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Dentists protest soft drink contract

AMARILLO (AP) — A group of dentists is denouncing the Amarillo school district's vending contract with Coca-Cola, claiming it's contributing to cavities and obesity among students.

The Panhandle District Dental Society took its concerns to the school board last week, hoping to have the district adjust the vending contract by changing the selection of drinks and quit allowing students to sip soft drinks in class.

The Amarillo school district signed a \$2.2 million, 15-year contract with Coca-Cola in 1999 and receives \$465,000 a year.

DEATHS

- Thomas Marshall Brooks, 89, business owner.
- Eva Maria Cash, 76, services pending.
- Scott Harrelson, 45, communications technician.
- Chester H. Ingram, 72, business owner.
- Margrete Elizabeth 'Betty' Nabors, 78, secretary.
- Odgen 'O.H.' Rogers, 86, welder.
- Mary LaVerne Rose, 80, secretary.

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School funding tops Legislature list

AUSTIN (AP) — To some, Robin Hood was a medieval hero who took from the rich to help the poor. To others, he was a thief.

Far from Nottingham, a similar debate exists today in Texas.

Robin Hood is the name critics gave to the state's \$26 billion-a-year school-funding system, which takes money from property-wealthy districts and gives it to poorer ones as a method of

giving all 4.1 million Texas school children an equal education.

Schools in low-income areas have bought computers, books and new buildings with money from property-wealthy districts — \$600 million in the last two-year budget, a figure expected to approach \$900 million in 2003-04.

Still, many poor schools say they lag behind and need more money to provide a basic education.

The state's 118 wealthier districts are also pleading poverty. Many have raised local property-tax rates to the legal limit, making it hard to get more money. They say that the Robin Hood law, by taking some of their money away, is forcing them to cut programs and jobs.

The thorny dispute will land in the laps of lawmakers when they begin the legislative session in January.

It's a politically dangerous issue. A solution could mean new or expanded taxes or deep cuts in other spending to pay for increased education funding at a time when the state faces a budget shortfall of at least \$5 billion.

"The legislators know how to fix it. They don't have the will to fix it," said Larry Throm, chief financial officer for the Austin Independent School (See LIST, Page 4)

PEDC OKs insurance

By NANCY YOUNG
 MANAGING EDITOR

The dissolving Pampa Economic Development Corporation (PEDC) Board of Directors voted to accept a bid of \$656 for insurance for the directors during the Monday night meeting.

Local insurance representative Lee Fraser told the board that according to the policy anyone wanting to make a claim must make it during the policy period.

He said more claims are being filed than ever before, saying 600 percent more claims have been filed in the past two years.

Fraser recommended the board also renew premises liability insurance on PEDC-owned property at a cost of \$265.

In other action, the board decided to get an appraisal on PEDC-owned property: the U.S. Bus Building on East Foster, 213 acres in Industrial Park and American Energy.

Board members voted to have Gary Sutherland, a PEDC board member, to hire an appraiser.

Board attorney Chris Jensen told the board he had been in contact with officials in Austin about the new required board training for PEDC board members. He said he requested a variance for the Pampa Board because they are no longer an active group and are dissolving.

"There is no way around it," said Jensen. "If you don't go, the fine is \$1,000." He said that he was told one of the training sessions is expected to be in Amarillo or Lubbock later in 2003.

Board members voted to complete the sale of the 1995 Dodge pickup which they repossessed several months ago.

A short executive session was held to discuss Crall Products loans and American Energy property. Board members reported no action was taken following the meeting.

A special meeting of the board will be at 5 (See PEDC, Page 4)

Rooting for Harvesters



(Courtesy photo)

Wilson Elementary students and staff demonstrate their support in front of a poster honoring Pampa High School's Harvester football team: back row from left, Principal Tom Lindsey, Dakota Turlington, and Mary Sturgeon, school counselor; middle row from left, Austin Rodgers and Leslie McDowell; and front row, from left James Scott, Lauren Wileman and Cynthia Solis. A community-wide pep rally for the Harvesters is set for 7:30 p.m. tonight at McNeeley Field House. The Harvesters will face defending state 4-A champion Denton Ryan High School at the regional playoffs at 2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 30, at Memorial Stadium in Wichita Falls.

Suspected meth lab found in motel room

Gray County Sheriff's Department started Thanksgiving Day with a methamphetamine lab bust in Pampa which netted them one arrest.

Mandy Johnson, 27, Borger, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance at 8:45 a.m. Thursday at a motel at 321 E. Brown, Room 112.

Deputies and members of the Panhandle Regional Narcotics Trafficking Task Force executed a search warrant at the motel and seized over four grams and under 200 grams of a controlled substance.

"We suspect we seized meth lab components in the motel room and also seized meth lab components in

a vehicle associated with the room," said Gray County Chief Deputy Kelly Rushing this morning.

He said Johnson was the only occupant of the room.

"The investigation is continuing and more charges are expected to be filed," said Rushing.

Johnson was transported to Gray County Jail.

Volunteers prepare, serve holiday meal for thousands

DALLAS (AP) — Jennifer Newsome's husband had to drag her to the free Thanksgiving dinner. She could only laugh at her initial reluctance as she surveyed the bounty on her plate and listened to the pianist playing nearby.

"I'm glad I came down here," she said as she sat in a Salvation Army service center in Dallas with her husband, Martin, and Julia, her 14-month old daughter. "It's really inviting."

Thanksgiving this year marked a first for Newsome. Her family has fallen on hard times, as have many Texans struggling through the current economic slump.

Martin Newsome says he lost his plumbing job a month ago, and with construction work drying up plumbing jobs have been scarce.

"We're going to get kicked out of our place soon, and I don't know what's going to happen," he said.

But for a while on a crisp, sunny Thanksgiving Day afternoon, the

Newsomes focused on a dinner of turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie. Red-aproned volunteers bustled around them with trays loaded with plates and iced tea as they served hundreds of other diners who flocked to the center for a hot turkey dinner.

"Go as fast as you can," volunteer Melissa Wagner shouted to a line of volunteers working in one of the center's kitchens. "There's 30, 40 people out there."

The center expected to feed 2,000 people and had already served 1,200 by 1 p.m. Thursday. Last year, the center served 1,750, but assistant executive director Jack W. Ewing said the downturn in the economy had increased demand for services by about 20 percent from last year.

"We are stretched thin," he said. But despite the increased demand, Ewing said no diners would be turned away. In fact, the only people the cen-

(See HOLIDAY, Page 4)

Suicide bombs kill 16 tourists in Kenya

MOMBASA, Kenya (AP) — An Israeli army team on Friday began evacuating tourists injured in the deadly suicide bombing of an Israeli-owned hotel. Kenyan police said they picked up 12 people for questioning in connection with the blast and a simultaneous attempted attack on an Israeli airliner.

At least one of those being questioned had an American passport and gave a Florida address, said Ben Wafula, the manager of the hotel where the woman and her husband were staying when detained.

The death toll in the bombing rose to 16 as rescue workers recovered the body of another Kenyan on Friday, a health official said. The blast at the Paradise Hotel killed 10 Kenyans, three Israelis and the three suicide bombers.

Gilad Millo, a spokesman for the Israeli Foreign Ministry, said 235 tourists, including 15 injured in the

blast and the bodies of the three Israelis, were flown home Friday. Prime Minister Ariel Sharon sent his official plane to carry some of the Israelis.

Also Friday, Israel temporarily closed its embassies in the Philippines and South Africa and may shut down additional diplomatic missions following the attacks, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

Police said 12 people were picked up for questioning in the Mombasa area, but gave no details. The American woman, whom a police source identified as Alice Kalhammer, and an unidentified man were detained as they checked out of the Le Soleil Beach Club about 90 minutes after the attacks, Wafula said.

The Le Soleil Beach Club is about three miles south of the Paradise.

U.S. Embassy spokesman Peter Claussen confirmed that the woman — (See BOMBS, Page 4)

PAMPA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE QUARTERLY PRAYER BREAKFAST SET FOR DECEMBER 3, 2002

The Pampa Chamber of Commerce will host the fourth quarterly Prayer Breakfast of the year on Tuesday, December 3rd in the M.K. Brown Room of the Pampa Community Building. Peggy's Place will prepare breakfast which will be served at 6:45 a.m. with the program beginning at 7:00 a.m. The Pampa Chamber cordially invites the public to attend. Please call the Chamber office at 669-3241 for reservations by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 2nd. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Pampa Show Choir to perform.

