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**LISD seats new board members**

LEFORS - Development of a "fair and consistent" leave-of-absence policy in the Lefors Independent School District is the task being given to the district's site-based committee, said Superintendent Allen Law.

The committee, made up of parents, teachers and a member of the business community, is to come up with a plan to recommend to the board.

At a meeting of the board Tuesday night, newly-elected school board members Kevin Burrows and Richard Harkcom were sworn into office.

Re-elected to the offices they have held during the past year were Keith Roberson, president; Barry Jackson, vice president; Ken Miller, first vice president; and Clay Loek, secretary. Also on the board is Roy Lott.

In announcements, Law said end-of-school activities - all in the school auditorium - include:

- Baccalaureate, Sunday, May 19, at 7 p.m.
- Kindergarten and Junior High graduation, Thursday, May 23, at 7 p.m.
- Graduation, Friday, May 24, at 7 p.m.

**DEATHS**

- Betty June Gage Marchman, 68, homemaker.
- Max C. Suggs, 51, retired accountant.
- Don R. Willman, 60, lawyer.

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## No indictment in fatal shooting

### Grand jury indicts two in deadly collisions

By KATE B. DICKSON  
ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

Grand jurors voted this week not to indict Pampa Gregory K. Lang on a felon in possession of a firearm charge in connection with an incident in which Lang shot and killed a man who had broken into his home.

District Attorney Rick Roach said the no bill was returned Thursday in connection with the March 10 incident in which Dustin Wade Stone, 22, Logan, N.M., died shortly after being shot at Lang's home at 2217 N. Christy. Stone was carrying a rifle at the time of the incident.

Indicted in that same occurrence, on a burglary of a habitation charge was Marshall Clayton Johnson, 36, 1441 N. Charles, Roach said.

At the time, police said Johnson, who was armed with a sword, and Stone forced their way into Lang's home.

In other grand jury business, Donna Montgomery, 42, of McLean, was indicted on a manslaughter charge in connection with the two-pickup crash in Gray County in which Kaid Shaller, 11, of Lefors, was killed.

Shaller was a passenger in the pickup with his father and was coming home from school in McLean when the

wreck happened, the DPS said. Montgomery was on her way home from her job at the Jordan Unit.

Troopers said Shaller died when his father, David Shaller, tried to avoid Montgomery's vehicle after the woman went to sleep at the wheel. The accident happened on Texas 273 at FM 2473 - commonly known as Nine-Mile Crossing.

When the DPS report was forwarded to Roach, DPS Sgt. Don Cameron said it carried with it the recommendation that Montgomery be charged with criminally negligent homicide.

However, the grand jury chose to (See SHOOTING, Page 3)

### Grogan asks for hearing

SKELLYTOWN - Attorneys representing a fired city secretary made a formal request today of the Skellytown mayor and the city council for a hearing and reversal of their decision to restore Nancy Grogan to her previous position.

Grogan was effectively fired Tuesday night during the city council's meeting when three of the five council members voted to not allow Grogan to return to her job. Grogan had been suspended without pay by Mayor Lucille Lawrence the previous Thursday, May 9.

Lawrence, accompanied by Carson County Sheriff Gary Robertson, walked into Skellytown City Hall Thursday and told Grogan to gather her personal belongings.

At Tuesday night's city council meeting, Grogan confronted the mayor and (See HEARING, Page 3)

### Just in case ...



(Pampa News photo by David Bowers) Pampa Police Officer Connie Lockridge fingerprints Tori Irene Robles, a student at the First Baptist Church Day School. The fingerprinting is part of the police department's Crime Prevention program. Officer Lockridge said parents keep the fingerprint cards in case of lost children. The Pampa Police Department was at the First Baptist Church Day School this week fingerprinting 4- and 5-year-olds. They have also taken the fingerprints of elementary school children during the school's spring Health Fairs.

### City water work nears completion

Public Works Director Richard Morris updated Pampa City Commissioners on the city's water supplies, saying much of the work in progress will be completed within a month.

The Northeast tower, which has undergone extensive renovation for months now, will be filled with water again on Monday, Morris told the commission at their work session earlier this week.

For months, the huge water tower in the northwestern section of the city has been draped in plastic and tarps as work crews repaired the structure and removed the old lead paint. High winds and extreme weather conditions often hampered their efforts, making the project last much longer than previously expected.

June 10 has been set as the tentative date for to bring the water plant back on line, he said. Approximately \$2.5 million has been sent to update the city's water plant (See WATER, Page 3)

## Hahn: Low interest rates hurt county

By NANCY YOUNG  
MANAGING EDITOR

County Treasurer Scott Hahn told the Gray County Commissioners during Wednesday morning's meeting that "interest rates are still awful" on invested funds at the present time.

Hahn said the county's money is safe, but the rate of interest has remained low since Sept. 11, 2001. He said the interest rates on CDs on Tuesday was 2.06 percent.

The county currently has \$2,465,000 invested in CDs and \$3,430,551.78 in TexPool. Ending cash funds totaled \$499,169.23, according to the treasurer's report.

Hahn reported the only negative number in the monthly report was the

item of crime victims coordinator. He said the county is receiving very quick reimbursement from the state for this program, but it is appearing as a negative number on the treasurer's report.

The treasurer also told the commission he has received some information on mandatory direct deposit of employee paychecks, but two commission members voiced strong disapproval of the process being mandatory.

Approximately half of the Gray County employees are currently having the treasurer deposit their checks directly into their accounts, he said.

"The ones who have it just love it," he said. "It was kind of hard to get used to at first, but those that have it really like it."

Explaining that he knew not all

county employees have bank accounts, he said he talked with personnel at the Bank of America who told him they have an ATM Only Account for customers. Hahn said the charge was minimal.

He said they also have a no charge checking account for those who have no more than four deposits per month.

County Auditor Elaine Morris said the Pampa Credit Union allows people to open an account for \$5, which she said is refunded to the account holder when the account is closed. She said employees could have their paycheck placed in the account at no charge if the county went to the mandatory direct deposit.

Commissioner James Hefley suggested the employees be polled.

However, Commissioners Gerald Wright and Jim Greene voiced strong objections.

"It (direct deposit of paychecks) ought to be left up to the individual. They earned it and what they do with it is their business," said Wright.

Greene agreed, "I say don't mess with their money," he said.

The matter was dropped, and Hahn said he would not obtain any more information on the issue.

In other action the commission approved the lease of a hangar at Perry Lefors Airport to Bill Robbin, who is doing business as HRM Enterprises, for a \$162.25 yearly fee. Peet reported the space has been vacant since early 2000. He said a hangar owned by (See COUNTY, Page 3)

## Carr presents victim's side

By KATE B. DICKSON  
ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

"The other side of the story."

That's what DA's victim service's coordinator Sandy Carr calls the crime victim point of view and she's steadfast in her belief they should have their day in court, too.

As part of her job she works with victims to prepare their impact statement that will, among other uses, go before the court before an offender is sentenced.

With the permission of an aggravated assault victim who has permanent disabilities, Carr often uses the man's

victim impact statement as an example to show other victims.

The man writes about his "anger, depression and physical injuries" as well as how the experience has reduced his self worth and "destroyed" his confidence.

His "constant pain," he says, is a "major factor in my mental defeat."

And victims aren't only those directly involved, the man notes, saying that his family has suffered "mentally, psychologically and financially," as the result of him being a crime victim.

The crime has also left the man with guilt - guilt that they have to help

him out financially at a time "... when they should be enjoying their golden years."

And sadly, he writes that his "... children worry like adults. They saw things children should never see."

Even so, Carr had the opportunity recently to see a bright spot among all the ills that have come to this man and his family due to the assault.

