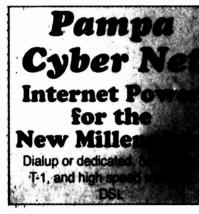
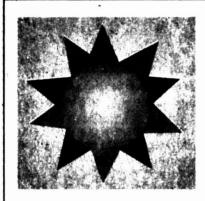




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AC Law Enforcement Academy applications now being accepted

AMARILLO — Amarillo College Criminal Justice Department is currently accepting applications for its 2002 Law Enforcement Academy which will be offered Jan. 15-Aug. 20. Applicants are required to pass a college entrance exam and must be at least 21 years of age-with no felony or Class A misdemeanor arrests or convictions. Academy graduates are eligible for jobs with in-state county sheriff's departments and municipal police departments outside Amarillo. Deadline for applications is Dec. 14. For more information, call (806) 354-6082.

New York trip changes three firemen's lives

By DEE DEE LARAMORE Editor

Three Pampa firefighters, compelled by a deep need born as they watched the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, decided to go to New York City and share their firefighting brothers' loss.

In the process, they discovered new meaning for their lives. They also learned that brotherhood extends beyond the special relationship between those in the firefighting profession



A picture memorial testifies to the number care about you," of firemen from one FDNY station who died Tomaschik added.

On Sept. 11, Scott Reasor, Tim Roberts, and Jerry Tomaschik watched the tragic events. unfold on a television in the fire station. It was then they decided to go to New York City.

"It was a mutual decision we made while we were watching the TV. We were all on duty. The first thing we thought was, 'We gotta go there," said Tomaschik. Originally, they hoped to help at the site where the two towers fell, killing thousands - including hundreds of firefighters trying to rescue the people trapped

inside the buildings. As time passed, they realized their help wasn't needed in that area. They decided then to help in another way.

"Our purpose was to see the firemen and the fire houses. We wanted to tell them we supported them," Roberts explained. "We wanted to

tell them there's people in Texas that



Pampa Firefighters, from left: Scott Reasor, Tim Roberts and Jerry Tomaschik recall their recent trip to New York City. They went there to support fellow firefighters and see the site of the World

firefighters' surprise, however, they were the ones hailed as heroes throughout the trip that began Nov. 15 and ending Nov.

Trade Center collapse.

On the airplane trip to New York, the flight attendants and pilots sent them a letter thanking them for what they do.

In New York, the hospitality

"We were treated like royalty," Reasor said.

"We felt undeserving," Roberts added. "We hadn't done anything. We were just visiting."

When they went to the Empire State Building, the staff escorted them. At Madison Square stations' inner sanctum - the

special elevator directly to their seats to watch the Rangers play. Restaurants wouldn't let them pay for their meals.

They received the same welcome when they went to the many New York City fire housthem to the observation deck es. The firefighters on duty and extended visiting hours for - invited them back into the fire

(See TRIP, Page 3)

Murder-for-hire trial ends in jury deadlock

DALLAS (AP) — A judge declared a mistrial Friday in the murder-for-hire trial of an accountant already imprisoned for murdering his wife.

State District Judge Henry Wade Jr. ruled after a Dallas County jury reported itself hopelessly deadlocked in its deliberations on the guilt or innocence of Patrick Timothy Richardson.

The jury had deliberated about 12 hours over three days before giving up. A new trial dated was not set.

The affluent University Park man was charged with solicitation of capital murder for allegedly asking a fellow Dallas County Jail inmate to kill the brother-in-law of his dead wife and the brother-inlaw's family.

Richardson already is serving a 60-year prison sentence.

Joyce Ann Reese, 53, former McLean resident.

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City fathers ponder use of 'extra cash'

By KATE B. DICKSON Associate Publisher

Sept. 11.

Pampa City Commission has something unusual on the table with which to deal - "extra" money.

By the time the budget that starts Oct. 1, 2002, is effective they'll have to make a decision about what to do with seven cents of the tax rate.

The seven cents are now going to debt that will be paid off by then. That will leave the money available for one of two things – cutting the property tax rate by up to seven cents per \$100 valuation or keeping all or part of the seven cents for use by the city.

\$34,000. Thus seven cents brings in about communicate (keeping the seven cents) \$238,000 a year. The current rate is 69.5 to the people." cents per \$100.

that may be?

"We need to be proactive. We can meet again in February," the mayor said. "We can't wait until summer (to make a decision). We need this money."

City Finance Director John Horst said Take the seven cents and make it go to do plan. each cent on the tax rate generates about – something for streets ... and we'll have to

To help in the decision-making process, Though no vote was taken at Tuesday's - City Manager Bob Eskridge said he can commission work session, Mayor Lonny move up the annual review of the city's Robbins posed the question, "Do we use ongoing five-year Capital Improvement five cents of it for street repairs, whatever Program (CIP) to February. The CIP-will contain future needs and related costs as seen by department heads.

"Mayor, I'm sure people will call you and say they want a tax reduction ... and that's a legitimate request," said Expressing his preference the bulk of Eskridge. "If the commission decides we the money be used for street repairs, the need the money for streets then we need Mayor said, "Leave the rate where it is. to tell people and say to them This is our

"Richard can give you a good cost estimate," Eskridge told Robbins. He was making reference to Public Works Director Richard Morris

"Is (streets) the goal?" Commissioner Faustina Curry asked.

"There are streets that are ruined," Eskridge said. "Twenty-fifth is basically gone in some places."

The city manager noted that a street need list prepared by Morris and Kim Lincycomb of the combined streets and parks department, wouldn't necessarily correspond with what Commissioners may want.

(See CASH, Page 3)

Police, DPS busts put the brakes on illegal drugs here

By KATE B. DICKSON Associate Publisher

A speeding Interstate 40 driver is behind bars in Pampa today and the 30 pounds of cocaine with a street value of \$600,000 found in the vehicle he was driving has been logged as evidence.

In another drug bust Thursday, members of the Pampa Police Department SRT, Grav County Sheriff's Department and Constable Chris Lockridge raided a Pampa home where the outcome was arrests made and drugs confiscated. In the 1-40 incident, Department of Public Safety (DPS) Public Information Officer

Wayne Beighle identified the arrested man as Freddie Joe Nunn, 39, of Chandler, Ariz.

DPS Trooper Jason Henderson, who works out of McLean, booked Nunn into the Gray County Jail on a first

degree felony charge of possession of a controlled substance over 400 grams.

Nunn was stopped before noon Thursday as he drove eastbound about one mile west of McLean, said Beighle who did not know how fast the man was driving.

After the trooper received consent to search from Nunn, 30 pounds of cocaine was found in what Beighle described as a "false and rather sophisticated cargo area" in the 1997 Ford Expedition.

It is believed Nunn was traveling from Phoenix, Ariz., to Cleveland, Ohio, Beighle said.

In the Pampa raid, Police Col. Terry Young said citizen tips played a big role in triggering an in-depth investigation.

Just before noon Thursday, a search warrant for drugs was served at 1012 Terry Rd., according to a press release. Patrick Lee (See BUSTS, Page 3)



First Baptist Church's bi-annual presentation of "The Living Christmas Tree" is set this year for Dec. 16, 17

FBC's Living Christmas Tree set Dec. 16, 17

First Baptist Church Choir will again be presenting their bi-annual Christmas celebration "Living Christmas Tree," at 7 p.m. on both Sunday, Dec. 16 and Dec. 17 in the church sanctuary at 203 N. West.

The program lasts just under an hour and will feature soloists Leann Ammons and Spencer Nett. Narrators will be Ron Warren and Daleann Novian. Wanetta Hill is director.

Fourth and Fifth grade choir will also present musical selections.

A love offering is collected, and has always been donated to local charities.

Groups which have benefited from the donations include Tralee Crisis Center, Good Samaritan Christian Services and assistance for foster children.

The "tree" is a giant triangleshaped stand covered in artificial greenery. It stands 35 feet from the base to the top of the star with ten tiers for 65 to 70 singers. Multicolored lights, ornaments and garland adorn the tree.

Free tickets are available by contacting the First Baptist Church office, 669-1155.



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Obituaries

JOYCE ANN REESE

Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2001, at Oklahoma City, Okla. No services are scheduled. Arrangements are under the direction of Sevier Funeral Home of Chickasha, Okla.

Mrs. Reese was born April 11, 1948, at McLean, to Hovt Wayne and Anita Ruth West. She married Jerry Lee Reese in 1969 in Tennessee; he died

in 1971. She had been a Tuttle resident for the past 16 years, moving/from Moore, Okla. She was preceded in death by her father, Hoyt

"Whitey" Wayne West. Survivors include two daughters, Jerri Anita

Reese of Moore and O'livia Lavada Taylor of Tuttle; her mother, Anita Christy of Tuttle; four brothers, Troy West of McLean, Leslie West of Pampa, Benny West of Tuttle and Billy Christy of Bossier City, La.: two sisters, O'livia Ciotti of Tuttle and JoDene of Bridgecreek, Okla.; and six grandchildren.

Sheriff's Office

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

Thursday, Dec. 6

David Andrew Doke, 31, 1124 N. Russell, arrested on a grand jury indictment charging indecency with a child.

with possession of a controlled substance over 400 grams. See related story.

Harley Dean Gingery, 19, Tulsa, Okla., arrested **Stocks** by the Texas Alcohol Beverage Commission for failure to maintain insurance and failure to appear.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

• Thursday, Dec. 6

12:40 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to the 1100 block of Terrace to extinguish a grass fire that started when someone dumped out hot coals from a grill.