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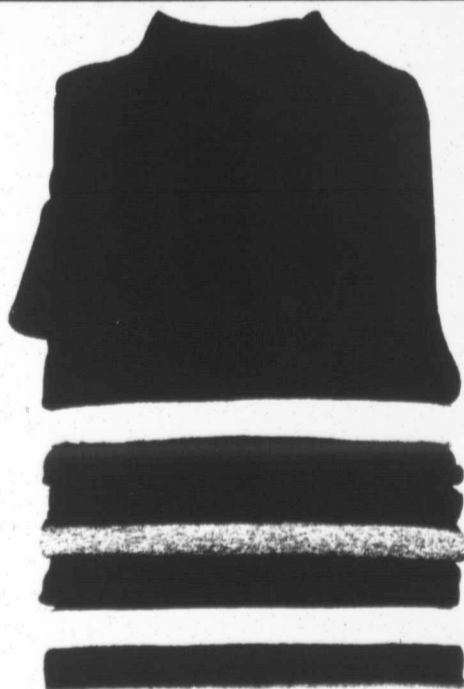
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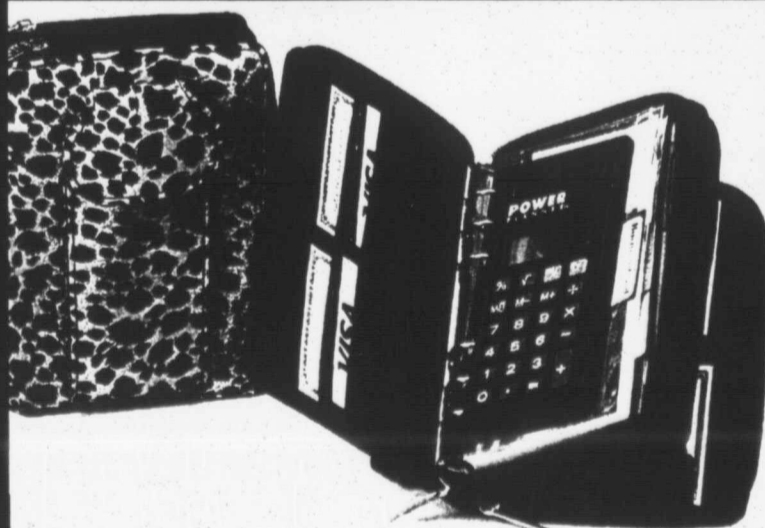
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District.
The Austin district, forced to return \$175 million to the state next year, has announced it will lay off 500 teachers to balance its budget because it has reached the property tax-rate cap.
By the middle of this week, only one legislator had introduced a school-finance bill. That proposal, by Rep. Craig Eiland, D-Galveston, would repeal the so-called Robin Hood law and require the education commissioner to draw up a new funding plan. If he didn't, the governor or Legislative Budget Board would be next in line.
"It's just time we recognized the system is broke and resolve ourselves to fix it," Eiland said. "It's a tough issue that we've got to face sooner or later."
Eiland said there are "tons of ideas," but it may come down to which ones are constitutional.
The state constitution prohibits Texas from having an

income tax or a state property tax. Schools are primarily funded with local property taxes and state money.
The shifting of local money from rich to poor districts has been the subject of several court battles, including challenges by wealthy districts. A lawsuit filed by the Highland Park school district is pending in state district court in Dallas.
Advocates for poorer schools say there is still too large a gap between rich and poor districts. They say the problem is the state's underfunding of education.
"There are going to be some real crisis situations," said Craig Foster, founder of the Austin-based Equity Center, an organization that represents hundreds of low-wealth school districts. "There are going to be some situations that get so bad that kids' educations are harmed."
Property-wealthy districts agree that more money is needed.
The problem "is not in the

distribution of funds — the mechanism has been declared the fairest in America by many experts," said Throm, the Austin schools official. "But (lawmakers) haven't put any money in the doggone thing."
For this year and last year, Texas will have spent \$48.7 billion, or 40 percent of the two-year state budget, on public education. Additional federal and local funds have contributed to an increase in spending, but the state's share of education funding is at the lowest level in 50 years.

By state law, school districts can't collect more in property taxes than \$1.50 for every \$100 is property value. About 300 districts, one of every four, have hit that limit.
Critics say the cap has effectively become a state-set property tax, which is prohibited by the Texas Constitution. "That's a compelling problem. I think it points clearly to the fact that we're overly relying on property taxes," said Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo. "The question becomes what can we do about it? I don't

think there is a silver bullet."
Bivins is co-chairman of the Joint Select Committee on Public School Finance, which was formed by House Speaker Pete Laney and acting Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff at the end of the 2001 session and has studied the issue for a year. The panel was supposed to make recommendations to the full Legislature this January, but it ended its work without consensus.
Panel members are expected to send a report to lawmakers outlining five alternatives for funding education and ways to ease the

burden on local property taxpayers.
Ratliff suggested creating a statewide property tax for schools. State Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, proposed basing funding on an independent study into the cost of educating a child.
Another plan would shift nonresidential property-tax money from rich districts to poor ones. Two other ideas would reduce shifting of money from wealthy to poor schools.
None of the plans are given much chance of passing the Legislature.

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whom he declined to name — was an American citizen. He said the man, believed to be her husband, was a Spanish national with resident status in the United States.
However, sources said police did not believe the two were involved in the attacks and they were expected to be released soon. The pair was detained after police told the hotel after the attacks to alert them if anyone tried to check out.
About five minutes before the hotel blast, two missiles streaked past a Boeing 757 Israeli charter aircraft owned by Arkia Airlines as it left Mombasa airport bound for Tel Aviv, Israel.
Police said witnesses told them the missiles were fired from a four-wheel drive vehicle one mile from the airport. The witnesses said they saw three or four Arab-looking men in the vehicle. Investigators found two missile casings near the airport.
The plane with 261 passengers and 10 crew members landed safely in Tel Aviv with no casualties.
The Israeli army sent a team of 150 doctors, psychologists and soldiers to Kenya's Indian Ocean coast — a popular tourist destination — after the attacks.
"The situation is a disaster. An Israeli does not know where to go," said Yossi Msika, a tourist, as he walked toward the plane for the flight home to Israel.
Two seriously injured Kenyans were also being taken to Israel for treatment at the request of the Kenyan government, Israeli officials said.
In a statement in Beirut, Lebanon, the previously unknown Army of Palestine claimed responsibility for the attacks,

saying they were timed "to strike at Israeli interests" on the eve of the anniversary of the 1947 decision by the United Nations to partition Palestine and allow creation of a Jewish state.
However, Israeli government adviser Zalman Shoval said al-Qaida's past activities in East Africa and the nature of the attacks pointed to that group.
Al-Qaida carried out almost simultaneous bombings of the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania in August 1998. The bombings killed 231 people — including 12 Americans — and injured about 5,000.
Israel Army Radio, citing unspecified Arab media, identified one of the suspects in the Kenya attacks as Abdullah Ahmed Abdullah. A man by that name has been indicted in the United States for the 1998 U.S. embassy bombings in Kenya and Tanzania, which were blamed on al-Qaida. However, the radio report could not be confirmed.
If al-Qaida were responsible for the attack, it would be its first on Israeli targets.
"We can't rule out the group that struck at us in 1998," Kenyan Vice President Musalia Mudavadi said, alluding to al-Qaida. He said that during the last six months, Kenyan intelligence had been picking up signals that the country could be targeted by terrorists.
Sheik Omar Bakri Mohammed, head of Al-Muhajiroun, a militant Islamic group in London that recruits on university campuses and encourages members to join armed struggles abroad, said Friday he had been aware for several days of a threat to East Africa. Australia's foreign ministry said it also had received vague warnings.
Bakri Mohammed, who is closely monitored by British security officials

because of his radical views, said unspecified warnings had been posted on Web sites and on Internet chat rooms.
"The warning has been sent to the Muslim community around the world ... that Israel would pay a heavy price in East Africa," he told the British Broadcasting Corp.
The hotel attack was a grim reminder of last month's bombing of a disco on the Indonesian resort island of Bali that killed more than 190 people, mostly foreign tourists.
Sharon has put the Mossad spy agency in charge of investigating the twin attacks. By Friday, Israeli and U.S. security officials were combing the hotel area for clues.
The deadly attack on the 160-bed hotel occurred as new guests were checking in and others were eating breakfast.
Witnesses said a four-wheel drive vehicle smashed through the main gate to the hotel compound and stopped in front of the lobby.
Some witnesses said that three men who looked like Arabs were in the car. One ran into the lobby and blew himself up, while the others remained in the vehicle as it exploded.
The blasts shattered windows along the front of the hotel, gutted the building and incinerated vehicles parked nearby. Stone walls were all that remained of the lobby.
President Bush, informed of the attacks during a Thanksgiving Day intelligence briefing at his ranch in Crawford, Texas, denounced the violence and offered U.S. help in the investigation.
The 15-nation European Union also said the attacks underlined the need "for international cooperation against terrorism in all its forms."

