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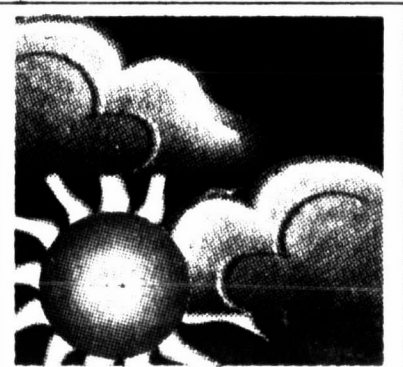
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**PHS debaters reach semi-finals after meet**

Three members of the Pampa High School Speech and Debate team broke to semi-finals following the Guy Yates Invitational Tournament at West Texas A&M University in Canyon recently.

PHS Junior Richard Conner qualified for semi-final competition in Humorous Interpretation. The debate team of John Schlewitz and Michelle Lee qualified at the quarter-finals and then to semi-finals in cross-examination debate. The team placed third overall, winning four of eight points needed toward qualifying for the TFA state meet.

- Ashley Nichole Roe, 15, Pampa High School student.
- Marvin Clifford Webster, 89, retired farmer.
- Monica Mary Weinheimer, 84, longtime Groom resident.

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**Where in the World is Santa?**  
**Clue #9**  
 One last eating stop for Santa. He's in a hurry so he'll grab a sandwich.  
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## Website shoots sheriff into cyberspace

By DAVID BOWSER  
 Staff Writer

Gray County Sheriff's office has shot into the 21st Century. While Sheriff Don Copeland still maintains a brick and mortar facility, much to the chagrin of county jail inmates, he has launched his office into cyberspace.

Though the sheriff's office is physically located at 218 North Russell Street in Pampa, the Sheriff's new cyberspace address is <http://www.pantex.net/usr/s/sheriff/> on the World Wide Web of the internet.

The web site has been up about a month now, Copeland said.

Included in the web site are job openings at the sheriff's office and warnings of any scams in the region.

In addition to what one might expect on a web site such as mission statement and organization of the department, Sheriff Copeland has included his list of Gray County's Dirty Dozen, people wanted on outstanding warrants, complete with color photos.

"Everybody else has their 10 Most Wanted," he grinned. "We have our dirty dozen."

The newest addition to the



Gray County Sheriff Don Copeland proudly displays his office's new web page on his office computer screen.

web site is the forensic drawing of an unidentified woman found dead along Interstate 40 near McLean in August 1999. The

Sheriff's web site includes the reward information on her identification, who to contact and how, and a description of the

woman. "Truly that is a world wide web," said Deputy Gary Noblett. "We're hoping that will generate

some information." "It's another tool for information," Copeland added.

The web site features photos and brief biographies of the former sheriffs of the county and of a Gray County lawman, Constable Otis Hendrix, who gave his life in the line of duty.

The web site has already won several awards, including from law enforcement association and from PC Online News.

The page was created by Elreann Brooks and LaRae Halsey, who also manage the Gray County Historical Web Page.

Noblett said he had worked with Brooks and Halsey when the sheriff's office was trying to find information on past sheriffs.

"We corresponded a little bit, and I told them what we were trying to do," Noblett explained.

After the sheriff's office had completed that project, the two women, a mother-daughter team, called back to check on it. They suggested putting the information on the Gray County Historical Web Page so family members might access it.

"All the photographs and information that we gathered up," Copeland said, "we forwarded to them. They liked what they saw."

(See WEBSITE, Page 2)

## County OK's architects for courthouse renewal

By NANCY YOUNG  
 Managing Editor

Progress is being made in the Gray County Courthouse restoration project.

Several recommendations were made to the Gray County Commissioners Court during their Friday meeting by John Kiehl, advisor to the commission on the contract.

Gray County Commissioners Court approved a contract Friday afternoon with ArchiTexas, architectural preservationists, to oversee the courthouse restoration effort.

Kiehl discussed several contract changes requested by Gray County with the firm. He advised them that all changes the commission had requested were approved by the architectural firm.

"Everything the county asked for, they got," he said. He said the changes would protect Gray County's interests.

The commission also instructed Kiehl to proceed with securing an environmental consultant to work on the courthouse project.

Kenneth Smith, senior vice president with Southwest Securities of Dallas, outlined the process involved with securing bonds if the commission decided to borrow money in addition to

the \$3.8 million grant the county received from the Texas Historical Commission.

He explained the municipal bond process, and said the company would take the necessary steps to sell Certificates of Obligation to finance the funding.

The commission discussed an additional \$1.5 million to allow for overages in construction and to move the courthouse employees to temporary locations while the reconstruction is underway.

Expenses not allowed with grant funds include phone system changes, wiring for phones and computers for use in temporary offices and moving costs.

The commission took no action.

Precinct 3 County Commissioner Gerald Wright asked Kiehl what the dollar amount on the cost of moving out of the courthouse temporarily would be. Kiehl said he didn't have those figures at the meeting.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Joe Whelevy, contact person for the commissioners court, said he and Kiehl would work together and work up a detailed cost estimate before the next meeting.

Kiehl said the issue of moving needs to be decided soon.

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**'Everything the county asked for, they got.'**

— John Kiehl  
 ArchiTexas

### Let's eat cake



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Tim Wilks, district manager for the Austin-area Advanced Auto Parts stores, and Rick Guerra, district manager from San Angelo, cut the cake at the Grand Opening of the Pampa Advanced Auto Parts on North Hobart Street. Advanced Auto Parts began in 1932 and has now expanded to 1,700 stores. The local store, managed by Paul Carruth, employs 11 people.

## Sunday Snapshot



Name: Tanner Michael Ray.  
 Occupation/activities: Student.

**Birth date and place:** July 23, 1989, Amarillo.  
**Family:** Mom, dad, brother, sister.  
**When I grow up I want to be:** NBA player or architect.  
**My personal hero:** My father.  
**The best advice I ever got was:** Don't do drugs or drink.  
**My classmates think of me as:** Friendly.  
**The best word or words to describe me:** Friendly.  
**People will remember me as being:** Kind to people.  
**The four guests at my fantasy dinner party would be:** Jesus, Emmitt Smith, Derrick Brooks, David.  
**My hobbies are:** Sports, crafts, playing with my friends.  
**My favorite sports team is:** Dallas Cowboys.  
**My favorite author is:** John R. Erickson.

**The last book I read was:** Harry Potter #1.  
**My favorite possession is:** My football.  
**The biggest honor I've ever received is:** Getting first place in the science fair.  
**My favorite performer is:** Shania Twain.  
**I wish I knew how to:** Snowboard.  
**My trademark cliché or expression is:** "Man."  
**My worst habit is:** Popping my knuckles.  
**I would never:** Smoke.  
**The last good movie I saw was:** "Charlie's Angels."  
**I stay home to watch:** "Smart Guy."  
**Nobody knows:** They never will.  
**Someday I want to drive a:** Chevy pick-up.  
**My favorite junk food is:** Candy.  
**My favorite beverage:** Dr. Pepper.  
**My favorite restaurant is:** Dos

**Caballeros.**  
**My favorite pet:** Dot, our chihuahua.  
**My favorite meal is:** Pizza.  
**I wish I could sing like:** George Strait.  
**I'm happiest when I'm:** With my family and friends.  
**I regret:** Not spending more time with my family.  
**I'm tired of:** Work.  
**I have a phobia about:** Heights.  
**The electrical device I couldn't live without is:** CD player.  
**My most embarrassing moment:** No comment.  
**The biggest waste of time is:** Doing nothing.  
**If I won the lottery, the most extravagant thing I would do is:** Donate it.  
**If I had three wishes they would be:** 1) No wars; 2) win the lottery; 3) cure for cancer.  
**If I could change one thing about Pampa, it would be:** A big mall.



