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## Hamilton wins photo contest

Starla Hamilton is this year's winner of Pampa Portraits, the photo contest sponsored by The Pampa News.

Hamilton's winning entry was of her son, Skyler Hamilton, playing in a water sprinkler.

Photos selected for publication appear in the annual Pride section, inserted in today's newspaper.

"The quality of entrants See CONTEST, Page 3

## County pays bills from fighting wildfires

By MARILYN POWERS  
 Staff Writer

Bills totaling \$9,335.16 in connection with the recent wildfires in Gray County were approved for payment by county commissioners at their meeting this morning in the courthouse.

A line item specifically for payment of bills connected to the fires will be created in the county budget, and funds in the amount of the submitted bills will be transferred from the general fund to that account to cover the payments. The line item could also be used at a future date for any other such disasters and emergencies, said County Judge Richard Peet.

"We are in the process of applying to FEMA for reimbursement," Peet said.

The bills are for expenses over and above normal operating expenses of the county and of Hoover Volunteer Fire Department, and are all connected to the wildfires, he said.

Included in the total is approximately \$4,000 billed by Triangle Well Service for equipment and equipment operators, about \$1,800 to Utility Oil for gasoline and diesel fuel, and about \$3,000 to D.E. Chase Inc. for fuel and water.

"We had those people at McLean, we had those people at Lefors, we had them everywhere," said HVFD Chief Joe Millican at this morning's meeting.

"It involved all our county equipment, too, not just Hoover Volunteer Fire Department," Millican said.

A transfer of \$4,850 from the county's general fund to the inmate account at Gray County Jail was approved to cover a fraudulent cashier's check in that amount. The check, which had originally been reported as a money order, had been given by an inmate to apply to bond amounts, according to Sheriff Don Copeland.

Additional safeguards to the inmate account have been implemented to help avoid similar problems in the future, Peet said.

"Arrest warrants have been issued, and the investigation is continuing with See COUNTY, Page 3

## Dust storm



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Clouds of blowing dust loomed over Walnut Creek Estates Thursday as high winds and continued dry conditions resulted in low visibility in places and a fear of new wildfires. Highway 273 south of Lefors to McLean was closed due to blowing dust, as was Highway 282 south of Perry Lefors Airport. In Roberts County, Highway 282/283 north of Miami to Highway 70 was closed due to blowing dust and zero visibility in some areas.

## Museum growing



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Roy Hubbard, an employee of McCormick Masonry of Pampa, prepares to add another cinder block to the east wall of an addition being built onto Freedom Museum USA, 600 N. Hobart. The finished outside surface of the walls will be brick, and workers expect to have the masonry completed in about three weeks, depending on such factors as the weather, said Jeremy McCormick. The museum is now open for its summer hours, noon to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays.

## Plains vegetation will recover

By MARILYN POWERS  
 Staff Writer

The blackened, charred fields and pastures left by wildfires earlier this month across parts of the Texas Panhandle may lead to erosion and to loss of forage and habitat for animals, but the vegetation may recover if treated correctly, according to a news release from the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

"Wildfires can affect the vegetation in ways that are very similar to the effects of prescribed fire and can provide valuable control of brush species," said Susan Baggett, state resource conservationist for NRCS in Texas, in the release.

The positive effect of brush control is offset by negative consequences, she said.

"Loss of vegetation not only affects forages for livestock and wildlife habitat, but it can lead to increased See GROWTH, Page 3



USDA-NRCS Courtesy photo

This photo shows rangeland in central Texas approximately one month after a later winter wildfire. Note the significant regrowth that has taken place.

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## Obituaries

### Helen Jordan, 88

Helen Jordan, 88, of Pampa, Texas, died March 29, 2006, at Pampa. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 1, 2006, at the First Assembly of God with the Rev. Glen R. Beaver, district secretary-treasurer of the West Texas Assembly of God, and the Rev. Leland Lewis, pastor of the First Assembly of God, officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Heights Cemetery in Lefors under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Jordan was born Aug. 26, 1917, in May, Okla. She married Roy Jordan on Feb. 4, 1936, in Woodward, Okla. He preceded her in death on Dec. 25, 1996.

She had been a resident of Pampa and Lefors since 1940. She worked at McClellan's Five & Dime as a sales clerk, retiring after 15 years of service.

She was a retired minister and member of

the First Assembly of God.

Survivors include two sons, Jerry Leon and wife Aileen Jordan of Kyle, Texas, and Sammy Roy and wife Gisela Jordan of Brewton, Ala.; one daughter, Madonna Ann and husband Frank Bridwell of Pampa; one brother, Bill Ishmael of Flower Mound; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.



Jordan

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, 200 NW 7th, Amarillo, TX 79107.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6-8 p.m. Friday, March 31, 2006, and will receive friends immediately following the burial at the Lefors Senior Citizens Center at 806 N. Main in Lefors.

—Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).

## Services tomorrow

JORDAN, Helen — 2 p.m., First Assembly of God Church, Pampa.  
SILVA, Agustina A. — 10 a.m., Primera Iglesia Bautista Mexicana, Pampa.

### Agustina A. Silva, 91

Agustina A. Silva, 91, of Pampa, died March 30, 2006, at Pampa. Services are scheduled at 10 a.m. Saturday in Primera Iglesia Bautista Mexicana with Elias Torres, Baptist minister, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Born May 5, 1914, at Galeana, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, Mrs. Silva had countless friends in both Pampa and Mexico.

She was a homemaker and had been a member of Primera Iglesia Bautista Mexicana since 1975.

Mrs. Silva was preceded in death by her husband, Heliodoro L. Silva, in 1968. She was also preceded in death by a son, Jose Angel Silva.

Survivors include three sons, Heliodoro

Silva of Pampa, Guadalupe Silva of Kress and Moses Silva of Bovina; eight daughters, Sara S. Guajardo, Manuela S. Guajardo, Maria de Refugio S. Avila and Doraelia S. Solis, all of Mexico, Maria S. Alvarado, Rosaura Silva and Ramona S. Armendarez, all of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Sara S. Velasco of Pampa; 54 grandchildren; 104 great-grandchildren; and 17 great-great-grandchildren.



Silva

The body will lie in state from 4 p.m. Friday until service time Saturday at the funeral home.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

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## Emergency Services

### Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

#### Thursday, March 30

Eighteen traffic stops were made.

Traffic complaints were noted in the 1000 block of East Francis, the 1300 block of North Mary Ellen, and the 500 block of Yeager.

Theft was reported in the 1300 block of North Coffee where DVDs with a value of \$40 were taken, and the 400 block of North Hill where four child support checks valued at \$128.74 were taken.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 400 block of South Cuyler.

Alarms were investigated in the 2000 block of North Hobart and the 1500 block of North Hobart.

Motorist assistance was provided in the 900 block of North Duncan, assisting other agencies service was provided in the 1000 block of South Faulkner and the 400 block of South Hughes, and a medical assist was provided at the intersection of Randy Matson and Sumner.

Disorderly conduct reports were taken from the 400 block of South Hughes and the 100 block of East Harvester.

A case of forgery was reported in the police department lobby.

An assault was investigated in the 100 block of East Harvester.

Warrant service was attempted at one location where an arrest was made.

Animal complaints were received from the 400 block of East Kingsmill and the 1000 block of South Dwight.

A 911 hangup call was

received from the 700 block of North Hobart.

A domestic disturbance was investigated in the 700 block of North Russell.

Suspicious persons were noted in the 100 block of North Naida, the 100 block of South Russell and the intersection of Browning and Hazel.

A prowler was reported in the 1200 block of North Mary Ellen and a suspicious vehicle was reported in the 400 block of North Powell.

### Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today.

#### Thursday, March 30

Nicholas Lee Brookshire, 26, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department on charges of possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone, no valid driver's license, no insurance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Melford Neal Hanks Jr., 27, of Pampa was arrested by PPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone.

Enid Lyle Morris, 60, of

Goldthwaite was arrested by GCSO on charges of violation of probation and DWI.

Dale Andrew Rasmussen, 25, of Pampa was arrested by PPD on a charge of possession of marijuana.

Morna Lee Allen, 40, of Pampa was arrested by PPD on charges of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle and possession of a controlled substance.

Aaron Christopher Fought, 24, of Pampa was arrested by PPD on a charge of DWI.

Douglas Lee Rankins, 25, of Pampa was arrested by PPD on a charge of public intoxication.

### Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

#### Thursday, March 30

11:06 a.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to an area northwest of the city on a good intent call. A fire report turned out to be blowing dust.

5:46 p.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to the 1600 block of North

Banks on an odor investigation.

9:05 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2100 block of Williston on a medical assist.

### Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

#### Thursday, March 30

12:02 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit was dispatched to Parkview Hospital in Wheeler. The call was canceled enroute.

2:39 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1500 block of North Christy. No transport.

3:06 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1500 block of North Sumner and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

4:16 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Lubbock University Medical Center in Lubbock.

4:44 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 400 block of Hughes and transported a patient to Northwest

Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

7:42 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient to PRMC.

9:06 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2100 block of North Williston and transported a patient to PRMC.

11:05 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient to a local nursing facility.

## Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of White Deer.

Wheat	3.66
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Corn	4.10
Soybeans	4.70

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.

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BP PLC ADR	59.19	-0.58
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Celanese	20.66	-0.18
Cabot Oil Gas	48.45	-1.11
Coca Cola	42.14	+0.02
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HAL	73.00	-1.30
TRI	41.77	-0.03
KML	92.08	-0.23
XCEL	18.11	NC
Kerr McGee	95.54	-0.40
XOM	60.91	-0.21
Nat'l Oilwell	64.85	-1.03
Limited	24.37	-0.02
Williams	21.28	-0.15
MCD	34.44	-0.11
Atmos	26.39	-0.08
Pioneer Nat	44.12	+0.35
JCP	61.35	+0.15
COP	63.40	-1.08
SLB	126.46	-1.77
Tenneco	21.82	-0.10
CVX	58.15	-0.36
Wal-Mart	47.81	+0.15
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Today: Mostly sunny, with a high around 74. North-northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 50. Southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

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Dr. Scott Ellis  
& Staff



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS  
**Sharon Greene, left, assistant chief juvenile probation officer for Gray County, was recognized by county commissioners at their meeting this morning upon the occasion of her retirement. County Judge Richard Peet, right, presented a certificate of recognition to Greene for her years of service to the county.**

## County

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the Texas Rangers in East Texas," Copeland had said Wednesday concerning the money order.

A resolution in support of the designation of competitive renewable energy zones in the Texas Panhandle was approved. The resolution was requested by State Rep. David Swinford, who is working on a state bill to allow additional funds to be used to build new transmission lines from Vernon to Amarillo and then to Lubbock, Peet said.

"It will allow us to have additional access to wind farms here. Right now, our power grids are pretty well filled up with the energy supplied by wind farms at White Deer, Vega and Clovis, N.M.," Peet said.

Swinford is asking all cities and counties in the area for support for his bill, Peet said.

County Auditor Elaine Morris provided a report concerning corrections of cash receipts posting errors made to the general ledger for the month of March. The monthly report is supplied by Morris' office at the request of the 223rd and 31st District judges con-

cerning errors made by the county treasurer in posting cash receipts.

Twenty corrections were made by the auditor's office of posting errors originating in County Treasurer Lee Cornelison's office. Amounts ranged from \$1 to \$44,322.30, according to the report.

No funds are missing, Morris said; funds are being deposited in the wrong accounts.

"Some of these corrections are exactly the same as the last time," Morris said. It can take up to eight hours to correct one error because of the time involved to track down where the error was made, she said.

Sharon Greene, assistant chief juvenile probation officer, was recognized for her years of service to Gray County at this morning's meeting. Greene is retiring from her duties.

District Clerk Gaye Honderich and County Clerk Susan Winborne were recognized for completing continuing education courses.

Bills totaling \$348,405.92 and salaries of \$249,940.02 were approved for payment. One line item transfer concerning the account of the 223rd District court was also approved.

## Growth

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soil loss due to erosion by wind and water," she said.

Native plants need not be re-seeded in order to regrow and cover the burned area. In most cases, native plants which evolved with fire are still alive and can recover with a management plan.

Factors that affect recovery time include types of plants and their adaptation to fire, fire intensity, precipitation (both before and after the fire), soil type, previous history of grazing and fire, presence of weeds, season of fire and management after the fire.

Burned vegetation still provides protection from soil movement due to remaining plant roots and plant parts.

## Contest

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was outstanding," said Editor Dennis Spies. "But Starla's winning photo of

Skyler just jumped out at us."

For her efforts, Hamilton was awarded 50 Pampa Bucks.

More than 120 photos were entered in the contest by more than 20 photographers.

## Cancer

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tragic; but the way they have handled themselves throughout their cancer procedures is heroic," Horton said.

The funds raised will primarily go to help the three participating individuals pay for expenses associated with their cancer treatments, and some funds will go to cancer research foundations of their choice.

"This is a family event — a Panhandle area community event — and I would encourage people to come out and support Amanda, Angi and Brad," Horton said.

Woelfle encourages others who may be facing this

dreaded disease. She urges other cancer patients to not give up.

"Get a good prayer support group because we have a mighty God who answers prayer; and listen to the doctors because God gave them a gift to know how to help you," Woelfle said.

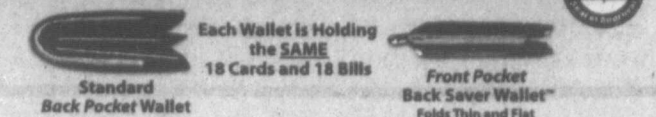
"It is so important to have the support of family and friends," Anderson said. "Without their help, support and constant encouragement I would not have made it through."

Brad Been echoed the encouragement of Woelfle and Anderson.

"If there was one thing I would say to someone who has just been diagnosed with cancer, I would say cancer is something that happened to you, it doesn't define who you are," Been said.

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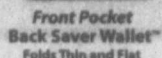
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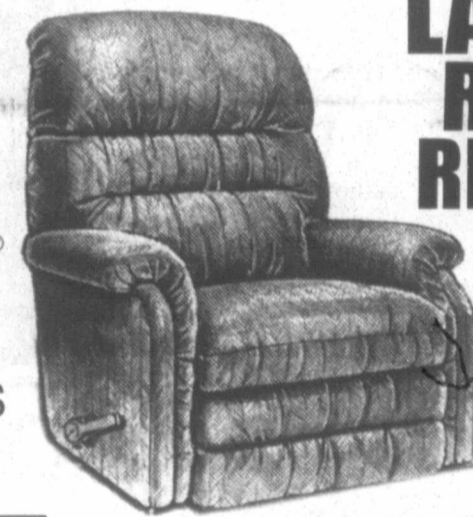
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# Viewpoints

## Heroes right here in our own community

Are there any heroes in today's society? Most Americans tend to watch television and listen to music in the little spare time that is available in today's fast paced environment. In doing so, many people idolize professional athletes, Hollywood actors and actresses, and various rock stars.

What happened to the days when kids used to idolize astronauts, look up to politicians, and respect the career of attorneys? The answer, in my opinion, is television. It is a magical box. If someone is on it, they "must be special."

The problem with our TV heroes, however, is that many of the faces are not driven by the same values that we normally associate

traditional heroes to have! Traditional heroes do not abuse alcohol or drugs, they don't sleep around with numerous men or women in their spare time, they don't molest children or look at child pornography, they don't smile on camera and live a double life off camera.

In short, it seems that the TV heroes we have in today's society are lacking the key ingredient of what we used to look for in heroes during pre-television years: integrity. Obviously, not everyone we look up to on television lacks integrity.

However, our expectations toward our heroes have been set back over and over, especially in recent times, because of off camera behavior and activities. In the end, television faces are

the same as the faces around us on a daily basis — men and women. The difference is only the high profile TV positions that give the perception of hero, status, and that puts them in a special category: automatic heroes without earning public integrity.

We tend to give TV heroes the benefit of the doubt with this subconscious thought: they are on television, so they must have integrity. I say, we are simply looking at the wrong people to find our heroes. Yes, there are some extraordinary people in Hollywood, but there are also, I think most people

would agree, some absolutely outlandish people there too!

Do we listen to the national press to find our heroes? I sure hope not. The national news cycle is so negative and

tends to be hyper critical of all men and women who are in positions of service. If you were to ask a national TV news editor what the best kind of story is to report, the honest answer would be: "one that sells" News is a business. And businesses are in business to make a profit. More sales equals more profit, and negativity sells.

So where do we find heroes in today's society? I invite you to look at three young people closer to home. Specifically, look at Amanda Kludt Anderson, Brad Been, and Angi Long Woelfle. Though none of them would say it, and they may not even realize it, they are heroes! Each of them was diagnosed with a severe form of invasive cancer before they turned 28 years old.

That is not what made them heroes. What makes them heroes is how they have faced this fear; how they have each been a shining light to their families, to their friends, to their spouses, and to others who have suffered from this dreaded disease. Their quiet strength, the way they have

bravely faced the ups and downs of defeating cancer, and their incredibly positive attitudes, gives them the vital characteristic of heroism that is all too often lacking in our TV heroes today: integrity.

It is an honor to work with these three wonderful people in a community service effort to raise awareness for cancer, and to raise funds to help pay for the cancer treatments that they have each endured. As we all know, even with insurance coverage, cancer treatments can be very expensive and exhausting.

Our area community has a chance, from 2 to 6 p.m. Saturday, to show these wonderful individuals how

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J.B. Horton  
Columnist



## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, March 31, the 90th day of 2006. There are 275 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

One year ago, on March 31, 2005, Terri Schiavo, 41, died at a hospice in Pinellas Park, Fla., 13 days after her feeding tube was removed in a wrenching right-to-die dispute that engulfed the courts, Congress and the White House and divided the country.

On this date:

In 1880, Wabash, Ind., became the first town in the world to be illuminated by electrical lighting.

In 1889, French engineer Alexandre Gustave Eiffel unfurled the French tricolor from atop the Eiffel Tower, officially marking its completion.

In 1917, the United States took possession of the Virgin Islands from Denmark.

In 1933, Congress authorized the Civilian Conservation Corps.

In 1943, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "Oklahoma!" opened

*'What is it to be a gentleman? The first to thank and the last to complain.'*

— Serbian proverb

on Broadway.

In 1945, the Tennessee Williams play "The Glass Menagerie" opened on Broadway.

In 1949, Newfoundland entered confederation as Canada's 10th province.

In 1968, President Johnson stunned the country by announcing he would not seek another term in office.

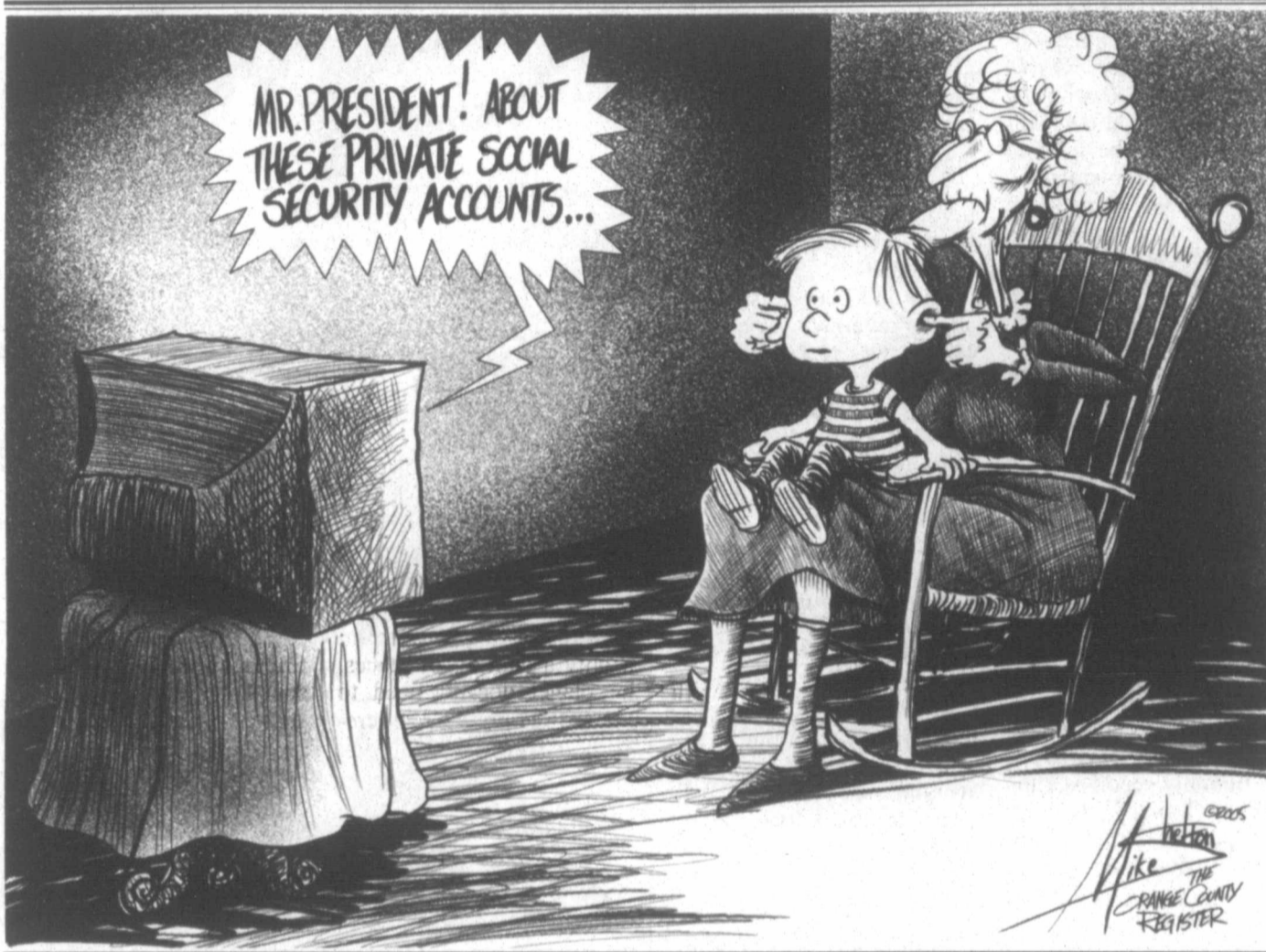
In 1976, the New Jersey Supreme Court ruled that comatose Karen Anne Quinlan could be disconnected from her respirator. (Quinlan, who remained comatose, died in 1985.)

In 1986, 167 people died when a Mexicana Airlines Boeing 727 crashed in a remote mountainous region of Mexico.

Ten years ago: Russian President Boris Yeltsin announced a halt to combat operations in Chechnya, limited troop withdrawals and a willingness to hold indirect talks with the rebels' leader.