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ter has had to turn away have been volunteers, who have been plentiful.
Across the state, thousands of Texans decided to forgo leisurely Thanksgiving family meals to volunteer in preparing meals for the state's less fortunate.
Diners began lining up as early as 8 a.m. for the annual Raul Jimenez Thanksgiving Dinner at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center

in San Antonio. Volunteers had worked steadily since Sunday to turn 400 turkeys, 6,000 pounds of yams, 7,000 pounds of green beans and about 8,000 pounds of stuffing into Thanksgiving dinner for 25,000 people.
About 4,000 volunteers pitched in for the dinner's 23rd year, said Patricia Jimenez, who took over as chairwoman after her father's death in 1998. Of those thousands, about 120 were busy at work in the center's kitchen early Thursday morning.

Dallin Young, the event's executive chef, said he and the other volunteers were "trying to do everything we can to keep our heads together." But despite the packed kitchen, Young was modest about the task, comparing it to cooking at home.
"The only difference cooking it here is that we have to coordinate 4,000 volunteers to learn how to cook properly," Young said.
A variety of live music was also arranged for diners, ranging from Tejano to oldies to the Cervera Ramiro Orchestra's ballroom tunes for the elderly crowd, who were treated to free transportation to and from the event.
Hundreds of guests also lined up early at the 18th annual Thanksgiving Houston Superfeast at Sam Houston Park, where a nippy morning gave way to sunny clear skies. The first order of business for many of the expected 15,000 to 20,000 guests was the free clothing distribution, said event chairwoman Tammy Bohon. After waiting through that line, guests switched to the food line.
Meanwhile, the fitness-conscious in downtown Dallas and other cities got a jump on burning off their Thanksgiving feasts, often for charity. About 20,000 runners and walkers took to the streets of downtown Dallas and Oak Cliff for an 8-mile run and 3-mile run walk to benefit the Casa youth shelter.

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FIRE
Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 48-hour holiday period ending at 7 a.m. today.
Thursday, Nov. 28
3:58 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist at Texas Highway 152 and Gray County Road 5.
5:31 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 700 block of North Wells.
9:30 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 2300 block of Chestnut.
Friday, Nov. 29
12:18 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a minor motor vehicle collision at Duncan and Worrell streets.

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Kidnapping epidemic in Columbia stirring debate

By SUSANNAH A. NESMITH
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

MEDELLIN, Colombia (AP) — A young police officer is kidnapped by leftist rebels and held for 2 1/2 years while his first child is born, and learns to talk and walk.

The whole time, as security forces try to find the hundreds of people being held hostage around Colombia, the officer maintains a fervent hope — that they won't try to free him.

Some rescue attempts end happily, as when troops freed a prominent bishop Nov. 15, just four days after rebels took him hostage.

But some end badly. When soldiers tried to rescue former Culture Minister Consuelo Araujo from her rebel captors in the mountains of northern Colombia last year, the insurgents shot her dead. Scores of other captives have met a similar fate.

In a country whose president's own father was shot dead in 1983 by rebels during an apparent kidnapping attempt, the question of whether or not to mount rescue attempts has become a matter of national debate. President Alvaro Uribe's government takes a hard line against kidnapers, and the United States has pledged \$25 million to train and equip troops to battle kidnapping.

When Jorge Jimenez, president of the Latin American bishops' conference, was seized, troops immediately began searching the mountains, and average Colombians began worrying that the prominent cleric would be killed if the troops found him. When he was rescued, reporters repeatedly asked him if he thought secu-

urity forces should try to rescue all hostages.

Despite his dramatic escape, Jimenez said no, that rescue attempts were often too risky.

Leftist rebels and their right-wing paramilitary foes have turned kidnapping into a source of cash second only to drugs. Colombia has the world's highest kidnapping rate — 3,041 abductions last year alone — roughly eight a day on average. More than 600 were seized in the northwestern city of Medellin and surrounding Antioquia state.

The leftists kidnap more people, but otherwise there is no discernible pattern. Victims range from rich business people to laborers whose families are told to raise ransom money by selling their refrigerators. Both sides also kidnap for political reasons, or to trade captives for jailed comrades.

Leftist rebels have been kidnapping people for most of the 38 years they have fought the government. Right-wing militias rose up in the 1980s, primarily to protect cattle ranchers from extortion and drug traffickers from kidnapping. Since then, they have also turned to kidnapping to press their political agenda and, in some areas, to raise money.

The young police officer, who was among those released in the exchange, had good reason to fear a rescue attempt.

"They (the rebels) said if the army arrived, they would kill us because they couldn't give the government the luxury of rescuing us," recalled the officer, speaking on condition

of anonymity for fear of reprisals.

Many relatives do want the army or police to rescue their loved ones — but without putting them in peril, said Juan Francisco Mesa, director of Pais Libre, an anti-kidnapping lobby group. "But it's not always possible."

Kidnappers usually contact the family with their demands within hours of an abduction, and the relatives are too frightened to call the authorities promptly.

"Many families call us days later, but by then, the kidnapers have the hostage well hidden and guarded and a rescue

is risky," according to Maj. Luis Sanchez, commander of the Medellin police anti-kidnapping unit.

Given the risks, families often plead with authorities to stay away while they attempt to negotiate ransom terms. Some refuse to cooperate with police at all.

Israel retaliates for attack on Likud Party branch

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Israeli troops on Friday blew up the homes of two Palestinian gunmen who attacked an office of Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's Likud Party during a primary vote, killing six Israelis and wounding more than 20.

The gunmen, cousins from a West Bank village, were members of the Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigade, a militia linked to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's Fatah faction.

In the Gaza Strip, meanwhile, two more gunmen dispatched by the militant Islamic Hamas movement opened fire Friday in the Jewish settlement of Dolah, wounding two Thai workers and an Israeli. One of the gunmen was killed.

The Palestinian Authority

condemned Thursday's shooting rampage at the Likud branch office in the northern Israeli town of Beit Shean, and said Fatah was not involved in any way in the attack.

"Such operations do not serve the Palestinian people's cause," it said in a statement. "On the contrary, they harm our cause."

A poll published Thursday found that a majority of Palestinians want their security forces to crack down on militants attacking Israel — a shift that coincides with unprecedented criticism from Arafat's deputy, Mahmoud Abbas, of two years of violence against Israel.

The two developments indicate that Palestinians are souring on their uprising,

called "intefadeh" in Arabic, after the death of almost 2,000 Palestinians and 700 Israelis in clashes, military operations and terror attacks.

The poll, by the Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research, indicated that Palestinians still strongly favor attacks against Israeli settlers and soldiers in the West Bank and Gaza — lands claimed by the Palestinians for their own state — but 56 percent favor steps by the Palestinian Authority to stop attacks in Israel.

As recently as May, a similar poll showed that 86 percent of Palestinians opposed arresting Palestinian militants involved in suicide bombings inside Israel.

The poll questioned 1,319

people in personal interviews from Nov. 14-22 and quoted a margin of error of 3 percentage points.

In Friday's house demolitions, Israeli troops entered the West Bank village of Jalboun before dawn and blew up the homes of the Beit Shean gunmen Omar and Yousef Abu Rub, both in their 20s, who were killed in Thursday's attack. Eighteen people were left homeless by the demolitions.

The Al Aqsa militia said in a statement it attacked the Likud branch in Beit Shean to avenge the deaths of two militia leaders in an explosion in the Jenin refugee camp earlier in the week. The militia blamed Israel for the blast, but Israel has denied any involvement.

Jakarta court decides high profile trial

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — An Indonesian court on Friday acquitted two former military officials, a police chief and a government administrator, on charges of crimes against humanity during East Timor's bloody break from Indonesia in 1999.

Three of the men — army Lt. Col. Asep Kuswani, police Lt. Col. Adios Salova and district head Leonita Martins — were cleared of charges of failing to prevent pro-Jakarta militias from attacking a church in the town of Liqueca on April 6, 1999, and killing at least 22 people.

The fourth man, Lt. Col. Ender Priyanto, was the army chief in East Timor's capital, Dili, when militiamen attacked the house of a prominent independence leader, killing 12 civilians. He was accused of failing to prevent that massacre.

In the latest acquittals, presiding Judge Cicut Sutiarso said that "there was no effective command relation between the defendants and the Besi Merah Putih militia group" that attacked the church.

Local and international human rights groups have described trials of those accused of violence in East Timor as a sham. Friday's verdict is likely to reinforce that perception.

After the latest verdicts were read, a senior military commander hugged the three defendants, who smiled widely.

So far, seven Indonesian officers have been cleared of all charges. Only two of the accused, the province's former governor and a notorious militia leader sentenced Wednesday to 10 years in prison, have been found guilty. Both are East Timorese civilians.

"These are mock trials," said Mohammad Asrun, from Judicial Watch, a group that monitors Indonesia's judiciary. "This is a result of pressure from the military. The East Timorese are being made scapegoats for them."