8:37 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to the 1000 block of South Love on a medical assist.

Weather focus

PAMPA — Today, mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 50s. Panhandle. West winds 10 to 20 mph becom- Some patchy fog was being west. ing northwest this morning and reported from Fort Stockton to

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the TUTTLE, Okla. — Joyce Ann West Reese, 53, died following arrests and incidents in the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, Dec. 6

Calvin Roland Jr., 37, Childress, turned himself in on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Patrick Herr, 37, 1012 Terry Road, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone and was charged on a warrant for non-payment of fees.

Michael C. Knutson, 42, possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone. Grease barrels from behind Taylor Food

Mart at 600 E. Frederic were reported stolen. The value was put at \$50.

The theft of stuffed animals and dolls valued at \$100 was reported in the 300 block of Sunset.

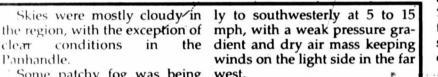
Ambulance

Rural/Metro reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Thursday, Dec. 6

3:45 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony West in Amarillo.

8:33 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 Freddie Joe Nunn, 39, Chandler, Ariz., charged block of South Love; no transport.

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(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Iris Ragsdale, standing left, presents a copy of "M.K. Brown Memoirs and His Legacy to the People of the Texas Panhandle" to White Deer Land Museum's Board of Directors Chairman Jim Jensen at their meeting this week. Ragsdale, Clotille Thompson and Mary Ann McCloskey compiled the book on the life of Brown, an English land developer-turned-philanthropist who helped bring settlers to this area 100 years ago. Also pictured standing with Jensen are Lee Fraser, Angela Spearman and John Forister. Seated board members are. from left. Donna Burger, Wanda Carter, Jean Duncan and Howard Graham. Ragsdale serves as secretary of the museum board.

Ashcroft fires back at critics of anti-terror plan, tribunals

By KAREN GULLO Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) Attorney General John Ashcroft reversal of those actions, it would said trying Taliban members in take one tool away from the govopen U.S. court could create ernment in its ability to fight ter-"Osama TV." He defended mili- rorism," the spokesman said. tary tribunals for terrorists and

suggested that anyone who criti- manual from the al-Qaida terror-

ism legislation pushed by the administration.

"If that criticism was to lead to

The attorney general held up a

fight if it undermines anti-terror- snooping in our bank records, our tax returns, our e-mails," said Leahy, an outspoken critic of many of the new anti-terrorism measures.

"We can be both tough on terrorists and true to the Constitution. It is not an either or choice," he said.

Leahy's proposed legislation cized them was aiding the enemy. ist organization that he said was authorizing President Bush to But Democrats said Congress, chock full of instructions on how establish military tribunals calls must have a say in creating tri- to exploit America's freedoms for open trials unless public safety or national security is threatened. right to counsel for defendants "When we come upon those and the presumption of innoresponsible in Afghanistan, are cence

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BV ROBERT GEHRKE

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP)

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San Angelo. Early-morning temperatures the lower 20s. North winds 5 to ranged from the lower 30s across Panhandle to the 50s across the

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effort to block the president's Southern Utah Wilderness

The lawsuit claims the tect those lands and to stop

Bureau of Land Management BLM before it gets started," she

law by not assessing the envi- the agency should "look for

ronmental and cultural damage opportunities to improve and

that could be done or consult- streamline the management of

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The environmental groups 10,500 acres in four parts of

that filed the lawsuit Thursday southern Utah — the Lockhart.

in U.S. District Court in Basin south of Moab, the Comb

Washington said the adminis- Ridge and Butler Wash area,

tration was trying to cut cor- Montezuma County in the

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First American to host carolers

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In doing so, the Bush admin- Mussentuchit Badlands near

southern Utah to oil and gas energy resource proposals."

Saturday, mostly sunny. Big Bend region and 60s in the Extremes included 31 degrees

near Dalhart and 69 degrees at several coastal locations.

Other readings were 68 at early Friday across North and Dallas Love Field, 35 at El Paso, West Texas as a new cold front 52 degrees at Fort Stockton and

Environmentalists seek to block Bush

We filed this lawsuit to pro-

Recent BLM directives say

and two leases in the

Four of the 12 parcels at

energy plan for federal land, file suit

Winds were generally wester- Bend and 50s elsewhere.

Texas before daybreak and was expected to move into northern sections of the state by evening. Variable cloudiness and sun-

shine was expected through Saturday in North Texas.

Daytime highs should be in the mid-50s in the north to mid-70s along the Rio Grande.

Lows overnight should range from the upper teens in the Panhandle to 40s in the Concho Valley, Edwards Plateau and Big

bunals to ensure that they're fair. and legal system to further At a Senate hearing Thursday, group's destructive goals. they gave Ashcroft their own proposal that would guarantee terrorists public trials and Americanstyle innocent-until-proven-guilty rights.

They also questioned why Ashcroft would not allow the FBI to search gun purchase records to find out if those detained since worldwide platform from which propaganda can be developed?" Sept. 11 had bought weapons he said. recently.

Ashcroft squared off with Democrats on the Senate complaints from groups that oppose the administration's anti-Judiciary Committee while preterrorism tactics, which include senting his strongest defense vet of military trials and other antiplans to interview young men of terrorism measures that the Bush administration, without congressional approval, has implemented in its post-Sept. 11 war on terrorism.

"Our legal powers are targeted at terrorists," he told the committee. "To those who scare peaceloving people with phantoms of lost liberty, my message is this: Your tactics only aid terrorists, for they erode our national unity and diminish our resolve."

America's enemies and pause to doms that could be trampled on America's friends," Ashcroft said. White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said Friday that crit-

Middle Eastern descent who are in America temporarily and eavesdrop on conversations between jailed terrorism suspects and their lawyers.

"The attorney general's implication is clear. If you do not march in lock step with the government, you are supporting the terrorists," the Center for National Security Studies said in a statement. Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., said

he didn't want to protect terror-"They give ammunition to ists, only protect American freein the quest to find and punish those behind the Sept. 11 attacks.

"It's to make sure our governicism can hurt the anti-terrorism ment has good reason before

Ashcroft said military tribunals we supposed to read them Miranda rights, hire a flamboyant will be fair but said it's up to the defense lawyer, bring them back Defense Department to establish the rules. He said Congress to the United States to create a should make their recommendanew cable network of Osama TV tions to the department. or what have you and provide a

On the gun purchase issue, Ashcroft said background check records may be used only be used for auditing purposes.

His testimony brought fresh "Do you think it ought to be changed?" asked Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass.

"I will be happy to consider any legislation that you would propose," Ashcroft replied.

Ashcroft balked at a request by Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., to make sure that more than 560 people detained on immigration charges get lawyers.

"I cannot force lawyers on individuals who refuse lawyers," he said, adding that the Justice Department was not denying detainees access to counsel. He said he would make sure every detainee knows they have the right to speak to an attorney.

Ashcroft said he was aware that some find his tactics disturbing, pointing to recent cartoons of himself.

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CELEBRATE OPEN House at Door Prizes.

> sored by Mary Ellen Harvester Church of Christ, Sat. Dec. 15th, 9 a.m. in ME Church of Christ Youth Bldg., 1325 Mary Ellen.

GIFT WRAPPING by Sue Abbott, 115 N. Cuyler, 665-1245.

HARMONY MUSIC Outreach Christmas Jubilee Sat. Dec. 8th 7:00 PM at the Stokes Ranch (2.25 miles east from loop 171 on Hwy. 60, turn South at Schwans and look for the lit up Church. Local Talent. Refreshments. www.hmopampa.org

HOLIDAY HOME Tour, Sun. 2629 Chestnut, 215 N. Hobart.

Pampa's First American Bank, ond-graders, Austin Elementary. Dec. 20. 9:30 a.m. (3-year-olds) 221 N. Gray, will host a slew of carolers this holiday season. and 10 a.m. (4- and 5-year-olds), Carolers are scheduled to appear First Baptist Day Care; 1:30 p.m., at the bank according to the fol- Dec. 20, fifth graders, Travis Elementary

Dec. 21. 9:20 a.m., Pampa High School; 10:10 a.m., Pampa Middle School (boys); 10:30 a.m., PHS; 11:55 a.m., Pampa Middle School (eighth grade girls); 1:20 p.m., Pampa Middle School (seventh grade girls); and 2:20 Dec. 19. 2:15 p.m., first- and sec- p.m., PHS.

open up public lands for issue were bought at the Sept. resource development," said 6-7 auction by Lowe Partners of Johanna Wald, attorney with Midland, Texas. Two others the Natural Resources Defense were bought by Yates Environmentalists have sued Council, which filed the lawsuit Petroleum Corp. from Artesia, the Bush administration in an in conjunction with the N.M. Six others were bought by agents either buying the land for themselves or unidentified companies.

SUWA attorney Steve Bloch said the lands are homes to fragile species of plants and animals, delicate soils, historic Indian ruins and artifacts and spectacular scenery, all of which could be irreparably ing with Indian tribes before the (National Environmental harmed if oil or gas development is permitted on the land.

SUWA has asked Congress The 12 leases cover about to include 2,400 acres of the disputed land in wilderness areas. Development on the land would prohibit a wilderness designation.

ners to speed up processing of southeastern corner of the state, are asking a judge to revoke the Tree. Celebrations, 665-3100. Free leases and require BLM to conduct the necessary environmental and historic analyses.

Wald said a victory in the case would force the administration to, conduct the studies whenever it issues oil and gas leases.

