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PARIS, Texas (AP) U.S. Rep. Max Sandlin flaunted his prowess for piquancy, consuming eight jalapeno peppers in five minutes to win Chile Pepper magazine's Zestiest Legislator Award.

"I have fire in my belly," the Marshall Democrat said Thursday, pausing briefly from his peppers to swig from a bottle of Tabasco brand Green Pepper Sauce.

The Northeast Texas lawmaker was the sole contender for the title of Zestiest Legislator in the Chile Pepper States. Contenders from Louisiana, New Mexico, Arizona and California were no-shows at the contest at the Capitol in Washington, D.C. -

"My colleagues underestimated the seriousness of the competition when I entered it, but I showed up with my game face on and my Tabasco sauce in hand to quench my thirst," Sandlin told The Paris

"Growing up in East Texas allowed me to gain a true respect and love for chile peppers, jalapenos, habaneros, bell peppers and all others," he said.

Sandlin said he eats peppers daily and uses hot sauce on eggs, pizza, burgers and most everything he eats.

### DEATHS

C. Warren Fatheree. 74, civic leader.

Jerry Thurman Helms, oil field worker.

Randall Harden, 37, lifelong Pampan.

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### **West Texas LANDSCAPE**

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# Sunpower



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Macey Hendrick, 5, left, and her sister Allie, 10, center, inspect the solar panels of Pampa High School's solar car with their cousin, Ashton Sims, 4, during Earth Day at White Deer earlier this week. For more photographs and winners of the Earth Day student essay and art contest, see Page 12 of today's edition.

# **Grand jury considers** fatal wreck evidence

By KATE B. DICKSON ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

Grand jurors hearing evidence about the March 20 crash that killed an 11-year-old boy when his father tried to avoid a driver who came into their lane want to hear from more witnesses before making an indictment deci-

District Attorney Rick Roach said the grand jury met Thursday to consider, among other cases, the fatal wreck in which Kaid Shaller was killed as his father, David Shaller, 31, Lefors, was bringing the youngster home from school in McLean.

The accident happened, according to DPS reports, when Donna Montgomery, 42, of McLean, fell asleep at the wheel as she drove home from her job at the Jordan Prison Unit

It occurred on FM 2473 – commonly known as Nine Mile Crossing, according to Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) records. Shaller was driving a 1994 flatbed Chevrolet pickup and Montgomery was driving a 2001 Ford Ranger pickup.

After the accident investigation was completed, DPS Sgt. Don Cameron said the report to be forwarded to Roach's office would carry the recommendation that criminally negligent homicide, charges be brought against Montgomery.

In addition to the conclusion by the DPS that Montgomery fell asleep, coupled with physical evidence showing her vehicle was in the wrong lane, the sergeant said there are other aspects of the case he is not at liberty to the way he drives."

Roach said the grand jury, after hearing

from some witnesses Thursday, "... wants to visit with at least one more witness in the case. They are being thorough.

He expects that witness or witnesses to be heard in the next meeting of the grand jury on

Another traffic death case that was to have gone to the grand jury this week has been continued until May 16 because the investigating DPS trooper had to be in Austin for a meeting, Roach said.

That case concerns a March 18, 2000, crash on Interstate 40 in which a tractor-trailer-rig hit the back of a small pickup truck that was carrying illegal aliens. Killed in the wreck was one of the pickup passengers.

Charged at the time was Vartan Allahverdi, 46, of Tujunga, Calif., driver of the truck. He remains free on \$10,000 bond.

Last month, Allahverdi was charged with four counts of manslaughter in connection with four fatalities that occurred on Good Friday when the tractor-trailer rig he was driving on I-40 in West Memphis, Ark., rear-ended a car carrying a Wisconsin family en route to Texas.

Arkansas State Police Sgt. Milton Nicks said the accident happened in a construction zone and involved four vehicles. The Toyota Camry containing the family was struck by Allahverdi's truck. The car subsequently caught fire and the family burned to death, the

Allahverdi is free on \$40,000 bond.

Roach said he may bring up the Arkansas crash before grand jurors here because "it does have some relevance ... it shows his attitude ...

However, there remains a question about the (See WRECKS, Page 3)

# PHS band, choir bring home UIL honors

# Band's first Sweepstakes since 1994

BY KATE B. DICKSON ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

Pampa High School and Pampa Middle School bands are on a rol! recent competition making PISD the only school district in the region to have all bands win the No. 1 prize.

This week, the PHS symphonic and concert bands both received the Sweepstakes Award in UIL competition in Amarillo while the PMS bands did the same earlier this PHS band director. Bruce Collins is said. the band director.

There is no higher Division I

award than Sweepstakes, Jones said. It was the concert band's first Sweepstakes Award since 1994. That band is under the direction of Jones.

The spring competition features bringing home all top honors in concert performing and sight reading. The other large competition is the marching band contest which is held in the fall of each year.

In the sight reading competition, bands are given a piece of music written especially for the contest and get no more than 10 minutes to review it with their band directors spring, said Jason Jones, assistant before performing the piece. Jones

Jones had praise for the band (See BAND, Page 3)

# Women's Choir receives Sweepstakes

By KATE B. DICKSON ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

Pampa High School Women's Concert Choir brought home the top' UIL contest award - the Sweepstakes Award – following two days of recent competition at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

Choral director Fred Mays said the judges gave the choir "all very wonderful comments" with not one critical comment made from the three judges who heard the choir in concert or the three sight reading judges.

In the sight reading category. choirs get five minutes to look over a piece of music they have never seen

before, Mays said. After that time, they must sing it without any musical accompaniment.

One sight reading judge had high praise for the women's choir saying he had judged all-over Texas and the PHS group did the best job of piece reading that he'd seen by a 4-A choir,

Mays said the sight reading pieces are "full length" and said the students have to be "trained well in reading music" to be able to sing the piece that quickly and with no accompani-

PHS Concert Choir also received honors by winning second place in (See CHOIR, Page 3)

# **United Medicorp** reporting record **March earnings**

Managing Editor

United Medicorp, Inc. is having a record month.

Company earnings are up from last year, and the number of employees has increased to the point that some employees are being moved to the basement because of the crowded space on the first floor.

The company first began hiring locally on July 24, 2000. Several employees were taken to Dallas and trained in that facility. They returned to Pampa to train additional employees.

Economic Pampa Development Corporation (PEDC) helped bring UMC to Pampa in 2000, and gave the company economic incentives to move the business from Dallas to Pampa.

UMC has two basic businesses. One is a billing service for hospitals and doctors. The second business bills the guarantor for patient services after insurance pays.

With a current annual pay roll of \$1.75 million, Director of Operations Dennis Bazhaw said he expects the 2002 payroll to exceed \$2 million. Six new employees have been hired recently, he said. "We still need to hire a couple of

He said the business had a record month in March, and will have a record month for April. "These employees are really doing a good job," he said. "We are quite proud of

them." Chief Executive Pete Seaman said the company earnings are up eight percent (See **RECORD**, Page 3)

Storms a-brewin'



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Storm clouds like these billowing thunderheads seen recently over the rooftops in the 1600 block of North Nelson are in the forecast for this evening. A 70 percent chance of rain is forecast for Pampa and the surrounding area later today, with some storms possibly becoming severe.

Memorial Services will be at 11 a.m., Saturday at Saint Peter Episcopal Church. Private Family burial will be at Llano. Cemetery. Officiating will be The Rev. John Watson, rector. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors, 2820 Virginia Circle, Amarillo.

Clyde Warren Fatheree was born July 23, 1927, at Pampa. After attending school in Pampa, he graduated from the New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell, N.M. He joined the U.S. Navy and served after World War II.

After the war, he attended the University of Oklahoma from 1946 to 1951 and graduated with a degree in geology and as a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. He was a lifelong supporter of the OU athletic and academic programs.

Mr. Fatheree began his career as a geologist with the Cabot Corporation in Pampa in 1951. He subsequently worked for Cree Drilling Company of Pampa. In the 1960s, Mr. Fatheree changed careers, joining Cree Insurance Company in Pampa. He later owned and operated his own independent insurance agency, Fatheree Insurance from 1968 until 1985 with his younger brother, David. His career came full circle in the 1980s when he again worked as a geologist for the Burnett Corporation, an independent oil and gas company in Amarillo. He was a member of the **PPROA** 

Mr. Fatheree was a volunteer and leader in many community activities. He was an official for high school football and basketball games throughout the panhandle, and served with the Pampa tennis association.