Five years ago: Riot police laid siege to Slobodan Milosevic's villa in an attempt to bring the former Yugoslav president to justice. But a defiant Milosevic rejected a warrant, reportedly telling police he wouldn't "go to jail alive." (He was taken into custody the next day.)

One year ago: A damning report by a presidential commission concluded the United States knew "disturbingly little" about nuclear and biological threats from dangerous adversaries.



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## The trickle down effects of sex culture

The case of Marcus Wayne Dixon, an 18-year-old student from Rome, Ga., who served 15 months of a 10-year sentence for aggravated child molestation, is not as simple as some of the national media reported.

The charge stemmed from what Dixon's attorney claimed was consensual sex with a 15-year-old girl. The boy had a 3.96 grade point average and had received a full athletic scholarship to Vanderbilt University, which was later revoked. The 10-year sentence was mandatory and without the possibility of parole. His attorney, working pro bono, appealed it.

I've heard people on television talk as if the boy were an angel, a victim of backward laws. They pointed to his grade average and to his athletic scholarship, but neither of those is any guaran-

tee of character. He had been involved in two other incidents, one where he allegedly exposed himself and another allegation that he put his hand down a girl's dress.

A further complication is race. He's black. The girl is white. A witness at his trial, where he was originally charged with rape, testified that the girl told him that she claimed rape because she was afraid her father would beat her for having sex with a black man.

Whether that's true or not, I don't know, but the jury apparently believed it, because he was acquitted of rape. Incidentally, Bryant Gumbel, who can find racism even in the snowy

Alps, leapt on that and while reporting the story showed clips of a Klan march. In fact, there hasn't been a Klan march in that county since the 1980s, and even then protestors shouted down the

Klan. The girl's father may or may not have a problem with race, but the county does not. There was no element of racism in the prosecution of the case.

The problem arose from the fact that, as they love to do, prosecutors tacked on a laundry list of charges, hoping the jury would convict on at least one. In fact, it convicted on two — statutory rape and aggravated child molestation.

Georgia's law on statutory rape is quite sensible. It says

that if the consensual sex occurs between a 17- or 18-year-old and someone less than three years younger, it is a misdemeanor. The aggravated child molestation charge — obviously not intended for consensual sex between teenagers — carries a mandatory sentence of 10 years in prison and five years of probation.

But even though he won his appeal, the boy's life is damaged, and he has nobody to blame for that but himself. It's a well-known fact that the human male has a limited blood supply, and when it flows to the lower part of the body, it vacates the brain. Older and wiser men than this boy have gotten into trouble because of sex. It happens all the time.

> There are two societal factors that this case brings to

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Charley Reese  
Columnist



## Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ **March 20**  
Austin American-Statesman on overpopulation:

If you tend to worry about overpopulation in the United States or the world, you want to avoid checking out the U.S. Census Bureau's population clock.

Already past the 298 million mark, the U.S. population clock adds people each time you click on it. The world population clock, which clicked past 6.5 billion last month, will add hundreds of people as you blink. You can watch the world grow before your eyes.

That's an alarming fact for many

people, who see the flashing numbers as signs of dwindling resources, a lower quality of life for future generations and a potential for conflict on an epic scale. Overpopulation is such a harrowing prospect that it has spawned a movement called Voluntary Human Extinction, which has the goal of halting all breeding on the planet.

Overpopulation, however, isn't the same problem everywhere. In most of the developed world, birthrates are below the replacement rate, and a population that isn't growing at all presents its own set of problems for future generations. Almost all the world's population growth is in China, India, Pakistan, Nigeria, Bangladesh and the United States.

In Asia, population increases present

another problem: a skewed gender ratio. Historically, about 105 males are born for every 100 females. In Europe, women outnumber men by 7 percent and in North America, by 3.4 percent. But in some parts of India, China and other Asian nations, the ratio has been so distorted that there are now 120, even 130, males born for every 100 females, according to recent articles in Foreign Policy magazine.

Aborting females who are less favored than boys in those societies will result in some 40 million young bachelors in Beijing alone in the next 15 years, experts say. While overpopulation that strains resources and rips the social fabric is a serious problem, a glut

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## Stobbe reception



Members of the Lovett Memorial Library Board are pictured here with Anne Stobbe at her retirement reception. Above, from left: Ellen Malone, Jerri Erickson, Sara Carmichael, Stobbe, Betty Henderson, Charlene Martinez, Dr. Ray Hampton and Ed Marshall.

## Horton

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much we appreciate their quiet heroism. On that day, come out to Harvester Lanes in Pampa and bowl with them! It will cost \$10 to

bowl two games, of which \$5 will go directly to the fund raising efforts. If you cannot make it to the bowling alley, you may send a direct donation to the cause. (See details below) The monies raised will be given directly to Amanda, Brad and Angi to help pay for their cancer expenses, and

will also allow them to donate to their favorite cancer charities.

Let's show our local heroes how much we appreciate their courage and integrity. Bring your family out to bowl on April 1st!

JB Horton is a Pampa native who served as the 2004-2005 Ambassadorial

Scholar for Rotary in England. To send a donation to Amanda, Brad or Angi, make your checks out to *Bowling Over Cancer*, 2434 Evergreen St., Pampa, Texas 79065. For more information, go to [www.bowlingovercancer.com](http://www.bowlingovercancer.com)

## Reese

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mind. One is that college sports, having become a moneymaking industry, causes high school athletes to be overpampered. Athletic scholarships are awarded without regard for character, and in many cases without

regard for academic ability. This is such a problem that in the past I've suggested that some colleges put bail bondsmen and criminal defense lawyers on retainer to handle the misdeeds of their star athletes.

The other factor is sex. Simultaneous with a national hysteria about sex offenders, there is a continuous, blatant commercialization of sex by

television, the movies and the advertising industry. Kids today have sex shoved in their faces. It's no surprise at all that sexually transmitted diseases are showing up in middle schools. After all, a popular president and still-popular ex-president told the nation that oral sex is not really sex.

I've always argued that the "adults only" label is just

a ploy. There is no such thing as an adult world and a children's world. Adults and children inhabit the same world. If the media are saturated with sex and idolatry for sports figures and other celebrities, then the bad effects will filter down to children.

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of males with little-hope of long-term female companionship carries even greater significance.

Valerie Hudson, a professor at Brigham Young University, says this skewed gender ratio in Asia will affect decisions as vital as war and peace. The "surplus males," as she refers to them, are occurring on a

scale unprecedented in human history and threaten a potentially violent dynamic for the planet.

Societies teeming with young men and few women tend to be restless and violent. Think of the American West and the Northern California and Alaskan gold rush periods. Now imagine that on a worldwide scale.

Social change doesn't come easy, but if those countries with growing gender imbalances don't correct the ratio, the results could be

cataclysmic. With the world growing by 77 million people a year, and most of them in only a handful of places, the planet doesn't need to inflame the problem by creating societies brimming with frustrated men.

Complications among

people don't always come through clashes of ideas and pursuits of power. Natural forces, demographics and social conflicts share that stage. Those unrelenting, ever-counting population clocks could be time bombs.


## Events calendar

• **Lefors Action Group** will sponsor a city clean-up at 10 a.m. Saturday in Timmon's Park. Workers will pick up litter around the football field and on the main spur through town. A free picnic will follow the clean-up at 12 p.m. for all participants. For more information, call Susan Oldham at (806) 835-2438 or Jane Wilkins at (806) 835-2757.

• **A cancer support meeting** is scheduled Tuesday in Room 202 of Pampa Regional Medical Center. For meeting time or more information, call 669-9667.

• **The Texas Department of State Health Services** will be offering immunization clinics. The following clinic will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., Wednesday and April 19, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

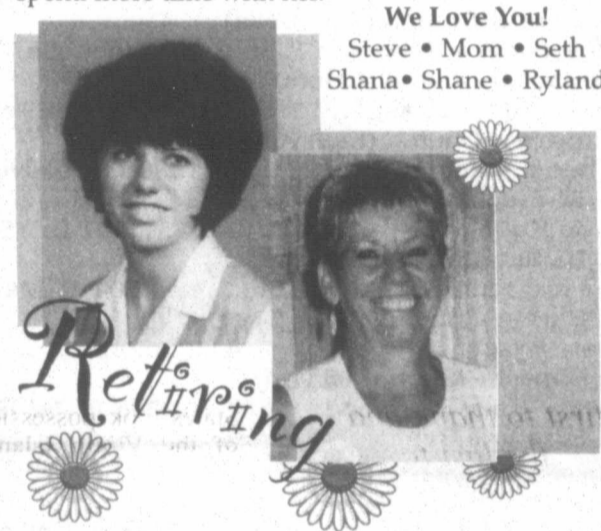
• **Leadership Perryton** will present Steve Gilliland of Pittsburgh, Pa., from 6-8 p.m. Thursday in the high school auditorium in Perryton. Registration will be from 5:30-6 p.m. the evening of the presentation. The seminar is \$20 per person. Special rates are available for businesses. Gilliland has a background in major league baseball, broadcasting and corporate management, training such clients as the U.S. Marine Corps, CBS and General Motors. For more information, call Perryton Chamber of Commerce at (806) 435-6575.



**Sharon Greene**

Sharon Greene-Assistant Chief at Gray County Juvenile Probation is retiring on March 31, 2006 after 17 years of service. A Pampa native for 55 years, Sharon is relocating to the Ozarks. She is loved not only by her family and friends but also the children she worked with in her job. Sharon says she will deeply miss all the staff and County Officials she has worked with, and wishes them well. We the family are the lucky ones who will now get to spend more time with her.

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## Judging Contest in offing Saturday

CLARENDON — The 25th annual Clarendon College Invitational Judging Contest is slated for Saturday in Clarendon.

More than 2,000 high school FFA students and 4-H students from across Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas, and Colorado are anticipated to participate in the event.

Johnny Treichel, Clarendon College livestock and meats judging coach, said the event is the biggest recruiting tool for the college.

"This is the only time each year the college has

this many potential students on campus," he said. "And we are pleased to have such positive support from our community."

The students will participate in a wide variety of events including Livestock, Horse, Land, Range & Pasture, Poultry, Dairy Products, Agronomy, Farm Management, Entomology, Ag Mechanics, Wool, Cotton, Meats, and Wildlife.

For more information about the judging contest please contact Treichel at 806-874-3571, ext. 146, or Leslie Stoker at 806-874-3571, ext. 145.

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# Religion

## MINISTER'S MUSINGS

### No 'cold corners' here in Pampa

We were traveling down the highway in East Texas. My wife Mary was driving. This gave me a chance to kick back and observe things, including signs alongside the highway. Suddenly I saw it, a church located out in the boondocks, miles from anywhere. But the thing that most caught my attention wasn't the forlorn little building. It was the sign-front. It read: "Cold Corner Church."

No denomination was specified, just the information that we'd reached Cold Corner Church.

I began to wonder about that somewhat less than inspiring church name. I have a thing about church names. My mind just couldn't leave that one alone.

I wondered how a church could get stuck with such an uninviting appellation. There appeared to be no nearby community known as "Cold Corner," and I found it hard to imagine a congregation choosing such an identity.

As we sped along, I began mentally preparing my sermon for the next Sunday at our church back in Pampa. I titled it "What I'd do If I were Pastor of Cold Corner." I don't choose to share here all the points of that sermon. Needless to say, though, one point was I'd change the name.

I came back to Pampa with gratitude in my heart to God. I was thankful that the local congregation where we pastor is such a warm-hearted bunch. I rejoiced that we don't have any cliques or factions in the congregation. Everybody seems to really

love everybody else in the church.

Then, too, they're open and accepting of newcomers and visitors. Many a pastor has to be embarrassed when a congregation becomes so wrapped up in itself that it isn't open to others who've not yet joined the "family."

I began to reflect on our 40 years of service in Pampa and to think about

ing and He was fine." Reporters of the poor health of the church were, and are, also premature.

The church around the world — and in Pampa, Texas — is alive, well and doing a wonderful work. Space limitations don't permit me to express all that I feel in my heart for Pampa's churches.

In Pampa, thousands of Christians have invested millions of dollars and untold hours of toil and dedication across the years to establish churches.

Those churches, with variations in faith, and differences in worship styles, are firmly planted and serving the spiritual needs of this fine community.

There's not a "cold corner" among them. They clothe the poor, feed the hungry, visit the imprisoned, bring help to the hurting, hope to the despairing, and the light of life to those who live in darkness.

There is a church somewhere in Pampa in which each individual's needs can be met and his spiritual life strengthened.

Perhaps the only justifiable criticism of Pampa's churches might be that we haven't done a better job of evangelizing and letting people know we're there for them.

Some may hesitate to visit a church in fear of finding a "cold corner." I take this opportunity to urge you to visit Pampa's churches. They've made real investments in the good of our community. They deserve our attendance and our love.

**Albert Maggard**  
Pentecostal Holiness

the community and especially its churches. They tell me that we have 42 churches in the Pampa area. I've visited in several of them and have become acquainted with many of the people who make up these varied congregations. One thing they're not, and that is a "cold corner."

A few years ago, the media was filled with articles and programs critical of the church in general. "Sunday school," one national magazine article stated, was "the most wasted hour of the week."

The demise of the church as an institution was predicted. The "is God dead" questioning had spread to the church.

Many concluded that God might be dying and the church was on its last gasp. Billy Graham, when asked by a group of reporters if he'd heard about the death of God, replied, "That can't be true. I talked with Him this morn-

### Glenn Shock to lead revival

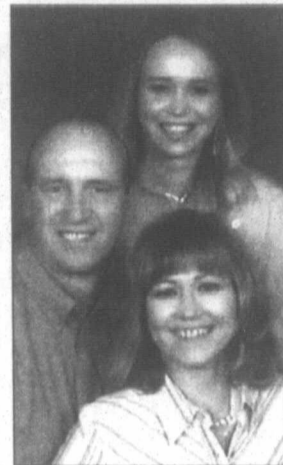
Glenn Shock will again preach in Pampa at Calvary Baptist Church, 900 E. 23rd, Sunday through Wednesday. Service times are 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday; and 12 p.m. and 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday.

A nursery will be provided except at the noon services.

Calvary invites you to come be "refreshed."

"The Word of God tells us," a press release from Calvary said, "that to truly get refreshed, we must have a relationship with God. You are invited to attend these meetings to begin your journey to getting refreshed."

Shock formerly served as a youth minister in Pampa. He will be joined by Hugh and Arlene Bryant, former members of Calvary Baptist. They will lead the music.



Glenn, Gwen (seated) and Mauri Shock.

### St. Matt's to host church's annual preaching mission

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church will welcome the Rev. Dru Ferguson, chaplain of Hospice of the Southwest in Amarillo, as guest preacher for its annual preaching mission Sunday and Monday.

The theme for the preaching mission will be "Forgiveness: What is it and how do I do it?"

With Easter coming, this is a good time to come together to wonder about the concepts of forgiveness. Ferguson will preach at the service of Holy Eucharist Sunday at both 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Breakfast will be served between the two services. She will preach at the 6 p.m. service as well and at 12 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Monday. A reception will follow the service Monday evening.

The daughter of an Army chaplain, Ferguson grew up in many places including Germany, Panama, and West Point. She has a bachelor of arts degree in education and a master's in Educational Psychology and a master of divinity from the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest

in Austin. Ferguson was ordained to the priesthood in 1995. She and her husband, Ron, have one married son, Todd, and two rescued and much loved dogs.

Besides her current position as hospice chaplain, she has been a consultant and teacher in public schools, supervisor at a mental health clinic, Episcopal school chaplain and teacher, and rector of a parish in Dallas.

The people of St. Matthew's invite everyone to join them for two days of Lenten meditation and prayer. If more information is needed, please call the church office at 665-0701.

### Church briefs

The Rev. Rex Williams of Monticello, Ark., will be guest speaker at Faith Tabernacle, 610 Naida, today through Sunday.

Williams will preach revival services at 7 p.m. today and Saturday and at 1 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call Pastor Ben Corbitt at 665-3676 or 665-0658.

The Church of Christ at 400 N. Wells will host a gospel meeting with Evangelist Jerry McCorkle of Oklahoma City, Okla., April 2-9. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays and 7 p.m. weeknights.

### Religion in the News ...

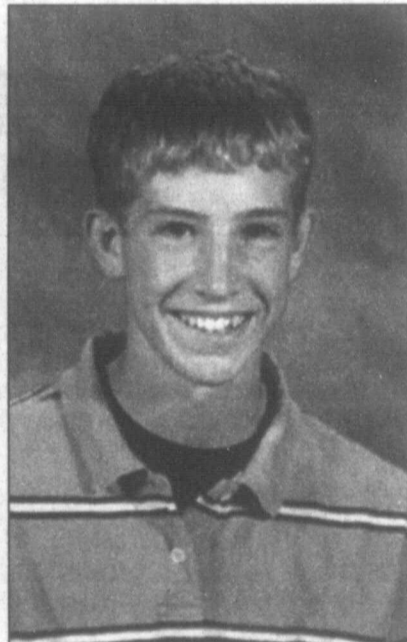
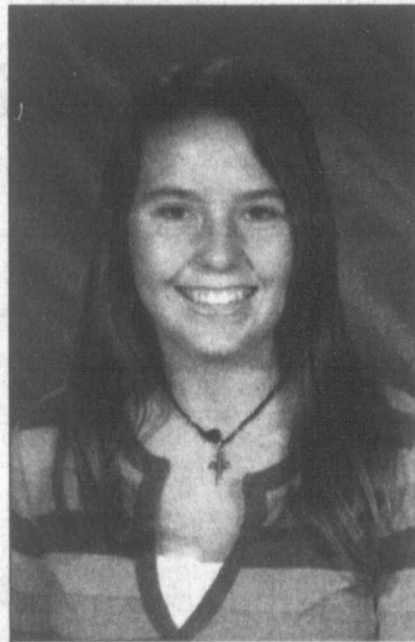
KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — The Islamic Development Bank has launched a 14-year blueprint to accelerate growth and build the economic clout of Muslim nations.

The project will "enhance the well-being of Muslims and uplift the image of Islam," Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said upon release of a "Vision 2020" plan.

"Large masses of Muslims still live in conditions of poverty, illiteracy and deprivation," he said, and jobs and health facilities are often scarce.

The focus will be on health, education and good governance projects. The bank is the lending arm of the 57-nation Organization of Islamic Conference, the world's largest Muslim political organization.

### Ministry leaders



Two local students were recently named to the Youth Ministry Team of the Christian Churches of the Southwest in the Hi-Plains Area. Jenee' Norris and Brody Russell, both members of Pampa's First Christian Church, will work closely with other Disciples students and a small adult "coaching" staff throughout the coming year to plan and execute camps and retreats targeting the needs of area high-schoolers. The two were among only eight students chosen area-wide.

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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** My daughter "Lulu" moved in with a man I'll call Al a year and a half ago, telling us this was the man she was going to marry and spend the rest of her life with. So my husband and I welcomed him to the family. They now have a baby, and still there has been no wedding. Al came to us eight months ago to ask our permission to ask Lulu to marry him. We consented. He appears to have had convenient memory loss about asking and -- without going into details -- has proven himself to be extremely self-centered, controlling, and a negative influence on what was once our happy, outgoing daughter. We now realize that Al is someone we don't care to have in our family, and we'd like to know how (if it's possible) to rescind our blessing on their marriage. -- **CHANGED OUR MINDS DOWN SOUTH**

**DEAR CHANGED OUR MINDS:** If I were you, I wouldn't raise the subject of marriage with Al at all. Your daughter's lover appears to be in no hurry to make any trips to the altar. Do, however, "mention" to your daughter that you had hoped she'd find a husband who would cherish her and make her happier than Al seems to have. Be sure to let her know that if she changes her mind about him, you'll welcome her back home with open arms. That way, she'll know she still has a choice.

**DEAR ABBY:** My problem is that my mother is a control freak. I was raised to respect my parents, but I have just about had it with her controlling ways. She wants to dictate my hair length, color and style, my weight, my love life, what car I drive, what job I have and where I live. My mother wants me to date only doctors. She has even threatened to cut me out of her will if I "settle" (her word) for someone who

doesn't have a medical degree. I was interested in a man who owned his own business, but she made me so miserable that I simply stopped dating. I want to respect her because she is my mother, and I know she loves me. Can you help me figure out how to get her to back off and let me live my life my way? By the way, I am 41. -- **PEACEFUL REBEL IN OHIO**

**DEAR PEACEFUL REBEL:** I'll try. Start by talking with a licensed mental health professional, preferably one who specializes in helping young adults to "individuate" from controlling parents. Once you have a firm grasp of who you are, and what your proper boundaries are, you will be able to confront your mother. After that, you may want to consider relocation, because your mother is off the charts, and she's not likely to change.

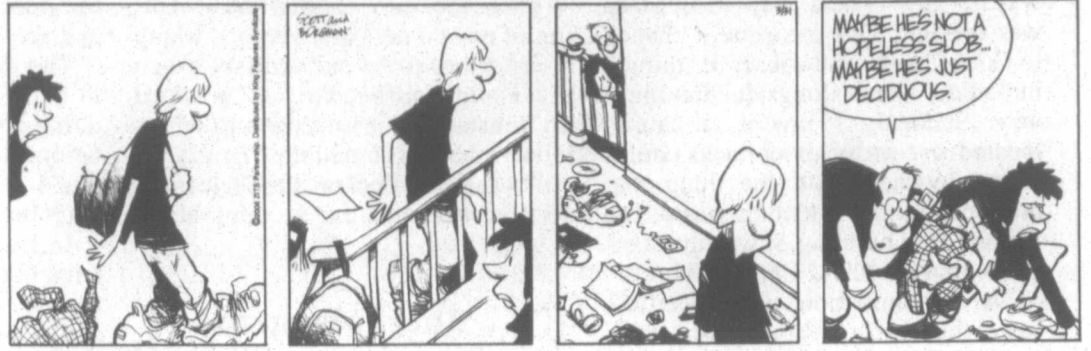
**DEAR ABBY:** I'm planning to host a dinner party next month and invite a few of my friends. I plan for this to be a "girls' night." (We are all between 18 and 23.) My problem is that most, if not all, of my friends live with their cell phones attached to their ears! As can be expected, most of the calls have to deal with boy drama. I'd like for the evening to be free of all that. How can I politely let my guests know that I'd prefer they don't answer calls at the dinner table? -- **POLITE HOSTESS-TO-BE IN TEXAS**

**DEAR HOSTESS-TO-BE:** When you issue the invitations, tell your friends it will be a cell phone-free, ladies-only dinner party. Then, if anyone brings one, you're within your rights to ask her to turn it off, and no one should be offended. (It's called "heading them off at the pass"!)