Carr, a mother of three who has a busy family life, recalls being at a baseball game where all of the youngsters had to introduce their parents.

"You know how children can be about things like this," Carr said. (See CARR, Page 3)



(Courtesy photo) Sandy Carr explains her work to the local Kiwanis Club.

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## Preventing elder abuse



(Courtesy photo)

Mayor Lonny Robbins, center, signs a proclamation naming May as "Elder Abuse Prevention Month" in Pampa for Adult Protective Services workers, Mary West, APS Specialist I, left; and Sandra Holley, APS Specialist IV. The proclamation is to bring public awareness to abuse of the elderly and disabled in domestic and institutional settings. More than 35,000 elderly or disabled Texans were abused in 2000. This form of abuse is a problem that spans all income levels and all cultural and ethnic groups.

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## COUNTY

Warren Chisum formerly occupied the space, but was blown away.

Pat Garrard with Shamrock Pipeline appeared to request that the minutes of meetings in the early 1990s reflect that several road crossings were approved by the commissioners court.

Peet said he was also unable to locate any reference in the official minutes of the county commission during that time period although the company had documentation and the work was completed. The commission approved the request.

In other business the com-

mission took the following action:

- Reappointed Judge Peet to the Panhandle Regional Housing Finance Corporation.

- Approved Rio Petroleum's road crossing request in NW/SW, Section 68, Block 25, H&GN Survey in Precinct 4.

- Approved Herman Leven's request for road crossing at Ollinger Road.

- Bills in the amount of \$98,036.84 were approved for payment.

- Payroll in the amount of \$197,125.71 was approved.

- Approved resolution authorizing grant application for indigent defense program.

## Police: Hospital shooter may have known victims

McKINNEY (AP) — Police said Friday that whoever fatally shot one nurse and wounded another may have known at least one of the victims.

"We don't think it was a random act," said Capt. Robert Dean of the McKinney Police Department. "But we're still investigating that possibility. The primary target could have been one or both of them."

Police continued to search for a suspect in the Thursday lunchtime shooting at McKinney's North Central Medical Center. Amy Wingfield, 31, of Celina died

after being shot in the head, and 40-year-old Alisa Stewart of Plano was wounded by a shot in the back.

The assailant used either a large-caliber handgun or rifle, Dean said. Forensics are expected to be returned Friday.

"As they stepped out of the vehicle, that's when the shooting took place," Dean said.

Police said robbery did not appear to be a motive because the victims' keys and purses were left at the scene. Officers said they were reviewing tapes from a surveillance camera mounted on a utility pole near

by, but it was unclear if they captured anything helpful.

They found no casings, but did find lead fragments.

"We know the individual was behind (the victims.) We don't know the distance," Dean said.

Although police say it is less likely the shooting was a random act, security at the medical complex has been increased.

"There's an obvious need for concern, but there's not need for panic," Dean said.

Meanwhile, Stewart's family took turns visiting their

mother in an intensive care unit.

Stewart remained in stable but critical condition after surgery. Her two children awaited the outcome, eating pizza and drinking soda alongside school friends and counselors. They were allowed to visit their mother when accompanied by a counselor or chaplain.

"They're doing as well as can be expected," McKinney police chaplain Rickey Hargrave said of the children.

Hargrave said he also spoke briefly with Wingfield's fam-

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## SHOOTING

indict on manslaughter instead which carries a "higher burden" than does the criminally negligent homicide charge, Roach said.

In the case of manslaughter charges, Roach said recklessness is involved to the point where a person knows there is substantial risk based upon the circumstances and chooses to ignore the type of risk that a reasonable person would not ignore.

As to specifics about the "recklessness" and "risk" aspect of this case,

Roach would not elaborate saying, "That's part of the evidence that's going to be in the case ... I can't talk about that now."

In the other traffic death case to go before grand jurors, Vartan Allaverdi, 46, of Tujunga, Calif., was indicted on a charge of criminally negligent homicide, Roach said.

Allaverdi was charged in connection with a March, 2000, crash on Interstate 40 in Gray County in which a Nissan pickup carrying illegal aliens was struck from behind by Allaverdi's 18-wheeler.

The truck went off the highway, rolled one and a half times, killing Victor M. Flores-Ortega, 26, a Mexican national, and critically injuring three others.

Allaverdi is also charged in a similar accident in West Memphis, Ark., where on Good Friday he rear-ended a Toyota Camry in an Interstate 40 construction zone. State police there said Allaverdi never applied the brakes to his tractor-tractor rig before hitting the auto containing a family of four who burned to death.

Other grand jury action will be reported next week.

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## WATER

to meet stricter state and federal regulations.

While the work was being done, the city has received the majority of its water from wells, rather than from Lake Meredith.

A new water tank being built in east Pampa is expected to be in use within the next 30 to 35 days, Morris told the commission.

When the new tank becomes operational, the Warren Street tank will be demolished, officials said.

Morris said Hidden Hills Golf Course is now being watered using effluent from the city's wastewater treatment plant. He said using effluent to water the golf course significantly saves on the city's water supply. The municipal golf course uses approximately 350 gallons of water per day, he said.

Mayor Lonny Robbins asked how long

could the city expect the water tower to last. Morris replied that the last time the Northcrest tower was renovated was in 1976.

City Manager Bob Eskridge recommended that the city begin setting aside funds now for later water supply renovations and major purchases.

"It feels really good getting things done that need to be done," Commissioner Faustina Curry commented.

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## HEARING

demand to know why she was being fired.

Attorney John Mann said today that he had made a formal appeal through Skellytown's attorney, Patrick Mosley in Amarillo, requesting that the mayor and city council reconsider their decision and a hearing.

"We are going to file an appeal and try to get her reinstated," Mann said.

He said that they were requesting that Grogan's termination be reconsidered, set aside and that she be reinstated to her former position.

"I've always been interested in cases where there was the apparent abuse of power, especially by the government," Mann said, "and this case has all the ear marks of unbridled abuse of power and vendettas and violations of law."

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## CARR

"Most of them were so embarrassed."

But that wasn't the case when a son of the crime victim stood up to introduce his father.

