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School board to conduct public hearing Tuesday

Pampa Independent School District (PISD) Board of Education is to meet in regular session, Tuesday, Dec. 18, in the board conference room, 321 W. Albert.

Items listed for consideration on the agenda include the following:

- A public hearing on the 2000-2001 Academic Excellence Indicator System annual performance report;
- Quarterly financial and investment reports; District financial audit
- for 2000-2001; Strategic parameters for
- the 2002-2003 budget; and. Personnel positions.

Administrative reports are to be given on Worth the Wait abstinence education, the Fulbright Teacher Exchange to Japan, and a budget workshop on special education staffing.

Board members will also consider November expenditures and receipts; the Gray County Appraisal District board of directors and sale of delinquent tax property at the meeting.

Country singer engaged

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) Country singer LeAnn Rimes is engaged to dancer Dean Sheremet, according to an announcement posted on her Web site.

No wedding date is listed. Rimes, 19, was showing off her engagement ring last week at Elton John's AIDS benefit in Los Angeles, where she resides.

Betty Patterson Farmer, 83,

homemaker. Robert F. Fewell, 79, former Pampan.

homemaker. Margaret Trout, 92, home-

Margaret Ann Hulsey, 47,

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Teen mother indicted

Charged in baby death

By KATE B. DICKSON Associate Publisher

A teen-age mother is behind bars in lieu of \$50,000 bond today after she was indicted by a Gray County Grand Jury in connection with the Dec. 21, 2000, death of her 4-month-old daughter, Rosa

Connie Lerma, 19, of 520 N. Frost No. 6, was arrested Friday on the sealed indictment returned last week that charges her three days after having first been taken

incident, her address was listed as 432 N.

District Attorney Rick Roach said today the charge is a first-degree felony that carries a penalty range of 5-to-99 years or life

in prison and a fine not to exceed \$10,000. Last week was the second time a county grand jury has taken a look at the case after a grand jury some months ago passed saying more investigation was needed, the DA said.

Rosa, the child of David Matice, 31, and Lerma, died at Northwest Texas Hospital

with injury to a child. At the time of the by Rural/Metro Ambulance to Pampa Regional Medical Center, police reported

> At the time of the incident, Matice and Lerma took the infant to their neighbor's home where they called 9-1-1 to report a choking baby, reports said.

After Rosa was admitted to Northwest, Amarillo's Child Protective Services notified Pampa police the baby appeared to have suffered a severe head injury. Medical personnel said the baby appeared to have been hit on the right side of the head.

(See BABY, Page 3)

County commissioners consider swine industry committee names

By NANCY YOUNG Managing Editor

Several names were submitted to the Gray County Commissioners Court during their meeting Friday to serve on a committee of area residents to determine if more stringent rules should be implemented regarding the swine industry guidelines in Texas.

Names of several residents were suggested during the meeting to serve on the committee by the commissioners court. County Judge Richard Peet said he would contact the people to determine if they are willing to serve.

Names suggested for the committee were Brian Gordzelik, DVM, of Pampa; Brent W. Auvermann, PhD, an assistant professor of Agricultural Engineering with the Texas A&M University System in Amarillo; Danny Nusser, Gray County extension agent; Bill Musser, a retired engineer of Groom; Steve Bowling, McLean city manager; Rick Stone, retired from the City of Pampa; Ronnie Goode, former Celanese employee; Dwayne Smith, a local engineer; Rex McAnelly, local feedlot owner; Don Clift, manager of a swine facility near Perryton; Charles Bowers, an area rancher; and C. E. Williams of the Panhandle Groundwater District in White Deer.



Mark Cadra, agent for the county's health insurance, IMS, interprets insurance data for Precinct 3 Commissioner Gerald Wright, seated.

At the Nov. 30 county commission meeting,

(See COUNTY, Page 3)

DA frustrated: Skinner appeal goes on and on

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

attorney vented his frustration today over an appeals process that has a convicted killer in ruled that a writ of habeas corlimbo in the murder of a Pampa family almost a decade ago.

Rick Roach, 31st District line for filing. Attorney, said today that the defense strategy for Henry er, passed legislation later that Watkins "Hank" Skinner, 38, year allowing Skinner and sevconvicted of killing a Pampa eral other death row inmates woman and her two sons in who were late in filing their Pampa on New Years Eve, 1993, appeals another chance.

is to stall and delay. The attorney for Skinner filed a request Friday in U.S. District sion to reply to the Texas law. Attorney General's motion to dismiss an appeal in federal

court so it could be heard in state

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Skinner's attorney, Steven The •Gray County district Losch, filed a writ of habeas corpus in February 1999 in federal court after a state district judge pus filed in the state court had been filed after the legal dead-

The Texas Legislature, howev-

A federal judge in Amarillo put Skinner's federal appeal on hold so his attorney could pur-Court in Amarillo for an extensule a state appeal under the new

> Gray County District Attorney (See APPEAL, Page 3)

Powell to Arafat: 'We must see action'

By SCOTT LINDLAW Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) -Secretary of State Colin Powell said Monday Yasser Arafat can expect a positive Israeli response if his call to end violence is carried out.

Powell also assured the Palestinian leader that the Bush administration still backs the establishment of a Palestinian state, wants Israel to give up territory for peace and wants a halt to construction of homes for Israeli Jews on the West Bank and in Gaza.

But first, Powell said at a news conference, "we have to see action" on the Palestinian side to halt attacks on Israeli civilians.

The White House spokesman, meanwhile, called Arafat's words constructive.

"Now what's important is that Chairman Arafat demonstrate that he has: one, the desire; and two, the authority to turn his words into deeds," said White House press secretary Ari Fleischer.

Powell said terrorist attacks, especially suicide bombings, by the Palestinians had "blown up" an American peace initiative last

Bush and Powell expect to receive a report soon from U.S. mediator Anthony Zinni, who tried and failed to rebuild a cease-fire agreement between Israel and the Palestinians.

Arafat called for a halt to all "terrorist activities" in a televised speech Sunday to mark Eid al-Fitr, a three-day celebra-

tion that follows the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. Bush, too, was honoring the holiday at the White House and invited two dozen Muslim children to celebrate with him in the Diplomatic Reception Room.

Fleischer, asked Monday about Arafat's speech, said: "They were constructive words indeed but what's necessary now is for him to act on them."

Powell spoke to Egypt's foreign minister, Ahmed Maher, after Arafat's speech, an Egyptian official said. Maher asked Powell to support the Palestinian leader, saying Arafat had done everything asked of him by the United States and others, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

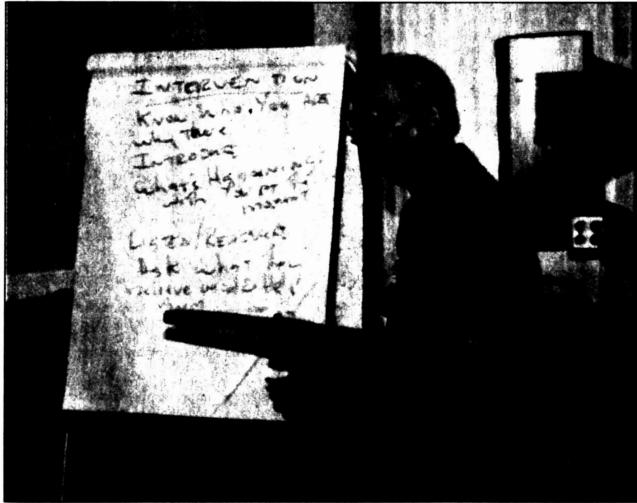
Maher said he hoped Zinni summoned back to Washington on Saturday — soon would return to the region, the official

The State Department declined to comment on the conversation.

The Bush administration sought for most of this year to be evenhanded in its dealings with Israel and the Palestinians, often calling for restraint from both sides. On Sunday, however, the U.S. criticism and calls for restraint were directed at the Palestinians.

Powell explicitly defended Israeli reprisals for Palestinian attacks that have killed 40 Israelis in recent days. The retaliations left more than 60 Palestinians dead.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon (See POWELL, Page 3)



Dr. Pat Kennedy of Amarillo presents a session on assisting people following a disaster to local volunteer chaplains recently at Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Chaplains study crisis care

By NANCY YOUNG Managing Editor

After terrorism struck the continental United States just over three months ago, the need for crisis counseling has become a reality.

Volunteer chaplains at the Pampa Regional Medical Center recently received special training in crisis management and pastoral care in response to disasters.

A discussion of the ways that chaplains may

best-provide pastoral care in the event of a disaster in the community was led by Dr. Pat Kennedy, pastor of St. Luke Presbyterian Church in Amarillo and a member of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Team.

A study to the nature of disaster, the stages of response, the spiritual tasks of chaplains, the role of churches, skills needed and community resources were topics discussed in groups and

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

HULSEY, Margaret Ann — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.

Obituaries

BETTY PATTERSON FARMER

Betty Patterson Farmer, 83, of Pampa, died Saturday, Dec. 15, 2001. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m., Monday at Wheeler Cemetery in Wheeler. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Farmer was born Sept. 13, 1918, at Clovis, N.M. She married Paul Farmer on June 2, 1951, at Clovis, N.M.; he died in 1971.

She had been a Pampa resident since 1983, moving from Borger, and was a homemaker and a Baptist.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Martha Vann; and by two brothers, Tom Ingram and Finn

Survivors include a sister, Loraine Adcox of Flagstaff, Ariz., and several nieces and nephews. The family requests memorials be to BSA

Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa TX 79065. ROBERT F. FEWELL FORT WORTH — Robert F. Fewell, 79, died Saturday, Dec. 16, 2001, in a hospital in Fort Worth. Services will be at 11 a.m., Wednesday in

Greenwood Memorial Park in Fort Worth. Mr. Fewell was born June 29, 1922, at Tulia, Texas. A former Pampa resident, he worked at Ma'colm Hinkle Heating and Air Conditioning Company until moving to Fort Worth in 1969.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Margaret, in 1993.

Survivors include his wife, Helen Cobb Fewell; sons, Bobby and Mike Fewell; daughters, Linda Tingle and Glenda Shearman; brothers, Herbert and Verna Joe Fewell; sisters, LaDelle Maher of Pampa and Norma Jean Mask of Amarillo; and five grandchildren.

MARGARET ANN HULSEY

Margaret Ann Hulsey, 47, of Pampa, died Sunday, Dec. 16, 2001, at Amarillo. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m., Tuesday in Memory Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. Leslie Busbee, pastor of Church of God in Guthrie, Okla., officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa

Mrs. Hulsey was born Jan. 20, 1954, at Pampa and had been a Pampa resident most of her life. She married Gordon Hulsey on May 17, 1971, at Pampa. She was a homemaker and a member of Church

Survivors include her husband, Gordon Hulsey of Pampa; three sons, Gregory Scott Hulsey, Philip Anthony Hulsey and Randall Curtis Hulsey, all of Pampa; a daughter, Miranda Jeanne Hulsey Vargas of Pampa; five brothers, Kedron Ellis of Portland, Ore., Keldon Ellis and Weldon Ellis, both of Pampa, and Steven Ellis and David Ellis, both of Amarillo; five sisters, Elizabeth Ian Wood, Stagev Stubbs, and Alinet Eldridge, all of Pampa, Marsha Lermon of Lake Jackson and Kathy Taylor of New Mexico; and seven grandchildren.