BLM spokeswoman Celia Boddington said the bureau does not comment on pending litigation.

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cialist Maria Elizabeth D'Iesus, Sat. Dec. 8th 11am-2pm, 913 Varnon Dr. Pampa, Tx.

The Cottage Collection, 922 W. 23rd, Sat. Dec. 8th. Register for

FOY'S TOY Give Away, spon-Déep Fried or Smoked Turkeys for Christmas. Contact any KC

member, or 669-7078, 665-7161, 8-5 p.m.

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Dec. 9th, 1-4 p.m. Tickets (\$10 per person), avail. at Tour Homes: 721 N. Russell, 1710 Mary Ellen,

On the Net: Southern Utah Wilderness Allianc



Factory shooting leaves one dead, six wounded; gunman kills himself,

By KATRINA HULL Associated Press Writer

had either just been fired from his under his body. job or was about to be.

may have been worried enough Dijkstra said. after an argument with Robert

Julie Dijkstra said.

Tammy Funderburk said she authorities. spoke by cell phone with her son, a factory employee who escaped uninjured.

and he had a big rifle," ran out the back door as fast as he could."

nearly two hours after the 2:30 p.m. EST shootings, uncertain GOSHEN, Ind. (AP) - whether the gunman was still Authorities say a factory worker alive. They found Wissman dead who opened fire on his co-work- in an office area with an apparers, killing one and wounding six ently self-inflicted gunshot cover under a desk in a small others before taking his own life, wound to the head and a shotgun

Wissman had apparently just They also were investigating been fired or was about to be floor. The only thing you could reports that factory managers fired before he left the factory, hear was firing. You couldn't

Wissman that they warned of a neighboring factory, said a and unloading, loading and employees to be on the lookout wounded Nu-Wood employee unloading," she told The for him. Wissman, 36, had left the Nu- instructed employees to lock Wood Decorative Millwork plant down the building and call for He had a long gun. He had the Thursday morning but returned help if they saw Wissman nearby, biggest gun I've seen in my life." a few hours later with a shotgun, The Truth newspaper of Elkhart walked inside and opened fire, reported. Sheriff's deputies could Elkhart County Sheriff's Capt. not confirm stories that factory middle-class managers may also have warned

The most seriously wounded business out of his home, though victims were a 27-year-old man he mostly focused on gun listed in critical condition Friday repairs, said Chris Sadowski of "He saw the gunman coming morning and a 52-year-old man the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco in serious condition. Their names and Firearms. Funderburk said. "He saw the were not released. Another man, gunman shooting people and he Mike Cordova, 43, and a 28-year- dealer. He sold very few old woman were hospitalized in weapons during the course of his fair condition, and two other peo- business," Sadowski said.

A police SWAT team entered ple were treated and released. The name of the factory worker who was killed was being withheld until relatives could be notified

> Misty Rushing said she sought office when the shooting began.

"I just saw him standing there with a shotgun, and I hit the hear anyone screaming. He was Brian Messick, superintendent just firing. He was just loading "He didn't have no little gun.

After the shootings, police searched Wissman's home in a neighborhood about two miles from the plant.

Wissman ran a gun dealing

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"We didn't ask about the stories," Roberts explained. "We just said, 'Hey, we're just here to tell you how much we appreciate what you're doing."

But they discovered, their fellow firefighters needed to tell their stories.

"In Jersey City, they watched from the station. They got on their boats and tugs and went to help," Reasor said, adding that the heroic actions of the firefighters there have gotten lost in the publicity centered on New York City.

Tomaschik introduced Reasor and Roberts to his longtime friends, Lt. Stan Rybak and Tony Compasori, both of the FDNY.

They took the Pampa group through two checkpoints to get closer to the WTC site. After the second check, federal officials would not let them go closer.

Instead, they went to an outlook platform built for firefighters, police and victims' families.

It was here they encountered the most poignant moments of their trip.

New York fire lieutenant began to tell what happened. "Stan took us back, exactly the steps of what

happened," Tomaschik said. "He said, 'When I looked up and I saw it coming down, I just turned and ran.

He tried to get into the nearby World Financial Building, but the pressure of the falling building sealed the door. Finally using the flat of his hand and his forearm for leverage, he pried the door open and got inside just the force hit him.

He slid across the floor, hitting his head on a marble pillar, then curled into a fetal position and waited for it to be over. Everything was pitch black, from dust and debris, he later learned.

Feeling his way across the building, he found a door and began searching for the four firefighters that had been with him.

Then the second tower fell and he scrambled back into his shelter in the World Financial Building.

He survived. His four fellow workers died.

"You do not know how much this helps getting to tell other firemen," he told the Pampa group.

As Rybak told of his experience, the Pampa firefighters could not help but remember how they felt as they watched these same events on television. Now, here they were at the actual spot hear-

ing the experiences of someone who was there.

Roberts said of the trip.

earth.

'Who cares?"

"We got a whole new outlook about our jobs,"

"I came back totally refreshed with a whole new

perspective about our jobs," Reasor added. "We're

here to serve the public. It's the greatest job on

"All the little problems are so petty," he said.

When the "Thank You America" bicyclists from

FDNY asked if they could stop over, everyone at

the Pampa Fire Department was excited. Now they

could repay the New Yorkers in a small way for

were bringing back to us - a little piece of New

"The guys who came here never knew what they

As soon as they heard the first New York accent,

"I've been wearing a smile this big," Reasor

This intense joy in the midst of sorrow is some-

"I think it's human nature, that reflex to get on

"In Jersey City, one of the firefighters asked me,

with life. It shows the American can-do attitude,"

"It shows we're rebounding," Reasor said.

all the feelings from their visit flooded back.

Once again, the givers became the receivers. "We're still on Cloud 9," Roberts said.

added. "I think that's what's held up the tears."

thing of a mystery to them, however.

"It's all small stuff," Roberts said.

what they had done for them.

York," Roberts said.

Tomaschik said.



"I had been to Oklahoma City, but this was so much bigger - so much more disaster," Reasor said. " I had the same sinking feeling I had when the tower came down. There's not words to describe it.'

All three Pampan's spoke of the smell and pall of smoke that still hangs over New York City, describing the odor as acrid, like aviation fuel.

"I saw a vista about an eighth of a mile to a quarter of a mile across," Roberts said. "It was overwhelming."

Then he saw a heart etched on a 2x4-inch wooden railing, that said, "We'll miss you, Daddy." The railing was covered with sentiments from the people who had stood there looking out at the devastation - the resting place of their friends and relatives.

Silence reigned as they stood there. They could see the heavy equipment at work clearing the site and the workers as they continued to search for bodies in the ruins, but they heard nothing.

"It was an eerie thing," Tomaschik said. "It was like standing on hallowed ground. It's sacred now.'

"It's like when you walk into church and you feel God's presence. That's exactly how it is," Roberts said.

"I've been to the Pearl Harbor memorial," Tomaschik said. "Pearl Harbor has the same feelings. I've been to Ford Island, too. You can still see the strafe marks on the pavement and a lot of the buildings have pockmarks on the walls from the bullets.

For what seemed like an eternity, Tomaschik stood silently beside Rybak, placing his arm around his friend's shoulder as he surveyed the scene for the first time since that fateful day.

kind of sarcastically, 'Really, how is middle America affected by this? I mean, really," Tomaschik remembered.

"'Trust me," I said. "It's coast to coast.""

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The firefighter looked down at the coffee cup in Looking out on the remaining wreckage, the his hand. "I did not know."

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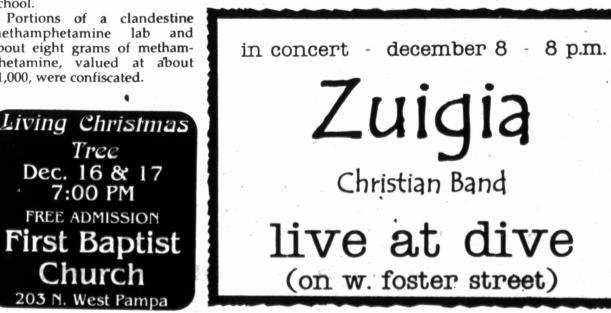
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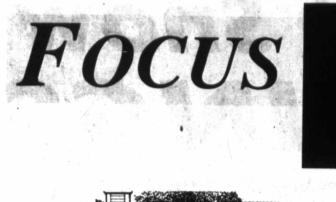
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A Wise Choice For Today 220 N. Ballard Street • 665-3393 "Thy Word Is Truth" John 17:17 I am 19 years old and have struggled with a bad self-concept all my life. It seems that everyone I know has more to offer than I do. I envy the girls who are better looking than I am, more athletic or smarter. I just don't measure up to my own expectations. How can I deal with my own insecurities.

ON THE FAMILY.

Someone once said, "Comparison is the root of all inferiority." It is true. When you look at another person's strengths and compare them to your own weaknesses, there is no way to come out feeling good about yourself. That is what you are doing when you pit yourself against the "best and brightest" around you.

This destructive game begins in middle school when we begin to evaluate ourselves critically. Even at that young age, our self-image is shaped by how we stack up against our peers. It's not how tall we are that

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matters; it's who is tallest. It's not how smart we are; it's who is smartest. It's not how pretty or handsome we are; it's who is most gorgeous.

Thus begins a pattern of self-doubt that often becomes all-consuming during adolescence. For some people it continues well into adult life. This is why millions of women buy fashion magazines and envy the beauty of the models. It's why we watch Miss America contests, and why some men read about successful and powerful businessmen. When we do that, we're weighing ourselves against the most admired assets of others. It is an exercise that brings us nothing but pain, and yet we continue to engage in it.