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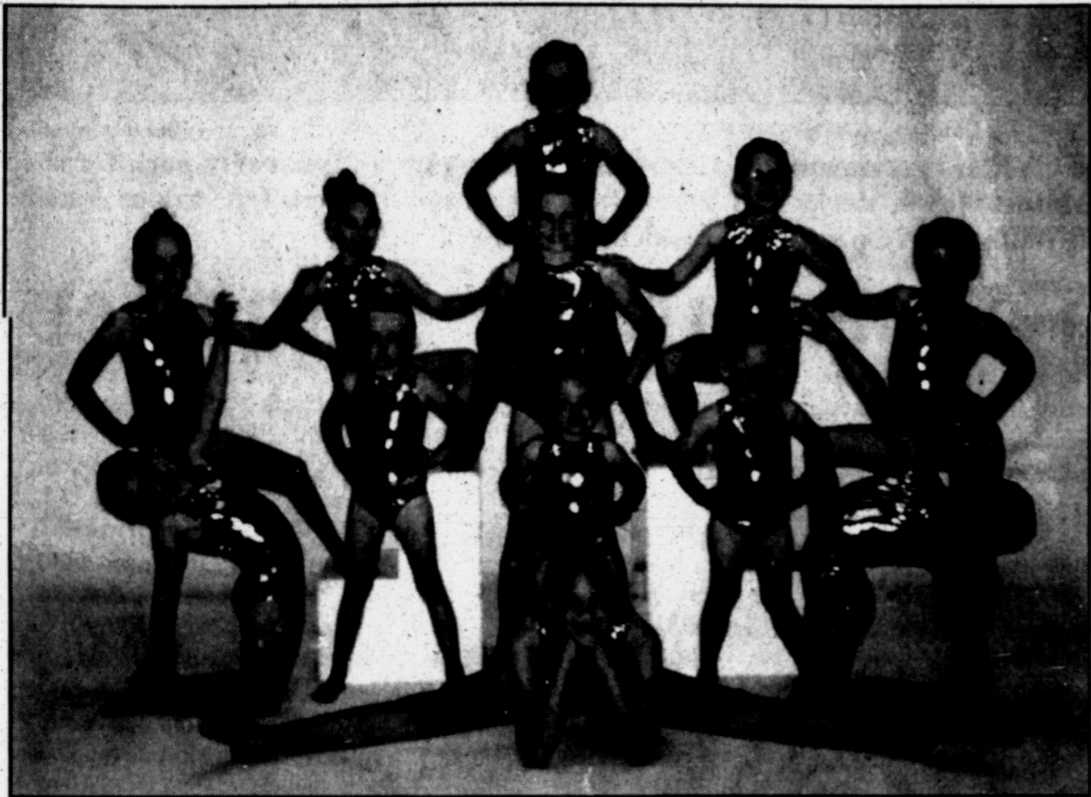
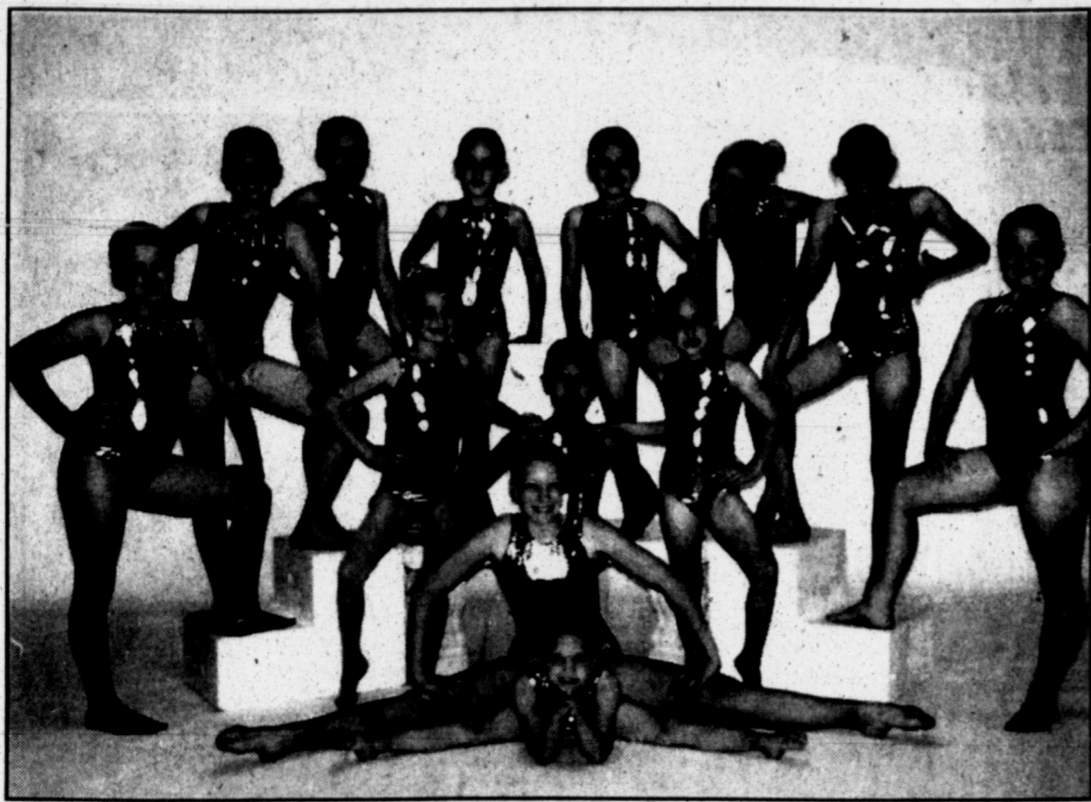
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**Madeline Graves recital**



(Courtesy photos)

Madeline Graves Dance and Gymnastics Center will present a spring recital with two performances scheduled at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m., respectively, Friday, May 17, at the Center located at 1345 S. Hobart. Above, top: (front row) Abbey Rios; (second row) Stephanie Polasek; (third row, left-right) Allison Cooper, Kylin Sinclair, Klarisse Espritu-Santo, Jazmine Rose, Megan Edwards; (fourth row, l-r) Leah Wilson, Jenna Munsell, Caylee Steward, Danielle Zuniga, Amanda Bennett, and Monica Schepp. Above, bottom: (Front row) Monica Schepp; (second row) Taylor Ramming; (third row, left-right) Jacie Ketcher, Kyler Ramming, Saber Bohlar, Kasadie Baggett, Magan Barber; (back row, l-r) Victoria Bybee, Gabriela Rodriguez, Haylee Burnett, Cynthia Schepp, and Chelsey Sims.

**Democrats demanding top secret pre-9/11 documents**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic lawmakers are insisting the White House turn over top-secret documents prepared for President Bush that indicated Osama bin Laden wanted to hijack U.S. airplanes.

They also want to see another pre-Sept. 11 document — an FBI memo that warned headquarters that many Middle Eastern men were training at American flight schools.

Bush officials acknowledged for the first time Thursday that the president was briefed about a possible hijacking plot in early August while he vacationed at his Texas ranch. But the officials were deeply divided over whether to release the documents.

The news of Bush's August briefing set off a furor and precipitated a public relations blitz by the White House, which sent forth an extraordinary number of senior advisers to defend the president as Democrats, and a few Republicans, sought answers.

"Why did it take eight months for us to receive this information? And what specific actions were taken by the White House in response?" Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said. "I'm not going to jump to any conclusions, but it's hard to understand why the information was not released."

House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., posed a variation on the famous Watergate-era question: What did the president

know and when did he know it?

Republican Sen. Richard Shelby of Alabama, vice chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said, "There was a lot of information. I believe and others believe, if it had been acted on properly we may have had a different situation on Sept. 11."

The administration argued there was no information about a specific threat and Vice President Dick Cheney warned Democrats to tread lightly.

"They need to be very cautious not to seek political advantage by making incendiary suggestions that were made by some today that the White House had advance

information that would have prevented the tragic attacks of 9-11," Cheney said. "Such commentary is thoroughly irresponsible and totally unworthy of national leaders in a time of war."

The dispute has primarily become focused on two documents — a classified CIA analysis given to Bush on Aug. 6 and a memo written even earlier in the Phoenix FBI office that warned headquarters that many Middle Eastern men were training at least one U.S. flight school.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Friday on NBC's "Today" that he was unaware of the Phoenix memo "until it showed up in the press very recently."

**FunFest in offing**

AMARILLO — The Junior Service League of Amarillo and the City of Amarillo Parks and Recreation Department will stage "Farewell to FunFest ... 25 Years of Fun" from 12 noon-8 p.m., May 25, 26 and 27 in Amarillo's Thompson Park.

Featured entertainment this year will include Rambler and Chris Cagle, at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m., respectively, Saturday; Copper Head and Rascal Flatts, 3:30 p.m. and 6 p.m., Sunday; and Chad Brock and Tracy Byrd, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m., Monday.

Beginning at 12:30 p.m., on Saturday, "Funbowl" entertainers will perform starting with Gary Allen Bruce followed by Gary Overby, Third Crossing,

Rambler, Stew Moss and Cagle.

