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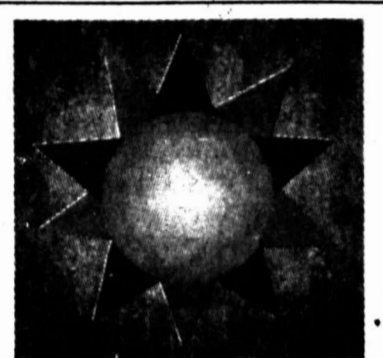
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Pampa WIC office plans an open shot clinic from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday, June 19, at its office, 317 N. Ballard. Immunization shots will be available to anyone who needs one. WIC participants receive shots free of charge. Non-WIC participants will be charged \$20 per person.

PISD board to meet

Salary schedules of employees for the 2001-2002 salary schedules in the Pampa Independent School District will be considered when the board of trustees meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 19, in the Carver Center, 321 W. Albert.

The resignation of board trustee Pat Kennedy is also on the agenda. Kennedy, an eight year member of the board, is resigning to become regional director for Moms in Touch, she said.

The first budget workshop for 2001-2002 school year will also be held during the meeting. Administrative contracts will be considered at the meeting.

Other items on the agenda include consideration of adoption of operating guidelines for special education services, 2001-2002 salary schedules, region 16 contracts and district priority performance goals.

Bids will also be considered for roofing, athletic supplies and video-conference classroom.

- Melvin Joe Vick, 50, corrections officer.
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Deputy dies; man, 27, jailed

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Area law officers joined in manhunt

CANADIAN - A 27-year-old Canadian man remained in Hemphill County jail today in connection with the shooting death of a deputy sheriff Sunday morning.

Hemphill County Deputy Sheriff Jim Bruce Graham, 54, was shot and killed Sunday morning as he stopped to arrest Christopher Chad Britton, 27, of Canadian, on four outstanding misdemeanor warrants. The warrants included accusations of assault, making a false report to police and stalking.

Sheriff Dean Butcher said today that warrants had been issued for Christopher Chad Britton, 27, of Canadian, about nine

or 10 days ago. Butcher said his office had received word that Britton, however, had left town and gone to New Mexico. Sunday morning, officers received a tip that Britton had returned and was at a home in Canadian.

Sheriff Butcher said Graham was driving to the home to arrest Britton mid-morning Sunday when the deputy apparently encountered Britton's 1985 Chevrolet Blazer driving toward the deputy's pickup on Red Deer Street.

As Graham pulled parallel to the Blazer and got out of his patrol pickup, the deputy was shot down. Initial reports said Graham was shot in the head.

"He had a sawed-off weapon he could move around quickly in that Blazer," Sheriff Butcher said of the assailant.

Butcher said it happened so quickly that Deputy Graham had no time to react. "Deputy Graham was trying to fulfill his duty as a peace officer when he was killed," Butcher said.

Authorities said the alarm for Britton in connection with the shooting went out shortly after 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

Area law enforcement officers quickly closed down roads and searched locations where Britton might have been.

Gray County Sheriff Don Copeland said his department blocked roads

through Gray County, looking for the Blazer.

Pampa Police Chief Charlie Morris said his office was familiar with Britton and began a street-by-street and alley-by-alley search of the city looking for him.

"We called out all our officers," Morris said today.

Morris said they coordinated their efforts with the Gray County Sheriff's office and the Texas Department of Public Safety who had joined in the manhunt for Britton.

At one point during the day Sunday, Morris said there was a reported sighting of Britton in Pampa.

"We follow every lead," Morris said. "An individual that would take a life of a

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(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Two Pampa firefighters in special breathing apparatus to protect them from dense smoke enter a burning residence on Henry Street Friday evening.

Investigation ongoing into Friday p.m. blaze

Fire officials continue to investigate a Friday evening fire that destroyed a residence on Henry Street and killed five pet snakes.

Pampa Fire Marshall Gary Stevens said today that his investigation of the fire at 705 Henry will remain open until he has talked with Jessie Velazquez who was reported as the occupant of the house.

