broadcast on radio for the first time as President Coolidge spoke to a joint session of Congress.

In 1947, Everglades National Park in Florida was dedicated by President Truman.

In 1957, America's first attempt at putting a satellite into orbit blew up on the launch pad at Cape Canaveral, Fla.

In 1957, AFL-CIO members voted to expel the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. (The Teamsters were readmitted in 1987.)

In 1973, House minority leader Gerald R. Ford was sworn in as vice president, succeeding Spiro T. Agnew.

In 1989, 14 women were shot to death at the University of Montreal's school of engineering by a man who then took his own life.

In 1989, Egon Krenz resigned as leader of East Germany.

Ten years ago: Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., testifying at the trial of his nephew, William Kennedy Smith, denied hearing screams the night Patricia Bowman said she was raped by Smith at the Kennedy estate in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Five years ago: Stock markets around the world plunged after comments by Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan were taken to mean that U.S. stock prices were too high. Former NFL commissioner Pete Rozelle died in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., at age 70.

Liberty may become a casualty of war

The anti-terrorist bill that was recently made law is voluminous and poses several threats to liberty that all Americans should be concerned about.

Rather than do a legalistic autopsy, let's just concentrate on principles that have been the bedrock of American civil liberties.

We should all oppose secret arrests. Nothing can be more sinister or un-American than to create a situation in which Americans or visitors to America can become "disappeared." That's a word applied to people in Latin America who simply vanish.

Every arrest should be a public record. It should be highly disturbing, especially to journalists, that the Justice Department refuses to say how many people have been detained in the current investigation, how many people have been released, who they are and what, if any, charges have been filed.

Because the establishment media seem completely unconcerned about this entirely unnecessary secrecy, the public should be disturbed by the journalistic apathy. Let us not add to the old saying that truth is the first casualty of war, that civil liberty is the second.

A Pakistani gentleman died while in federal custody, apparently of natural causes. Yet it was not until his death that anyone even knew he had been arrested. Others have reported



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that they were held incommunicado. Both of these practices should be simply unacceptable in America. Let us not allow panicky and paranoid politicians to turn this great country into a police state.

Then there is this business of using military tribunals to try aliens suspected of terrorism. Again, this should be unacceptable. I listened to Attorney General John Ashcroft try to justify it, and it was mighty strange to hear the chief law-enforcement officer of the nation speak so derogatorily about the U.S. judicial system. If the federal courts are in such bad shape, he should try to reform them rather than go around them. A military tribunal is a kangaroo court. Period.

Since our president has declined to reveal to

the American people what, if any, evidence he has concerning Osama bin Laden's guilt, the suspicion naturally arises that using military tribunals in foreign countries away from the press would be a good way to avoid revealing that there is no conclusive evidence. Bin Laden and his followers are certainly not the only terrorists in the world.

What Americans often forget, especially when they are being whipped into a frenzy by politicians and their lap dogs in the media, is that powers used against people we don't like can also be used against us.

Is there an American who, if he's arrested, would not wish for his family and friends to know where he is and what has happened? Is there anyone out there who, if he finds himself in jail, would not wish to call a lawyer and to communicate with his family and friends? Is there anybody out there who would like to scrap the Bill of Rights?

Well, liberty really is indivisible. If we allow these things to be done to foreigners, even to people we detest, then we are placing our own liberty in jeopardy. It is not necessary to scrap the Constitution in order to defeat terrorists. In fact, if we allow politicians to scrap the Constitution, we will be handing the terrorists a victory. They will smile from their graves.

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By MARC AP Business

WASHINGTON

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Enron: Labor Department initiates probe

By MARCY GORDON
AP Business Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government wants to know whether thousands of laid-off Enron Corp. employees had their retirement benefit plans unfairly handled by the collapsed energy-trading company.

The Labor Department is investigating Enron's handling of the 401(k) plans, Labor Secretary Elaine Chao said Wednesday.

"Enron's employees have gotten the short end of the stick in the sudden collapse of this company and we are committed to doing everything we can to help them," Chao said.

The Houston-based company, which filed for bankruptcy protection from creditors on Sunday, prohibited its workers for several weeks from selling stock held in voluntary retirement plans while the share price plunged.

In a statement, the Labor Department said many Enron employees lost 70 percent to 90 percent of their retirement assets after the company said it would restate its earnings. The department said it is reviewing Enron's employee benefits plans, the rules governing them and steps the company took shortly before its collapse to prohibit employees from making transactions with their 401(k) plan assets.

Chao also said the Labor Department is working with the Texas Workforce Commission to help laid-off Enron workers by providing information about how to apply for unemployment benefits and receive free job training. Enron has announced plans to lay off 4,000 employees and put another 3,500 on temporary leave.

Enron spokesmen at the corporate headquarters didn't return a telephone call seeking comment on the Labor Department announcement.

The Securities and Exchange Commission also has been investigating Enron. Both investors and employees have filed several lawsuits. The SEC also has issued subpoenas to big accounting firm Arthur Andersen LLP related to its auditing of Enron's accounts.

News of the Labor Department investigation came as congressional scrutiny of Enron intensified. Reps. Richard Baker, R-La., and Sue Kelly, R-N.Y., who head two House Financial Services subcommittees, on Tuesday announced a joint hearing next week to examine the Enron debacle.

Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, also plans a hearing into the company's collapse and its accounting practices. Tauzin is asking the SEC for documents related to Enron's books and records, and a team of committee investigators is visiting Enron's headquarters in Houston.

Following a stunning six-week downward spiral, Enron filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection and reorganization and filed a \$10 billion lawsuit against Dynegey Inc. for scrapping a proposed buyout.

Enron listed \$24.7 billion in assets — about \$38 billion less than it had two months ago — and \$13.1 billion in liabilities, making it one of the largest U.S. corporate bankruptcies.

A cash and credit crunch following disclosures in mid-October of questionable financial partnerships had made it difficult for the company to continue doing business.

Just months ago, Enron was the country's seventh-biggest company in revenue. But investors and traders alike evaporated amid revelations of questionable partnerships that helped keep billions of dollars in debt off its books and the company's acknowledgment that it overstated profits for four years.

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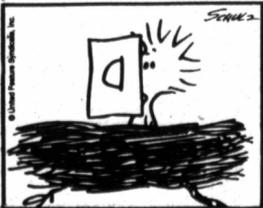
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Panel begins task of studying Texas tax system

By **CONNIE MABIN**
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Lawmakers charged with studying the state's tax structure began work Wednesday by getting an overview of the system they may be changing in the next legislative session.

Acting Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff has asked the Senate Finance Committee to study and recommend improvements to Texas' tax system, described by some as antiquated and unfair.

Critics say the state relies too heavily on property and sales taxes and that too many large businesses use loopholes to escape certain taxes. Others say businesses contribute their fair share to the Texas economy and worry changing the system could scare companies away.

Earlier this fall, Ratliff assigned the committee the task of finding "all of the exemptions, abatements,

loopholes, everything else having to do with the state's tax structure and give us an accounting of who is it out there that's getting special treatment and how much."

It's expected to be a major issue during the next session in 2003, when the budget is also expected to be high priority.

Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander has predicted lawmakers could face a \$5 billion budget shortfall. Some lawmakers fear they will not have enough state money to pay for growing needs like education and health care during a slow economy. Others say it's too early to predict.

"I don't think we're going to go into next session with a huge hole," said Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant. "But it's going to be very tight. It's not going to be an easy session."

Ratliff told the committee to be prepared for a year of hard work.

"You cannot look at one tax and determine fair-

ness. It's not going to be a simple question," he said.

The state's chief revenue estimator, James LeBas, presented the committee with an overview of the tax system at the request of chairman Rodney Ellis, D-Houston.

Texas, which does not have an income tax or a state property tax, ranked near the bottom, 48th in the nation, in the amount of state taxes paid per capita. The average Texan pays \$1,059 in state taxes, compared to \$1,515 nationwide, LeBas said.

Most of the state's revenue comes from property taxes — \$22.5 billion levied in fiscal year 2001 — and sales taxes, which raised \$14.7 billion.

Texas collected \$2 billion in franchise taxes, the main business tax.

One way businesses avoid paying the tax is by changing from one type of legal structure to another, such as from a corporation to a partnership, which under state law is not subject to the franchise tax.

Such exemptions cost the state about \$79 million in 2001. That is predicted to increase to \$143 million by 2003, LeBas said.

Others put the estimate higher.

Sen. Steve Ogden, R-College Station, suggested businesses like Dell Computer Corp. be involved in the committee's work, saying how lawmakers change the tax structure "will be a factor on how they make their decision of where they base their companies."

While Dell may not pay franchise taxes it has brought millions in sales tax revenue to hometown Round Rock and "has a whopping property tax bill," Ogden said.

The committee also asked for an analysis of what impact a state income tax would have on the budget. Voters would have to approve an income tax, an idea lawmakers typically avoid.

"I think it would be unwise if we don't at least look at it," said Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin.

Ashcroft warns Americans: 'Don't let down your guard'

By **JESSE J. HOLLAND**
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General John Ashcroft, defending administration measures to counteract terrorism, declared Thursday the nation must not let down its guard against threats that present "a daily chronicle of the hatred of Americans by fanatics."

While holding aloft an al-Qaida terrorism manual, Ashcroft told the Senate Judiciary Committee: "We are at war with an enemy that abuses individual rights as it abuses jetliners. ... Defending our nation and its citizens against terrorist attacks is now our first law enforcement priority."

Ashcroft's appearance came in an atmosphere of mounting criticism by Senate Democrats that the Justice Department moved

too far, too quickly, to implement a host of stern investigative measures in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Ashcroft chided critics of the various measures, including the government's detention and questioning of hundreds of Middle Eastern men.

He said critics are uninformed. "Charges of kangaroo courts and shredding the Constitution give new meaning to the term 'the fog of war,'" he said.

"Each action taken by the Department of Justice as well as the war crimes commission ... is carefully drawn to cover a narrow class of individuals — terrorists," Ashcroft declared.

On the 87th day since the attack, Ashcroft told lawmakers he received chilling daily intelligence reports.

"My day begins with a review of the threats to Americans and American interests," Ashcroft said. "If ever there were proof of evil in the world it is in these reports."

"They are a chilling daily chronicle of the hatred of Americans by fanatics, who seek to extinguish freedom, enslave women, corrupt education, and to kill Americans wherever and whenever they can."

The committee chairman, Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., said the government needs a good reason to snoop into bank records, tax returns and e-mails.

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, countered: "Let's keep our focus on where it matters — protecting U.S. citizens."

Leahy said the president was taking a risk by acting without Congress to establish a tribunal system that might not survive Supreme Court scrutiny.

"It is a calculated risk that the Supreme Court will uphold something it has not upheld before," Leahy said.

Ashcroft replied that Bush has an "inherent authority and power" to prosecute war crimes. He would not specify whether terrorists trying to enter the United States would be covered by the tribunals, only promising "full and fair proceedings."

"We have set as a priority the prevention of additional terrorist attacks and we don't ever want anything like Sept. 11, to again visit us on our own soil with innocent victims," the attorney general said.

"We hope to improve our performance regularly by making whatever changes we can to upgrade our ability to detect and prevent terrorism — to disrupt it and to make it difficult, in fact impossible."