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# Calendar of events

**T.O.P.S. #149**  
Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #149 meets at 6 p.m. Monday at 513 E. Francis. Call 669-2389 for more information.

**T.O.P.S. #41**  
Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #41 meets at noon Monday at 511 N. Hobart. For more information, call 665-3024.

**AL-ANON**  
Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky.

**VFW CHARITY BINGO**  
The Pampa Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1657, 105 S. Cuyler, will be having Charity Bingo every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 12 noon. The public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9.

**CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS**  
The Celebration of Lights project will hold regular workshop meetings at 6:30 p.m. on Monday nights at 822 E. Foster. Anyone wishing to help with the project is invited to attend any work session.

**PAMPA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB**  
The Pampa Duplicate Bridge Club plays Monday at 1 p.m. and Thursdays at 10 a.m. at The Senior Citizens. For a partner, or more information, please call Marie Jamieson at 669-2945.

**PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL**  
A support group for the mentally ill and family members meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. This week we are discussing the negative symptoms of paranoid schizophrenia. There is no charge. For more information or if you need a ride call Sharon King, 665-2818.

**MONTHLY GOSPEL SINGING**  
First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock, hosts a Gospel Singing from 2-4 p.m. every second Sunday of the month. Pastor Albert Maggard and the congregation of First Pentecostal cordially invites the public to attend. Singers and musicians from area churches participate in this informal congregational singing and enjoy various special vocal and instrumental presentations.

**PHS SCHOLARSHIPS**  
Pampa High School is seeking clubs, organizations, individuals or groups interested in establishing scholarships for high school seniors. The scholarships can be for any amount. The high school will make the scholarships available to senior students at the end of February. For more information, contact Starla Kindle or Billie Lowrey at 669-4800.

**SANTA HELPERS**  
In an effort to raise funds for its Summer Educational Student Exchange trip to Germany, the German Club at Pampa High is organizing a volunteer program during the Christmas season. The volunteers are calling themselves "Santa's Little Helpers" and are available to help wrap presents, decorate homes (indoors and outdoors), remove decorations and much more. For more information or to schedule "Santa's Little Helpers," contact Jamie Greene, PHS German Club sponsor, at 669-4800 (PHS) or at 665-8850 (home). Donations are accepted.

**DISCOVERY CENTER SANTA BUFFET**  
The Don Harrington Discovery Center in Amarillo will host "Breakfast with Santa" from 8-11:30 a.m. Dec. 9 at the center located at 1200 Streit Drive, Amarillo. The event will include a breakfast buffet, a special holiday Planetarium show and pictures with Santa for \$3. Cost of admission for child members is \$5, for non child members, \$7, and for adults

eating breakfast, \$5. For more information, call (806) 355-9548, ext. 11.

**ARC OPEN HOUSE**  
Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross will host an open house from 1-4 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 7 at the chapter office at 108 N. Russell. The event is free and open to the public.

**RUSHING WIND**  
Rushing Wind Emmaus will sponsor "Christmas at Waka" at 7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 9 at Waka Christian Center. Potluck dinner will be served followed by a praise and worship service in the chapel. Families and friends are welcome and a nursery will be provided. The Waka Christian Center Board will meet prior to the event at 4:30 p.m.

**SINGLES NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY**  
The Singles Ministry at Paramount Terrace Christian Church of Amarillo will host an area-wide Singles New Year's Eve dinner and dance from 7 p.m.-12 a.m., Dec. 31 in Amarillo Civic Center Grand Plaza. Music will be by Sharla Lee Hayes and Double Diamond Band. A photographer will be available at 6:30 p.m. for personal photos. Tickets are \$20 per person and will include a guest speaker, dinner and dance. Deadline to purchase tickets is Dec. 22. The event will be alcohol- and smoke-free. For tickets or for more information, call Penny Lawlis or Mike Nuthman at the church, (806) 353-6615.

**TRAIN SHOW**  
Amarillo Model Railroad Association will host its annual Magic of Christmas Past Train Show beginning Nov. 24 in Western Plaza. Show hours are, 12 noon-8 p.m., Nov. 24-26 and Dec. 25-31 as well as 5-8 p.m., every Friday in December. The association will raffle off a 4' x 8' HO-scale model railroad at 4 p.m. Christmas Eve. Admission is \$1 for adults and 50-cents for children. Raffle tickets are \$1 a chance or six for \$5.

**WINTER PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP**  
A Winter Photography Workshop is in the offing at 1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 16 at Caprock Canyons State Park in Quitaque. Participants will need their own camera, film, note pad and snacks. The workshop will be conducted both inside and outside and will not be canceled due to inclement weather. Cost is \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors/TCP members and \$10 for children 12 and under. Reservations are required. For more information, call (806) 455-1492.

**RED CROSS CLASSES**  
Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross will offer the following courses this month: First Aid, 3-7 p.m., Dec. 5, ARC office, 108 N. Russell; CPR class, 5-9 p.m., Dec. 12 at the ARC office. To register or for more information, call 669-7121.

**MIP CLASSES**  
Clarendon College will offer ABC Computer Class from 1-4 p.m., Dec. 14 and from 8:30 a.m.-12 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., Dec. 15. Minor in Possession classes are scheduled from 7:30-10:30 p.m., Dec. 11-12 in Clarendon. For more information, call Clarendon College-Pampa Center or Eddie Hankins, (806) 874-5074.

**ADOPT-A-SEA TURTLE**  
Adopt a sea turtle for some one you love this holiday season. For a tax-deductible \$25, the Sea Turtle Survival League, an educational, outreach program of the nonprofit Caribbean Conservation Corp., will send participants a personalized color sea turtle adoption certificate, a sea turtle fact sheet, colorful decal and magnet and a subscription to the

organization's quarterly newsletter, all in a special folder. For more information, call 1-800-678-7853 or visit www.ccturtle.org. on the Internet.

**DISCOVERY CENTER**  
The Don Harrington Discovery Center in Amarillo is introducing the exhibit "Air Discovery: Soar to New Heights" this month. For more information, call the center at (806) 355-9547.

**AYUSA**  
Academic Year in the U.S.A. International, a non-profit student exchange program, invites high school students to apply for the Congress-Bundestag scholarship, a full scholarship for one year to study in Germany. Deadline for application is Dec. 1. For more information, call 1-800-727-4540, ext. 567 or visit www.ayusa.org/usagermanyscholarship on the World Wide Web.

**ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL**  
Wesley United Methodist Church will host its 20th Annual Festival of Arts and Crafts from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Dec. 2 in the Community Center in Hereford. A limited number of booths are currently available for a \$10 rental fee. Applications may be obtained by writing: Ellen Collins, 801 Miles St., Hereford, TX 79045 or by calling (806) 364-0774.

**FPC CHRISTMAS CONCERT**  
Frank Phillips College Music Department and Director of Community Choir will hold their annual Christmas Concert at 3 p.m., Dec. 3 and at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 4 in the Fine Arts Building Auditorium on the FPC campus in Borger. Both performances are free and open to the public.

**FPC HOLIDAY SPECIAL**  
November 3 through Dec. 14, the Cosmetology Department at Frank Phillips College in Borger will offer a "holiday special" on manicures (\$1.50), hot oil manicures (\$1.75), pedicures (\$2.50) and artificial nails (\$15 per set). Appointments are scheduled after 6 p.m. each night. For more information, call (806) 274-5311 or 1-800-687-2056, ext. 747.

