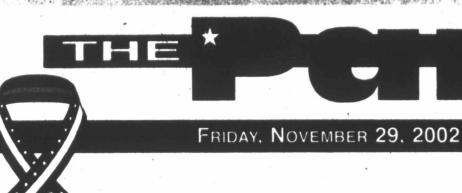
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# **School funding tops Legislature list**

AUSTIN (AP) — To some, Robin giving all 4.1 million Texas school 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 schoolfunding system, which takes money from property-wealthy districts and gives it to poorer ones as a method of

children an equal education.

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

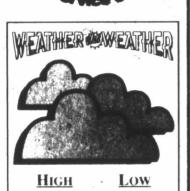
Still, many poor schools say they lag behind and need more money to provide a basic education.

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

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)



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#### **Dentists protest** soft drink contract

AMARILLO (AP) 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,

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# **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

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**



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 communitywide 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

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.

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 sub-

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

Deputies and members of the 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

## **Volunteers** prepare, serve holiday meal for thousands

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

Israeli army team on Friday began evacuating tourists injured in the deadly suicide bombing of an Israeliowned 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

MOMBASA, Kenya (AP) — An 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

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.

#### THOMAS MARSHALL BROOKS 1913-2002

IRVING — Thomas Marshall Brooks, 89, died Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2002. Services will be at 2 p.m., Saturday in Brown's Memorial Funeral Home Chapel in Irving. Interment will be in Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Brooks, a former Pampa and Amarillo resident, was born in 1913 at Wellington to Pearl Starkey Brooks and J.W. Brooks. He moved to Irving in 1965. He was involved in several business ventures as an investor and an officer including Data Automation Company and Brooks International. Later, in semi-retirement, he operated a Realty World franchise in Irving and built and sold homes in the area.

He owned-operated Brooks Electric, an

electrical contracting company in the panhandle prior to relocating to Irving.

He was a member of Church of Christ and a former member of Kiwanis Clubs in Pampa and in Irving.

He was preceded in death by Pearl Starkey Brooks, his wife of 63 years, three sisters and

Survivors include two daughters, Meredith Parrish of Dallas and Kay Lynn Meadows of Irving; a son, Richard of Irving; a sister, Jackie Lisemby of Lubbock; eight grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

The family will receive visitors from 6-8 p.m., today at the funeral home in Irving.

#### **EVA MARIA CASH**

Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2002. Services are pend- Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Eva Maria Cash, 76, of Pampa, died ing under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley

#### SCOTT HARRELSON 1957-2002

Harrelson

Harrelson

Amarillo; two

brothers, Kent

Scott Harrelson, 45, of Pampa, died Friday, Nov. 29, 2002, at Pampa.

Mr. Harrelson was cremated and memorial services will be at a later date.

Mr. Harrelson was born on June 20, 1957, at Elk City, Okla., to Onye A. and Sue Harrelson. He has been a resident of Pampa for 9 1/2 years. He was a communications technician for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for 13 years.

He married Kathy Gist on Oct. 23, 1987, at Amarillo, Texas.

He attended the First United Methodist 'Church. He was an avid golfer and member of the golf advisory board for the City of Pampa and was a member of Hidden Hills Golf Club.

Survivors include his wife, Kathy Gist of Pampa; his parents, Onye A. and Sue

of

Newcastle, Okla., and Brad Harrelson Amarillo; nephew

Bradley Harrelson Amarillo; and a

niece, Nikki King of Borger.

The family requests memorials be to American Cancer Society or to BSA Hospice of Pampa, 800 N. Sumner St., Pampa, TX

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#### **CHESTER H. INGRAM**

EATHER FOCUS

Today, cloudy. Breezy. Highs in the lower morning, with only a few high clouds report-

1930-2002

Chester H. Ingram, 72, of Pampa, died Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2002. Services will be at 2 p.m., Saturday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Gene Allen, retired Full Gospel minister, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Ingram was born June 23, 1930, at Moore, Okla. A U.S. Air Force veteran, he moved to Pampa in 1978 and worked for Malcolm Hinkle until 1986.