"We did not have the kind of protection we needed on Sept. 11," Ashcroft added. "So, for us to continue and act like no changes would be appropriate may not be in our best interests." Ashcroft was questioned by

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., about why the Justice Department denied the FBI access to the National Instant Check System records to determine whether any of the detainees had bought guns.

"The only permissible use for the national check system is to audit the maintenance of that system, and the Department of Justice is committed to following the law in that respect," he replied.

"When the request first came, obviously the instinct of the FBI was to use the information to see. When they were advised by those who monitor whether or not we follow the congressional direction, we stopped, and I believe we did the right thing."

When it comes to listening in on inmates' conversations with their lawyers, Ashcroft said the Justice Department tells all parties that their conversations will

be monitored beforehand, and said he is confident that all precautions required by the courts are being taken.

Federal officials are not willing "to allow individuals to continue terrorist activities or other acts that would harm the American public by using their lawyers and their conversations to continue or to extend acts of terrorism or violence against the American people," Ashcroft said.

In addition to the civil rights concerns, some senators are unhappy that the White House and Justice Department acted without telling most members of Congress in advance.

Democrats are especially upset about some of the administration's plans because no one from the administration mentioned them during weeks of negotiations between Ashcroft and Congress to expand police powers in response to Sept. 11.

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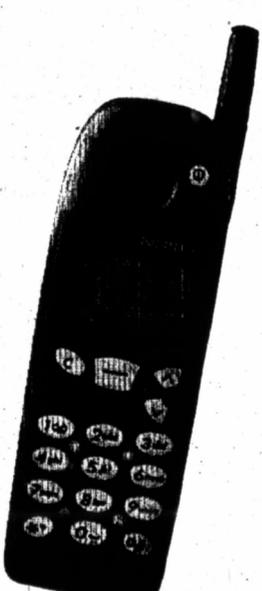
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Earl Frederick Schreiber, IV, 21, Grove, Okla., was indicted on possession of a controlled substance - under one gram of methamphetamine. His bond was set at \$4,000.

Richard Aaron Dills, 35, Big Spring, Texas, was indicted for first degree aggravated sexual assault involving a girl under 14. His bond is \$15,000.

David Andrew Doke, 32, 1124 N. Russell, was indicted for aggravated assault causing bodily injury by striking the head of a person and exhibiting a handgun during the assault. He was also indicted for indecency with a

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child involving sexual contact with a girl younger than 17. His bonds total \$18,000.

Kenneth Wayne Horst, 35, 2404 Charles, was indicted for injury to a child causing bodily injury by punching a boy under 15 in the face.

William Earnest Kirham Jr., 40, 1936 N. Christy, was indicted for evading arrest, enhanced. His bond is \$4,000.

Russell Alan Owen, 35, 804 N. Christy, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, enhanced - under one gram of methamphetamine. In 1987 he was convicted in Randall County of felony burglary of a habitation. His bond is \$5,000.

George Roy Reeves, 43, Claude, Texas, was indicted for driving while intoxicated/subsequent offense. He was convicted of DWI/subsequent offense in Gray County in 1990 and of DWI/open container in 1999 in Shelby County. He was convicted in Gray County in 1999 of unlawful use of a motor vehicle. His bond was set at \$5,000.

Kevin Lynn Boyd, 38, 710 N. West, was indicted for injury to a child involving a boy who was hit in the thigh with a toy handle. His bond is \$5,000.

Michael Blaine Cochran, 17, Rt. 2 Box 93, Pampa, was indicted for evading arrest with a vehicle. His bond is \$2,000.

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ACCIDENTS

There were 19 non-injury accidents reported. Five of them, the most in one reporting period, were between 10 a.m. and noon.

Sixteen of the non-injury accidents involved two or more vehicles. Two involved parked vehicles, and one involved a fixed object.

The frequency of the non-injury accidents showed that six happened on a Thursday, four on a Wednesday, three on a Friday, two on a Monday, two on Saturdays and one each on a Sunday and a Tuesday.

With the exception of three non-injury accidents in the 1200 block of North Hobart, each of the accidents was in a different location in the city.

Five of the accidents reported in November list-

ed driver inattention as the cause, the most of any category.

Four of the accidents were caused by backing up unsafely, according to the monthly report. Four were caused by failure to yield right of way while turning. Three were caused by disregarding stop and go signals. Three were caused by failure to control speed. Three were caused by failure to yield right of way at stop signs.

Two of the accidents were caused by distractions in the vehicle involved. Two were caused by following too closely. Two involved people who had been drinking.

Other causes for accidents during November include failure to signal, failure to yield right of way at yield signs, taking faulty evasive action, impaired vision and passing on the shoulder of the road.

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Calendar of events

PAMPA MASONIC LODGE #966

Pampa Masonic Lodge #966, 420 W. Kingsmill, meets Thursday, Aug. 23, with a feed at 7 p.m., followed by study and practice at 7:30 p.m.

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

Pampa Area Literacy Council office is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

OPEN DOOR AA

Open Door Alcoholics Anonymous at 910 Kentucky (across from Albertson's) meeting schedule — seven days a week — two meetings a day — noon till 1 p.m. and 8-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday noon meetings are non-smoking. For more information, call 665-9702.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER

Women's Support Group for victims of Domestic Violence offers peer counseling, group support and education on issues resulting from family violence and/or sexual assault from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call 669-1131.

MONTHLY GOSPEL SINGING

First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock, hosts a Gospel Singing from 2-4 p.m. every second Sunday of the month. Pastor Albert Maggard and the congregation of First Pentecostal cordially invites the public to attend. Singers and musicians from area churches participate in this informal congregational singing and enjoy various special vocal and instrumental presentations.

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

American Heart Association meets at 12 noon the second Thursday of each month at Chaney's Restaurant.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Planned Parenthood hosts "Dose of Reality" at 6 p.m. the second of Monday of each month in Suite 173A of the Hughes Building. The program is open to teens 13 to 19 years of age.

MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH

Macedonia Baptist Church, 441 Elm, will hold daily prayer services at 7:30 a.m., 12 noon and 6 p.m. for the citizens of Pampa — churches, schools, etc. The prayer services are open to everyone. For more information, call 665-4926.

PAMPA MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE

Pampa Area Ministerial Alliance meets the first Monday of every month. Location changes monthly.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Gray County Genealogical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month in the Gray County Sheriff's Department classroom. (Enter through the north door of the jail building.) For membership inquiries, contact Harley Madison at 669-6294.

CLARENDON VFW CHARITY BINGO

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7782, Hwy 287 east, Clarendon, hosts charity bingo every Saturday. Doors open at 6 p.m. with games starting at 7 p.m. Ten games are played per session. For more information, call 874-VETS. The maximum award is \$750 per game and \$2,500 per session.

CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS DISPLAY

Through Dec. 31, Celebration of Lights will be open from 6-10 p.m., Sunday through Thursday and from 6-11 p.m., Friday and Saturday at Recreation Park. Several new displays have been added — a Wizard of Oz, an American flag and stars, a hippo and elephant playing tennis and a reindeer playing football. Donations will be accepted at the gate or by mail. The address is: Celebration of Lights, Box 1012, Pampa, TX 79065.

LAKE MEREDITH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Lake Meredith Aquatic and Wildlife Christmas Bazaar is in the offering Dec. 6-9 at 104 N. Robey, Fritch. The event will

include a bake sale as well as craft items. Donations in the form of cash, crafts or baked goods are currently being accepted through Dec. 1 (baked goods Dec. 5.) For more information, call (806) 857-2458.

CHRISTMAS JUBILEE

The Stokes Ranch near Pampa will be the site of a Harmony Music Outreach Christmas Jubilee slated at 7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 8 at the ranch located 2 1/4 miles east on Loop 171/Hwy 60 (turn south at Schwan's and look for the little lit up church.) Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 669-3535 or 665-2738 or visit hmopampa.org.

MOONLIGHT EXTENSION CLUB

Moonlight Extension Education Club will host its 23rd Annual Christmas Bazaar Dec. 8 at Bailey County Civic Center and Coliseum in Muleshoe. For more information, contact Linda Huckaby, 902 W. 8th, Muleshoe, TX 79347.

TOUR OF HOMES

Twentieth Century Cottillion Study Club will host its annual "Tour of Homes" Dec. 9 in Pampa. All proceeds will benefit "Opportunity Plans, Inc."

SUNSHINE LUNCHEON

Crown of Texas Hospice will sponsor a "sunshine" bereavement luncheon at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 12 at Texas Rose Steakhouse in Pampa. Cost of the meal will be between \$5-\$8. The

luncheon serves as a social time for individuals grieving the death of a loved one. For more information, call 1-800-572-6365.

CHILDREN'S SHOPPING TOUR

Volunteers are needed for the annual Children's Shopping Tour scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 15. The volunteers will meet at the Optimist Club, 601 E. Craven, at 7:45 a.m. For more information, call 665-4051.

BCAC CRAFT SHOW

Borger Community Activity Center in Borger will host a Craft Show and Sale from 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 15 at the center. The event is free and open to the public. Booth space is still available. For more information, call BCAC at (806) 274-5319.

ACS PROGRAM

The American Cancer Society will present the program "Look Good ... Feel Better" from 1-3 p.m. Dec. 15 at the ACS office at 3915 Bell Street in Amarillo. The program is aimed at helping cancer patients cope with the unpleasant side effects of cancer treatments. Cosmetology professionals will demonstrate techniques how to compensate for hair loss through the use of turbans and scarves. To register or for more information, call the ACS at (806) 353-4306.

ILP COMPETITION

The International Library of Photography is currently sponsoring a free International Open

Amateur Photography Contest. To enter, send one photo to: The International Library of Photography, Suite 101-2612, 3600 Crondall Lane, Owings Mills, MD 21117. Categories are: People, Travel, Pets, Children, Sports, Nature, Action, Humor, Portraiture or Other. **Deadline to enter is Dec. 31.** For more information, visit www.picture.com on-line.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4 p.m., Dec. 5, 18 and 19, TDH, 736 Cuyler, Pampa; 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m., Dec. 13, Groom School, Groom; 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m., Dec. 11, Allison School, Allison; and 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-3 p.m., Dec. 6, Shamrock School, Shamrock.

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER

The Women's Center of the Don

and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: Dec. 5 and 26, Hemphill County Hospital, Canadian. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

ACT EXAM

The ACT Assessment test will be conducted nationwide Feb. 9, 2002. The registration postmark deadline is Jan. 4. Late registration deadline is Jan. 18 and includes an additional fee. Cost of the exam is \$24. For more information, log onto www.act.org.

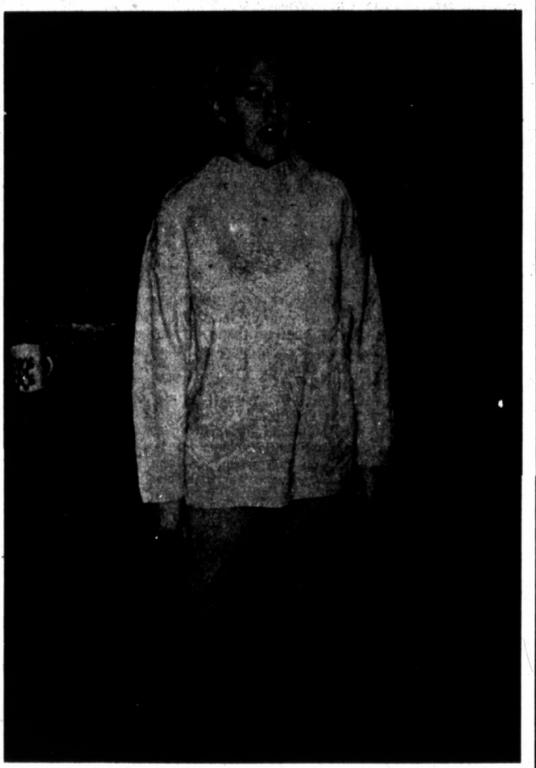
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'Blackout'



(Courtesy photo)
Ashley Freeman will appear in the Pampa High School Theater Department production "BLACK-OUT" by Gary Lennon at 7 p.m., today and tomorrow in the auditorium at PHS. Admission will be \$3 for adults and \$2.50 for students. The play takes place at an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting during the holiday season. Viewer discretion is advised.