It appears that you are caught up in this destructive pattern. Perhaps a wise counselor or pastor can help you see that you are a worthy human being exactly the way you are and that you have been designed for a specific purpose. Mental and spiritual health begins with an acceptance of life as it is and a willingness to make the most of what has been given. When that is achieved, comparison with others is no longer an important issue.



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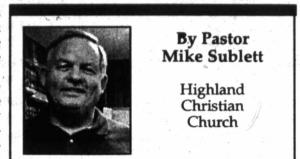
Commercialization cannot hide Christmas

We are now in the Advent season and it is impossible to live in the USA and not think about Jesus. Every time someone comes face to face with that tiny manger, they come face to face with God incarnate.

And no matter how hard some try to force the majority of Americans to hide those nativity scenes in some dark corner or dusty warehouse, the holy family still emerges victorious and rules the season. Even the commercialization of this time of the year, even Santa Claus, even the reindeers, even the trees and lights cannot force the tiny baby, his mother and father, the holy star, the shepherds, the wise men and the stable into playing isecond chairî. This is the SEASON OF JESUS CHRIST! And praise God that it is.

One of the central concepts of this season is that of gift giving. The reason that gift giving is such a vital part of the season is because it is all just an imitation of the greatest of all gifts; God giving His only begotten son for the sins of all of the human race. Did you know that the New Testament talks about 3 different kinds of gifts being given? Our gifts to God are mentioned 13 times, our gifts to others 18 times, but Godís gifts to us are referred to 50 times. Do you notice what kind of giving is missing from the list? Thatis right. Giving gifts to SELF isnít mentioned once.

What gift have you purchased for that speto you - JESUS.



heavenly Father? Now you may think that that is a crazy question, but it isnit. Remember the New Testament talks about our gift giving to God 13 times. So what have you picked out for Him? Why not follow the example of the famous gift givers from the East. They gave gold, frankincense and myrrh. How do those 3 gifts show us what we should give to God? Im glad you asked.

Gold of course was the appropriate gift for royalty. They gave from their wealth to the infant king in the manger. Joseph would then use that gold to supply the needs of Mary and Jesus while in Egypt. Take a few moments to evaluate your wealth, the abundance of your possessions and who blessed you with it all. Then give to the Lord from that abundance.

The second gift was the frankincense. It was made from the sap of the frankincense tree. The most important aromatic gum of cial someone in your life? Remember that no the East, it was regarded as a holy and prematter what you give him/her, it will just be cious perfume. It burned continually on the a tiny imitation of the Fatheris Christmas gift altar of incense in the holy place, filling the He will take those three gifts from us and sanctum with its invigorating fragrance, as bless us and use us in ways we could never

What gift have you picked out for the the priests ministered inside. (Ex 30:34-37; imagine. God bless.

Lev 24:7). It speaks to us of worship, telling us that our lives can be lifted to a place of strength and sweetness as we, like the Wise Men, pour out our worship to Christ. Give the gift of worship to God.

The third gift they gave the Christ child was myrrh. This was the strangest and most shocking of all the gifts. Of course like gold and frankincense, myrrh was a valuable commodity. But it was used mainly for anointing the dead. When the first gifts were presented to the child Messiah, I am sure Mary and Joseph nodded in approval and understanding. But when the last gift was presented they probably looked puzzled. Who would give embalming fluid to a King much less a child king.

But the gift was prophetic just like the others. Jesus received myrrh 3 times in his life: for the infant, for the sacrificial lamb hanging on the cross and for the body of the one who died for our sins. (Mt 2:11; Jn 19:39;Mk 15:23) He had come to demonstrate/display, for all humans of every era to see, what each precious soul was valued at by God. The price tag on every human soul was the death of Jesus. Whatever that death was worth is what every single solitary human is worth to God. Whatever that sacrifice was worth is the price tag God has placed on you. So how do we duplicate this gift? Give your life the God.

Learn from the wise men and give God your wealth, your worship and your life. He deserves more because He gave more. But

Religion briefs.

Poll finds support for Roman Catholic clergy

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — A new survey of American Roman Catholics has found strong support for Pope John Paul II and U.S. bishops, but disagreement over church positions such as whether priests should marry.

In the study released Nov. 16 by LeMoyne College, in Syracuse, and the research firm Zogby International, nearly all the respondents felt the pope was doing a good job leading the worldwide church. U.S. bishops and local clergy were given high marks as well.

More than half of Catholics disagreed with the church position barring priests from marrying and preventing women from serving as pastors. More than 60 percent disagreed with church teaching that artificial birth control was morally wrong. Still, most agreed with the church's opposition to abortion and homosexual practices.

About 54 percent of Catholics said they attended Mass at least once a week. About 24 percent said they increased their observance in response to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Nearly all the respondents said they believed God has the power to answer every prayer and the Bible is the inspired word of God, but 68 percent said they seldom or never read the Bible.

The poll of 1,508 Catholics was conducted between Oct. 25 and Nov. 1 and has a margin of error of 2.8 percentage points.

Christmas Jubilee set Dec. 8

Harmony Music Outreach's Scheduled performers include Christmas Jubilee is set for 7 Paul Helms, Paul Searl, Allen Stokes Ranch.

The Ranch is located 2.25 miles for the small lighted church.

o.m., Saturday, Dec. 8, at the Snapp, Wanetta Hill, and Chelsea Taylor.

Hot chocolate, coffee, and hot east of Loop 171 on U.S. 60. Turn cider will be served. A free will south at the Schwan's and look offering will be taken. Visit the HMO website: hmopampa.org

Revival's intent to bring God to Demons

They sat in the kitchen. They sat in the corridor. They sat in the fellowship hall.

On Friday, Nov. 30, almost 500 people crowded into Dumas Christian Center, a church that normally seats 120, just to feel the presence of the Lord.

Some people came two hours early to get a good seat to watch the power of God fall like "fire from heaven."

"For years I was in alcohol and depression," said one young man who had been attending the services. "Now I feel like a new person.

A woman named Mazi describes her experience in this way: "Spiritually, He is stirring me. Mentally, He is sharpening my wits. Physically, He is healing me."

For the past three weeks, Evangelist Jerry Centralia, Wash., has been minis Gaffney of



to come to the Panhandle," said Pastor Thuringer. "This was just one more prayer group of the hundreds who've been asking the Lord to move here in Texas. During this time, it was if the Lord challenged us by saying, 'Don't you realize that I can fill this building with hungry people by fall if you will let Me?' Ever since then people have been calling out to the Lord to move.

Pastor Thuringer moved to Dumas from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada only 10 months ago, but like Gaffney, he knows the Lord called him to Dumas for such a time as this. Pastor Thuringer is also the founder and editor of Arise magazine, which chronicles revival in the U.S., Čanada, and abroad.

Gaffney, Thuringer, and numerous other pastors and their churches from the handle region are extending their faith to "fill the Dumas Demons football stadium with saints of God praying down the glory fire.' "We believe the Lord is challenging Satan just as he did on Mt. Carmel with Elijah,' Because of this, Pastor John Thuringer of Gaffney said. "We are praying for revival Dumas Christian Center asked him to come fires to spread across the Panhandle. If you are tired of things never changing- if you are asking the Lord to stir the people so Though Gaffney had been asked before to revival breaks out here-then you must come Revival meetings continue at Dumas Christian Center, 9th & Binkley, tonight, Dec. "Last April about 20 [of our] people gath- 7, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m.



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tering at Dumas Christian Center where hundreds of people have made decisions for Jesu's Christ and testified of physicall and emotional healings.

"It is so wonderful to see so many hungry people come to Jesus here," Gaffney said. The people in the Panhandle are really speof praise I feel in the heavenlies. I just know for Revival." the Lord is about to do something wonderful.'

Jerry Gaffney has ministered in approximately 3,700 revival meetings in the past seven years to more than 750,000 people in the Pacific Northwest where he has seen ered together and started to pray for revival Call 806-935-4321 for more information.

more than 70,000 come to Jesus. cial. I almost can't contain the joy and shout to Dumas to partner with him to "dig a well

> minister outside his home region, this marks to the gathering." the first time he felt instructed to do so by the Lord.



Religious leaders split in response to cloning of human embryo

Christian and Reform Jewish belief. leaders supported using the procedure to cure diseases.

of the Catholic Archdiocese of United Washington, said Massachusetts President Bush's denomination, scientists who announced recent- both urged federal lawmakers to ly that they had cloned a six-cell ban the research. embryo' were playing God and reducing humans to spare parts.

scientific community to continue porting cloning to cure diseases cutting-edge research, it must but opposing it for reproductive occur within ethical boundaries purposes. that respect all human life," he

AP - Roman Catholic and con- said Monday. Catholic teaching the primary responsibility is sav- cloned embryo that Worcester, servative Protestant leaders con- holds that life begins at concepdemned the first reported cloning tion, and a statement Monday of a human embryo, while other from the Vatican reiterated that

The Southern Baptist Convention, the nation's largest Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, Protestant denomination, and the Methodist Church,

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and Reform Jewish lead-"While we must encourage the ers took a different position, sup-

Jewish authorities teach that

ing human life, even if some religious laws are broken, said Rabbi the bioethics program of the growing into a human being. Union of American Hebrew said.

It wasn't clear whether the scientists say.