MARGARET TROUT

Margaret Trout, 92, of Pampa, died Monday, Dec. 17, 2001, at Pampa, Texas. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Trout was born June 1, 1909, in Margaret, Texas. She married Murel James Trout on March 21, 1929, in Wheeler. He preceded her in death on June 1, 1975. She lived on a farm in Hemphill County until 1990 when she moved to Pampa from Mobeetie. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Mobeetie.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-inlaw, Helen and Charles Mixon of Sudan and Mary Margaret and Don Quarles of Pampa; five grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and seven greatgreat-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First United Methodist Church in Mobeetie or to Methodist Children's Home in Waco.

Fires

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Saturday, Dec. 15

7:11 a.m. - Two units and four firefighters responded to a reported train fire at U.S. 60 and FM 2300. Investigation indicated a fire in a train engine had been extinguished by train personnel and the train continued on to its destination.

8:15 a.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 800 block of North Dwight.

10:08 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters. responded to a report of a strange odor coming from: a piece of mail in the 1300 block of North Starkweather. No hazard was found. Sunday, Dec. 16

9:04 a.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 800 block of

6:46 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to an electrical malfunction in the 200 block of North Cuyler. Firefighters disconnected the light and advised the owner to replace it.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are	Coca Cola 4618	dn 0.07
provided by Attebury Crain of Pampa	Enron 061	dn 0.02
	Halliburton . 12.42	dn 0 57
Wheat 2.40	KMI 50.28	up 0.43
Milo . 348	Kerr McGee 50.01	dn 0.41
Corn 3 69	Limited 13.87	NC
Soybeans 3.54	McDonald's 26 60	dn 0.20
Oil Sunflowers 8 30	Exxon Mobil 37.19	up 0 33
•	New Atmos 20.38	up 0.13
The following show the prices for	XCEL 26.24	dn 0.12
which these mutual funds were bid at	NOI18 77	up 0.20
the time of compilation	OKE 17.14	up 0.14
the time of compilation	Penney's 24.62	up 0.32
Occidental 24.80 up 0.05	Phillips 56.18	dn 0.43
	Proneer Nat 17 60	up 0 11
Fidelity Mageln 101 54	SLB	up 0.31
Puritan 17.25	Tenneco . 163	dn 0 04
	Irrad Hospitals 27.89	up 0.34
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Market quotations are furnished by	Wal-Mart 54 04	dn 0.02
Edward Jones & Co of Pampa	Williams 23.25	dn 1.06
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Celanese		
Cabot	New York Gold	278.45
Cabot O&G 21.80 up 0.03	Silver	4.42
Chevron/Texaco 84 95 up 0 95	West Texas Crude	19.23

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests during the 72hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Friday, Dec. 14

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 400 block of North Rose.

Forgery was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Attempted suicide was reported in the 1000 block of South Faulkner.

\$18 in cash was reported stolen in the 1500 block of North Faulkner. Two books of checks were reported stolen in

the 700 block of North Nelson. Connie Lerma, 19, 520 N. Frost #6, grand jury indictment - injury to a child causing bodily

Saturday, Dec. 15

A burglary was reported in the 600 block of South Henry where a bedroom window was broken and the screen removed. Included in the items taken was a Murray mountain bike, cookware, new toys, a coffee maker and a vacuum cleaner. The total value of items taken was put at

A forgery was reported at Frank's Thriftway at 300 E. Brown.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of Naida where three windows were bro-

An assault on a public servant and disorderly conduct was reported in the 300 block of North

Possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia was reported in the 1100 block of Varnon. Mary Contreras, 49, 304 Lowry, disorderly conduct and assault on a peace officer.

Andrea Joyce Reed, 53, 730 Perry, possession of marijuana under two ounces and parked facing

Jesus Velasquez, 54, 730 Perry, possession of marijuana under two ounces and arrested based upon six warrants.

Sunday, Dec. 16

An aggravated assault was reported by Carl Wayne Dunn Sr., 46, 1108 S. Neel Road, who was treated at Pampa Regional Medical Center for a laceration on his face. Police quoted him as saying he didn't know who cut him and he didn't know where it happened.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 1100 block of South Huff where \$200 in cash was taken. Entry may have been gained through an open window or open door.

Ashmed Rashard Sessions, 21, 932 Love, disorderly conduct/language. Monday, Dec. 17

Adam Christopher Dominguez, 20, White Deer, possession of drug paraphernalia/failure to appear (Lubbock County) and no driver's license and expired registration.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro made the following calls during the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Friday, Dec. 14

10:19 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony West in Amarillo. 11:59 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the

1000 block of South Faulkner and transported 1:57 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the

1300 Block of North Garland; no transport. 2:06 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Twiford and Rose; no transport. 3:14 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 500

block of Nadia; no transport.

6:47 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to BSAW. Saturday, Dec. 15

12:07 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of North Russell and transported one

3:59 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Foster and transported one to

8:01 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1800 block of Lynn and transported one to

8:16 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of Dwight and transported one to PRMC. 9:49 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Harvester and Mary Ellen and transported one to PRMC.

11:30 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to PRMC. 12:22 p.m. - A mobile ICU transported one to Baptist St. Anthony West.

2:17 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the Jordan Unit and transported one to PRMC. Sunday, Dec. 16

8:41 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the Jordan Unit and transported one to BSAW. 8:59 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of North Frost and transported one to

10:32 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Neel and transported one to

2:56 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to an Amarillo hospital. 6:01 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Ward; no transport.

11:48 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of South Dwight; no transport. Monday, Dec. 17

12:51 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to PRMC.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	
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Fire	
Police (emergency)	911
Police (non-emergency)	669-5700
SPS	
Water	

Case against 'American Taliban' John Walker shaky historically

be made against John Walker, the American Taliban? Sea. The legal record suggests "maybe."

Would U.S. authorities want to make such a case? The historical record — barely 30 cases in 225 years pronounces a firm "no."

The last person convicted of treason was Tomoya Kawakita, a Japanese-American sentenced to death in 1952 for tormenting American prisoners of war during World War II. Even such a clear-cut case created qualms; President Eisenhower commuted Kawakita's sentence to life imprisonment.

The difficulties of meeting the tough constitutional standards — two witnesses or a confession in court to "levying war" against the United States help explain why treason is rarely prosecuted.

No one at Aaron Burr's 1807 trial doubted that he diers." wanted to make himself emperor of Mexico, and probably part of the United States. It's just that planning war was not the same as "levying war," said Chief Justice John Marshall, who acquitted Burr.

Even when convictions are won, they can come back to haunt the authorities. Convicting propagandist "Tokyo Rose" in 1949 was easy enough. When it been in deep tension with our founding principles of emerged years later that she had remained a loyal U.S. citizen who secretly plotted against her Japanese masters, an apologetic President Ford par-

Walker could meet the two-witness standard if he was seen bearing his AK-47 rifle on the side of the

Proving whether that constituted "levying war" is another story. Walker joined the Taliban in March, years before," noted John Hughes, a political science before anyone had any idea the sides would be at war. He could argue that to desert after Sept. 11 would have guaranteed his death.

The government also would have to prove that Walker's commanders made clear to him he was fighting Americans, said John Burris, a prominent California civil rights lawyer.

"He could easily have thought he was defending the Taliban against internal enemies," said Burris. Walker could argue that Congress has not formal-

ly declared war, although that would likely fail, said Sean Murphy, a law professor at George Washington University. "We have the resolution by the president, autho-

rized by both houses of Congress," he said.

U.S. authorities, who say Walker is now being helpful, have not announced their plans for the 20he was moved from a forward operating base in ed mostly on a single witness, Ethel's brother.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Could a case for treason southern Afghanistan to a Navy ship in the Arabian

He's not about to walk away, though.

"History has not looked kindly upon those who have forsaken their countries to go and fight against their countries," Attorney General John Ashcroft told senators last week.

Robert Turner, a law professor at the University of Virginia, said a likelier charge would be to link Walker to the killing of a federal official. Walker was being interrogated by CIA officer Mike Spann just minutes before Spann was killed during a prison uprising in which Walker was shot in the leg.

"The government would have a case, but Walker's not a good candidate for treason," Turner said. "You use it for important players, not foot sol-There is no shortage of Americans who have taken

up arms for the other side, from the Revolution through the last century's world wars and the Cold War. But the reluctance to try people for their political beliefs, however obnoxious, is a mainstay. "An offense that is inherently political has always

political freedom," said Peter Spiro of New York's Hofstra Law School. The framers of the Constitution crafted the narrowest definition of treason known until that time because they sought to protect Americans from the

blunt instrument that European rulers had used against political enemies. "Each of them had committed treason just 12

professor at Saint Michael's College in Vermont. Instead, prosecutors are more likely to bring charges that tend less to wander into thorny political arguments: espionage, sedition and sabotage.

Most Confederate leaders were granted amnesty after the Civil War. John Wilkes Booth's co-conspirators in the assassination of President Lincoln were charged not with treason, but with criminal conspir-

acy to aid the rebellion and with murder. Several of the eight German saboteurs caught on these shores during World War II were U.S. citizens, but prosecutors preferred a military tribunal to a less predictable civilian jury. All eight were convicted, and six were executed.

Prosecutors charged espionage when they tried Julius and Ethel Rosenberg in 1951 with passing nuclear secrets to the Soviets. Treason, with its twoyear-old former Fairfax, Calif., resident. On Friday, witness rule, would likely have failed. The case rest-

Court report

The following divorces have been granted in Gray County. Oct. 1 - Oct. 16

Teresa May Carol Bennett and Pamela Sue Parks Melvin Andrew Bennett Emma May Brewer and Curtis Cristoval M. Perez

Lvnn Brewer Brady Joe Brogdin and Heather D. Brogdin Danny Abram Lewis and Jeffie

Sue Lewis Rick L. Marsh and Toni R. Marsh Bobby Dale Melton and Cheryl Kay Melton

Mendoza Benigno Ramona Mendoza Donna Sue Mixon and Allen

David Morris

Charles Lee Morris and Kathy Jo Goheen

Connie Elaine Oxley and Kelly Brandi Rene' Helfer Cleo Oxley Rodney Cecil Parks and Loggins

Jana Holdaway Perez and Dean Schwalk Roy Dean Reed, Sr. and Carol Lynn Smith

Rae Reed Adelfa Silva and Gerggorio Lynn Young Caberalas

Kimberly Sue Trimble and Michael Trimble. Oct. 16 - Oct. 31

Richard A. Dunn and Patsy Jimmy Don Corley, Ir. **Jean Dunn** Harlan E. Gannaway and Tina A. Earhart

M. Gannaway Gory Todd Goheen and Vickie Lorene Hartman

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lack Loggins and Miranda L.