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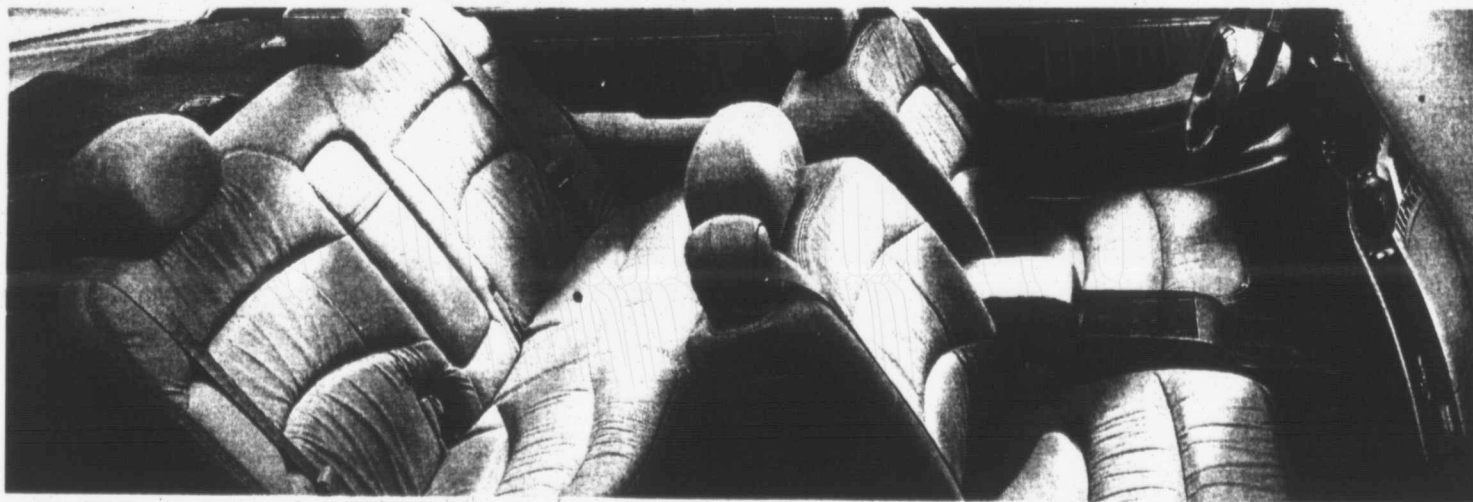
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Shorter tours make coming home easier for troops

WASHINGTON (AP) — Soldiers returning from the Afghan war are experiencing a new kind of homecoming: quiet family reunions that softly settle between ticker tape and trauma. The switch from the battlefield to the bedroom, from GPS readings to PTA meetings, from fighting terror to facing the terrible twos, has always been a potential minefield of shattered expectations and recriminations. "The noise, the kids, the confusion," said Lt. Col. Glen Bloomstrom, an Army chaplain who helps ease homecomings. "Just going to soccer games, to play groups can be more overwhelming than looking out for a sniper."

But to the extent that the landings have been smooth, troops and military experts credit a thoughtful Pentagon, a supportive American public, Internet-age mail and painful lessons learned from the past. "It was just us and our families. It was great," Sgt. 1st Class Michael Peterson said of his homecoming, just weeks after a

harrowing 18 hours under al-Qaida fire during Operation Anaconda. "I went through the ticker tape stuff after the Gulf War," the 38-year old Waterford, Mich., native said. "You don't need that. You just need your family."

Making those reunions work — "Combat Stress Control," in military parlance — has been a priority of the Pentagon since the Grenada deployment in 1983, when the Army first trained chaplains to counsel troops in the battlefield and families at home in the weeks before demobilization. "Brace yourself, servicemember, there may be some unexpected changes in the life you left when you departed," read a recent advice column for troops guarding some 600 Afghan war captives at the Guantanamo Bay Naval Base in Cuba. Tensions are natural when roles have shifted and spouses at home have necessarily become more independent, said

Bloomstrom, who leads a homecoming program run by Army chaplains. "It's about communicating and controlling expectations and fears," he said. "They come together pretending nothing has changed or belittling each other's efforts."

Such tensions were noted in a recent internal Army report that blamed five marital killings this summer at Fort Bragg, N.C., on existing family strife made worse by frequent separations. The armed forces must take steps not to stigmatize those who seek help coming home, said Lt. Col. Yvonne Tucker-Harris, director of the Army's family advocacy programs. "There are some soldiers who are reluctant to come in because they fear it will impact their careers."

The legacy of Vietnam and its "post-traumatic stress disorder" led the Pentagon to make changes that ease re-entry. These include cutting tours by half, to six months, and mak-

ing sure troops end a tour together, as Peterson did with fellow soldiers from the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, N.Y. "In Vietnam they were coming home as individuals. Now they're coming back as groups," said Charles Moskos, a military sociologist at Northwestern University. "It's a fundamental difference: You decompress with your buddies."

Peterson said coming home together helped his team learn a crucial lesson after the intense fighting of March 2: "Get on with your life."

"We were involved in the war's biggest firefight, but you can't let that be the biggest thing that ever happened to you," he said. His battalion was besieged from three directions at the outset of Operation Anaconda, the cleanup launched March 2 against al-Qaida and Taliban holdouts in a mountainous area of southeastern Afghanistan. Of 87 soldiers on the ground, 28 were evacuated with injuries in what became the largest U.S.-

led ground offensive of the war. Few of that battle's veterans sought counseling later. Staff Sgt. Andrew Ropel, who also fought in that siege, said coming home to a supportive nation helped. "I found more unity between people," said Ropel, a Polish immigrant whose family now lives in New York City. "You can look from your driveway and see more and more people displaying flags."

It made it clear that "this is our job, to go over there and come face to face with the enemy."

The support makes a crucial difference, according to Jesse Harris, a former Army counselor who is dean of the University of Maryland School of Social Work. "In Vietnam, a lot of the problems veterans had were because the public rejected them, the services and the war itself," Harris said. "What the folks back home are saying has a lot to do with the success of re-entry."

Report: State welfare down in New York

NEW YORK (AP) — The decline in welfare rolls may taper off as most people able to work have found employment, leaving behind those afflicted with addiction, disability and AIDS, a published report said Friday. "As we have gotten down to a core group that is mostly willing but not always able to go to work, we must shift the focus of our program," Verna Eggleston, the commissioner of the city's Human Resources Administration, told The New York Times. Welfare rolls have dropped by two-thirds since 1996, when the city began requiring that able-bodied people on public assistance work up to 35 hours a week in exchange for benefits. In August, the number of city residents on public assistance had dropped to 418,277, down 9.5 percent from the start of the year. But city officials say it will take more creativity and flexibility to help those remaining on welfare to find suitable work. Some officials fear President Bush's call for tighter welfare regulations could result in fewer resources to help deal with a population that is more challenging.



(Courtesy photo)

Students from Madeline Graves Dance and Gymnastics Center recently competed in the Greater Panhandle Cinderella Pageant. Above: (front row, left-right) Bethany Strange, Allison Cooper, Danielle Zuniga, Abbey Rios, Ashley Stark; (back row, l-r) Heather Wiley, Caylee Steward, and Jenna Munsell.

Students from Madeline Graves compete in Cinderella Pageant

Students from Madeline Graves Dance and Gymnastics Center in Pampa recently competed in the Greater Panhandle Cinderella Pageant held locally. Participants were divided into various age divisions and vied for titles in the following categories: Interview, Modeling, and Talent. In the Tot Division, Bethany Strange was crowned Tot Personality and Ashley Stark took second runner-up in Beauty. Abbey Rios was over-all winner in the Mini Miss Division and won the title. First runner-up Jenna Munsell was crowned Beauty Winner, and second runner-up Danielle Zuniga was crowned Talent Winner. In the Miss Division, Allison Cooper was second runner-up and Miss Talent Winner.

Heather Wiley was third runner-up and Teen Miss Photogenic in the Teen Division.

All of the crowned winners are eligible to compete at the state finals scheduled for the summer of 2003 in Houston.

Five-year-old dies, three others hit when shots fired into home

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) — A gunman fired through a window into a Thanksgiving party, killing a 5-year-old boy and injuring three others. A gunman stood on the front lawn and opened fire at close range into a large crowd inside the home, neighbors said. Neighbors said they heard about eight gunshots in rapid succession. The gunman fled. At least three generations of one family lived in the home, neighbors said. A critically injured 14-year-old girl was in surgery late Thursday night at Madigan Army Medical Center, police spokesman Jim Mattheis said. A 20-year-old woman was reported in serious condition with a gunshot to the abdomen and a 22-year-old man, who

suffered a gunshot wound to the leg, was in satisfactory condition, Tacoma General Hospital spokesman Peter Frohmader said. The 5-year-old boy died at Mary Bridge Children's Hospital, Frohmader said.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanna Phillips

Thoughtful Gifts for Seniors Are More Pratial Than Pretty

DEAR ABBY: Since Friday after Thanksgiving is the day that Christmas shopping traditionally begins in earnest, would you please reprint as soon as possible your list of thoughtful gifts for seniors — especially those living on fixed incomes? I'm sure it would be much appreciated.