A structure fire at 705 Henry was called in to Pampa Fire Department at 7:51 p.m. Friday. Two pumpers, seven on-duty firefighters and five off-duty firefighters, the fire chief, deputy chief, and fire marshall responded to fire that threatened nearby residences.

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Cancer forces teen to grow up quickly

Editor's Note: This is the first in a five-part series featuring cancer survivors from this area.

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

While most of her classmates were involved with Pampa Middle School parties, sports and school activities, then-7th grader Stacy Pepper was seeing several doctors in the fall of 1999 as they attempted to discover why she wasn't feeling well.

Cancer was not a disease that first came to the mind of her parents or her doctor.

When Stacy first became ill in October 1999, she spent about a week at home with the flu symptoms. "After she didn't get better, she said Dr. Nam Lee hospitalized her for tests at Pampa Regional Medical Center to determine the cause of her illness.

When none of the tests were conclusive, he sent her to Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo to a doctor specializing in infections.

"He ran tests on me for about two weeks," said Stacy. She said a rheumatoidologist was called in and rheumatoid arthritis was ruled out. Then a hematologist (specializing in blood disorders) was called in on the case.



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Lymphoma survivor Stacy Pepper practices her golf swing.

"He got to looking at me - he was also an oncologist (cancer specialist) - and said a lot of the symptoms looked like leukemia," she said.

A bone marrow test was conducted with negative results, she said. As she had several boils around lymph nodes on her body, the doctors removed one and did a biopsy, she said.

The diagnosis was lymphoma.

Stacy said when she first heard the diagnosis, she didn't remember feeling anything. Not too many years ago that a diagnosis of lymphoma was one of the most dreaded forms of cancer. Fortunately Stacy wasn't aware of that.

"I really don't think I understood what cancer meant," she said. "My whole life people have been able to beat it. I'd never heard of anyone who had died from cancer except for Amy Newhouse," said the now-15-year-old.

"I'd never heard of anyone else my age dying from it. It's really hard to feel anything, especially when you don't really feel sick," she said. "You feel like you can go out and play basketball or do whatever you want. So, it took awhile for it to sink in."

Stacy began chemotherapy treatments at the Texas Tech Children's Clinic. Beginning her treatments about two weeks before Christmas in December 1999, she took chemotherapy through December 2000.

The young teen said the treatments didn't make her real sick. "I felt tired a lot and had low blood counts," she said. "I didn't really have much nausea."

"The hardest thing about it was losing my hair," she said. She said she would wear a wig when she wore a dress, but mostly wore caps and other head coverings. "I had to - my ears would get cold."

"I was thrown into a very adult situation at a very young age," said Stacy. "I learned a lot."

She explained that she wanted to hang out with

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Brazilian enjoys Texas stay

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Staff Writer

Despite a rocky beginning, Brazilian exchange student Richard Rodriguez, 18, looks back with fondness on his year as a transplanted Texan.

He came to Texas through Pacific Inter-cultural Exchange, joining his host family, John and Rebecca Lewis of Pampa, on Aug. 19.

"I wanted to learn how to speak English," Rodriguez said, explaining he had studied the language four years. "I asked Dad about being a foreign exchange student. I wanted to come to the U.S. It's a nice country. I like the schools here."

At first, he had been scheduled to stay with a family in San Diego, Calif. But then the exchange program representative called and asked him if he'd be willing to go to church with his host family.

His affirmative answer led the exchange service to match him with the Lewis family and soon he was on his

way from his home in Birique, Brazil, to Pampa, Texas.

When first told he was coming to Texas, Rodriguez recalls thinking, "Oh, cowboys. I'm going to see cowboys."

"He thought he was going to live on a farm," his host mother Rebecca Lewis added.

"The first day was awful," Rodriguez remembers. "Everyone was talking to me and I didn't know how to answer them."

Rodriguez, whose native language is Portuguese, discovered that his four years of studying English was no match for a bombardment of questions delivered in Texas drawl.

"They told us his English was rated six on a scale of 1 to 10," Lewis explained. "But when we met him at the airport, he didn't say anything. We got into the car and everyone was asking him questions. He didn't understand anything we were saying. We got home and all the family was there. It had to be overwhelming."