Susan Gail Schwalk and Bobby Randy Lee Smith and Shelly

Terry Dale Young and Carol

Nov. 1 - Nov. 19 Chryl Ann Collom and Robert Joseph Collom

Aimee Renee Corley and Carrie S. Earhart and Michael

Willem Hartmas and Vernice

Albert Tambunga and Shanna

Sheriff's Office

Department reported the follow- strained child, possession of Tyreck Bowie, 21, Borger, ing arrests during the 72-hour marijuana, driving with license arrested by DPS for public intoxperiod ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, Dec. 14 Desmond D. Johnson, 27, Borger, arrested by the DPS for

suspended and failure to ication.

Saturday, Dec. 15

The Gray County Sheriff's no driver's license, unre- ed by DPS for public intoxication.

Brenda Zuniga, 18, Fritch, arrested by DPS for minor dri-Jason Watts, 18, Borger, arrest- ving while intoxicated.

mostly clear, with cloudy condi-

tions in the north and east. It was

Weather focus

PAMPA — Today, sunny. Highs around 60. West winds 5 to 15 mph, becoming southwest

this afternoon. Tonight, mostly clear. Lows in the lower 30s. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph, becoming west late. Tuesday, partly sunny. Highs 55 to 60. Northwest to north

winds 10 to 20 mph. Tuesday night, clear. Lows near 25.

STATEWIDE — Some light rain lingered Monday in northern parts of North and East

Texas, but most of the upperlevel low pressure system that brought weekend flooding has moved away.

The system was moving slowly eastward and should reach the Mississippi Valley by Monday evening. Skies were clearing from west to east.

Early-morning temperatures ranged from the 20s to 60s. Extremes were 21 degrees at

Dalhart and 67 at Brownsville. Other readings included 42. degrees at Dryden and 45 at San. Angelo.

Winds were from the west to and 40s in the south.

northwest at 5 to 20 mph. Skies across West Texas were

partly cloudy in the south and Permian Basin. A clearing trend was predicted in North Texas, with daytime highs through Tuesday from the upper 50s to lower 60s. except for 40s in the mountains

Grande Clear and cool conditions were expected at night, with lows from the 20s in the north to 30s

and near 70 along the Rio

City Briefs

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A&T YARD Service has firewood and trees for sale!! (Oak, Mesquite & Pinon) call for prices, 663-0662 or 663-0663.

CELEBRATIONS OPEN until 7 p.m. every night this week. Christmas candy, buy 1 get 1 free. All Snowmen objects 35% off. Look for other in-store specials! Coronado Center, 665-3100.

EARLY DEADLINES For Sun. Dec. 23rd Lifestyles-Tues. 18th-5 p.m. Circulation starts & stops for Dec. 23rd & 24th-Thurs. 20th-4 p.m. Classifieds for Dec. 26-Mon. 24th 10 a.m.

ANNUAL ABWA Pecan Sale, \$5.50 lb. Call 669-7277, 669-9614

GOLF EQUIPMENT & Merchandise Sale @ David's Golf-Shop. Don't go anywhere else if you can buy it here. Buy your golfer a gift certificate & let them get what they want after Christmas. Call 669-5866 if we can help you. Last minute items, we have

ONLY 6 ANGELS (Salvation Army Angels) left on our tree!! Come get an Angel & make a child's Christmas happier this year!! Deadline to return gifts is Tues. Dec. 18th. The Pampa News, 403 W. Atchison, 669-2525

MARY ELLEN & Harvester Church of Christ is sponsoring the annual X-Mas Dinner, Dec. 25th from 11-2 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please come join us!

PAMCEL FEDERAL Credit Union is accepting sealed bids through Noon Dec. 20, 2001, on a black 2000 Mitsubishi Montero Sport XLS. The vehicle is 4WD with 39,000 miles, excellent cond. Pamcel FCU reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. For more info call 663-4949.

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(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

County employee John Mark Baggerman updated the commissioners court about on repairs at the Clyde Carruth Pavilion in preparation for the upcoming stock shows to be held in January.

COUNTY

Peet told the commission he wanted to be on the committee, suggesting Commissioner Jim Greene as a member, also, to represent the Gray County Commissioners

Court. Peet told the four commissioners he thought Greene should be chairman of the committee, and said he did not think the number of committee members should exceed 15 with each member of the commissioners court submitting three names.

Greene was not at Friday's meeting as he was at the National Rodeo Cowboy Finals in Las Vegas, Nev.

Peet said Greene had not submitted names of anyone to the county judge that he would like to have serve on the committee.

Peet added that he and Greene should only submit two names each as they will be members of the committee.

Peet said he would like to two-week period; have the committee named by the first of January and have a recommendation from the get transfers; board by June.

commission included:

Treasurer Scott Hahn and • Approved county clerk to County Attorney Todd Alvey to contract with the Democratic consider employee input in for- and Republican Party primulating changes in the per- maries in March; sonnel policies of county employees;

CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE Approved bids by Frank R. Clason for three delinquent tax properties. Clason bid \$100 for property located at 201 E. Ford which was valued at \$1,040,

and had back taxes of \$4,995. He also bid \$100 for combined properties at 408 and 410 Crawford. The property is valued at \$750 and has \$1,699 in back taxes. The third property is 1000 and 1004 Clark. He also made a \$100 bid on it which was valued at \$800, and has \$1,344 in back taxes. Approved paying for elec-

trical wiring at the Clyde Carruth Pavilion and the purchase of a hot water heater to replace one which had been in the facility 18 years. Expected total of repair expertses is about \$2,100. The pavilion will be the scene of the Top o' Texas Stock Show on Jan. 5. Exhibitors from 13 counties, including 125 local youths, will be showing hogs, steers and lambs.

 Approved payment of bills in the amount of \$199,237 and \$187,293 for payroll during the in assessing needs of victims,

 Approved several line response personnel after the items transfers as well as bud-

 Reviewed partially selffunded insurance for county Other action taken by the employees' medical insurance;

Approved Appointed County Treasurer Scott Hahn's report;

· Leave the jury reimbursement the same in 2002.

Rick Roach said today that the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, in supporting the passage of the bill that allowed Skinner and other death row inmates another chance to file an appeal, said an appeal could not be filed at the state level if a federal appeal was pending.

In September, based on Roach's research, 31st District Court Judge Emmert ruled that Skinner cannot legally have an appeal in both federal and state court at the same time.

Roach said today that, under Texas law,

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that the local district attorney no longer has

The powers that be in Austin think the attorney general should have exclusive appeals in state court and that the state authority in these matters," Roach said. On Monday, Dec. 10, the Texas Attorney

General's Office filed a motion in federal court in Amarillo to dismiss the federal appeal and send the case back down to state

answer the Attorney General's motion, saying that he intended to oppose it.

Roach said today that he thinks Losch's capital cases are handled at the federal level strategy is to delay Skinner's appeals in an Year's Eve, 1993. The woman was beaten to by the state's attorney general's office and attempt to keep Skinner alive.

"I don't believe there is one meritorious item in their claim," Roach said.

Losch said he had already filed two

refused to hear the appeals. Roach said there is also a motion in state court concerning more DNA testing and/a recently filed Freedom of Information petition to open the investigative file in the case.

Skinner was convicted in a 1996 trial in Friday, Losch filed for a 30-extension to Fort Worth for the murders of Twila Busby, 40, and her two sons, Elwin Eugene 'Scooter" Caler, 22, and Melvin Randolph Busby Jr., 20, in their Pampa home on New death. The two boys were stabbed.

Shuttle lands safely; security tight

Just like during its Dec. 5 launch,

Endeavour's landing was under

tight security to protect against any

By MARCIA DUNN AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) Space shuttle Endeavour returned to Earth under heavy security Monday, bringing a space station crew home to a planet newly scarred by terrorism and war.

The shuttle swooped through thick clouds and touched down at 12:55 p.m., right on time.

It was a triumphant and longawaited homecoming for the international space station's forcommander, Frank Culbertson, and his crewmates, Russian cosmonauts Vladimir Dezhurov and Mikhail Tyurin. The men spent 129 days in orbit,

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Dr. Kennedy, pastor of St. Luke

Presbyterian Church in Amarillo

since 1996, also focused on help-

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ognize their responsibilities in

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Experienced in disasters, Dr.

Kennedy served as a pastor to

pastors during the aftermath of

the Oklahoma City bombing in

He worked closely with FEMA

families, and emergency

Volunteer chaplains provide

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These chaplains are asked to

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Paronto is supervisor of the

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Additional information may be

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times and logged 53 million Pentagon. miles - more than half the distance between the Earth and the

terrorist strike.

"We are looking forward to getting home for Christmas, especially Frank and his crew," shuttle commander Dominic end. Gorie said from orbit earlier in the day. "It's going to be a wonderful, wonderful time, I think, to be reunited with families."

Culbertson's wife, Rebecca, and five children were on hand for his return. The wives of at the landing strip, but not their daughters, who remained home in Russia.

Mission Control welcomed the seven astronauts and cosmoioral and physical needs of vicnauts aboard Endeavour, especially Culbertson, Dezhurov and disaster as well as the need for Tyurin, back on the planet after four months. "Nice job on the approach and May

landing, there, Dom," Missing Control told Gorie after the spacecraft rolled to a stop. Culbertson and his crew were

in orbit when the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks happened and could see from 250 miles up the smoke rising from the devastation at the gradually the strength and flexi- Telescope.

circled Earth more than 2,000 World Trade Center and the

That was a horrible thing to see from space, to know that terrible things were happening on Earth like that and we were so far away from our own families," Culbertson said over the week-

The three men arrived at space station Alpha in August and departed their orbiting home on Saturday. Just like its Dec. 5 launch, Endeavour's landing was under tight security to protect against any terrorist strike. Dezhurov and Tyurin also were Four attack helicopters flew in formation over the Kennedy Space Center shortly before touchdown.

The shuttle delivered the new space station crew: Russian commander Yuri Onufrienko and Americans Daniel Bursch and Carl Walz. They will remain on the orbiting outpost until mid-

While Culbertson and his crewmates looked forward to being reunited with their families and friends after so many months apart, several weeks of rehabilitation also await them.

Rehabilitation will "build up

bility and balance skills that have basically been on vacation the last four months for this crew," said Dr. Stephen Hart, a NASA flight surgeon.

The three men exercised daily on the space station to maintain their muscles and bones, which weaken in weightlessness. To ease the pull of gravity, they returned in reclining seats aboard Endeavour. "I'll try to walk off the shuttle. I feel pretty strong," Culbertson said from

Culbertson and his crew — the third team to live at the space station — installed a Russian docking compartment and conducted scientific research. The visiting shuttle astronauts, meanwhile, dropped off thousands of pounds of supplies and brought back almost as much weight in trash and old equipment from

The most important thing is that we completed our mission still friends," Culbertson said, 'and that's something to say after four months inside a series

Endeavour also carried thousands of small American flags that will be mounted on certificates and distributed to relatives of the Sept. 11 victims, as well as some of those who survived the attacks. NASA hopes to give out the flags by spring.