Mr. Fatheree served as a member of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the Pampa Zoning Board, Chairman of the Pampa Independent School District Board of Directors, and as President of the United Way of Pampa. He also served two terms Pampa the Club Country Board of Directors.

An Eagle Scout, Mr. Fatheree was a Scout leader throughout his adult life. He was a

lifetime member of the Adobe Walls Council, Boy Scouts of America, after serving as a Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Explorer Advisor, District commissioner, District Chairman and Council President. He was President of the Adobe Walls and Golden Spread Councils, and a holder of the Silver Beaver and Good Scout awards.

Mr. Fatheree also served on the board and was a past President of Amarillo YMCA. He received the Harry Mays award for his many contributions to the organization.

He was preceded in death by his oldest child, Susan, who died in 1991.

He married Ann Corbin on April 23, 1977. Survivors include his wife, Ann, of the home; sons, Jim Fatheree of Bethesda, Maryland, and Birke Marsh of Amarillo; daughter, Brianna Cobb of Amarillo; brothers, Hobart Fatheree of San Antonio and David Fatheree of Pampa; and six grandsons, Evan, Jackson and Holden Fatheree and Jake, Jud and Cade Cobb of Amarillo.

The family requests memorials be to Boy Scouts of America, YMCA or a favorite chari**JERRY THURMAN HELMS** 1931-2002

Jerry Thurman Helms, 70, of Pampa, died Tuesday, April 23, 2002, at Amarillo, Texas. The body was cremated and will be unavailable for viewing. Memorial services will be at 4 p.m., Friday at the Central Baptist Church, with the Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Helms was born April 27, 1931, in Arnett, Okla. He was a private in the U.S. Army from 1947 until 1950, serving during the Korean Conflict. He married Katherine Rainbolt Walls on Dec. 1, 1958, in Pampa.

He had been a resident of Pampa since 1941, recently moving to Miami. He was an oil field worker for Flint Engineering for 23 years, retiring in 1985.

He was a member of Central Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his father, Lon Helms; his mother and step-father, Goldie and J.C. Parton; two sisters, Sudie Fields and Loudell Bagwell; and two brothers, Fred Helms and Bill Helms.

Survivors include his wife, Katherine, of the home; a daughter and son-in-law, Trella Kay and Joe Talley of Miami; two sons and daughters-inlaw, Michael Thomas and Chelly Helms of White Deer and Brady Orval and Stacy Helms of Pampa; a sister, Nadine Mullins of Wilcox, Ariz.; and eight grandchildren, Brandon Helms, Erica Helms, Jessica Helms and Blake Helms, all of Pampa, Byron Helms of Fort Benning, Ga., Reese Talley and Trinidee Talley, both of Miami, and Kye Gordy Helms of White Deer.

### RANDALL HARDEN

1965-2002

Randall Harden, 37, of Pampa, died Thursday, April 25, 2002, at Pampa, Texas. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Harden was born April 2, 1965, in Pampa. He was a lifelong resident of Pampa, graduating from Pampa High School. He was employed by Miami Roustabout and Big Country Tire.

He was a member of the Briarwood Full Gospel Church. He was a life member of the NRA.

Survivors include his parents, Gale and Phyllis Harden of Pampa; a brother and sister-in-law, Greg and Kristi Harden of Pampa; his grandmother, Elva Elsheimer of Pampa; aunts and uncles, Philip and Phyllis Elsheimer and Bill and Tommie Harden, all of Pampa, and Bill and Eleanor Mercer of Amarillo; a niece and nephew, Karli and Rhett Harden, both of Pampa; and cousins, Scott Mercer, Eddy and K.C. Mercer, all of Amarillo, Lance and Donna Mercer of Blunt, S.D., Melanie Martinez of Midland, Andy and Paula Elsheimer and Allen Harden, all of Pampa, Dean and Melanie Harden and Lisa and Joe Riverez, all of Denton.

The family requests memorials be to Briarwood Full Gospel Family Life Center Building Fund, 1800 W. Harvester, Pampa, TX 79065.

### **SERVICES TOMORROW**

FATHEREE, C. Warren — Memorial services, 11 a.m., St. Peter Episcopal Church, Amarillo.

SWAIN, Lessie Mae — Memorial services, 2 p.m., Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, Pampa.

### RECORD

### FIRE

Pampa Fire Department responded to the ollowing calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

### Friday, April 26

8:33 a.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1700 block of North Duncan.

# Report: Mexico crops thrived during drought

Mexico's agricultural production was blos- taries. An acre-foot is 325,851 gallons, the soming at a time when the country claimed amount necessary to cover one acre of land, drought conditions prevented it from deliver-ing water into the Rio Grande under a 1944 The International Boundary and Water treaty.

The report by the Texas A&M University Extension Service could upset Texas farmers in the Rio Grande Valley who are waiting to see if a top-level meeting held Wednesday in Washington leads to a breakthrough in a longrunning international water dispute.

'You bet this will upset the farmers," Wayne Halbert, general manager of Harlingen Irrigation District, said Thursday.

"A&M's work, coupled with satellite photography, just documents what we have been trying to say for several years, "Halbert told The (McAllen) Monitor in Friday's editions. "That Mexico's increased use of water for its own agriculture is the cause of our plight, not the drought. The real issue is water management.

Mexico, under a 58-year-old treaty, is required each year to deliver 350,000 acre-feet of water into the Rio Grande from the Rio

McALLEN (AP) — A new report says Conchos and other northern Mexico tribu-

Commission contends that Mexico has fallen more than 1.5 million-acre feet of water in arrears. Also, Mexico has released only twothirds of the 600,000 acre-feet of water it promised under an agreement that President George Bush and Mexican President Vicente Fox signed in March of last year.

Officials from Mexico said earlier they can't send the water they owe the United States because the drought is also hurting their

In the past decade, the A&M report shows, Chihuahua farmers moved away from barley, wheat and soy bean production in favor of crops such as corn, oats, forage and vegetables over the past decade.

Such high-value crops, according to Extension Service economist Parr Rosson, could not have been introduced without confidence that a consistent water supply was readily available.

### **POLICE**

The Pampa Police Department reported the following arrests and incidents in the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, March 1

Destruction of property was reported in the 600 block of East Foster where a window was broken out.

Thursday, April 25

Unlawful carrying of a weapon (knife) by an unknown juvenile was reported in the 1000 block of West Wilks. A \$19.98 gas drive off was reported at

Taylor Mart, 1340 N. Hobart. An unattended death of a 37-year-old man

was reported in the 1700 block of Duncan. Theft by check was reported at Albertsons 1233 N. Hobart.

Friday, April 26

Geoffrey W. Terry, 45, 1525 Williston. arrested on warrants for two counts of animal

Jennifer Spikes, 18, Skellytown, arrested on warrants for running a stop sign, two counts failure to appear, unrestrained child, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

An assault causing minor injury to a juvenile family member was reported in the 1200 block of East Francis.

Jerad Matlock, 18, 1220 E. Francis, arrested for assault on a family member causing bodily injury and on warrants for two counts expired driver's license and two counts expired motor vehicle inspection. An assault causing bodily injury to a fami-

y member was reported in the 2200 block of North Nelson.

Jimmy Ray Fitzer, 41, 2206 N. Nelson, arrested for assault causing bodily injury to a family member.

### **AMBULANCE**

Rural/Metro Ambulance Service made the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, April 25

7:36 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of North Coffee and transported one to Baptist-St. Anthony West (BSAW).

8:26 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 1700 block of Christy; no transport.

4:18 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported one to (Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC)

Friday, April 26

4:56 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to PRMC.

### **STOCKS**

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# City Briefs

The Pampa News is not responsible for the content of paid advertisement

**BOWL-A-THON** FOR Peri Grigsby, Sat. Apr. 27th, Sale, Sat. 8:30-2, on Main St. 3-7 p.m. Harvester Lanes.

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Fun At The O.C.B.

MAY 1ST Los Creek Compadres Playing At The O.C.B. 9:00-12:00.

MOTHER'S DAY Special 1 1/2 hr relaxing massage \$40 and 10% Discount on all body bath, lotions and oils. We will make special baskets for gifts. Call the Golden Touch 665-9711 or 665-6850, for a Gift Certificate.

NOW OPEN Sunday's 1-5, Lazy S Feed & Garden, 516 S. Russell, 806-665-4189.

REWARDS. **PAMPA** FREE INTERNET! Call Gray Co. Crime Stoppers are looking for 2 callers (ID#'s for best dressed. 2275 & 4569) that have rewards coming. Call Courtney 662-1022, 11 p.m-7 a.m., Mon. thru Fri. Payment scheme will be set up for each of you.