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WEATHER

PAMPA AND VICINITY
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Master Model Of C5 Destroyed

World's Largest Plane Model Lost In Explosion

MARIETTA, Ga. (UPI) — FBI agents and a hastily summoned Air Force board of inquiry labored Saturday to uncover the cause of a fire and explosion that killed one man and destroyed the \$23-million master model of the C5 world's largest airplane.

Doug Wheeler, C5 program director for Lockheed Georgia Co., which produces the C5, said the blast could have been touched off by a stray spark, or static electricity, but added specific cause had yet been determined.

An FBI spokesman said no sign of sabotage had been found.

Sen. William Proxmire, D-Wis., chief critic of the C5 program immediately called for the grounding of all C5s until the cause of the explosion has been determined.

The huge plane, which is nearly as long as a football field and has a tail section six stories high, erupted in a mass of flame while parked on the flight line at the Lockheed-Georgia plant at 1:17 a.m.

The initial explosion was followed by two more quick blasts which rumbled over the countryside like a clap of thunder and brought residents pouring from their homes to find out what happened.

The plane, sentimental favorite of Lockheed crews since it was the first of the big ships to fly, made a test flight Friday and reportedly had developed a leak in a fuel line.

Company officials said only that the mishap occurred while the plane was undergoing "fuel cell purging."

About a dozen other C5s were parked in the immediate vicinity, but fast action by firefighters, stand by in accordance with standard safety procedures, prevented damage to the other planes.

The man who was killed was identified as Phillip Smith, 31, a flight line mechanic who had been with the firm since 1962.

Another man who was working with him, but not identified, suffered shock.

Wing cracks were then discovered in some of the planes, and a wheel on the first plane that was turned over to the Air Force fell off at the dedication ceremony, giving critics more ammunition.

Lockheed said the burned Saturday was about \$23 million, although it was brought during congressional hearings that the planes was costing \$50 million. A company man said the \$50 million included crew training and development of other such items.

To date, Lockheed has completed 39 of 60 planes under a controversial contract that calls for a total of 81 planes.

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ILLITERATES VOTING RIGHTS CLARIFIED
SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (UPI) — Texas Election Code prohibitions against illiterate persons receiving assistance in the voting booth were ruled unconstitutional Friday by a three-judge federal panel.

The ruling affects more than 700,000 illiterate Texas residents of voting age.

The judges' ruling will not apply to next month's general election.

It would be a practical impossibility to implement the necessary revisions before the November election, the ruling said.

The election code prohibited any voter from receiving assistance in the voting booth "unless that voter is blind or otherwise handicapped."

The Mexican-American Legal Defense Fund, which filed the suit in behalf of three illiterate San Antonio residents, said litigation should be considered at least three or four years.

250 JAILED

Canada Cracks Down On Terrorist Leaders

MONTREAL (UPI) — With more than 250 terrorist leaders and sympathizers in jail, the government Saturday pressed its crackdown on the Quebec Liberation Front (FLQ) which it said had plotted further kidnaps, bombings and assassinations of public officials to back demands for separation of Quebec from Canada.

The police crackdown on the outlawed FLQ appeared to slacken Saturday. No new arrests were reported for several hours and it appeared the government was waiting for word from the kidnapers of Cross and LaPorte of what their next move might be.

Invocation of the emergency War Measures Act Friday by Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau suspended the Canadian Bill of Rights and outlawed the FLQ. It broadened police powers, permitting arrest without specific charges and prisoners to be held without bond.

Government officials in Quebec said the extreme measures were necessitated by information from Quebec provincial officials that the FLQ was ready to intensify its terrorism campaign.

The government said these measures included further kidnappings of public officials, assassinations and stepped-up bombings of public buildings.

The Toronto Telegram said Saturday the explosions would have been touched off by long-range, remote control devices.

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JAMES E. CREED
... top Optimist officer

Optimists To Have Director's Meeting Here

Optimist International vice president James E. Creed of Ft. Collins, Colo. will be a featured speaker at the North Texas District Board of Directors meeting here Oct. 24-25, according to Jack Hood, president of the Optimist Club of Pampa.

Hood said more than 400 Optimists, their families and guests are expected to attend the "little convention."

"Creed's visit is an honor for all of us," Hood said.

Newt Seerest has been named general chairman of the two-day event which will be headquartered in The Coronado Inn.

Registration will get underway Saturday at 8 a.m. and continue until 5 p.m.

For "early birds," there will be a get-acquainted "Pink Garter Saloon" party with Dixieland Jazz provided by The Miami Sloggers.

Saturday's events will include executive sessions and conferences headed by Lt. Gov. Charlie Taylor.

Workshops sessions on Optimist projects will take up most of Saturday ending with a dinner dance at 7 p.m. arranged by George Massie.

General Business sessions will resume Sunday morning with the convention slated to end at 11 a.m.

Ladies activities have also been planned with a breakfast Saturday morning; a noon luncheon and they will be guests of the Optimists at the evening banquet.

Bus Spin-Out Kills Texas Tech Freshman

JACKSBORO, Tex. (UPI) — The driver of a bus that overturned on a wet highway with 45 students aboard, died Saturday, bringing the casualty toll of the accident to two dead and 25 injured.

The bus, en route to Dallas for the Baptist Student Union Convention, spun off the highway 20 miles northwest of Fort Worth Friday night and overturned.

Killed were the driver T.R. McCurry, 51, of Lubbock, and a passenger, Lynn A. Pinson, 18, a Texas Tech freshman from Amarillo.

"All of a sudden the bus hit a slick spot," said Kathy Moxley, 20, of Andrews, Tex., who took refuge with other passengers in a nearby farmhouse after the accident.

"It whirled. I think it rolled twice. It seemed like an eternity. Just as the bus started to roll I said a little prayer and just relaxed. The Lord was right there with us. I know He was," she said.

Of the 25 injured, 12 were treated for cuts and bruises and released, and 13 remained hospitalized in Dallas. Bridge (Se BUS, Page 2)

IN LOUISIANA

Government Plans Sale Of 127 Coastal Tracts

HOUSTON (UPI) — The federal government plans to sell 127 tracts of the Louisiana coast for oil and gas exploration by private companies, the first such lease sales in the Gulf of Mexico since a fire broke out Feb. 10 on a Chevron Oil Co. platform and burned for a month, causing the largest oil slick in the history in the Gulf.

Interior Secretary Walter Hickey said Friday the government will sell the tracts Dec. 15. He said the sales were necessary because of waning reserves of oil and natural gas.

Such a lease sale was originally set for March 31, but following the Chevron fire and oil spillage Hickey proposed a moratorium of such sales.

The tracts, encompassing 390,000 acres, are located off the Louisiana coast near the parishes of West Cameron and Vermilion.

"We have developed more stringent regulations," Hickey said. "We have listened carefully to the opinions of all concerned parties and we have considered all pertinent factors in seeking to balance the nation's need for oil and gas with our concern for the environment."

Hickey announced the lease sales at a \$50-a-plate dinner in Houston for Rep. George Bush, R-Tex., the GOP candidate for the U. S. Senate.

"This sale and those to be proposed later are the results of long study and careful planning," Hickey said. "We urgently need to increase our energy reserves, particularly natural gas."

He said a shortage could develop during early 1971 or 1972.

DETROIT (UPI) — One week after the General Motors Corp. and the United Auto Workers optimistically resumed talks on national issues because of success in solving local contract disputes, the talks have again slowed. No progress has been reported since the strike entered its second month Thursday.

Four more local agreements were reached Friday, raising to 41 the number of local agreements. Still unsettled were 115 other bargaining unit agreements in the United States and seven in Canada. At the main table Friday, bargainers discussed skilled trades problems and subcontracting.

"YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU" but Pampa audiences can have a pleasant evening of comedy when the Pampa High School drama department presents Kaufman and Hart's three-act classic at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 22-24 in the high school auditorium. Pictured here in a "family portrait" are seated from the left, a portion of the cast in lead roles Paula Johnson, Rocky Hills, Lynn Walker, standing left, Jim Bowen, Pat Jenigan, Marsha Walls, Eric Copenhagen. (Smith Studio Photo)



LT. GOV. BEN BARNES
... in Pampa

Barnes Here Monday

Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes will make a three-hour stopover in Pampa between 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. tomorrow as part of a daylong helicopter tour of the Panhandle.

The whirly-bird carrying the Democratic candidate for reelection will get down on Coronado Inn Grounds after a hop from Borger.

A public reception to give Pampans an opportunity to meet and talk with Barnes is scheduled between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. in the Coronado Starlight Room.

Later the lieutenant-governor will have a quick dinner with news representatives and then leave for Amarillo where he will attend the Industrial Relations Conference on Tuesday.

Barnes' Monday schedule calls for him to be in Dumas at 8 a.m., Dalhart at 10 a.m., Stratford at 11 a.m., Borger at 1:30 p.m., and Borger at 2:45 p.m. before coming on to Pampa.

Pampa To Escape Gas Upping

An announcement released Saturday by Pioneer Natural Gas Co. of Amarillo that an agreement on a proposed gas rate increase for 34 West Texas cities had been reached will not affect Pampa gas consumers.

The agreement was made in Lubbock Friday by Fred Poe, chairman of the West Texas Utilities Steering committee, and K. B. Watson, Pioneer vice president.

It came in the form of a recommendation to the governing bodies of member cities for a 13 per cent increase in the cost of gas effective on billings dated on or after Nov. 15 this year.

The announcement was not clear as to just what cities in the utility's West Texas system would be affected by the increase.

However, James McCoy, local manager for Pioneer, said when contacted that Pampa was not included among cities where governing bodies will be asked to review the joint recommendation for granting an increase by local ordinance.

Pioneer was given nearly a 13 per cent increase in gas rates to Pampa domestic and commercial consumers in July of 1969.

At that time, while no definite commitment was made by Pioneer, company officials indicated they probably would not seek another rate hike for at least three or four years.

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West Texas A&M offering scholarship reward

CANYON — High school students who finish in the top 25 percent of their 2002 graduating class could be at least \$1,000 richer if they make West Texas A&M their university of choice. The scholarship packages are available — and guaranteed — from WTAMU for the 2002-2003 academic year if qualified students complete and submit a scholarship request form by Feb. 1, 2002, and an application for admission by March 1, 2002.

"This is a nationwide offer," Dr. Troy Johnson, senior director of enrollment management, said. "We are encouraging students from the local area to take advantage of this opportunity, but the program isn't limited to this region or even this state."

According to Johnson, out-of-state tuition is waived for non-resident students who receive scholarship funds totaling \$1,000 or more.