NASA's next shuttle flight is set for February, when a crew will be sent up on Columbia to work on the Hubble Space

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BABY

Roach said he could not detail evidence in the case and stressed Lerma is to be "preter is adjudicated.

was turned over in July to against Lerma rather than an dled first.

Pampa Police Department Det. open one because no one had

with it," Roach said of Conner. order to facilitate an arrest. sumed innocent" until the mat- "He reached a conclusion as to

where the case needed to go."

David Conner for further inves- ever been charged in the matter. He said sealed indictments are "He took the ball and ran used in such circumstances in

No trial date has been set for Lerma, Roach said, noting that However, he said after the Roach said grand jurors there are some older cases on first grand jury passed, the case returned a sealed indictment the docket that need to be han-

POWELL "has a responsibility to defend

the people of Israel," Powell said. The spiraling violence coincided roughly with the arrival of Zinni, a retired Marine Corps general who went to the Middle East on Nov. 26 seeking to broker

a peace agreement. He pledged to stay in the region "as long as it takes," but the administration pulled him back amid the escalating death

"All of that was blown up by

these terrorist organizations on tact with Arafat, whom it labeled the Palestinian side," Powell said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

government," he said. "The failure is with the parties in the region, especially, I have to say, on the part of the Palestinians for violence. not getting the violence under

and Powell about the situation — leader, and that is not to allow planned all along.

Wednesday it was severing con-

"irrelevant."

Powell and national security "The failure is not General adviser Condoleezza Rice said Zinni's, it's not the United States the United States continued to recognize Arafat as the Palestinian leader. But both insisted he do more to halt the

"We're asking no more of Chairman Arafat than we've Zinni is to consult with Bush asked of every responsible meetings that Powell said were terrorism to continue in areas that you control," Rice said on The Israeli government said CBS' "Face the Nation."

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Lack of judges results in six-year backlog of Cuba travel ban cases

By KEN GUGGENHEIM Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Accused in 1996 of illegally traveling to Cuba, piano tuner Ben Treuhaft has waited for his day in a court that does not exist.

The government has not hired a single judge or fine. held a single hearing, nine years after Congress granted the right to civil hearings for anyone alleged to have violated the Cuba travel ban.

As of September, 357 cases were pending, some from as far back as 1995, said a congressional aide Cuba to its knees by forcing Cubans to listen to who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The Treasury Department says its Office of Foreign Assets Control, or OFAC, is trying to resolve the problem but has seen its efforts set back since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. The agency has a leading role in tracing terrorists'

Unlike Treuhaft, most of those awaiting hearings are not complaining. People who negotiated has been undermined by OFAC's lack of settlements have paid fines averaging \$7,500, while Treuhaft and others whose cases have been delayed have not yet had to pay a cent.

"There haven't been people pounding on OFAC's door saying they want a hearing," said have grown in recent years as sanctions have Tom Miller, Treuhaft's attorney. "It's not like a civil rights demand."

But some lawyers say the delays could make it more difficult to defend their clients if hearings eventually are held.

"It is possible that critical evidence and critical witnesses will become unavailable," said Nancy Chang, senior litigation attorney for the Center for Constitutional Rights, which represents many of those accused of violating the ban.

The ban is part of the 4-decade-old embargo aimed at forcing democratic changes on Fidel Castro's communist island. By prohibiting the spending of money in Cuba, the ban effectively bars travel by most Americans. Exceptions are Clinton administration, which had loosened the made for working journalists, relatives of Cuban citizens and other categories of visitors.

Under a 1992 law tightening the embargo, Congress granted the right to an administrative hearing to anyone accused of violating the travel ban. A few years later, the Treasury office changed its rules to set up proceedings for hearings.

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Treuhaft said he wants a hearing so he can take a stand against the embargo. The New York City man has helped send more than 100 pianos to Cuba through his "Send a Piana to Havana" campaign. Though he has held several licenses allowing him to visit Cuba, he did not have one for a 1994 trip when he got caught. He faces a \$10,000

He is accused of illegally donating piano supplies, spending money in Cuba and accepting pay for tuning pianos there. Treuhaft mocks the accusations, saying the United States is trying to bring out-of-tune instruments.

In 1998, Treuhaft's lawyer told him the government had agreed to a \$3,500 settlement. Treuhaft said he did not seriously consider the offer.

"I said yes. Absolutely. When are they going to pay me the \$3,500?" he said.

Embargo supporters are not amused. Rep. Bob Menendez, D-N.J., said the travel ban resources. "The lack of enforcement of any law, I would certainly say in terms of the Cuba sanc-

tions, invites lawlessness to take place," he said. OFAC is a small agency whose responsibilities become a more popular foreign-policy tool. It already had a central role in tracing terrorist assets when, after Sept. 11, it became the home of the new Foreign Terrorist Asset Tracking Center.

In a statement, Treasury spokesman Tony Fratto said the attacks "clearly slowed down this process" of reducing the backlog. But, he added: "We are confident that a workable, cost-effective procedure will be put in place to address this

OFAC director R. Richard Newcomb said last year that the lack of administrative law judges was "an issue substantially relating to budget."

The backlog began to mount during the travel ban to encourage contacts between Americans and ordinary Cubans.

President Bush strongly supports the embargo and in July ordered increased enforcement. Cuban-American exiles are major supporters of the president and his brother, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, who faces re-election next year.

"What we have to do is get, through Thursday, brings tegeth-

The conference, which runs

Argentina economy in dire straits

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina crippling recession, the governing superstition, my money — all tionary pressures. two pesos of it - is on No. 13, Combat Cat, a real long-shot.

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A win would mean a \$400 paysystem is no day at the races.

Desperate to keep Argentina's month. banking system afloat and defend

All-Area Band

(AP) — And they're off! It's the ment is trying to limit cash circueighth race of the day at the lating in South America's second-Palermo Hippodrome and, defy- largest economy to lessen infla-

It imposed a partial banking freeze Dec. 1, limiting cash withdrawals to \$1,000 a month per jokes Orlando Ruarte, manager of account. Other transactions must the race track's swanky grand- be done by account transfer, check, debit card or credit card.

The rules also cover payouts at off under the 200-1 odds. Such a the Hippodrome, meaning any payoff wouldn't cause Ruarte a wins over \$1,000 can only be paid problem, but it's close enough to by check and therefore deposited show that Argentina's financial in a bank account, which cannot be accessed for more than \$1,000 a

But as a visit to the horse track the peso's one-to-one parity with shows, the government is having the U.S. dollar after four years of difficulty reining in parallel cur-

rencies, with the risk that the country's finances could gallop out of control.

Last week, the track began accepting bets in "patacones," bonds that the Buenos Aires provincial government has been printing since Aug. 21 to pay state workers.

The bonds have the same wallet-size look, feel and color of pesos, and they are now circulating freely alongside the official currency at a one-to-one rate, effectively bloating the money

"To start with, we wouldn't accept them," said Orlando Ruarte, manager of the race track's swanky grandstand compound. "But now they're starting to look like money. People are using them as money."

This is worrying international financial agencies, which fear the extra currency is a sign that Argentina is not determined to keep a tight control on its fiscal

Argentines, who survived years of hyperinflation in the 1980s, are old hands at devising ways to make it through economic chaos. Even after a decade of stability brought by pegging the peso to the dollar, old habits die hard.

Within three days of the banking freeze, the Hippodrome installed debit card machines at its tills. Now it is taking bets and paying out winnings - in patacones.

"Today, every shop in Argentina is a stock exchange floor where people trade bonds,' said Martin Aracama, Ruarte's

The worrying thing for economists is that the trend is spread-

Many of Argentina's other 22 provinces have followed Buenos Aires' example, printing bonds to pay government workers.

In northern Santa Fe province, Calchaqui, a small town of 13,000 people, has started to print its own "money" that can be used to pay rents, municipal utility bills and tourist services.

"There is no formal market for these bonds yet, but there probably will be in the future," said Pablo Tavelli, head trader at Banco Santander Central Hispano in Buenos Aires



Some members of the "Pride of Pampa" High School Band recently earned All-Area Band honors. These students are eligible to compete for Texas All-State Band. Tryouts will be held Jan. 12 at Permian High School in Odessa. All-Area Band members from PHS include: (top row, left-right) Nathanael Holmes, trombohe, Matt Dyer, trumpet; (fourth row, I-r) Travis Leever, tenor saxophone, Doug Warren, French horn: (third row, I-r) Brad Stucker, alto saxophone, Leslie McWilliams, baritone saxophone; (second row, I-r) Justin Myers, percussion, Shelley Smith, clarinet, Kelley Stowers, flute; (first row, I-r) Kandi Garrison, bass clarinet, and Sarah Teague, bassoon.



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Dec. 17 8 shopping days to Christmas



Conference takes aim at exploitation of children

Canadian Cherry Kingsley was the multibillion-dollar child sex who live in utter despair."

YOKOHAMA, Japan (AP) — and urged them to put an end to "There are millions of children

remained trapped for eight years, beyond voicing outrage and er more than 3,000 delegates from

watching many of her friends die move toward more practical and 138 countries, private organizafrom AIDS, violence, drugs or meaningful solutions," Kingsley tions and law enforcement agen-

Suicide. said in Yokohama, Japan on the cies. They will discuss how to free On Monday, Kingsley, now 30, opening day of the Second World some 250 million children

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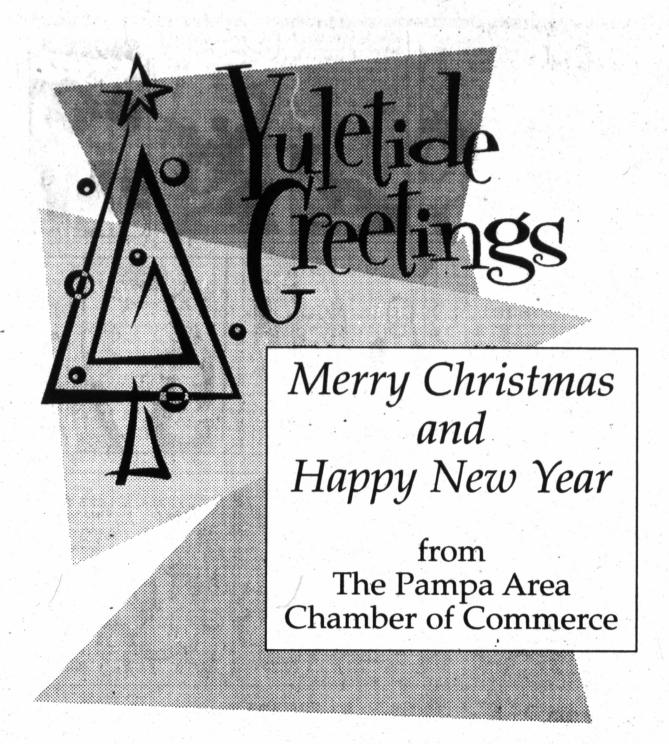
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(Courtesy photo)

Santa Claus takes kids' toy orders while elves Collin Lewis and Sara Beth Hall are ready to hand out bags of candy to each child following the Chamber's Christmas Parade 2001.