Funbowl performances will kick-off at 1 p.m., Sunday, with Carol Huddleston followed by Little Davy, Copper Head, Tennessee Tuckness and Rascal Flatts. Monday show times will start at 1:30 p.m., with Insufficient Funds followed by Brock and Byrd.

Other activities scheduled during the event are a FunFest Golf Classic, May 25; FunFest Grass Volleyball, May 26; FunFest Court Volleyball, May 25-27, Palo Duro High School Gym; FunOlympics, May 25-27, Amarillo Civic Center; and Poker Run, May 26.

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# RELIGION



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Darrell Schroeder, far left, and Clay Britten, far right, hug a child from a day program for inner city kids during a Pampa Christian Youth Fellowship mission trip to Des Moines, Iowa, two years ago.



(Courtesy photo)

These CYF'ers get down and dirty while cleaning up an inner city park for the Des Moines, Iowa, Parks and Recreation Department. From left, Adam Jones, Jacob Willis, Cliff Spencer, and Caleb Snelgrooves.

## Pampa CYF'ers plan mission adventure to Tennessee

This year, members of First Christian Church of Pampa's Christian Youth Fellowship (CYF), plan a week-long mission trip loosely patterned after MTV's "Road Rules."

Though they're headed for the middle of Tennessee, Youth Minister Paul Carruth said the youth group's sights are set on God as they embark on a week of self-discovery

filled with service projects and ministry to the homeless and disabled.

Like the popular cable television program, he said, the week the trip will include riddles, puzzles and "Xtreme" challenges all of which reveal clues about what lies ahead. The students will sleep under the stars and experience the true meaning of "living for

today" as the week's adventure unfolds.

"We'll see God's character in His creation and discover how the origins of Christianity are reconciled to modern living through the exploration of the ancient but enduring Christian disciplines of prayer, solitude and contemplation," Carruth said.

"Each day promises to be an adventure that's sure to build Christian character and change lives forever," he added.

This upcoming mission trip is one of many the local CYF

has participated in in the past few years. In 1998, the local CYF joined CYF groups from First Christian Churches of Amarillo, Borger and Liberal, Kan., to work at the Juliet Fowler Home for the aged and at an inner city food pantry in Dallas.

In August 2000, 24 CYF'ers and six sponsors from First Christian here traveled to Iowa where they worked in the inner city youth of Des Moines through the

city's Parks and Recreation Department. They also worked at the National Benevolent Association's Ramsey Home, for the elderly.

The young people painted and cleaned up inner city parks for the Park and Recreation Department. They also assisted with a day program for inner city youth.

At the NBA's Ramsey Home, they visited with residents and helped clean up the grounds.

To help fund their upcoming trip, CYF students are selling Krispy Kreme donuts on Saturday, June 1.

To order, call Alicia Snelgrooves at 665-8880, Elaine Morris at 665-6554, Dixie Nickell at 669-2690, or Paul Carruth at 669-3225.

Donuts are \$6 a dozen and will be here on Saturday, June 1. Extra donuts can be frozen.

Proceeds from donut sales go to the Youth Mission Fund.

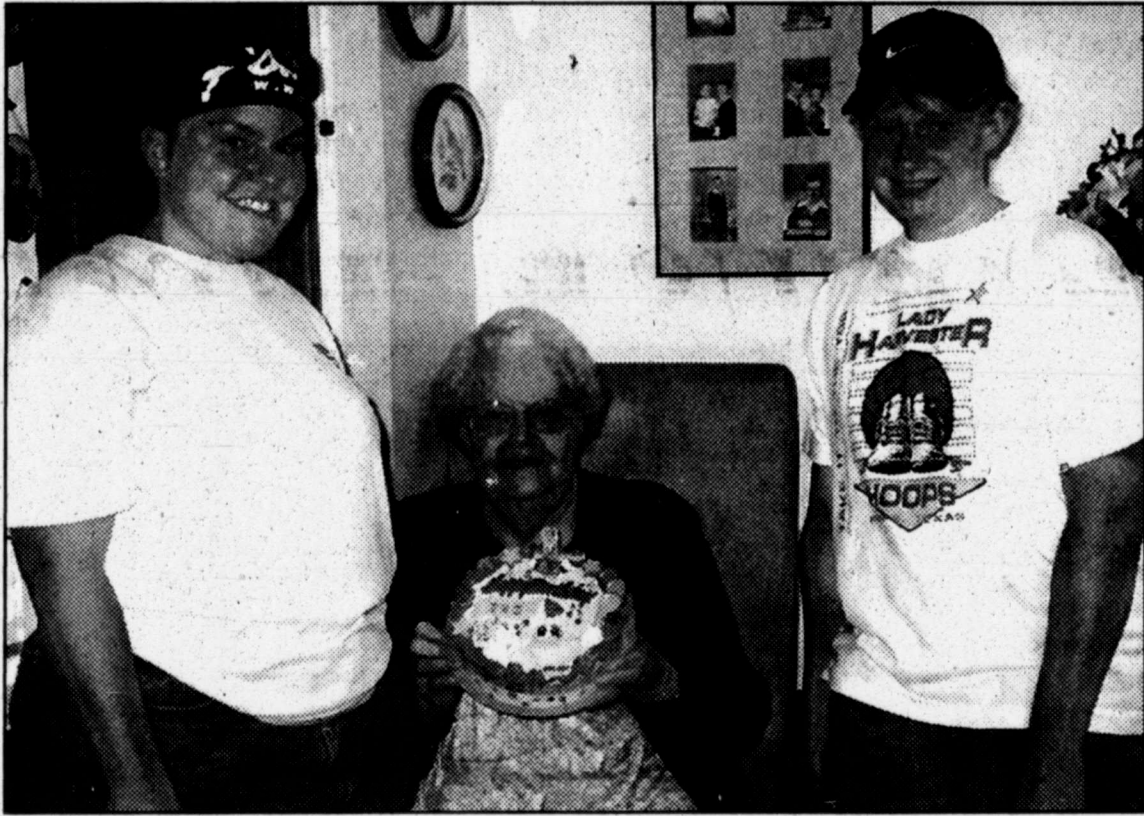
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Tina Vance, far right, and Whitney Wichert, far left, present a birthday cake to a resident of the Ramsey House, home for the aged in Des Moines, Iowa. The resident was especially excited to visit with the young people who came from her home state - Texas.

**Let's Talk Real Estate**

**by Jim Davidson**  
**Realtor**

**SCHOOLED IN THE FACTS**  
 Unless you are interested in buying a home in a retirement community or a vacation area, it pays to investigate the quality of the local schools. Even if you do not have children, it is quite possible that you are going to eventually sell your home to people with a vested interest in good schools. Quality schooling is one of the top criteria by which buyers evaluate homes, and neighborhoods. Usually, homes in areas of good schools sell for higher prices than similar homes elsewhere. Buyers are encouraged to discuss this matter with real estate agents and contact the local school board to investigate how much is spent on each pupil, SAT scores, and what percentage of students enter college.

It can be daunting to keep track of all things you "need to know" as a buyer these days. When you want sound advice about this important investment, turn to your real estate professional for the most up-to-the-minute information. At CENTURY 21 - PAMPA REALTY INC., we are happy to help smart investors make wise decisions. For your convenience, we are available to our customers 24 hours a day. Located at 312 N. Gray Street, we can be contacted at 669-0007.

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**Briarwood plans gospel singing, ice cream social in Central Park**

Briarwood Church plans a special gospel singing in Central Park at 6 p.m., Sunday, May 26. Families are asked to bring a freezer of homemade ice cream. The public is invited to attend.

**Man pleads guilty in mosque attack**

SEATTLE (AP) — A man charged in an attack on a north Seattle mosque two days after Sept. 11 has pleaded guilty to reduced charges.