**MS. TEXAS SENIOR PAGEANT**  
Ms. Texas Senior Pageant officials are currently seeking participants and corporate sponsorships for the 14th annual Ms. Texas Senior pageant sched-

uled March 23-24 at the Ramada Market Center in Dallas. For more information, contact Nell Coleman, state director, at (972) 239-3342, or Red Walker, executive director, (972) 270-5944.

**ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP**  
The local Alzheimer's Support Group will conduct a four-part series this fall. The series will kick-off Sept. 7 with Dr. Bruce Harrow presenting an overview of the disease. Topics will include: Communication and Activities of Daily Living, Oct. 5; and Community Resources and Caregiving Planning, Nov. 2. The series will conclude Dec. 7 with a panel discussion. The group meets regularly at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest. For more information, call Dauna Wilkinson, 665-0356.

**TEXAS VACATION PACKAGES**  
The Musical Drama "TEXAS" is continuing its fall, winter and spring vacation packages showcasing area attractions such as Amarillo Rattlers, Amarillo Opera, Amarillo Symphony, Lone Star Ballet, American Quarter Horse Association and much more. The packages include hotel/motel accommodations, dining in the best western tradition and one-stop shopping. For more information, call 1-800-655-2181 or visit www.texasmusicaldrama.com on the Internet.

**HEIFER PROJECT INTERNATIONAL**  
First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray, is currently accepting aluminum cans for recycling. Proceeds will benefit Heifer Project International, an Arkansas-based service organization which provides livestock (chickens, pigs, sheep, cattle) along with training and support services to families and communities worldwide. For a limited time, donations will be matched 3-1 by a private foundation. HPI is a non-denominational not-for-profit agency. For more information, call the church office at 665-1031. Office hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 noon, Friday and before 10:45 a.m. Sunday. For more information about HPI, call 1-800-422-0474 or visit http://www.heifer.org. on the Internet.

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# Banks for immigrants: Financial institutions serving newcomers

By DAVID KOENIG  
AP Business Writer

DALLAS (AP) — In 1987, David Tai quit the hotel business to join several other Asian businessmen in Houston and open a bank catering to immigrants.

Many of the newcomers couldn't persuade mainstream banks to finance their restaurants, dry cleaners and other

small businesses, said Tai, a native of Taiwan.

"The culture is different here," he said. "In our country, we use cash, so it's difficult to get a credit rating."

From a storefront operation with 11 employees and \$13 million in assets, MetroBank has grown into a publicly traded banking company with 15 branches, 300 employees and

\$700 million in assets. It specializes in wholesale banking services, such as trade finance and commercial loans.

MetroBank is at the forefront of a wave of banks serving Asian and Hispanic immigrants, many of whom arrive in the United States without an understanding of U.S. financial customs or a credit history.

They do have one thing of

great interest to banks: Money.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Asians have the highest median income of any group, at \$51,205 in 1999, compared with \$44,366 for whites. Household income of Hispanics climbed to an all-time high of \$30,735.

University of Georgia researchers estimate that Asian and Hispanic buying power has nearly doubled since 1990,

much faster than the rate for the overall population — attributed to population growth and the strong economy.

The researchers predict that by next year, the nearly 12 million Asian-Americans will command \$253 billion in disposable personal income, and 33 million Hispanics will have \$452 billion in buying power.

Bankers say many of this country's newest residents come with a strong work ethic and single-minded desire to succeed.

"They work hard — long hours and six, seven days a week," said Ken Mok, chairman of First International Bank. "Most are family businesses ... the children come in to help after school."

Mok, a native of Hong Kong and an accountant by training, joined with partners to buy a failed bank in 1991 and reopen as First International. The bank now operates seven branches in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and Houston and has assets of \$120 million.

Small banks such as First International are no longer alone in targeting ethnic markets. Some of the nation's largest financial institutions are hiring tellers and running advertisements in many languages.

Charles Schwab & Co., operates a Chinese-language call center and 14 branches — including one in Houston — where staffers speak Mandarin, Cantonese and Vietnamese.

"The investment experience is very new to them," said Wallace Louie, vice president of Marketing for Schwab's Global Asia Pacific Services unit.

Schwab responded by offering regular investment seminars in several Asian languages. A sign of the program's success: Schwab's Asian unit now manages \$17 billion in assets in the United States and abroad.

In Texas and the nation, Hispanics far outnumber Asians, although with lower household incomes, they only recently have begun to be courted by financial institutions.

Bank One officials in Dallas assembled a Hispanic focus group to develop advertising themes and products that would appeal to Hispanics.

"It was a market you couldn't ignore, or you were going to be in trouble. In 10 years, we're going to be the majority," said Mario Quintanilla, a Bank One vice president and chairman of the Dallas Hispanic Chamber of

Commerce.

Still, bank marketing to ethnic customers is tricky. Mok, the First International chairman, said many customers come from Asian countries where bank deposits were not insured until recently, so they distrust banks.

And groups as broadly defined as Asian and Hispanic are not homogenous.

"Targeting Hispanics and Asians have proven to be more of a challenge than targeting African-Americans because there is less similarity culturally," said Jeffrey Humphreys, who has studied buying power of racial and ethnic groups as director of the University of Georgia's Selig Center for Economic Growth.

"Hispanics can be difficult to crack because culture varies so much by their country of origin, and that's probably even more true for Asians," Humphreys said.

## Woodrow Wilson honor roll

Woodrow Wilson Elementary School recently announced its honor roll for the second six-weeks grading period of the 2000-01 school year.

### SECOND GRADE

Mariah Anguiano, Cheyenne Gray, Jessica Gutierrez, Karen Jimenez, Lauren Wilmon, Salvador Lopez, James Scott, Dakota Turlington.

Crystal Garcia, Britney Martin, Cody McIntyre, Moses Mireles, Zachary Murray, Rudi Rivera, Hunter Shay, Cynthia Solis, Kira Soto, Shaylie Thompson, Jessica Vargas.

Zoie Baten, Ashleigh Christy, Mary Beth Cox, Brennan Dickinson, Collin Dull, Jason Gallardo, Cody Hudson, Ashlee Mixon, Eric Ortiz, Alejandro Recendiz, Kaci Reyes, Austin Rodgers, Bernardo Tinajero.

### THIRD GRADE

Amanda Brasier, Ryan Jimenez, Phoenix Keetee.

Bethney Masteller, Lariat Lowery, Jordan Hughes, Brian Fuller, Terry Davis, Brittany Bennett.

### FOURTH GRADE

Justin Carlton, Israel Casanova, Zackery Cheater, Crystal Collis, Matricia Davis, Angie Galaviz, Leonal Madrid, Aleah Noble, Britney Poulin, Lauren Roberts, Nathan Smith.

Chelsy Alexander, Chance Almanza, Martin Avila, Ryan Baggerman, Justin Carpenter, Senecia Cruz, Scottie Dabbs, Amber Ebenkamp, Iran Gayton, Calee Henley, Ashley Lang, Kyle McMinn, Randon Parks, Juan Rivera, Norman Rodgers, Jacob Rodriguez, Belinda Saldierna, Idali Solis, Laci Tidwell.

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## Red Kettle drive



Pampa High School Jazz Band provide musical selections for spectators as the Salvation Army's Red Kettle drive kicked off last week in Pampa. (Special photo)

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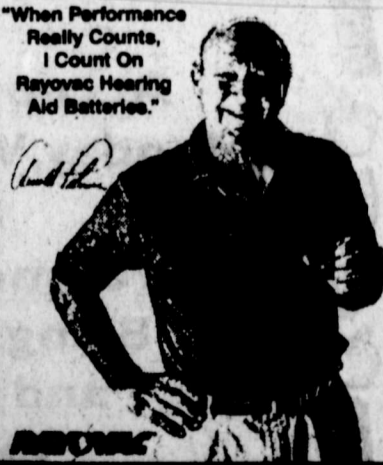
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**PAMPA TAKEDOWN CLUB WRESTLING** open to youth five to 15 years of age. Practice is held at 900 N. Frost. Season ends in February 2001. For more information, contact Coach Rick Urganhart, 665-8321.