"That's a state law," Johnson said. "Out-of-state students who meet the criteria for our \$1,000 scholarship package will save about \$3,000 more because of the waiver."

Texas residents and out-of-state students who receive the \$1,000 scholarship package and enroll in 15 semester credit hours can expect to pay approximately \$2,500, including room, board, books and supplies, for their first semester at West Texas A&M. The state average for public senior universities, according to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board,

is \$4,200 for residents and \$7,400 for non-residents.

"I think it's important to reward hard-working students," Johnson said. "We're a top-quality university, and we want to recruit top-quality students."

The \$1,000 scholarship package is guaranteed if the student finishes in the top quarter of his/her 2002 high school graduating class and completes and submits a scholarship request form by Feb. 1, 2002, and an application for admission by March 1, 2002. Forms are available online at www.wtamu.edu or by calling 806-651-2020 or 1-800-99-WTAMU.

"I would encourage any student who thinks he may have a chance to finish in the top 25 percent of his class to apply by Feb. 1," Johnson said. "We are guaranteeing a \$1,000 scholarship package to those students who qualify. Some of those students may be eligible for more; \$1,000 is a starting point."

According to Johnson, part or all of the freshman-year scholarship package may be renewed in coming years if a student maintains a high grade point average.

"The \$1,000 package we're offering to freshmen could turn into a cumulative total of more than \$5,000 by the time that student graduates from West Texas A&M. We want to attract outstanding new students. We also want to keep them once they get here."

Argentina: IMF opposes \$1.3 billion bailout loan

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Word that the International Monetary Fund is opposed to an immediate \$1.3 billion bailout loan for Argentina triggered renewed worries Thursday that the country could default on its debt load.

His nation saddled with \$132 billion in debt accrued through years of overspending, President Fernando De la Rúa met with his economy minister and top aides on a response to the announcement.

In Washington, the IMF said Wednesday it couldn't recommend approval of a \$1.3 billion loan desperately sought by the cash-strapped South American country, now weathering a severe financial crisis.

The international lending agency said its 24-member executive board had met informally to hear a report from the head of an IMF team sent to Argentina two weeks ago to study its economy.

De la Rúa had no immediate comment after entering meetings late Wednesday at his suburban Buenos Aires residence with Economy Minister Domingo Cavallo and other aides.

Argentina had been urging the IMF to quickly release a \$1.3 billion loan installment. The country must make \$900 million in debt payments this month and had been hoping to use the bailout funds — rather than having to look elsewhere.

Economists warned that the decision was a serious blow to Argentina's ability to avoid a default, adding the fallout would have to be seen in Thursday's stock and bond trading.

"It's a tough decision and a serious one. It brings a default that bit nearer," said prominent Argentine economist Juan Aleman. "The IMF is saying Argentina has not done what it had to do."

Last month, Cavallo announced that his country would run a deficit for 2001 that is some \$1.3 billion above what it had originally promised the IMF. Meeting IMF targets was considered essential to Argentina's ongoing access to bailout loans.

De la Rúa's government could raise enough money to pay the debt by tapping the country's pension funds, which on Monday were ordered to purchase government Treasury bills. That step alone was expected to raise at least \$1.5 billion.

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Wal-Mart donation



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

David Brown, assistant manager of Wal-Mart, presented a \$750 check to Boy Scouts of America District Executive Director Tina Holt for the group to use for service projects. Brown said the donation is provided by the Wal-Mart Foundation.

Cellular One announces new upgrade

Cellular One this week announced the launch of its new digital network upgrade to its cellular phone service in Pampa, Borger and Dumas and the surrounding areas. For Cellular One digital customers in these areas, the new digital service will double the system capacity for calls, improving call quality.

With the new service, Cellular One digital customers will have text messaging, wireless web access and the latest in wireless phone equipment. The panhandle upgrade will also allow digital customers to choose from a variety of digital service plans that include a large calling area, free long distance, free voice-mail, Caller ID, text messaging, first minute free for incoming calls, and large minute-per-month options.

"As a direct response to our customers' needs, this conversion will enhance our capabilities and will serve as the gateway for digital access in rural areas of the Panhandle," said Brian Sanderson, director of sales for the south region. "Our cus-

tomers simply want their calls to be reliable and clear, and we think they'll find superior performance at an affordable price."

Cellular One's \$70 million digital upgrade this year completes a multi-year, cumulative \$430 million investment in West Texas and the panhandle area — a timely development for a region that is seeing rapid growth in both wireless subscribers and time spent on the phone.

Cellular One is planning additional digital service launches in markets throughout the region.

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Let Internet freedom ring for Texas

Let's face it: it's a high-speed world out there. Distance learning, telemedicine, videoconferencing, telecommuting, home networking — sooner than you think, these will be daily activities for Texas residents and businesses.

Which is why every day, more and more people are turning to high-speed Internet access as an essential resource for modern life.

Unfortunately, too few consumers can get the service they really want. In fact, only 7 percent of Americans have a high-speed connection today, while the populations of our global competitors are much more likely to have high-speed connections; for example, 36 percent of South Koreans have high-speed Internet access.

Fortunately, there is federal legislation under consideration to close the digital divide by guaranteeing high-speed access to millions more Americans: H.R. 1542, the Internet Freedom and Broadband Deployment Act of 2001. Authored by Congressmen Billy Tauzin and John Dingell, H.R. 1542 requires local telephone companies to upgrade 100 percent of their central office facilities to provide high-speed service — so inner-city and small-town residents aren't left behind as we race into the Information Age.

Equally as important, the measure creates fair competition among all high-speed service providers — cable, Digital Subscriber Line, satellite and wireless alike — by establishing one consistent set of rules for them to follow. And fair competition means greater choice, better service and lower prices for consumers.

The Internet Freedom and Broadband Deployment Act of 2001 is moving quickly through the U.S. House of Representatives; a vote is expected soon. Congress should do the right thing, giving us all the speed we need and the access we deserve.



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Memory Bank Keeps Deceased Parent Alive For Years Ahead

DEAR ABBY: I would like to utilize your column to reach adult relatives of the children who lost a parent in the terrorist attack of Sept. 11.

I lost my father when I was 9. He was killed in a fire as he repaired his semi. He was a young 32 years old, with five children. My mother was 27.

What my mother did 30 years ago was to keep the memory of my dad alive for us by saving his cologne, so we could remember his smell; his favorite jacket and winter coat, so we could wear them to keep us warm; his favorite albums and 8-track tapes, so we could hear his favorite songs that he loved to sing to us. I was also given a diary and photo album to put down my memories and mount my favorite photos. However, I was foolish. I didn't write down my memories because I thought I would always remember them. Those memories have faded, and now I search for those precious moments.

The surviving parent should have the children keep those precious memories fresh by writing a journal, or filling a scrapbook with things like a wrapper from the deceased parent's favorite candy bar, his or her favorite color, favorite food, way of comforting the children, where he or she liked to take them — vacations as well as the park — and articles from the local paper. When a friend or relative sends a condolence card, that person should include a memory of the child's parent, and any photos that could be included in the memory album. If there is more than one child, make separate

Dear Abby

Is written by
Pauline Phillips and
daughter Jeanne Phillips.

albums for each, and ask them to draw or write those memories before they fade (all too quickly).

I did this for my siblings when I was 36 years old, so we each have a way to share with our families what their grandfather was like, and how their mother or father resembled him.

Thank you for helping me to help the children.

KIM DUETSCH,
DAUGHTER OF
GEORGE H. DUETSCH

DEAR KIM: Your letter is filled with excellent suggestions. However, it's possible that the surviving parents of the Sept. 11 tragedy may be too overwhelmed with their own grief and loss to be as organized and involved as your mother was. If that's the case, assembling a memory book such as you describe would be a priceless gift of love from a close friend or relative — and a timely one, with Christmas approaching.

DEAR ABBY: For more than 30

years, my husband and I have been giving gifts to his nephew, "Barry." Barry and his family live 1,300 miles away from us. We haven't seen any of them since Barry was 11. We rarely hear from him or his parents except on occasions when we're asked to send a gift. We have never received a thank-you from Barry, other than his endorsement on our check. Now Barry is being married.

My husband and I made a large contribution in the names of the bridal couple to a national charity we care about. We also sent a lovely card congratulating them and telling them about our gift. We hope this will honor the occasion, do some good for people in need, and stem the tide of gift requests. What do you think? NOT BUYING IT IN COLORADO

DEAR NOT BUYING IT: Don't count on it. If the pattern holds true, you'll be hearing from Barry or his parents every time a new child arrives and on their birthdays and graduations as well. However, revenge is sweet. By giving them the gift you did, you have guaranteed they'll be solicited by that charity and others till the end of time.

Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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SPORTS

Notebook BASKETBALL

CLAUDE — Candace Bohr scored 20 points to lead Groom by Claude 56-46 in girls basketball action Tuesday night.

Krisanne Davis helped out Bohr with 10 points.

Chelsea Cobb and Stacey Stone each had 15 for Claude.

PAMPA — Pampa fell to Tascosa 51-33 in freshmen basketball action earlier this week.

Brandon Johnston led Pampa in scoring with 16 points. Seth Foster, Tyler Doughty and Cameron Seger added 4 points apiece.

Pampa 9th graders are entered in a freshmen tournament today and Friday in Dumas.

GENERAL

PAMPA — Pampa Kids & Youth Club is having final basketball and indoor roller hockey signups for girls and boys (K-12th grades) tonight at Baker Elementary Gym. Signup time is from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Parents who would like to coach or help with the program in any other way are urged to be at the signups.

If more information is needed, contact Pampa Kids and Youth Club during the day at 669-8236. After 6 p.m., call Dean Crockett at 665-3927; Danny Martin at 835-2906 or Robert Cottrell at 665-03335.

FOOTBALL

HOUSTON (AP) — Julius Peppers apparently chose the right sport.

He gave up a spot on the North Carolina Tar Heels basketball team this year to concentrate on football. He was rewarded Wednesday night with the Lombardi Award as the nation's top college lineman.

"I never second-guessed my decision because I knew that this was my sport," Peppers said.

Peppers plans to skip his senior year with the Tar Heels and enter the NFL draft, possibly ending up back in Houston with the expansion Texans, who have the first pick in next year's draft.

"It would be nice to be the No. 1 pick, but that's not a goal of mine," Peppers said. "I just want to go somewhere and play. I've heard about the Texans since I've been here."

Peppers led the Tar Heels with 30 1/2 sacks for his career.

He beat out linebacker Rocky Calmus of Oklahoma and defensive ends Alex Brown of Florida and Dwight Freeney of Syracuse for the Lombardi Award.

"He was a target of all the teams we played this year," Tar Heels academic adviser Carl Carey said.

"Teams went into games to stop him, so the fact he still leads our team in interceptions, in sacks, regardless to what other teams have done to stop him, is a credit to him."

Peppers was the sixth man on the Tar Heels basketball team, but he decided to put all of his efforts into football this season.

"He certainly loves basketball, but football was where he could find excellence," Carey said. "It was a business decision."

Peppers said he's ready for the challenge of the NFL.

"People have been telling me all my life I couldn't do things," Peppers said. "I wanted to play basketball, and people said I wasn't good enough. You've got to prove yourself and that's what I did."

Peppers had a season-high 10 tackles, including four for losses, and intercepted a pass in a 41-7 victory over Florida State that helped the Tar Heels rebound for a 7-5 season.