PAMPA ....

70s. West winds 15 to 25 mph shifting to the

north in the late afternoon. Tonight, mostly

cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. North winds 5

to 15 mph. Saturday, mostly cloudy. Cooler.

Highs in the lower 50s. North winds 5 to 15

mph. Saturday night, mostly cloudy. Lows in

the upper 20s. Light winds. Sunday, cloudy.

Highs in the upper 50s. South winds 10 to 20

mph. Sunday night, mostly cloudy. Lows in

the lower 30s. Monday, mostly cloudy. Highs

in the lower 60s. Monday night, partly cloudy.

Lows in the lower 30s. Tuesday, partly cloudy.

Breezy. Highs in the lower 50s. Tuesday night,

partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s.

Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper

40s. Wednesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in

the mid 20s. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs in

**STATEWIDE** 

clouds on Friday, as Texas looks headed for a

Sunny skies were gradually filling with

He owned and operated Ingram Plumbing for 17 years and was a Baptist.

Survivors include two sons, Chuck Ingram of Pampa and Tim Ingram of Liberal, Kan.; four brothers, Floyd Ingram of Chickasha, Okla., Harold Ingram of Okemah, Okla., George Ingram of Great Falls, Mont., and Richard Ingram of Oklahoma; and four grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo, TX 79101.

Texas skies were generally clear on Friday

ed in Far West Texas and Deep South Texas.

Temperatures warmed up slightly from the

day before, with readings mostly in the 30s

state, although the Texas Panhandle reported

southwest wind at 10 to 20 mph.

upper 50s to the low-60s.

60s to the upper 60s.

will be in the upper 20s.

Winds were light and variable across the

North Texas skies will darken Friday night,

The South Texas forecast calls for mostly

with the chance for rain increasing slightly

throughout the day. Temperatures should be in

cloudy skies and a slight chance for showers,

the National Weather Service said.

Temperatures in the region will be in the mid-

should prevail throughout West Texas on

Friday evening, with a chance for isolated

showers in Far West Texas. Temperatures

could dip below freezing, but most readings

Partly cloudy to mostly cloudy skies

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rainy, dreary weekend.

#### MARGRETE ELIZABETH 'BETTY' NABORS 1924-2002

Margrete Elizabeth "Betty" Nabors, 78, of Pampa, died Thursday, Nov. 28, 2002. Graveside services will be at 4 p.m., Saturday in Memory Gardens Cemetery with Dean English, pastor of Canadian Church of Christ, officiating.

Mrs. Nabors was born Feb. 19, 1924, at Tulsa, Okla. She married J.L. "Bill" Nabors, Jr., on Aug. 18, 1942, in Cordell, Okla. She retired as a secretary from Diamond Shamrock in 1994, after 18 years of service.

She was a member of Desk and Derrick Club and of Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her father, Marquis Howell; her mother and step-father, Susie and Frank Ottinger; a sister, Dorothy

Meyer; and a step-sister, Retha Wade.

Survivors include her husband, Bill, of the home; four daughters, Sharon Thompson Mobeetie, Brenda Graddy Canadian, Peggy

Ervin of Pampa, and Margaret Thaxton of Borger; seven grandchildren; and six greatgrandchildren.

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#### **ODGEN 'O.H.' ROGERS**

1916-2002

died Friday, Nov. 29, 2002. Graveside services will be at 4:30 p.m., Saturday in Fairview Cemetery at Pampa with the Rev. Kyle Ohsfeldt, pastor of Grace Baptist Church of Pampa, officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of

Mr. Rogers was born Aug. 17, 1916, at

AMARILLO - Odgen "O.H." Rogers, 86, Hylton, Texas. He was employed with Cabot Corporation as a welder for 10 years and was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during World War II.

> He was preceded in death by a sister, Omega Dunham.

Survivors include a brother, T.J. Rogers of Gainesville; and a niece, Cathy Tidwell of Gainesville.