**MAGIC PLAINS CHAPTER** of the American Business Women's Association will meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Monday of each month at Furr's Cafeteria. Working business women are invited to attend. For more information, call Pat Winkleblack at 669-7828 or Estelle Malone at 669-9614.

**FREEDOM MUSEUM, USA**, 600 N. Hobart is open from 12-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Revolutionary War to Kosovo. All branches of service are represented. For more information, call 669-6066.

**FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS** meet the fourth Saturday of each month at the Clyde Carruth Livestock Pavilion, 6:30 p.m. Pot luck supper. For more information contact Kevin Romines, 665-8547 or Jim Greene, 665-8067.

**RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION** meets at 2 p.m. the third Monday of every month at the Senior Citizens Center. For more information, contact Willie Mae Mangold, 669-7259.

**FIRST PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH** hosts "Second Sunday Singing" from 2-4 p.m. the second Sunday of each month. Singers and musicians from all over perform congregational singing. The public is cordially invited to attend. For more information, call Mina Towey, 665-8529.

**WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM** winter visiting hours are 1-4 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. Admission is free, elevator provided.

**TRALEE CRISIS CENTER** support groups for victims of family violence — both women and children — meet every Thursday evening. For more information about adult support groups, call 669-1788, and to inquire about children's support groups, 669-1131. TRALEE CRISIS CENTER Coordinating Council

meets once a month. For more information, call 669-1131.

**MEALS ON WHEELS** Garage Sale, 900 N. Frost, will be every Monday throughout February and April. For more information, call Cindy Gindorf, 669-1007.

**PAMPA YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTER** Water Aerobics class will be from 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call Frankie Hildenbrand, 669-3713, or Lee, Betty or Liz at Pampa Youth Center, 665-0748.

**PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL** office will be open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday. PALC volunteers work with people who need basic reading/writing skills as well as English as a second language. For more information, call 665-2331.

**GRAY COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY HEAD-QUARTERS**, 500 W. Kingsmill, is open from 12-4 p.m., Monday-Friday and from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday through Nov. 7. For more information or to volunteer, call 669-3545.

**OUTREACH HEALTH SERVICES/WIC** Nutrition education classes. Open to the public. For more information, call 665-1182.

**PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL** will meet the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. For more information call Sharon King, 665-2818.

**AL-ANON** will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 669-7501.

**CLEAN AIR AL-ANON** will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 669-7501.

**CLEAN AIR AL-ATEEN** will hold weekly meetings on Mondays at 7 p.m. at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, contact 669-3988.

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**THE ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP** will have regularly scheduled meetings the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, Inc. For more information contact Chrys Smith at 665-0356.

**HIDDEN HILLS Women's Golf Association** will hold its "Play Day" at 6 p.m. each Monday from May-September. For more information, call 669-0434.

**GRAY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY** regular meetings will be at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month at the Sheriff's office classroom at the Francis Street entrance. For more information, call Harley Madison at 669-6294.

**TEXCARE PARTNERSHIP** is the New Children's Health Insurance campaign developed especially for Texas families with uninsured children, birth through age 18. The following health insurance programs are available: Children's Health Insurance Program, Medicaid and Texas Healthy Kids Corp. For more information, call 1-800-647-6558 or 1-888-892-2273.

**MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH**, 441 Elm, will hold daily prayer services at 7:30 a.m., 12 noon and 6 p.m. for the citizens of Pampa — churches, schools, etc. The prayer services are open to everyone. For more information, call 665-4926.

**PAMPA MOOSE LODGE #1385** charity bingo is at 7 p.m. every Friday at the lodge, 401 E. Brown.

**PAMPA SHRINE CLUB** will meet every third Friday at the Sportsman's Club. For more information, call James Washington, 665-1488.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** is taking orders for the

Christmas holidays for deep-fried and smoked turkeys ranging in size from 12- to 14-pounds. Cost is \$25. For more information, call 665-1562 or 665-3786.

**PAMPA GARDEN CLUB** is sponsoring the annual "Festival of Trees" scheduled Dec. 9-10 at Lovett Memorial Library. Entry fees are \$5 for small trees and \$10 for full size trees. The deadline is Nov. 30. For more information, call Cynthia, 665-6144.

**ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR** will hold a school instruction Jan. 8-9 in honor of Worthy Grand Matron Naomi Wolfe and Worthy Grand Patron Buddy Baker. For more information, call Bettie Craig, deputy grand matron, District II, Section I, at 665-5081.

**DECEMBER**

**2-5 - CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH** will hold a Christmas spectacular called "That Night" at 7 p.m. nightly. For more information, call 665-1631.

**5 - CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** Prayer Breakfast is scheduled at 7 a.m. in M.K. Brown Room of Pampa Community Building. For reservations, call 669-3241.

**5, 10- LOVETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY** Computer Lab Classes will be offered from 1:30-3 p.m. and from 2-3:30 p.m., respectively. The classes are free. Registration is required. For more information, call 669-5780.

**7 - LOVETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY** "What is the Internet" classes will be offered from 1:30-3:30 p.m. The classes are free. Registration is required. For more information, call 669-5780.

**10 - 20TH CENTURY COTILLION STUDY CLUB** will hold its "Holiday Tour of Homes" from 1-4 p.m. Cost of the tour is \$10 per person. For more information, call Helen Hall, 665-4047.

**19 - GREATER PAMPA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** Luncheon will be held in M.K. Brown Room of Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. For reservations, call 669-3241.

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# TDA accepting proposals for upcoming grants, projects

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Agriculture and Jewish National Fund are currently accepting proposals until Dec. 1 for the Texas-Israel Exchange Grant Program. The program provides grants for cooperative agricultural research in Texas and Israel that advances water conservation as well as food and aquaculture production under semi-arid conditions.

"This year, the TIE grant program entered into a partnership with Jewish National Fund that will boost research dollars to \$1 million available to support projects next year," TDA Commissioner Susan Combs said. "Research projects will be funded for a maximum of \$50,000, and we are accepting

proposals from higher education institutions, government research programs as well as public and private entities in Texas and Israel."

Proposals must involve a researcher from both Texas and Israel, and the projects must describe how results are expected to benefit the citizens of Texas and Israel, Combs said.

"Texas and Israel share similar semi-arid climates, and we also face a common need to make the most out of every drop of water," Combs said. "By continuing to combine our research know-how, we hope to help both Texas and Israeli agricultural industries."

In addition, the TIE Grant Program has a 50 percent matching requirement from

other funding sources besides TDA and JNF, Combs said.

Only projects that address one of the following four areas will be accepted for consideration:

- Floriculture.
- Water related (including brush removal and maintenance; conveyance; heat- and drought-tolerant crops; field efficiency; and recycled wastewater and its long-term environmental effects, deterioration of soil quality, impact of heavy metals and salinity.)
- Agriculture-air quality.
- Aquaculture (including integration of fish production and agricultural irrigation.)

In 1999, the TIE board approved \$250,000 in state grants to seven research pro-

jects that included a study on producing commercial herbal plants in the desert and another project that is examining the most economical ways to reuse wastewater to irrigate crops.

The Texas-Israel Exchange Program was established in 1985 to support agricultural research and development as well as to improve trade and business relations between Texas and Israel. The TIE grant program began in 1992 to emphasize a transfer of knowledge between Texas and Israel

and started funding research projects in 1993.