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Israeli planes hit Gaza police compound, ending pause in strikes

By IBRAHIM BARZAK Associated Press Writer

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) - Israel resumed its military strikes against Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority Friday, bombing a police compound in Gaza after Palestinians fired eight mortar shells at Jewish settlements. At least 20 people were injured, Palestinians said.

The pre-dawn F-16 fighter plane strike at a Palestinian security installation south of Gaza City ended a two-day lull in military action that Israel said had been meant to give Arafat a chance to act against militants responsible for suicide bombings in Israel.

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After the raid, Israeli Defense Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer said Arafat "needs to do more." He told Army Radio, "We are facing a constant threat of terrorists trying to get into Israel."

The Israeli army said in a statement that the air strike targeted the "Palestinian security apparatus that supports and aids terrorist operations." Later, the army released another statement, claiming that the facility was a mortar shell factory.

Arafat said his forces have arrested 180 militants since suicide bombers blew themselves

Russia, NATO forge council

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) -NATO and Russia agreed Friday to forge what Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov called "a profound change" in their relations, creating a new council to work out joint action on issues ranging from civil emergencies to missile defense.

NATO officials insisted that the alliance will not be hampered by the new cooperation, and that if a decision cannot be reached with Russia, NATO's ruling council will make the decision without it.

"There is no issue more important to the security and stability of the Euro-Atlantic area than the further development of a confident and cooperative rela-

Sunday, killing 25. But Israel accuses him of acting in bad faith, charging that those apprehended are low-level figures, not the real planners of attacks.

In Gaza City on Friday, Hamas activists confronted Palestinian from giving interviews. police during a funeral procession for a Hamas supporter killed in clashes a day before, when Arafat declared that Hamas spiritual leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin was under house arrest.

In the brief encounter, Hamas grenade at police. No shots were Israel. fired, and no casualties were reported. Some of the 2,000 marchers carried banners denouncing the house arrest.

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Last week, the United States —

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According to government data,

the value of goods and services

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September. The drop for the third

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up in Jerusalem and Haifa on the area around Yassin's house. A houses and arrested a number of speaking on condition of anonymity, said an agreement had been reached under which Yassin, a quadriplegic, agreed to remain in his house and refrain

A protester was killed during Friday morning, Palestinians said. the clashes Thursday. About 200 people, most of them relatives, came to claim his body Friday before his funeral. One shouted through a loudspeaker month of Ramadan. that the bullet that killed him backers threw rocks and a stun should have been aimed at

Also early Friday, three army tanks and an armored personnel carrier entered the southern Gaza ians - a man and his son who Earlier, police. withdrew from said. Israeli soldiers searched 10 prayer service.

Palestinian security official, people, leaving after about 90 minutes.

> Despite the violence, contacts were resuming between the two sides. U.S. envoy Anthony Zinni arranged a meeting of Palestinian and Israeli security commanders for

The Gaza air strike came shortly after 3 a.m., a time when many Muslims rise for their pre-dawn meal during the current holy

doctors were treating at least 20 people injured in the air strike on the police compound. They included 18 police and two civil-Strip town of Abassan, a witness were on their way to a morning

the building.

At Shifa Hospital in Gaza City,

dropped bombs on two build- arrest terrorists. ings in a complex that was the headquarters for the Palestinian homes as far as 200 yards away civil police in Gaza City. Dust and black smoke filled the sky, and ambulances rushed toward

One was the sleeping quarters sive military action" against for police and other security workers, evacuated in time because security officials expected an Israeli attack. The other the West Bank and Gaza. housed offices, including a women's police division.

Mohammed Policeman Gomaes was watching television in the security room at the time, and escaped just in time.

"The glass in the window next 22-year-old, who said the ground was shaking.

this crime." Gomaes said. "We profile meetings with the Israeli are a civil police force, and our government. Sharon, a hardduty is to protect our society as liner, is widely disliked in the well as to fulfill the Palestinian Arab world.

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Windows were broken in from the police compound.

A poll published Friday and conducted after the weekend suicide bombings showed that 71 Two buildings were destroyed. percent of Israelis favored "mas-Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority, and 56 percent favored expelling Arafat from

> Also Friday, Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Maher said his discussions on Thursday with Israel's government had failed to reach agreement on ways to stop the fighting.

Egypt withdrew its ambasto me covered my head," said the sador from Israel last year because of the violence. Since Sharon became prime minister in "There is no provocation for March, Egypt had shunned high-

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Japan: Economic recession now official TOKYO (AP) - Japan's econo- out 1.0 percent growth in the would probably contract 0.9 permy shrank for a second straight quarter that ended in March. cent.

Analysts say the problems sion, the government said Friday Japan faces are more severe than - the country's third recession in those for the United States. To bail out its economy, Japan needs basic change - such as cleaning up banks' bad debts, the only economy larger than easing government regulations Japan - was pronounced in to encourage competition and ending the pork-barrel public out of recession is likely to prove works spending of old-style polmore protracted here, analysts itics, they say.

Masaaki Kanno, chief Japan said, delivering bad news to other . nations counting on solid growth economist at J.P. Morgan in Tokyo, believes Japan will record four more quarters of economic contraction.

Japan's gross domestic product, 'The decline in consumption symbolizes the entire worsening economy," Kanno said. "The recession and minus growth are likely to continue."

The country is caught in a dis-Although economists had been mal cycle of sliding incomes leadwarning about a recession for ing to weakening spending, months, the report made Japan's which in turn sends revenue at recession official. Recession is companies dropping, said Kanno, usually defined as two consecu- who predicts Japan's economy will contract 1.3 percent for this fiscal year ending in March. Last month, the government gave up in June, Japan's GDP shrank 1.2 its initial target of 1.7 percent percent, according to revised fig- growth for the fiscal year and ures released Friday. Japan eked acknowledged the economy

The last time Japan dropped

into recession was in the first half of 1998, according to recent revisions of government data. Japan also went through three straight guarters of contraction in 1993. Japanese ministers played

The government has little lee-

cut costs.

Some of the top names in elec-Japan's leading industry are now bleeding tens of millions of dollars in losses, beaten by the global downturn. The Tokyo stock mar-

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tionship between us," NATO Secretary-General Lord Robertson told Ivanov.

The 19-nation alliance wants to take advantage of Moscow's cooperation in the fight against terrorism to pursue "opportunities for joint action at 20," U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell said.

Besides the struggle against terrorism, Russia and NATO suggested they could work together in such areas as crisis management, nonproliferation, arms control, theater missile defense, search and rescue at sea, military-to-military cooperation and civil emergencies.

Ivanov said Russia is not interested in joining the alliance.

"Russia has no interest in queuing up for membership," he said. But he said Moscow did want to work closely with NATO. "The Russian side has the political will to do it."

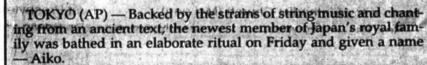
On Thursday, the ministers told their ambassadors at NATO headquarters to start working out details of a new arrangement for regular discussions with the Russians, and ways to include them in decision-making while retaining NATO's ability to act on its own.

"The precise nature and scope of this mechanism will require substantial work over the coming months," Robertson said, but the plan is to have it in place by the next meeting of allied foreign ministers May in Reykjavik, Iceland.

Since 1997, meetings have been held under something called the NATO-Russia Permanent Joint Council, a forum originally created to ease Moscow's fears about NATO enlargement. But both sides say the council has never been satisfactory and more often than not the alliance uses it to inform Russia of positions it already has taken.



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Japanese royal baby bathed, named

The new princess, born on Dec. 1, is the first child for Crown Princess Masako and Crown Prince Naruhito since they wed more than eight years ago.

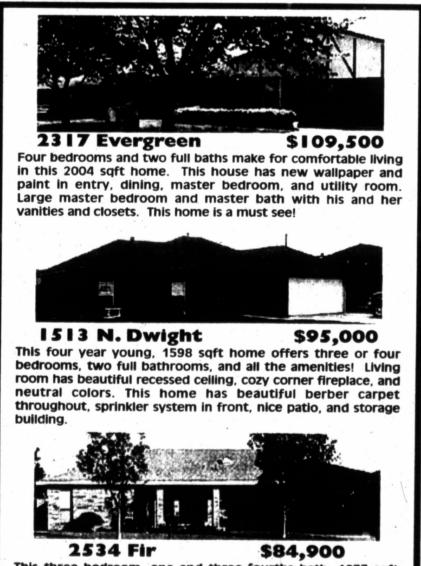
Her arrival attracted tens of thousands of well-wishers to festivities outside the gates of the Imperial Palace earlier this week, and congratulations have poured in from around the world. The name Aiko — written with the characters for "love" and

"child" — refers to a virtuous person. The name stems from the teachings of Mencius, a Chinese philosopher who compiled names and assigned meanings to them. -

The baby also received a second name, Toshi-no-miya, or Princess Toshi, which is used in more formal occasions.

In a closed ceremony, a royal attendant poured water over the infant as scholars in ancient court dress played music to ward off evil spirits by plucking the strings of wooden archery bows. A court-appointed official read from an 8th century Japanese history text.

"I hope the princess grows up in good health as a charming child who is respected and loved," said Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi, who joined other top politicians at a reception hosted by the emperor following the ceremony.



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SPORTS

Pampa junior varsity wins Tomahawk Classic

Notebook BASEBALL

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) - Bobby Jones, one of five Texas Rangers assistant coaches not retained on the major league staff after the 2001 season, was hired Thursday as one of the team's minor league managers.

Jones was hired as the manager of the Triple A Oklahoma RedHawks of the Pacific Coast League.