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## **MARY LAVERNE ROSE**

Mary LaVerne Rose, 80, of Pampa, died Thursday, Nov. 28, 2002, at Pampa. Services will be at 2 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 1, 2002, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Jacob Clemmens, rector of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, officiating. Burial will be in Miami Cemetery at Miami under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Rose was born Feb. 7, 1922, in Miami, Texas. She came to Pampa in 1949 from Miami. She married W. Ernest Rose on May 1, 1944, in Miami. He preceded her in death in 1999. She was a medical secretary for the Pampa Clinic for about 15 years and later worked as a secretary for the Texas Railroad Commission where she retired after 15 years of service.

She was a member and deacon of the favorite charity. Church of the Brethren.

Survivors include two daughters and Velda sons-in-law, (Charlie) and Mike Poole of Vigo Park and Carol and Bill Campbell of Dallas; a son and daughter-in-Merlin and law, Sharon Rose of Pampa; two brothers, Cecil Hubbard of Claude and Roy Eldon Hubbard of Marshall; a sister, Juanita Price

of Pampa; seven grandchildren; and a greatgrandchild. The family requests memorials be to a

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### **SERVICES TOMORROW**

**BROOKS**, Thomas Marshall — 2 p.m., Brown's Memorial Funeral Home Chapel, Irving. **INGRAM**, Chester H. — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel. NABORS, Margrete Elizabeth "Betty" — Graveside services, 4 p.m., Memory Gardens

ROGERS, Odgen "O.H." Rogers — Graveside services, 4:30 p.m., Fairview Cemetery.

## On Record

## **AMBULANCE**

Rural/Metro Ambulance Service reported the following calls during the 48 -hour holiday period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, Nov. 27

11:37 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of North Coffee; one patient was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).

3:06 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility; one patient was transported to PRMC.

9:43 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the Jordan Unit; one patient was transported to PRMC.

Thursday, Nov. 28

5:42 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1700 block of Chestnut; one patient was transported.

6:51 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to local nursing home; one patient was transported to PRMC.

8:07 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC for a transport to BSA Hospital West in Amarillo.

11:02 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2500 block of Beech; one patient was

transported to PRMC. 3 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of North Coffee; no patient was

transported. 3:51 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Gray County Road 5 and Texas Hwy. 152;

one patient was transported to PRMC. 5:21 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of North Wells; no patient was

8:13 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC; one patient was transported to BSA-

transported.

9:27 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2300 block of Chestnut; one patient was transported to PRMC.

## **SHERIFF**

Gray County Sheriff's Department' reported the following arrests during the 48hour holiday period ending at 7 a.m. today. Thursday, Nov. 28

Mandy Johnson, 27, Borger, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

Rafael Rodriguez, 22, El Paso, was arrested by the Texas Department of Public Safety for driving with license suspended and no liability insurance.

## POLICE

Pampa Police Department reported the following arrests and incidents during the 72hour holiday period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, Nov. 26

Police investigated a report of failure to identify as a fugitive in the 200 block of North

Burglary of a habitation and domestic vio-

ence causing bodily injury was reported in the 2100 block of Alcock. Harboring a runaway was reported in the

500 block of North Yeager. A convenience store reported a

theft/shoplifting of beer in the 1000 block of West Wilks. Estimate of loss is \$26.58. A report of offenses against a family was

made in the 200 block of West Kingsmill. Information concerning the welfare of a child was reported to the Pampa Police

Department. Wednesday, Nov. 27

Dayle Storm Soto, 17, 318 N. Hazel was arrested on a municipal warfant for assault by threat and a Gray County warrant for criminal mischief - over \$50 and under \$500 in dam-Bonnie Gutierrez, 43, 120 S. Faulkner, was

arrested for driving while intoxicated.

William Carl Walker, 50, Borger, was arrested on warrants for speeding, failure to appear, and expired license plate. He was also charged with possession of drug parapherna-

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## ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents.

Tuesday, Nov. 26

1:56 p.m. — A hit-and-run was reported in the 100 block of East Atchison. A 1992 Mazda Navajo driven by Sofia Valdez Hernandez, 32, 128 S. Faulkner, was stopped behind a vehicle described as an older yellow Ford pickup which it began crossing across Cuyler. The pickup stopped and backed into the Navajo, and then drove away from the scene. No citations have been issued, according to the report.