COMING UP

December 18 – Chamber Monthly Luncheon - M.K. Brown Room at 11:45 a.m. Speaker: Jerry Schaeffer - PHS Basketball Coach Sponsor: Texas Workforce Center Caterer: R&R Catering

January 2 - Retail Trade Committee - Nona S. Payne Room at 8:30 a.m.

January 8 - Executive Board Meeting - Nona S. Payne Room at 10:30 a.m.

January 14 - Gold Coat Monthly Luncheon - M.K. Brown Room at 11:45 a.m.

January 15 - Chamber Monthly Luncheon - M.K. Brown Room at 11:45 a.m.

January 17 - Board of Directors Meeting - Nona S. Payne Room at 2 p.m.

January 22 - Tourism Committee Meeting - Nona S. Payne Room at 2 p.m.



Lloyd Harvey drives 2000 Citizen of the Year and Grand Marshal Don Lane through the parade route during this year's Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade.

Welcome New Members

Bartlett Lumber,500 N. Brown
Orville Blades, Manager
Albracht Chiropractic, 2216 Coffee
Dr. Jack S. Albracht
Ooh La La, 2143 N. Hobart

Tammy Carter, Owner

KAT Energy LTD, 2505 Lakeview, Amarillo
John K. Hayhurst, Vice President

Birch Telecom, 1616 S. Kentucky, Amarillo
Billy Gilson, Account Executive

Dear Members,

Unbelievably, another year has come and gone. We at the Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce look forward to having the most positive and uplifting year ever in 2002. Continuing to work together for everyone's benefit will definitely build a successful future for our community.

Working together is what Chambers of Commerce are all about. Chambers rely on volunteers to help develop programs and events. The Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce is no exception. Our chamber is blessed to have many volunteers who unselfishly give of their time, talent, and energy to produce the excellent results that Pampa has come to expect.

I want to thank everyone who has volunteered their services to the Chamber this year. You are indeed invaluable! Please remember that all volunteer efforts are greatly appreciated. Volunteers make it possible for us to continue to serve the community and to pull together for the achievement of our goals.

Looking back on 2001 there were many successful and fun highlights such as our annual banquet which featured Texas Tech Lady Raider basketball Coach Marsha Sharp as our speaker and Don Lane being named the 2000 Citizen of the Year.

Additionally, a successful Business Expo was followed by the always enjoyable Tri-State Seniors Golf Tournament. The most rewarding event of the year was our ceremony and luncheon honoring Pampa Area Emergency Response Personnel. An exciting Country Fair and a well attended Christmas Parade helped round out a great year. As always, the Top O' Texans Gold Coats were out in force at each event.

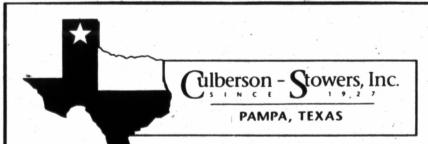
The Membership, Retail, and Tourism Committees worked hard all year to achieve their goals. Our membership is strong and there were numerous retail promotions undertaken throughout the year. The Tourism Committee devoted much of the year to achieving the "Branded for Tourism" designation offered to only three communities by the Tourism Division of the Texas Economic Development Department. The Tourism Committee successfully completed the program in August. There will be more information on this program in a future Chamber page. In addition, the new Promotion Committee is on track to provide much positive publicity for Pampa in the future.

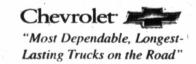
In closing, I would like to express how much I have enjoyed and appreciated working with Chairman Chuck White and our current Board of Directors. I am also truly excited about the upcoming year and working with our new Board of Directors and Chairman Elect John Curry

With your help, we can make 2002 a remarkable and unforgettable year. Sincerely,

Clay Rice

Clay Rice Executive Director Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce

















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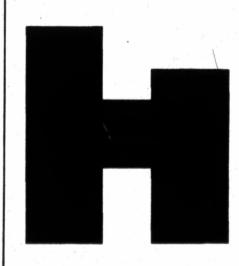
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Afghanistan's Democratic Past **Forgotten in Tragic Present**

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DEAR ABBY: When it comes to the subject of Afghanistan, many people write as if Afghans never knew democracy or freedom. I am writing you today because I knew a very different Afghanistan. In fact, my husband helped to write Afghanistan's constitution in 1964, which included universal suffrage, an equal rights amendment for women (including provisions for such as the Feminist Majority

I am deeply pained to think that many people view Afghans as illit-rights abuses against the Afghan erate refugees who look different people, particularly women and and live differently than Ameri- girls. I hope that we will soon see cans, when in fact, we have many our constitution returned to its things in common. For example, I rightful place in Afghan society. attended high school in Afghanistan, played on a sports team after school and worked outside the home.

Unfortunately, the Taliban erased this from the global community's mind in only five short years. Afghanistan first appeared in They burned the books, banned this column, some people wonmusic, and forbade Afghans from congregating in twos or threes. People now think that Afghans have always lived this way - when in reality the Taliban came into our country and took our liberties and freedoms away. The Taliban are regarded by many Afghans as an occupying respect the Afghan culture or way

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> DEAR SARA: I join you in that hope. P.S. When the subject of the

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paign to Stop Gender Apartheid may call 1-888-WE-WOMEN (1-888-939-6636) or www.helpafghanwomen.com.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a retired family physician. Recently I was traveling on the interstate highway. when I observed an auto accident. A policeman was as near as I, so we both got to the wreck at the same

It turned out my medical services weren't needed. However, the policeman's first direction to the driver was to turn off the ignition. Everyone should know about this. Stopping sparks that might start a fire is crucial. The people in the vehicle were wearing seat belts. It would be terrible to have one's life saved by a seat belt, only to lose it in a fire.

Please share this with your FRANK B. ADAMS JR., M.D.,

SENECA, S.C.

DEAR DR. ADAMS: Gladly. Your suggestion is a sensible one. People who have just had an auto accident are often so perpetrate such flagrant human shocked and distracted that rights abuses against half its they don't think to do the obvi-

Dear Abby is written by Pauline

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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WRESTLING

PAMPA - An organizational meeting to start a Pampa Wrestling Booster Club will be held at 7 tonight in the high school library.

The booster club will be for both high school and middle school wrestling teams.

All interested persons, not just parents, are urged to attend the meeting and help form a club.

BASKETBALL

PAMPA — The City of Recreation Department will be sponsoring men's and women's 3 on 3 basketball leagues for ages 16 and up. Three on three is played "half-court' style with three players on each team.

Entry deadline is Jan. 18 at 5 p.m., and the season will begin Jan. 29.

Entry fee (sponsor's fee) is \$100 and player's fee is \$10 per player with a minimum of five players on each team

Roster forms, fact sheets and league by-laws are available at the Recreation Office at 816 S. Hobart. For more information, call 669-5770 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

WHITE DEER — White Deer defeated Trinity Fellowship 51-31 last weekend in boys' basketball

action. Brian Knocke topped White Deer in scoring with 14 points. Nick Ball and Dustin Harper followed with

9 each. Beasley had 12 points for Trinity.

White Deer girls traveled to Groom for a non-district game, but came away a 55-16

Candace Bohr tossed in 22 points to lead the Tigerettes' scoring attack. Krisanne Davis added 9 points.

Scoring leaders for White Deer were Holly Miller with 6 points and Cassie Petty 4.

BASEBALL

NEW YORK (AP) -Shawn Estes is heading to New York. The way the Mets are moving, more players might follow.

Extremely busy since the season ended, the Mets made another deal Sunday, trading outfielder Tsuyoshi Shinjo and infielder Desi Relaford to the San Francisco Giants for Estes.

Shinjo and Relaford both played well for the Mets in 2001, but the opportunity to trade them for a proven starting pitcher was too good to pass up.

"This is just the next step, not the final step," Mets general manager Steve Phillips

Estes was 9-8 with a 4.02 ERA in 27 starts for the Giants.

The 28-year-old lefty was an All-Star in 1997 when he won 19 games, and has averaged 29 starts the last five seasons.

Estes was 64-50 with a 4.25 ERA in 160 career starts. He missed a month late this year because of a sprained left ankle, and had surgery after the season to remove a bone

When the Giants re-signed free agent Jason Schmidt last week, Estes figured he was

"I'm really not surprised," he said. "Maybe I wore out my welcome. I was the odd man out.

"It's nice to start off with a clean slate," he said while attending the NFL game between the San Francisco 49ers and Miami Dolphins. "I think my best days are to come. It looks like the Mets are making a pretty good pitch to get in the World Series.'

Coming off a World Series appearance in 2000, the Mets struggled to an 82-80 mark that left them third in the NL

Seahawks end Cowboys' two-game win streak

Seattle Seahawks in a driving season. rain and strong winds at Husky Stadium on Sunday.

performance.

"When you play on the road in tough weather like this, there are three things that you have to be able to do," he said. "You have to be able to run the football, you need to protect the football and you can't make mistakes."

didn't want to make any excuses about the weather.

"You can't blame anything on the rain," he said. "I didn't get it done today. You just have to learn from that and go on."

SEATTLE (AP) - Blame it on Joey Galloway, who played in and Shaun Alexander scored his rusher this season. The Dallas Cowboys (4-9) seven passes for 82 yards in his season in the final quarter. ended their two-game winning first game back in Seattle since Watters' right ankle was injured streak with a 29-3 loss to the his trade to Dallas after the 1999

"The weirdest thing to me was game. looking across and seeing a lot of Cowboys coach Dave Campo the guys that I played with," said the weather was a factor in Galloway said. "I didn't expect to his team's lackluster offensive look over there and see those guys and start to feel good for them at times."

Dallas' points came on a 37- downplay Watters' latest injury. yard field goal by Jon Hilbert in the second quarter.

starting lineup didn't last long.

Watters injured his right ankle next week." But Quincy Carter, a rookie, in the fourth quarter and was on crutches after rushing for 104 yards and a touchdown. The the playoff race with the win.

Seattle for five seasons, caught 12th rushing touchdown of the on the second play of the fourth period on his 28th carry of the

> 'We'll wait until tomorrow, but right now it's pretty sore," Watters said. "I'm definitely hoping for good news. I'm not even thinking about the bad news." Coach Mike Holmgren tried to

"He twisted his ankle a little bit," he said. "I don't think any of For the Seahawks (7-6), the our injuries are real serious. I return of Ricky Watters to the think we'll have all our guys back, Ricky being one of them,

Watters, who missed eight games because of a right shoulder injury, was named the Seahawks stayed in the middle of Seahawks' starting running back by Holmgren for the game

put Seattle in front 7-0 with less than five minutes gone in the game. It was his first 100-yard rushing game of the season and the 33rd of his career.

"It felt good to be running out there with my teammates," Watters said.