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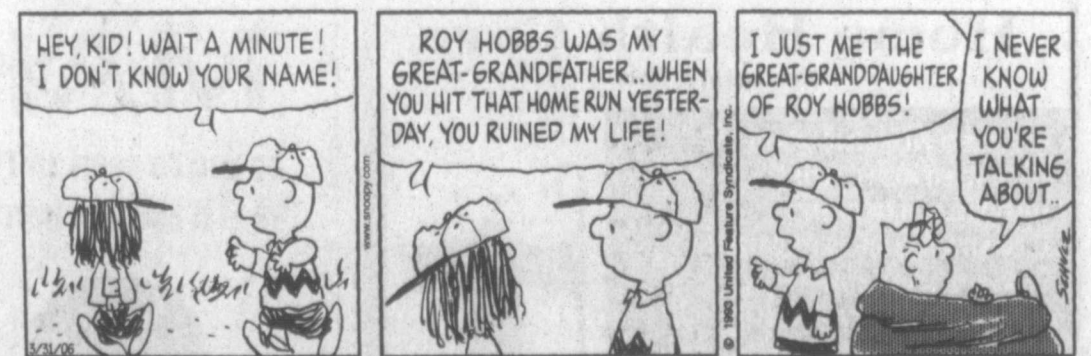
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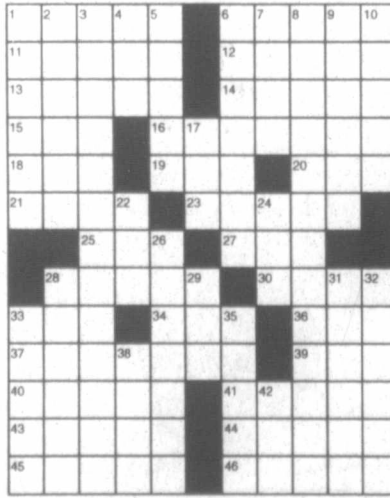
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## Flo & Friends





# Sports Day

## JV, freshman take field today; varsity in action Saturday

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

### Baseball

The Harvester Field baseball diamond will come to life this afternoon when the Pampa freshman and junior varsity teams host Hereford at 4:30. Both are coming off 4-2 losses to Randall Monday.

The freshman look to improve on a season mark of 2-4, while the JV squad hopes to even its record at 6-6 with a district win this afternoon (0-1).

The varsity team will take to the home field Saturday when they face the Whitefaces at 1. Coach Clay Wilson and his guys are chasing district win No. 1 (9-7, 0-1) after a 4-0 loss to Randall Tuesday.

### Softball

Both the varsity and junior varsity teams will be home Saturday to host district foe Dumas at 1. Coach Bobbi Gill has the varsity girls at 14-4 overall with an unblemished 3-0 District 3-4A mark. The Demonettes will come to Pampa 5-4 overall, 2-1 in district.



4 Lady Harvester's head coach Bobbi Gill has her team rolling at 14-4 (3-0) going into Saturday's meeting with Dumas. ▽ Shavious Kelley is among the top five in 5A-4A batting average (.481). Teammate Tyson Hickman has a .500 average.



### LADY RADIERS BASKETBALL

## Curry takes over at Tech

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP)—Kristy Curry, who coached Purdue to the NCAA tournament in all seven of her seasons there, was introduced Thursday as Marsha Sharp's replacement at Texas Tech.

Curry signed a five-year contract worth at least \$425,000 in base salary and outside income the first year. The deal will grow to a guarantee in the final year of \$600,000, similar to what Sharp was making when she retired after 24 years.

The 39-year-old Curry met with Tech officials earlier this week and accepted the job Wednesday. She grew up in Louisiana and spent several years as an assistant in Texas.

She thanked Tech officials at a news conference for "having the faith and confidence in an old country girl, and beyond words, I'm incredibly proud to be part of the Lady Raider nation."

Curry was 179-51 at Purdue, her first head coaching stop. She was an assistant at Stephen F. Austin (1993-94) and Texas A&M (1994-96).

"I can't express to you how happy we are to be back in Texas," she said.

Her former boss, Purdue athletic director Morgan Burke, acknowledged he couldn't top the pull of the Lone Star state.

"If Purdue were in Texas, she'd still be here," he said late Wednesday after Curry told him she was coming to Tech.

Curry's husband Kelly, a Hillsboro native and Texas A&M graduate, was an assistant under her all seven years at Purdue. Curry said she hasn't made any decisions about her staff.

Curry called herself a "high energy" coach who gets excited sometimes but tries to behave.

"I am not a yeller and a kicker and screamer unless we need to be," Curry said. "We are just going to have fun with it."

Her Boilermakers lost to Notre Dame 68-66 in the 2001 NCAA championship game, two years after the school won a title under Carolyn Peck, whom Curry replaced in 1999. On Sunday, Purdue lost 70-68 to Final Four-bound North Carolina in the regional semifinals.

Sharp, a member of the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, never had a losing season at Tech, and her Red Raiders won the 1993 national title behind Sheryl Swoopes. Her career record was 572-189, and Tech reached 16 consecutive NCAA tournaments before finishing 15-14 and missing out this year.

"I'm not Marsha Sharp," Curry said. "I'm Kristy Curry, and I pray that will be good enough."

Sharp, who resigned last month, will stay at Tech as an associate athletic director.

Tech athletic director Gerald Myers said he'd never met Curry before talking with her on the phone. He was wowed.

"I was just thinking this is the person we want for this job," Myers said. "The reasons are too numerous to name."

For one, Myers said, Curry won 76 percent of her games in the Big Ten, best in the conference over the last seven years.

Curry said she's looking forward to recruiting and getting to know her new team.

"It is people first with me," Curry said. "I want to get to know them as people. It is the person that makes the player. And we are going to have a big time."

## NBA pulls out of negotiations

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The NBA pulled out of negotiations between the Portland Trail Blazers and Rose Garden owners intended to help sell the team and its home arena.

Last month, Blazers owner Paul Allen said the team was hemorrhaging money and appealed for a public partnership to keep it afloat.

Allen suggested he may have to sell the team if a solution could not be found.

In a statement, commissioner David Stern said the league has attempted for the past six weeks to broker a deal "to sell the team and the arena to one of several prospective purchasers that we have identified."

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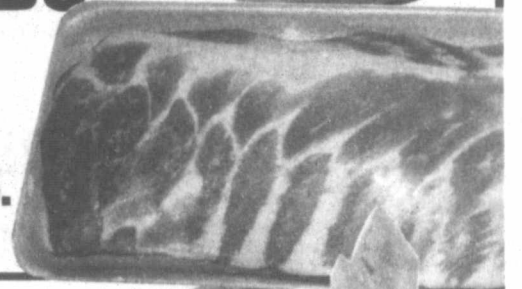
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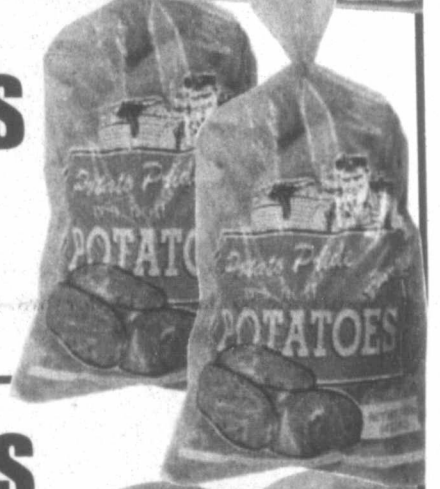
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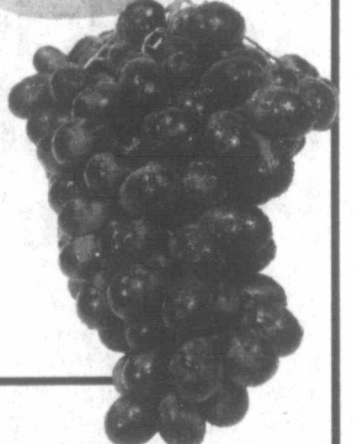
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## Lady Harvester honors

Several Lady Harvester basketball players were recognized during Thursday night's banquet. MVP and Offensive Player of the Year went to Britteni Rice who also received the Rebounding Award. Rice will be named Globe-News Super Team Player of the Year Sunday to go along with her G-N 5A-4A Female Player of the Year honors. Jackie Gerber and Callie Cobb shared Defensive Player of the Year honors. Felicia Urban was named Hustling Harvester while Audrey Dunn and Krissie Alexander shared the Fighting Heart Award. Outstanding Lady Harvester Boosters this season were Don Alexander, Dwayne Dunn and Kenny Gerber (not pictured). The Lady Harvesters are coached by Troy Fry.



Felicia Urban Audrey Dunn Jackie Gerber Callie Cobb Britteni Rice Krissie Alexander

Courtesy photo

### POYC BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

## Registrations top 600 and counting

"Registration is not complete, but we have had 625 players sign up to play Pampa Optimist Baseball/Softball 2006," reported Jodie Clendennen, who is in charge of compiling the registrations. Practice in several leagues is already underway.

The totals include two T-ball teams from Miami and a Miami 7-9 girls, softball team. "We have 155 T-ballers," Clendennen said. "There are 111 for the boys, 7-8 pitching machine league, 70 for the 9-10 Cal Ripken League, 62 for the 11-12 Cal Ripken League and 57 in the Babe Ruth League. In addition we are expecting teams from Clarendon and Claude to participate in the Babe Ruth program."

The girls' softball program has 75 in the 7-9 pitching machine league, 78 in the 10-12 Major League and 17 in the 13-15 Senior League.

Games in some leagues will begin on April 17. Opening Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 6. The season will end for most leagues in the second or third week of June.

The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way agency.

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Friday, March 31

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Wednesday, April 5

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Friday, April 7

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Saturday, April 8

Amarillo at Odessa, if necessary

Tuesday, April 11

Odessa at Amarillo, if necessary

Wednesday, April 12

Amarillo at Odessa, if necessary

## Redick is Duke's record sixth AP Player of the Year

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — J.J. Redick, whose 3-point shooting led Duke to a No. 1 ranking for most of the season, was selected the national player of the year by The Associated Press today.

The senior guard was second in the nation in scoring this season, capping his career as the Atlantic Coast Conference's all-time leading scorer and Division I's most prolific 3-point shooter.

Redick is the record sixth Duke player to win the award, with five winners coming since 1992. The award was first presented in 1961.

A repeat first-team All-America, Redick received 43 votes from the 72-member national media panel that selects the weekly Top 25.

Adam Morrison of Gonzaga, who beat Redick in a season-long, bi-coastal scoring race, got the other 29 votes in the balloting conducted before the NCAA tournament.

"There are so many great players in this country, specifically Adam Morrison and my teammate Shelden Williams, that it's a great honor to win this

award," Redick said.

Redick averaged 26.8 points this season, shooting 47 percent from the field, 42 percent from 3-point range and 85 percent from the free throw line. A tireless worker on offense and an extremely intense player, he averaged 37.1 minutes for Duke, which finished the season with a 32-4 record.

The Blue Devils were ranked No. 1 for all but five weeks this season and were on top of the final poll for the fifth time since 1999.

He finished his career with 2,769 points and the record 457 3-pointers.

The other Duke players to be selected national player of the year were Art Heyman (1963), Christian Laettner (1992), Elton Brand (1999), Shane Battier (2001) and Jason Williams (2002).

"It's an honor to be one of the Duke players to win this award," Redick said. "Looking at the list, I know I'm the sixth man on that team."

UCLA is second with five awards — Lew Alcindor (1967, 1969), Bill Walton (1972, 1973) and Marques Johnson (1977).

Andrew Bogut of Utah won the award last season.

## Roy Williams nets second AP honor

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Roy Williams, who followed a national championship season at North Carolina by leading an inexperienced team to a Top 10 finish, was selected coach of the year by The Associated Press today.

Williams, who won the award in 1992 at Kansas, is the second coach to win it at two schools, joining Eddie Sutton, who won at Arkansas in 1978 and Kentucky in 1989.

He is the seventh coach to win it more than once, with UCLA's John Wooden the record holder at five times from 1967 to 1973.

"Fourteen years ago I thought it was neat to win this award, and now I'm so much more appreciative of it," Williams said Friday. "From the first day of practice this team was fun to coach yet they were focused on what they had to do."

The Tar Heels won the national title last season, Williams' second at his alma mater.

The top seven scorers from that team either graduated or left early for the NBA and North Carolina wasn't even ranked in the preseason poll.

## Spurs 96, Lakers 85

LOS ANGELES (AP) — San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich reacted quickly when his team got off to a horrendous start in the second half, calling a timeout after just 2 minutes had been played.

Good move.

Tim Duncan had 20 points and 13 rebounds, Tony Parker added 19 points and six assists, and the Spurs took command in the third quarter to beat the Los Angeles Lakers 96-85 Thursday night.

Nazr Mohammed and Robert Horry each scored 12 points, Manu Ginobili had 11 and Bruce Bowen added 10 for the Spurs, who outscored Los Angeles 33-9

to finish the third quarter for an 18-point lead. The Lakers committed eight of their 18 turnovers in the period.

"You kind of get a flow going there, and people step up," Duncan said. "I thought Nazr really stepped up at that point. And Tony made the defense collapse. "It was just a team effort — it all works."

Kobe Bryant made a three-point play and Brian Cook added a 3-pointer as the Lakers went on a 9-2 run to open the third period, putting them ahead 49-43.

That's when the Spurs took a timeout, and then took over the game.

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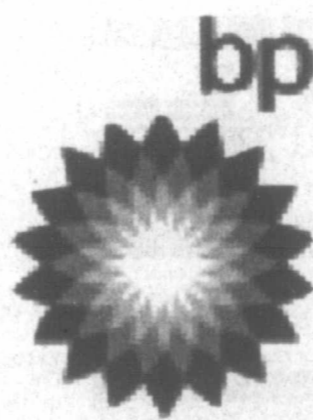
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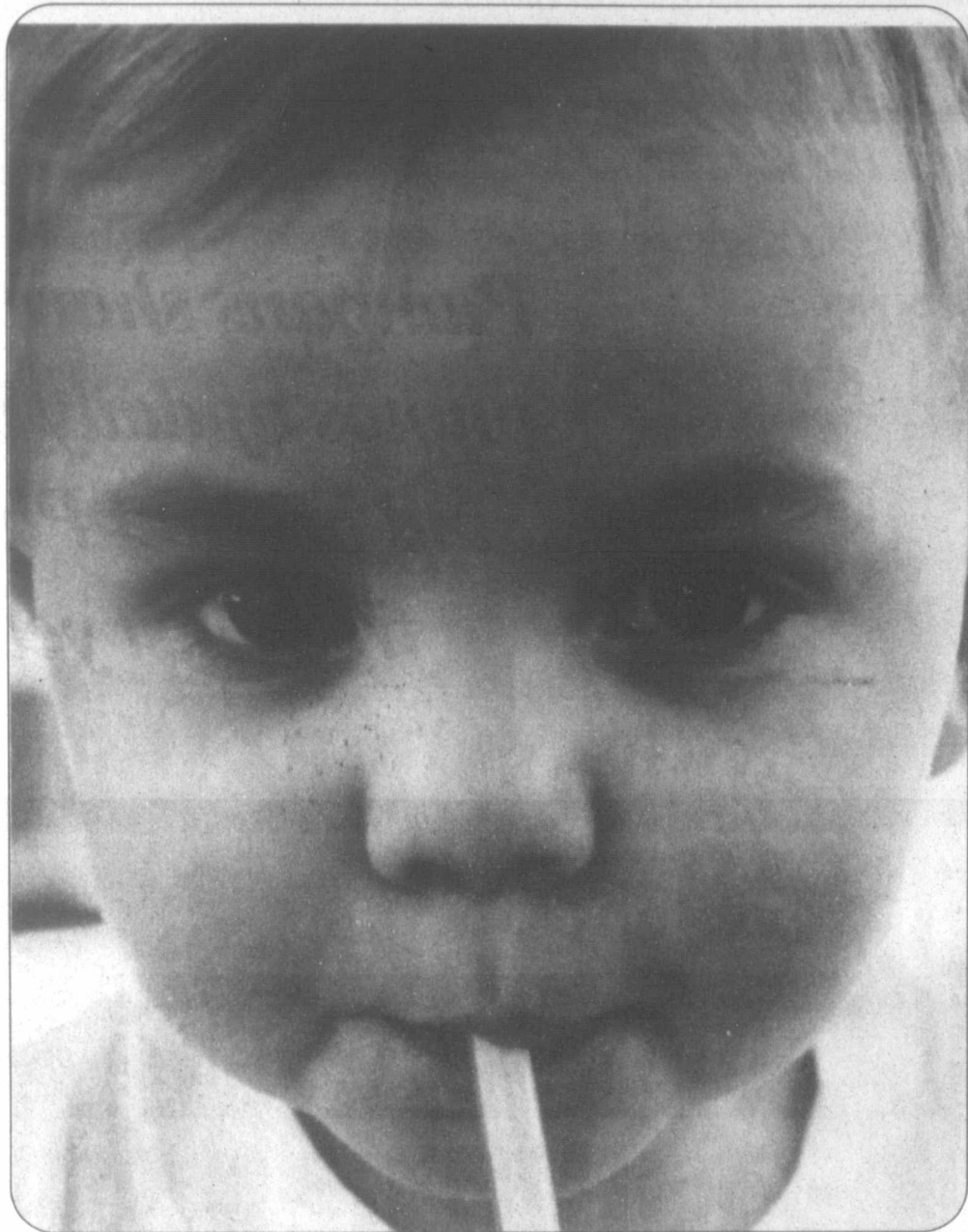


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Kyler Field, 2 1/2,  
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Brent Williamson holds his new nephew,  
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Gavin Morton, 3, plays the drums at his grandmother's house.



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Gracie Stone enjoys a moment with her Nanny, Cara Morris.

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Trevor Ferland, 1, and his great-grandfather Clyde Tidwell.

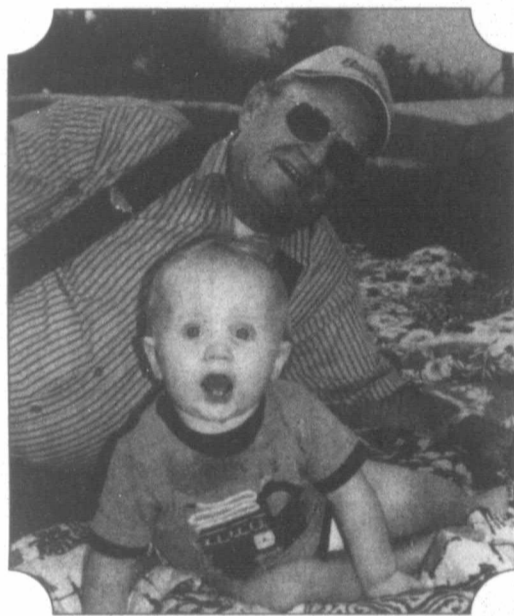
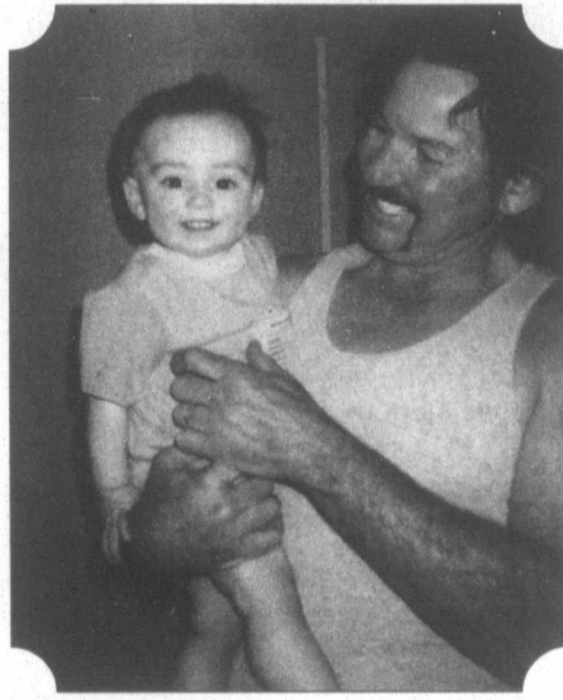


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Robert Wohlford, brother of Pamela Williamson, holds a smiling Robert Jr. Robert Sr. is smiling because he has four girls and now has a son.



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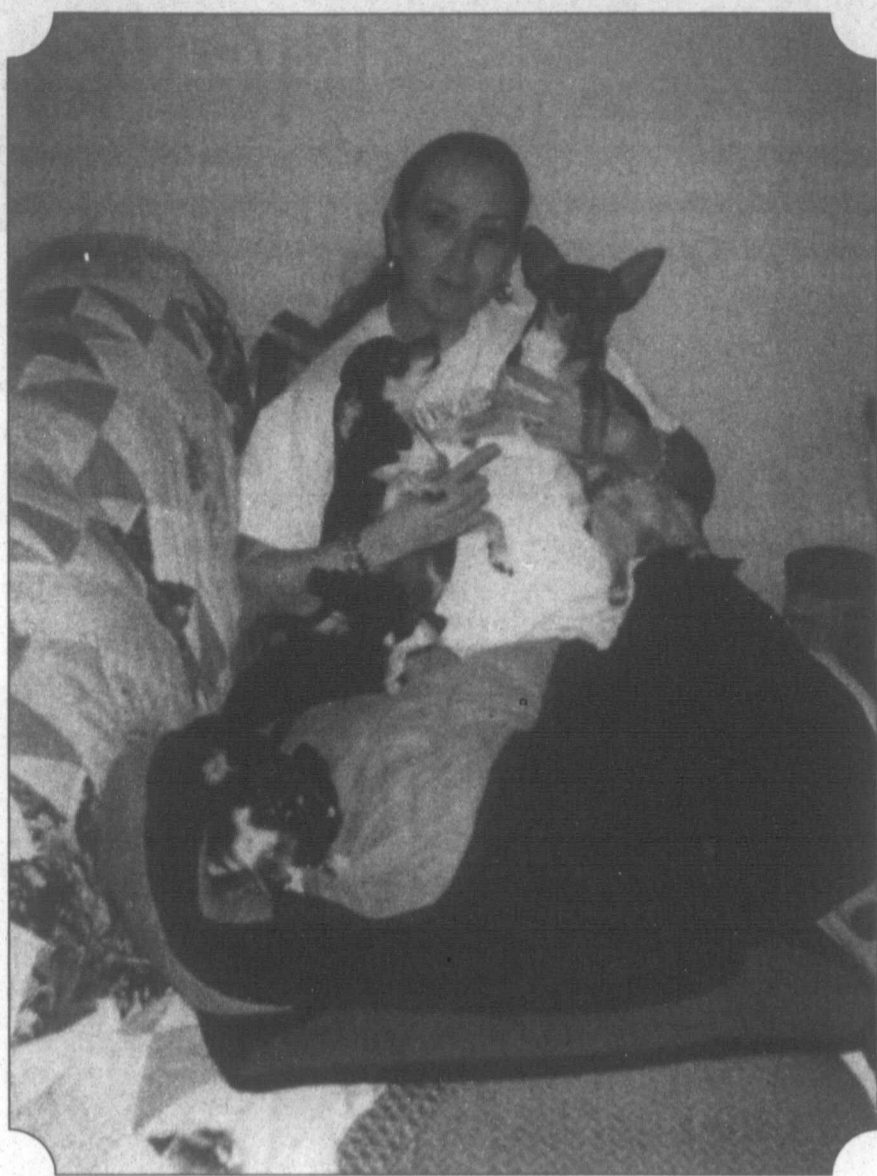


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Pamela Williamson with her Chihuahuas. Williamson said it is almost impossible to get all four in a picture because they won't sit still.