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SALES POSITION- Immediate opening for full or part-time sales person! Must be energetic, friendly & outgoing! Apply in person only! Images, 123 N Cuyler.

SELLING YOUR Home Yourself? Make sure you're getting the right advice! Free Seminar, Sat., Apr. 27th, 10 a.m., Lovett Library, limited seating. Call 669-3248.

TOGA PARTY & Contest at Lonestar Country Club Sat. April 27th. Prizes hourly &

TUXEDO RENTALS at VJ's Fashions & Gifts, downtown Pampa, 669-6323.

### **PAMPA**

Today's forecast calls for areas of drizzle this morning otherwise mostly cloudy and windy with a 20 percent chance of afternoon thunderstorms. A few storms possibly severe. Highs 70 to 75. Southeast to south winds increasing to 20 to 30 mph with gusts to 40 mph. Caution advised on area lakes through Saturday. Tonight, cloudy and windy with thunderstorms likely. Some storms possibly severe. Chance of rain 70 percent. Lows 50 to 55. South winds 20 to 30 mph with gusts to 40 mph, becoming west late. Saturday, mostly sunny and windy with highs in the lower 80s. West winds 20 to 30 mph with gusts to 40 mph. Saturday night, mostly clear. Lows in the lower 50s. Sunday, mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 80s. Sunday evening, mostly clear. Monday through Thursday, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower to mid-50s. Highs in the mid to upper 80s.

### **STATEWIDE**

Storms that dumped up to a foot of rain in parts of West Texas moved into the state's northern and central regions early Friday.

The storm front stalled from Southeast Texas into Austin to north of Del Rio.

Scattered showers and thunderstorms continued across the Concho Valley and Edwards Plateau. Patchy fog and low

WEATHER FOCUS cloudiness prevailed across most of the pan-

handle into the lower Trans Pecos. Early-morning temperatures ranged from the upper 30s in the Panhandle to the mid-50s along the Rio Grande into the Concho

Extremes varied from 37 degrees at the Dalhart area to 76 degrees at Rockport and

Other readings were 57 at Dryden and 50 degrees at Abilene, Wichita Falls and Paris. It was 63 degrees at Killeen and Nacogdoches.

Winds were mostly from the south to southeast from 5 to 15 mph in the Panhandle and South Plains, with easterly to northeasterly winds at less than 10 mph over North and southern West Texas, near the stationary

A low-pressure system developed over southeastern Colorado, creating light and variable winds across the rest of West Texas.

Showers and thunderstorms were likely through Saturday for North Texas. A chance of storms was forecast in western regions, with some storms possibly severe. Blowing dust was possible in the South Plains.

Daytime highs should be in the mid- to upper 60s along the Red River to 80s across the south, with 90s along the Rio Grande.

Lows overnight were expected in the 50s, except for 40s in the mountains and 60s in the Concho Valley.

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# Lawmakers reach farm bill deal

tentative agreement on a farm bill that would boost agricultural spending by about 70 percent, marking a reversal of a 1996 law that was intended to wean farmers from government support.

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market-oriented The approach instituted by the 1996 law never had its intended effect. Commodity prices collapsed in 1998, and Congress has responded with a series of annual bailouts to supplement regular subsidy programs.

Terms of the new six-year deal were sketchy, and lawmakers said Thursday night it remains subject to change pending some final negotiations and revisions in cost esti-

"I'll tell you who wins: the American farmer," said the lead House negotiator, Rep. Larry Combest, R-Texas.

His Senate counterpart. Iowa Democrat Tom Harkin, said the accord "transcends party lines, will bring prosperity back to rural America and charts a new course for farm operator or super large corn policy."

total agriculture spending by

RECORD

fourth quarter of 2000.

WASHINGTON (AP) — \$73.5 billion over the next 10 Lawmakers have reached a years, the limit allowed by last year's congressional budget agreement. Existing programs are expected to cost about \$107 billion over the same

> The White House agriculture adviser, Chuck Conner, had no comment on the agree-

Price guarantees, known as loan rates, will be increased for major crops, and the bill revives a target price system, abolished by the 1996 Freedom to Farm Act, to provide additional income. The loan rate for corn would be increased about 5 percent.

In a victory for Southern growers and large Midwest farms, no significant new limits will be set on payments that individual farms could collect.

Despite widespread support in the House and Senate for restrictions on subsidies to big farms, the agreement would keep alive a program that allows grain, cotton and soybean growers to collect unlimited amounts of crop subsidies.

"Any big cotton or rice and soybean operator is now The bill would increase going to have absolutely no restraints whatsoever," said

Ken Cook, president of the Environmental Working Group.

According to lawmakers and congressional aides, the bill also will include a new subsidy program for dairy farmers; a requirement that meat, fish and produce be labeled with the country of origin, starting in two years; and a new \$2 billion conservation program to reward crop farmers for improved environmental practices, lawmakers said.

Additionally, the deal was expected to restore food stamps to noncitizens. Dropped in the final deal was a Senate-passed ban on meatpacker ownership of cattle and hogs, one lawmaker saids

Lawmakers hoped to wrap up the agreement Friday after getting new cost estimates from congressional budget analysts.

"The whole thing could blow up. I don't think it will. It depends on those numbers," said Rep. Saxby Chambliss, R-

The legislation will replace farm, nutrition and land-conservation programs set to expire this fall. The new bill would expire in 2008, a presidential election year.

# Sale Good April 26th - 29th **While Quantities Last Assorted Pepsi**

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**Small Del Monte Hawaiian Pineapple** 

**Hot House Tomatoes** 



**Russet Potatoes** 

10 Lb. Bag

**Granny's Gourmet Beans** 

**Check Out The** 

**20 Lb. Bag** 



**Smart Buys** 

**And Dollar Items Throughout The Store!!** 

**Franks Thriftway** 

"Pampa's Homeowned"

300 E. Brown

hired from the local area, and 16 are in management positions. "Only six have been imported," he said.

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for the fourth quarter of 2001. Total revenue for the fourth quarter of 2001 was \$647,688 compared with \$599,051 in the

Net income for the fourth quarter of 2001 was \$36,634 compared to net income of \$11,036 in the fourth quarter of 2000.

Total revenue in 2001 was \$2,785,697, up 21 percent compared with \$2,297,797 in 2000. Net income in 2001 was \$265,841 compared to net loss of \$198,932 in 2000.

Net income per share for 2001 was \$0.0091, compared to a per share loss of \$0.0069 in

"UMC's fourth quarter and fiscal year 2001 results show significant improvement over the prior year. The company's improved performance is attributable to a number of factors, including the reduced cost structure we have established by moving our operations functions from Dallas to Pampa, the incentives paid to UMC by the Pampa Economic Development Corporation and the progress we made during 2001 in signing new customers," said Seaman. "In addition, the work ethic and availability of workers hired in Pampa have met our expectations."

Bazhaw said this morning he is quite impressed with the quality of people in Pampa.

"The Pampa Independent School District is to be commended for the students they turn out," said Bazhaw. "The employees are intelligent, and the work ethic here is fantastic. They know how to work."

Currently, 89 of 97 UMC employees are at the Pampa site.

"Eight are employed off site, and three of those are part time," he said.

Bazhaw said 83 of the employees have been

"After Sept\_11, 2001, it was pretty rough," said Bazhaw. "All the employees took a 15 percent across the board cut in pay, and four were laid off."

He explained that after the economy began to improve the four were contacted to come

"Two came back, and two didn't," he said. "It's a lot better now," he said. "We've gone from 55 employees to 97. It's doing much bet-

In September 2001, Seaman said the PEDC paid UMC upon the closing of the purchase of the property, and will pay UMC \$27,400 a year for five years. PEDC is paying UMC an employee grant

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### CHOIR

the division for their onstage performance and first in the division for sight reading.

Freshman and Sophomore Mixed Choir also won accolades for sight reading by taking first place in their division.

Next week, the PHS Concert Choir travels

to St. Louis to participate in a choral festival, Mays said. While there, the students plan to see the St. Louis Cardinals take on the Atlanta Braves, and will visit the famed St. Louis Zoo, Union Station, and the St. Louis Arch.

Also next week, younger choir students will perform at the Greater Southwest Music Festival in Amarillo.

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## BAND

members, not only at the high school but for those participating students all the way back to the fifth grade.