Patrick Michael Cunningham, 53, admitted to attempted obstruction of the free exercise of religion and using a firearm while committing a crime, according to papers filed May 9 in U.S. District Court. He also agreed to apologize to the worshippers at the Islamic Idriss Mosque.

A grand jury had indicted Cunningham on two additional counts: attempting to deface religious property and attempted malicious damage. Worshippers said they caught Cunningham pouring gasoline on cars in the mosque's parking lot. Court documents alleged that as he fled, Cunningham fired shots at two worshippers who were chasing him, then jumped into his car and crashed into a utility pole.

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**Trial**

Several weeks of American Family morning program "Answers" with Marvin, I was so touched by some of their guests since then. I don't even remember a man's name. All that he was the director of the ministry serving the Lord Sudan. The Christian region have been murder, slavery, more. Several ministry teams are a difference there. What this man that every time he return to America ask the Sudanese what message they to take back to States. He said why for several years villagers have seen the Christians in pray for us." He to say that when

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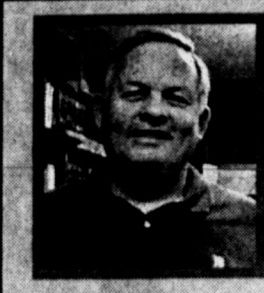
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# Trials and tribulations help make us strong

Several weeks ago on American Family Radio's morning program "Issues & Answers" with Tim and Marvin, I was so powerfully touched by something that one of their guests said that I have not been able to get it out of my mind for even a single day since then.

I don't even remember the man's name. All I remember is that he was the director for one of the ministry groups that are serving the Lord in southern Sudan. The Christians in this region have been plagued with murder, slavery, torture and more. Several different ministry teams are trying to make a difference there.

What this man shared was that every time he got ready to return to America he would ask the Sudanese Christians what message they wanted him to take back to the United States. He said without exception for several years now the villagers have said, "Ask all the Christians in America to pray for us." He then went on to say that when they asked for



## Minister's Musings

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prayer, he would ask them, "What do you want me to have the Christians in America pray for you?" He said that also without exception, in every village, they would say, "Tell them to ask the Lord to make us strong here in Sudan."

When he repeated their words to him over the radio that day I sat there in my office numb for a long time. What took my breath away was that in all those years not one of the villagers asked, "Tell them to ask the Lord to take away the persecution." Not one time did they ask to be delivered of the horrific trials and tribulations that they endure every day. Their only concern has been to be strong in the Lord.

Not a day has gone by in

these past few weeks that their words have not haunted, inspired, challenged and intimidated me. Almost every time that I meditate on their words, my tear ducts spring a leak and I find myself crying for them, but more for all of us Christians here in America. If our child wakes up with a cold, we automatically want to call our local prayer tree at church so that our baby doesn't have to suffer any pain. If one of our friends experiences some kind of financial hardship, we stand ready to jump right in there and call/ e-mail every believer on the planet so that our friend doesn't have to suffer.

Now those of you who know me know that I strongly believe in prayer. So I am not

suggesting that we abandon prayer. But maybe our prayers need to be a little more like those we find in the Bible. There is a great book written by Herbert Lockyer titled "All The Prayers In The Bible." His book lists every single prayer recorded in the Bible. (BTW, the prayer of Jabez is only one of the hundreds of prayers in the Bible) If you read all of those prayers and think about most of the prayers that you have heard recently and especially those that you have prayed recently, you might be confused.

Many times our prayers sound like an endless list of things we want taken away so that someone we know or ourselves won't have to suffer. It is almost as though we expect God to take all of the thorns away from all our pretty roses. I fear that we have forgotten the blessings contained in trials, tribulations, persecutions, sufferings and perils. The Bible talks a lot about suffering and adversity, and it doesn't say to pray so it

will all go away!

1 Thess. 3:2-3: "We sent Timothy, who is our brother and God's fellow worker in spreading the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you in your faith, so that no one would be unsettled by these trials. You know quite well that we were destined for them."

2 Cor 4:17: "For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all."

2 Tim 3:12: "In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted."

Here is the closing thought: why don't we all learn from the Sudanese believers. How about we all just begin praying more for the Lord to make us strong in our trials and sufferings; and less for Him to take all of them away. Sometimes we ask the Lord to take away the very thing that will help make us into more of the man or woman or child of His that He wants us to be. God bless.

## 'Lord's Prayer' can't be sung at Iowa graduation

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — A federal judge has ruled the Woodbine High School choir cannot sing "The Lord's Prayer" at graduation ceremonies because the tradition violates the separation of church and state.

"Our Constitution prohibits state-compelled religious conformance," U.S. District Judge Charles Wolle said in a written opinion last week.

The Iowa Civil Liberties Union sued the school district on behalf of Ruby Skarin, who sang with the choir, and her twin brother Donovan. The siblings are sophomores at Woodbine and come from an atheist family.

Choir director Jo Schmitz had said the Skarins could have made up the required performance with an alternate activity, but Wolle said that would not change his ruling.

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## FOCUS



## ON THE FAMILY

DR. JAMES DOBSON is a psychologist, author and president of Focus on the Family, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of the home.

**Q** My son has recently begun running around with some tough kids who have introduced him to marijuana. He doesn't deny what he is doing because he says it is harmless. Can you give me some facts?

**A** Your son has been given some very bad information that is being passed around by those who are promoting the legalization of marijuana. It is a lie. Dr. Harold Voth, the senior psychiatrist for the Menninger Foundation in Topeka, Kan., has set the record straight.

He said, first, that five marijuana cigarettes have the same cancer-causing capacity as 112 conventional cigarettes. Second, the part of the brain that allows a person to focus, concentrate, create, learn and conceptualize at an advanced level is still growing during the teen-age years. Continuous use of marijuana over a period of time will retard the normal growth of those brain cells.

Third, a study conducted at Columbia University revealed that female marijuana smokers suffer a sharp increase in damage to DNA, the genetic code. It was also found that reproductive eggs are especially vulnerable to damage by marijuana. Fourth, a second Columbia University study found that people who smoked a single marijuana cigarette every other day for one year had a white blood cell count that was 39 percent lower than normal, thus damaging the immune system and making the user far more susceptible to infection and sickness. Smoking marijuana is a dangerous hobby.

I doubt if your son will be satisfied with this answer, even though you should share it with him. His motivation is probably related more to peer pressure than to his belief in the harmlessness of marijuana. The danger is that he will "graduate" from pot to something harder and more addictive. If I were you, I would bring all my energies to bear on getting my son away from the gang he is now running with, even if it required us to move. He is apparently at a critical juncture in his life.

**Q** I just found out that I'm pregnant. When the doctor told me, he warned me not to drink anything with alcohol in it until the child is born. I'm used to having a few beers after work and I like a cocktail several times a week. Is it really necessary for me to give up all alcohol until my baby arrives?

**A** I urge you to heed the advice of your physician. That precious baby inside of you could be severely damaged if you continue to drink in the next few months. Your child could have what is known as "fetal alcohol syndrome," which can cause heart anomalies, central nervous system dysfunction, head and facial abnormalities and lifelong behavior problems.

Fetal alcohol syndrome is also thought to be the leading cause of mental retardation. It is a terrible thing to inflict on a child. Babies can be harmed by alcohol in the blood of the mother at any time throughout gestation, but they are especially vulnerable during the first trimester. That's why you should not drink during the remaining seven months of

your pregnancy, but by all means, don't swallow a drop of alcohol right now.