Alexander cemented Seattle's victory when he scored on a nifty 7-yard run, breaking a tackle by Mario Edwards with less than seven minutes on the clock. That put the Seahawks ahead 22-3.

Eighteen seconds later, Ike out. Charlton intercepted a pass by Carter and ran it back 38 yards said. "I was a little groggy. As for a touchdown.

The Seahawks' 17-point final quarter turned what was a defensive struggle into a rout. The Seahawks led 10-3 at halftime.

Watters ran for his 78th career although Alexander became the throwing a pass when he was 14-for-33 for 135 yards, with one touchdown in the first quarter, franchise's fourth, 1,000-yard knocked hard to the turf after a interception.

hit to the head by Peppi Zellner Watters' 1-yard touchdown run late in the first half, was listed as questionable at halftime. He was passing after bobbling a pass from center. He came back with a 58-yard punt that led to a safety in the third quarter.

Cowboys punt returner Reggie Swinton caught the ball at the Dallas 8, went back 4 yards and was hit by Tim Terry, causing a fumble. Jamal Brooks of Dallas kicked the loose ball in the end zone out of the end zone for a safety that made the score 12-3.

Feagles said he wasn't knocked

"He hit me in the helmet," he time went on, I started feeling better and better."

Matt Hasselbeck, Seattle's quarterback, was 13-for-25 for 152 yards, with no touchdowns Seattle punter Jeff Feagles, and no interceptions. Carter was

Denton Ryan wins in OT for 4A Division 1 crown

Smith intercepted Laron ever the coaches want me to do. Bybee's third-down pass to win I just wanted to win the game." 42-35 overtime win for Denton Clint Haney had 134 yards on Ryan over Smithson Valley in 26 carries and scored three the Class 4A Division I state touchdowns on runs 1, 11, and 3 championship on Saturday.

"I told the defense they need-Florence said.

With Smithson Valley winning the overtime toss, Denton Ryan went on offense first with Earl Goldsmith scoring from a 1 Smithson Valley's 18-yard line yard out on an option play.

"It got chaotic out there," Smithson Valley coach Larry Hill added. "We got the motion penalty and then the second down play didn't work. We tried to make a big play and with the bad snap, it just didn't work."

Goldsmith's game-winning touchdown with a crucial thirdand-12 completion for 20 yards to Okoto Okpo.

Battle rushed a career-high 185 yards on 27 carries and completed 17 of 27 passes for Haney plunged in from the 1-207 yards and four touch-

"I don't mind running the the first quarter.

WACO, Texas (AP) — Jackie ball," Battle said. "I'll do what-

yards for Smithson Valley.

Denton Ryan tied the game ed to make a big stop, and they' 35-35 on a 57-yard fourth-quargot it," Denton Ryan coach Joey ter drive. Following a Smithson Valley punt, Battle sneaked over from the 1 to tie the game with 4:07 remaining. The Raiders drove to

> in the final minutes but missed a chance to win when Chad Rakestraw's 35-yard field goal sailed wide left with 8 seconds remaining. After Smithson Valley punted on the game's opening posses-

> sion, Denton Ryan moved 57 yards in nine plays to take an early 7-0 lead. Facing third-and-14, Battle hit Okpo for a 28-yard touchdown pass with 6:53 remaining in the

first quarter. Smithson Valley answered with an 80-yard scoring drive. yard line to tie the game, 7-7, with 53 seconds left to play in

Hot Shot winners



Students in the 5th-grade division display the t-shirts they received for winning the Lamar Hot Shot Contest this year. They are (front, from left) Libby Dyson, Holly Winegeart and Jessica Miner; (back, from left) Alex Torres and Heath Skinner. Not pictured is Albert Tambunga. Hot Shot is a basketball-shooting contest for grade school students.

NFL Standings

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St. Louis	10	2	0	.833	358	190	
San Francisco	10	3	0	769	337	252	
New Orleans	7	5	0	.583	281	249	
Atlanta	6	7	0	.461	231	295	
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Saturday's Games N.Y. Giants 17, Arizona 13 Oakland 13, San Diego 6 Sunday's Games Kansas City 26, Denver 23, OT N.Y. Jets 15, Cincinnati 14 Chicago 27, Tampa Bay 3 Detroit 27, Minnesota 24 New England 12, Buffalo 9, OT Jacksonville 15, Cleveland 10 Seattle 29. Dallas 3 Tennessee 26, Green Bay 20 Pittsburgh 26, Baltimore 21

A stirring comeback for Tiger

(AP) — Tiger Woods wrapped removed. up a great year with a spectacular finish in the Williams World Challenge.

which featured five straight majors. birdies to zoom past Vijay Singh for a three-stroke victory, was his best stretch of golf since

the Memorial in early June. putt fell on the 18th hole for an straight major. 8-under-par 64 that tied the at Bay Hill in March.

"I'm on the right track," Woods said.

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. He was never too far inevitable," he said. "Given the

It only seemed that way for played really solid." Woods, who faced the He won for the first time match his record-setting 2000 tournament of the year, and since August. His back-nine 30 season, when he won nine Woods went out in style. at Sherwood Country Club, times, including three straight Fortunate to be trailing Singh

> season," Woods said. Indeed it was. He had five

> victories including a Masters

course record, he unleashed an Championship, a World Golf bystander during another specuppercut not seen since he won Championship and all the top tacular comeback by Woods. awards.

what I did last year — that's Foundation.

circumstances, I thought I The Williams

inevitable task of trying to Challenge was the final golf by only four strokes at the turn, "I felt like I had a really solid he orchestrated a seven-shot swing over the next five holes and won going away.

"Tiger had a great run," said And when the final birdie for his record-setting fourth Singh, who contributed to it with a pair of sloppy bogeys He also took the Players but otherwise was an innocent

Woods won \$1 million, then "It's going to be compared to donated it to the Tiger Woods

Instant replay foulup leads to ruckus in Cleveland

By DAVE GOLDBERG AP Football Writer

Mike Holmgren made it perfectly clear why instant replay was brought back for the 1999 NFL season.

"We are implementing this system to correct the major, major, big mistake," said the Seattle coach and general manager, who as co-chairman of the competition committee played a major role in bringing replay

As was demonstrated Sunday in Cleveland, it can also lead to major, major violence.

seems to be that even in an era to challenge a call. of incredible technological

doesn't seem to work. For what caused fans to throw plastic beer bottles and heard, he has no red flag. other objects at the officials and players and interrupt the game pened in Cleveland, when Tim dure used on the field was cor- will get a one-year extension trolled by technology.

for about a half-hour, might Couch completed a fourth- rect. the game would have ended had not commissioner Paul Tagliabue stepped in and ordered the final 48 seconds to Jacksonville win over the

To be fair, Holmgren and his cohorts anticipated this problem when they brought back replay for the 1999-00 season after an absence of eight years.

Coaches are allotted two challenges per game. If the buzzer they use malfunctions or can't And the biggest problem noise, they can throw a red flag pelted the field with thousands

But in the final two minutes press box. If his buzzer can't be

That seems to be what hap- tor of officiating, said the proce-

simply have been a buzzer that down pass to Quincy Morgan at didn't do its job well. In fact, the Jaguars 9. With no timeouts Teams that benefit from contro- 24 of 32 teams must vote for Couch spiked the ball to stop before it can be challenged. the clock with 48 seconds left.

be played in the 15-10 McAulay was buzzed before against the Cowboys on a to replay official Bill Reynolds, who challenged whether extra point. Morgan actually caught the ball. McAulay didn't react in time to stop the spike play, though.

When McAulay reviewed the Morgan reception, he ruled it no catch, the ball went over to be heard because of crowd Jacksonville and the crowd of bottles.

McAulay ordered the game advances, technology often of each half, challenges are stopped. It resumed a half-hour made by a replay official in the later when Tagliabue intervened. Mike Pereira, the NFL's direc-

left, the Browns lined up, and versial plays often run a play replay.

However, referee Terry Giants scored a touchdown to take it out. the ball was snapped, according trapped pass by Amani Toomer lenges are allowed even after and hustled to try to kick the

Campo, who buzzed and threw glitch. a red flag simultaneously.

Replays showed the ball hit the ground before Toomer continue until the next whistle caught it. No TD.

Sunday's replay seemed pretty clear, too. Morgan appeared to drop the ball before he hit the

What will happen? Mike Ditka predicted on CBS that replay would be killed next

March. What's more likely is that it

instead of being put in perma-This has happened before. nently. To approve it every year,

If it becomes a permanent Last month, for example, the rule, 24 of 32 teams need to vote

And it might help if chalthe next play is run — sometimes it takes assistant coaches But they were beaten to the in the press box a minute to see punch by Dallas coach Dave the replay, another technology

In hockey, where goals are sometimes replayed, play can to see if a "no goal" was actual-

ly a goal. The fan behavior?

"We feared for our lives," the Jaguars' Jimmy Smith said. "We were just trying to dodge as many beer bottles as we could. It was like dodging bullets."

That, sadly, can't be con-

Mummy's tooth may prove Egyptian dynasty founder

By MITCH STACY **Associated Press**

ATLANTA (AP) — The body is remarkably well-preserved, filled full of resin and stuffed with rolled linen some 3,000 years ago. It has a mouthful of teeth, an intact facial profile and long arms still crossed over the chest.

A scientist at Emory University hopes DNA from a single loose molar will tell whether the ancient corpse is that of the lost pharaoh Ramsses I, founder of the famed Egyptian dynasty that produced Seti I and Ramsses II.

Doug Wallace, a geneticist, is developing a process he hopes will yield Y-chromosome DNA the kind passed on from father to son — from the pulp of the tooth. He wants to compare it to DNA samples from other royal mummies in the Ramsses line from an Egyptian museum in Cairo.

Wallace has been working with the teeth of other mummies in the Michael C. Carlos Museum at Emory to develop the procedure, which involves exposing dentin underneath the tooth enamel, reducing it to powder and harvesting DNA from it.

"What we've established now is that we can get ancient DNA from mummies from teeth," he said. typing from it, and that's what we're working on two years. now. I'm quite hopeful.'

A scientist at Emory University hopes DNA from a single loose molar will tell whether the ancient corpse is that of the lost pharaoh Ramsses I, founder of the famed Egyptian dynasty that produced Seti I and Ramsses II.

Ramsses I, the Carlos museum will return it to great builder and warrior believed to be the Egypt so it can assume its rightful place among the

Whether that happens, though, depends on factors outside Wallace's control - whether the mummy's teeth offer up usable DNA and whether Egyptian authorities decide to cooperate and provide samples for comparison. Neither is assured.

Circumstantial evidence suggests the mummy was a king and not a random Egyptian who could afford the elaborate and careful embalming usually reserved for royals.

His arms are crossed right over left, as was typical for pharaohs of the era. His left hand looks as if it had grasped an object, possibly a scepter. And carbon dating puts the body in the era of Ramsses "Now the question is can we do Y-chromosome I, who rose to the throne in 1293 B.C. and ruled for

Perhaps most compelling is a facial profile that If the mummy, which arrived unwrapped and is strikingly similar to other mummies of the without a coffin or burial trappings, turns out to be Ramsses line, including grandson Ramsses II, a

pharaoh of the Bible's Exodus story.