"We have really great youngsters," he said. "They work hard and do everything we ask of them. It starts in the

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### WRECKS

tail lights on the small pickup involved in the Gray County crash, Roach said. He is awaiting a DPS lab report on tests performed on the tail lights to see if they were lighted or not at the time of. the wreck.

After hearing other cases, Roach said 32 indictments were returned and the grand jury did not indict on two cases.

The paperwork on the indictments is being prepared today and they will be reported in The Pampa News next

fifth and sixth grades and their success just keeps building."

Next up for all the bands is the annual Spring Festival set for May 2 at McNeely Field House.

And soon, the PHS band

will go on its annual spring trip which this year will take them to Seattle then to Canada aboard a cruise ship where they'll join other bands to perform and compete during the Festival Cruise.



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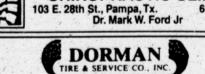
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Members of the 12th Prison Ministry Bible study class display their certificates of completion: front row, Ricky Carter, John Kassner, and Bruce Hoffman; standing, Regino Midrid, Juan Murillo and Jose Orellana.

# Prison Bible study class graduates

The 12th class of the Pampa Prison Jose Orellana. Ministry's Bible study of the book of John, Free For Sure, was honored at it's graduation

Inmates who completed the 52 weeks of study were Ricky Carter, John Kassner, Bruce Hoffinan, Rejino Midrid, Juan Murillo, and

Honoring the graduates were the alumni of the previous 11 classes, the Praise Team from First Baptist Church of Pampa, and the regular volunteer team. The evening was spent in testimonies of the graduates, praise, singing, and

# BYU choir to perform in Amarillo

AMARILLO - Touring musical groups interwoven to present heartfelt anthems of from Brigham Young University-Idaho will perform at 7 p.m., May 4, at 5401 Bell St. in Amarillo. The concert is presented by the Amarillo stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Collegiate Singers is made up of 40 vocal students from the Department of Music of the college in Rexburg, Idaho. The group's repertoire represents some of the most technically challenging aspects of standard choral literature. The stylistic variety ranges from early Renaissance to 20th century and beyond.

Vocal Union, a group of 10 performers, focuses on contemporary art forms and entertainment that incorporates vocal jazz, choreography, musical theater and swing-era tunes. Audiences are spellbound by the tight harmonies, vocal blend and energy of the ensem-

The touring concert this year is titled "Song of the Heart." The talents of the ensembles are

praise as well as folk and love songs, an American tribute and jazz favorites.

"They sing from their hearts while their eyes reflect hope." artistic director Kevin Brower said of the groups

Brower received his undergraduate training at Utah State University and was awarded a master's degree in music from Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. He is a doctoral candidate at Arizona State University and is director of choral activities at BYU-Idaho. He frequently appears as guest conductor and clinician at choral festivals and clinics, is an active recital artist and is a member of the American Choral Directors Association and Music Educators National Conference.

Tickets to the concert will be available at the door of the church the evening of the performance. For more information or to buy tickets in advance call Cindy Olive, activities director for the Amarillo stake, at 353-5963.

# Banquet to kick off areawide crusade featuring Rick Gage

BORGER - A kickoff encouraging anyone in the explain to the gathering what banquet for an August crusade, Go Tell Celebration with Rick Gage, is planned for

The area-wide August event is non-denominational, said Borger Chamber of Commerce Chief Executive Mickey Blackmon. He is

area to participate.

event," he said. "It is for everyone in the area."

The banquet will be at 6:30 p.m. in the Old Plainsman Gym at Frank Phillips College. Cost of the kickoff banquet will be \$10 per person and will include a catered meal as well as a presentation by Gage.

the area non-denominational "This is not just a Borger crusade will be about. The crusade will be Aug. 25-28 at Bulldog Stadium in Borger.

Anyone from Pampa and the surrounding area who would like to attend the banquet or who receive additional information regarding the August Go Tell Celebration with Rick Gage crusade may contact Blackmon at the Blackmon said Gage will Borger Chamber, 274-2211.

# The squirrel who took a leap of faith

I was reading the book of Hebrews and I noticed a story about Abraham.

I always enjoy reading the 11th chapter of Hebrews. As I was reading, I noticed these words: "By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going." (Hebrews 11:8)

As I read this, I thought of a story that I read some time back. This story was written 3,000 miles away from everyby the writer Oscar Schisgall. It is amusing, but it contains a truth. It goes like this:

"When I was a young writer with a very uncertain income, I went into a quiet park to contemplate a serious

"For four years I had been engaged but didn't dare marry. There was no way of foreseeing how little I might earn in the next year; more-

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over, we had long cherished a plan of living and writing in Paris, Rome, Vienna, London bench said, 'Funny, I've seen ... everywnere.

"But how could we go thing that was familiar and secure without the certainty of some money now and then?

"At that moment I looked up and saw a squirrel jump from one high tree to another. He appeared to be aiming for a limb so far out of reach that the leap looked like suicide.

"He missed ... but landed, safe and unconcerned, on a branch several feet lower. Then he climbed to his goal

and all was well.

"An old man sitting on the nundreds of em just like that, especially when there are dogs around and they can't come down to the ground. A lot of them miss, but I ve never seen any hurt in trying.'

Then he chuckled, 'I guess they've got to risk something if they don't want to spend their lives in one tree.

"I thought, 'A squirrel takes a chance ... have I less nerve than a squirrel?'

"We were married in two weeks, scraped up enough money for our passage and sailed across the Atlantic, jumping off into space, not sure what branch we'd land

"I began to write twice as

fast and twice as hard as ever before. And to our amazement, we promptly soared into the realm of respectable incomes.

"Since then, whenever I have to choose between risking a new venture or hanging back, those five little words run through my thoughts: 'Once there was a squirrel ... and sometimes I hear the only man on the bark bench saying, They have got to risk something if they don't want to spend their lives in one tree."

This is one great lesson on life that we should learn from the animal world.

It is easy, you know, just to sit back on what is comfortable, sinking into the known,. and feathering our nests with the familiar until there is no risk left in any of us.

Life is exciting when you anticipate something new. I'm not talking about foolish, needless risk, but something more in the line of a leap of faith into the dark or

How about giving it a try

# **CHURCH BRIEFS**

### Jimmy Flynn appears at APOLLOS

APOLLOS will feature Jimmy Flynn as entertainment for its Saturday night adult coffee house. Flynn, a local pastor, has been a heavyweight professional champion. He entertains through a balance of song, humor and life stories. APOLLOS, located in the south entrance of Calvary Baptist Church, 900 E. 23rd, opens at 7 p.m., serving cappuccino, coffee, slushies and hot chocolate.

### Redeeming Grace plans revival

Evangelist Esther Osborn of Baycliff is featured speaker for revival services at Redeeming Grace Mission, 422 N. West. Services are planned for 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday, and Sunday at 10:30 a.m. The public is invited.

### Red, White, Blue Day at Fellowship Baptist

Law enforcement officers and emergency personnel are to be honored with a special service at 11 a.m., Sunday, April 28, at Fellowship Baptist Church, 622 E. Francis. Chaplain Chuck Baker of the Abilene Police Department is special speaker. A luncheon will follow the service. The public is

### Religion in the news ...

Southern Baptists say members tops 16 mil.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - The Southern Baptist Convention, the nation's largest Protestant denomination, says it grew even bigger last year, adding 92,612 followers for a total membership of 16,052,920.

Still, the gain was lower than the increase in 2000, when the convention added about 109,000 people. And baptisms last year declined by 18,727, to about 396,000.

The statistics were collected from local Baptist associations and state conventions for the annual church profile.

In several states, moderate Southern Baptists have broken away from their state conventions, taking members and churches with them, to protest the conservative beliefs of the church's national leaders.

It remains unclear how many members have been lost to the breakaway groups, since some churches maintain ties with both the state conventions and the new moderate organi-

The next two largest Protestant denominations in terms of membership are the United Methodists, with 8,340,954, and the Church of God in Christ with a total of 5,499,875 followers.

Roman Catholicism remains the largest religious body in the United States, with more than 63 million members. Interfaith ministry mails checks to riot survivors TULSA, Okla. (AP) — A

Tulsa ministry has mailed reparation checks to 131 survivors of a 1921 race riot, most of whom were children when whites laid waste to black neighborhoods with guns and torches.

The Tulsa Metropolitan Ministry Reparations Gift Fund, an interfaith coalition, this month disbursed \$28,000 in checks to the elderly survivors of the 14-hour conflict that left thousands in the Greenwood neighborhood homeless. At least 38 people were killed, most of them black.