You may remember the story of Samson in the Old Testament who terrorized his enemies, the Philistines. Before he was born, an angel told his mother that her child was destined for greatness, and that she must not weaken him by imbibing strong drink while she was pregnant. Medical science has now verified the wisdom of that advice. That's why a similar warning to pregnant women is posted by law wherever liquor, beer or wine is sold.

For you, and for all pregnant women and those who anticipate becoming pregnant - don't take chances with your babies future. There is no level of alcohol that is known to be safe. Abstain for the entire nine months. You and your baby will be glad you did. You and your baby will be glad you did.

*Dr. Dobson is president of the nonprofit organization Focus on the Family, P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, CO, 80903; or www.family.org Questions and answers are excerpted from "Solid Answers," published by Tyndale House.*

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**DEAR ABBY**

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

**Woman Sheds Extra Pounds On Man's Words of Praise**

**DEAR ABBY:** The letter from "Stephanie in Delaware," regarding the compliment she received in high school, reminded me of a compliment that changed my life.

Last September, I was flying home from Pittsburgh. I am one of those "oversized" women who take up the entire airline seat. The plane had three seats on one side of the aisle. Two seats on the other. I had the window seat on the side with two seats.

A good-looking gentleman (if you consider a Cary Grant look-alike good-looking) sat down beside me. He greeted me with a "Good morning," and a great smile. As he buckled his seat belt, he said, "I always feel cramped in these seats. Would you mind if I raised the armrest between us?" I know he didn't feel cramped. He wanted to make sure I was more comfortable.

During our flight, he complimented me on my hairstyle and the "lovely dress" I was wearing. His remarks had a lasting effect on me, Abby. Since that flight, I have lost 23 pounds, thanks to a gentleman who didn't scowl at an overweight woman, but instead, made her feel attractive.

**DEAR ABBY:** Should I tell my ex-husband that our sons (8 and 11) told me they hate his new wife and "can't wait for them to get divorced"? Although the boys didn't tell me not to say anything, I don't want to break a confidence, or worse yet — make things more awkward than they already are at their dad's house. The boys are with them every other weekend.

Their stepmother is very moody and seems to enjoy belittling children — including her own teenagers, who are now exhibiting behavior problems.

Abby, I love my sons and feel it would be in their best interest if their dad knew how they felt about their stepmom. Your advice would be appreciated.

knows that pizza delivery people get tips, but shouldn't other kinds of delivery people as well?

Furniture deliverers move heavy objects like couches, armoires and beds — and they often assemble the items they deliver. Sometimes they're also willing to haul unwanted furniture and appliances off the premises.

What's your opinion, Abby? Is tipping necessary?

**TWO GUYS IN MINNESOTA**

**DEAR ABBY:** Tipping isn't mandatory. However, if the delivery person has done a good job and nothing is damaged, and some items required assembly, I see no reason why a gratuity should not be offered.

**DEAR MOM:** Instead of being the town crier, urge your sons to speak for themselves and tell their father why they feel as they do. If it's possible for your ex-husband to encourage his wife to build a better relationship with the boys, it would be a far more effective motivator than anything you could say.

**CONCERNED MOM IN CENTRAL CALIFORNIA**

Pauline Phillips and her daughter Jeanne Phillips share the pseudonym Abigail Van Buren. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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**DEAR SLIMMING FAST:** It's not the first time an attractive man has provided the incentive for a woman to do the right thing. Or the wrong thing, for that matter.

**DEAR ABBY:** My buddy and I have an ongoing debate about whether it's necessary to tip a person who delivers furniture. Everybody

**For Better or For Worse**

ELIZABETH: WHERE ARE YOU GOING?  
 DAWN: WE'RE GOING TO A BAR OR SOMETHING.  
 DRESSED LIKE THAT? I CAN SEE YOUR NAVE!  
 DAD: THIS IS TOTALLY IN FASHION! THESE CLOTHES ARE TAME COMPARED TO WHAT SOME GIRLS WEAR!  
 I DON'T CARE. I STILL DISAPPROVE!  
 YOU ARE SO OLD FASHIONED!  
 WHAT WERE YOU TWO ARGUING ABOUT?  
 ...THE GENERATION GAP!

**Zits**

TELL ME WHY WE'RE DOING THIS AGAIN  
 SIMPLE  
 WE'RE RE-WIRING YOUR GUITAR TO GIVE IT A CLEAN, FAT, OVERDRIVEN SOUND WITH AN EDGE OF WARM HARMONIC DISTORTION.  
 OH, RIGHT, RIGHT.  
 WHICH MEANS...?  
 WE MAKE GUITAR SOUND GOOD

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 SHE CHURNS HER OWN BUTTER...  
 ...AND HAS A WONDERFUL SENSE OF HUMOR  
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**Beetle Bailey**

CAN I HELP YOU?  
 STOP SHOW I.P.  
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 I WAS ONCE STATIONED HERE  
 AND YOU CAME BACK?!

**Marvin**

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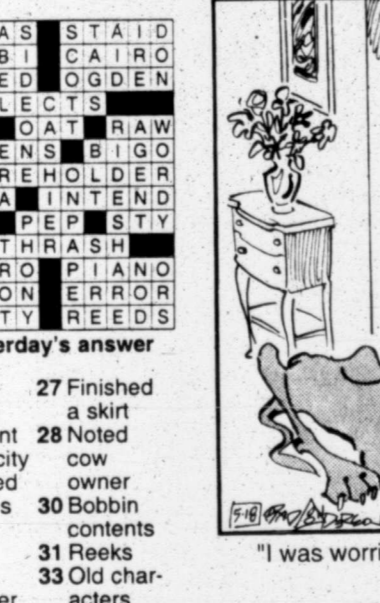
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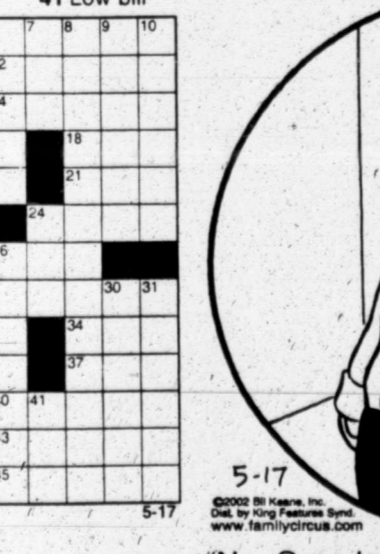
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# SPORTS

## Pampa coach urges residents to come hear Knight

By L.D. STRATE  
Sports Editor

PAMPA — PHS head basketball coach Jerry Schaeffer is a big Bob Knight fan.

He believes other Pampa residents will feel the same way after they hear Knight speak next month at the Pampa Country Club.

"I don't feel like there's a better inspirational speaker anywhere than Bob Knight. I think people will find that out after they spend a couple of hours with him."

Knight, Texas Tech's head basketball coach, will speak at 7:30 p.m. June 6 at the Pampa Country Club. He will be accompanied by E.J. Holup, former Texas Tech All-American and All-Pro football player, and Red Raider Club directors.

The main purpose for Knight's visit is to boost membership in Texas Tech's Red Raider Club and to gain support for the school's student athletes. For a \$100 donation, a person can join the Red Raider Club.

Schaeffer won't be able to attend the fund-raising dinner himself because of a family vacation that was planned months earlier, but he purchased tickets so a couple of his friends can go.

"Even though I won't be there, I want to show my support not only for Texas Tech, but for Pampa as well," he said.

Checks and reservations for the dinner must be turned in by June 1. Donations should be made out to Texas Tech Red Raider Club, % Elmer Wilson, 2801 Duncan, Pampa, Tex.

79065. Reservations are urged to be made as soon as possible.

Schaeffer was an instructor at a couple of Bob Knight coaching clinics in Lubbock last summer. He plans on helping out again this summer.