Fortunately, his understanding of the language soon

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Richard Rodriguez

Chamber Luncheon: Tuesday, June 19 @ 11:45 a.m. in the M. K. Brown Room of the Pampa Community Building. Speaker: Dave Johnson of Nickles Industrial. Sponsor: Sheila Webb - State Farm Insurance. Caterer: Hoagie's Deli - Baked Potato Bar

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Daughter Won't Fold Her Tent Over Interest in Camp Caretaker

DEAR ABBY: I am a 34-year-old woman living in my parents' home. We have a male friend, 10 years older than I am, who is the caretaker of a campground we visit during the summer.

Last fall he invited me to visit with him at the campground. When I told my mother about my weekend plans, she seemed OK with it at first. The next morning, she told me she and my father had discussed it and didn't think it was appropriate for me to go there alone because he lives by himself in a secluded area. She felt we don't know him well enough, and we couldn't be sure what he was thinking.

I did go to see him, but only for the day. Since January, I have been talking to him on the phone trying to get to know him better. I think he's trustworthy. I'm sure he has strong moral values and religious beliefs. He has always shown respect for my parents and me.

He has invited me to visit again. When I mentioned it, my mother said she would be more comfortable with the idea if my younger brother and his girlfriend chaperoned.

Dear Abby

Is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

DEAR WANTS FREEDOM: Accept the fact that at this late date you probably can't cut the apron strings without a fuss, so prepare yourself for one. Begin checking the classifieds for an apartment so you can live independently and enjoy the freedom that a woman your age should have. If you don't, you'll find yourself your parents' little girl at 50.

Inform your parents that you neither need nor want a chaperone, then visit your friend. At your age, you owe no explanations or apologies to anyone for doing so.

some of his paperwork. He sits by my desk and talks to me (and forgets to do his paperwork). My co-workers tease me, saying he comes into our office to flirt with me.

I have fallen for him. I look forward to running into him in the halls or in the cafeteria. We also work out at the same fitness center. If a day goes by that I don't see him, I feel an emptiness in my chest. The problem is, we are both shy. I am tempted to say something, but I don't want to make a fool of myself.

Abby, how can I know for sure that he's interested in me? Is there anything I can do?

SHY AND IN LOVE IN LOUISIANA

DEAR SHY: To make a move at the hospital where the balance of power is unequal might be unwise. However, when you see him at the fitness center, ask the doc: What's up? — and would he like to grab a bite or have coffee with you after you've finished your workout. Good luck.

Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

Abby, I think I can trust him. I'm quite sure I can handle myself. But Mother would rather I drive six hours round-trip in one day instead of spending the night in his guest house.

I would like to explore this relationship a little further — I think something good could come of it. How can I cut the umbilical cord without causing a fuss? If my mother doesn't let go, I may never find anyone she feels is good enough for me.

WANTS FREEDOM FROM THE APRON STRINGS

DEAR ABBY: I am a 42-year-old divorced woman who works in a hospital. I am attracted to a doctor who is also divorced. I think he is attracted to me, too. Sometimes he comes into my department to do

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Pampa Mayor Lonny Robbins, left, hands cash to the first man in line Saturday morning, Pete Long, at the city's Cash for Trash campaign at the city landfill as Long's friend, Brandon Smith and City Commissioner Faustine Curry look on. By 8 a.m. Saturday when the gates to the landfill swung open about 50 vehicles, mostly pickups pulling trailers loaded with appliances containing freon.

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BRAZILIAN

improved. "The next day I went to school and started to play football and make more friends," Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez' home town Birique, with a population comparable to Amarillo, is situated in South Brazil, near San Paolo. "It's a lot like the Texas Panhandle," he said. He lives there with his father Jose Roberto Rodriguez, a shoe factory owner, his mother Ana Lucia, and younger brother Robson.

"In Brazil, you only go to the school in the morning," he said. High school students there take 12 different classes in a session — six classes each day and no extracurricular activities.

"I was at school from 7 until 12:30, then I went to work at Dad's factory," he said.