Each survivor received about \$200.

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# Fledgling Utah-based church melds wine-making, sexuality, meditation

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Claude Nowell was a 30year-old graphics salesman and practicing Mormon who says he was just trying to relax after work when the hairless, blue, otherworldly beings first came to him.

The 1975 visitation lasted about 10 minutes - enough time to transport Nowell to a quiet place where an enormous pyramid stood on a green lawn under a blue sky filled with stars.

When he came to, Nowell

immediately suspected his druggie co-workers had spiked his late-afternoon doughnut.

But then, Nowell claims, there were more visitations from the blue beings - leading him to decide that he had been chosen to propagate Summum, a belief system incorporating, winemaking, mummification and sexual ecstasy. His fledgling group of adherents now meet in a pyramid-shaped temple in Salt Lake City.

Nowell, who in the early 1980s changed his name to Summum Bonum Amon Ra and goes by Corky Ra, said that since Summum's establishment in 1975, 250,000 people have received its teachings — though the movement is little-known, even among those who study new religions. No official membership rolls are kept, he said, nor does the movement collect offerings or accept donations.

Ra attended Brigham

Young University and graduated from the University of Utah, where he majored in business and philosophy. He is a former Southern California aerobics instructor with tanned skin, clear green eyes and an 18-inch ponytail trailing down his back.

Ra said he never wanted the belief system to be called a church (and there is no supreme being in his teachings). But when his group first applied for his nonprofit organization status, he said, the Internal Revenue Service designated it as a church.

'We have always felt it to be a philosophy, but the government has always called it a religion," Ra said. The designation has allowed the group to hold a state permit to make and distribute sacramental wine.

The pyramid temple, made of anodized copper over steel with sides 40 feet wide at the base, sits in a one-acre compoaund in an industrial zone just off an interstate in Salt Lake City. The temple is open to the public each Thursday night for meditation and philosophy instruction.

Three mummified animals encased in bronze sit in the entryway. Upholstered sofas and chairs form a discussion circle directly beneath the pyramid's apex, 26 feet overhead. The sacramental wine is fermented in a gleaming stainless steel vat set behind the furniture.

During the 77-day fermentation process, those who espouse Summum meditate for the wines so they will contain spiritual concepts. The wines are then aged from one to 15 years.a

State law forbids shipment of the wine, so Summum adherents in other states have become licensed liquor distributors to ship the product.

Ra said at least 250,000 bottles have been given away to people who have undergone a screening process that involves reading Summum and learning how to meditate.

Adherents use the wines, also known as "liquid knowledge" and "nectar publications," to enhance seven types of meditation, including the

one serving Summum's paramount belief: the power of sexual ecstasy.

Summum's take is that copulation played a vital role in creation of the universe, and that all progression and evolution happens through sexual ecstasy.

With Summum, sexuality is not merely an avenue to enjoyment. "It's there for meditation," Ra said. "But when you have that ecstasy, that's creation itself. We call it the state of becoming god. It's not something you would do at a brothel or only for procreation.'

The vital role of sex in Ra's beliefs is evident in decorations in the pyramid, including candleholders molded to look like sex organs.

Ra's assistant, Ron Temu, a licensed funeral director and embalmer, also does mummifications, which Summum prefers over burial. Comparing their beliefs to ancient Egyptian creeds, Summum teaches that even after death there remains an ethereal bond between body and soul.

# Pampa pastor to speak at Lefors FBC revival

LEFORS - First Baptist Church of Lefors will be in a revival meeting April 28 to May I with Evangelist Dr. Derrell Monday of Central Baptist Church of Pampa and Rick Parnell, minister of education for Central Baptist, as-

11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Services

Monday through Wednesday will be at 10:30 a.m. and 7

A bible study of the book of Genesis is set for 9:45 a.m. and 6 p.m., Sunday, and Monday through Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.

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Boys have a way of frustrating and irritating the very souls of us dads. They leave our best tools out in the rain or they scramble them on the workbench. They lose our binoculars and they drop our cameras. Many of

things that make absolutely no sense to the rational mind, such as little Jeffrey hiding under the bed while his family runs through the neighborhood shouting his name. Of course, we fathers shouldn't complain. We were once boys who drove our own dads crazy too, so we should cut our sons some slack.

When I was 17 years old, the state of Texas granted me a license to drive. It was a bad decision. My dad had recently bought a brand-new Ford, and he let me take it out for a spin during lunchtime one day. That was another big mistake. Hundreds of my fellow students were milling around my school as I drove by, which gave me a great opportunity to show off.

I also wanted to test a theory that had intrigued me. In our little town, there were huge dips on both sides of certain intersections to handle the flash floods that occasionally swept down our streets. I reasoned that if I hit the bumps at high speed, my car would sail over them. I was a big fan of Joey Chitwood, who was the Evel Knievel of that day, and I had seen him catapult his car over obstacles at the state fair. If Joey could do it,...why not me?

about the physics of 3,000 pounds of steel hurtling down the under my tars." road. I approached the intersection helter-skelter and careened into the first dip. There was a violent reaction. rambunctious kid, one of the greatest privileges in living is Kaboom! went the bottom of the car! Then I blasted into the second canyon. Kabang! My head hit the headliner and the car convulsed up and down like a gigantic yo-yo. My entire life passed in front of my eyes. But my Texas friends were awestruck. They said, "Wow! Look at tha-yet. He got ar under his tar."

them are sassy, irresponsible and hard to handle. Or they do said, "Uh, Bo," (that's what he called me) "I just took the car to the mechanic, and he said all four shocks have blown out. It's the craziest thing. Shocks usually war out little by little, but the car is new and they're already shredded. Do you have any idea how this could have happened?"

> The only thing that saved me was a momentary lapse of memory. At that second, I honestly didn't recall that I had hit the bumps, so I said no! He accepted my denial and I escaped with my life. A few weeks later, I was driving near our home when the steering column broke, sending the Ford into the curb. Fortunately, no one was killed. It was years later before I realized that I had blown the shocks and probably cracked the steering post during "the great physics experiment." Who knows what other damage I did to Dad's new car on that day.

> By the time I admitted to myself that I was the guilty party, the statute of limitations had expired on my crime. My dad had forgotten about the episode and he never mentioned it again. Nor did I. My father went to his grave unaware of the stupid thing I had done. So, Dad, if you're watching from up there, just know that I'm sorry and I won't ever do it again. I'll save my allowance for six years

Obviously, there was much that I didn't understand to pay for the damage. It was the only time I ever got "ar

Despite all the challenges associated with raising a to have one of them hug your neck and say, "I love you,

Dr. Dobson is president of the nonprofit organization Focus on the Family, P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, CO. A few weeks later, my good ol' dad came to me and 80903; or www.family.org Questions and answers are excepted from "Solid Answers," published by Tyndale

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A tour of two historic Roberts County ranches is in the offing May 11 courtesy of Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon. The trip will include bus transportation, "Dinner on the Ground" at the Reynolds Ranch and a tour of Roberts County Museum in Miami. The bus will depart from PPHM in Canyon at 8 a.m. and will return at approximately 6:30 p.m. For more information or to register for the tour, call Bruce Burnett at (806) 651-5801.

# Chernobyl disaster unforgotten

SLAVUTYCH, Ukraine (AP) — Hundreds of people, many of them still working at the Chernobyl power plant, braved a biting cold on Friday to lay flowers and light candles at a memorial service to loved ones who died in the world's worst accident 16 years ago.

"I come every year," said Lyubov Rasovova, who was fortunate to have the day off from her job at Chernobyl on the day of the accident, April 26, 1986. Every year survivors mark the anniversary in the nearby town of Slavutych at 1:23 a.m., the moment when the explosion occurred, spewing radiation across Europe.

Rasovova manages a storage facility at Chernobyl and knew many of the 26 men and two women whose portraits are etched into the low, gray granite wall in the square commemorating workers who were killed within days of the explosion. Thousands more people in Ukraine, Belarus and Russia have since died from radiation-related illnesses.

Chernobyl closed in December 2000, but the work of dismantling the plant continues. While remorse for the past was foremost in people's minds Friday, there were also fears we don't know what will happen," said about the impending job losses

work is finally finished. About 1,500 people have left Slavutych since 2000 and more flight is expected. The city was built in the aftermath of the accident to house Chernobyl workers forcibly evacuated from homes in the plant's shadow.