3:23 p.m. — Jacob Ryan Crain, 18, 1200 Evergreen, was cited for no liability insurance after a 1987 Chrysler New Yorker collided with a 1989 Ford Bronco II driven by Barbara Radcliff, 60, 200 N. Sumner. Radcliff was eastbound on Harvester while Crain was westbound. Both were stopped at stop signs. According to the police report, when Radcliff's vehicle started to make a left turn, Crain's vehicle went straight striking the vehicle.

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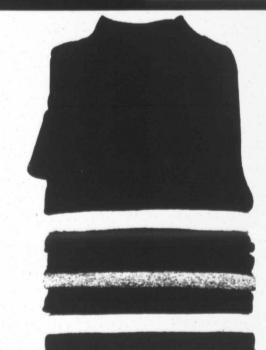




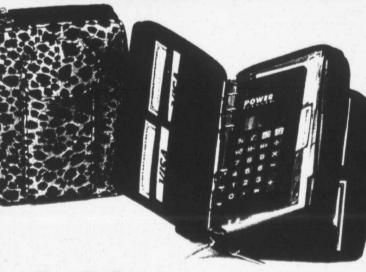
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## LIST

District.

The Austin district, forced to return \$175 million to the 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 lowwealth school districts. "There are going to be some situations that get so bad that educations harmed.

Property-wealthy districts agree that more money is

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 stateset property tax, which is prohibited by the Texas "That's a Constitution. 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

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 expected to send a report to lawmakers outlining five alternatives for funding educan we do about it? I don't cation and ways to ease the

burden on local property tax-

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

None of the plans are given much chance of passing the Legislature.

## **BOMBS**

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.

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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

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 tar-

"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

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 terrormonitored by British security officials ism in all its forms."

cooking at home.

Dallin Young, the event's

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Park, where a nippy morning

gave way to sunny clear skies.

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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.

## FIRE

ON RECORD, CONT. FROM PAGE TWO

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

5:31 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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Meanwhile, the fitnessconscious 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-

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mile run walk to benefit the

Casa youth shelter.

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p.m., Monday, Dec. 2, to approve paying the monthly bills as the item was left off the Nov. 25 board agenda. The next regular meeting of the board will be Jan. 13, 2003.



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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 kidnappers, 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 mounand average tains. 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-

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 Liquica on April 6, 1999, and killing at least 22 people.

The fourth man, Lt. Col. Endar 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 mas-

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 wide-

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.'

rity 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 rightwing 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, of anonymity for fear of who was among those released in the exchange, had good rea-

son 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 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 is risky," according to Maj. the family with their demands Luis Sanchez, commander of within hours of an abduction, and the relatives are too frightened to call the authorities

"Many families call us days later, but by then, the kidnappers have the hostage well hid-

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 den and guarded and a rescue 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 Agsa 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 percent-

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.



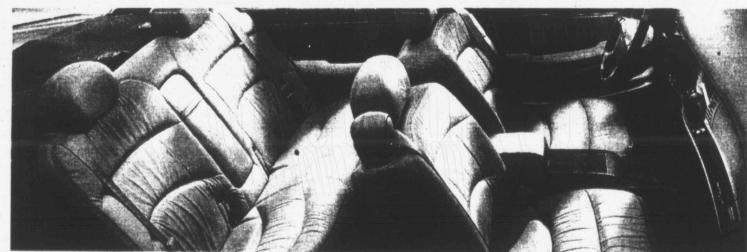
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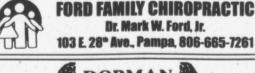
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# Shorter tours make coming home easier for troops

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

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

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

Tensions are natural when roles have shifted and spouses at home have necessarily become independent,

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 separa-

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 making 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

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.-

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) —

rapid succession. The gunman fled.

home, neighbors said.

reported in serious condition

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and a 22-year-old man, who

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 saving has a lot to do with the success of re-

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Hospital spokesman Peter

Frohmader said.