Before spending the last 1 1/2 seasons on the major league staff, Jones had spent 13-plus seasons as a Texas minor league manager with stops at Charlotte (1988-90), Tulsa (1991-92, 1995-2000) and Oklahoma City (1993-04). His 832 wins are the most in the organization's history.

BASKETBALL

HOUSTON (AP) Michael Jordan returned to the Washington Wizards' starting lineup against the Houston Rockets on Thursday night.

Jordan sat out Washington's loss to the San Antonio Spurs on Tuesday night because of a knee injury, the first game he had missed since March 5, 1993, also against the Spurs.

Jordan received a big ovation when he was introduced with the Wizards' starting lineup.

Jordan worked out with the Wizards in Houston on Wednesday but still wasn't sure he'd be able to play Thursday night.

On Monday, Jordan had fluid drained from his right knee for the second time this season. An MRI showed no serious damage. He hyperextended the knee during preseason and it has been consistently sore and swollen.

Jordan entered the game

MIAMI — The Pampa junior Matt Robben led the comeback varsity boys basketball team attack. defeated Miami 53-46 in the finals last weekend to win the Tomahawk Classic. Pampa had a Pampa offense. perfect 4-0 record in the tourna-

ment. Matt Robben scored 17 points, Bowers 9 to lead Pampa in scorrebounding with 5.

"These boys did a great job of beating Fort Elliott early in the 56-45 victory. afternoon and coming back in the late evening ready to play a good Miami varsity. Playing in a championship game with the home team is always a challenge. The Pampa fans were there to support their team," said Pampa JV coach Jeff Reed. "It was a great championship game. They handled the pressure and played their game."

Pampa opened the tournament with a 67-34 win over Shamrock. Leading scorers were Andy Rodgers with 15, Collin Bowers 11 and Chance Bowers 10. Chance Bowers led the rebounding with 9 rebounds.

Pampa had to rally to defeat Follett 54-52 in the second-round contest.

going into the fourth quarter, but the quickness of

All-District 1-1A Football

Henderson, White Deer.

Running backs: Nick Ball,

White Deer; Eric Eddleman,

Claude; Jody Ferguson,

Receivers: Dustin Harper,

White Deer; Travis Rogers,

Tight ends: Gavin McQueen,

Wheeler; Cade Carthel,

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Jed Martin, Clayton Hall and Junior Varsity Tournament this

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Jed Martin and Matt Robben each scored 13 points to lead the

Collin Bowers added 9 points

and 9 rebounds. Behind the outstanding 3-point Jed Martin 13, and Collins shooting of Jed Martin, Pampa was able to handle Fort Elliott ing. Andy Rodgers led in right from the beginning in the semi-finals. Pampa also hit 79 percent from the foul line in the

> Pampa held off a Fort Elliott comeback late in the fourth quar-

> Martin was the leading scorer with 16 points and Britten East followed with 11. Andy Rodgers and Matt Robben had 9 each. Britten East and Collin Bowers led in rebounding with 7 each.

> Other Pampa team members were Zach Cobb, Brad Britton, Tres Morris, Shon Day, Jacob Hopkins and Aaron Silva.

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Earlier this week, Pampa defeated Perryton 42-32 in junior varsity action at Perryton.

Andy Rogers led Pampa scor-Pampa JVs trailed by 13 points and Matt Robben each had 9 points. Robben also had 4 steals. Pampa is entered in the Dumas

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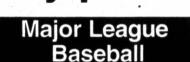
Pampa's junior varsity displays the first-place trophy. Team members are (front from left) Andy Rodgers, Jacob Hopkins, Chance Bowers and Clayton Hall; (second row, from left) Coach Jeff Reed, Brittin East, Shon Day, Jed Martin, Matt Robben, Brad Britton and Zach Cobb; (back row, from left) Tres Morris, Aaron Silva and Collin Bowers.

Selig's poverty pleas greeted by skepticism FOOTBALL

By RONALD BLUM AP Sports Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) Baseball commissioner Bud Selig antitrust exemption as it applies railed against high player salaries during a congressional hearing tion, also was skeptical of Selig's where his plan to eliminate two teams was met with skepticism and hostile questions.

opinion in the owners' never-end- learning details concerning relating conflict with the players' asso- ed party transactions, salaries and ciation, repeatedly told the House fees received by the owners and took a swipe at the Milwaukee five years after they take contro Judiciary Committee hearing their families, and the impact of Brewers, the team owned by the - a provision that "depreciates Thursday that his sport's financial stadium acquisition loans by sta- commissioner's family. problems were caused by a "sys- diums," he said. "In essence, tem that is badly flawed. He claimed baseball owners money, but we can't trust you ment of the Brewers, because it's sustained a \$232 million operat- with the details." ing loss this year — \$519 million with interest payments and depreciation added in -, and n't convinced. placed the blame on salaries that have skyrocketed in the quartercentury of free agency and salary castically. arbitration. Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura, million), Montreal (\$38.5 million) also testifying before the commit- and Arizona (\$32.2 million) tee and seated next to Selig, accounted for more than half the doubted the claims of large losses. industry's operating losses. "I have a hard time believing it, Operating losses exclude taxes Mr. Selig, that they're losing that and interest. kind of money and still paying the salaries they're paying," stupid."



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The summary information they have turned over to us is Selig, trying to sway public meaningless in the absence of

accountability." dumbfounded by Selig's vague sum numbers." answers.

there's almost a compelling rea- teams. son from the whole lot of us to get some direct answers," said ing tax laws that enable control Rep. Robert Wexler, D-Fla.

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Some congressmen used the "If fans are going to get those hearing to criticize baseball for kinds of nebulous responses from not making enough progress ir the commissioner of baseball, increasing minorities hired by

Lawmakers from Minnesota support the legislation so we can threatened baseball with chang ling owners to deduct 50 percen Rep. Anthony Weiner, D-N.Y., of the purchase price over the firs

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Rep. Gil Gutknecht, D-Minn

"You can go ahead with this

Maxine Waters, D-Calif., gc

request from the union to lift

the numbers," Selig told her.

"Mr. Selig, let me remind you

said if the Twins were eliminatec

averaging 24.8 points, sixth best in the NBA. He led the Wizards in scoring in 13 of the team's first 16 games.

FOOTBALL

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — Miami guarterback Ken Dorsey won the Maxwell Award and Nebraska's Eric Crouch took the Davey O'Brien quarterback trophy Thursday night during the college football awards show.

Dorsey and Crouch are two of the four Heisman Trophy finalists, along with Florida's Rex Grossman and Oregon's Joey Harrington. The Heisman, college football's top individual award, will be presented Saturday night in New York.

Dorsey, who led No. 1 Miami (11-0) to a perfect season and a spot in a national title game in the Rose Bowl, was chosen over Grossman and Crouch.

"With all the talented guys here, I'm just happy to be here with those guys," Dorsey said. "I'm most proud of being 25-1 in my career. As a Californian I cannot wait for the Rose Bowl. I just can't imagine this. I mean, the other guys are so good. I'm excited that people think about me that way."

- The Maxwell, voted on by Division I-A coaches, the Football Writers Association of America and members of Philadelphia-based the Maxwell Football Club, goes to the best all-around player.

Dorsey completed 184 of 318 passes for 2,652 yards with 23 TDs and nine interceptions.

Crouch won the O'Brien quarterback award over Grossman and Harrington. Crouch, who led Nebraska to an 11-1 record, ran for 1,115 yards and 18 TDs, and passed for 1,510 yards and seven scores.

"I had no idea I would win this," Crouch said. "The other quarterbacks that are here are just as deserving as I am. This is just unbelievable and my family is so happy. There is nothing that can happen from here on out to match this."

Linemen: Dirk Chapman, Wheeler; Kirk Kelp, White Deer; Jesse McClellan, Claude; David Ferguson, Booker. Center: Joe Salas, Wheeler. Punter: Nick Ball, White Deer.

First Team Defense Linemen: Dirk Chapman, Wheeler; Kirk Kelp, White Deer; Jesse McClellan, Claude. Ends: Nick Ball, White Deer; Kade Carthel, Gruver.

Gavin Linebackers: McQueen, White Deer; Jeff Story, White Deer; Lee Eddleman, Claude. Secondary: Aaron McKean, White Deer; Dustin Harper, White Deer; James Chapman, Wheeler; Ryan Abernathy, Gruver.

Kick returner: Aaron McKean, White Deer. Second Team Offense

Quarterback: James Chapman, Wheeler. Running backs: Isaac Reyes, White Deer; Chris Gallagher, Wheeler; Zack Christian, Gruver; Jon Robertson,

Shamrock. Receivers: Brian Knocke, White Deer; Marcus Haggard, Claude; Ryan Abernathy, Gruver. Tight end: Byron Norton, White Deer.

Linemen: Jeff Story, White Deer; Tyler Lewis, Wheeler; Josh Abernathy, Gruver; B.J. Bonner, Shamrock.

Center: Jeff Richeslin, Booker.

Second Team Defense, Linemen: Blaine Rutherford, Wheeler; Cody Owens, White Deer; B.J. Bonner, Shamrock. Brad Ends: Masters,

Wheeler; Douglas Crowell, Claude. Linebackers: Zack Christian,

Gruver; Jon Robertson, Shamrock; Jody Ferguson, Booker.

Secondary: Isaac Reyes, White Deer; Garrett Travis, White Deer; Eric Eddleman, Claude; Marcus Haggard, Claude; David Hernandez, Gruver.