"The main priority of the city today is survival," said Slavutych Mayor Vladimir Odovichenko. With efforts now focused on taking apart the nuclear plant, Odovichenko is reliant on international assistance for a large portion of his budget.

For the next two years, Odovichenko expects closure operations to provide many jobs for Slavutych residents, but he dreads future losses of skilled workers who seek jobs elsewhere.

Thousands of Slavutych's 25,000 residents still work in "the zone" - an 18-mile swath of land that was evacuated soon after the accident and closed off to outsiders for

However, the mayor is confident that his town - which is just outside the zone - is

Despite a lack of work and questionable ecological safety, the decision to move is not an easy one for Slavutych residents as economic conditions have deteriorated throughout Ukraine in recent years.

Before, the Soviet Union helped us, now Oleksandr Korolov, 50, who has worked at Chernobyl since 1978.

Emotional ties also contribute to Slavutych residents' decision to stay put.

'What's one to do?" said Rasovova. "I feel comfortable here— it's my city, my job, my life. I'm used to it not being safe."

# Rumsfeld: No sign of bin Laden

BISHKEK, Kyrgyzstan (AP) — The search for Osama bin Laden has found neither "hide nor hair" of America's No. 1 terrorist target since December, but the fight to rid Afghanistan of his al-Qaida network will continue for months, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Friday.

In a question-and-answer session with a group of about 400 U.S. and allied troops, one airman posed the kind of blunt question Rumsfeld rarely hears in Washington. "When we get our hands on Mr. bin Laden, are we going to negotiate with him or annihilate him?" the airman asked.

Grinning amid hoots and hollers from his audience, Rumsfeld replied, "In truth, it's kind of his choice."

Rumsfeld, who flew to Bishkek's main airport, Manas, from Washington to begin a four-day Central Asia visit, rarely mentions bin Laden in his public remarks about the war unless he is asked.

"We're hunting him down," he said. "We're tracking him down. He's hiding. We haven't heard hide nor hair of him for about, oh, since December, in terms of anything hard." Rumsfeld said even with bin Laden still on the loose, "he is probably not very effective now in running the al-Qaida organization."

Some believe bin Laden slipped away when his al-Qaida fighters made a last stand at Tora Bora in mid-December.

"My guess is ... he'll either be killed in some attack that takes place when we find him or he'll be captured, ... in which case we would have an opportunity to visit with him," he

Before speaking to the troops, Rumsfeld took a quick tour of the U.S. and allied troop buildup at Manas airport, which has become new foothold for American and allied airpower in the war on terrorism.

From inside his sport utility vehicle Rumsfeld could see six Marine Corps F/A-18 Hornet fighter jets on the tarmac, a similar number of French Mirage 2000D fighters and a smattering of cargo and refueling aircraft from a variety of allied nations.

Of the 2,000 coalition troops stationed here, about half are American.

The area at Manas that has become home to the allied air forces is dubbed Ganci Air Base in honor of New York City Fire Chief Peter J. Ganci Jr., who was killed in the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center towers.

Rumsfeld was greeted at the airport by Defense Minister Gen. Esen Topov and U.S. Brig. Gen. V. Wayne Lloyd of the West Virginia Air National Guard, commander of the American forces here.

In a pep talk to the troops, Rumsfeld thanked them for

their contributions to the war in Afghanistan.

"You stand against an evil an evil of mass murderers,"

Air forces of seven other allies are based here Australia, Denmark, France, the Netherlands, Norway, South Korea and Spain.

In an interview on the flight from the United States, Rumsfeld told reporters that U.S. and allied forces in Afghanistan are capturing al-Qaida and Taliban fighters "almost every day, in small numbers."

The comment indicated that U.S. soldiers are having more regular contact with enemy forces than American officials had suggested in recent weeks. Rumsfeld was not specific about the location of the encounters and did not say whether any senior al-Qaida figures had been killed or captured recently.

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# Shooter goes on rampage at German school

ERFURT, Germany (AP) - A recently expelled student and a second gunman opened fire inside a school Friday, killing two teachers and a police officer. Six people were injured, police said.

The former student, who was expelled several weeks ago, also died, police said. The circumstances his death were not immediately provided.

Police commandos rushed into the Johann Gutenberg Gymnasium in this eastern city in an attempt to free an undetermined number of trapped students and hunt down the assailants.

Shocked students who fled the shooting reported seeing a man dressed all in black roaming the hallways with a gun.

"I heard shooting and thought it was a joke," said 13year-old Melanie Steinbrueck, chocking back tears. "But then I saw a teacher dead in the hallway in front of Room 209 and a gunman in black carrying a weapon."

"The guy was dressed all in black - gloves, cap, everything was black," said Juliane Blank, 13. "He must have opened the door without being heard and forced his way into the classroom.'

"We ran out into the hallways. We just wanted to get out," she said.

Outside the school, a police officer with a megaphone urged parents to register their children's names before leaving the scene. Groups of dazed and shocked students huddled in the street, hugging and cry-

A handwritten sign reading "HILFE" — Help — was pasted to a fourth-floor window and the face of a girl could be seen through the window in the classroom.

Police said they received a

call at 11:05 a.m. from the school janitor, who said someone was shooting in the building. An initial team of officers arrived on the scene shortly after and entered the school. One of the policemen was among those

Ambulances and police cars massed in front of the school, where several hundred children in grades five through 12 were in classes when the shooting began.

Sixth-grader Martin Streng said he was in math class when he heard gunfire coming from a classroom down the hall. As he and other students filed into the hallway to leave the building. they saw a man with a gun in the corridor behind them, Streng





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# **DEAR ABBY**

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

# **Muslim Girl Fears That Boys** Will Never See Past Her Scarf

DEAR ABBY: I am an 11-yearold Muslim girl who is a faithful reader of your column. It has helped me remember that I'm not the only one with problems. Here's mine:

It seems like no boy has ever liked me because I wear a scarf. The fact that no guy has ever liked me really hurts, even though it's against my religion to have boyfriends or go out on dates.

Guys never like me - even as a friend. I know you're thinking that boys my age are sometimes afraid to approach girls, but it's not like that. This is bothering me some-thing awful, Abby. Please help. SAD AND HURT IN

FALL CHURCH, VA.

DEAR SAD AND HURT: Speak to your parents or your religious leader about your feelings. You're not the only girl who has ever felt this way. Sometimes it's hard to be different - yet that's what makes all of us mature as individuals.

When the time comes, the right young man will be mature enough to see the person under- disability and need something more neath the scarf. Trust me!

DEAR ABBY: My girlfriend, "Jenny," and I became engaged on have to replace my chair. Doug has er for four years, and both have chilren from previous marriages Jenny has three daughters, and I the chair is \$100, but I bought it have a son and a daughter. All five two years ago, and would be willing are grown and in college or settled down with careers and families of

I immediately shared our engagement news with my side of the family. Everyone was excited and eager to know the wedding date. Trouble is, Jenny and I haven't yet picked a date, due to the fact that she hasn't told any of her family - including her daughters.

Since they all live out of state, none of her family would have any idea about our engagement unless

they're told. Jenny's reluctance to share our "happy news" makes me wonder what she has to hide. Your opinion would be appreciated, Abby. STILL SINGLE IN SEATTLE

DEAR SINGLE: She's hiding you, honey! If your fiancee hasn't notified her family by June, I urge you to rethink the engagement.

DEAR ABBY: One of my co-workers, "Doug," brought one of his active children into my office. One kid jumped on my chair and broke it. It doesn't belong to the company
it's my personal chair. I have a comfortable than my office chair. Doug tried to glue it back together, but unfortunately, it didn't hold.

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How should I handle this without damaging my friendship with Doug? CHAIRLESS IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR CHAIRLESS: Buy a new chair and ask your co-worker to pay half the bill. Then purchase a sturdy lock for your office door — ard use it.

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.

Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$5 (U.S. funds only) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)



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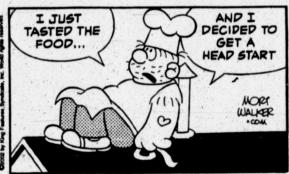
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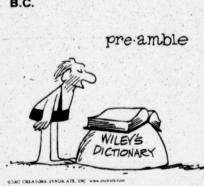




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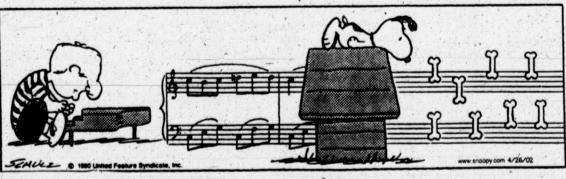


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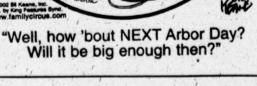
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### **TENNIS**

HOUSTON (AP) - Pete Sampras overpowered Argentina's Mariano Puerta with 16 aces, including four in a row to close out a 6-4, 6-2 victory in the second round of the U.S. Men's Clay Courts Championships.