If Wallace's procedure works, the museum will call on Atlanta oral surgeon Mollie Winston to extract the mummy's loose tooth. A woman is required for the job to ensure that Y-chromosome tion work. DNA remains uncontaminated.

become necessary for comparison, the decision to ment. make them available will rest with Egypt's Supreme Council of Antiquities. Peter Lacovara, museum, say they don't care much whether the curator of ancient art at the Carlos, said initial contacts have been encouraging.

"I think everyone is taking a wait-and-see atti-

The mummy came to Atlanta in 1999 after spending about 150 years at the Niagara Falls Museum in Ontario, Canada, alongside such curiosities as a five-legged pig, Wild Bill Hickok's saddle and barrels from daredevils who went over

The Ontario museum likely received the mummy from a Canadian doctor who had the artifacts smuggled out of Egypt in the early 1860s, about the time tomb raiders discovered a cache of royal mummies at Deir el-Bahri near the Valley of the Kings. It was from that cache that the remains of Ramsses I disappeared.

It wasn't until the 1980s, though, that the mummy was examined by an expert, German Egyptologist Arne Eggebrecht, who first suggested it could be the long-lost Ramsses I.

The Carlos Museum raised \$2 million in donations to buy the lot of nine mummies, 10 coffins and about 100 related artifacts, and put many of them on exhibit in October after extensive restora-

The mummy believed to be Ramsses, however, Should teeth from the other royal mummies rests in quarantine, waiting for its dentist appoint-

Curators at the Carlos, which is primarily an art mummy turns out to be a king or not, since it will never be on display there. They are much more enamored with the coffins and other accompanying artifacts and with the scientific procedures that may finally identify it.

"We're a teaching university and we're a research university, so this is the way we go, museum conservator Therese O'Gorman said. "It's not about a mummy, it's about science and art com-

Retiring AP photographer recalls 66 years on the job

By RICHARD PYLE Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — When people talk about a new smash hit on Broadway or a record winning streak at Yankee Stadium, Marty Lederhandler just smiles. Nobody's had a longer run in New York than he has.

The man who photographed mayors from Fiorello La Guardia to Rudy Giuliani, hit Utah Beach on D-Day, and accompanied Nelson and Happy Rockefeller I on their Venezuelan honeymoon, is hanging up his cameras at The Associated Press after 66 years on the job.

Lederhandler, who turned 84 on Nov. 23, retires at the end of the year. "It's time to go, and give someone else a chance to do combat photo team. the things I've done," he says.

No chance. (retired) to Bill Clinton; royals, vanished. actors, crooks, spies, athletes, cultural icons and most top world leaders of the past half-

century. apartment, and "Don't shoot 'til you see the Lt. Lederhandler." whites of their eyes," Churchill growled as Lederhandler aimed

He was standing beside Fidel Castro at the United Nations when Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev strode up and gave the Cuban leader a bear hug. Lederhandler got the picture only in black and white. But only he got it.

During that 15th General Assembly meeting in 1960 awash in famous heads of state from Nehru to Tito -Lederhandler developed an affinity for covering the world

"Without his consummate skill and untiring professionalism, many great moments in the history of the United Nations would have gone unrecorded," Secretary-General Kofi Annan said in a recent letter to AP.

part-time the year before) and was delivered to AP. spent the next 6 1/2 decades looking at life through a lens. At some point he began setting a version of Joe DiMaggio's 56game hitting streak.

To say he's seen it all may be vance. an exaggeration, but not by much.

Selassie, Eleanor -Elizabeth Taylor, Carl Sandburg, Douglas MacArthur, Bertrand Russell, Groucho Marx, Malcolm of his last. X, Liberace, Yasser Arafat, Frank Sinatra, Frank Costello, Aristotle Onassis, Anwar Sadat, Van Lederhandler crossed the street Cliburn, James Cagney, the from AP's Rockefeller Center cruise ship aficionado - do Beatles, Sophia Loren, Nelson office, took an elevator to the Mandela, Muhammad Ali and Rainbow Room on the 65th floor Luciano Pavarotti are a sampling of the GE building and phoof people freeze-framed by tographed the blazing towers in Lederhandler's lens.

Harry, got into cameras as a

teen-age hobby during the cover of New York magazine Depression, and went to work at and the cover of "Sept. 11, 2001," AP as \$12 a week photo messen- a best-selling book published by gers, learning the craft in their the magazine. spare time with a Speed Graphic they bought together.

Marty figured out how to double his income by using a tunnel to deliver photos to the Daily News a few blocks away, pocketing his cab allowance. But just running photo errands was heady stuff for a 17-year-old boy.

"Everything was exciting, and I got caught up in it," Lederhandler says. "New York was the center of the world."

Drafted by the Army in 1940, Lederhandler earned lieutenant's bars in Officer Candidate School and became leader of a six-man Signal Corps

The Gotham native leaves a Division, lugging his cameras to do all that. celluloid legacy second to none and two caged pigeons to fly the — fires, murders, parades, sports film back to England. His second events and plane crashes; every pigeon fluttered into the sky, president from Herbert Hoover turned east instead of west, and

A month later Marty's unit found German newspapers in an abandoned command post near Cherbourg. "One of my photos He captured Marilyn Monroe was on the front page. The capin Arthur Miller's Manhattan tion was just propaganda, but Winston the German editors duly credit-Churchill in Bernard Baruch's. ed the shot to 'U.S.A. reporter,

> Lederhandler celebrated the liberation of Paris in a "threewar correspondents Ernie Pyle and Ernest Hemingway, among others, and took part in the Battle of the Bulge in Belgium.

The ex-soldier returned to Prevented by the crush of bodies France for the 50th anniversary from reaching his color camera, of D-Day, walking now-quiet 1953. Utah Beach and visiting villages he had last seen in 1944.

A man of sly wit, Lederhandler seems to have an anecdote for every picture and constantly surprises colleagues with stories they've never heard before.

He arrived at work one day in 1998 with an envelope containing old black-and-white photos of Adolf Hitler and other top • Eagle from a group shot. Nazis, burned around the edges.

The pictures, he explained, had been sent to New York by AP's Berlin bureau in May, 1937 — on the dirigible Hindenburg. Two weeks after the airship Lederhandler joined AP full- exploded and burned on landing time in March 1936 (he'd started at Lakehurst, N.J., the package

When his editor expressed no interest in keeping the fire-damphotos, aged 19-year-old new record for job longevity Lederhandler had the presence every day, a sort of journalistic of mind to take them home. They became a historic centerpiece for AP's 150th anniversary obser-

Lederhandler's first AP photo was an artsy 1936 shot of George Washington Bridge cables Roosevelt, Queen Elizabeth II, "taken from such an angle that Jack Dempsey, Joe Louis, you can't tell if you're looking up or down," he says. But he may be best remembered for one

> When the World Trade Center was attacked on Sept. 11,

him decide to retire. "Twice is more than enough," he said, referring to the 1993 bombing of the twin towers and the Sept. 11 attacks by hijacked jetliners.

Lederhandler's career paralleled the march of technology from heavy, cumbersome Speed Graphics to high-speed film and motor-driven 35-mm cameras.

In an odd way, Lederhandler

says, the terrorist strikes helped

The old equipment was limited and more difficult," he says. "You could only carry eight to ten plate holders — 16 to 20 pictures. You had to wait for the moment, even anticipate the moment, and compensate for a On June 6, 1944, he landed on tiny delay between the button Utah Beach with the 4th Infantry and the shutter. But you learned

The old-style cameras also encouraged a decorum seen rarely at a present-day show opening or a police station "perp walk," he says.

"Not only did press photographers wear suits, ties and hats, everybody had the same lenses, and we had to stand back eight or 10 feet. There was some jostling, but no radio and TV microphones — nothing like the pushing and shoving you see today.

Lederhandler's own perp walks included famed bank robday Mardi Gras" with fellow ber Willie Sutton and Soviet atom spy Ethel Rosenberg, whom he pictured leaving a federal courthouse after her conviction and arriving later at Sing Sing prison, where she and her husband Julius were executed in

One of Lederhandler's favorite photo scoops didn't even come from his camera.

When photographers were barred from taking pictures of the reclusive Charles Lindbergh at an aeronautics industry dinner, Lederhandler paid a hotel photographer \$10 for an enlarged image of the Lone

In 1963, he scooped the competition by buying a seat on the Pan Am flight that was taking New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller and his bride, Happy, on their honeymoon.

"Other photographers were at the airport to get the departure, and were shocked when walked past them and got aboard," Lederhandler says.

"I was able to make pictures of the Rockefellers on the plane and when they got off in Caracas. My film-went straight back to Miami on the first flight, and the arrival picture made Page 1 of the Daily News, while the New York departure shots were on inside

Lederhandler was invited .to the Rockefeller ranch, where he spent the next two days following the newlyweds with his camera as they rode horses and dined with guests.

In retirement, Lederhandler says, he wants to travel — he is a occasional free-lance jobs and serve as a consultant to AP's

"For 66 years I've been saying, the distance, with the Empire 'I'm with the Associated Press.' I Marty and an older brother, State Building in the foreground. 'never want to stop saying that," That iconic picture made the Lederhandler said

Radiologist worries about those still detained in Sept. 11 attacks

By T.A. BADGER **Associated Press Writer**

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Al-Badr Al-Hazmi was among the first Muslim men swept up by the FBF after the Sept. 11 attacks, and during his 12 days behind bars, whispers from investigators all but convicted him of being a foot soldier in Osama bin Laden's terror brigade.

But the mild-mannered Saudi doctor was released when it became clear that he had nothing to do with the attacks, and over the past two-plus months he has settled back into Muslim faith.

"My experience was only 12 days - it's gone, it's history," said Al-Hazmi, 34, a radiology resident at the University of Texas Health Sciences Center.

Al-Hazmi realizes that he was taken into cus-

tody during a fearful and frenzied time, but he

"I am bothered by the number of detainees now, and I think I share this emotion with a that situation. ... If they got somebody who's the same old Dr. Al-Hazmi. innocent, I'm praying for that innocent guy to be released."

been arrested or detained as part of the Sept. 11 investigation, many of them accused of violating immigration laws. Nearly all of the detainees are from the Middle East.

So far only one person has been formally accused of being involved in the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the

Zacarias Moussaoui, a French national of and other counts.

While Al-Hazmi has easily stepped back into had a tougher time.

- they're not like this before 9-11," he said. 'They're scared of anybody knocking at the door after (the FBI) came at five in the morning... my son will not go to bed till I kiss him and put him in bed, and then he'll sleep.

"If I go out for one hour and I stay for two did what every American did." hours, they become scared, especially my wife - she'll page me like five times in one hour. I her ordeal, it's nothing because she was in a

rented townhouse in his pajamas and hand- extra days before he could see his lawyer. cuffs on Sept. 12, and for more than a week, he to explain that they had the wrong guy.