"He's had a lot of support, but most people have to face doubters in life," Carey said. "Julius had people doubt him, but the good part of the story is he shattered the beliefs of all those doubters."

Pampa gymnasts going to Level 5 Texas State Meet

Gymnastics of Pampa team members Keisha Crowell, Kelli Willson and Brandi Holden will be making the trip to the Level 5 Texas State Championships in Austin this weekend.

The three girls qualified for the state meet by placing at the North State Semifinals recently in Plano. Diana Mechelay of Pampa also competed at the semifinals.

Keisha Crowell and Brandi Holden were making their second trip to the semifinals.

Keisha competed in the 11-year-old age group. She had a solid floor routine for

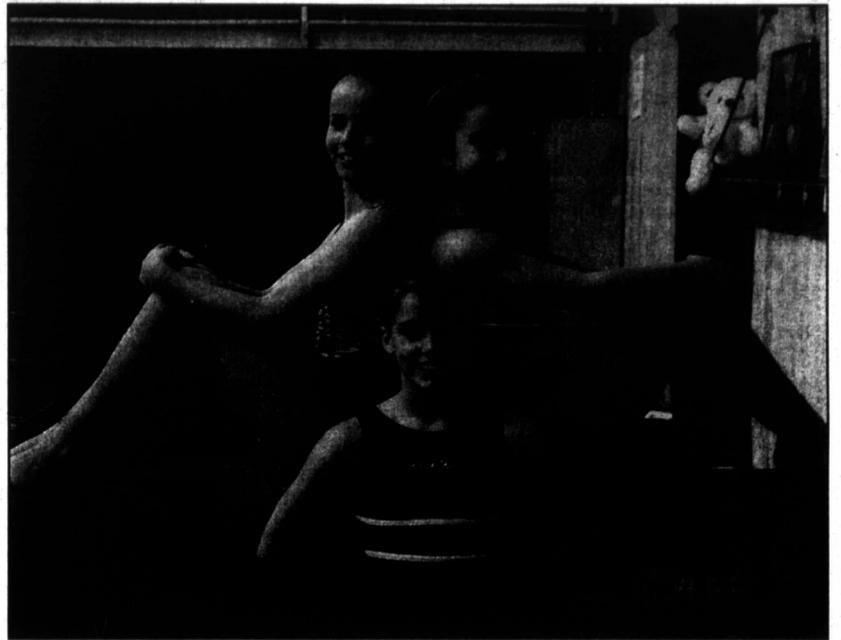
a 9.05 score and 15th place, and she earned an 8.75 on bars for 16th place.

Joining Keisha in the 11 year olds was first-year Level 5 gymnast Kelli Willson. Kelli earned 17th place on vault with an 8.2 score, and was 19th place on floor exercise with an 8.8.

Keisha and Kelli are making their first trip to a state championship.

Brandi Holden had a solid beam routine for an 8.85 score and sixth place in the 12-year and older age group.

Brandi is making her second trip to a state meet.



Brandi Holden (l-r), Keisha Crowell and Kelli Willson will be representing Gymnastics of Pampa in Austin.

Fehr says quick fix is needed for baseball woes

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Players union head Donald Fehr warned owners that baseball faces big problems if there isn't a quick resolution to their plans to eliminate two teams.

Fehr said Wednesday night that contraction has to be settled before other issues, such as revenue sharing, player contracts and scheduling can be properly addressed. He also worries that free agency will be hurt.

"It will be carnage all over," Fehr said.

Fehr said the union knows little about management's plan.

Montreal and Minnesota are the leading candidates to be folded, but an injunction mandates that the Twins play next season. The appeal by baseball to lift the

injunction will be heard on Dec. 27. The union's executive board is discussing issues such as a new labor agreement, interleague play, licensing and pension plans during its annual meeting this week. But contraction is the pressing issue.

"Things are a little tenuous right now. We are trying to find out the direction contraction talks are going to take," pitcher David Cone said.

The first two days of testimony in the grievance hearing ended Wednesday with the first witness still on the stand.

Gene Orza, the associate general counsel and No. 2 official of the players' association, completed his direct testimony. Lawyers for owners will cross-examine him when the hearing before arbitrator

Shyam Das resumes Monday in New York.

Orza refused to comment publicly on his testimony, which took place at the same hotel where the players are meeting.

The union claims the owners' Nov. 6 contraction vote — two days after the end of the World Series — violated the terms of its labor contract, which expired Nov. 7, but remains in effect.

"It seems like overnight this whole thing came about. Obviously, they had discussed it before," said Chicago White Sox outfielder Chris Singleton. "A lot of times, it's hard to understand what the owners are trying to accomplish."

Baseball lawyers contend that owners can eliminate teams without union approval, and are only

required to negotiate other details such as the dispersal of players.

In their grievance, players say contraction should be part of negotiations for a new labor deal.

"It don't know if I was shocked, but when they said they were actually going to do it, it was a surprise," Detroit outfielder Damion Easley said.

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Lakers pull out win over Mavericks in the closing seconds

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Before the game, Los Angeles Lakers coach Phil Jackson said he would never work for a boss like Mark Cuban.

After the game, Shaquille O'Neal thanked the Dallas Mavericks' owner.

It was obvious the Lakers, O'Neal in particular, wanted to beat the Mavericks, and they did. O'Neal led the way with a season-high 46 points as Los Angeles pulled out a 98-94 victory in the closing seconds Wednesday night.

"My teammates were looking for me. I told them to bring it to me, no matter what type of defense they threw at me. I've been waiting for this game," O'Neal said after the two-time defending NBA champions ran their record to 16-1.

Earlier this season, Cuban suggested that referees should watch O'Neal closely when he shoots free throws because, Cuban claimed, O'Neal steps over the line too soon.

O'Neal didn't like that, of course.

"Just keep talking and just keep making me a better player. Thank you, Mark Cuban, I appreciate it. You motivated me," said O'Neal, who went 18-of-23 from the floor and grabbed 15 rebounds.

"When certain people talk, it's like a challenge to me. I've been in this league for 10 years and I've stepped up to every challenge. So it's kind of stupid to me when you'd want to say something directly toward me and act like I'm not going to respond."

O'Neal shot 22 free throws, most by any player in the league this season, and made 10. He did not step over the line once, but he did get two retries of missed free throws — and made both — after Dallas players were called for jumping into the lane too early.

Several hours earlier, Jackson said, "I wouldn't work for somebody like Cuban. The owners are important with me, as far as

being the coach. I think you've got to have complete, kind of hands-off approach with owners."

Rick Fox, who went 1-for-8 from the floor and tossed up an airball moments earlier, made four free throws in the final 20 seconds as the Lakers broke away from a 92-92 tie.

The Lakers, 39-2 dating to the final eight games of the 2000-01 regular season (including the playoffs), trailed much of the way, but outscored Dallas 13-4 in the final 6:10.

After Adrian Griffin scored on a layup to cut it to 96-94 — Dallas' only basket in the final 6:49 — Kobe Bryant took a long pass and made a reverse slam to punctuate the victory.

Dirk Nowitzki had 33 points and 14 rebounds for Dallas, which shot just 4-of-19 in the fourth quarter. Steve Nash added 13 points and 13 assists for the Mavericks, who have not won on the Lakers' court since 1990, a span of 22 games.

"We could not make shots at the end of the game," Nash said. "They went into the zone and it threw us off our rhythm a little, but for the most part we got good looks."

Bryant, who had flulike symptoms, added 19 points, nine rebounds and five assists.

Griffin scored 10 of his 23 points in the third quarter, and the Mavericks led 79-75 heading into the fourth.

"That's the idea, to be close enough to win down the stretch and we did that. We didn't win, but we were right there where we wanted to be," Dallas coach Don Nelson said.

Notes: Los Angeles reserve F Devean George left early in the fourth quarter with a bruised back. ... Dallas trails 75-17 in the all-time series and is 7-40 in Los Angeles. ... The 1969-70 New York Knicks had the best record before losing for the second time in a season, starting 23-1.

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Pampa Academy teams post basketball victories

PAMPA — The Pampa Academy Pacers improved their record to 3-4 on the season after victories in their last two contests.

Last Friday, Pampa Academy met Victory Academy of Amarillo and came out on top by a score of 57-48.

By the end of the first period, Pampa was behind 17-6, but their game came together and the Pacers outscored the

Royals the next three quarters.

Bryce Taylor led the team in points (21) and rebounds (14). Troy Ludvick added 19 points and 11 rebounds, while Coy Devoll had 13 points and 3 steals.

Luke Raber finished the scoring with a basket and two free throws.

On Monday, the Pampa Academy men's team traveled to Amarillo to play the Amarillo Home School

Rockets for the second time this season.

They again dominated the Amarillo team and came out the victors 42-33.

Bryce Taylor and Coy Devoll led the scoring with 20 and 14 points, respectively. Luke Raber put in 4 points while Jay Scott and Jonathan Epperson each had 2 points.

The Pampa Academy Lady Pacers move to 6-0 for the 2001-2002 season after two more victories to their record.

Last weekend against Victory Academy, the Lady Pacers walked away with a 54-18 win.

The Lady Pacers dominated the game from the outset, holding the Lady Royals scoreless in the first period of play.

Kendra Raber led the scoring with 16 points to go with 6 steals and 6 assists. Courtney Echols followed close behind with her personal best of 14 points. Stephanie

Willoughby had 8 points, Kellie Mullican 7, Erin Raber 7, Shay Chapman 2 and Tabitha Epperson 2.

On Monday, the Lady Pacers went the opposite direction of the men's team and played the Miami Junior Varsity in Miami.

Outstanding teamwork by the Lady Pacers in the first half led to a 34-10 lead at the halftime break.

The Pampa team went onto win 40-33.

Erin Raber and Kendra Raber led Pampa in scoring with 18 and 13 points, respectively.

Kellie Mullican added 4 points, Stephanie Willoughby 3 and Shay Chapman 2.

Pampa Academy hosts Community Christian of Hereford Friday night.

Tipoff is 6:30 for the girls and 8 for the boys at the middle school gym.

Keenan wins his first game for Panthers

By URSULA REEL
AP Hockey Writer

Mike Keenan got his first win in Florida without any help from Pavel Bure.

He might have to coach many more like it.

Roberto Luongo stopped 23 shots for his fourth shutout, helping the Panthers snap a four-game losing streak with a 2-0 victory over the Columbus Blue Jackets on Wednesday. Keven Adams and rookie Kristian Huselius scored for Florida.

Keenan was hired Monday to replace Duane Sutter. General manager Bill Torrey was also fired after the team won just six of its first 26 games.

In other NHL games, it was New Jersey 2, Montreal 1; Colorado 4, Detroit 1; Chicago 4, Minnesota 2; Ottawa 6, Dallas 3; Phoenix 3, St. Louis 0; and Edmonton 3, Anaheim 2 in overtime.

Keenan notched his 540th regular-season victory and is two shy of Billy Reay for fourth place on the career coaching list.

"We definitely showed a lot of passion," Keenan said. "It was a big night for everyone. (The players) responded very well to a very, very big change

in their lives. They responded and accepted the responsibility well."

The Panthers played without the Bure brothers for the sixth straight game. Pavel Bure has missed six games with a mild concussion, and Valeri Bure has missed all but the first six games of the season with a right knee injury.