ANNE N. IN MINNEAPOLIS

DEAR ANNE: Absolutely! I am pleased to do so. It seems no sooner are the dishes put away from Thanksgiving dinner than it's time to start holiday shopping. And that means it's time to publish my list of gift ideas for senior citizens.

Readers, if you plan on sending holiday gifts, first let me tell you what *not* to send. Forget the cologne, aftershave and dusting powders unless you have first checked to see if they are welcome. Scents are highly distinctive (no pun intended) and not every perfume works on every person.

Never give a pet to anyone unless you are absolutely certain the person wants one and is able to properly care for it. Do not give wine or liquor to people unless you're sure they imbibe.

Candy, nuts, confections and fruitcakes make beautiful gifts for folks who aren't counting

calories, but have compassion for those who are, and don't lead them into temptation.

With the price of groceries going through the roof, many people on fixed incomes would appreciate a gift basket of goodies. How about small cans of tuna and chicken? Also include crackers, assorted flavored instant coffees, herbal teas, soup mixes and cookies.

Gift certificates are always welcome: for groceries, haircuts, manicures, dry cleaning, restaurant meals, theater tickets, videos and department stores. And don't forget prepaid long-distance calling cards. Not all seniors drive, so bus passes and coupons for senior transportation or taxis are always welcome.

Large-print calendars with family birthdays, anniversaries, etc., marked and personalized with family photos, make useful gifts, as do large-print address books with information transferred from the recipient's records. Payment of utilities for a month or two can be sent directly to the utility — then let the recipients know they have "extra" money to spend as they wish. A cordless phone or answering machine is a handy gift. Membership in a gym if the person wants to exercise. A magnifying glass. A cuddly robe and slippers

with non-skid soles. Sweatpants, sweatshirts and jogging shoes.

For someone who has a pet, send it a treat — a can of dog or cat food or a rawhide chewstick or catnip toy.

A subscription to a magazine or newspaper you know the person will enjoy is a thoughtful gift.

Because medications are expensive, a gift certificate to the neighborhood pharmacy would be much appreciated. (Trust me.)

Stationery and stamps come in handy year-round. If you send them, be sure to include felt-tipped pens, too.

Loneliness is the ultimate poverty. Holidays can be depressing for people who are alone. So if you know someone who could use an outing, give him or her the best gift of all — an invitation to have a meal with you and your family. If you ain't givin', you ain't livin'!

CONFIDENTIAL TO ALL MY JEWISH READERS: Happy Hanukkah!

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For Better or For Worse

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Garfield

AGE 1: I PROMISE I'LL ALWAYS BE HERE FOR YOU. GOO!

AGE 7: NO MATTER WHAT, I'LL ALWAYS BE HERE FOR YOU. THANKS DADDY!

AGE 15: I'M HERE, WHETHER YOU LIKE IT OR NOT.

Garfield

ONCE UPON A TIME, THERE WAS A CAT WHO LOVED TO EAT. HE ATE AND ATE AND ATE. THEN HE EXPLODED. IS THIS MEDICALLY ACCURATE?

Beetle Bailey

GUY OUTSIDE SAYS HE WAS HELD UP. WHY DOESN'T HE COME IN WITH HIS COMPLAINT? HE'S ASHAMED TO.

Marvin

CLICK. GRANDMA NEVER MISSES HER AFTERNOON ROMANCE SHOWS. PERSONALLY, I TRY TO AVOID ANYTHING THAT HAS TO DO WITH SOAP.

B.C.

DID YOU KNOW BENJAMIN FRANKLIN INVENTED BIFOCALS? SO THAT'S WHERE THAT NAME CAME FROM! WHAT NAME? ...HE WAS ALWAYS MAKING A "SPECTACLE" OF HIMSELF.

Hagar The Horrible

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Peanuts

YES, MA'AM, I'D LIKE TO BUY A CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR A GIRL I KNOW... I WAS THINKING MAYBE A PAIR OF GLOVES... WOULD IT HELP IF I DESCRIBED HER? WELL, SHE HAS TEN FINGERS..

Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD
 By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS
 1 O'Neill creation
 6 Shoe parts
 11 Showed over
 12 First name in TV talk
 13 Let in
 14 Pester
 15 "The Belts" writer
 16 Crude home
 18 Doc's charge
 19 Finish
 20 Greek letter
 21 "The Boy King"
 22 Want
 24 Nile serpents
 25 Catch
 27 Grade
 29 Rough range
 32 Off-road buggy
 33 Soviet space station
 34 — out (be idle)
 35 Greek letter
 36 TV alien
 37 "— little leap!"
 38 Scout's job
 40 Fancy tie

DOWN
 1 Swaddled
 2 Made over
 3 The military
 4 Avril
 5 Flower parts
 6 Led
 7 Zepplin's "Whole —"
 8 The going rate?
 9 Copy
 10 Film caterers
 11 Relent
 12 Some bedding
 13 Fork, e.g.
 14 Pen fill
 15 Exist
 16 The going rate?
 17 Henri
 18 Long vowel
 19 Film mark
 20 Wise goddess
 21 Delete
 22 Playing marbles
 23 Virile
 24 Bran base
 25 His, to Henri

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Marmaduke

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The Family Circus

The Family Circus

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Flo & Friends

Flo & Friends

Tofu cookies??? I asked for chocolate-chip cookie recipes!

Flo & Friends

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 It's better for you. Besides, I know you hate tofu.

Blondie

Blondie

YOU AND HERB ARE GOING ICE FISHING TOMORROW? YOU'LL FREEZE!
 NAW, ICE FISHING IS A MACHO THING. WE CAN HANDLE IT.
 MR. WOOLEY SAID HE CAN'T MAKE IT TOMORROW, HE HAS THE SNIFFLES.
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RELIGION

Cathedral's textile laboratory faces daunting task

By ULA ILNYTZKY
 ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) — Inside the hushed Textile Conservation Laboratory at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, workers spend the day bending over centuries-old tapestries and carpets from collections nationwide, carefully analyzing fiber, cleaning and re-warping.

They never expected one of their greatest challenges to come from home.

"It was shocking," said Marlene Eidelheit, the lab director, recalling the electrical fire last Dec. 18 that started in the gift shop of St. John the Divine.

The blaze badly damaged two 17th century tapestries, "The Last Supper" and "The Resurrection," both products of the official papal Barberini looms of Italy.

The tapestries, which had been hanging on a nave wall, were scorched from the top down and lay in black, smoldering heaps on the floor of the Episcopal cathedral.

Both were 40 percent destroyed, the figures of Christ and the apostles all but gone from "The Last Supper," a 16-by-17-foot work, and an image of Christ and the cross obliterated from the slightly smaller "The Resurrection."

Considered one of the

nation's pre-eminent textile conservation laboratories, the shop handles works for such institutions as the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the J.P. Getty Museum in Los Angeles, the Detroit Institute of Art and the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

But its seven full- and part-time experts have shown a special commitment to restoring the two fire-damaged Barberinis so they again can grace the cathedral — a 19th century, neo-Gothic landmark on Manhattan's Upper West Side.

Before the smoke cleared, Eidelheit had the tapestries carefully removed to the nearby lab, where they were gently unrolled, hosed with de-ionized water and vacuumed by workers lying on a mobile platform that slides above the table.

A mesh screen below collected debris: pieces of stained glass and lead, plaster, buckets of dirt and tiny charred tapestry pieces.

In the ensuing months, the tapestries were reinforced with a nylon net backing, cleaned and vacuumed repeatedly, and their condition documented.

Even now, the restorers continue to test burned sections, including hundreds of fragments that range from an inch to several feet in diameter. Most are unrecognizable; many may never

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be reattached. But two larger fragments — of the head of the Apostle John and the B emblem representing the Barberini family — will likely be sewn back onto the intact portion of "The Last Supper."

Eidelheit estimates the entire process — being done in consultation with historians, museum curators and Barberini scholars — will take two to three years.

Donated to the cathedral in 1891, the tapestries are part of a set of 12 Barberini hangings woven in the mid-1600s, under the direction of Florentine Cardinal Maffeo Barberini, for the nephew of Pope Urban VIII. The other 10 were spared in the fire.

Eidelheit said the specialty of the lab, which she has headed since 1991, is conservation — protecting what exists — rather than restoring or replacing what is lost.