## **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 chal-



(Courtesy photo)

Students from Madeline Graves Dance and Gymnastics Center recently competed in the Greater Panhandle Cinderella Pageant. Above: (front row, leftright) Bethany Strange, Allison Cooper, Danielle Zuniga, Abbey Rios, Ashley Stark; (back row, I-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 Panhandle Greater 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 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.

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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 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 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 longdistance 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, anniver-saries, 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.

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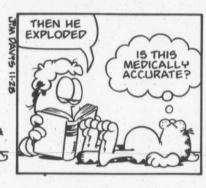




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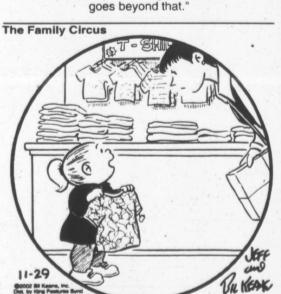


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# RELIGION

# 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 Museum of Art. tapestries and carpets from and re-warping:

their greatest challenges to come from home.

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

Resurrection," both products that slides above the table. 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.'

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

But its seven full- and partcollections nationwide, care- time experts have shown a fully analyzing fiber, cleaning special commitment to restoring the two fire-damaged They never expected one of Barberinis so they again can grace the cathedral — a 19th century, neo-Gothic landmark "It was shocking," said on Manhattan's Upper West

Before the smoke cleared, Eidelheit had the tapestries carefully removed to the nearby lab, where they were gently The blaze badly damaged unrolled, hosed with de-ionized two 17th century tapestries, water and vacuumed by work-"The Last Supper" and "The ers lying on a mobile platform

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 unrec-Considered one of the ognizable; many may never

"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.

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.

1891, the tapestries are part of from private collectors and a set of 12 Barberini hangings owners. 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 nonintrusive 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 cor-

Using traditional and innovative techniques, the lab handles a wide range of textiles, including needlepoint, upholstery, carpets and costumes, Donated to the cathedral in 35 percent of which come

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

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

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

"This piece will definitely their history."

gently cleaned a Belgian lace 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 limited manner because of the immense archaeological artifacts and the fire is part of

## CHURCH BRIEFS

#### Perryton church sets Emmaus groups Christmas musical

PERRYTON - Full Gospel Community Worship Center present 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.

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

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

to meet in Pampa

Golden Spread Emmaus Community plans Christmas meeting at First Christian Church, 1633 Na Nelson, in Pampa, on thurs day, 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 Here's how it happened a

few years ago, according to the L.A. Times:

"I went back to Michigan State University for their 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 velling, '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 homecoming parade 'last 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 dickering 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

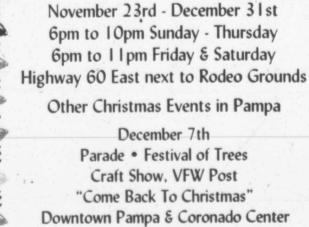
their room.' When Bubba quit, the brewery hired Greenwood and the ads went right on without missing a

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## SPORTS

# Harvesters tackle Denton Ryan in regional round

Ratings has Denton Ryan favored by 18 points over Pampa in this weekend's regional semi-final showdown in Wichita Falls. Pampa head coach Dennis Cavalier has plans to put a crimp in that prediction.

"Denton Ryan is the No. 2 team in the state, but we're determined to upset them," coach Cavalier said.

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, the defending state champion, has an 11-1 mark with its only loss coming against Ennis early in the season. The Raiders were 15-0 a year ago in their march to the title.

Footballs are expecting 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 quartermore." 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.

"From a personnel standback is a senior and he's been a point, Ryan isn't overly experi-

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PAMPA — The Harris starter since he was a sopho- enced, but they re-tool very well," Cavalier said. "I'm very impressed with their athleticism and playing ability."

\* Earl Running back 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.

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Pampa's (I-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 was 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

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 OneWorld of Seattle.