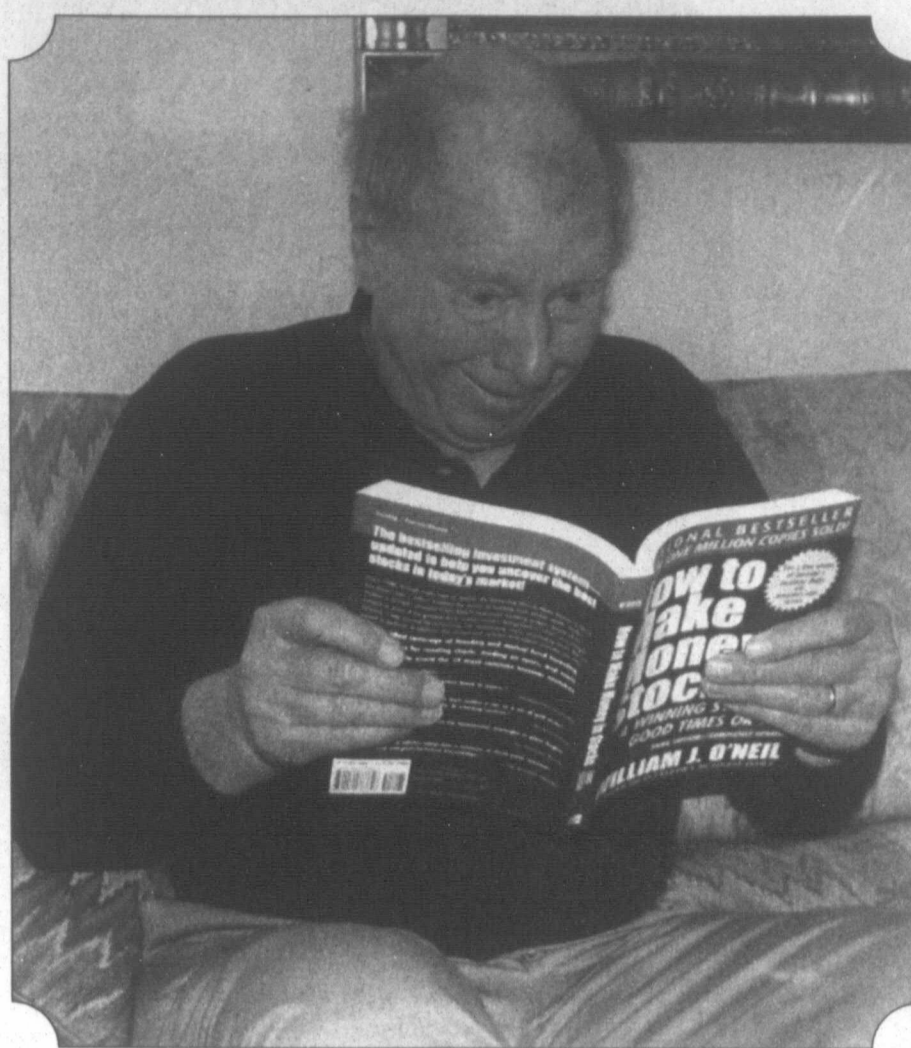


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Jack Reeve is looking at a Christmas gift he had just opened, a book titled, "How to Make Money in Stocks."



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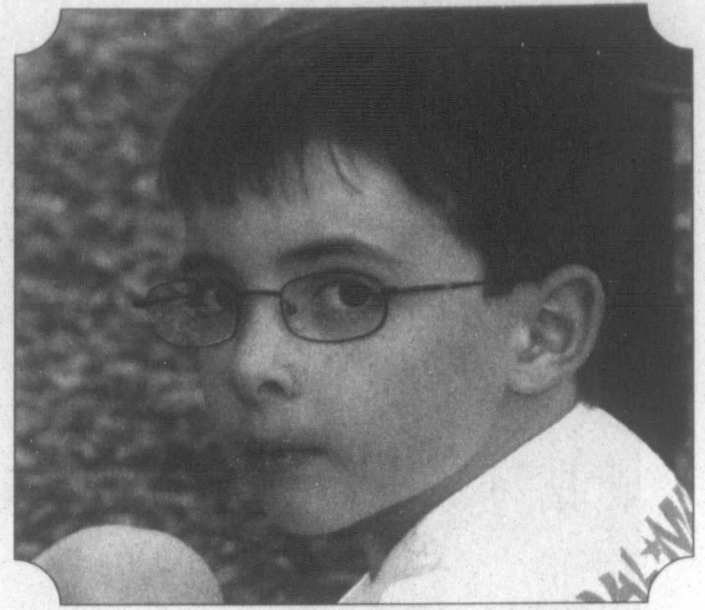


Photo by SHEILA WINTON  
Daniel Winton, 8, son of Gary and Sheila Winton,  
has a good time at Pampa's Super Playground.



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Brent and Shandi Williamson, a father-daughter duo, play guitars  
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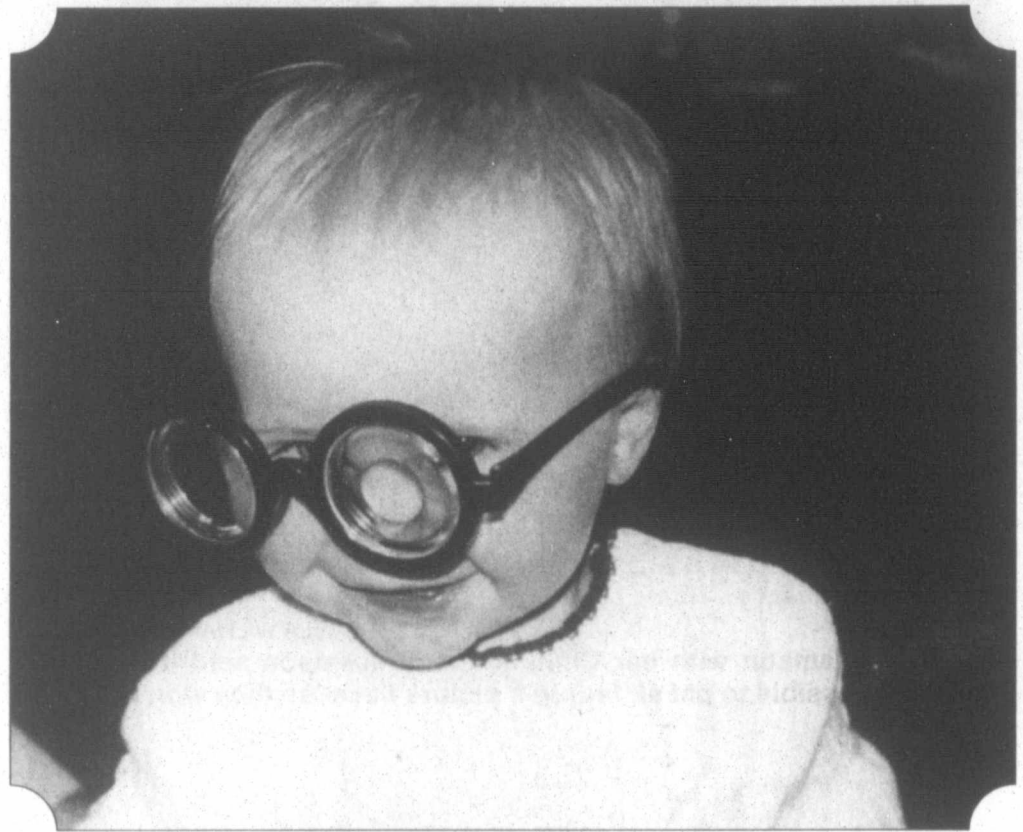


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Trevor Scott Ferland, 17 months, tries on his Harry Potter glasses.



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Cooper Stone, 4, son of Cory and JoAnna Stone, with Keira the kitty.



Photo by SHEILA WINTON  
Breanne "Brea" Cooper, 2, sits at the edge of a pond in the backyard of photographer Sheila Winton. She is the daughter of Lisa Cooper of Dumas and the granddaughter of Elaine Harris.



Photo by PAMELA WILLIAMSON  
Pamela Williamson, right, with nieces, from left, Julia, Cheyenne and Kayla Wohlford.



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Darla Wohlford, left, holds her son, Robert Jr. Grandmother Pat Fisher is at right. Young Robert looks interested in that turkey leg while celebrating his first Thanksgiving.

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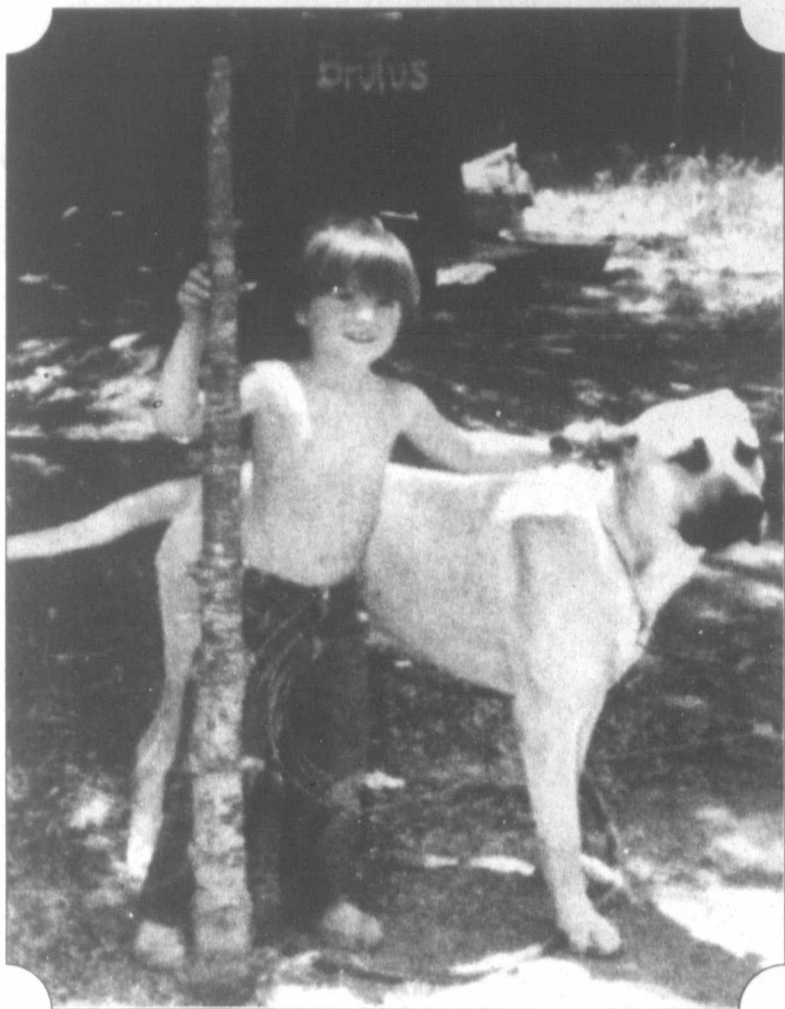


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Patric, nephew of photographer Pamela Williamson, with his best buddy, Brutus.

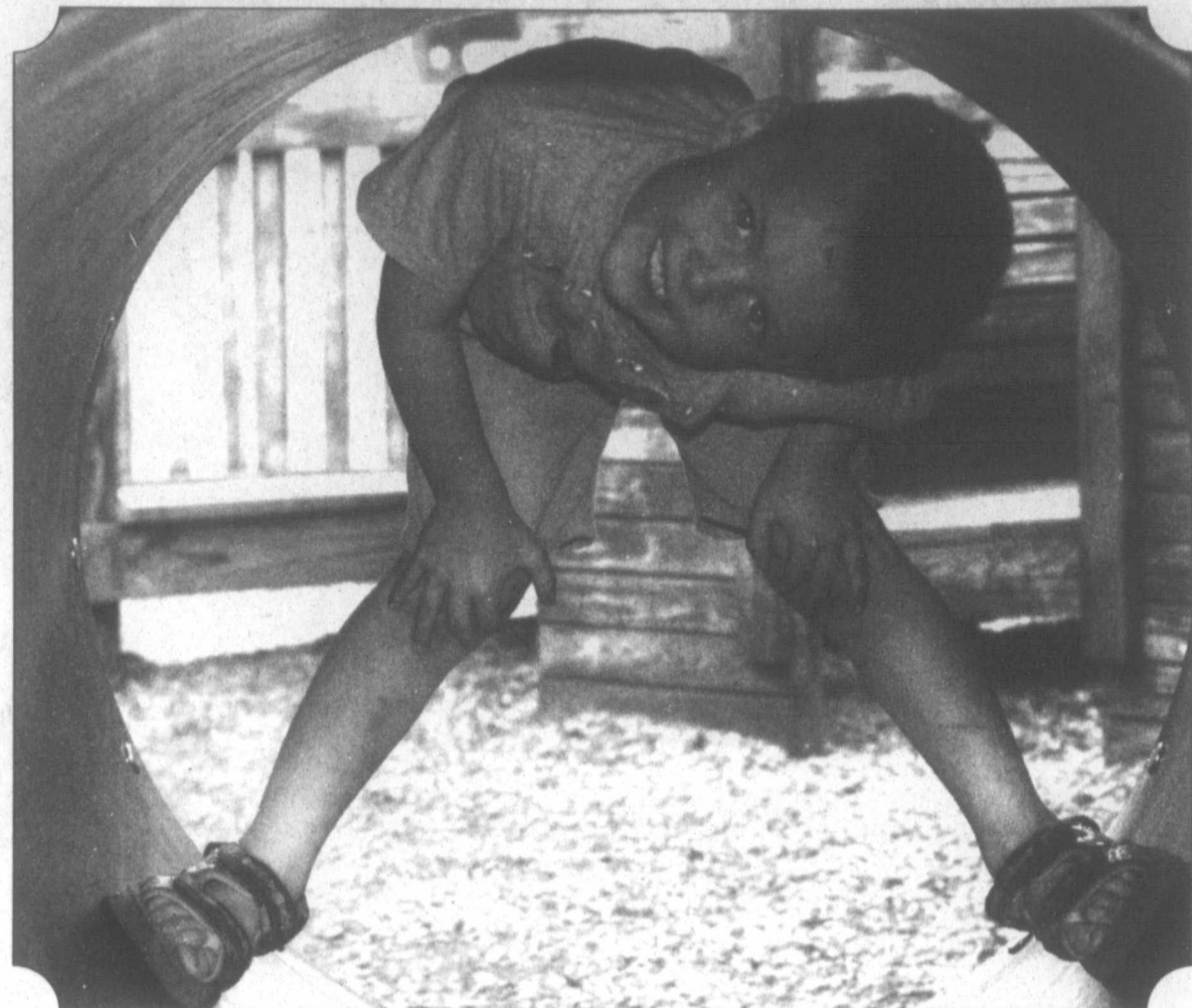


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Matthew Winton, 6, son of Gary and Sheila Winton, enjoyed playing at Super Playground in Pampa while mom enjoyed taking the picture.

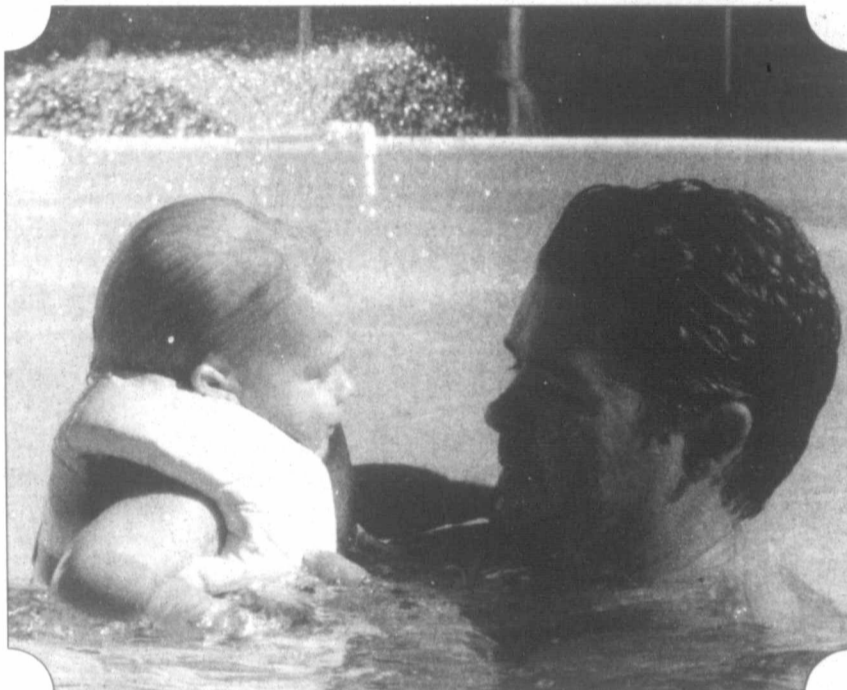


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Shane Hamilton teaches his son, Skyler, how to swim.



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Jack Reeve during an evening out at the Pampa Fine Arts Association annual meeting and dinner at the Chamber building in Pampa.

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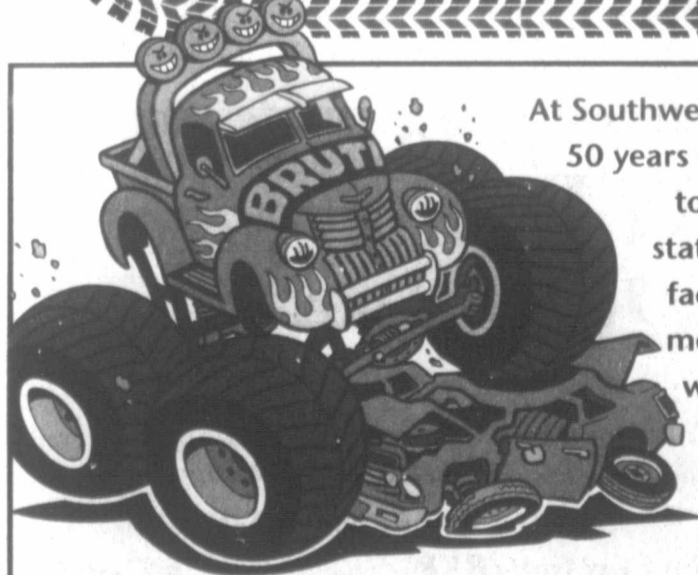
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Gracie Stone, 3, plays  
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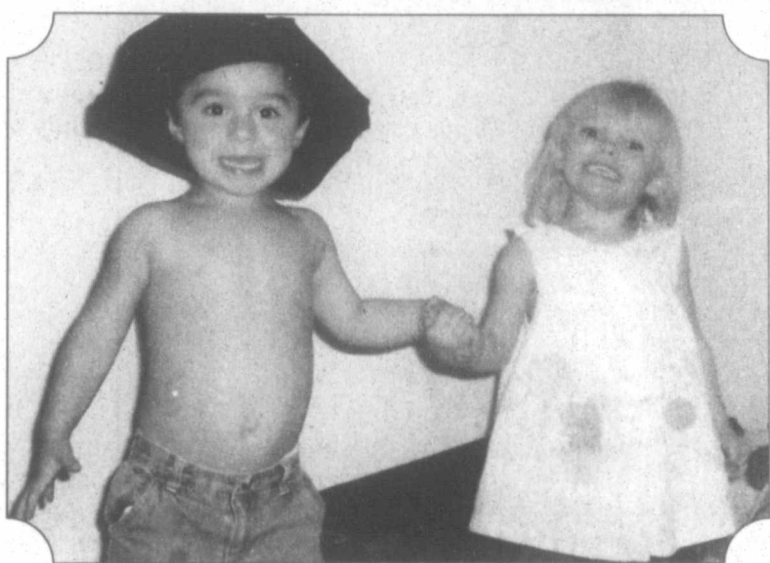
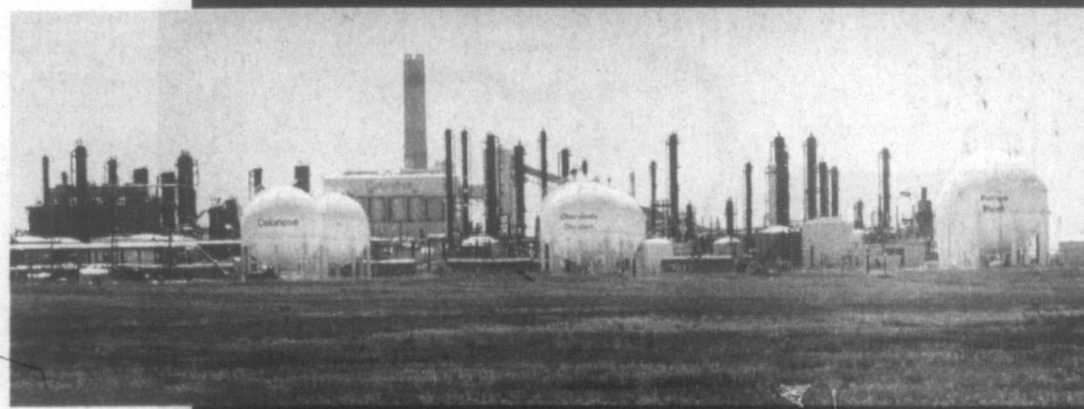


Photo by BERNICE RIPPETOE  
Dalton Ky Williamson, 2, and Jane Dewey, 3, enjoy dancing together. Dalton is the son of Kenny and Machelle Williamson. Grandparents are John and Janet Bilyeu and the late Eva Fritz. His great-grandparents are Gene and Bernice Rippitoe and Calvin and Rochelle Lacy. Jane is the daughter of Kelly and April Dewey. Her grandparents are Virginia Dewey and the late Steven Dewey. Her great-grandfather is Ed Wiens.