Sampras advanced to a quarterfinal match against seventh-seeded Todd Martin, a winner over Nikolay Davbydenko. Third-seeded Andy Roddick, the defending champion, beat Alex Calatrava to set up a quarterfinal pairing with fifth-seeded James Blake, a winner over Michael Chang.

### HOCKEY

MONTREAL (AP) -Richard Zednik of the Canadiens, Montreal knocked unconscious by a blow to the face by Boston's Kyle McLaren, was still in a hospital Friday with a concussion and injuries to the nose and right eye.

The Slovak winger was admitted to Montreal General Hospital's intensive care unit Thursday night after lying motionless on the ice for five minutes following an elbow from McLaren late in the game,

the Canadiens said. Zednik was tested for injuries to his head, neck and facial bones. The results of those tests were expected later Friday.

Outgunned, "Habs Outgooned" was the banner headline in the Montreal Gazette, while the Journal de Montreal called the game, which Boston won 5-2 to tie the best-of-seven series 2-2, a "vicious and disgraceful match."

Montreal Veteran Gazette columnist Red Fisher called McLaren's hit "the mother of all cheap shots.'

Zednik was taken off the ice on a stretcher. Fights ensued and an irate Montreal coach Michel Therrien threatened retaliation against the Bruins' topplayers in Game 5 on Saturday in Boston.

"If they try to go after our best players, if that's part of (Boston coach Robbie) Ftorek's strategy, we have no choice - we'll go after theirs," said Therrien, red-faced with anger after the game.

When asked if his threat will only escalate the violence, Therrien said: "I don't care. This is what they did and this is what we're going to do."

Ftorek refused comment on the incident, but McLaren said he did nothing wrong.

"I felt I him hit with my shoulder and the back of my arm and that was it," McLaren said. "It all happened so fast.

"They gave me five (minutes) and a match (penalty) and I'll live with that. I've played seven years and 400 games and never received a suspension. I don't go out on the ice trying to hurt any-

# Harvesters complete another successful season SAN ANGELO — Juniors

Dayid Thacker and Jay Gerber finished one spot short of a state berth, taking a third-place victory over Derek DeHoyos and Alex Edgemon of Big Spring, 6-3, 6-4, in boys doubles at the Region 1-4A regional tennis tournament.

Gerber and Thacker advanced to the semifinals, having only one tough set in the first-round match against Joel Bailey and Michael Crosswhite of Cleburne. They won the first set 6-1, but had to fight for a 7-6 win in the second set to advance.

In the second round, the Pampa duo dominated Alvaro Chaco and Daniel Sosa of Clint 6-0, 6-3. In the semis, they met No. 2 seed Dale Murdoch and Allan Flack, of Rider of Wichita Falls Rider, defending regional champions. They fell to the tough Rider team 6-3, 6-4.

"We wanted a chance to play this team in the semis. We were I and I with them is spring, and felt like we could beat them. However, Rider played as well as I've seen them play this spring against us," said Pampa coach Carolyn Quarles.

Gerber and Thacker then faced the Big Spring duo in the third-place match and avenged an earlier loss to them in the spring. They beat DeHoyos and Edgemon in straight sets to hopefully

Tennis

set up a playback match for second. However, Rider's David Barrett and Jared King won the championship against Murdoch and Flack 6-1, 6-4.

"Jay and David played like champions the entire tournament," coach Quarles said. These guys always play hard and understand how to make people beat them instead of beating themselves. They just simply had some great competition. I anticipate an exciting senior year for them."

In girls doubles, senior Ashlei Jordan and sophomore Tara Jordan advanced to the quarterfinals where they had a heartbreaking loss against Pat Vargus and Andrea Dunham of Snyder 6-4, 3-6, 7-5.

The Jordan sisters had defeated Vargus and Dunham earlier in the spring to win the Abilene Tournament in a tough 3-setter.

"We knew this team would be a hard matchup for Ashlei and Tara, even though they had already beaten (Vargusthem. They Dunham) tried to take away our aggressive net game by lobbing over us," Quarles said. "We had to go to a one up and one back doubles set which was not our most effective style of play. Ashlei and Tara made the necessary adjustments — it simply

PHS senior A.J. Smith advanced to the quarterfinals in boys singles. Smith beat Cason Wright of Cleburne 6-2, 4-6, 6-1 in the first round, but lost to Jay Shroff of Big ment. I am pleased he played quarterfinals.

Smith went into the tournament as an unseeded player, but Quarles felt if he played his best the opportu- finished their high school

tennis player and has improved his mental game this spring to the point that I felt he truly had a chance to advance through the tourna-Spring 3-6, 6-2, 6-3 in the well at regionals to finish his career. We will miss the intensity he brought to the team," Quarles said.

Smith and Ashlei Jordan

came down to a few points at the end." career with 167 and 122 the end." career victories, respectively. The two seniors have been a part of four Team Tennis District Championship Teams.

> "We are grateful to these two seniors along with Jared Spearman, Michelle Lee and Brittany Kindle for their contribution to Harvester tennis, and for helping to keep the standard high,"

Quarles said.



From left: Tara Jordan-Ashlei Jordan, district champs and regional quarterfinalists; A.J. Smith, district runnerup and regional quarterfinalist; David Thacker-Jay Gerber, district champs and third place in regionals.

# Pampa can clinch playoff spot with victory Saturday

BORGER — Pampa is closing in on a post-season playoff berth, but the Harvesters face an old nemesis this weekend in the season's final game.

Borger plays both the host and the spoiler role for the Harvesters at 1 p.m. Saturday at Huber Park. The Bulldogs might be out of the playoff picture, but they do own a 12-10 victory over Pampa in the first round of District 3-4A action.

Pampa is tied with Dumas, both at 6-7, for third place, while Caprock is clinging to playoff hopes at 5-8. Caprock hosts Dumas on Saturday.

Randall and Canyon have already clinched the top two playoff berths.

A Pampa win on Saturday

would wrap up third place for the Harvesters, no matter what the Dumas-Caprock outcome will be this weekwin, the Demons were swept by Pampa in district play this season.

However, a Pampa loss and a Caprock win would bring about a three-way tie and force a mini-tournament to determine the No. 3 seed. Both Pampa and Borger

Tuesday. The Harvesters were nipped by Randall 3-2 while the Bulldogs dropped a 9-8

decision to Canyon. Borger, at 4-9 in district, is tied with Palo Duro and

Hereford for last place. Pampa lefthander Adam

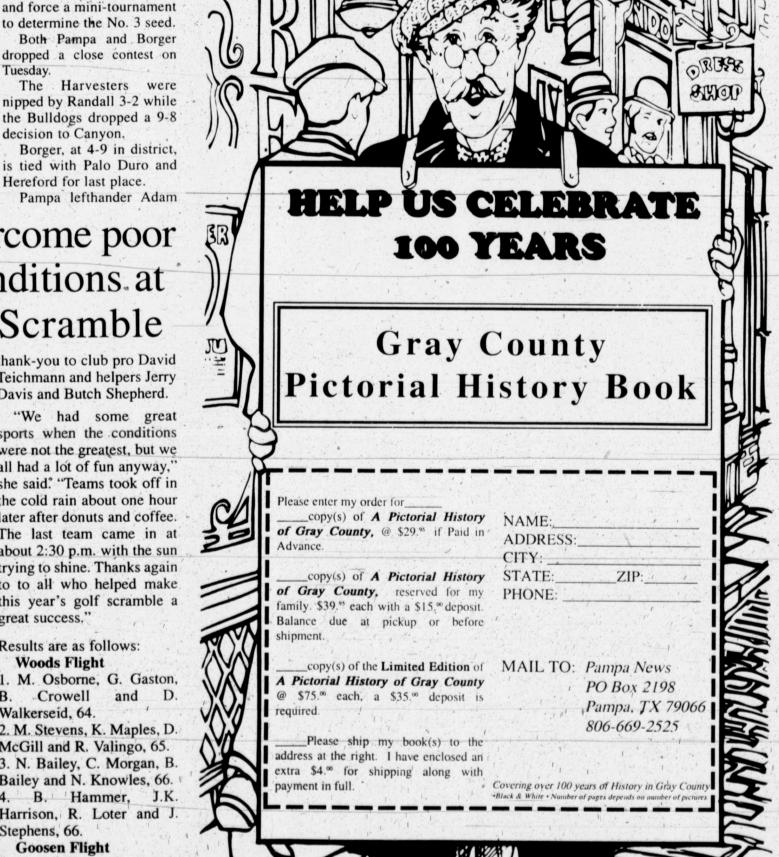
Jones is tentatively scheduled to pitch against the Bulldogs. In his last appearance, Jones (4-3) was the winning hurler end. Even if Dumas should in Pampa's 12-10 win over Caprock a week ago that put the Harvesters in position to

secure a playoff spot. He allowed five hits in six innings and struck out nine.