Founded in 1901, Jewish National Fund is the caretaker of the land of Israel, on behalf of its owners-Jewish people everywhere. The non-profit organization has planted more than 210 million trees, built more than 100 dams and reservoirs, developed more than 250,000 acres of land and created 400 parks throughout Israel. For more information on JNF call 1-800-542-8733 or visit the JNF website at [www.jnf.org](http://www.jnf.org).

For more information on the TIE grant proposal requirements contact Carol Funderburgh, contracts and grants coordinator, at (512) 463-8536; fax (512) 463-8170; e-mail [cfunderb@agr.state.tx.us](mailto:cfunderb@agr.state.tx.us); or write Intergovernmental Affairs Division, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, TX 78711. The IPM Grant Program Request for Proposals also can be found at the following website, [www.agr.state.tx.us/producer\\_info/tiereq.htm](http://www.agr.state.tx.us/producer_info/tiereq.htm).

## Scholarship recipients



(Special photo)

Clarendon College-Pampa Center ApTech students Darrin Biegler, left, and Jose Soto are measuring tools for a blueprint drawing, assisted by instructor Phil Grant. Both Biegler and Soto earned \$250 scholarships for the fall semester. Lab course work will begin Jan. 2 and will include 18 hours in the spring working with the machines. Applications for scholarships for the spring semester are available at M.K. Brown Academic Center, 1600 W. Kentucky. Students completing the course will graduate as certified entry-level machinists.

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## TEXAS TOMORROW FUND INDEX

Facts and trends on the state's prepaid college tuition program as of November 1, 1999, with 87,000 contracts sold worth approximately \$779 million

### Type of college plan purchased:

Senior college plan	83%
Junior-senior college plan	9%
Junior college plan	4%
Private college plan	1%
Five-year plan	less than 1%

### Education level of purchaser:

High school graduate	15%
Junior college graduate	7%
Bachelors degree	31%
Masters degree or Ph.D.	15%
Other or not reported	30%

### Payment plan selected:

Monthly until high school graduation	36%
Lump sum	27%
Monthly for 10 years	15%
Monthly for 5 years	15%
Annual payments for 5 years	2%
Annual payments for 10 years	less than 1%

### Child's relationship to purchaser:

Child	84%
Grandchild	12%
Other or not reported	2%

### Age of child:

Newborn to 1 year	20%
2 years to 4 years	16%
Grades K-6	46%
Grades 7-8	10%
Grades 9-12	6%

### Top 5 public universities Texas Tomorrow Fund purchasers hope their child will attend:

1. University of Texas at Austin
2. Texas A&M University
3. Texas Tech University
4. University of Texas at San Antonio
5. University of Houston

### Race of child:

Anglo	58%
Hispanic	10%
African-American	2%
Asian-American	1%
Other ethnicities or not reported	26%

### Top 3 private universities Texas Tomorrow Fund purchasers hope their child will attend:

1. Rice University
2. Baylor University
3. Southern Methodist University

### Family income of purchaser:

Less than \$20,000 per year	1%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	4%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	6%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	8%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	22%
\$75,000 to \$100,000	17%
Over \$100,000	6%
Not reported	31%

### About 3000 students are currently using their Texas Tomorrow Fund savings to attend college.

#### Top 5 colleges they are attending:

1. Texas A&M University
2. University of Texas at Austin
3. Texas Tech University
4. Southwest Texas State University
5. Texas A&M University at Galveston

For more information visit: [www.texastomorrowfund.com](http://www.texastomorrowfund.com) or call: 1-800-445-GRAD (4723)

Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander, Chairman • Texas Prepaid Higher Education Tuition Program

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## Comptroller announces new Texas Tomorrow Fund enrollment period

AUSTIN — From now until May 25, 2001, parents and grandparents across the state can enroll children in the Texas Tomorrow Fund, the state's prepaid college tuition program, according to the Texas Comptroller's office.

"Believe it or not, something is growing faster than your kids: the cost of a college education," Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander said. "Since 1996, tuition and required fees at Texas public colleges and universities have increased 69 percent."

"For just a little bit of money each month, the Texas Tomorrow Fund locks your child's college tuition and required fees at today's prices, and the State of Texas guarantees they will be paid when your child is ready for college, no matter how much costs soar in the future."

To encourage Texas families to begin planning early for their children's college education, the

TTF Board, chaired by Rylander, has doubled the program's advertising budget to \$2.5 million per year and is resuming television advertising after a year's absence from the airwaves.

"Most families know about the Texas Tomorrow Fund, but we've found they need a reminder that enrollment is under way and now is the time to invest in their children's future," the comptroller said.

More than 12,000 TTF contracts were sold during the last enrollment period that ended June 5.

"It was the first year contract sales have trended upward since the program began. But we can and must do better," Rylander stated.

TTF is now in its sixth annual enrollment period. To date, the fund has enrolled 100,000 children and the program's investment assets are valued at \$625 million.

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## WILSON

### FOURTH GRADE

Bernardo Casanova, Chelsie Douglas, Nathan Estep, Joshua Fick, Elizabeth Gambill, Cecilia Garcia, Amanda Helfer, Jennifer Huffhines, Kayla Jeter, Aaron Lucas, Cody Newton, Stever Ransom, Natalie Santacruz, Brandie Short, Desirae Solis, Joe Solis, Tereza Soto, Keith Stevens.

Stephanie Castellanos, Jered Chamberlin, Teddi Cowan, Michael Davis, Haylee Francis, Ben Griffin, David Gutierrez, Amanda Harkins, Jeremy Howe, Raeghan Jenkins, Rachel Poplin, Jesus Zuesada, Keah Reel, Ana Solis, Tatiana Soto, Christopher Weeks.

### FIFTH GRADE

Heather Addington, Brittany Balay, Kris Boyd, Tyler McMinn, Isela Recendiz, Krissa Whittley.

Carrie Angel, Jacob Davis, Andy Dunn, Anna Hillman, Randy Peercy, Oscar Recendiz, Lidia Salazar, Mason Stanfield, Crystal Blanco, Lex LaRue, Ryan Rivera, Sam Sutterfield.