Offensive MVP: Aaron McKean, White Deer. **Defensive MVP: Brian** Knocke, White Deer. Coach of the year: Ruben Guerrero, White Deer.

Ventura blamed unfettered have problems." spending on players, citing the likely to receive.

\$100 million, no doubt. Mr. Jason candidates for elimination. Selig Giambi, they've said he'll go well over \$100 million," Ventura said. "The problem out there is they're lawmakers have failed to support paying their employees too much public financing. money."

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Economics 101 class," he said sar-Just four teams — Toronto

(\$52.9 million), Los Angeles (\$45.3

"Owners struggle," said Selig, who brought along an accountant Ventura said. "That's asinine. to vouch for the veracity of the These people did not get the numbers. "If they don't spend wealth that they have by being 'money, they're called 'El Cheapo.' If they spend more money, they

Ventura doubted the need for a deal free agent Barry Bonds is new stadium for the Minnesota Twins, who along with the "Mr. Bonds is going to get over Montreal Expos are the leading claims the Twins need a new ballpark to survive, but Minnesota

"Major league baseball is really Rep. John Convers Jr., D-Mich., no different than OPEC," Ventura who introduced legislation to said. "It controls supplies, it conrepeal baseball's 79-year-old trols prices with absolutely no

High scratch game: Melvin Walser 208;

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High scratch game: Ruth Swearingim 213; High scratch series: Ruth Swearingim 555,

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"I've been particularly farmers depreciate tractors." what they have told us is, 'We lose impressed with your managealways a good weekend when the the tax laws would be re-exam Committee chairman F. James Brewers come to town," Weiner ined. said.

The hearing was called after but I submit there will be a ver "Maybe I was asleep in owners voted Nov. 6 in favor of heavy price," he said. eliminating two teams, a plan stalled by Minnesota courts. The into a particularly contentiou Senate said it will hold a similar clash with Selig, who refused hearing next year.

In Texas, union head Donald confidentiality agreement cover Fehr said baseball has not provid-ed enough information for it to be "You have all the statements, a analyzed

"Simple numbers don't tell you much," Fehr said after the union's you are under oath," she sai executive board meeting. "To sternly.

Harvesters drop Vernon opener

VERNON — Iowa Park Groom, playing in the Silve slipped by Pampa 47-43 in the Bracket, lost to Crowell 49-37 iv first round of the Vernon the first round. Invitational on Thursday night.

Beau Gray had 17 points and Rene Payri 10 to lead the winners.

Iowa Park led 27-21 at halftime.

Adam Rodgers was Pampa's high scorer with 10 points.

The Harvesters meet Graham at 5:30 today in the Maroon Bracket.

Dewan Lee led Crowell ir. scoring with 17 points. Clay Britten had 7 for the Tigers.

In the girls division, Groon rolled to a 64-38 win over Midway.

Amanda Conrad had 18 point; and Candace Bohr 10 to lead the Tigerettes in scoring.

Brittany Pryor had 14 point for the losers.



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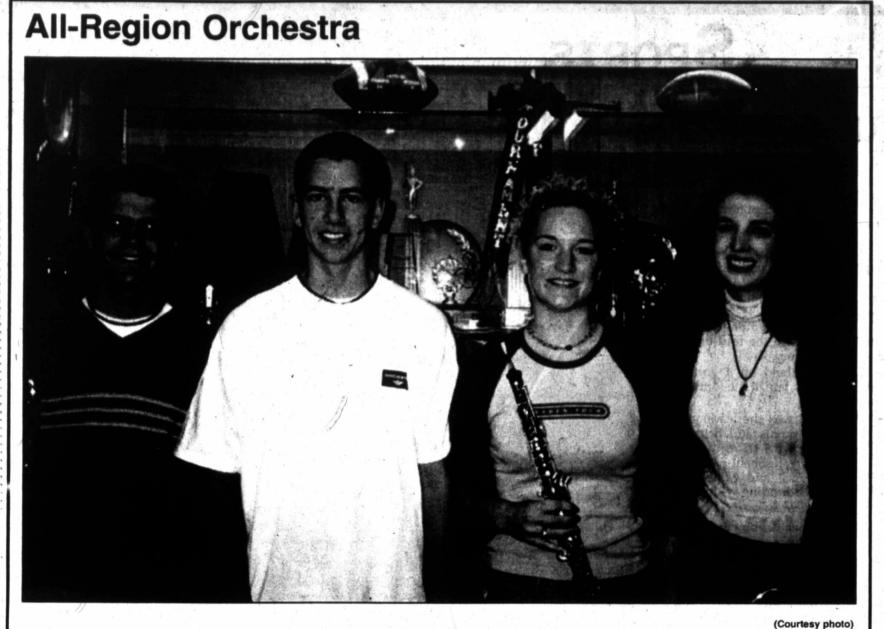
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(Left-right) Matt Dyer, trumpet, Justin Myers, percussion, Amanda Brown, oboe, and Sarah Teague, bassoon, all members of "Pride of Pampa" High School band, will participate in All Region Orchestra at Caprock High School in Amarillo this weekend, Dec. 7-8. Dyer, Brown and Teague are also members of Amarillo Youth Symphony Orchestra which rehearses in the fall and performs in the spring.

Economy: Unemployment up 5.7 percent in November

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's unemployment rate took government reported Friday.

It marked the second consecuthe weak economy continued to ployment level hit during the last stagger from the blow delivered by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

March, when the nation's first water over hopes that had been recession in a decade began, 1.2 building in financial markets that million Americans have lost their the recovery had already bot-

Economists fear that thousands under way more will be thrown out of work another big leap upward in even if the country is able to November to 5.7 percent, the high- mount a sustainable recovery in est level in six years, as 331,000 the first half of next year. Many will peak at around 6.5 percent Chicago. next summer. That would still be tive month of massive job losses as better than the 7.8 percent unemrecession in 1990-91.

Analysts said Friday's jobless The government said that since report represented a dash of cold

We had a little bit of false euphoria over the past 10 days. This report brings us back to reality," said Carl Tannenbaum, chief more Americans lost their jobs, the forecasters believe the jobless rate economist at ABN Amro of

> The 5.7 percent jobless rate last month, the highest level since August 1995, followed an increase that had pushed the rate to 5.4 percent in October, the first month that layoffs from the terrorist attacks began to show up in the government statistics.

The 331,000 payroll jobs lost last

of drop of 468,000 jobs in October, the biggest one-month loss in 21 years.

While economists still project that the current recession will be over by March, making it about average in length, they are concerned that this forecast could prove too optimistic if the rising layoffs trigger a marked cutback in consumer spending.

retailers reported Major Thursday that the all-important holiday sales season had gotten off to a lackluster start in November.

The Federal Reserve, which has

Special education funding threatens to hold up bill

WASHINGTON (AP) - GOP school spending when he left the lawmakers are blocking a new Democratic push to guarantee billions of dollars in federal funds to the proposal should not be part of President Bush's education bill.

The dispute threatens to hold up final work on the bill, one of Bush's top priorities.

Congressional Democrats late Wednesday submitted a proposal to guarantee \$2.5 billion every ity during the 2000 presidential year for disabled students, saying the money should be phased in after an overhaul of the troubled special education system begins next year.

House Republicans, who last blocked a similar week Democratic plan, on Thursday said the new proposal would hurt the reform efforts.

"Children all across our country are being wrongly referred to spe-cial education classes," Republicans said in a joint statement, "a problem that strikes particularly hard at minority children. If Republicans and Democrats can agree this is a problem, we can also agree that it should be addressed in a comprehensive fashion."

The Democrats' new proposal would delay the timetable for giving schools the new money while still aiming to remove special education from the annual appropriations process, a key Democratic demand.

The spokesman for a top GOP lawmaker said the new proposal is unacceptable. A few Democrats on Thursday said the dispute could delay approval of the final education bill until next year.

"I don't see anything wrong with coming back in January, if we have to," said Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa. Harkin cosponsored the special education measure with Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb.

longtime special education advo- would have precisely that effect," cate, cited the need for more he said.

Trade promotion authority measure survives House, now Senate bound

WASHINGTON (AP) - House Republicans rallied behind their who led Democrats in opposing president in a dramatic wartime the bill, bristled at the compari-

Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y.,

Republican Party last May, handing control of the Senate to Democrats. At a Thursday rally, educate disabled children, saying he urged supporters to fight for the mandatory funding, joking, "Anything short of a punch in the nose is allowable." An agreement on special educa-tion would settle one of several

issues remaining on the education bill that Bush named his top priorcampaign.

The Senate last spring approved the special education measure, requiring that, beginning in 2002, schools be guaranteed an annual \$2.5 billion increase for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, or IDEA. The measure promised \$8.8 billion next year.

Under the new proposal, new funding wouldn't begin until 2003, but would reach nearly \$24 billion in 2011, fulfilling the government's promise to provide 40 percent of schools' IDEA funds.

Bush asked Congress to increase IDEA spending by \$1 billion next year. House appropriators raised that to \$1.4 billion, but the money is not guaranteed to increase each vear.

Opponents of the guaranteed money say it could lead schools to place more students in special education classes instead of getting them help in regular classrooms. They also note that a presidential commission on special education is due to report to Bush in April.

Dave Schnittger, spokesman for Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, who heads the panel of House and Senate members working out a deal, said the new proposal doesn't address GOP complaints.