Pavel Bure is concerned about his concussion, sustained three weeks ago. He has not practiced or played since the Nov. 19 injury.

"I'm starting to have some fear about it," he said. "With a knee injury I could put on a brace and go try it, and it's not going to make it worse. But with this, you might try something and make it worse. It's frustrating, but there's nothing I can do."

For Florida to succeed, Luongo might have to be the star, as he was Wednesday.

Luongo won for the first time since Nov. 21 against Anaheim. That also was his last shutout and Florida's last victory. Four of his six wins this season have been shutouts, giving him 10 for his career.

Columbus lost its third in a row and was held scoreless for the fifth time this season.

Devils 2, Canadiens 1
Patrik Elias scored his 14th

goal and assisted on Brian Rafalski's game-winner 15 seconds into the third period to lift New Jersey to victory at Montreal.

Mike Ribeiro scored for the Canadiens.

Avalanche 4, Red Wings 1

Milan Hejduk, Radim Vrbata, Steven Reinprecht and Rob Blake scored as Colorado won at Detroit in the first matchup of the season between the Western Conference powers.

The Avalanche extended their season-high unbeaten streak to six games. The Red Wings lost consecutive games in the regular season for the first time since January.

Sergei Fedorov scored for Detroit.

Senators 6, Stars 3

Martin Havlat had two second-period goals and an assist as Ottawa ended Dallas' four-game winning streak.

Daniel Alfredsson, Todd White, Mike Fisher and Radek Bonk added goals for the Senators. Marian Hossa had two assists and Alfredsson, one.

Mike Modano had two goals and Pat Verbeek one for Dallas, winless in its last six at home.

Blackhawks 4, Wild 2

Michael Nylander had a goal and two assists to lead Chicago past Minnesota.

The Blackhawks earned their

first victory at the United Center since November 11 and only its second in 12 games.

Alex Zhamnov, Eric Daze and Phil Housley added Chicago goals.

Lubomir Sekeras and Willie Mitchell scored for the Wild.

Coyotes 3, Blues 0

Sean Burke made 27 saves for his 29th career shutout as Phoenix won its third in a row and sixth straight at home.

Paul Mara, Danny Markov and Ladislav Nagy scored for the Coyotes.

It was a bitter homecoming for Blues left wing Keith Tkachuk, the Coyotes' captain for seven years before his trade to St. Louis on March 13.

Tkachuk was booed during introductions and cheered when he turned the puck over and picked up six minutes in penalties.

Oilers 3, Mighty Ducks 2, OT

In Edmonton, Steve Staios scored 1:21 into overtime to lift the Oilers past Anaheim.

Staios tapped Anaheim Carter's cross-ice pass into an open side of the goal for the defenseman's second goal of the season.

Mike Comrie and Scott Ferguson also scored for the Oilers. Jeff Friesen and Marty McInnis each had a goal and an assist for the Ducks, 2-8-0-1 in their last 11 games.

Scoreboard

FOOTBALL												
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East												
Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Team	W	L	T	Pct	
Miami	8	3	0	.727	235	222	L.A. Lakers	11	5	.688	11/2	
N.Y. Jets	7	4	0	.636	224	199	Dallas	12	7	.632	2	
New England	7	5	0	.583	274	228	Denver	7	11	.389	6 1/2	
Indianapolis	7	6	0	.537	274	237	Utah	7	11	.389	6 1/2	
Buffalo	1	10	0	.091	180	308	Houston	7	12	.368	7	
Central												
Pittsburgh	9	2	0	.818	210	137	Memphis	4	13	.235	9	
Baltimore	8	4	0	.667	237	214	Pacific Division					
Cleveland	6	5	0	.545	204	181	L.A. Raiders	16	1	.941	GB	
Tennessee	5	6	0	.454	214	252	Sacramento	16	5	.737	3	
Cincinnati	4	7	0	.364	153	220	Phoenix	12	8	.600	5 1/2	
Jacksonville	3	8	0	.273	193	200	Portland	9	8	.529	7	
West												
Oakland	8	3	0	.727	309	235	L.A. Clippers	9	9	.500	7 1/2	
Seattle	6	5	0	.545	195	234	Seattle	12	12	.500	9	
Denver	6	6	0	.500	264	260	Golden State	8	11	.421	9	
San Diego	5	7	0	.417	273	239	Tuesday's Games					
Kansas City	3	8	0	.273	200	229	Indiana 104, Denver 96					
NATIONAL CONFERENCE												
East												
Philadelphia	7	4	0	.636	255	141	Chicago 103, Houston 75					
Arizona	5	6	0	.454	208	269	Cleveland 100, Detroit 88					
N.Y. Giants	5	6	0	.454	191	206	New York 85, Milwaukee 71					
Washington	5	6	0	.454	155	226	Sacramento 94, Philadelphia 84					
Dallas	3	8	0	.273	176	243	Minnesota 108, Seattle 83					
Central												
Chicago	9	2	0	.818	227	155	San Antonio 103, Washington 88					
Green Bay	3	3	0	.500	265	188	Utah 104, Charlotte 100					
Tampa Bay	6	5	0	.545	223	193	L.A. Clippers 87, Miami 83					
Minnesota	4	7	0	.364	205	263	Wednesday's Games					
Detroit	0	11	0	.000	202	304	Boston 95, Denver 60					
West												
St. Louis	9	2	0	.818	331	176	San Antonio 120, Atlanta 112					
San Francisco	9	2	0	.818	302	225	Orlando 102, Chicago 74					
Atlanta	6	5	0	.545	194	226	Detroit 95, Seattle 91					
New Orleans	6	5	0	.545	253	239	San Antonio 103, Phoenix 87					
Carolina	1	11	0	.083	184	279	Golden State 93, Philadelphia 87					

TRANSACTIONS

Wednesday's Sports Transactions
By The Associated Press

BASEBALL
American League
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Named Jonathan Storey assistant director of professional scouting.
NEW YORK YANKEES—Named Jean Afterman assistant general manager.

National League
HOUSTON ASTROS—Agreed to terms with RHP Doug Brocail on a one-year minor league contract. Named Chris Maloney manager, and Gary Gattis hitting coach for New Orleans of the PCL. Named Pat Roessler minor league hitting coordinator, Johnny Lewis minor league roving hitting instructor, Pete Fagan minor league training coordinator and Nathan Lucero minor league strength-conditioning coordinator.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Named Kim Ng assistant general manager.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Agreed to terms with RHP Jose Santiago on a one-year contract.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Agreed to terms with LHP Jason Christiansen on a three-year contract.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
BOSTON CELTICS—Signed RB Randy Brown from the injured list. Placed G Joseph Forte on the injured list.
DENVER NUGGETS—Activated F Zendon Hamilton from the injured list. Placed F Chris Anderson on the practice squad.
MIAMI HEAT—Activated F Brian Grant from the injured list. Placed F Malik Allen on the injured list.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
BUFFALO BILLS—Signed RB Curtis Alexander to the practice squad.
CLEVELAND BROWNS—Waived TE Shawn Bell from the practice squad. Signed TE Chris Eitzmann.
DETROIT LIONS—Placed QB Charlie Batch on injured reserve.
GREEN BAY PACKERS—Signed WR Mike Horacek and CB Harvey Taylor to the practice squad.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Signed K Doug Brien. Waived DB Thomas Smith.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Waived WR Aine Whitten. Signed TE Fevita Otaghanga to the practice squad.
MIAMI DOLPHINS—Signed G Andy Vincent from the practice squad. Signed RB Jerry Westbrook to the practice squad.
NEW YORK JETS—Signed OL Dan Goodspeed from the San Francisco 49ers' practice squad. Waived TE Jake Moreland.
OAKLAND RAIDERS—Released PR David Dunn. Signed FB Jeremiah Williams.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Signed C Carey Clayton to the practice squad.

Sports in Brief

FOOTBALL

DENVER (AP) — Although disappointed and confused by the ruling, Denver coach Mike Shanahan said the Broncos will abide by an NFL decision that will cost the team a third-round draft choice and a fine of nearly \$1 million.

NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue found the Broncos guilty of violating guidelines under the league's deferred compensation fund.

The team was fined \$305,000 and ordered to pay \$663,000 in interest on money the team failed to submit in a timely fashion to the league's deferred compensation fund during a two-year period from 1998-99.

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Detroit Lions quarterback Charlie Batch was placed on injured reserve, ending his season.

BASEBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — Jean Afterman, a former aide to agent Don Nomura, was hired by the New York Yankees as their assistant general manager.

Afterman replaces Kim Ng, who resigned after four years as the assistant to general manager Brian Cashman and was hired as assistant GM of the Los Angeles Dodgers. The only other woman who is an assistant GM in the

MAJORS

Boston's Elaine Weddington Steward.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Left-handed reliever Jason Christiansen agreed to a \$6.8 million, three-year deal to remain with the San Francisco Giants.

NEW YORK (AP) — Even though New York City faces three successive years of budget deficits greater than \$3.5 billion, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said he wants to complete new stadium deals for the Mets and Yankees before he leaves office Dec. 31.

OLYMPICS

NEW YORK (AP) — America's 1980 gold-medal hockey team will play together for the first time since Lake Placid when it meets a team of NHL old-timers in Los Angeles on Feb. 1, the day before the NHL All-Star game.

The game will cap a series of clinics given by the Olympic team members, beginning this week in Philadelphia.

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)

About \$28,000 worth of Olympic clothing was stolen by thieves who broke into a truck at a storage site.

Forty coats and jackets, designed for International Olympic Committee delegates, and other apparel were taken from the site in suburban Salt Lake City the night of Nov. 28.

PRAGUE, Czech Republic

Two Olympic champions from the Czech Republic — javelin thrower Jan Zeleny and gymnast Vera Caslavka — resigned from the International Olympic Committee.

Zeleny left because he wants to compete while Caslavka resigned for health reasons.

BASKETBALL

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A detective investigating the Michael Olowokandi case said police have "significant evidence" against the Los Angeles Clippers center despite his former girlfriend's claim that she was at fault in the matter.

"I'm not a judge, but the victim did not beat herself up nor did she rob herself of property," Det. Karl Nilsson of the Manhattan Police Department said.

BOXING

NEW YORK (AP) — Lennox Lewis is suing Mike Tyson to prevent him from fighting on Jan. 19 or to have the WBC remove Tyson from the mandatory challenger's position if he does fight.

The suit, which also names the WBC as a defendant, was filed in U.S. District Court in Manhattan.

It contends that such a fight for Tyson could hurt Lewis financially. Tyson and Lewis are expected to fight next spring.

HOCKEY

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — Andrew Cassels will return to the Vancouver Canucks lineup Thursday against Anaheim after missing the last 20 games with a sprained right knee.

AUTO RACING

TROY, Mich. (AP) — CART plans to hire a new president and chief executive in an attempt by the open-wheel organization to raise its profile among racing fans.

Chairman Joseph Heitzler, who also is president and CEO, will continue to oversee day-to-day operations until the search is completed. Heitzler will remain chairman.

TRACK AND FIELD

MONACO, Monte Carlo (AP) — Former Olympic champion Dieter Baumann was cleared to return to competition next month after track and field's ruling body lifted an extended drug ban.

Baumann's original two-year suspension for testing positive for the banned steroid nandrolone ends Jan. 21. But an extra year was added by the IAAF last February after Baumann defied the ban by running in the German indoor national championships with the help of a court order.