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 Yorkbased team, Stars & Stripes, was eliminated from the 31st Cup regatta by

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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 Jacksonville, Atlanta Minnesota, Houston 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

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 secondmost 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 Mitchell Kevin "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. Williams was named to the second team as a hitter.

Stacey Johnson, Abbi Covalt and Teryn Stowers, all of Pampa, were named honorable mention.

Sara Griffin of Hereford was the district's most valuable player.

**All-District 3-4A Team** MB-H Doss, Meagan Daniel, MB-H; Hereford, Julie Hamilton, MB-H Randall, Catherine Beville, S. Hereford; Tollinay Thompson, H, Plainview; Rachel Vinson, MB-H, Dumas; Lindsey French, H, Dumas. Second team:

Williams, H, Pampa; Kara First team: Sara Griffin, Cornelius, MB-H, Randall; MB-H, Hereford; Jacqualin Heather Shafer, D, Dumas; Dumas, Jordan Eckels, D, Caprock; Tiffany Mercer, H. Hereford: Brit Hayes, H. Palo Duro; Shanda Bass, D, Randall; Kenisha Munroe, Plainview.

Most valuable player: Sara Griffin, Hereford Coach of the year: Brenda Kitten, Hereford

## **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.

Knight, now coach at Texas Tech, sued the school in Monroe County Circuit Court earlier this month after weeks of negotiations between his attorneys and the school collapsed.

IU officials were to reply to the lawsuit's allegations next week, but Judge Kenneth Todd granted a 30-day extension of the deadline requested by university attorneys. The new deadline for a response is Jan. 3.

Knight was fired Sept. 10, 2000 by university President

Indiana notice in early 2001 that he might sue for wrongful

In his lawsuit, Knight claimed he suffered losses in excess of \$2 million, and alleged that he was terminated without cause, without a propor meeting of university trustees and without a chance being fired from Indiana. to defend himself.

allegations and said it will vigorously defend itself.

Attorneys have said a key issue in the talks was whether Indiana should pay Knight for lost income and how much should be paid.

The university paid Knight under the conditions of his contract, but the coach lost income that was directly dependent on the agreement, reasons for his firing.

Myles Brand, and gave including money derived from television and radio programs, a basketball camp, a shoe contract and other endorsements. the lawsuit said.

> Knight spent 29 seasons at Indiana and won three national championships. He took a job as men's basketball coach at Texas Tech six months after

Brand fired Knight because The school has denied the the president said the coach violated a "zero-tolerance" policy that IU officials had imposed to try to keep his behavior in check.

Knight was fired days after an IU student claimed the coach had twisted his arm and admonished him after he greeted Knight by his last

Knight has disputed the

# Blackhawks down Coyotes, 4-2

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

Zhamnov, who succeeded Amonte as Chicago's captain when his old linemate signed with Phoenix in July, had a goal and an assist to help the Blackhawks beat the Coyotes 4-

2 Thursday night.

Eric Daze also had a goal and an assist, and Sergei Berezin and Nathan Dempsey scored as Chicago snapped a four-game losing streak in the fifth game of its road trip.

Jocelyn Thibault made 34

Shane Doan scored twice for the Coyotes.

Amonte had a seven-year low in goals (27) last season after what he claims was a Thanksgiving Day 2001 interview during which Chicago general manager Mike Smith told him he would not be re-signed.

This season has been even more difficult for Amonte through 24 games, he has five goals and 12 assists.

# 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.

Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.

Detroit at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.

Philadelphia at Seattle, 4:05 p.m

Denver at N.Y. Jets, 4:15 p.m.

Oakland at San Diego, 4:15 p.m.

Minnesota at Green Bay, 8:30 p.m

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Jordan said Thursday he will retire after this season and return to his role as partial owner of the Wizards.

"I tell you right now that I'm just fulfilling my contract," said Jordan, who signed a twoyear, \$2.1 million deal with Washington last year after stepduties.

"At the end of this season, I'm not looking at another contract. I just want to finish this year out and hopefully fulfill my obligations and let this team take its own course."

Jordan, who will turn 40 in February, returned to basketball last season because he said he still felt the need to compete.