Rodriguez's Texas family consist of the Lewises and their three sons, Seth, Chris and Jacob. While Set and Jacob attended college, Chris, 16, and Richard soon became as close as brothers.

At Pampa High School, Rodriguez took full advantage of the many, extracurricular choices available to him. A special UIL sanction allowed him to participate on the Harvester football team. He also played soccer and sang bass in the PHS choir. Through the choir, he had the opportunity to see New York City.

"I got in trouble many times," he laughed, explaining that he kept showing up late for scheduled meetings with his chaperones.

When he turned 18 in March, Rodriguez decided he wanted a Texas driver's license. He passed the exam on his second try.

"I didn't have a driver's license in Brazil," he said. "In Brazil, you must be 18 to get a driver's license."

He and his host brother Chris formed a rock band to perform in the choir's annual variety show. An accomplished drummer, he borrowed a drum set from a Lewis cousin to play while in the U.S.

Although Rodriguez thinks U.S. soccer is "more violent" than the sport he played in Brazil, he still earned an honorable mention in district while at Pampa.

And then in May, he graduated with the PHS Class of 2001.

"It's kinda sad," he lamented. "They're all going away."

Until he returns to Brazil on June 29, Rodriguez plans to continue to "go out" with his friends and visit Six Flags over Texas with the Lewises. He recently returned from a trip to San Antonio with another host family.

For the Lewises, Rodriguez's stay has been an enriching experience they'll never forget.

"I didn't realize the scope of (hosting a foreign exchange student)," Lewis said. "He's the most wonderful kid. He's almost too polite, too well-mannered."

"He's so smart. We've learned so much from him," she added.

Rodriguez said he's learned "to be more organized and easy-going, for sure" while in Texas.

He feels his goal to learn English has been accomplished and points out he widened his linguistic horizons even more by studying Spanish while at PHS.

"Not before was I so fat as I am," he said. "The food is pretty good. That's the problem. Anything Rebecca makes is good."

"He loves mashed potatoes and biscuits," Lewis said.

Rodriguez decided he liked the Southern bread staple once he learned what "biscuit" meant in English. A similar word in Portuguese stands for a woman of ill repute, Lewis explained.

He also likes grilled beef, not fried and his favorite American food is — Chinese!

The Brazilian student said he would recommend the foreign exchange student program to others who want to learn more about other world cultures.

"I'm going to try to make my brother do it," he said.

When he returns to Brazil, he plans to go to college and work.

And the first thing he'll say to his family when he goes home?

"Thank you for letting me do it, because I had a good time."

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FIRE

When they arrived, they found a residence composed of two trailer houses connected together with a single roof built over it. The house was surrounded by a tall sheet metal fence.

Pampa Fire Chief Kim Powell said trees full of dead limbs, trash, and debris near the residence created hazards that, if not quickly controlled, could have spread the fire across to neighboring structures.

City Animal Control officers were also called to scene when firefighters discovered the residence contained numerous pet snakes.

Five rattlesnakes died in the fire, officers said. Officials later learned that an iguana, believed to have been rescued from the fire, had been moved from the residence sometime before the fire broke out.

Firefighters wore special

breathing gear against the heavy smoke that billowed from the residence northward across other residential areas, spurred by a stiff southwest wind.

Firefighters responding to a smoke scare in the 600 block of Carr at 8:18 p.m. determined that the smoke had come from the fire on Henry.

No injuries were reported in the fire. No one was in the residence at the time the fire began, Stevens said.

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DEPUTY

police officer would certainly harm our citizens." Authorities said there was also some fear that several people were in danger because of threats that had been made earlier.

Sheriff Butcher said officers located Britton's ex-wife in Portales, N.M., and protected her Sunday.

Morris said a Pampa bail bondsman and his family were taken into protective custody until after Britton's arrest.

Sunday afternoon, Sheriff Butcher said Ed Purcell, who was headed into Canadian, reported seeing someone in the brush east of town. Butcher described the area as rugged and covered with brush.

A pack of dogs from the Texas Criminal Justice System in Childress was brought to the area of the sighting while a Department of Public Safety helicopter, a helicopter owned by Trey Webb of Flap Air in Canadian and an Oklahoma Highway Patrol airplane circled overhead.