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Josh Crawford and Lacy McGuire pose near a picturesque bridge in the backyard of a local property.

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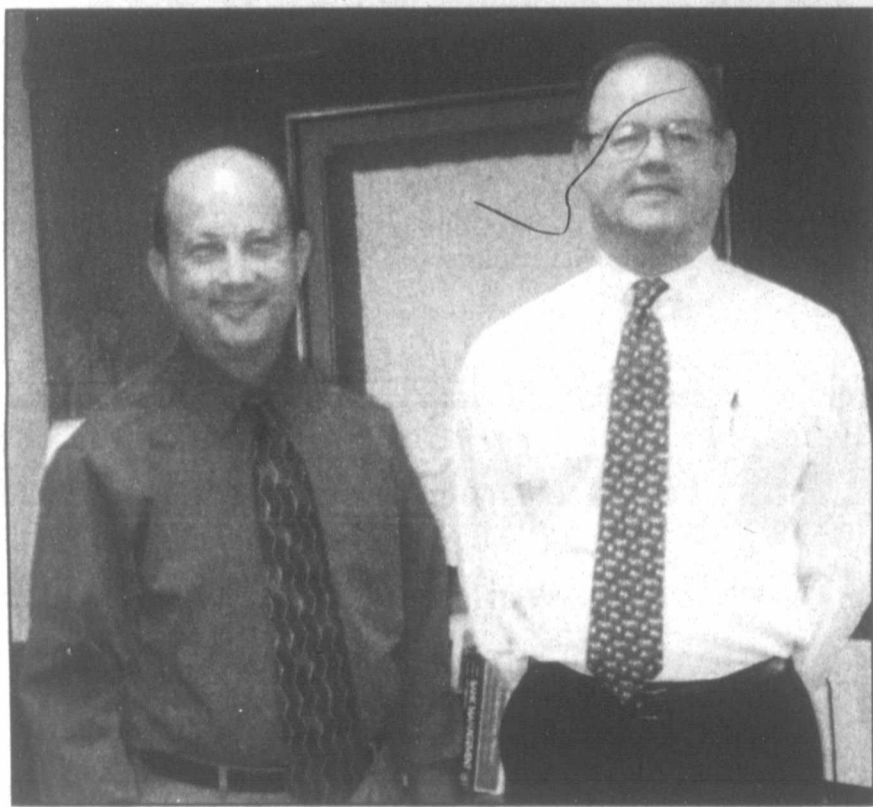
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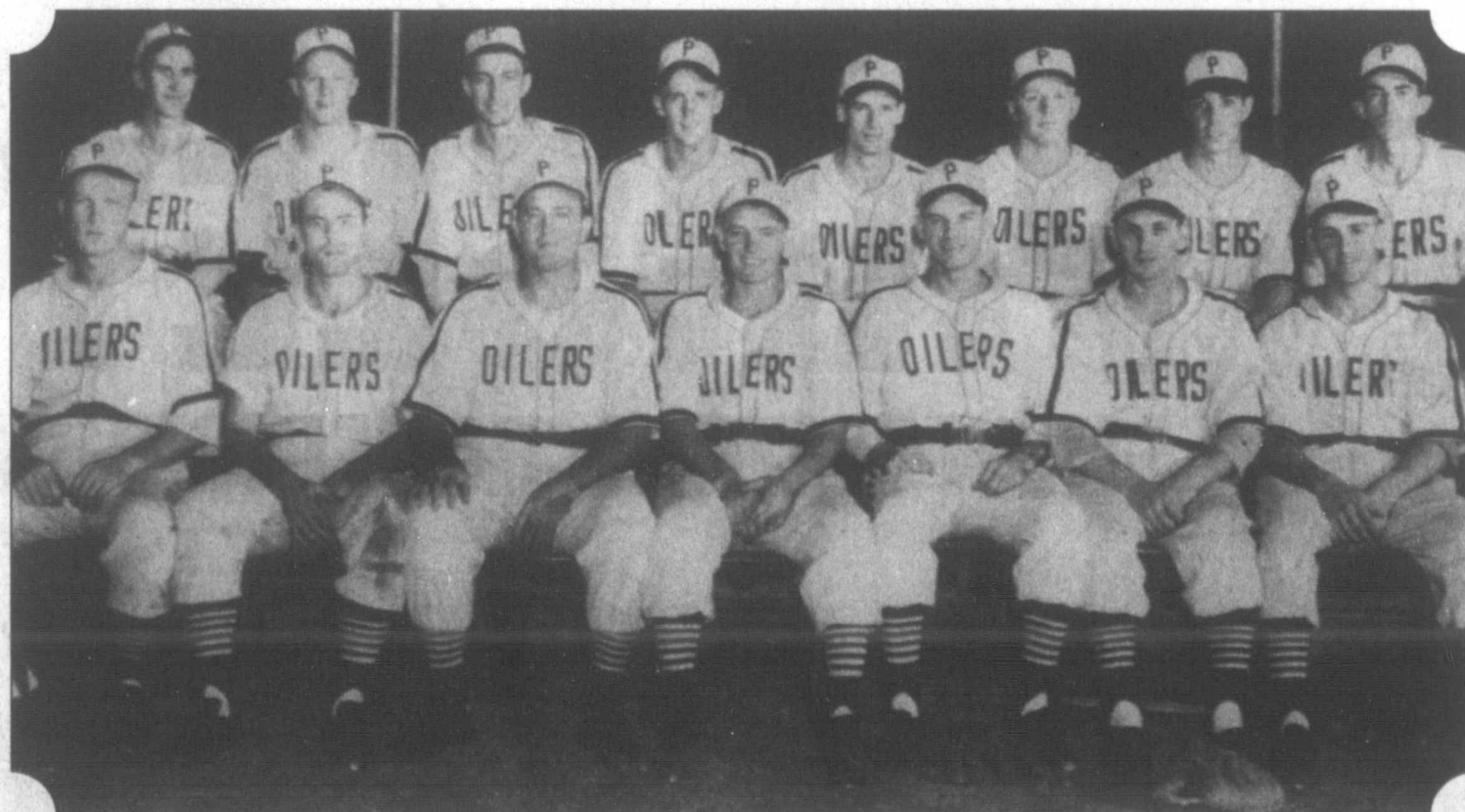


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*Pampa's minor league baseball team was a symbol of the times.*



Pampa News photos of exhibits by MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Pampa has a rich history in minor league baseball. Top photo, the Pampa Oilers play an unidentified team at Oilers Park, which was where Bartlett's Lumber is today. Bottom photo, the 1946 Pampa Oilers won the West Texas New Mexico League championship. See Page 10 for identifications.

# Successful cotton crops: It's all about irrigation and water

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

It's about irrigation, said Dr. Stephen Amosson, an economist with the Texas A&M Research Center in Amarillo. It's about water.

Amosson said that 10 years ago, there were fewer than 10,000 acres of cotton on the North Plains. Last year, there were 110,000 acres and that number is expected to grow.

Some ginners say that it may double. Amosson said he thinks it will increase by at least 50 percent.

Randy Kennedy, manager of the Carson County Cotton Gin, said this was a good year for his gin and most of his customers. Like Amosson, Kennedy expects cotton production in the area to increase.

Carson County Gin ginned 67,534 bales of cotton.

"We would love to consistently gin in the 60,000 to 70,000 bale range," Kennedy said. "I think it would be a great deal."

If it doesn't rain, they may have 50,000 to 60,000 bales, the ginner said.

"We ginned 39,175 bales last year," Kennedy said.

The first bale they ginned this season was on Oct. 8. That honor went to Mark Urbanczyk.

"We ginned our last bale on Feb. 7," Kennedy said. "About 11 o'clock in the morning."

They celebrated with a feast.

"I got pizzas for everybody," Kennedy grinned. "We bought them in Pampa."

Kennedy said the acreage planted to cotton this year, the second year for the gin, was up.

"I think the yields were up, too, but I haven't had a chance to tabulate that," Kennedy said. "The season



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

Lazaro Chavez, using a front end loader, fills a truck with cotton seed from the cotton ginned at the Carson County Gin in November.

went extremely well for harvesting and ginning because we had no wet weather to slow the harvesting down. We had no wet weather to slow the picking up of the cotton out of the field. The only thing we slowed ourselves down with would be just having to stop to fix something. We didn't have a whole lot of that, but we had a good season."

The question is will anybody make any money?

"We've had two record setting years," Amosson said.

Still there were more people raising cotton this past season, Kennedy said, and there were more farmers growing it for the first time.

"First-year farmers," Kennedy said. "We had several more of those. We also had lots of people that this was their second year and they increased their acreage."

Kennedy said he expects the number of acres planted to cotton in the area to continue to grow, but probably at a slower rate.

"I think the percentage of growth

is probably going to slow down a little bit," Kennedy said.

He said a lot of the production came off dryland fields.

"There was lots of sub-moisture," he said of last year. That's not the case now.

How many people grow cotton next year will depend upon what happens with the weather up to the middle of May.

"We're extremely dry," Kennedy said.

Prior to the rains in mid-March,

the only measurable precipitation in the area was a quick moving thunderstorm the first of the month and a little snow in January.

"It whited the ground one morning, but by that afternoon it was gone," Kennedy said.

He said the area needs some good soaking rains, not just to keep down grass fires but also to raise the moisture profile in the soil.

Lubbock got some rain in late

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# Cotton

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February.  
 "A lot of people down there said it didn't really wet too much," Kennedy drawled, "but it sure smelled good."

Despite a record crop last year, the price for cotton was a penny or two better this year, Kennedy said.

The market's dropped considerably in the last few weeks.

"You make a lot," Kennedy said, "but you spend a lot."

The ginner said that not everybody did really well with cotton this past year, but most of his customers did.

"We had some cotton that got hurt pretty bad, especially in August," Kennedy said. "We had some that really got set back."

Even in May, some cotton got set back, he said. Some farmers replanted. Some left it.

"Some thought it looked pretty good and watered it up into September and that turned out to be the wrong thing to do," Kennedy said. "It made it growthy, and the bolls didn't open up, but you never know. It got so hot in September, people thought, man, that cotton needs a drink of water."

While the quantity of water is important, so is the timing of the water on the crop.

"Most of the farmers I've talked to have been really pleased with what they did with their cotton, especially brand new people," Kennedy said.

He said they thought raising cotton was better than what they were doing before.

"You're always going to have those people who say, 'I'm not going to grow cot-

ton. I'm a wheat and a milo farmer and I have been and I raise cattle and they work well. That four-legged stuff is making me more money than anything, so I'm not going to raise cotton,' but what we're seeing more than anything is an increase in acreage among producers that have raised a crop," Kennedy said.

Kennedy said that farmers who might have planted a half circle of irrigated cotton are planning on raising an entire circle under their pivot irrigation systems.

"You're going to see a steady two to five percent increase in acreage, I think, for at least for the next couple of years if we don't have a decline in rain," he says. "If it doesn't rain, we're going to see a decrease in acreage."

Farmers aren't going to plant high-dollar cottonseed when they're sure it's not going to come up.

Cotton takes four or five years to establish a yield basis so there's something besides the county average for crop insurance purposes.

Statewide dryland cotton averages about 300 pounds while irrigated cotton averages 450 pounds.

"We've got a base acreage that's going to stay in cotton," Kennedy said.

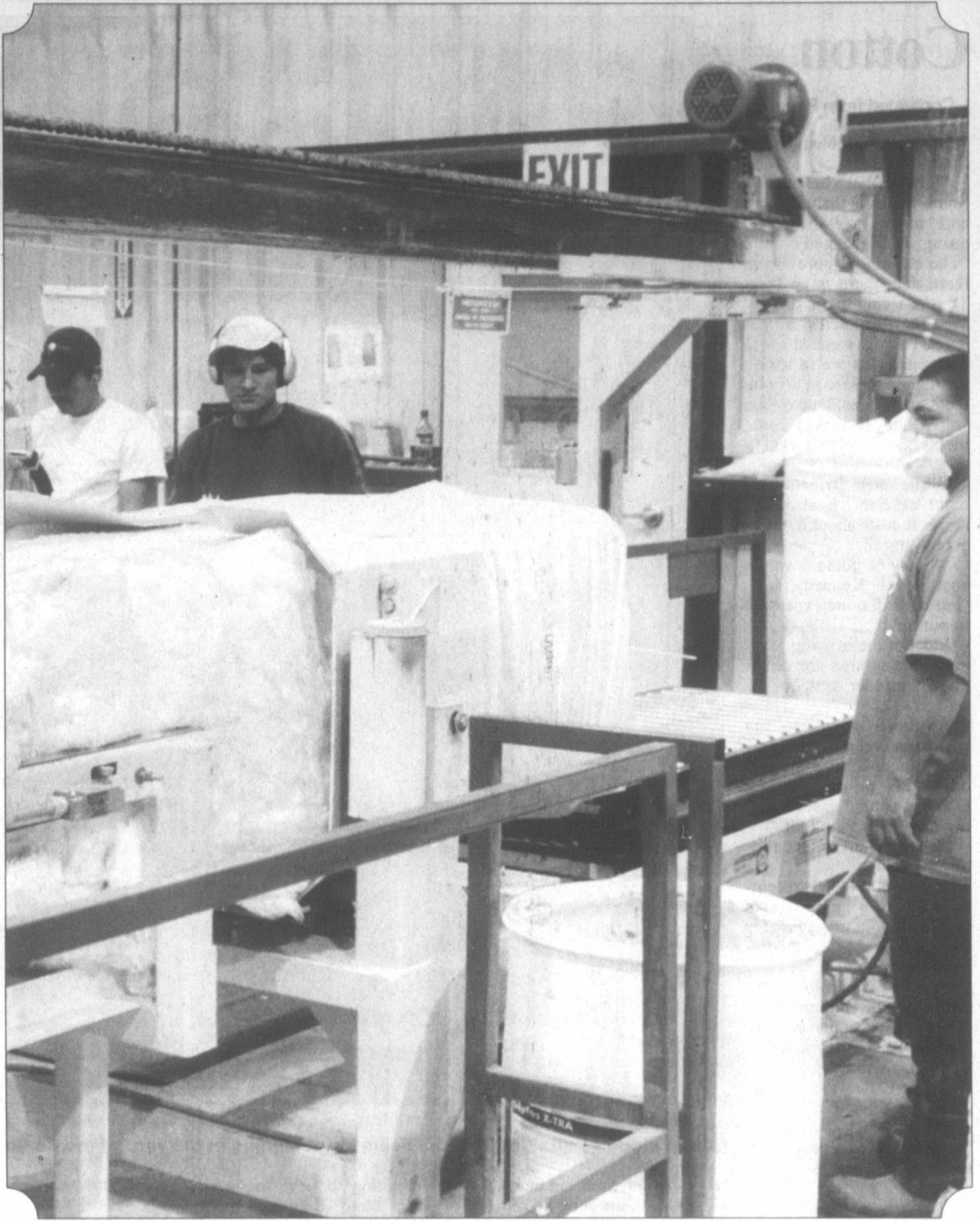
It's all irrigated. Kennedy estimates that 30 to 35 percent of the acreage in this area is dryland.

"Dryland yields this year were about 700 pounds," he said, "which is a bale and 200 pounds."

Irrigated cotton made two or more bales to the acre or about 1,000 pounds of cotton per acre.

"If you can get the production," Amosson said, "you can make it work, but you have to have irrigation. It'll take two bales to the acre to make it work."

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Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER  
 Valentín Reyes, Gerardo Gomez and Jose Garcia move bales of cotton into packaging and out the door at the Carson County Gin during November at the height of the cotton ginning process.

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# Cotton

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Water is a problem on the South Plains.

"I think what's helping the South Plains is there is more and more drip irrigation going in," Kennedy said. "There's a lot more down there than there is up here. They're trying to put drip in. We put four acres in out here. There's some drip up here, but what we're seeing is a large increase in drip on the South Plains. It takes less water and it makes more yields per acre. It's expensive."

While drip irrigation is more efficient, it also cost more. It costs about \$700 an acre to install.

"It may be going down on cost now," Kennedy said, "but it's still quite expensive to put in."

Most of the irrigation systems in this area are center pivot sprinkler systems, he said.

Amosson points to the cost of natural gas to run irrigation pumps. When he was doing his projections last October, natural gas was \$10 per thousand cubic foot.

"It's come off of that a little," he said.

Amosson said he's recently talked to a farmer who's contracted natural gas for this crop year at seven dollars.

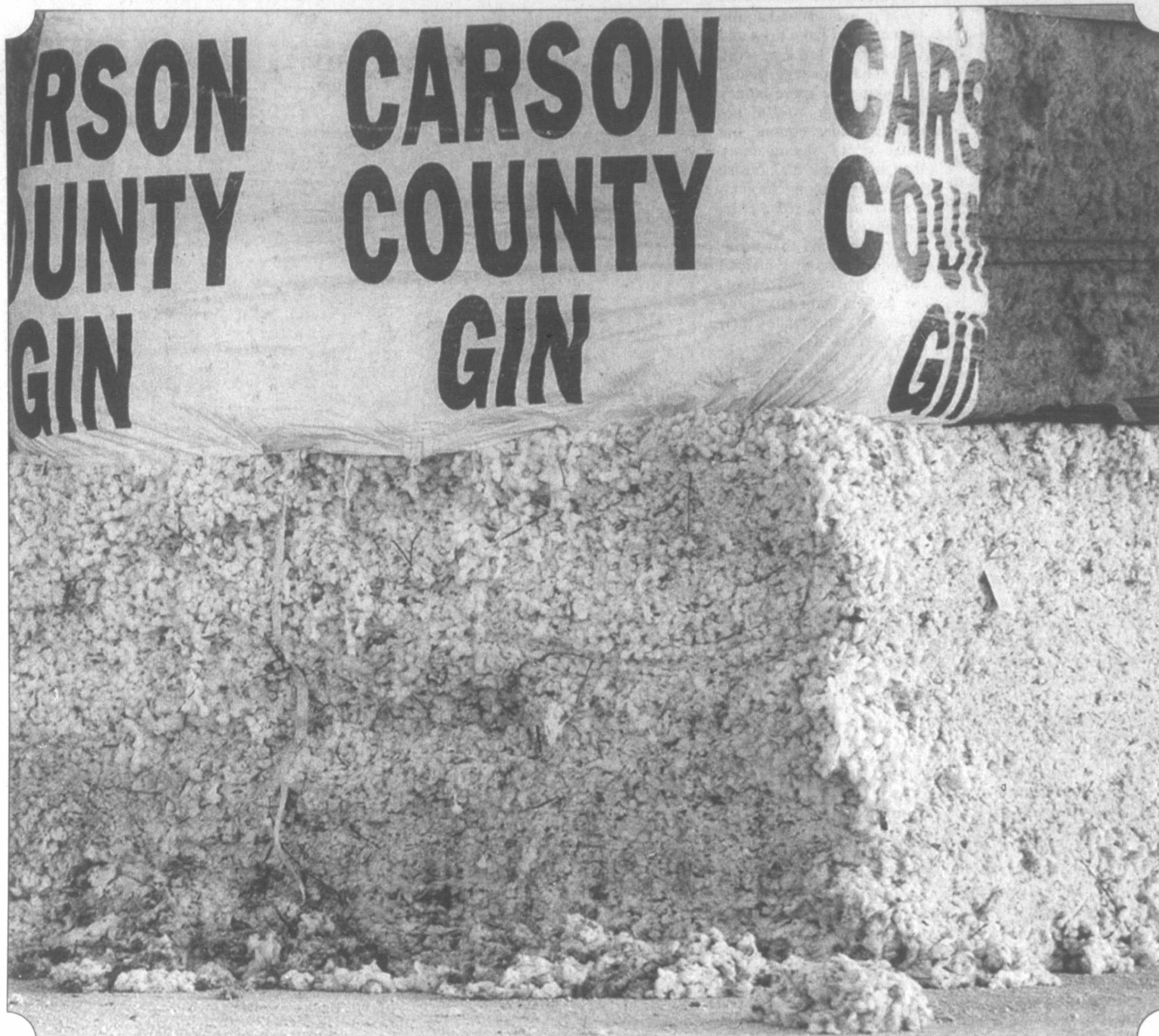
North of Amarillo, in the Dumas and Dalhart area, cotton has become popular because it takes less water.

In Gray and Carson counties, where the water isn't as plentiful, he said, corn isn't that much of an option.

Still growing cotton, like much of farming, is a gamble.

"If you bust a cotton crop," Amosson said, "you can lose \$200 an acre and go down the drain in a hurry."

The other side of that



Cotton modules straight from the fields await ginning in the yard of the Carson County Gin west of White Deer in November.

Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

story is if a farmer can make two bales to the acre, he can earn \$200 an acre.

Even with irrigation, farmers need rain before they begin planting in May.

"We're going to have to have some rain," Kennedy said. "We just don't have the sub-moisture."

A few showers won't help, Kennedy said. The fields

need a good, slow soaking rain.

"The ground's so hard," he said, "that if it rains hard, it will just all run off. We need some slow, gentle rain

so it has time to soak in."

Despite the newer cotton hybrids that don't need as much water and have shorter growing seasons, weather remains a key factor in cot-

ton farming.

"We just need rain," Kennedy said. "Agriculture and rain go together. Nothing takes the place of Mother Nature's moisture."

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## Special education gives all students chance to participate

By AARON PEPPER  
Staff Intern

Pampa Independent School District is home to more than 3,000 students, but not every child thrives in the traditional classroom. For these students, there are special education opportunities.

According to Special Education executive director Debbie Robertson, the district's program is strong and on target with its goal.

"Texas Education Association monitoring has proven our program's strength," she said. "Our focus is always on giving each student a free and appropriate education."

The school district has special education programs at each of its campuses. Those at the high school and junior high school teach a curriculum ranging from physical and intellectual lessons to more emotional instructions and life skills. However, the elementary campuses have split these areas among specialized campuses. That is, each of the four campuses has a different area of expertise.

"The district is not large enough to have specialized programs at each school," Robertson said. "However, each does have a standard special education program, but we have a low number of children in specialized areas."

Wilson Elementary makes use of a program known as Working with Individual Needs (WIN).

"Our curriculum is individually set for each student," teacher Gail Mertz said. "We teach life skill academics such as time and money. We have a kitchen where we teach following directions and safety. Also, every month we go out into the community to practice social and leisure skills."