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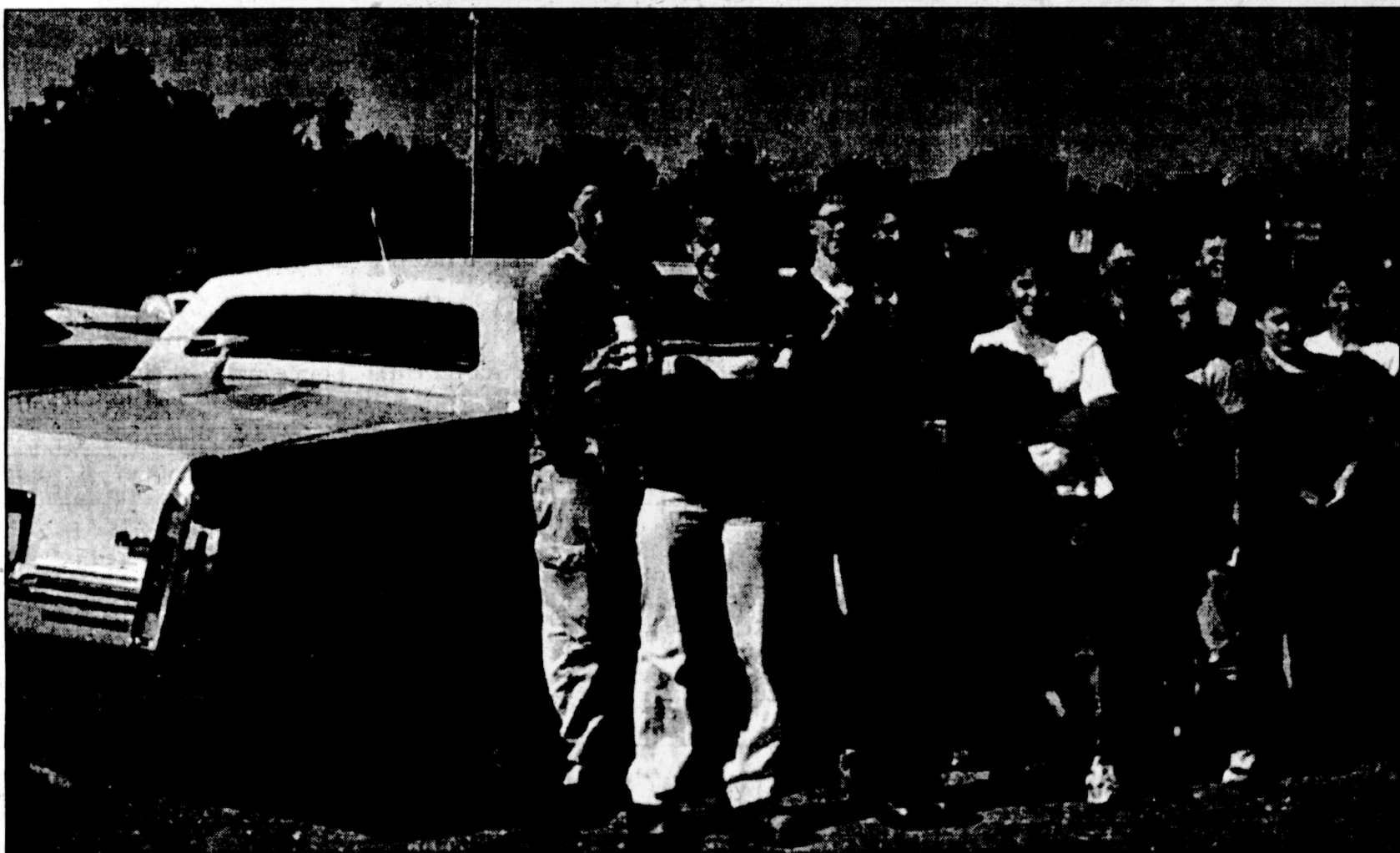








## Middle school fund-raiser



(Community Camera photo)

Twenty-eight Pampa Middle School students were recently treated to a "limo lunch" courtesy of Richard and Connie Light of Cherrydale Farms. These students sold 40 more items during the middle school's annual fund-raiser. Top: (front, left-right) Weston Teichmann, Reid Schindler, Ashley, Martinez, Brooke McGraw, Brittany Taylor, Heather Collis, (back, l-r) Christopher Smith, Zed Richards, Kenzi Nickell, Lensey Mixon, Kerri Carter, (back) Stephanie Preston, Brandon Crook and Jonathan Macrel. Bottom: (back, l-r) Cory Dallas, Sam Gamble, Shane Willett, Ben Ponce, Ryan Lewis, Chad Norris, Billy Hightower, (front) Ashley Garner, Rosa Solis, Jennifer Edwards, Heather Wills, Sarah Everson and Zach Estep. Not pictured: Brody Smith.

## Texas Gun and Knife Association to hold show in Amarillo

AMARILLO — On Dec. 9 and 10, the Texas Gun & Knife Association will present its pre-Christmas Gun & Knife Show at the Amarillo Civic Center. Collectors and exhibitors from throughout the Amarillo area will be on hand to buy, sell and trade a wide variety of guns, knives and accessories.

"These items you simply can't find every day," explains Don Hill, president of the asso-

ciation. "And even if you could, you certainly couldn't find them all together in one place at one time like this."

Hill expects scores of exhibitors to be on hand at the upcoming show, and he himself will be available to visit with the public during the event.

As in every Texas Gun & Knife Show, guns and knives are just part of the picture. There

will also be a great selection of wildlife art, historical artifacts, "Texana" items and Native American and military memorabilia, and for the ladies, gold and silver jewelry.

The show hours will be from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, and from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday. The public is invited to come in and buy, sell, trade or just browse. Children under 12 will be admitted free.

## Alaska turns to new, innovative program to battle fetal alcohol

By DAN JOLING  
Associated Press Writer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Where the mouse should have a paw, it has a flipper, with fused bones instead of toes. Where the mouse should have an eyeball, it has no orb, only a tiny hole in its skull.

Stephen Jacquier's high school science students perform Caesarean sections on pregnant lab mice that have been force-fed alcohol. As the students dissect the amniotic sacs, they get a startling view of how booze can affect the unborn.

"We may also see the brain sticking out of the top of the head," Jacquier says. "You may also see limbs missing."

An itinerant teacher who moves from school to school in some of western Alaska's remote villages, Jacquier blends science, math, and English lessons with a social issue of particular relevance to Alaskans: the devastating effects of fetal alcohol syndrome.

"It's something that's practical," Jacquier says. "It's something that matters."

It matters especially to Diane Worley, the state's FAS coordinator. Her job is to change Alaskans' attitude toward drinking and pregnancy. One of her strategies is to reach school-age children through teachers such as Jacquier.

"His project is a perfect example of how we should merge our sex education with our drug prevention classes," Worley says.

Fetal alcohol syndrome can cause neurological damage, stunted growth and physical abnormalities. It is the leading cause of mental retardation. The brain damage shows up in memory and cause-and-effect reasoning. People with the ailment often cannot understand time, abstract concepts or generalizations.

Alaska has the highest rate of fetal alcohol syndrome in the nation. The nation's rate is 0.67 to 1.0 cases per 1,000 live births; Alaska's rate is estimated at 1 to 1.4 cases per 1,000 births.

Add the Alaskans who have other alcohol-related birth defects, which do not produce facial distortions and therefore can be more difficult to detect than FAS, and the number is multiplied by 10: as many as 14 babies harmed for every 1,000 born, Worley said.

FAS is 100 percent preventable if women abstain from drinking after conception.

Worley has a powerful new weapon for her cause: a federal grant that will send Alaska \$5.8 million a year for five years to address FAS.

The state Department of Health and Social Services convened a panel of 20 people to decide how to spend the grant, and its verdict was to fight FAS

through existing systems, splitting the money 50-50 on prevention and dealing with its victims.

That means widespread training: for social workers to educate women most likely to drink while pregnant; for doctors to inform patients that no amount of alcohol is safe during pregnancy; for job counselors to realize adults with FAS need more job structure than average applicants; for judges to recognize that misdemeanor offenders with FAS may not properly grasp concepts of personal property or right and wrong.

It also means somehow convincing children that alcohol and pregnancy don't mix — and using something more effective than a lecture and a poster hung on a school wall.

That's where Jacquier comes in.

He teaches in the Southwest Region School District, which includes schools in nine villages some 300 miles southwest of Anchorage: Manokotak, Aleknagik, Charles Point, Ekwook, Koliganek, Portage Creek, New Stuyahok, Togiak and Twin Hills. He holds classes in each village for about 12 weeks, then moves on.

Jacquier says he lets students draw their own conclusions when they see damaged mice pups under a dissecting microscope.

"I don't ask the kids to take it on faith," Jacquier says, a doctoral candidate at the University of Alaska Fairbanks in Northern studies, a program focusing on social and cultural issues of the circumpolar north. He was interviewed at the 2000 FAS Summit in Anchorage in November.

Jacquier says his experiments are conducted under protocol approved by the university's Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, and he always seeks approval of local elders when teaching in Native communities.