"We are not trying to make it look brand new or the way it was originally," she said. "We do a lot of documentation, a lot of noninvasive treatment." Since 1981, the textile lab

has occupied the site of a former orphanage and museum in the quiet, 13-acre oasis amid the bustle of Morningside Heights. Narrow walkways, gardens and sculptures surround the building, connected to the cathedral by a long corridor.

Using traditional and innovative techniques, the lab handles a wide range of textiles, including needlepoint, upholstery, carpets and costumes, 35 percent of which come from private collectors and owners.

The vital first steps of any such work are anything but glamorous. They involve vacuuming, wet cleaning and testing for color, pH, and fiber.

In a small sideroom, dyes are tested, made and archived. "We keep every recipe," Eidelheit said.

On a recent November day, Italian intern Sabrina DeVanna was testing ways to back a fragile, 1800-vintage American sampler. In addition to stabilizing it, cleaning was required to remove blotchy stains.

The same day, technicians

gently cleaned a Belgian lace handkerchief, a family heirloom and wedding keepsake with hand-stitched dates 1875, 1915, 1941 and 1969.

Normally the conservators use a "tabby weaving" technique to stabilize weak areas, which assistant director Valerie Soll described as "going from the strongest point outside the weak point with enough space between each row."

But in the case of the Barberini tapestries, the technique can be used in only a limited manner because of the extent of the damage.

"This piece will definitely

need a different strategy because of the percentage that was lost," said Soll, referring to the "Last Supper" laid out on the floor with some sections, charred beyond recognition, on a table nearby.

"Will they hang again? It's still a big unknown," Eidelheit said. "They may need some kind of total support, like a slant board, instead of them literally hanging upright."

Whatever method is used, she said, the tapestries "won't be as they were. They are now immense archaeological artifacts and the fire is part of their history."

CHURCH BRIEFS

Perryton church sets Christmas musical

PERRYTON — Full Gospel Community Worship Center will present "Merry Christmas With Love," on Sunday, Dec. 15, at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., and Monday, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m., in the Perryton High School auditorium.

"Merry Christmas With Love" is a musical filled with a variety of songs of the season, said Music Minister Tim Ramsey.

"Come experience the joy, hope and fun of the Christmas season as we perform the familiar as well as the not-so-familiar carols of Christmas," he said.

The musical appeals to all ages, Ramsey said, and each performance is free.

For more information, contact Full Gospel Community Worship Center at (806) 435-2506.

Emmaus groups to meet in Pampa

Golden Spread Emmaus Community plans its Christmas meeting at First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson, in Pampa, on Thursday, Dec. 5. Sponsor training will be at 6 p.m., followed by a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. Worship service begins at 7:30 p.m. All Emmaus Communities, friends, and families are invited to attend.

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Holding on to principles can be costly

Bubba Smith has sworn off booze. Not drinking it, but selling it. Bubba never did drink, but he sold a lot by making clever television commercials. Not anymore. Bubba has kicked the habit.

As far as I know, Bubba Smith is the first athlete ever, maybe the first person ever, to give up a very lucrative, embarrassingly easy, fun job making beer commercials just because he decided it was wrong.

Here's how it happened a few years ago, according to the L.A. Times:

"I went back to Michigan State University for their homecoming parade last year," Bubba said. "I was the Grand Marshal and I was riding in the back seat of this car. The people were yelling, but they weren't saying, 'Go, State, go!' One side of the street was yelling, 'Tastes



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great!' and the other side was yelling, 'Less filling.'

"Then we go to the stadium. The older folks are yelling, 'Kill, Bubba, kill!' But the students are yelling, 'Tastes great! Less filling.' Everyone in the stands is drunk. It was like I was contributing to alcohol abuse, and I don't drink. It made me realize I was doing something I didn't want to do.

"I was with my brother, Toby, who is my agent. I told him, 'Toby, I'll never do another (namebrand) beer commercial.'

At the time the Smith brothers had been dicker with the brewery over a new contract for Bubba.

"The beer people thought it was because of the money," Bubba said. "But it didn't have anything to do with the money. That was hard to give up, especially for me, being a black athlete; it's hard to get commercial endorsements.

"I loved doing the commercials, but I didn't like the effect it was having on a lot of young people. I'm talking about people in school. Kids would come up to me on the

street and recite lines from my commercials, verbatim. They knew the lines better than I did. It was scary. Kids start to listen to things you say, you want to tell them the truth.

"Doing those commercials, it's like telling everyone in school, 'Hey, it's cool to have a (namebrand) beer.' I'd go to places like Daytona Beach and Fort Lauderdale on spring breaks as a spokesman for the brewery, and it was scary to see how drunk those kids were. It was fun talking to the fans, until you see people lying on the beach because they couldn't make it back to their room."

When Bubba quit, the brewery hired L.C. Greenwood and the ads went right on without missing a beat.

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 6:00pm, First Baptist Church

December 8th
 Holiday Home Tour

December 15th
 Christmas at Calvary, Calvary Baptist Church

SPORTS

Harvesters tackle Denton Ryan in regional round

PAMPA — The Harris Ratings has Denton Ryan favored by 18 points over Pampa in this weekend's regional semi-final showdown in Wichita Falls.

starter since he was a sophomore." Cavalier said. "He's the real deal."

Battle, a 6-1, 195-pound senior, has thrown for 2,057 yards and 23 touchdowns. Battle has also rushed for 603 yards and 14 TDs.

Braddock has similar statistics. The 6-2, 195-pound senior has passed for 2,898 yards and 23 TDs, while rushing for 572 yards and six TDs.

Leading the Raiders in receptions is senior split end Phillip Jones, who has 51 catches for 1,037 yards and 15 TDs. Junior tailback Johnny Moore and junior flanker Jesse Tarango are the leading Pampa receivers. Moore has 92 catches for 834 yards and six TDs. Tarango has 79 catches for 1,049 yards and seven TDs.

The Harvesters may have a slight edge in experience. Denton Ryan starts three juniors and two sophomores on offense, five juniors and a sophomore on defense.

Pampa goes into Saturday's 2 p.m. clash at Memorial Stadium with a 9-3 record, including a pair of playoff wins over Andrews (28-14) and El Paso Riverside (27-7). Denton Ryan is the No. 2 team in the state, but we're determined to upset them," coach Cavalier said.

Football is expected to be flying through the air when Pampa's John Braddock and Denton Ryan's James Battle hook up.

"They run the spread offense just like we do. Their quarterback is a senior and he's been a

enced, but they re-tool very well," Cavalier said. "I'm very impressed with their athleticism and playing ability."

Running back Earl Goldsmith (185-pound junior) leads Denton Ryan's ground game with 1,013 yards and 10 touchdowns. Pampa can counter with Moore, who has 876 yards and six touchdowns.

ROAD TO THE PLAYOFFS

Pampa Harvesters (9-3) Perryton 9, Pampa 7 Pampa 47, Lubbock Estacado 13 Pampa 23, Amarillo High 16 (to) Pampa 34, Borger 7 Pampa 32, Randall 21 Plainview 20, Pampa 18 Pampa 35, Hereford 7 Pampa 27, Palo Duro 6 Dumas 31, Pampa 21 Pampa 58, Caprock 0

Bi-district Pampa 28, Andrews 14

Area Pampa 27, El Paso Riverside 7 Denton Ryan Raiders (11-1) Denton Ryan 51, Fort Worth Dunbar 22

Ennis 21, Denton Ryan 14 Denton Ryan 31, Coppell 0 Denton Ryan 27, Azle 0 Denton Ryan 29, Denton 10 Denton Ryan 39, Birdville 21

Denton Ryan 48, Northwest 0 Denton Ryan 42, Frisco 21 Denton Ryan 40, Richland 7

Denton Ryan 51, Hebron 13 Bi-district Denton Ryan 71, Springtown 20

Area Denton Ryan 38, Stephenville 18



Pampa's (l-r) Jesse Tarango, Zack Cobb and Carlos Solis were selected as the players of the week in the bi-district win over Andrews.

Sports in Brief

GOLF

COOLUM, Australia (AP) — John Daly is disqualified for failing to sign his scorecard in the Australian PGA, while Jarrod Moseley shot a 6-under 66 to take the second-round lead.

Daly, playing a week after his mother's death, threw his putter and ball into a lake near the 18th green after shooting a 78.

Moseley had a 13-under 131 total for a one-stroke lead over two-time Australian Open champion Aaron Baddeley (65). Peter Lonard was two strokes back after a 68.

SUN CITY, South Africa (AP) — Retief Goosen and Chris DiMarco each shot 4-under 68 to share the first-round lead at the \$4.06 million Nedbank Golf Challenge.

Jim Furyk was at 69, with three players at 70: defending champion Sergio

Garcia, Robert Allenby and Ernie Els. The winner of the elite 12-player tournament earns \$2 million, the richest first prize in golf.