The tracking dog teams at the prisons in Pampa and Amarillo were notified and standing by.

Sheriff Butcher credited the air cover with keeping the suspect in the area.

The dogs picked up a trail and tracked it to a small fishing pond in a brush-covered area.

"Those dogs weren't out of the trailer 15 minutes before they had him," Butcher said.

Britton was arrested at 5:18 p.m. Sunday about three miles from the house after Purcell caught a glimpse of a man running on farmland that

Britton's grandfather had farmed.

"He wasn't more than 300 yards from where he was sighted," Butcher said.

The sheriff said Britton was found in the pond, apparently trying to hide.

Authorities said one of the dogs reportedly jumped in the water and bit Britton as he came up for water and then submerged.

Butcher said Britton offered no resistance.

Officers said several weapons had been found but couldn't say if they had been used in the shooting.

Britton was expected to be charged today with capital murder in the shooting death of the Hemphill County law enforcement officer.

Services for Deputy Graham were pending today with Stickle-Hill Funeral Directors in Canadian.

Graham was born and reared in Canadian and had been a deputy there since 1987, Butcher said. Graham is survived by a wife and a daughter.

"I don't know what to say," said Sheriff Copeland, whose brother, a Department of Public Safety trooper, was also killed in the line of duty.

Copeland said the thoughts and prayer of his department go out to Graham's wife and family and the Hemphill County Sheriff's office.

"We would like to express our sympathies to the family and department," Morris said today. "It's a terrible tragedy to have happened on Father's Day."

Butcher said the last fatality of a sheriff's office official in Hemphill County was in July 1980.

Club news

Club news is published strictly on a first come, first serve basis due to space limitations. The deadline each week for Sunday's paper is Wednesday at 5 p.m. (Tuesday at 12 noon on holidays such as Thanksgiving and Christmas.) The deadline does not guarantee publication. Thank you.

reduced Karen Gordy, the 2000-01 Geraldine Rumpy Adult Vocational Award recipient. The scholarship is in the amount of \$500. Gordy is a student at West

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Chamber businesses honor Dad



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

James Guthrie, left, seated, was honored when his daughter Codi's essay was selected as the winning entry in the 2001 Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce Father's Day essay contest. His son, Khale, and Codi, who wrote the essay, is pictured along with their mother. Chamber representatives Jamie Cenicerros, Kathy Cota, and Bob Marx were also on hand for the occasion. Guthrie received numerous gifts from local businesses including a NFL football autographed by Miami Dolphins Linebacker Zach Thomas. Other gifts were donated by Clint and Sons, Pampa Country Club Pro Shop, David's Golf Shop, A Cut Above, Harvester Lanes, Foto Time, T-Shirts and More, Top 'O' Texas Rodeo Association, Pampa Office Supply and Frank's True Value.

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 8-10 - Top O' Texas Kid Pony Show
 12-14 - Top O' Texas PRCA Rodeo
 14 - Top O' Texas Rodeo Parade
 17 - Chamber luncheon
 21 - Las Pampas Koi & Water Garden Tour
 22-26 - Tri-State Seniors Golf Association Tournament
- AUGUST**
 11-12 - Sheep Dog Trials Reunion
 17 - Pampa Army Air Field
 21 - Chamber luncheon
- SEPTEMBER**
 3 - Chautauqua & Woody Guthrie Tribute
 11 - Chamber Quarterly Prayer Breakfast
 15, 16 - Golden Spread Antique Machinery Tractor Show
 18 - Chamber luncheon
 29, 30 - High Plains Fall Classic WRCA Ranch Rodeo
- OCTOBER**
 13, 14 - Pampa Fine Arts Council Arts & Crafts Show
 16 - Chamber luncheon
 20 - Country Fair
- NOVEMBER**
 4 - Pampa Fine Arts Artist of the Year
 20 - Chamber luncheon
 22 - Thanksgiving
 29 - Chamber Holiday Parade
- DECEMBER**
 1-31 - Celebration of Lights Christmas Light Display
 4 - Chamber Quarterly Prayer Breakfast
 18 - Chamber luncheon
 25 - Christmas

From the director...