It was a collection of coincidences that sent up a flurry of red flags around Al-Hazmi.

named bin Laden two years ago. He had visit- this same philosophy till I die."

ed Washington in recent months.

He had an airline reservation for Sept. 22, when some thought another round of attacks might come. Two Muslim men were caught on a San Antonio-bound train with a large amount of cash and boxcutters.

News reports, fueled by unnamed investigators, tied Al-Hazmi firmly to the terror plot. He was a money man for the operation, said some anonymous sources, while others linked him to the detained men from the train, who remain

In the end, Al-Hazmi's explanations cleared his daily routines of work, family and his away all suspicion. He was released on Sept. 25 and flown back to San Antonio as something of a celebrity.

> "Everybody recognizes me — 'The Famous Doctor'," Al-Hazmi said. "Everybody wants to help me, everybody wants to shake hands with me, so I think I'm more welcome than before.

"Please forgive our mistakes; it was a horrihas trouble with the fact that many of the same ble mistake' — people talk to me as if they people in jail with him back in September are were the ones that did this, and they had nothstill there without being charged with crimes. ing to do with it," he said. "It was just a nation trying to secure its borders.

Back at the health science center, which was number of Americans," he said. "I've been in also poked and prodded by investigators, it's

"I haven't noticed anything different about him, to be quite honest," said Dr. Gerald Dodd, Federal officials say nearly 1,200 people have head of the radiology department and a steady defender of Al-Hazmi during his detention. "He's just back at work."

> Longtime friends say the same thing. "He's still calm, he still has a sense of humor - he's exactly what we knew before," Abdulla Mohammad, a native of Kuwait who has

> known Al-Hazmi since the doctor arrived in San Antonio in 1997. "This puzzled a lot of us. How is this possi-

Moroccan descent, was indicted Tuesday on ble?" Mohammad continued. "He understands charges that he conspired to commit terrorism, the purpose behind this is not bad luck, but use of weapons of mass destruction, murder rather as a test from God, and he prays he did

Al-Hazmi, who prayed frequently while his life, his wife and three young children have incarcerated, now asks Allah to protect his fellow Muslims in the United States in the tense "They're a little bit scared when I leave them aftermath of Sept. 11.

"Everybody is looking at them as if they are guilty till proven otherwise," he said. "It seems like whatever Muslims do nowadays, it's not enough. They showed emotion, they gave donations, they put on blood drives - they

His conversational tone rarely rises as he recounts experiences that might leave others understand — when I compare my ordeal to seething — the degrading way he was seized from his home; agents taking away the eyeglasses he needs to see; being kept locked up Authorities took Al-Hazmi away from his for six days without knowing why, and two

Al-Hazmi shrugs off any suggestion that waited in a New York-area lockup for a chance how he is dealing with his circumstances is somehow noteworthy.

"Anybody in my situation will do the same - he will resist anger because anger does not Two of the hijackers had the same last name. serve any purpose," he said. "It just destroys He had exchanged phone calls with a man your heart and your mind. ... I hope I will keep

Scientists glimpse 'lens' that brightened distant star

AP-For the first time, scientists Laboratory in Livermore, Calif., taken in 1999 by the Hubble Space say they've glimpsed a mysteri- and elsewhere. ous object in the Milky Way galaxy that acts like a lens to make 600 light-years from Earth, acted a distant star appear brighter.

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For all that mystery, however, the newly glimpsed object turns out to be just what scientists had expected: an ordinary but very

6 issue of the journal Nature by Earth. scientists at Lawrence Livermore

Researchers say the star, about like a lens seven years ago to magnify the brightness of a star in the es, are part of the unseen "dark Large Magellanic Cloud, a clump of stars some 150,000 light-years away. The cloud lies in the direction of the constellation Doradus.

In early 1993, the researchers knows what all this dark matter say, the newly glimpsed star lay exactly between that distant star and Earth. Its gravity bent the light from the distant star, just as a lens does. The result was to make the distant star appear brighter only stars but also starlike objects The work is reported in the Dec. roamed out of alignment with holes. Scientists want to know

The researchers used images accounted for by MACHON

Telescope to identify the Milky Way star.

Bohdan Paczynski of Princeton University, an expert in gravitational lensing, said it's about 80 percent likely that the star identified in the new study really was the lensing object. "In a couple of years we shall know for sure," after follow-up work is done, he

The new work is part of a project to look for what scientists call MACHOs — massive compact halo objects, which include not for a while, until the two stars that never "turned on," and black how much dark matter

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) **★★★★** Your sense of responsibility comes through once again. Someone will go out of his or her way to do for you, especially if you express that you're feel- VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ing a bit tense or uptight. A partner or associate reverses a stand, much to your relief. Always give this person space.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** * Your serious mind takes you in many directions. Your imagination helps you conceive of a gift or a special idea. Someone claps with delight when you share your news. Brainstorm, but encourage this person also to come up with a great gift idea. Others seek you out for information. Tonight: Touch base

* * * Your ability to read between the lines creates discomfort. Make an effort loosens up as a result. You also change your attitude because of your openness.

Tonight: Schedule a key appointment. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** Deal with finances with the 4-Positive; to help somebody understand what is going on. Meanwhile, force yourself to complete your work, errands and anything else that is important to do this

other sources. Your ability to research sion involving an important friend comes through again. Tonight: Face Realize that a commitment might be involved here. Ask yourself honestly whether you are ready. This decision possibly revolves around work, if not your emotional life. Your popularity soars. Tonight: Say yes! ★★★ Dig into your errands and work

> Tonight: Off completing errands. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★ ★ ★ Allow yourself to frolic away and enjoy yourself even if it is the middle of the week. If someone isn't getting your message, try a different way of

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) * Stay in touch with family when you try to decide what it is that you want.

Loosen up about a difficult relationship in which you always weigh the pros and cons. Express your feelings through actions, not words. Someone cannot help

but hear you. Tonight: Home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Your intuition takes you where your mind won't. Your instincts help you appeal to someone and draw him or her in to your way of thinking Someone who has been stiff previously strength you are known for. Be very careful, because you could whittle away at your holiday stash. Opt to make something for someone or do something special for this person. Not all gifts are material. Tonight: Add up your day's outflow of funds.

allow your creativity to flourish. Others like what you're about. A friendship could be transforming. Tonight: Beam in what you want. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) * * ★ Stay mum about a personal matter, especially surrounding a problem. Your imagination keeps distracting you.

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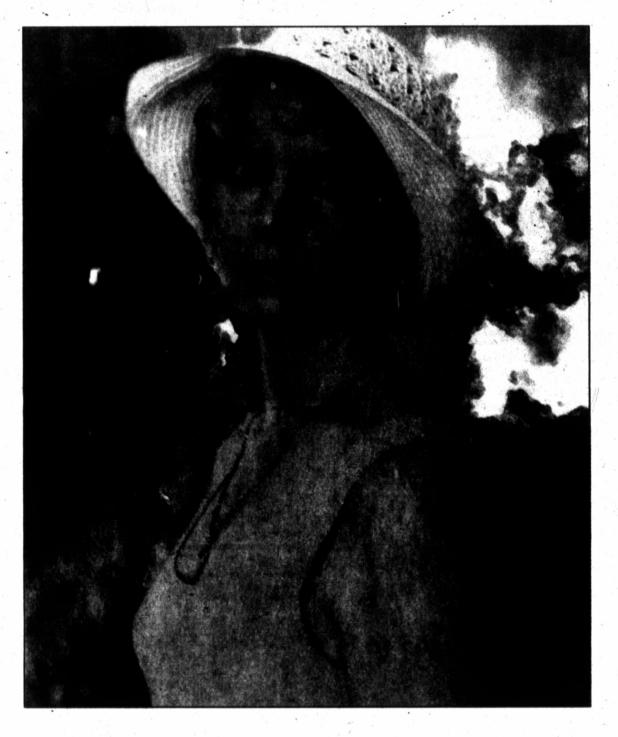
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Writer's pain becomes topic of book

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Dr. B.J. Daneshfar, above, performs surgery on the nerves in Kelly's neck neck to stop the pain. She has been pain free several months and is currently at work on several books, including one, The Face of Pain, which she is ghostwriting for the Amarillo doctor. Her case will be detailed in the book. Pictured at right, the attractive young woman has written numerous magazine stories and books in her career. A book signing will be held Feb. 14, 2002, at Hastings in Pampa.



By NANCY YOUNG **Managing Editor**

Kelly Varner Johnson of Pampa certainly years, she consulted numerous doctors and

knows the subject of her latest book. She also went to emergency rooms. Any relief they first began with steroid injections. lived with constant pain for many years.

Kelly suffered with severe migraine There's an old adage a writer must know headaches for 18 years. Seeking relief from their subject in order to write about it. medical specialists for the pain for so many

was extremely temporary, and the pain was always there. Frustrated, she kept trying to get relief.

When the pain would strike, she would often be in bed for several days at a time. The severe acute chronic migraines changed her life and her views about the medical profession.

Through the years of pain, she often felt medical providers did not think she was in true pain. "So many times I walked out of pharmacies with medication and emergency rooms, and felt whispers," she said. 'I know they thought I was just there to get drugs, and that wasn't true. I wanted

She sought out specialists, but none were able to help her. It was a fairly hopeless

A local author of several books, she continued writing as much as she could.

Finally, Kelly went to see Dr. B.J. Daneshfar. A specialist in pain management, she said she thought she would like to learn to control the pain. She was definitely seeking relief after years of pain. "The pain affected every aspect of my

life," she said.

She said she felt many physicians have forgotten about human beings. "I often felt like I had just been raped when I walked out of an emergency room or pharmacy," she said. "That's not how it should be."

She said she had always been a fighter, but she felt hopeless. "I had lost my faith until I saw the doctor at the Amarillobased office," she said.

the conservative approach to treatments, Day, 2002.

Then, injections of a paralyzing nature were tried. Following the injections she would have at least two days pain free.

After attempting the non-invasive treatments, the doctor decided to burn the nerves in Kelly's neck as a last resort.

The surgical procedure has yielded Kelly to be pain free for several months, but has also given Kelly a subject to write about.

In her last published book, One With the Wind, she used the writing of the book as a

She wrote her main character with a disability and Kelly said she was able to relate her feelings to her character's.

She is currently ghostwriting a book for Dr. Daneshfar which will be for the general public about pain. Her case is the case which is being illustrated in the book. "It will definitely be in laymen's lan-

guage," she said. The local woman has written previous books, Ragdoll and Song of the Cimarron. All her books are on sale at the local Hastings and the Christian Book Store on

Francis Street. "All my books have a message," she said. She has also written for magazines and The Pampa News. She is currently also writing a thriller.

It's hard to believe the vivacious young woman today has suffered for so many years, but she now is able to move forward in her life after her pain has been relieved while chronicling the events with her writing talent.

She welcomes people to come out and Describing the physician as believing in meet her at a book signing on Valentine's



Dr. Daneshfar is able to view the location of the nerves he burns as he completes the procedure on Kelly.