Mertz said the program is exceptional for kids who can't find success in the fast pace and difficulty of regular curriculum.

"We are focused differently for their success later in life," she said. "It's hard the way that works for them to learn an idea because what works for one student doesn't work for all of them."

The program Nell Miller aids in teaching

at Austin Elementary focuses on keeping children advancing as if they were in the regular classroom.

"This is different from other programs because these students are on grade level and do grade level work but can sometimes need assistance with the particular assignment," she said.

Miller said also that despite the emotional and physical energy needed to teach effectively, her job provides her with rewarding experiences on a daily basis.

"There are every day rewards," she said. "Children learn to handle stressful situations and to cope with them because of the skills you teach them."

The district's special education program has found strength both in its access to qualified teachers and to the funding necessary to run the program.

"Our money is federal money that is much needed to meet the needs for students based on each of their situations," Robertson said.

The district has shown great pride in its special educators, abilities to both complete the additional training and to work with the kids in order to give them future opportunities.

"To teach special education, you must be certified to teach ages zero to 21," high school special educator Jarilyn Wichert said. "You also have to like change and be willing to adapt to each child's abilities and needs."

According to Wichert, the main drawback of her job is the stigma people place on the kids.

"It's not that they can't do it. It's just that it may take more time and a different way of teaching for them to learn," Wichert said.

The stigmas and difficulty of teaching special education are most often overshadowed by the chance to change a student's life.

"It takes a patient person who loves their job," Miller said. "As with any teacher, one must use their training and hope to make a positive change in the child's future."

*'Children learn to handle stressful situations and to cope with them because of the skills you teach them.'*

— Nell Miller  
Special Ed teacher



Pampa News photo by DENNIS SPIES  
**Nahum Nunez, 23, and Wes Patton, 29, both of Pampa, exhibit their welding skills at N&T Specialty Welding. If a company came to town and needed 100 welders, the city would have to look to the college to do a development program, according to Kathy Cota with Panhandle Workforce.**

## To employ more workers, Pampa needs to have more jobs

By **DAVID BOWSER**  
 Staff Writer

Which comes first, the chicken or the egg? The job or the employee?

That seems to be the problem facing Pampa.

Kathy Cota with Panhandle Workforce has been busy gathering data and having that data put into usable information. The information she's developed indicates, first, that Pampa, with an unemployment rate of less than five percent, is essentially at full employment. To employ more workers, the city needs more jobs.

The catch appears to be that in order to attract new industry, new jobs, the city needs more potential employees, more people.

If a business looks at Pampa right now, Cota said, the city may not have the type employees the business needs.

"We probably don't have those people here right now because we have such a low unemployment rate," she said. "We're going to have to look outside the area. We're going to have to bring people in. We're going to have to do some retraining."

The major need right now, she said, is for new jobs so

existing workers can move up.

"What we do have in this area is we have people at a lower income level that would like to advance to something better," Cota said. "We can retrain them and give them the opportunity to advance. We have a lot of that. If they show the initiative and they want to do that, we can certainly help them with that."

If a company came in today and said they need 100 welders, Cota said the city would have to very quickly look to the college to do a development program.

Clarendon College is already working with a company in Pampa now to train workers.

Cota said they are working really hard to get development grants from the U.S. Department of Labor.

"We could call people in to do the retraining or we could call people and see if they want to relocate," Cota said.

The EDC has already noted that Pampa employers are paying premiums for welders out of Dallas and Oklahoma City.

"There are jobs here," Cota said. "The problem is

for those employees who want to advance."

She said there is a need for people with certain skills.

"There is a shortage of applicants that can go out there," Cota said.

She said that after the last oil boom went bust, a lot of skilled labor left town or took jobs in other fields.

"We have a lot of experienced workers in this area," Cota said, "but we lost that experience throughout the entire industry. We're having to start out new with people who don't have any skills, and they're having to go into the oil field and learn."

It happens in any cyclical business, she admits.

Still, there are job openings in Pampa and in the area.

"We've got 49 job openings," Cota said. "We've got employers who are looking for people to work."

Most of them are skilled jobs, but Cota said there is a wide range of job openings and her office is trying to work with all of them.

"We're seeing about 30 to 50 people walk through here a day," Cota said.

Several companies are using Cota's conference rooms for interviewing,

including Aaron's Rental and AmeriCinn.

"We're staying really busy," Cota said.

The Texas Department of Corrections recruiter is at the Texas Workforce Commission three days every week, she said.

There are also openings in the oil field and openings for clerical workers.

"We have a lot of sales jobs right now," Cota said.

To expand the possibilities, she said, is going to take

some hard work and detailed planning. That translates into developing the available data and boiling it down to usable information. For that, Cota has turned to her employer, the Texas Workforce Commission.

For the information that she's developed, Cota has gone to Misty Ingle with the Amarillo Workforce office.

"She's our local market information specialist," Cota said. "She has any statistics anybody wants on cities,

counties, region. She's already provided a broad study because she wasn't sure what people wanted. Once she gets the information compiled, she does a narrative. She'll tell us what the population is, what the industries are; it's got tons and tons of information."


Part of that information includes what occupations in the five county area that Pampa serves are adding the

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Pampa News photo by DENNIS SPIES  
**Welders Nahum Nunez and Wes Patton finish an exhibition project at N&T Specialty Welding. Pampa, with an unemployment rate of less than five percent, is essentially at full employment, according to Kathy Cota of Panhandle Workforce.**

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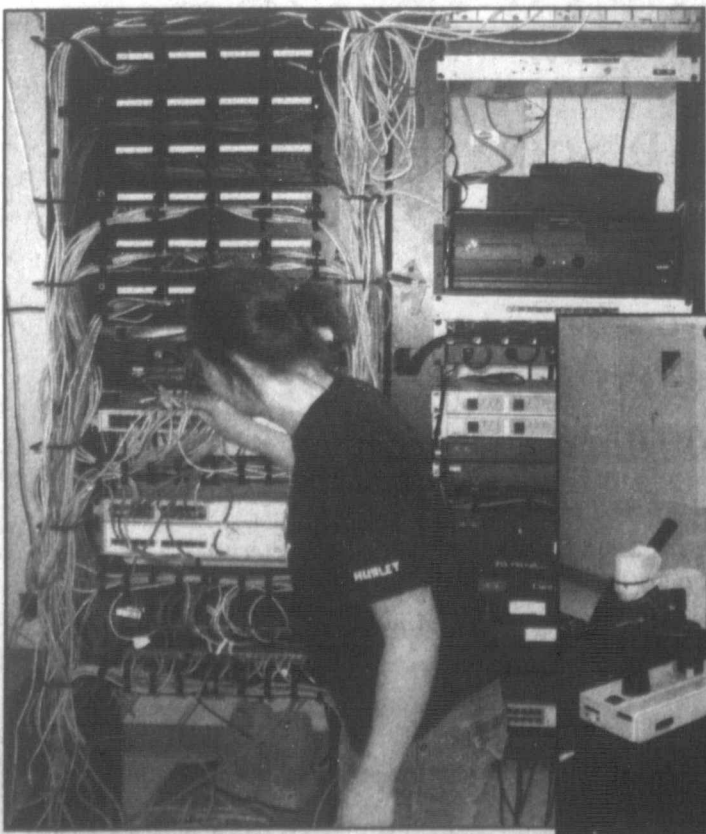
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| AANS Agriculture, Animal Science               | MCOM Mass Communication Studies                 |
| ABUS Agricultural Business                     | MARK Marketing                                  |
| ACCT Accounting                                | MATH Mathematics                                |
| AECO Agricultural Economics                    | MUSI Music                                      |
| AEQU Agriculture, Equine Science               | RNUR Nursing RN                                 |
| AGRI Agricultural, General                     | VNSG Nursing, Vocational LVN                    |
| ARCH Architecture                              | OFFA Office Technology AAS                      |
| ARTC Art-Commercial/Computer                   | OFFC Office Technology Cert.                    |
| ARTS Art                                       | PHED Health and Physical Education              |
| BIOL Biology                                   | PHYS Physics                                    |
| BUSI Business/Commerce, General                | PALH Pre-Allied Health                          |
| CHEM Chemistry                                 | PDEN Pre-Dentistry                              |
| CMTC Computer Tech Entry Net Specialist Cert.  | PLAW Pre-Law                                    |
| CNAC Computer Tech Networking Technician Cert. | PMED Pre-Medicine                               |
| COSC Computer Science CIS                      | PPHR Pre-Pharmacy                               |
| CPMT Computer Technology AAS                   | PTHE Pre-Physical Therapy                       |
| CRIJ Criminal Justice                          | PVET Pre-Veterinary Medicine                    |
| CRAM Drama, Theatre                            | PSYC Psychology                                 |
| ECON Economics                                 | RFOA Ranch and Feedlot Operations AAS           |
| EDUC Education, General                        | RFOC Ranch and Feedlot Operations Cert.         |
| EDEL Education, Elementary                     | RECR Recreation and Leisure Services            |
| EDSE Education, Secondary                      | RELI Religion/Theology                          |
| EMMS Emergency Medical Services                | SOCS Social Work                                |
| ENGR Engineering                               | SOCI Sociology                                  |
| ENGL English                                   | SPCH Speech, Speech Communications              |
| ENVS Environmental Science                     | UNDC Undecided, Undeclared                      |
| FINC Finance                                   | CORE Core Curriculum                            |
| FLNG Foreign Languages                         | FECE Field of Study-early Childhood Education   |
| GENS General Studies                           | FMGT Field of Study-Middle Grades Teacher Cert. |
| GEOL Geology                                   | FBUS Field of Study-Business                    |
| GOVT Government, Political Science             | FMUS Field of Study-Music                       |
| HIST History                                   | FCOS Field of Study-Computer Science            |
| KINE Kinesiology and Exercise Science          | FCRJ Field of Study-Criminal Justice            |



#### 2006 SUMMER SCHEDULE FOR PAMPA CENTER PRE-REGISTRATION STARTS APRIL 17, 2006 Tuesday, July 4 Is A College Holiday

#### ON-LINE SUMMER SCHEDULE JUNE 5 THRU JULY 27 - 8 WEEKS

BCIS 1045 .295	BUS COMPUTER APP	ONLINE	DENNEY
BUS 1301 .295	BUSINESS PRIN.	ONLINE	MURPHEY
BUSI 1307 .295	PERSONAL FINANCE	ONLINE	MURPHEY
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DRAM 1310 .295	INTRO TO THEATER	ONLINE	HUEY
DRAM 2361 .295	THEATER HISTORY I	ONLINE	HUEY
MUSI 1306 .295	MUSIC APPRECIATION	ONLINE	KUHNERT

Notes: TBA - To Be Announced  
 Class days are as follows: M = Monday, T = Tuesday, W = Wednesday, R = Thursday, F = Friday, S = Saturday

#### SATURDAY CLASSES JUNE 10 THRU AUGUST 12 - TEN WEEKS

SPCH 1315 .222	PUBLIC SPEAKING	S	8:00AM-12:40PM	205	WILSON
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#### SUMMER 1 SCHEDULE JUNE 5 THRU JULY 13 - SIX WEEKS

ARTS 2366 .221	WATER COLOR	T/TH	1:00PM-4:45PM	1089	MOREY
BIOL 2401 .931	A&P I	T/TH	5:30PM-9:55PM	203 ITV	WIGINTON
BIOL 2401 L .231	A&P LAB	TBA	TBA	202	WIGINTON

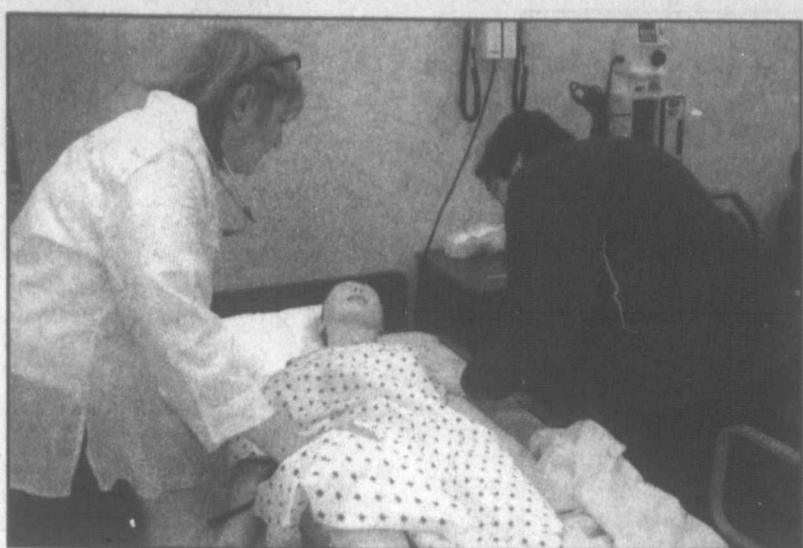
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BCIS 1405 .295	BUS COMPUTER APP	SEE ON LINE COURSES			
BMGT 1311 .931	SALESMANSHIP	M/W	6:00PM-9:45PM	101 ITV	PRICE
BUSI 1301 .295	PERSONAL FINANCE	SEE ON LINE COURSES			
BUSI 1307 .295	BUSINESS PRINCIPLE	SEE ON LINE COURSES			
MRKG 1302 .931	PRIN. OF RETAILING	T/TH	6:00PM-9:45PM	101 ITV	PRICE
CHEM 1311 .931	CHEM I	M/W	5:30PM-9:55PM	203 ITV	WIGINTON
CHEM 1111 .231	CHEM I LAB	TBA	TBA	200	WIGINTON
CRIJ 1307 .231	CRIME IN AMERICA	TBA	6:00PM-9:45PM	TBA	LAMBERT
ECON 2301 .221	MACROECONOMICS	T/TH	8:00AM-11:45AM	209	TAYLOR
ENGL 1301 .221	ENG COMP & RHET	M/W	8:00AM-11:45AM	205	WILSON
ENGL 1301 .231	ENG COMP & RHET	M/W	6:00PM-9:45PM	103	MARTIN
ENGL 1302 .221	ENG COMP II	M/W	1:00PM-4:45PM	205	WILSON
ENGL 2332 .221	WORLD LITERATURE I	M/W	1:00PM-4:45PM	209	MARTIN
GOVT 2305 .921	FEDERAL GOVT	M/W	8:00AM-11:45AM	101 ITV	MYERS
HIST 1301 .921	US HISTORY TO 1877	M/W	1:00PM-4:45AM	101 ITV	MYERS
HIST 1301 .231	US HISTORY TO 1877	M/W	6:00PM-9:45PM	207	RAPSTINE
HIST 1302 .231	US HISTORY FROM 1877	T/TH	6:00PM-9:45PM	207	RAPSTINE
HITT 1305 .231	MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY	M/W	6:00PM-9:45PM	106	RUST
ITSC 2439 .221	COMPUTER HELP DESK	MTWTH	1:00PM-4:00PM	102	MCCARTY
MATH 1314 .221	COLLEGE ALGEBRA	T/TH	1:00PM-4:45PM	102	VANCE
MATH 1314 .231	COLLEGE ALGEBRA	T/TH	6:00PM-9:45PM	102	VANCE
PSYC 2301 .231	GENERAL PSYCH	T/TH	6:00PM-9:45PM	207	OLSON
PSYC 2314 .221	HUMAN GROWTH	M/W	1:00PM-4:45PM	207	OLSON
SOCI 1301 .221	INTRO TO SOC	T/TH	1:00PM-4:45PM	205	WILSON
SPCH 1315 .221	PUBLIC SPEAKING	T/TH	8:00AM-11:45AM	205	WILSON
SPCH 1315 .222	PUBLIC SPEAKING	S	SEE SATURDAY ABOVE	205	WILSON

#### SUMMER 2 SCHEDULE JULY 17 THRU AUGUST 17 - FIVE WEEKS

BIOL 2402 .931	A&P II	T/TH	5:30PM-9:55PM	203 ITV	WIGINTON
BIOL 2402L .231	A&P II LAB	TBA	TBA	202	WIGINTON
BIOL 2421 .211	MICROBIOLOGY	T/TH	8:00AM-11:45AM	203	ESTLACK
BIOL 2321L .221	MICROBIO LAB	T/TH	TBA	TBA	ESTLACK
BUSINESS					
BMGT 1341 .931	BUS ETHICS	M/W	6:00PM-9:45PM	101 ITV	PRICE
MRKG 2349 .931	ADVERT & SALES	T/TH	6:00PM-9:45PM	101 ITV	PRICE
CHEM 1312 .931	CHEM II	M/W	5:30PM-9:55PM	203 ITV	WIGINTON
CHEM 1112 .231	CHEM II LAB	TBA	TBA	200	WIGINTON
CRIJ 1310 .231	FUND. CRIM LAW	TBA	6:00PM-9:45PM	TBA	LAMBERT
ECON 2302 .221	MICROECONOMICS	T/TH	8:00AM-11:45AM	209	TAYLOR
ENGL 1301 .221	ENG COMP I	T/TH	1:00PM-4:45PM	205	WILSON
ENGL 1302 .221	ENG COMP II	T/TH	8:00AM-11:45AM	205	WILSON
ENGL 1302 .231	ENG COMP II	M/W	6:00PM-9:45PM	205	MARTIN
ENGL 2331 .221	NON WESTERN LIT	M/W	1:00PM-4:45PM	205	MARTIN
GOVT 2306 .921	STATE GOVT	M/W	8:00AM-11:45AM	101 ITV	MYERS
HIST 1302 .921	US HISTORY FROM 1877	M/W	1:00PM-4:45PM	101 ITV	MYERS
IMED 1416 .221	WEB PAGE DESIGN	MTWTH	1:00PM-4:45PM	204	MCCARTY
PSYC 2301 .221	GENERAL PSYCH	T/TH	1:00PM-4:45PM	207	OLSON
PSYC 214 .231	HUMAN GROWTH	T/TH	6:00PM-9:45PM	207	OLSON
SPCH 1318 .221	INTERPERSONAL SPEECH	M/W	8:00AM-11:45AM	205	WILSON
SOCI 1306 .221	SOCIAL ISSUES	M/W	1:00PM-4:45PM	205	WILSON

#### NURSING SCHEDULE MAY 22 THRU AUGUST 17

VNSG 1191 .221	IV THERAPY - SPECIAL TOPICS	TBA
VNSG 1330 .221	MATERNAL/NEO-NATAL NURSING	TBA
VNSG 1429 .221	MEDICAL-SURGICAL NURSING I	TBA
VNSG 1461 .221	CLINICAL II - DATES AND TIMES	TBA



## NURSING PROGRAM

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A new vocational nursing program at Clarendon College-Pampa Center is underway. "This is a program to help students work toward taking the exam to become a licensed vocational nurse," said Sharron Rust, RN, nursing director for Clarendon College.

Students who complete the one-year course which starts in January could take the state exam as early as December 2006 to become LVNs, she said.

Applicants must have a high school diploma or a GED. They must take a pre-admission test, immunizations completed including Hepatitis B, followed by an interview with the college's nursing committee.

A background check will be conducted on students selected for the course. Students will be notified of the results of the check, and must pass it in order to take the course. The pre-admission test consists of math, science, english and reading comprehension questions, and is taken on a computer. The test can be scheduled and taken at the Pampa campus.

Classes are limited to 30 students at each campus. Classes are Monday - Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm. Clinicals are from 6:00am to 2:00 or 4:00pm.

Pampa Regional Medical Center and Parkview Hospital of Wheeler have both donated to the new program. PRMC's contributions include beds, a crib, and examination table, scales and various bedside and over-the-bed-tables. Parkview has donated six beds and mattresses, a respiratory tent for cribs, a suction machine and funds for several scholarships.

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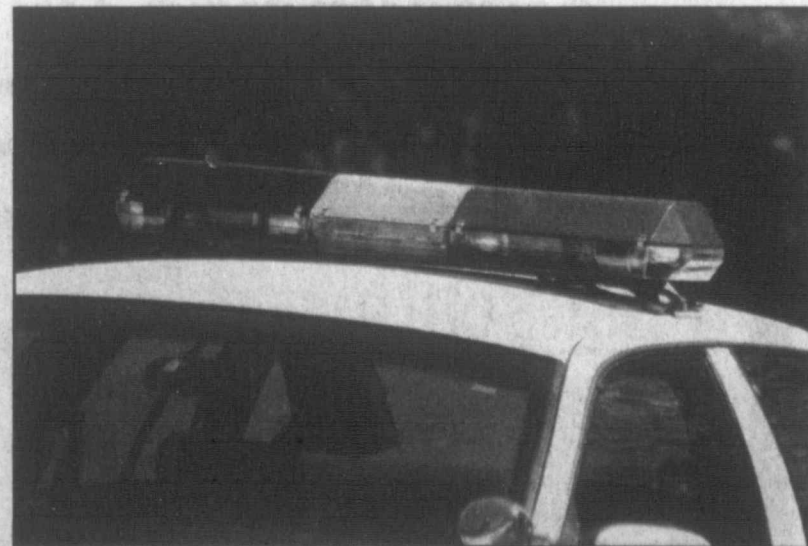
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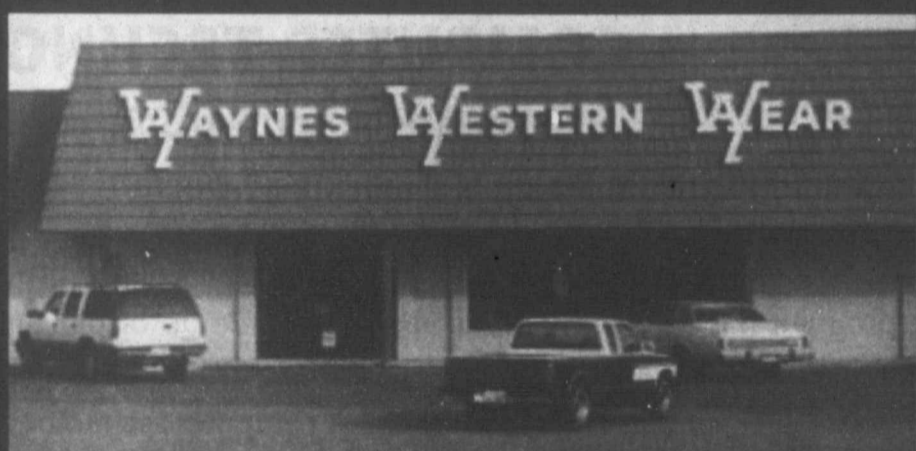
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# Work

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"We serve five counties," Cota said. "Gray, Hemphill, Roberts, Wheeler and Donley counties."

Ingle's information can be narrowed for any county in the area, or the state for that matter.