Mice have 20-day gestation periods. On the ninth day of pregnancy, Jacquier's students gently place feeding tubes down the throats of the experimental mice and inject a small amount of solution that is 80 percent water and 20 percent high-proof grain alcohol.

Most experiments also involve an equal number of "control" mice, which are fed a sugar solution with the same number of calories as the alcohol mix.

The mice are given enough booze to produce a 20 blood alcohol level, intended to replicate one binge during a human pregnancy, he says.

"It doesn't take very much to affect various processes along the way," Jacquier says.

Within minutes, the rodents' gross motor skills are affected. They stumble, repeatedly fall off the edge of a box, allow themselves to be turned onto their backs and, finally, pass out.

In the palm of his hand, Jacquier displays one unconscious, spread-eagle mouse and makes a point about what can happen to teens at a party.

"Ugly things can happen," he tells the students. "You don't want to be in this condition."

Nineteen days into the pregnancies, Jacquier kills the mice and the students perform Caesarean sections.

From each dissected mouse comes a chain of amniotic sacs, eight on average and each containing a fetus. The mice that were force-fed alcohol have baby mice commonly half the size of fetuses taken from the control group.

The students observe, measure, infer. They see abnormalities and diminished birth weight. They write reports and put on seminars about their conclusions for other students as well as health and sobriety meetings.

Jacquier says the program makes an impression.

Most students tell him say the mouse experiment is not enough to make them swear off drinking in the future, but they do conclude they want no alcohol near a fertilized human egg, Jacquier says.

"They have produced, with their own hands, proof that, yes, it's not just all those adults quacking at us."



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# TOUR OF HOMES



**Autry Home**  
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Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Stouts built this two-story Victorian home in 1948. It was purchased by the Autry's in 1978 and has been extensively remodeled since Joe and Jeane Autry were married in 1999. The home was originally divided into many small rooms. Joe removed partitions and made the rooms much larger. The breakfast room has been moved to the dining room and the dining room to the west end of the living room. New wallpaper and stenciling adorn the walls throughout the house.

Joe Autry is a very skilled craftsman. He built the front porch, the gazebo and the back deck. Many of the furnishings

are also Joe's creations. He made the beautiful headboard in the master bedroom as well as the quilt rack and trunk. Downstairs, Joe's table, coffee table and serving cart can be found in the dining room. Joe also constructed the shelves and gun cabinet in the den.

The Autry family enjoys celebrating Christmas in the traditional way with a live tree in the living room. Every year a few new ornaments are placed on the tree for the three younger grandchildren. The grandchildren, Clint, Cassi and Tatum, as well as their parents, look forward to seeing the decorations that make each Christmas so memorable.

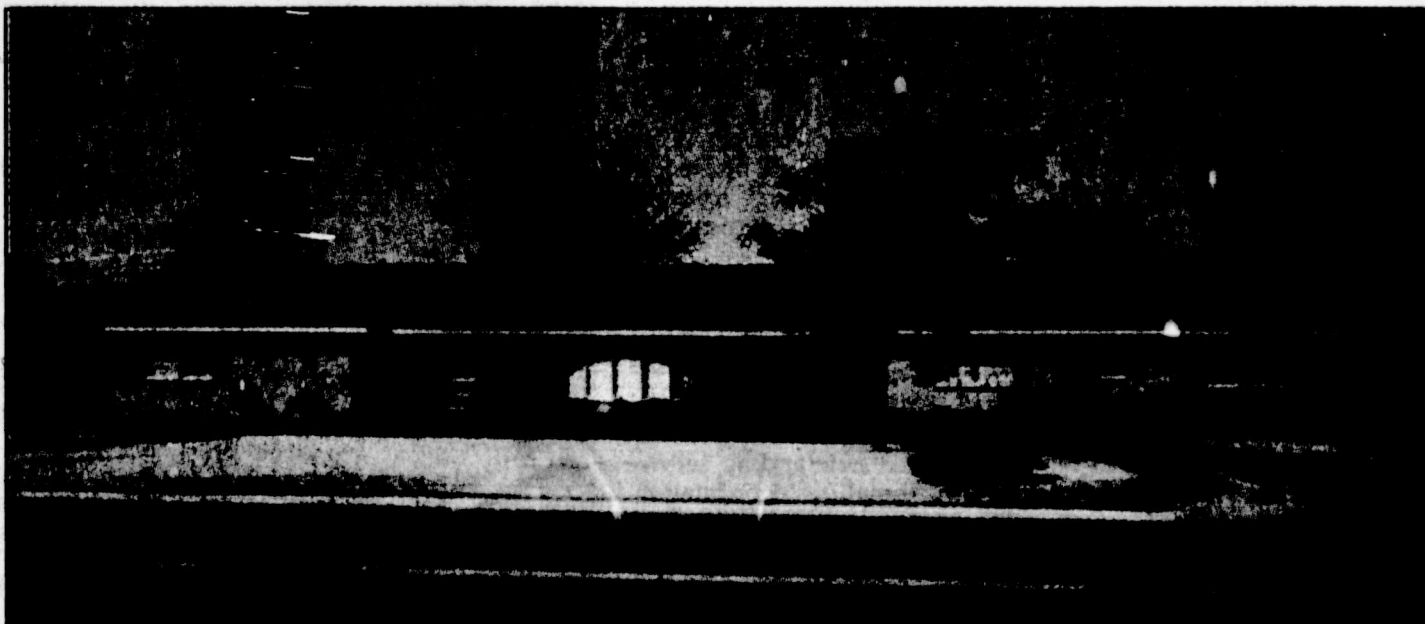
**Sutton Home**  
2601 Duncan

This classic ranch home was built in the mid-1960s for Bruce and Wilsie Parker. Parker was the County Judge from 1940 to 1952. One of his daughters resided in the home and maintained it until the mid-1980s.

The Morris Brown's were the owners until 1993 when Ken and Judy Sutton purchased the home. Ken and Judy Sutton purchased the home in 1993. Most of the house has been renovated or redecorated since then and the kitchen and the kitchen—family room areas were completely remodeled recently. The kitchen was moved into the sunroom area so the fami-

ly room area could be expanded. A large pantry and laundry room with sink were expanded during the remodeling.

A cozy, woodburning fireplace with a newly added mantle, highlights the west wall of the family room area. Off the kitchen, at the south end of the home is a study which provides private space for Ken. Antiques throughout the home were either purchased or inherited. An 1800s French armoire and table are part of the dining room furniture. The master bedroom shows off the 19th century bed which was recently purchased by the Suttons.



**Snell Townhouse**  
106 S. Cuyler

The Snell townhouse was built in 1928 as a retail establishment. This 3,000 square foot building was designed in the style of the day: red brick (which was plastered over in the interior), high ceilings and display windows in the entranceway. In 1929, the building was purchased by the Gordon Stores Co., which owned it until 1936 when it was purchased by Whites Auto Sales. In 1952 the Ford family acquired the building. Since then the building has changed hands a number of times. Harold Snell purchased the building in the spring of 2000 with the intent of converting it into a townhouse.

Living in the Hill country for

the last 25 years, Snell has had much experience in the renovation of ordinary buildings and transforming them into unique yet very functional residential spaces, maintaining the integrity of the original building whenever possible.

The floor tiles were removed to expose the original cement squares which were then stained and sealed. The high ceiling was left intact with the original tin ceiling tiles and crown molding. Areas of plaster were removed to expose the original red brick, creating a stark contrast with the off-white plaster. The back half of the building has a master suite with full bath and large walk-in closet, two guest bed-

rooms and a full bath. There is a full garage and workroom at the rear of the building. The front half of the building is a large living area with a kitchen, dining room, living area that is divided into entertainment center area and a cozy sitting area in front of a fireplace. The new light fixtures, ceiling fans, gas fireplace and other furnishings carry the distinct feeling of an earlier time.