Sixth-ranked Florida finally beats Michigan State

By The Associated Press

Until now, Michigan State had been too much of a hurdle for Florida to overcome since the national championship game in 2000.

The Spartans won that game for their second national title, then beat the Gators in a regular-season rematch last year.

But sixth-ranked Florida used a smothering fullcourt press to beat the 24th-ranked Spartans 74-70 Wednesday night.

"When we're playing Michigan State, I know people are talking about how it's a big rivalry," Florida coach Billy Donovan said. "But it's hard to be a rivalry when you don't win."

Matt Bonner's career-high 23 points led the Gators (5-1), while Brett Nelson added 15.

Florida had the experience over the Spartans (4-3), who lost seven players from the

team that made a third straight Final Four appearance last season.

"They've got some guys who are going to be good players," Donovan said of the Spartans, who committed 20 turnovers. "But this was probably the first time some of them have seen pressure like that."

Michigan State chipped a 19-point deficit to four with 18 seconds left by making four quick 3-pointers.

After Chris Hill hit the final 3, the Spartans stole the inbound pass, but missed two 3-pointers as time expired, and Florida finally had its win in this series. "Let's not be fooled by the last four minutes," Spartans coach Tom Izzo said. "They handed it to us."

Then he talked of the Gators. "This is a potential Final Four team," he said. "What I love about them so much is they remind me of our team the last three years."

In other games involving ranked teams Wednesday, it was No. 1 Duke 82, Temple 57; No. 11 Kentucky 99, VMI 57; No. 17 Marquette 73, Dayton 51; No. 20 UCLA 65, UC Riverside 50; and No. 25 Western Kentucky 78, Akron 68.

Marcus Taylor led the Spartans with 17 points, and Kelvin Torbert — one of three freshmen getting big playing time for Michigan State — had 15, including two 3s during the late rally.

"I'm not going to sit here and lie to you and say our experience is equivalent to theirs," Izzo said. "But I can't make experience an excuse because we've got games to win."

The late rally gave the Spartans something to build on — and the Gators something to learn from.

"I thought for 36 minutes we played really great basketball," Donovan said. "The last 3:49, we didn't play well. It was a

good lesson."

No. 1 Duke 82, Temple 57
Jason Williams had 26 points and Mike Dunleavy added 24 as the Blue Devils (7-0) rolled in the matchup of the newest Hall of Fame coaches.

Lynn Greer, coming off a 47-point game against Wisconsin two days before, was hawked all night by Chris Duhon or Dahntay Jones and finished with 22 points on 8-for-23 shooting for the Owls (3-3).

Williams and Dunleavy also had 10 rebounds each, while Duhon matched his career high with 11 assists.

Duke's Mike Krzyzewski and Temple's John Chaney, who have combined for 1,272 wins and 12 league championships, were inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame earlier this year.

No. 11 Kentucky 99, VMI 57

Tayshaun Prince scored 21 points and Keith Bogans had 16

as the Wildcats (4-1) won their fourth straight by shooting 50 percent from 3-point range and 56 percent overall. They outrebounded the visitors 50-28 and forced 23 turnovers.

Jason Conley had 24 points for the Keydets (1-3), who lost their third straight.

No. 17 Marquette 73, Dayton 51

Dwyane Wade scored 17 points and the Golden Eagles (8-0) continued their best start since going 10-0 in 1997-98. Wade had eight points in a 12-0 run that gave Marquette a 47-32 lead with 15:48 remaining.

Ramond Marshall and David Morris each had 10 points for the Flyers (3-3), who are unbeaten at home and winless on the road this season.

No. 20 UCLA 65, UC Riverside 50

NATO peacekeepers to go into Afghanistan

By TOM RAUM
Associated Press Writer

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — Secretary of State Colin Powell said Thursday that an international peacekeeping force will soon be sent into Afghanistan, although "the mix and the leadership" among nations has yet to be determined.

Powell told a news conference at NATO headquarters that the new interim post-Taliban government formed a day earlier had requested the presence of peacekeepers.

"There will be no shortage of troops," Powell said.

Citing reports that Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar had agreed to hand over control of the militia's last bastion of Kandahar, Powell said it is just a matter of time until the last remnants of Taliban control end.

Powell said that NATO partners, at their winter meeting, had agreed to move more quickly to improve the capacity to resist terrorism.

"Now, more than ever, NATO matters," Powell said.

The 19-nation alliance pledged in a statement to stand fast "individually and collectively" behind the U.S.-led military operation to root out terrorists linked to the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States.

It agreed "to combat this scourge ... for as long as necessary."

The alliance also agreed to set up a new council within NATO that would include Russia.

But Powell said Russia would not have veto powers, and that NATO could still act on issues without consulting Russia.

Powell said a decision will be made soon on the makeup and leadership of a peacekeeping force.

"Getting the right mix and leadership remains to be sorted out," he said.

On the sidelines of the meeting, Powell also sought financial support from NATO members for the day-old interim post-Taliban government in Afghanistan.

And he worked to ease members' concerns that their offers of troops for the Afghanistan operation were being spurned.

"The circumstances of this campaign means that not every ally is fighting in Afghanistan — but every ally is in the fight," Powell said earlier.

"Don't stand down, there's a lot more to be done," he added.

Many nations have offered troops in the Afghan military effort, including Britain, France, Germany and Italy. But only a relatively few have seen action. That has prompted some frustration among key allies.

"We must move quickly to increase our capacity to resist terrorist attacks," Powell said. He also urged NATO to expand its contacts with the nations of central Asia, "and we need to do that now."

Powell spoke behind closed doors at the winter meeting of North American Treaty Organization foreign ministers. His remarks, as delivered, were made available by U.S. officials.

The alliance's secretary general, Lord Robertson, opened Thursday's session by declaring that NATO must be "ready for the long haul."

"The threats have changed, but our resilience and relevance have not," Robertson said in public remarks.

"There has to be zero tolerance on terrorism," Robertson said.

Earlier, Powell said he would press NATO allies to help provide emergency funds to help the new coalition government about to take power in Afghanistan.

Powell said he would find some funds in his State Department budget as well as passing a "collection plate" among NATO allies. "I've got everybody in town," he said, without suggesting a price tag.

The alliance earlier invoked a clause in its founding treaty declaring that an attack on one

member is an attack on all.

As an alliance, NATO is providing such support as blanket overflight clearances to Afghanistan, access to ports and airfields and increased intelligence sharing for the U.S.-led coalition forces.

Nearly all member nations are separately providing additional military help and Britain, France, Germany, Spain, Italy and the Netherlands are among those that have offered troops, ships and aircraft.

On an eight-day, 10-country tour of Europe and central Asia, Powell told Turkish leaders in Ankara on Wednesday that their military would likely play a key role in an Afghan peacekeeping force.

NATO ministers were also expected to back closer ties with Russia.

On Friday, the allies will hold talks with Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov on bringing Moscow at least part of the way into the NATO fold.

The United States says it appreciates Russia's cooperation in the war in Afghanistan and is willing to accept President Vladimir Putin's overtures for closer relations.

The allies believe they must seize this opportunity to take a new direction in Europe, making Russia a full partner in forging European security, alliance officials and diplomats said.

Hama supporters clash with Palestinian police

By IBRAHIM BARZAK
Associated Press Writer

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Hundreds of Hamas supporters clashed with Palestinian riot police outside the home of the group's leader Thursday in a first sign of resistance to Yasser Arafat's intensifying crackdown on Islamic militants. A Hamas supporter was killed at the scene, witnesses said.

The Palestinian leader is under growing Israeli and U.S. pressure to rein in the Hamas and Islamic Jihad groups that have sent dozens of suicide bombers to Israel, including four this week. Israel told Arafat he must arrest leading militants quickly or face a resumption of Israeli reprisals.

"This is the last chance (for the Palestinians) to do what they are supposed to do," said Raanan Gissin, an adviser to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon. Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said he told Arafat he had 12 hours to arrest key militants, but Gissin denied that Arafat had been given a specific deadline.

President Bush said Arafat must "use everything in his power to prevent further terrorist attacks in Israel" and that the Jewish state could not be expected to conduct negotiations under fire.

In Arafat's boldest move yet against Hamas, the movement's founder and spiritual leader Sheik Ahmed Yassin was placed under house arrest. Palestinian officers set up checkpoints around his Gaza City home on Thursday, clashing on and off for hours with more than 1,500 Hamas supporters.

Arafat's crackdown was accompanied by a flurry of diplomatic activity Thursday.

Egypt sent its foreign minister, Ahmed Maher, on a new mediation mission. He met with Sharon and was to hold talks with Arafat later in the day. Also, U.S. envoy Anthony Zinni held separate talks with Peres and Arafat.

Maher's sudden visit came even though Egypt has shunned high-profile ties with Israel since Sharon, a hard-liner, became Israel's prime minister in March.

Palestinian security officials said a total of 180 Islamic militants have been rounded up since the arrest sweep began Sunday. Some of the arrests were carried out overnight. In the West Bank town of Nablus, Palestinian police posted officers outside two mosques late Wednesday, checking the ID cards of worshippers against a list of wanted people. No arrests were made at the mosques, but police said they found several pounds of explosives in the Nablus hide-out of a Hamas militant.

Israel has complained that those detained were lower-level activists, and that the planners of attacks are still at large.

Gissin said U.S. envoys have handed the names of 36 leaders of militant movements to Arafat in recent meetings.

In Gaza City, police told Yassin, the Hamas leader, that he was under house arrest, barred all but his relatives from visiting him and cut his phone lines.

In response, protesters threw stones at police vans and officers on foot and set a police jeep on fire. After daybreak, officers wielding clubs and

holding up shields charged forward, sending the crowd running. Both sides occasionally fired automatic weapons in the air, and witnesses said there also was a brief exchange of fire in which a 21-year-old Hamas supporter, Mohammed Silmi, was killed.

Palestinian security officials confirmed that Silmi was critically injured and died of his wounds Thursday morning.

"We in Hamas are not going to accept the Palestinian Authority's arrest campaign and we will not keep silent," said one of the protesters, 22-year-old Izzedine Abu Ghaya.

Abdel Aziz Rantisi, one of the Hamas leaders who has gone underground since the start of the arrest sweep, posted a message to the group's wanted men on a Web site linked to Hamas, saying they should not turn themselves in to police.

Arafat's Fatah movement later staged a counter-demonstration in support of the Palestinian leader. A senior Arafat aide, Tayeb Abdel Rahim, told the crowd of several thousand that they must stand up to those trying to "sabotage the decisions of the Palestinian leadership," an apparent reference to the Islamic militants.

In the Gaza Strip, Palestinian militants fired five mortars at a pair of Jewish settlements, damaging houses but causing no injuries, the Israeli army said.

An army source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said soldiers raced to the scene the mortar attack in northern Gaza and came under fire. They returned fire, killing one Palestinian and apprehending a second.

Arafat's moves follow two days of Israeli military strikes which Israeli officials said were aimed at forcing him to take tough action against terrorists.

Retaliating for the weekend suicide bombings that killed 25 people in Jerusalem and Haifa, Israeli warplanes targeted Palestinian security and police buildings on Monday and Tuesday, and the Israeli Cabinet declared that Arafat's Palestinian Authority is an "entity that supports terrorism." Another suicide bomber blew himself up in central Jerusalem on Wednesday, lightly injuring two people.