After joining the Wizards as a player, Jordan energized Washington for most of last

of the lineup with a right knee injury that eventually required

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Coming into this season, Wizards coach Doug Collins said Jordan would come off the bench in an effort to keep him fresh. However, with the Wizards slipping lately and on a four-game slide, Jordan told Collins - whom he hired as coach while serving as team president — to play him more.

Jordan is averaging 16.6 points a game this season.

ping down from his executive season before he was forced out Based on his comments Thursday, it appears he isn't concerned about the wear and tear on his knee because he's not going to play after this sea-

> Jordan said he wants to see the Wizards' young players like Kwame Brown, Juan Dixon, Jared Jeffries and Tyronn Lue develop into a playoff-caliber team without him.

> After his two previous retirements, both from the Chicago Bulls, Jordan left little doubt as to whether he was

Asked if he's leaving himself any wiggle room to return next season, Jordan said, "After this, there will be no want. I'm 100 percent sure that after this I'm done."

Jordan said he still thinks Washington (6-8) can make the playoffs, but his immediate goal is stopping the team's current

Washington has dropped five of its last seven games, including an 88-84 loss Tuesday night to Indiana. In that game, Jordan

tied his season high with 34 minutes.

During his 14-year career, Jordan won the NBA MVP award five times and led the league in scoring a record 10

He, Scottie Pippen and a strong group of role players helped the Bulls win six championships, from 1991-93 and 1996-98. Jordan retired the first time in 1993 to pursue a career in baseball, then returned for the final 17 games of the 1994-95 season.

# Pacers hand Mays first loss

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Don Nelson Indiana's inside game. The Pacers stretched looked at the big picture after the Dallas the zone, then dumped the ball inside for Mavericks' first loss in 15 games this sea-

"We were playing at a real high level, and I expect the high level to continue," Nelson said after the Mavericks fell one victory shy of matching the best start in NBA history.

Jermaine O'Neal had 28 points and 18 rebounds, and Al Harrington added 21 as Indiana kept the Mavericks out of the NBA record books with a 110-98 victory Thursday night.

"I think all it really means is we were really ready coming out of training camp, our schedule was in our favor, and we were playing really well," Nelson said.

The Pacers prevented Dallas (14-1) from matching the 1948-49 Washington Capitols and 1993-94 Houston Rockets for the best start in NBA history at 15-0.

"We had to make a point," Harrington said. "It was a great incentive with them being undefeated. They had a little swagger in them, but we knocked it off."

In the only other NBA game Thursday night, the Los Angeles Clippers beat New Jersey 126-118 in overtime.

The Pacers, the Eastern Conference leader at 12-2, raced to a 13-point lead. Ron Artest scored Indiana's first 10 points en route to a 20-point night, Harrington made his first seven from the field, and Brad Miller hit his first six.

"Hopefully now everybody will start writing about us," Harrington said. "We want to let the country know we are for

The Mavericks - using both zone and man defenses — had no solution for

easy looks. They outrebounded Dallas 54-36 and O'Neal and Miller quieted Dirk Nowitzki and Shawn Bradley. Nowitzki scored 17 points on 4-for-20 shooting.

Steve Nash led Dallas with 29 points, and Michael Finley had 16.

Jamaal Tinsley led a clicking Indiana offense with 15 assists, 13 points and seven He sank several wide-open jumpers that

the Mavericks dared him to take by concentrating on O'Neal and Miller. Tinsley though, sprained his left wrist falling to the floor after grabbing a rebound midway through the fourth period, but finished the

"I thought we were very patient, very disciplined in our attack," Pacers coach Isiah Thomas said. "For the most part, we wanted to pound the ball inside. We kept pounding away. We made passes over and around their zone.'

Artest hit a 3-pointer early in the third for a 68-55 lead, and O'Neal closed the quarter with an alley-oop dunk off a pass from Harrington for an 84-69 lead.

Nash had a personal 7-0 run early in the fourth to pull Dallas to 88-80, but Dallas then dropped into a tight 2-3 zone and left Reggie Miller wide open at the 3-point line for a 24-footer that made it 91-80.