"It was a blessing to work at his camp. He just inspired me to do my very best all the time. People tend to judge coach Knight from a distance. Once you get close to him in both formal and informal settings, you'll discover that he really cares about people," Schaeffer said. "He has consistently high expectations for his athletes. He expects them to live up to those expectations and holds them accountable when they don't."

Schaeffer said some coaches let their athletes take shortcuts in working toward a goal, but Knight doesn't operate that way.

"He won't let anybody slide by in basketball or in the classroom. He knows you're not doing the athlete any favors when you let him take it easy," Schaeffer said. "He's very consistent in everything he does and it works. You saw what he did at Tech."

Knight took over at Texas Tech this past season and led the Red Raiders to their first NCAA Tournament appearance since 1996. He will begin next season 94 victories behind North Carolina coach Dean Smith, who is the all-time winningest coach in the history of NCAA Division I men's college basketball.

While at Indiana, Knight guided the Hoosiers to three NCAA titles in 1976, 1981 and 1987. His '76 team went undefeated. His teams reached the Final Four five times, won 11

Big 10 Conference titles and an NIT championship in 1979.

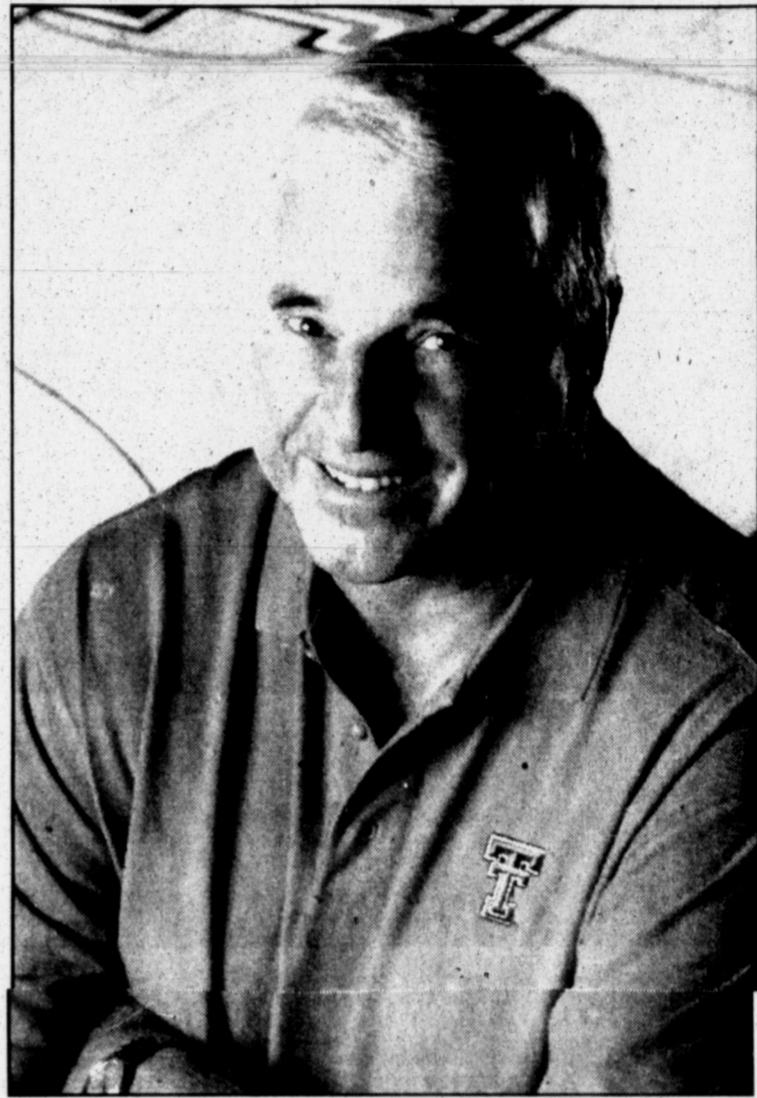
Knight was the youngest college coach to reach 200, 300 and 400 wins. He's conducted clinics in Spain, China, Japan, East Asia, Europe, South America, Canadian and Finland.

Knight learned the game while playing college basketball at Ohio State under the late Hall of Fame coach Fred Taylor, who led the Buckeyes to the national championship at age 33. Although playing only a supporting role with the Buckeyes, Knight was on the Ohio State State team that won the 1960 NCAA championship. Shortly after graduation, the 24-year-old Knight became coach at West Point, earning the distinction of becoming the youngest varsity coach in major college history. Using his years studying the Taylor method and overcoming his own shortcomings as a player to inspire his coaching, Knight's Army teams finished 102-50, led the nation in team defense three consecutive years and participated in four NIT tournaments in five seasons. Knight coached West Point teams that stressed structured and tightly controlled styles of play.

When Knight left West Point in 1971, he called the decision "the toughest in my life." However, Knight had dreamed of coaching in the Big 10 Conference and an offer from Indiana University made that dream a reality.

During his first decade in the Big 10, Knight's coaching strategies changed the nature of play from run-and-gun to ball control.

In 1984, Knight became one



Bobby Knight will be in Pampa June 6 for a fund-raising dinner.

of only three coaches to win the "triple crown" of coaching, winning NCAA and NIT titles, and an Olympic gold medal (Hank Iba and Dean Smith are the others).

Knight and Smith are also the only two coaches who have played on and coached national championship teams.

Sixteen of Knight's former

assistant coaches have become head coaches at the collegiate level.

While at Indiana, all but two of his four-year players completed degrees, a ratio of nearly 98 percent.

"Coach Knight is not just a basketball coach. He's an educator, and primarily a teacher," Schaeffer added.

### NOTEBOOK

#### FOOTBALL

**PAMPA** — The Harvester Booster Club will meet at 7 Monday night in the Ready Room at Val Halla. Everyone is welcomed to attend.

#### GOLF

**PAMPA** — Hidden Hills Ladies Golf Association is sponsoring a 4-person scramble at 6 p.m. Monday at Hidden Hills.

Entry fee is five dollars, plus green fees and cart. Call Hidden Hills at 669-5866 to enter.

#### BOXING

**PAMPA** — Nikki Medley and Chris Perez of the Youth Survival Club of Pampa are competing in the State Junior Olympics this weekend in Houston.

Medley, 14, is undefeated in sanctioned boxing competition. Perez, 16, is entered in the light middleweight division.

The winners in each division advance to nationals.

#### BASEBALL

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Jose Vizcaino has learned to make the most of his infrequent opportunities with the Houston Astros.

Vizcaino hit a tiebreaking two-run single in the eighth inning Thursday night, and Lance Berkman tied Sammy Sosa for the major league lead with his 15th homer as the Astros beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 3-1.

"I'm happy with the way Jimmy (Williams) is using me. In the beginning it was a little difficult to adjust to, but now I know that once or twice a week I will play so I am mentally prepared," Vizcaino added. "I just come in and check to see if my name is in the lineup."

Vizcaino has started 11 games this season at four different positions, earning the respect of Houston manager Jimmy Williams.

"He loves to play. He plays like a youngster trying to make the team," Williams said.

#### Flashback

**1987:** Ken Bailey of Amarillo had a 54-hole total of 217 to win the Tri-State Senior title by three strokes.

Jake Broyles of Lamesa placed second with a 220.

Bailey is the former golf coach at West Texas.

## Kings will try and shake Laker mystique

**SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)** — Dealing with Shaq and Kobe is tough enough. The Sacramento Kings face another daunting task as well — actually believing they can beat the Lakers.

"They can make you doubt yourself," Sacramento guard Bobby Jackson said Thursday as the Kings prepared for the Western Conference finals.

