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Pope's Holy Land trek is a pilgrimage of faith



Pope John Paul II will visit the Holy Land.

By Jim Jones
Star-Telegram Staff Writer

JERUSALEM — Pope John Paul II will step onto holy ground this week as he walks in the footsteps of Jesus Christ and visits sites sacred to Christians, Jews and Muslims. He calls his trip to Israel a personal pilgrimage of faith. But there will be political and religious land mines along the way.

the Vatican's colors, hang along city streets of Jerusalem, Bethlehem and other cities that the pope will visit in the Holy Land. And ramps have been built over rough spots in the Old City of Jerusalem where John Paul will celebrate Mass at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, venerated as the site where Jesus was crucified.

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Star-Telegram photojournalist Austin radio talk-show host Alex Jones, right, disputes a point yesterday with U.S. Attorney Mike Bradford.

Waco siege re-enacted

Test staged to answer questions about '93 tape

By Karen Brooks
Star-Telegram Staff Writer

FORT HOOD — A small group of government officials, plaintiffs' lawyers and others gathered on one of the nation's largest military bases yesterday to watch an unusual simulation of an infrared surveillance tape shot by the FBI from above the burning Branch Davidian compound seven years ago.

But the test results, as with everything else in the seven-year saga of the siege on the Davidians' Mount Carmel home, will be open to interpretation.

The exercise, ordered by a judge and prompted by a lawsuit filed by surviving Davidians, was sought to determine whether federal agents fired on Davidians as they tried to escape their burning compound near Waco at the end of the government assault April 19, 1993. The blaze broke out as the FBI carried out a tear-gas attack on the compound in an effort to flush out the Davidians and end the 51-day standoff.

More than 80 Branch Davidians, including leader David Koresh, died in the standoff and fire.

Investigators will compare rapid-fire

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Highlights

HOSTAGE STANDOFF

A strong suspect holding three people captive for a third day in Maryland fires shots out a window after several hours of calm following a morning burst of gunfire.

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CLINTON'S TRIP

President Clinton, in the first trip to South Asia in 22 years by a U.S. president, is immediately forced to scale down his visit to Bangladesh when the Secret Service raises concerns about a side trip to a rural village.

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AREA ELECTIONS

Mayoral contests are under way in Bedford, Flower Mound, Hurst and Southlake, while Halom City has eight people vying for City Council seats. The filing deadline is Wednesday.

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Rioting erupts in Taiwan after vote

Outgoing president barricades himself

By Mark Landler
The New York Times

TAIPEI, Taiwan — A day after Taiwan's Nationalist Party was swept from power after more than 50 years, the fury of the losers erupted last night and into today, forcing President Lee Teng Hui to barricade himself inside his party headquarters as thousands of disaffected supporters battled with police for hours.

While the worst riots in a decade raged outside the building — sealed like a fortress with cordons of riot police and powerful water cannons — Lee bowed somewhat to the intense anger, and agreed to step down as party chairman in September, a year earlier than planned. Three senior party leaders submitted their resignations, but in the turmoil, Lee refused to accept them.

The unraveling of the Nationalist Party after its candidate finished last in a bitter three-way presidential race poses huge potential dangers for Taiwan at a time of delicate transition.

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The Associated Press/Dave Gurnea/Liaison

Angry Taiwanese protest yesterday outside the Nationalist Party headquarters in Taipei, blaming outgoing President Lee Teng Hui for the

defeat in Saturday's election. They demanded that Lee step down as party chairman. He agreed to step down in September.

BATTLE OF GOOD AND EVIL

Christian retailers hope faith-based video games will find an audience.

By Tara Dooley
Star-Telegram Staff Writer

Christian game-playing has moved into the virtual world of combat.

Players of the computer game *The War in Heaven* become angel warriors who hold shields of faith while brandishing swords and spears to slay squatty, toadlike demons who pop up unexpectedly along the paths of good and evil.

Makers of faith-based games hope that products such as this will capture the imaginations of adults and teen-agers seeking alternatives to standard action-adventure games.

But the Christian combat game hasn't captured the wallets of a wide audience. "You make a game that supports Christian beliefs, and the bottom line is that the consumer doesn't buy it," said Robert Westmoreland, executive vice president of VahSoft, the company that produced *The War in Heaven*. "It is frustrating to see that people don't back up what they say with their wallets."

Regardless, *The War in Heaven* was among the



A video game titled *The War in Heaven* features angel warriors protected by shields of faith who battle toadlike demons in a clash between good and evil.

first of what could be many Christian video games, said Greg Swan, president of Rhamsoft Interactive, a Christian software company that distributed *The War in Heaven* to retailers, including the Family Christian Stores chain.

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'In case we die'

Boys' gripping appeal for aid soon forgotten

The first part of this story appeared in yesterday's Star-Telegram. Here is the story so far: An airplane lifted from the West African airport and soared into the sky, conditions inside the vessel well

went from sub-Saharan heat to Arctic cold in minutes. The two 14-year-old stone-faced boys from Guinea grew painfully cold, and the thinning air starved their brains of oxygen. Days later and many miles away, a worker at the airport in Brussels found their lifeless bodies. Something among the boys' meager possessions caught an investigator's eye. An envelope whose address began with the words "In Case We Die."

Second of two parts

By Tim Sullivan and Ray Casaret

For four days, they were ghosts in the machine.

At least three times, they had crisscrossed jungles, the Sahara and Europe before their bodies were discovered in the jetliner's wheel well. Now Yaguine Koita and Fode Toankara were in the air again, flying home to the West African nation of Guinea.

But this time the two 14-year-olds were inside the airplane, accompanied by solemn men in solemn suits — their country's ambassador to Belgium and a representative of the Belgian

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