Dallas got no closer than eight the rest

Near the end, Mavericks owner Mark Cuban sat behind the bench, looking dejected with the his chin resting in the palm of his hand as the Pacers' fans surrounding him cracked together their version of Thunder-Stix. The streak truly ended with a thud.

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after another presents itself. You might ferent. Tonight: Kick up your heels. not be sure as to what you want, though CANCER (June 21-July 22) you will make positive decisions. Travel, ★★★ Stay in touch with your family.

new people and a broadening horizon Make an extra effort toward a friend or mark your actions. Scratch the word loved one. Your ability to break past Trust in your abilities. Your personality from an associate. Tonight: Treat anothdraws many. If single, a relationship will er. star in your year, if and when you decide LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) the grass is not greener on the other side \*\*\* Keep conversations moving. of the fence. You will be able to relate You might not feel that someone else more completely. If attached, you and really understands where you're coming your loved one will particularly enjoy from. However, when you decide to whatever you decide to do together. express yourself, others will listen. Use you broaden your horizons.

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could be instrumental. Others want you this person know how special he or she to join in, but you can only do so much, is. Tonight: Indulge a loved one. so fast. Prioritize, perhaps opting to mix LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) friends and loved ones together at one \*\*\* Your smile draws many. Can be as a team or partnership. Make plans happening. Share news. Tonight: Dance you handle all this popularity? How that suit you. Tonight: Add those extra

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

\* \* Somehow you wind up in the dri- loved one or friend along. You might BORN TODAY dependent on you to do this or that for with friends and enjoy yourself to no Minister Winston Churchill (1874), them. The odd thing is that you will end accomplish nearly everything you decide SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) to do. A parent or boss makes a demand. \*\* Much might be happening, and

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\* Tour playfulness comes your time. Dote on an older relative.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Nov. her occasional insistence on having things his or her way. Add more playful-Expect nothing but dynamic happenings ness to your life. Organize an excursion in your life this year. One opportunity or a day trip. Try something totally dif-

"impossible" out of your vocabulary. someone else's boundaries could be You will make what you want happen. helpful. Ask for more of what you want

Make plans accordingly. LIBRA helps your dramatic personality and style. Tonight: You completely captivate some-

4-Positive; ★★★ Your perspective could change say. Your intuition helps you financially, though you're likely to go overboard. \*\*\* \* Knowing when to say "no" Treat a family member or roommate. Let

much can you'do? Don't get frantic about this matter; rather, enjoy it. Invite a key ver's seat, in that everyone seems decide to throw a party. Tonight: Hang Singer Billy Idol (1955), British Prime

Tonight: Put your feet up. Let others do you could be overwhelmed by what's Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at going down. A family member decides to http://www.jacquelinebjgar.com. head in his or her own direction. Take through, despite someone else and his or Handle your finances wisely. Tonight:

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rounds you. Tonight: Where the action is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\* Everything comes up roses as long as you're in charge of the watering can. Still, you do like all the acknowledgment and positive bravos. Don't complain if you find a loved one or partner hanging out with friends. This person needs time, too! Tonight: Be sponta-

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \* \* \* \* Take off for the remainder of

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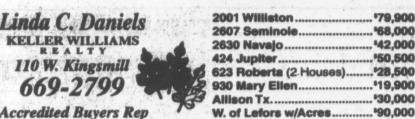
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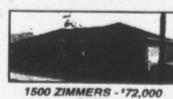
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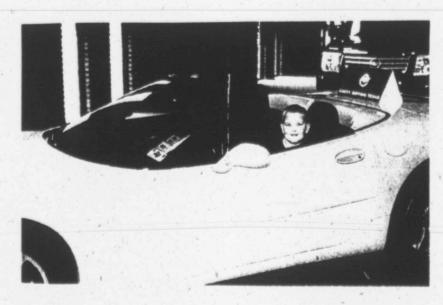












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BY ANNE D'INNOCENZIO AP Business Writer

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



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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.

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