"They're so talented, but you've got to trust yourself and your teammates," he added.

"Otherwise, they get a lead, and they get rolling, and they get into the fourth quarter, and you've seen what happens to everybody they play in the playoffs."

### Amarillo Fastpitch Women's League starts play on July 2

**AMARILLO** — The Amarillo Fastpitch Women's League begins play July 2 with games to be played on Tuesday and possibly Thursday.

There will be an organizational meeting at 6:30 Tuesday night at Kid's Inc. Warehouse, 27th and Osage.

The Kings realize there's much more on the line than California bragging rights when the teams meet Saturday in Game 1 of a tantalizing series.

The Kings must draw on their consummate brand of team play to neutralize the unrivaled star power of the two-time champions. Sacramento may well play the league's most exciting style, but the Lakers have Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant.

The Kings aren't quaking just yet. They've waited all year for a third straight playoff shot at the champs.

"We've got to play our game and see if they can handle it," Kings guard Mike Bibby said. "We know they'll

play their game, and then we'll see if we can handle that. We've got to show the maturity and the growth that we've got now. If we don't, it might not be a long series."

The Kings, the NBA's top regular-season team, have every reason to be cautious. In 2000, the Lakers were taken to five games by Sacramento in the first round. Last season, the Lakers swept in the second round, punctuated by Bryant's 48-point outburst in the

clinch.

The roots of Los Angeles' psychological edge are recent — 10 victories in 12 meetings with the Kings since the 2000 playoffs. The Lakers also have a bit of history — 12 trips to the conference finals since the Kings' last visit in 1981.

But foremost, there is the Lakers' confidence — the regal, almost haughty, bearing of a champion who believes no team can match its will in May or June.

"Once again, here comes the truth. They can't run from the truth," Los Angeles forward Rick Fox said Thursday. "The truth is what has happened in the past is a characteristic of theirs: They have to change that. If they're to fulfill what they profess they want to accomplish, they have to change."

"You have to fail to know how. They failed, but they failed last round. They haven't failed at this round yet."

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# Authorities locate shed believed to be site of reporter's murder

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — Investigators searched a single-room shed on Friday where they believe Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl was held for two or three days before he was killed.

The shack is located near the spot where a body believed to be Pearl's was unearthed Thursday.

Mansour Mughal, the chief investigator into Pearl's disappearance, told The Associated Press in a telephone interview that police found a chair that resembled the one in photographs sent to

news agencies by Pearl's kidnapers.

Mughal, who was reached on a mobile phone from inside the 10-foot by 12-foot single-room shack, said buttons that appeared to be from the shirt Pearl was wearing in the photographs also were found. The room itself resembled the background in the pictures, he said.

"We think this is the room where Pearl may have been held for two or three days," Mughal said.

The body that was discovered nearby was cut into nine pieces, including a severed

head, he said. A videotape delivered to U.S. officials in Karachi on Feb. 21 had shown Pearl being beheaded.

The body was found in a shallow grave in a field not far from the room, Mughal said. A hair sample was taken for DNA testing.

Earlier Friday, Pakistan's presidential spokesman said police were "quite sure" that the body is that of Pearl, who disappeared four months ago while researching links to international terrorism in Karachi.

"They are still examining the body, but from the clues

they found last night they are quite sure," the spokesman, Gen. Rashid Quereshi, told The Associated Press.

Police were led to the body by three new suspects in the kidnapping, who told them the body was Pearl.

Dr. Qasim Soomro, Sindh provincial police surgeon, said a team of four forensic scientists was taken to examine the body, which was not removed to protect the site and the evidence.

By mid-afternoon on Friday, two officials from the U.S. Consulate in Karachi had arrived at the site in Gadap, a neighborhood 18 miles from the center of this sprawling city of 14 million people. They left the site about an hour later.

Wall Street Journal spokesman Steve Goldstein declined to comment on the new discoveries. Pearl's mother, reached at her Encino, Calif. home, also declined to comment.

The body was found barely 500 yards from a large Islamic religious school, called Jamia Rashidia, that was founded by Mufti Rashid, the same man who began Al-Rashid Trust, an organization the United States has labeled as terrorist. Both the United States and Pakistan froze the group's funds after Sept. 11.

Al-Rashid Trust operated scores of bakeries in Afghanistan under the Taliban rule and built dozens of mosques there. Its leadership was very close to the Taliban rulers.

There was no immediate indication that there was any link between the school and Pearl's death.

Pearl disappeared Jan. 23 from outside a restaurant in Karachi, the Sindh provincial capital, while researching possible links between Pakistani extremists and Richard C. Reid, who was arrested in December on a flight from Paris to Miami with explosives in his shoes.

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Friday's proceedings ended with the judge putting off a decision on a request by the chief prosecutor Raja Quereshi to send a panel to Britain to videotape the testimony of Pearl's wife, Mariane.

# Israeli troops enter Jenin, refugee camp

NABLUS, West Bank (AP) — Israeli troops entered the Palestinian city of Jenin and its battle-scarred refugee camp before dawn Friday in a search for militants who eluded capture during heavy fighting last month, the army said.

Palestinian officials, meanwhile, said the Central Elections Committee would convene over the weekend to begin preparations for general elections. Yasser Arafat has decided to hold presidential and parliamentary elections within six months as part of a reform package, said a senior adviser, Ahmed Abdel Rahman.

In the city of Jenin, soldiers surrounded a building on a commercial street and were looking for at least one person they believed to be inside, but did not immediately take any action, witnesses said.

Several Israeli tanks also entered the West Bank city of Nablus, but troops made no arrests and left after several hours, Palestinian witnesses said.

Last week, Israel ended a six-week military offensive aimed at militants in the Palestinian cities and towns of the West Bank. The operation was launched March 29 following a series of Palestinian suicide bombings in Israel.

In the Gaza Strip, a Palestinian was killed by Israeli soldiers early Friday while he tried to enter the Jewish settlement of Dugit, the Israeli military said. The Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigade, a militia linked to Arafat's Fatah movement, claimed responsibility for the attempted infiltration.

In Jenin, exchanges of fire erupted shortly after Israeli forces reached the city and the adjacent refugee camp around 3:30 a.m., witnesses said. But the army said its forces did not come under heavy fire and intended to withdraw as soon as they arrested the suspects they sought.

In the refugee camp, soldiers surrounded the home of Jamal Abu Alhija, the local leader of the militant Islamic group Hamas. Soldiers ordered family members to come out but Alhija was not among them, said Alhija's son, Asam, 14.

He said that after relatives said they did not know where Alhija was, soldiers set the empty house on fire, burning every room.

However, Israeli forces have continued to make brief, smaller-scale incursions into the West Bank to arrest or kill suspected militants.

Last month, the Jenin refugee camp was the scene of the heaviest fighting of the Israeli offensive. Israel lost 23 soldiers and more than 50 Palestinians were killed in the April 3-11 battle.

Israel also detained hundreds of young men in the camp for interrogation, though most have been released. Israeli armored bulldozers flattened concrete apartment blocks where militants were holed up in the congested camp, home to about 15,000 Palestinians.

Palestinian officials accused Israeli troops of killing hundreds of people, including many civilians, during the fighting. However, Israel called the claim a wild exaggeration, and human rights groups said they have found no evidence of a massacre.

## Dad's Day ...



(Top) Beverly Morse looks on as Caleb Huddleston and dad, Wayne Huddleston, sign-in during "Dad's Day," a yearly event at Lamar Elementary School. (Bottom) Victoria Saiz, Jennifer Jones and Ronnie Jones enjoy a meal together. The children and their fathers participated in several fun activities and enjoyed hot dogs, chips and drinks as well.

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