Harold brought a 95-year old wooden Dutch door from Hannibal, Mo., which was opened by none other than Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain), adding to the unique qualities of the first town home in downtown Pampa.

**Martin Home**  
210 W. Harvester

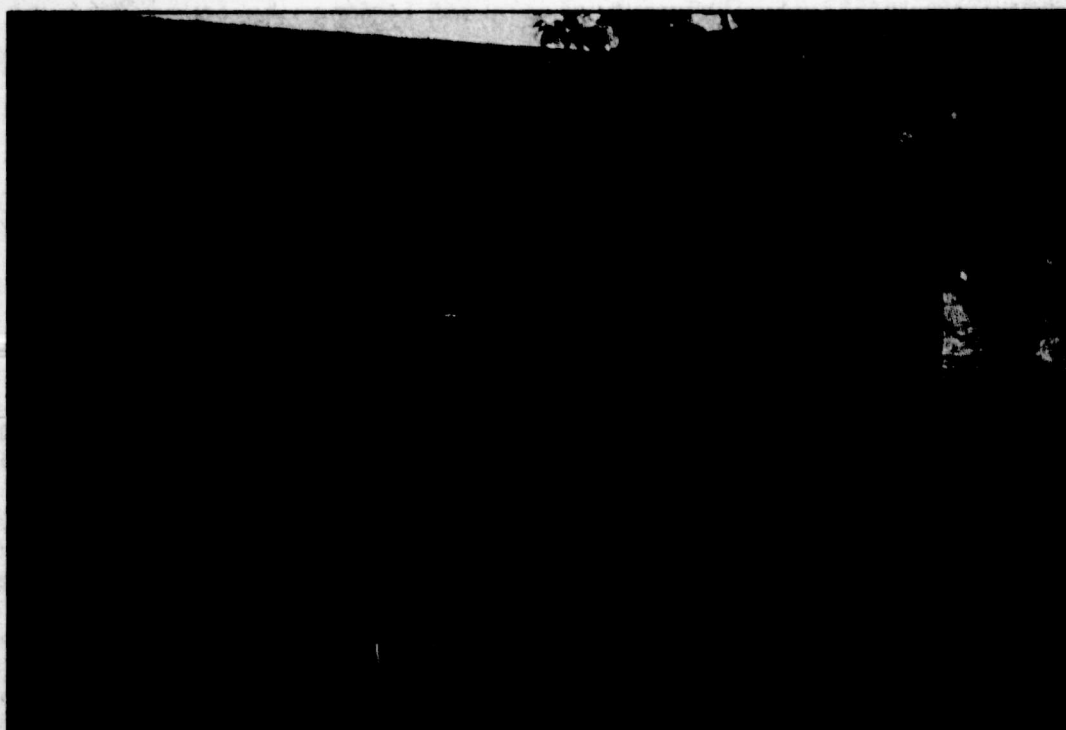
The Martin family moved to the Pampa in April, 1999. Leaving a circa 1905 home in Snyder, the family desired another older home. Their search ended when they purchased the residence at 210 W. Harvester. The home has often been referred to as the "McCoy Home," built in 1931.

Jana and Rick Martin have two sons, Wes and Jed, who attend Pampa High School. Jana loved the large kitchen and the hardwood floors. Rick liked a place for "a room of his own" in the basement. And, the boys liked what would become their spacious upstairs retreat. Jana's interest in old and rare books is illustrated

in many of the rooms in the home. Jana's interest in old and rare books is reflected throughout the home.

Jana is Academic Counselor at Clarendon College Pampa Center and is now serving as Interim Dean of Instruction for Clarendon's main campus. Rick is a technician for Williams Energy Services.

The previous owners did extensive work restoring the home to its original floor plan, which encompasses 3,262 square feet. The Martins have built a white fence around the oversized lot and are currently working on the basement.



By **NANCY YOUNG**  
Managing Editor

The Fourth Annual Holiday Home Tour will be held Sunday, Dec. 10. It is sponsored by the Twentieth Century Cotillion Study Club Funds raised from the tour go to the Opportunity Plan, Inc. OPI offers low interest loans and scholarships to help area college students meet their educational expenses.

Based in Canyon, OPI was established by Milton "Biff" Morris, former coach at West Texas State College in Canyon

when he discovered his athletes needed extra help attending college. It has helped more than 9,000 students attend the college or university of their choice. At least 250 of those students are from the Pampa area.

For entering college freshmen, the application process for a majority of Opportunity Plan scholarships is handled through high school counselors or local civic groups. Students who have completed at least 12 hours of college work should contact the OPI office.

The program is based on the concept of

the Production Credit Association where one borrows what is needed, pays it back, and the funds are loaned out again.

The local study Club has been raising money for the OPI since the early 1950s. Early fund raisers began as a cooperative effort with all of the 20th Century Clubs in Pampa.

The Cotillion Study Club began its annual antique show to benefit OPI in the mid 1950s. Early dealers were Simington, Schultz, McConnell and McCoy, whose former home is one of the homes on this year's tour. The first

antique show raised \$300 for OPI.

The 20th Century Cotillion division of OPI has a capital balance of over \$100,000, all raised from individual donations and fund raisers such as the Holiday Home Tour. Their division currently has six students in school and eight paying back their loans.

The Fourth Annual Holiday Home Tour will be held 1-4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 10. Tickets are \$10 each. They are available from any club member prior to the tour. They will also be available at any home the day of the tour.



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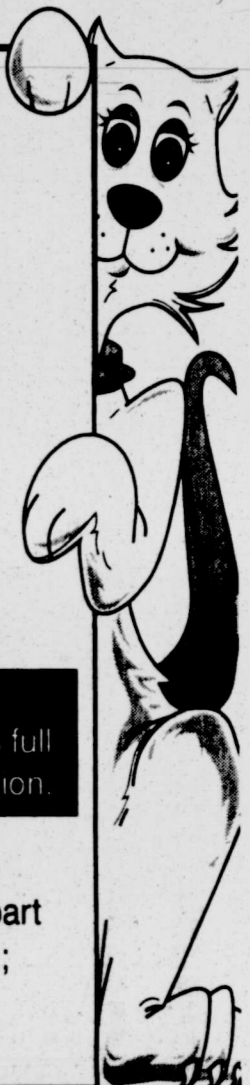


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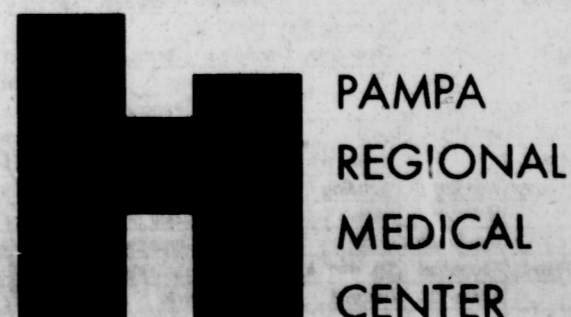
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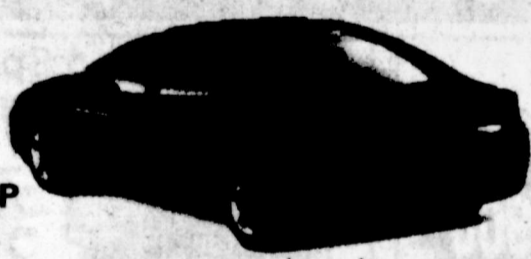
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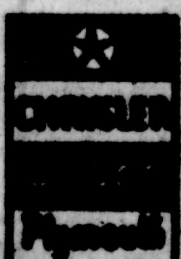
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