Up to now, Arafat has hesitated to confront Hamas and Islamic Jihad, the militant groups opposing peace with Israel, for fear of setting off a civil war.

Peres said Arafat called him to complain that Israeli restrictions were preventing him from moving his forces around. After the weekend bombings, Israeli forces cut off West Bank towns and banned Palestinian traffic on West Bank roads. Also, Israeli helicopters destroyed Arafat's helicopters in a Gaza hangar, marooning him in Ramallah in the West Bank.

Restarting his truce mission, Zinni, the U.S. envoy, met with Arafat and Palestinian security officials on Thursday. On Wednesday, Zinni met Sharon, who told him "only pressure on Arafat will bring him to make a strategic decision to abandon the path of terror and carry out all of Israel's demands and his commitments," a statement from Sharon's office said.

Each side blames the other for failure to implement earlier truce agreements aimed at ending violence that has raged since September 2000.

Official: Surrender of Kandahar to begin Friday

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — The former Taliban ambassador to Pakistan said Thursday that the movement's leader, Mullah Mohammed Omar, agreed to surrender Kandahar to tribal leaders starting Friday.

Abdul Salam Zaeef said the handover would begin Friday and that Omar would be allowed to stay in the city under tribal protection.

A decision to hand over the southern city would mark a sharp change of course by Omar, who had called on the Taliban to fight to the death. "The fight has now begun. It is the best opportunity to achieve martyrdom," Omar told his commanders by radio last week, according to a Taliban official.

Taliban leaders had decided not to hand over their weapons to

Hamid Karzai, the U.S.-backed head of a new interim government to rule the country for six months.

Instead, they will surrender to Mullah Naqib Ullah, a former guerrilla commander against Soviet occupation troops.

"We have agreed to surrender weapons not to Hamid Karzai but to tribal elders," Zaeef said. "Mullah Omar has taken the decision for the welfare of the people, to avoid casualties and to save the life and dignity of Afghans."

Zaeef said the Taliban was finished as a political movement. "I think we should go home," he said.

Karzai agreed to release all Taliban prisoners in Afghanistan and give them free passage home, Zaeef said. He said Omar had secured unspecified protection for himself.

"I don't know about the guarantees, but Hamid Karzai and the tribal leaders have promised him protection," Zaeef said.

In an earlier interview Thursday at his base 12 miles north of Kandahar, Karzai said that he was offering a general amnesty to Taliban fighters who surrender but not Omar. He had been meeting with Taliban officials for two days.

Speaking to The Associated Press by satellite telephone before Zaeef spoke, Karzai stressed that the amnesty offer applies only to the Taliban troops. Asked about reports he was offering amnesty to Omar, Karzai replied: "It's not true." The amnesty offer, he said, is for the soldiers, many of them young men from rural regions of southern Afghanistan, where his own Popolzai tribe is located.

Rumsfeld orders probe of three soldiers' deaths

By MATT KELLEY
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld has ordered an investigation into the mistaken bombing in Afghanistan that killed three U.S. soldiers.

Three Army Green Berets were killed and 20 other Americans were wounded Wednesday when an Air Force B-52 dropped a one-ton bomb near them. The soldiers had called in the airstrike to hit Taliban forces they were fighting near the militia's southern stronghold of Kandahar.

Six anti-Taliban Afghan fighters also were killed and another 18 were wounded.

A sixth anti-Taliban fighter died after being evacuated for medical treatment to the USS Bataan, located in the Arabian Sea, Pentagon spokesman Victoria Clarke said Thursday.

"It's a terrible tragedy and our heart goes out to the families and the friends of those fine people," Rumsfeld said Wednesday on CNN's "Larry King Live."

Clarke, asked about reports from Afghanistan that Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar was about to surrender in Kandahar, said she couldn't comment.

"We don't have anything we can confirm at this time," she said.

However, senior Pentagon officials have repeatedly stated that Omar should not be allowed to go free.

Clarke said U.S. warplanes were concentrating Thursday on Taliban cave and tunnel complexes and had flown some 148 sorties inside Afghanistan.

U.S. warplanes also hammered Taliban positions south of where Wednesday's friendly fire accident occurred, but opposition forces said that for the first time in weeks no bomb-

ing was reported in or immediately around Kandahar, near the site of the deadly mishap.

Pentagon officials declined to comment on any change of bombing plans for the area, but noted that Wednesday's accident left fewer special forces in place to direct airstrikes.

The Pentagon identified those killed as Master Sgt. Jefferson Donald Davis, 39, of Watauga, Tenn.; Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Petithory, 32, of Cheshire, Mass.; and Staff Sgt. Brian Cody Prosser, 28, of Frazier Park, Calif. All were members of the Army's 3rd Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group, stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky.

Clarke said the bodies of the U.S. soldiers were being taken to Germany for later transport back to the United States. One of the U.S. wounded was taken to a U.S. military hospital in Landstuhl, Germany, while others were either being treated in the region or had been treated and released back to their units in Afghanistan, she said.

The injuries to the Americans "vary from moderate to severe," a statement from U.S. Central Command said.

Eighteen Afghan anti-Taliban fighters were being treated on U.S. Navy ships in the Arabian Sea, the statement said. Eight were on the USS Peleliu and 10 aboard the USS Bataan.

Pentagon officials said they could not immediately explain what went wrong in the deadliest "friendly fire" accident of the war.

Whatever the cause, it illustrated the danger to U.S. forces calling in airstrikes.

"This is one of the potentially most hazardous type of missions that we use as a military tactic," said Rear Adm. John Stufflebeem, deputy director of operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Hamid Karzai, the southern

Pashtun leader and newly designated head of the provisional government in Afghanistan, was in the area where the bomb landed but was not seriously wounded, Pentagon officials said. Karzai said Thursday he received minor injuries of the face and head from flying glass.

"I, along with the rest of America, grieve for the loss of life in Afghanistan," President Bush said during an Oval Office appearance. "I want the families to know that they died for a noble and just cause."

The Pentagon initially reported two were killed. A third died en route to a hospital.

The deaths bring to four the number of Americans killed inside Afghanistan in the two-month war. CIA officer Johnny "Mike" Spann was killed Nov. 25 in a prison uprising while questioning forces captured in the fighting.

In Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, that the parliament gave its approval early Thursday for U.S. use of that country's main international airport for the anti-terrorism operation.

The United States is focusing its bombing on Kandahar and the mountainous area near the Khyber Pass south of Jalalabad, where it is believed Osama bin Laden and his top lieutenants are hiding in a complex of caves and tunnels.

Several hundred Green Berets and other U.S. special operations troops are in Afghanistan to assist the Afghan opposition forces.

U.S. officials familiar with the evolving battle for Kandahar said it appeared that the Afghan opposition forces were too few to initiate a final, climactic assault on the Taliban and al-Qaida holdouts inside the city.

Nonetheless it remains the Pentagon's strategy to let the opposition forces take the lead on the ground.

Horoscope

FRIDAY, DEC. 7, 2001

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Your family or a close friend backs you. You feel you are coming from a strong experience. Reach out to a problem person at a distance. Be more nurturing with the difficult people in your life. Walk in their shoes, and you will gain a deeper understanding of them. Tonight: Put up your feet or think message.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Pressure from a partner could be quite irritating, if not difficult. You should be able to deal with the situation by now. Do what you feel is best for the majority rather than doting on a difficult associate. Confirm meetings; return messages. Tonight: Play the night away.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Family, real estate and domestic matters shake up a relationship. Listen to someone else's perspective. There is something to be gained there. Brainstorm and you will come up with an even better idea or solution. Confusion surrounds communication. Tonight: Handle the basics.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Your energy sags, though you do manage to finish up all you must. Work with someone on a one-on-one level in order to effectively structure a

monetary agreement. Not everyone sees what is going on as you do. Don't even try to explain right now. Tonight: Talk up a storm with friends over bubbly.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Deal with finances directly. A risk could backfire. New beginnings happen because of ingenuity — not only on the amorous level, but also the creative level. Pressure builds to a new level and confusion ends up in chaos or uproar. Tonight: Don't do your holiday shopping.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You're personality plus, but a family member or roommate might not be swayed. Creativity stems from your ability to make peace and your ability to allow others to express their ideas. In the long run, you will be able to have your way. Avoid passive-aggressive behavior. Tonight: Whatever makes you happy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Kick back. Keep an important conversation with a child or loved one quiet. Pressure builds if you try to force your way. Step back and take a deep breath. Discussions could be confusing. Think about the bottom line here. Tonight: Vanish quietly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Your friends mean a lot to you. Work meetings become not only networking opportunities, but also a full social occasion. Be careful with your spending. Listen carefully to someone you trust about spending. Your intuition plays into your domestic life. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile.

★★★★ Your responsibilities could stress you out, when you would rather do other things. Instead of grumbling or pushing through work, put on your pleasant face and do what you have got to do. You'll gain much more with good will. Tonight: Don't worry about the present confusion.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Call a friend rather than acting out on a problem. Relax and know that others are under similar pressure. You're also very sensitive at the moment, as you're not reading a situation clearly. Pencil in a movie or a concert where you can escape to later on. Tonight: Vanish.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Deal with others on a one-on-one level. Have that discussion you have been putting off. Your softer ways work with a disappointing association, whether you decide to allow this tie to become less important, or give it one more chance. Tonight: Go with the flow.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Pressure builds at work. Are you allowing too many personal calls? Learn to say "no" to friends and family. Remember your priorities. Your instincts tell you how to placate an irritated boss or associate. Recognize that you have been pushed to your limits. Tonight: Say "yes" to someone's request.

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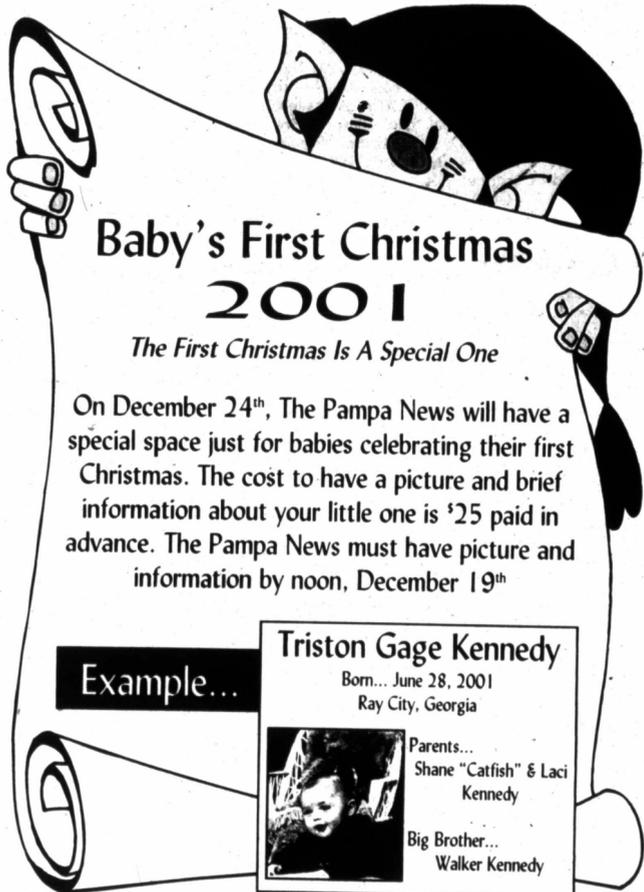
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