Cota said that local information can then be compared to Dallas, Houston or any other metropolitan area in the state. Ingle also has access to the same information for surrounding counties.

"Carson County is really close to us, so we need that information," Cota said. "We probably need information on Hutchinson County, too, because it's so close."

Cota is already sharing this information with the Pampa Economic Development Corp.

"It's going to help us get the information that we need to supply to businesses interested in moving to Pampa," Cota said. "It's something we can show them."

Any company that might consider moving to Pampa, she said, will have their own interests and information needs.

Ingle can customize such information quickly, Cota said.

"All we have to do is pick up the phone and call her and say we need information on this and this and this," Cota said.

Information on jobs in Pampa, or any other part of the state, is also available at two different sites on the Internet. It can be found at [www.panhandleworksource.com](http://www.panhandleworksource.com) and at [www.workintexas.com](http://www.workintexas.com).

"Workintexas.com will give employers a chance to put in job openings and look for applicants all through the state," Cota said, "but it also gives the applicants the opportunity to go in and post their applications."

The approaches for employers looking for employees and workers looking for jobs are different but effective, she said.

"For employers to post an opening," Cota said, "they have to have a tax ID number."

The employers don't have to go through somebody at the Workforce Commission, Cota said

they may if they wish, but they don't have to. They can post the job listings themselves.

"This is information that we as an EDC need to be using," she said.

Prospective employees can readily access the information that's on the Web site.

"At our last meeting, we talked a lot about this matter," Cota said.

The Pampa Economic Development Corp., she said, is also providing this information and working with the Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce.

Cota said that at the last chamber of commerce directors meeting, Pat Vanderpool, the new executive director at the chamber, showed the directors a promotional presentation that a New Mexico city had developed to attract new businesses. Much of the information in that presentation is readily available or already collected by the Pampa Workforce office.

Vanderpool came to the chamber from New Mexico where he worked with cities in that state in developing economic development strategies.

He said there are types of information that prospective businesses consider valuable. In order to organize that information, he said there are a number of steps that have to be taken.

To develop a presentation, Vanderpool said the community needs to make a community assessment, develop targets, draw up package development, market their assets and develop proposals.

Marketing, he said, will result in leads. Leads, he said, will turn into suspects when they are qualified. Suspects will turn into prospects when they request a proposal.

"Hopefully," Vanderpool said, "the proposal will result in a site visit, at which time the presentation is made."

This is the information she's giving to the board so they will have an idea of what the Texas Workforce Business Services Unit can accomplish.

"We need to define very clearly what we want to express to these companies," Cota said. "We need to let prospective companies know what information is available and



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS  
**Daniel Castillo of West Texas Landscaping wields a trowel to apply mortar to a cinderblock fence he was repairing at a home on 23rd Avenue. The mortar is applied to the surfaces the next block will touch, and the new block is positioned and tapped into place.**

that's the information they need to compile."

In addition to the general information on the community, Cota said the Texas Workforce Business Services Unit can customize information packages for specific businesses.

"We will need to do that differently for every company we look at," Cota said. "This is a good jumping off place to decide what we want."

She said they can produce PowerPoint presentations for prospective businesses looking at Pampa.

Cota said it would take some effort, but she and her office are going to work at it.

"Among the things businesses interested in relocating to new cities need to know, Cota said, are general information concerning community services, schools and housing.

"They also need to know about

tax benefits available to new businesses," she said.

There are programs, Cota said, through the U.S. Department of Labor for training and incentives.

There are state and federal educational programs, such as the OJT Program, On the Job Training, which is available through the WIA, or Workers Investment Act.

The OJT program, Cota said, is primarily for people who have been laid off and need retraining in another field.

Funds from the training program can pay employees during that training period, which is an excellent program for businesses.

"We can pay for their labor for up to three months," Cota said.

She said that such partnerships with state and federal agencies using their programs will be very important for the Pampa EDC.

"If there's a big layoff somewhere and we can get information of a large layoff," Cota said, "we

can go to that company and say, 'We've got this job right here, and we can help pay for relocation fees.'"

She said the State of Texas can help with relocation fees.

"It will get people up here," Cota said, "and it won't even affect the funds of the Pampa EDC."

Cota said she also sees partnerships with the Texas Workforce Center, the Pampa Chamber of Commerce and other economic development corporations.

"It doesn't cost anything to partner," Cota said.

She said that in addition to such partnership arrangements she's excited about the members on the Pampa EDC board. Cota said the board is a diverse group, and they all bring something to the table because of their backgrounds and that diversity is a strength.

"I'm real excited about it," Cota said.

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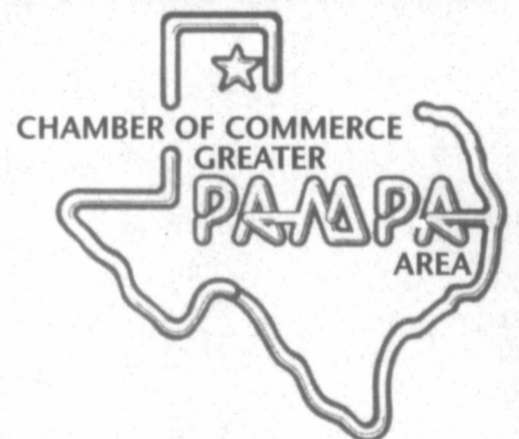
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# Pampa Oilers baseball memories kept alive by a few

By **MICHAEL J. STEVENS**  
Sports Editor

"Need a cut?" the man asked, smiling as he folded the newspaper and rose from the barber's chair. "No. But I was told if I wanted to talk about Pampa Oilers baseball, this is where I need to be," I replied. The man's smile broadened as he pointed across the way and said, "Bill, this man wants to talk about the Oilers."

The man is Bob Jeffers. Bill is Bill Hulsey. You will find them both at the Combs Worley barbershop on Kingsmill in Pampa. Mention Oilers baseball and Hulsey will gladly take you back to a time fewer and fewer Pampans know about. A time when a majestic ballpark stood where Bartlett's Lumber is today. A ballpark built out of nothing more than a pure love for the game by the Danciger Oil Refinery and the men who worked there. They, too, played a little baseball.

Just minutes after Hulsey began sharing his memories, Tom Cox entered the shop and took a seat in a vacant barber's chair. It was easy to see he had been here before. Hulsey continued his story as he prepped Cox for a trim.

Realizing the topic, Cox politely interrupted. "You talking about baseball?" he asked. Jeffers replied, "This is the sports guy from the newspaper and he's doing something about the Oilers." "My daddy played ball," Cox said. "He played for the Danciger Roadrunners."

Lefty Cox played first base for the Roadrunners; a semi-pro team composed of Danciger employees and named after a brand of gasoline the refinery produced. The Danciger Refinery was located near the Pampa Country Club. In fact, some of the plant's

foundation can still be seen today.

"Those boys could play," Cox said. "They used to travel to Denver every year to take part in the Denver Post Tournament." A tournament that featured, among others, teams from the Negro League. "Daddy faced Satchel Paige," Cox said with a smile. "He said he could never get a hit off old Paige."

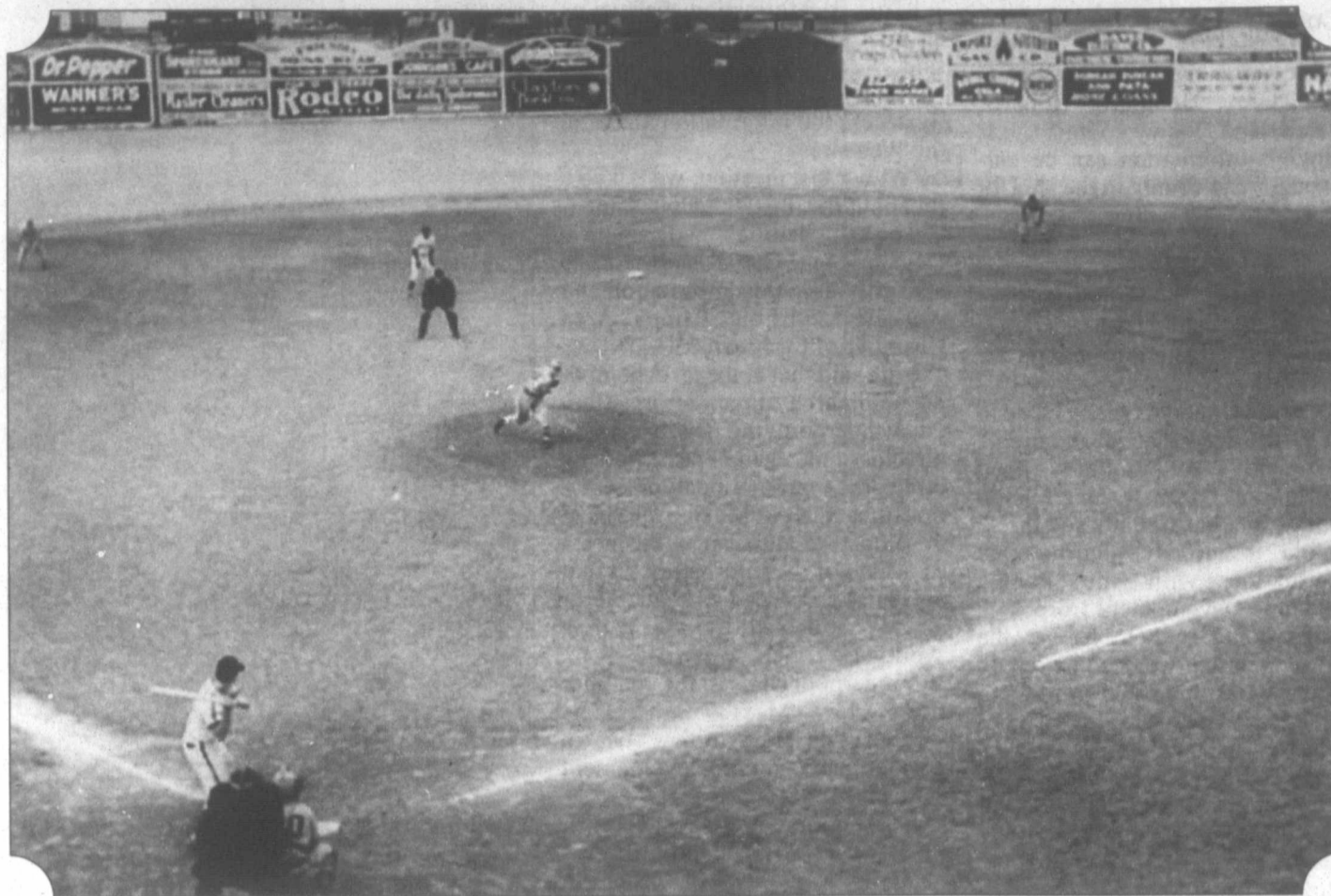
I later discovered Sammy Baugh once played for the Roadrunners. And Warren Hacker was not only an Oiler, but got married at home plate of Oilers' Park. While younger folks may need to Google those names to understand the historical significance, the more mature among us won't need to.

I was no longer a sports writer looking for help with a story, but a fan amazed to learn of our city's rich baseball history — a history fading fast with little, if anything, being done to preserve it.

The Pampa Oilers were predated by the Roadrunners by only a few years. The Oilers was a team made up of men who provided inspiration to the boys that clambered for whatever view they could get from outside the park on game day. Boys like Hulsey that formed the "Knot Hole Gang." Boys eager to shag home runs and foul balls and return them to the gate where they could be exchanged for a ticket. Cox, who worked at the park selling peanuts said, "I would throw balls over the fence so a few of the other kids could get in."

Hulsey never played for Pampa but in his voice and face you can still see the boy that perhaps once dreamed of doing so.

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The West Texas-New Mexico League began as a



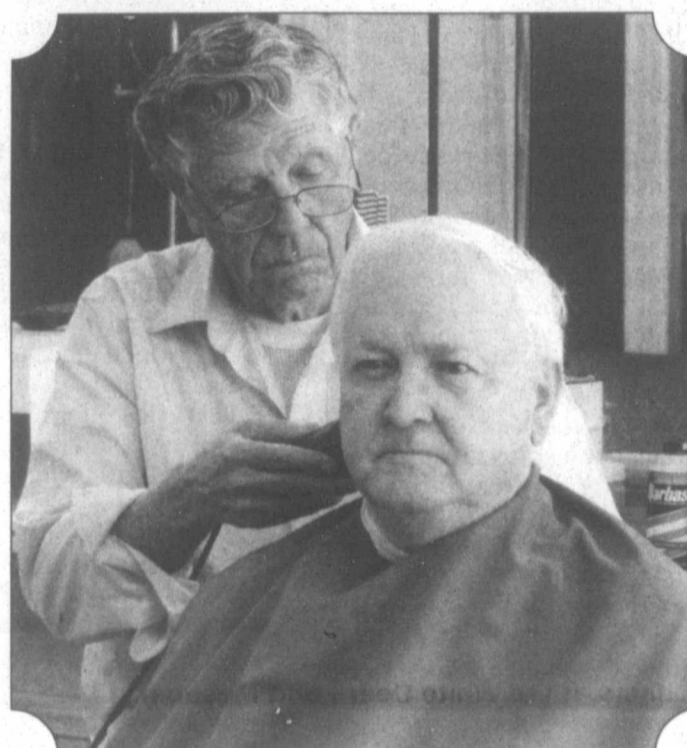
This undated photograph is of a game being played between the Pampa Oilers and an unknown opponent. The photo is courtesy of the White Deer Land Museum.

Class D league in 1937 with teams from Midland, Hobbs, Wink, Monahans, Odessa and Roswell. Pampa, owned in part by R.L. Edmondson, joined in 1939 when it fielded a team called the Pampa Plainsmen. The team became the Pampa Oilers the following season. Edmondson, along with son Robert, would later take sole ownership of the team. Robert Edmondson still lives in Pampa.

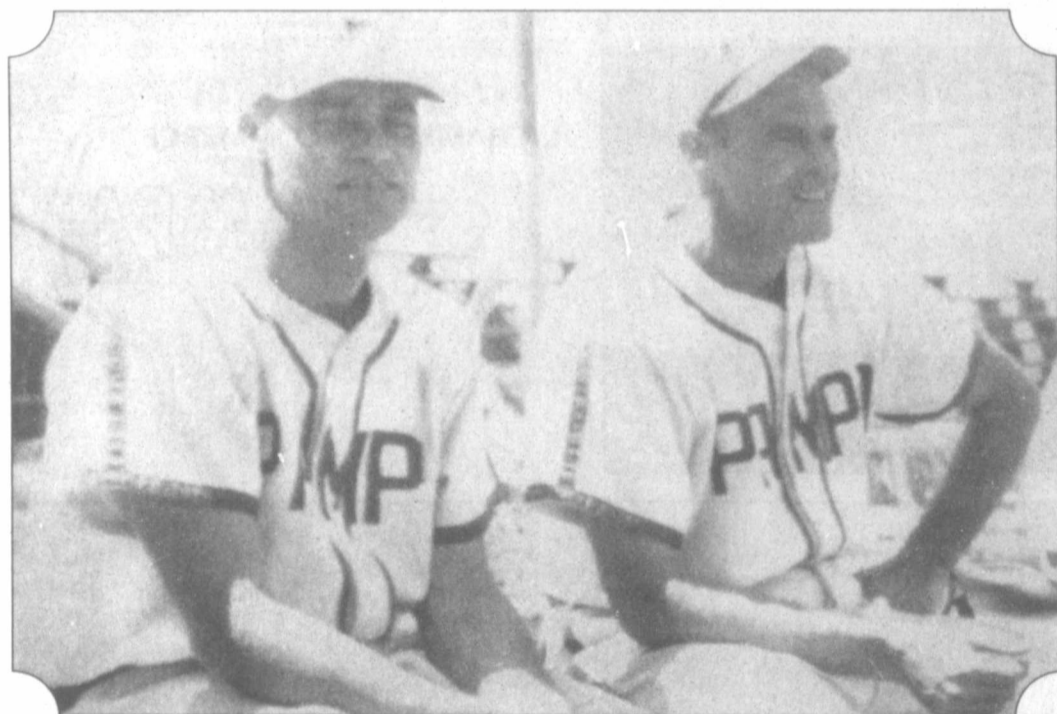
The WTNML prospered for 16 seasons, breaking only for World War II in 1942. When play resumed in 1946, the league was moved up to Class C where it stayed until 1955, the final year of the league's life. With its smaller markets unable to compete with the onrush of television and live sports programming, the West Texas-New Mexico League

ended its existence with a Class B certification. Pampa moved to the Southwestern League where the Oilers played just two more seasons (1956, 1957).

For all but two years of its life, Pampa provided sound competition, a community of support and a dugout full of talent to the WTNML. Like the Danciger Refinery, the Roadrunners and Pampa Oilers Park, most of the players are gone now. A few remain, however. Former players Deck Woldt and Newt Secrest still reside in Pampa, as does former media stalwart Warren Hasse, whose credits include ownership of KPND radio and Sports Editor for the Pampa Daily News. But it was his broadcasts of Oilers games that cement his place in team history.



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
While barber Bill Hulsey trims, Tom Cox recalls his father's playing days with the Danciger Roadrunners.



Perched atop what appears to be the Pampa Oilers dugout are center fielder Homer Matney, left, and first baseman Virgil Richardson in this undated photograph. Photo courtesy of the White Deer Land Museum.

Anne Davidson, director of the White Deer Land Company Museum on Cuyler Street in Pampa, is another must-chat for the history-hungry baseball fan. The museum boasts some interesting Oilers artifacts, including one of Woldt's original uniforms, but Davidson's mind is a treasure chest full of information about both the Oilers and the Roadrunners.

"Now there was a character," noted Davidson as she pointed to an old black and white photo. "Old Grover. People would come just to watch that man argue with the umpires," she said laughing. "It was more show than anything else, but it was fun to watch." Grover Seitz managed the Pampa Oilers. He was killed in a train accident in 1957.

At 86, the knowledge

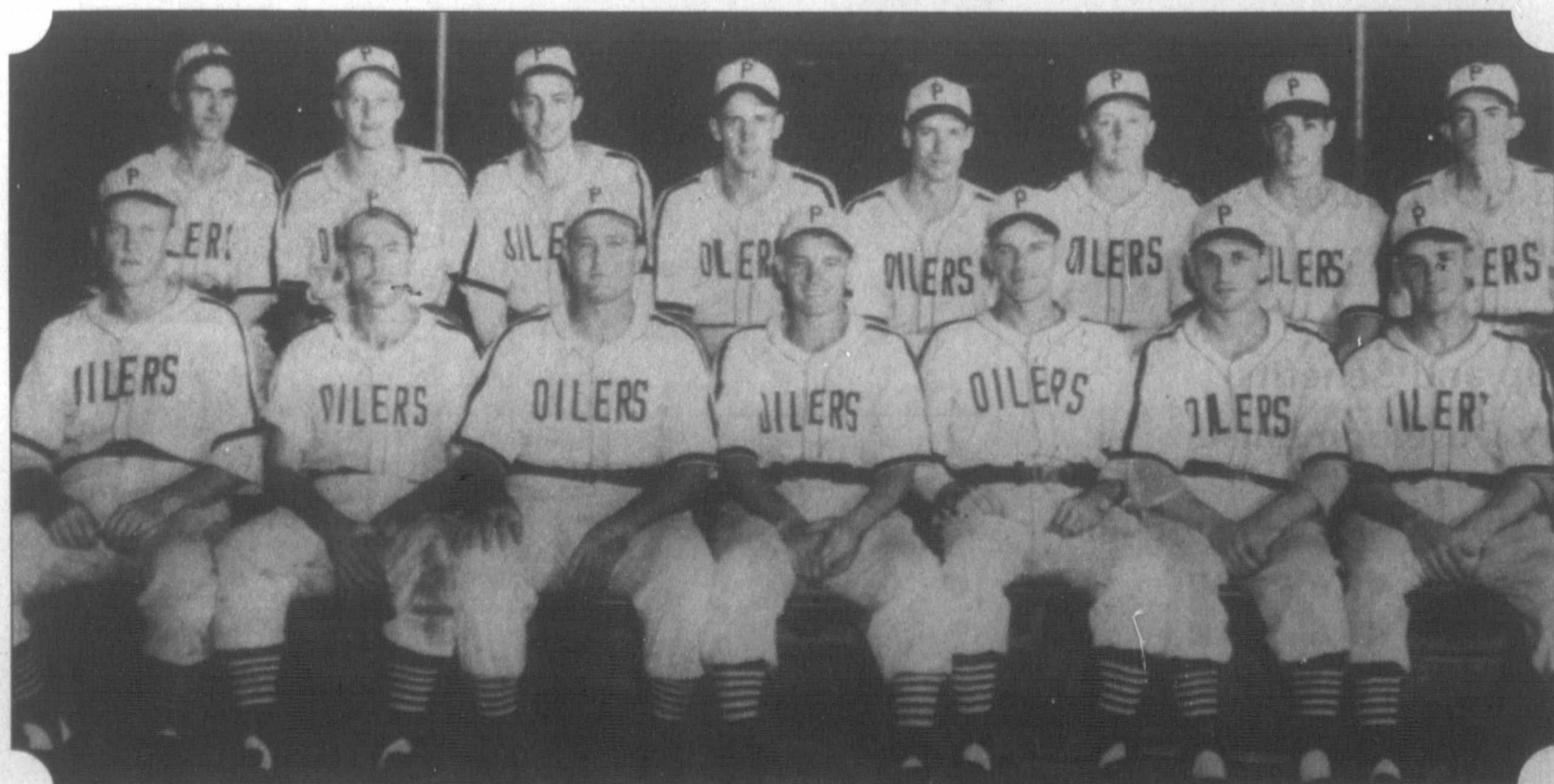
Woldt possesses about minor league baseball — including the Pampa Oilers — is simply priceless. Ask a question, then listen. The answer will come wrapped in a tapestry of memories that can only come from one who lived them. Ask him why the team often used station wagons instead of a bus to get to and from games. Ask him to share memories of the old Pampa Oilers' Ballpark and you might hear about Sheriff Rufe Jordan's unique brand of horse racing (Davidson is the late Sheriff Jordan's daughter).

The nickname 'Deck' (real name Roy) itself is derived from slang used in the 40's to describe a catcher's mitt (decker). "As a boy growing up in Wisconsin, I carted my mitt around on my belt

everywhere I went. People just started calling me 'Decker,' which later became 'Deck,'" Woldt said.

So how does a Wisconsin boy raised on Green Bay Packers football wind up playing baseball in Pampa? "I came here in 1950 when Oklahoma City sold my contract to the Oilers," Woldt said. Contracts then were worth little more than \$95 to \$300 a month. A fact not lost on Woldt when talking about players today. "If I could be 18, 19 or 21 today, I'd like my chances," he said with a confident voice. "I'm not bragging, but I was a good ballplayer."