'Republican conferees will not embrace any measure that could stall reform of special education, en. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb. and making special education a new federal entitlement program

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this year in an effort to spur in negotiating new international demand for interest-sensitive trade agreements. They urged the items such as houses and cars, is expected to cut rates for an 11th time when Fed policy-makers meet Tuesday for their final time this year.

The administration has continued to urge Congress to pass an economic stimulus bill weighted toward tax relief for individuals and corporations, but Democrats have delayed the measure, insisting that more help be included for low-income Americans and people who have lost their jobs.

For November, the government reported that the drop of 331,000 payroll jobs reflected continued heavy losses in manufacturing, which has borne the brunt of this recession.

Factory employment fell by 163,000 last month, bringing the total number of manufacturing jobs lost since July 2000 to 1.2 million. Large cutbacks were made in electrical equipment and industrial machinery, two industries that have accounted for one-third of all jobs lost in manufacturing since the slowdown began.

Cinderella Scholarship Pageant seeking entries throughout area

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already cut interest rates 10 times vote to give him a stronger hand Democratic-controlled Senate to do the same, and soon.

> But Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., has said he has no plans to bring up the measure this year and any bill that emerges from the Senate is likely to give more weight to the Democratic priorities of ensuring that labor rights and the environment are protected in future trade deals.

> Thursday's 215-214 vote in favor of trade promotion authority came after a frantic last-minute effort by GOP leaders to capture the last recalcitrant Republican votes with pledges of help for local industries and appeals to back the president at a time of national crisis.

> "This Congress will either support our president who is fighting a courageous war on terrorism and redefining American world leadership or it will undercut the president at the worst possible time," said House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., at the close of the debate.

son. "For us to stand up for what we know is morally and legislatively right, is that undercutting the president of the United States?"

Trade promotion authority, formerly known as "fast track," allows the president to negotiate trade deals that Congress can approve or reject but cannot change. The White House says that authority, which Congress refused to give President Clinton, is essential if the United States is to be a serious participant in a new round of global trade talks to start next month.

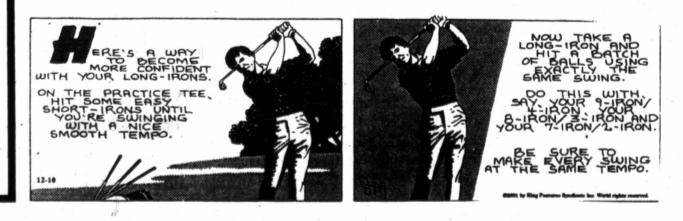
"Trade promotion authority will give me the flexibility I need to secure the greatest possible trade opportunities for America's farmers, workers, families and consumers," Bush said in a statement welcoming the House vote. "Now that the House has acted, I urge the Senate to move quickly." Senate Democrats, though, are in no rush.

"Those who bring it here should expect that every hurdle that is possible will be put in its path," said Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D.

But for the moment, House Republicans were elated. "Trade promotion authority is one of the most powerful tools that we can have to strengthen our economic security," said Rep. Tom DeLay of Texas, the House's third-ranked Republican.

House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Thomas, R-Calif., the chief writer of the legislation who was assailed by Democratic leaders for bypassing them in the process, cried as he spoke of the difficulties in passing the bill.

Thomas, working with three moderate Democrats, did include language that makes labor, the environment and health and safety concerns prime objectives of future negotiations. The bill also gives Congress a more prominent consultative role in trade talks, but most Democrats said he didn't go far enough.





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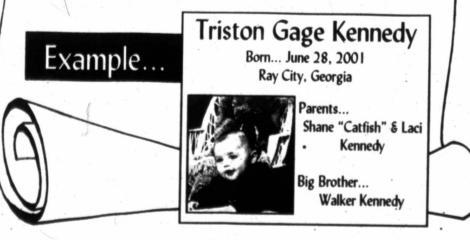
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BY JACQUELINE BIGAR The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll 5-Dynamic: 4-Positive; Have: 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

* * * * Others carry the ball today, and you cheer them on to the finish line. Unexpected news flows from an associate or a meeting. Your high energy might be raring to go. Wait until later. Call a loved one and ask them to join you. Tonight: Don't worry about differences. Look at similarities.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *** Use your strong intentions to clear out your work. You could have a surprise message or a request from an associate or friend. Your high energy cheers up a friend or loved one suffering from the Christmas blues. You don't need to talk about his or her mood. Tonight: be careful when spending. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** Your strength and creativity peak during the daytime hours. Use your time wisely, especially as your ingenuity hits a high point. During a coffee break, brainstorm with buddies about holiday presents and ideas. Opt for an unusual gift rather than a traditional one. Tonight: Head home. Soak in a hot tub.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) *** Dealing with associates could take talent, especially those tied up with your finances. Logic works well, espe-

cially when another could be rigid. This $\star \star \star \star$ Groups prove unusually fortuperson often comes from an emotional nate. Gather with co-workers over lunch. stance, whether or not he or she realizes Don't miss a meeting. Others help you it. You could succumb to fatigue. onto the path you seek. Speak your mind. Tonight: Nap and then decide. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) *** Listen to a partner, even if

be iealous about all the attention you're sometimes you think this person is a lit- getting. Tonight: Address cards or read a tle over the top. Good ideas breed in a book tolerant environment. Others will stomp CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) and carry on until you hear them loud and clear. Enjoy their enthusiasm. Tonight: Make it an early night. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** Finances and work go hand in hand. Walk through an especially exciting offer. Don't worry about your energy Remain good-natured. Tonight: Order level: you have what it takes! A boss out could be negative; trust your present AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) judgment. Check in with a roommate. Tonight: Meet a friend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) as you start things off with a happy condistance could be a bit of a downer. Tonight: Work on your Santa chores. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

you can, and enjoy family and close now about telling this person about your associates. Make it OK to take a snooze frustration. A partner will understand. or do nothing. Worry less about what Check out a boss's idea. Tonight: Rent a others think and more about what you

you. Tonight: Enjoy the moment SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

versation. A child or new friend needs now when dealing with someone who your attention. Do something important might be stuck. Tonight: Stay out late. or special for a loved one. News from a PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** Step away from work. Call out, if and concerns. Don't worry so much right need. Decide to do something just for

*** Others dump responsibilities and errands on you. You might wonder: Why me? Well, it's because you're so effective and dynamic that everyone trusts you. To earn your pay, you might have to run around more than you want.

Clear out errands. Your smile makes a

difference to others. A loved one could

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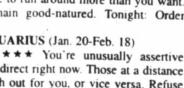
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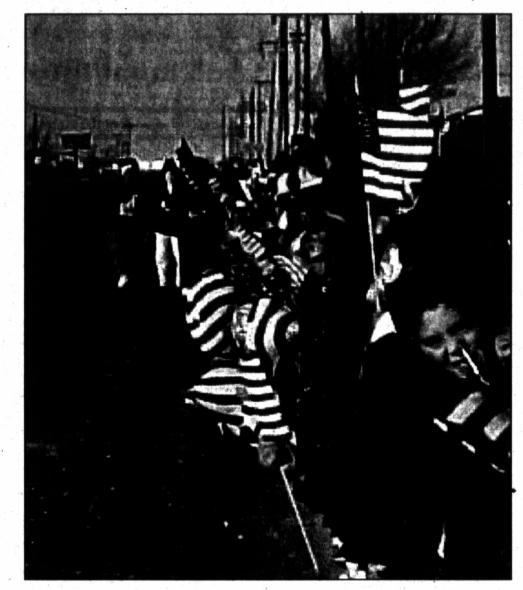
"Thank you, America" tour support team member, Ralph Perricelli, center, discovered a little taste of New York City at Pampa's Coney Island Cafe. He's pictured here with owners Roger Donelson, left, and Linda Austin, right.







Pampa Fire Department ladder truck leads the "Thank you, America" bicyclists from the New York City Fire Department as they leave Pampa Wednesday morning.



Students from Lamar Elementary School line the street, waving American flags and cheering as the bicycle tour passes by.

Two Pampa Firefighters joined the tour at the Texas state line. Pictured here are, Matt Hornung, left photo, and Capt. Jesse Hanes, right. Hanes rode with the bicyclists to the New Mexico state line before returning.

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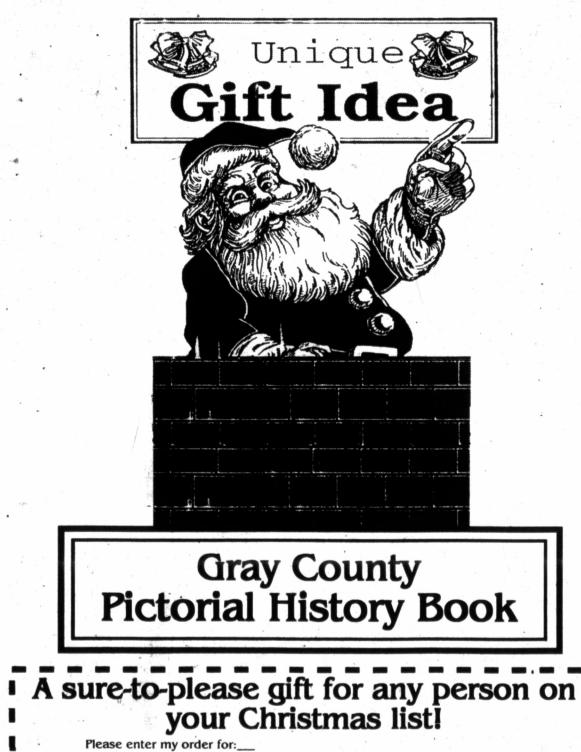
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