The Bulldogs had to come from behind to beat the Harvesters in their first meeting. Pampa had jumped out to a

7-2 lead after two innings, but some shaky defense and errant pitching helped Borger rally for the victory.

Pampa's Evan Miller and Borger's Cody Sessions hit solo home runs.



# Golfers overcome poor weather conditions at Red Cross Scramble

PAMPA — The Gray County American Red Cross held a four-person scramble last weekend at Hidden Hills Public Golf Course.

Golfers overcame cold, wet weather to complete the scramble.

"Teams went out a little late; but still played a full round of golf," said Jana Gregory, Red Cross Executive Director. "Food, fun and fellowship were enjoyed by over 65 people who helped make this annual fund raiser a great success."

Gregory issued a special



The weather is cold, but off they go at the scramthank-you to club pro David Teichmann and helpers Jerry Davis and Butch Shepherd.

"We had some great sports when the conditions were not the greatest, but we all had a lot of fun anyway," she said." "Teams took off in the cold rain about one hour later after donuts and coffee. The last team came in at about 2:30 p.m. with the sun trying to shine. Thanks again to to all who helped make this year's golf scramble a great success."

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# Marlins slip by Astros

MIAMI (AP) — Vladimir Nunez looks like a keeper as a

The right-hander made sure that the Houston Astros' final comeback bid fell short Thursday night, stopping a ninth-inning rally to save the Florida Marlins' 5-4 victory.

Nunez came on with the tying run at first and retired Richard Hidalgo on a groundout to end the game. Promoted to the closer's job in the second week of the season. Nunez has two saves in three chances and a 3-0 record.

"After you get that first save, you breathe differently because you get through the test," he said. "If something bad happens, the next day is new day.

A.J. Burnett (3-2) struck out nine in seven innings and Kevin Millar put Florida ahead to stay with a solo home run in the seventh.

Houston twice erased deficits and rallied again in the ninth after Braden Looper retired the first two batters. With the score 5-3, Jeff Bagwell walked, took second uncontested and scored when Lance Berkman singled for his second RBI of the night and 26th of the season.

That was the first run allowed by the Florida bullpen in 13 1-3 innings.

Nunez, who pitched three scoreless innings Tuesday, came on to retire Hidalgo and complete a six-hitter.

"It's nice to be able to turn it over to Nunez," manager Jeff Torborg said. "He wants the ball then."

Florida improved to 5-0 at home in one-run games. Houston fell to 2-5 in onerun games despite overcoming deficits of 2-0 and 3-2.

"It was just one of those back-and-forth things where we could never get out in front," manager Jimy Williams said. "We're playing good, we're just not winning."

Millar, emerging from an early-season slump, hit his second homer with the score 3-all and two outs in the seventh against Shane Reynolds (2-3). Millar has raised his average from .154 to .257 over the past nine

"You've just got to keep swinging," he said. "It's a long season.'

Burnett (3-2) allowed three runs and five hits.

"It was one of those nights where you have to battle to keep your team in it," he said.

An unearned run in the eighth by Florida proved to be the difference. Eric Owens singled and was forced at second on a grounder by Luis Castillo, who stole second and continued to third when the throw by catcher Brad Ausmus was errant. Castillo then scored on Preston Wilson's groundout.

Houston tied the game at 3-all with a run in the seventh. Burnett hit Craig Biggio with a pitch for the second time, Ausmus singled, Bagwell walked and

Berkman singled. But the Astros left the bases loaded when Hidalgo. flied out, and Daryle Ward fouled out on the 125th and final pitch from Burnett. Houston stranded 10.

"We're going to keep our heads high, keep plugging, keep working at it and try to figure this thing out," Biggio said.

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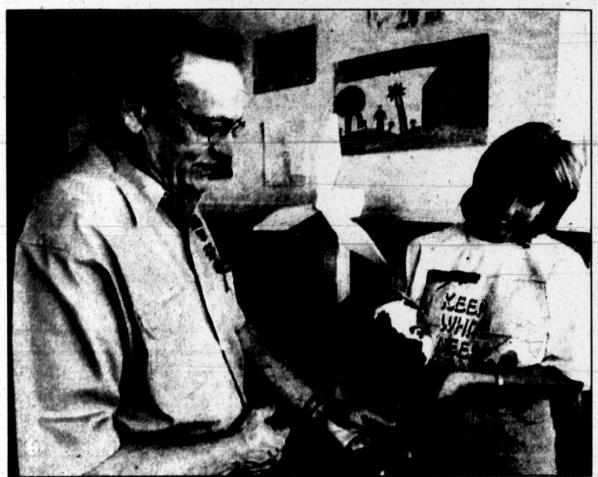
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Rep. David Swinford, left, and Anita Haiduk of "Keep White Deer Beautiful" inspect one of the blue ribbon winners in the Earth Day art competition.

# Earth Day in White Deer

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# Students win awards in essay, art contests

WHITE DEER – Thirteen students here were declared winners in essay and art contests sponsored by Cielo Wind Power celebrating April 22 as Earth Day 2002.

Started in 1970 by Gaylord Nelson, at that time a Wisconsin senator, Earth Day demonstrates public commitment to environmental protection.

Cielo Wind Power President Walter Hornaday was on hand during Monday's celebration to announce the student winners of the art and essay competitions.

Elise McCown, a high school senior, earned a \$1,000 scholarship for her essay contest entry. Jeff Story, also a senior, received a \$500 scholarship for second place; and two third-place prizes of \$250 scholarships were presented to seniors Raine Hillman and Kelsey Moore.

The 1500-word essays were written on the technological aspects of wind energy and/ or the historic and public policy context for the development and use of wind power. Writers were also asked to include an assessment of the future of wind energy in Texas.

Essay judges included a member of the White Deer school district, a community member and a Cielo representative. Essays were judged on essay response and on evidence of commitment and involvement in the White Deer community.

Prizes were awarded in the art contest for first, second and third places in three categories – grades 9-12, grades 5-8, and grades kindergarten-4. First place winners received \$100, 2nd place - \$50, and \$25 was awarded to third place.

Following are the art contest winners, by division: **K-4th grade** – 1st place, Eric Clifton, second grade; 2nd place, Tanner Auldridge, third grade; and 3rd place, Taylor Guerrero, third grade.

5th-8th grade – 1st, Cameron Armstrong, sixth grade; 2nd, Chantry Canaday, fifth grade; and 3rd, Cory D'Ewart, fifth grade.

9th-12th grade – 1st, Lindsey McCown, freshman; 2nd, Thomas Kotara, senior; and 3rd, Alex Dominguez, junior.

Students were asked to submit art projects in any medium (drawing, painting, poster, sculpture, etc.) that weighs 20 pounds or less and is no more than five feet tall or wide.

The award presentations culminated an afternoon and evening filled with free barbecue, country-western music, and demonstrations of environment-friendly power.

At the conclusion of the day's festivities, Texas Rep. David Swinford presented a flag that had flown over the state Capitol building to the Keep White Deer Beautiful Committee.



Erin Whalen, left, a spokesperson for Cielo Wind Energy, listens as Bart Wyatt of the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District explains the intricacies of the Ogallala Aquifer during Earth Day in White Deer Monday.



Deloris Lee of White Deer sits on the curb to enjoy her barbecue dinner.



Justin Waggoner, left, a Pampa High School senior, and PHS teacher Rod Wichert discuss the finer points of solar power as they inspect a solar-powered vehicle built by PHS students that was on display during the Earth Day celebration.





Above, Mike Braden shows the Earth Day crowd what an arc of high voltage electricity can do to a hot dog during a safety demonstration. At left, Cozy Parson, far left, sings about the "Wayward Wind" accompanied by Rusty Cooper on the guitar and the Red River Steak House band of McLean.