Dear Members,

Here we are almost halfway through 2001. As always it seems to have flown by. It has been an interesting year so far, as we have added many new members, we have had three wonderful luncheons, a tremendous banquet and a successful circus. In addition, our prayer breakfasts have been well attended and another bright spot. It is also great to see the local economy growing again with many companies in a hiring mode.

We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended last Saturday's Business Expo/ Dairy Festival 2001. This was our second successful Expo which is designed to give our area businesses and organizations the opportunity to present their products and/or services to the public. It is important that the citizens of our community and those of the surrounding towns are aware of what is available locally and how competitive these products and services are in regards to price and quality. We also greatly appreciate each and every business and organization that took part in this year's event.

One of the goals of the Chamber is to create a positive economic impact for the Pampa area by providing an opportunity for businesses and organizations to get their message to the public. This is a goal we will continue to strive to meet.

We still have a great deal of activities remaining. Next on our agenda is the Tri-State Seniors Golf Tournament taking place the week of July 23rd. Tri-State Seniors Golf Association Secretary Floyd Sackett always does an outstanding job of coordinating this event and we look forward to seeing the golfers and their wives. We will then be eagerly looking forward to our annual "Country Fair" which will take place on Saturday, Oct. 20. The Chamber Christmas Parade and "Comeback to Christmas," along with our remaining luncheons and prayer breakfasts, will round out the year.

Sincerely,

Clay Rice

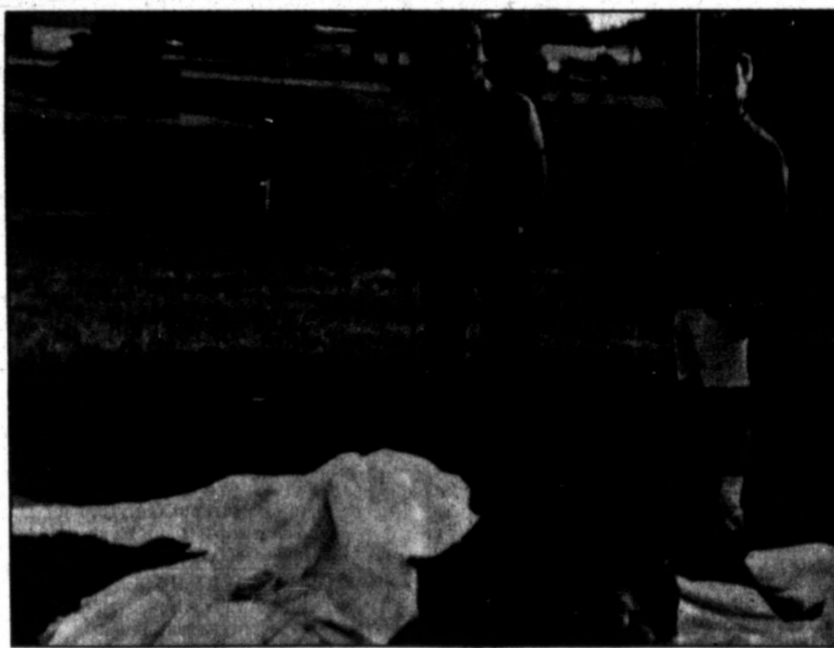
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Gold Coats Bill Hildebrandt, City of Pampa, and Bill Bridges, Duncan, Fraser & Bridges Insurance, round up Mootilda for the 2nd annual Business Expo/ Dairy Festival June 16.

Chamber luncheon set for June 19

June Chamber Luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, June 19, at 11:45 a.m. in the M.K. Brown Room of the Pampa Community Building. Special guest speaker will be Dave Johnson from Nickles Industrial. The sponsor is Sheila Webb of State of State Farm Insurance. Hoagie's Delis will serve a baked potato bar.



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Gold Coats Bob Marx, Henry Urbanczyk, Charlene Morriss and Jack Reeve had a great time representing the Pampa Chamber of Commerce at the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Shamrock.

A special 'thank you'

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