FOOTBALL

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Carolina Panthers running back Lamar Smith was charged with drunken driving, the latest legal embarrassment for the team.

Panthers wide receiver Steve Smith was suspended for one game by the team Nov. 20 for a fight that sent teammate Anthony Bright to the hospital.

The Panthers also released offensive tackle Chris Terry, who was arrested Nov. 20 for failing to appear in court on a misdemeanor charge of assaulting his wife.

Also, defensive end Julius Peppers is appealing a four-game suspension for violating the league's substance-abuse policy. Teammate Brentson Buckner

already accepted a four-game suspension for the same violation.

HOCKEY

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) — Edmonton Oilers right wing Georges Laraque was released from the hospital following a car accident.

Laraque's sport utility vehicle apparently collided with a van in west Edmonton. A mother and daughter who were in the van were also taken to the hospital with neck injuries, sore chests, cuts and bruises. They were later released, the Oilers said.

YACHTING

AUCKLAND, New Zealand (AP) — Dennis Conner's ninth America's Cup campaign ended when his New York-based team, Stars & Stripes, was eliminated from the 31st Cup regatta by OneWorld of Seattle.

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Cowboys rally for another win

By JAIME ARON AP Sports Writer

IRVING, Texas (AP) — There's something about the Washington Redskins that brings out the best in the Dallas Cowboys.

Regardless of who plays quarterback, coaches or does anything else for Dallas, the Cowboys can't lose to the Redskins. They've won 10 straight, including a 27-20 victory Thursday.

"I think it's amazing that one team can actually win that many games against another NFL team," said Cowboys running back Emmitt Smith, who ran for 144 yards, his most in two years.

Also Thursday, New England beat Detroit 20-12.

On Sunday, Miami is at Buffalo, Chicago at Green Bay, Tennessee at the New York Giants, Arizona at Kansas City, Baltimore at Cincinnati, Carolina at Cleveland, Pittsburgh at Jacksonville, Atlanta at Minnesota, Houston at Indianapolis, Denver at San Diego, St. Louis at Philadelphia, Seattle at San Francisco, and Tampa Bay at New Orleans. On Monday night, the New York Jets are at Oakland.

The Dallas-Washington rivalry, once the most bitter rivalry in the NFL, has become the most lopsided. No other team has as long of winning streak going against another team, and it's the longest in the history of this 85-game series.

The remarkable part is that Dallas is only 33-48 against the rest of the league since this roll began in November 1997.

The storyline to the latest

meeting was the Cowboys (5-7) standing up to a challenge new Redskins coach Steve Spurrier threw out when he was hired in January, and Smith proving a point he's waited 13 years to make.

Smith's best game since Dec. 10, 2000 — also against Washington — came against the coach who barely tried convincing the running back to stay at Florida for his senior season.

"You start adding elements like Spurrier, the Skins — it makes it more special," Smith said.

Smith had seven runs of at least 11 yards, upping his NFL-record career total to 17,021, despite bruising a hand and straining his neck. This was the 76th 100-yard game of his career, tying Barry Sanders for second-most in league history, one behind the record held by Walter Payton.

It also was his fourth straight 100-yard game against Washington and 12th overall, tying his most against anyone. And he joined Jerry Rice and Payton as the only players with more than 20,000 yards from scrimmage.

"Emmitt Smith was running rampant," linebacker Kevin Mitchell said. "Everytime he plays us, he looks like he did when he was the Super Bowl MVP. We'll get him one day."

When Spurrier was hired in January, he promised owner Dan Snyder the game ball from his first victory over Dallas. A clip of that comment was played inside Texas Stadium just before kickoff, drawing boos that quickly turned to cheers when the screen turned black except for the words, "Not Today Steve!"

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Four Lady Harvesters named to all-district volleyball team

PAMPA — Pampa High senior Angie Williams has been named to the 2002 All-District 3-4A Volleyball Team.

Judge gives Indiana University more time to respond to Knight

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) — A judge granted Indiana University another 30 days to respond to Bob Knight's claims that he was wrongfully fired as men's basketball coach.

Blackhawks down Coyotes, 4-2

PHOENIX (AP) — Alex Zhamnov made sure Tony Amonte didn't enjoy his reunion with his former Chicago teammates.

Jordan plans another retirement after this season

WASHINGTON (AP) — Michael Jordan made it clear that he's playing his final NBA season, saying there's "zero chance" he will return for a third year with the Washington Wizards.

Pacers hand Mavs first loss

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Don Nelson looked at the big picture after the Dallas Mavericks' first loss in 15 games this season.

Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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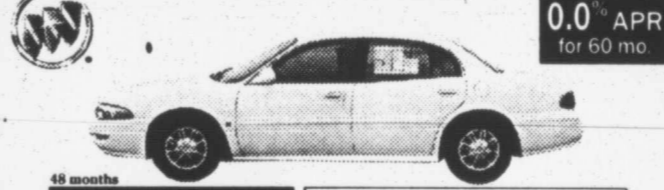


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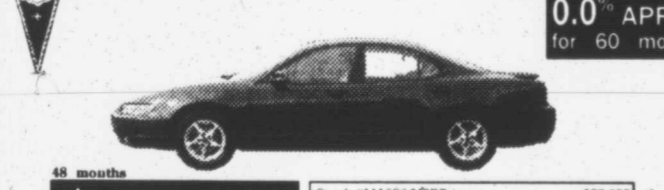


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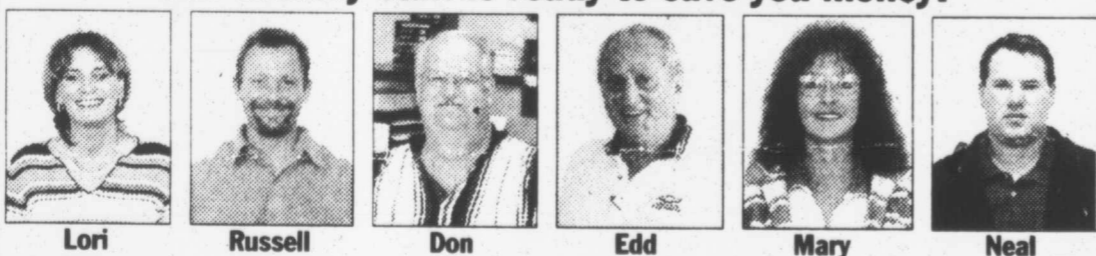
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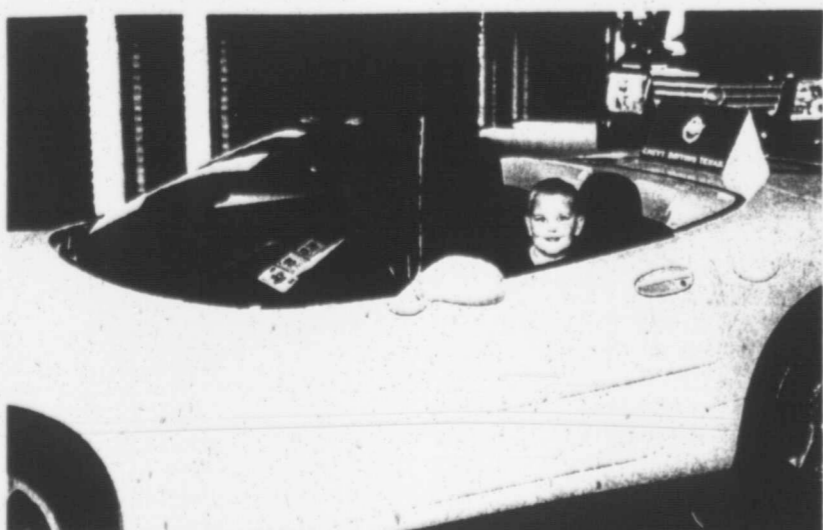
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Smart Buyers Come To Suna Auto Mall

Many retailers usher in holiday season with early bird specials

By ANNE D'INNOCENZIO
AP BUSINESS WRITER

Bargain-hunters woke before dawn to head to stores and malls Friday, the official opening of the holiday shopping season, hoping to take advantage of early bird specials on hot toys and electronic items like DVD players.

In a scene that played out across the country, about 500 people lined up at a Wal-Mart store in Abington, Mass., before the discounter opened its doors at 5 a.m.

Among the early risers was Donna Gramazio of Brockton, Mass., who came out to buy bikes and a battery-operated toy Jeep that was on sale for \$197.

"I wanted to get my shopping done all in one day," she said.

Sheila Sherlock of Whitman, Mass., was buying lots of toys, including a Playdough set two Gameboy games that were \$44, marked down from \$69.99. She also scored a VCR/DVD player for \$98 and a computer printer for \$28.

"It's exciting," Sherlock said. "People just race for the door."

One of the first in line at a Wal-Mart in Manville, N.J., was Jackie Hawkins, 45, who showed up nearly an hour before the 5 a.m. store opening. She was in search of a Nintendo Advanced Game Boy. Meanwhile, Joan Muniz, 48, was excited about a 27-inch television she got for \$148.98.

In Bismarck, N.D., Wendy Anderson, 37, came out of K-B Toys with two large bags stuffed with items, including a Hasbro Fur Real Friend.

"I pretty much ran through the store. Eleven minutes to shop, save \$200," she said gleefully. At K-B Toys at the King of Prussia Mall in King of Prussia, Pa., there were about 75 people in line before the 5 a.m. opening.

Among them was Cherie Schroeder, 36, who was in search of a Fisher-Price car garage and a Crayola "trace and draw." She found them.

"They're really hard to find. I've looked at three other stores," she said of the Crayola kits. She was also on the lookout for a skateboard ramp on sale for \$17, from \$30.

Despite the crowds that showed up for the specials, analysts believe consumers will be tight-fisted this year.

"Sales will be intense. Consumers will turn out in full force to the mall, but there is a general feeling that consumers are going to be reticent," said Kurt Barnard, president of Barnard's Retail Trend Report, based in Upper Montclair, N.J. "They will look at the price tag before they look at the product."

The nation's largest merchants have protected themselves with lean inventories so they won't have mounds of leftovers on Dec. 26. But stores might also have the opposite problem — finding themselves with not enough merchandise if consumers decide to splurge.

After all, shoppers pleasantly surprised retailers last holiday season with last-minute buying binges that resulted in better-than-anticipated results.

But so far in November, merchants haven't seen any encouraging signs.

"Clearly, there is still considerable amount of uncertainty — the prospect of war in Iraq and the economy. The consumer is still not on solid ground," said Michael P. Niemira, vice president of Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi Ltd. He is expecting sales at stores open at least a year to be up 3 percent for November and December combined. That's compared with a 2.2 percent increase last year.

The Washington-based National Retail Federation predicts total holiday retail sales, which exclude restaurant and auto sales, will increase by 4 percent to roughly \$209.25 billion. That would make it the weakest increase since 1997.

Last holiday, retailers had \$201.2 billion in sales, up 5.6 percent from 2000.

While the Thanksgiving weekend starts the shopping spree, it no longer is the busiest period of the season. Last year, the weekend accounted for 8.4 percent of holiday sales. The busiest period was the last week before Christmas.

Santa house



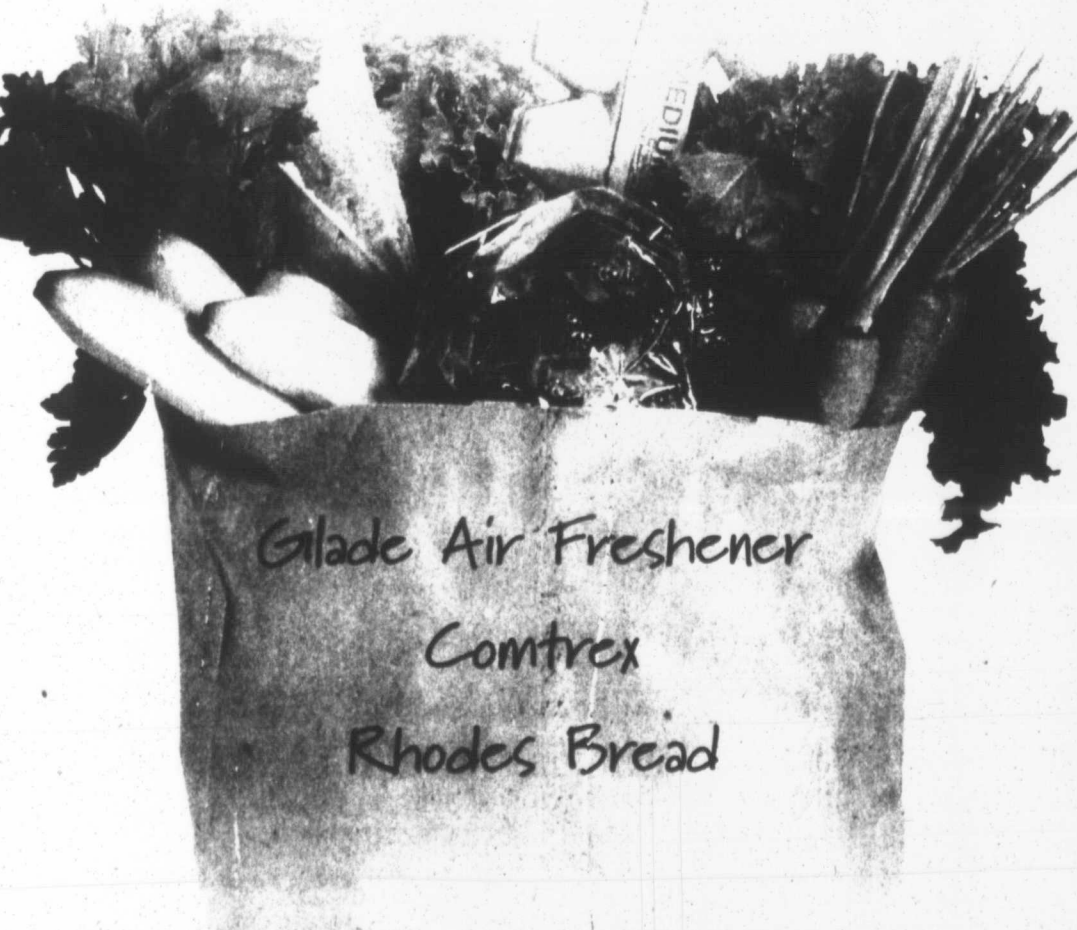
(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

It's beginning to look like Christmas around Coronado Shopping Center as the maintenance crew has been busily constructing a new Santa House for the upcoming Christmas season. The new Santa House is double the size of the one Santa has occupied to visit with the children as they tell him their Christmas wishes. Crew members applying the finishing touches are Ruben Lerma, Calvin Menefield, Bobby Musick and Ron Thomas.

DRILLING INTENTIONS

Intentions to Drill	Oil Well Completions	Plugged Wells
HANSFORD (TEXAS-HUGOTON) Phillips Petroleum Co., #1 Edgar 'A', 1250' from North & East line, Sec. 73.2, GH&H, PD 3250'	HANSFORD (SHAPLEY Morrow) Strat Land Exploration Co., #3151 Murrell, Sec. #151.2, GH&H, spud 8-29-02, drlg. compl 9-15-02, tested 11-10-02, flowed 103 bbl. of 39.8 grav. oil + no water thru 32/64" choke on 24 hour test, GOR 3641, TD 6900', PBTD 6650'	GRAY (PANHANDLE) Bradley Operating Co., East Morse Unit, Sec. 1, 26, H&GN (oil) — for the following wells: #6-W, 990' from North & 330' from West line of Sec., spud unknown, plugged 10-14-02, TD 2739' — #12-W, 1650' from North & 2310' from West line of Sec., spud unknown, plugged 10-9-02, TD 2658' — GRAY (PANHANDLE) Bradley Operating Co., #46-W Morse Waterflood Project, 330' from South & 990' from East line, Sec. 2, 26, H&GN, spud unknown, plugged 10-21-02, TD 2685' (oil)
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Upper Morrow) Tri-Ex Petroleum, L.P., #1 Abraham, 660' from South & 2100' from West line, Sec. 46, A-2, H&GN, PD 14000'. Rule 37	HEMPHILL (WILDCAT) Dominion Oklahoma Texas E&P, Inc., #3 Carr '13', Sec. 13, 4, AB&M, spud 7-26-02, drlg. compl 8-25-02, tested 10-23-01, potential 51737 MCF, TD 14316', PBTD 14189' — HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Dominion Oklahoma Texas E&P, Inc., #8 Meek '67', Sec. 67, M-1, H&GN, spud 8-27-02, drlg. compl 9-19-02, tested 10-26-02, potential 5078 MCF, TVD 11594', MD 11625', PBTD 11518' TVD, 11949' MD — Directional well HEMPHILL (N.W. CANADIAN Douglas) Bracken Operating, L.L.C., #2082 Nix, Sec. 82, 42, H&TC, spud 9-23-02, drlg. compl 10-5-02, tested 11-4-02, TD 6900' — ROBERTS (WILDCAT) J.M. Huber Corp., #2023 Bob McCoy 'C', Sec. 34, M-2, H&GN, spud 8-21-02, drlg. compl 9-12-02, tested 11-4-02, TD 11300', PBTD 11253'	HEMPHILL (NORTH FELDMAN Douglas) Apache Corp., #3 Hodgson '24', 660' from South & 990' from West Lease line, Sec. 24, 42, H&TC, spud 6-12-02, plugged 10-24-02, TD 8000' (gas) —

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