The 1950 move to Pampa would pay off for  
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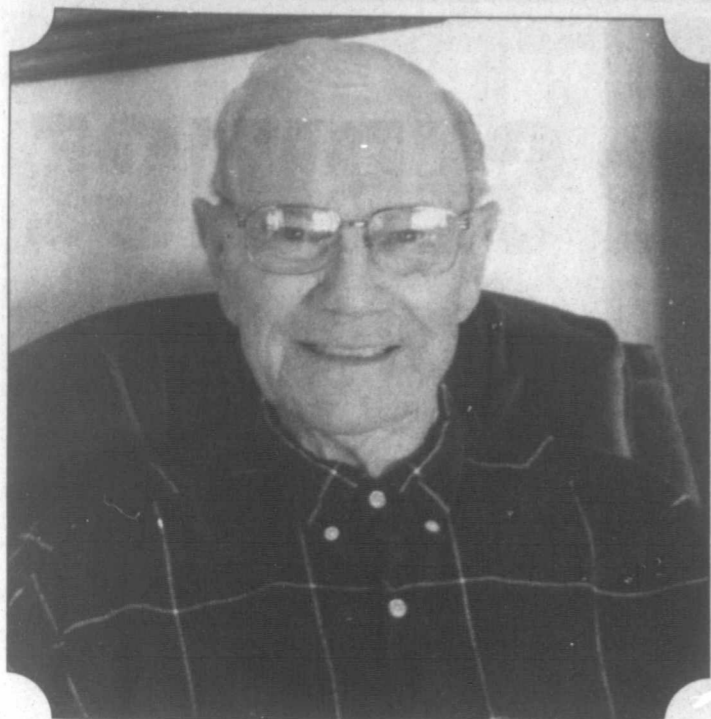


1946 Pampa Oilers, champions of the West Texas New Mexico League.

Back row, from left, Jim Cairthers, Warren Hacker, Tony Range, Foster White, Jack Riley, Carroll Gerryman, Al Johnson, and Joe Isaacs.

Front row, from left, Joe Fortin, Virgil Richardson, Manager Grover Seitz, Earl Harriman, Bill Garland, Al Zigelman and R.C. Otey.





Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Former Pampa Oiler and PISD coach, Deck Woldt today at 86 years young.



1950 Oilers, photo above

Front row, from left, Jerry Squires C, Johnny Jeandron SS, George Pate P, Dick Dawson LF, Roy Parker P, Eddie Hughes P, Jim Martin C, and Deck Woldt 2B & CF. Middle row, from left, Mack Hyde P, Joe Fortin RF, Grover Seitz MGR, Homer Matney CF, Virgil Richardson 1B, and Don Ricketson 3B. Top row, from left, Earl Doud P, Jim Arndt, Business Manager, Mel Kramer P. Bat Boy Zane Blanton kneels in front of the team.



This is a uniform worn by Deck Woldt now on display along with other Pampa Oiler artifacts at the White Deer Land Museum.



Included among the Pampa Oiler artifacts on display at the White Deer Land Museum are opening day tickets from the 1952 game between the Oilers and the Borger Gassers.

## Oilers

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Woldt and his new team, as the Oilers won a pennant that year. "That year was special because I was playing a strange position," Woldt said. "I played second base. I was really an outfielder. I played center field."

In all, the Oilers won pennants in 1940, 1946, 1950 and 1954.

Woldt liked Pampa so much that

once the league folded, he stayed and served the school district, teaching and coaching for 31 years. He was inducted into the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame in 1965.

It's common to find him and a few friends on the local links almost any day of the week. The man who once played in the Chicago Cubs and Cleveland Indians farm systems has become a pretty good golfer.

But ask him about baseball — his days with the Pampa Oilers in particular — and golf will take a long and history-ridden backseat.

Ask Bill Hulsey, Tom Cox, Anne

Davidson, Warren Hasse, R.L. Edmondson, Deck Woldt, Newt Secrest — anyone who can recall Pampa's baseball heyday — and the reactions are very much the same.

Smiles grow broad as their faces light up and each becomes a kid again. Do yourself a favor and listen as they recall cherished memories of our city's past. Listen with your heart as well as your ears. Be sure to archive what you learn. As those who know it pass, so too does Pampa's rich contribution to baseball's history.



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# Hides, animals inspector has no duties and no pay

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

John Radcliff of Pampa is hoping to get elected to a county office for which he will receive no pay and essentially have no duties.

Radcliff is a Republican Party candidate for the office of Gray County Inspector of Hides and Animals, and is running unopposed.

This isn't the first time Radcliff has tried for the office. He ran four years ago, but was up against a McLean man who won the election in a somewhat heated contest, Radcliff said.

Why all the interest in a county office that is an unpaid position with duties that have been taken over by others?

For one thing, Radcliff's father was a county commissioner. Radcliff is just trying to follow in those footsteps as a public servant. And not having much work to do in the position helps.

"I really don't want to work. I'm retired. It's more of a fun thing," Radcliff said. I knew a guy in another county,



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

John Radcliff of Pampa is running on the Republican Party ticket for the county office of Inspector of Hides and Animals. Radcliff, who is unopposed, said he was running for the office mainly as a "fun thing." The office is an unpaid position and carries essentially no duties. Radcliff found some steer hides to inspect at Gebo's.

and he and his friends got together and ran against each other for the office. They made a fun thing out of it." The office of inspector of

hides and animals was established in 1871 and filled by appointment by the governor, according to The Handbook of Texas Online.

The inspector was supposed to aid in the prevention of cattle theft by making a thorough inspection of all hides and animals shipped

out of the county for sale. After the Texas Constitution was adopted in 1876, the office became elective. By action of the

Legislature, many counties were exempt from electing an inspector, according to the Handbook.

"I researched it, and the history behind it is interesting. When people shipped hides, they'd go to the hide inspector and pay to get a stamp on the hides. That way, people weren't shipping stolen hides, and the county made a little money off it," Radcliff said.

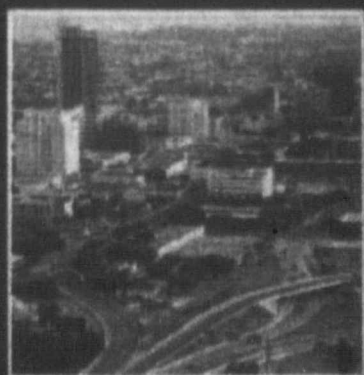
"At some point, it stopped being an active position. Now you have brand inspectors who took over the work," he said.

Even though the position is essentially a county office in name only, it would take a special election to remove the office from the county's slate of offices.

"If a county wants to get rid of it, they have to put in on the ballot and the people have to vote on it," Radcliff said.

One good thing is that the office exists at no cost to the county.

"The whole idea is, it is a legitimate office, but I don't want to ever cost the county any money," Radcliff said.



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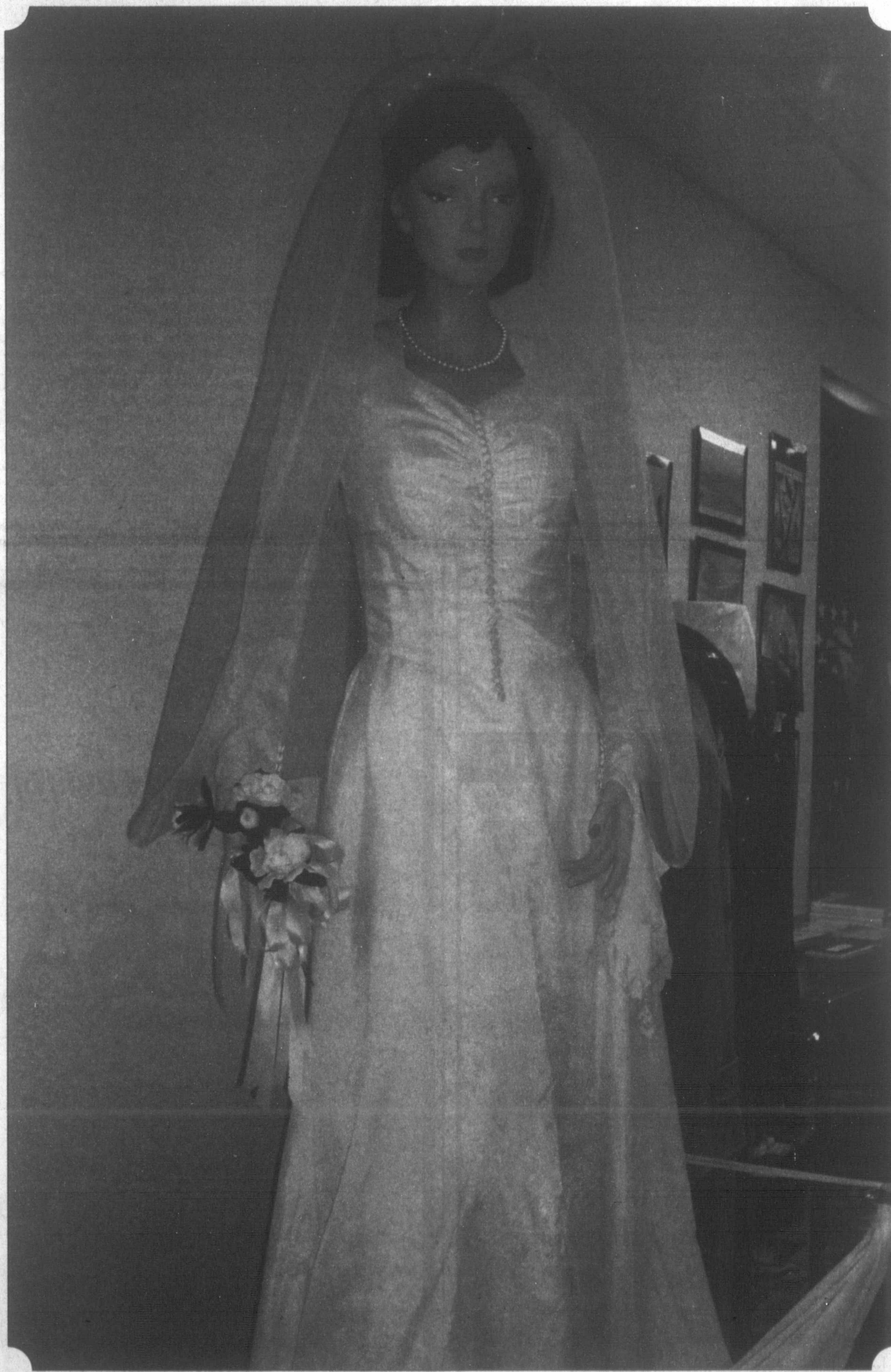
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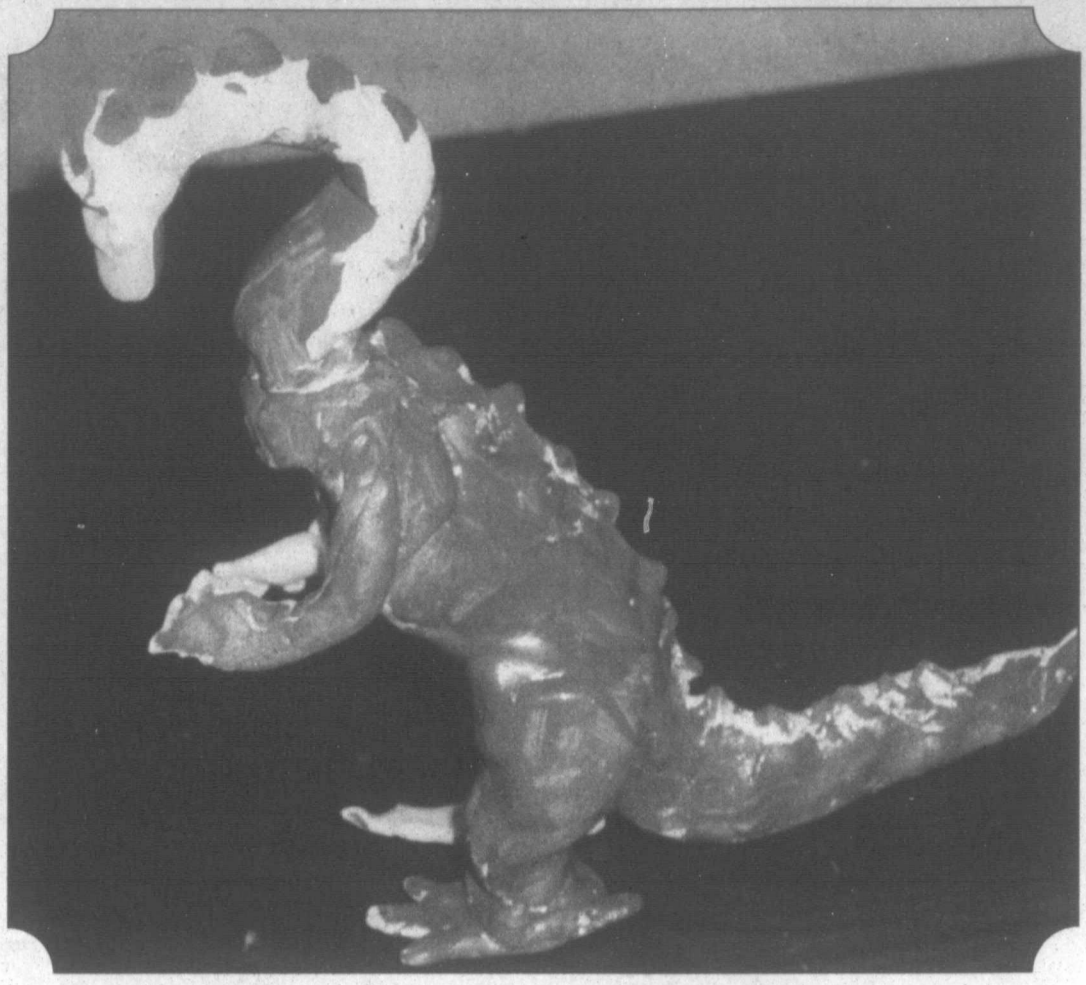
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1994. Among its many artifacts is this wedding  
dress made from a World War II paratrooper's  
parachute.



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Children gather outdoors during a fire drill at CREATE a Beat! CREATE a Beat! must conduct a fire drill once a month and a tornado drill once every six months as mandated by law. The dragon on the right is a project created in a classroom.

## Success of CREATE a Beat! tied to music therapist's dream

By SKYLA BRYANT  
Lifestyles Editor

For Julie Long, a local music therapist, the creation of CREATE a Beat! was a dream turned reality.

"It was a dream in my head for years that I never dreamed could come true," Long, executive director of CREATE a Beat! Pampa Community Center for the Arts, said.

The director was a stay-at-home mom for years, but then ...

"In 1992, I went to college. My daughter and I went to college together. We went to WT."

Long earned her bachelor's degree in music therapy in 1997. Presently, she works three jobs. She is music min-

ister at Hi-Land Christian Church, is music therapist for the school district and Pampa Regional Medical Center, and is, of course, executive director of CREATE a Beat!.

After achieving her degree, Long refused to give up on her dream. She found other "like-minded people" and formed a board of directors. "We incorporated, then went through the process of gaining 501(c)3 status in February 2003."

CREATE a Beat! is now in its third year of existence. CREATE is an acronym for "Creative Resource Equipping All To Excel." The program began serving the community in August 2003.



Long

Headquartered at Hi-Land Christian Church, CREATE a Beat! includes an after-school program, an arts academy and a summer camp.

The church donates space



Minchew

for the program but is not affiliated with it.

CREATE a Beat! recently qualified for its first college intern and was approved for the National Roster Internship Site for the

American Music Therapy Association. Kayla Minchew is a senior music therapy major at West Texas A&M University. Her internship at CREATE a Beat! was originally designed to last nine months.

Minchew assists Long in many capacities and teaches music, choir and music appreciation in the after-school program and piano and voice in the academy. She tutors in the after-school program as well. The internship is required for her degree.

The arts academy started with eight classes — a dance class, a crafts class, an art class, two creative writing classes, a choir class and a drama class. The academy

has since grown to 24 classes. A complete schedule can be obtained on-line at [www.createabeat.org](http://www.createabeat.org).

CREATE a Beat! even has a computer lab with a total of 14 terminals. The lab is used for such courses as computer art.

"We didn't have any computers that first year," Long recalled, adding that the process of getting computers is ongoing. "Several have been donated by people who've gotten new computers and gave us their old ones."

Others she purchased off the Internet. Donated computers are always welcome, according to the director.

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# Pampans have a wide variety of religions from which to choose

By SKYLA BRYANT  
Lifestyles Editor

Newcomers to Pampa as well as homegrown residents have a wide scope of religious affiliations from which to choose. No matter what a community member's religious orientation or persuasion, Pampa caters to a broad range of denominations.

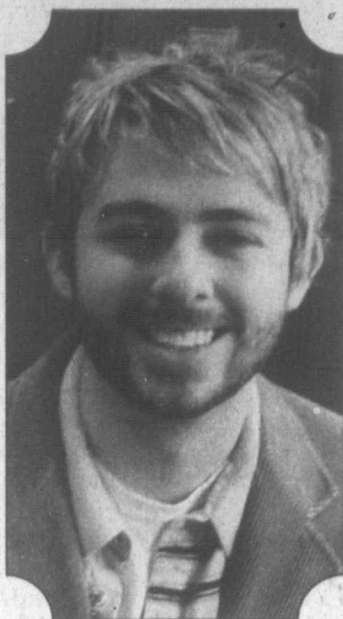
The city has, for example, several Baptist churches, a Presbyterian church, a Catholic church, a Mormon church, a Seventh-day Adventist church, a Jehovah's Witnesses church, several Methodist churches, a Pentecostal church and many other Christian derivatives.

A day school and day care center are part of the package at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, one of Pampa's oldest churches. The day school, said Director C.J. Frazier, has been in operation for 50 years.

The school currently operates two 3-year-old classes; two 4-year-old classes; an advanced pre-K class; and a kindergarten class.

"We have a total of six classes," Frazier said, "but we also have our extra classes as well."

Day school students learn, Frazier explained, computers, science, Spanish and



Frazier

music in addition to the regular core curriculum. The school has nine instructors and six aides.

The school day runs from 8:40 to 11:45 a.m. for all but the kindergarten class which doesn't dismiss until 2:30 p.m. Classes are conducted Monday through Friday except for holidays and other regular breaks such as spring break.

A special occasion celebrated each year at the school by children and staff is the annual blessing of the animals. In the fall, the children are encouraged to bring their animals to the church

for St. Francis' blessing of the animals. All sorts of animals are welcome. The school has seen snakes, llamas and stuffed animals brought for blessing during the yearly event.

"We have a pre-school class called Good Shepherd," said Frazier, explaining that the children are taught Bible stories and to give thanks before every meal. Classes are open to the public and are geared for all denominations.

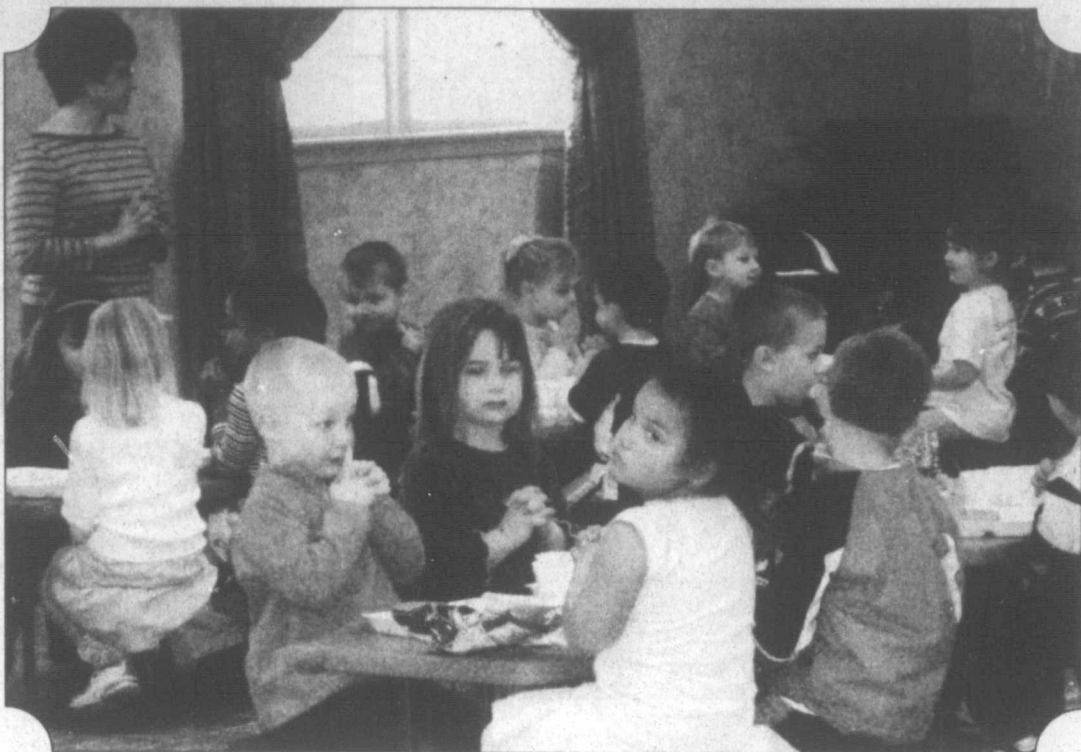
After class, many of the enrolled schoolchildren go to "extended care" at the day care.

A staff of six under the direction of Libby Hudson operates the day care which is open from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

While in day care, the children are entertained and engaged. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, the focus is on arts and crafts and book reading.

On Mondays and Wednesdays, the children have free computer time and participate in table activities — modeling with Play Dough, working puzzles, playing with building blocks and coloring.

"The children also play (during this time) in play



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Suzanne Wagner keeps a careful eye on the youngsters during lunch at St. Matthew's Episcopal Day School and Day Care Center.

houses," Hudson said.

Hudson explained that she usually has somewhere in the neighborhood of 20 to 30 kids every day. She and her staff try to get the children outside at least once a day, weather permitting, to let them run, play and enjoy the fresh air.

A total of 100 students are enrolled at St. Matt's in either the school or the day care/extended care pro-

grams, Frazier said.

Originally from Albuquerque, N.M., Frazier formerly attended Pampa High School and returned here from Albuquerque in mid-August 2005 to take the reins as headmaster at St. Matt's.

Most of his training has come through Eastern Hills Christian Academy, a non-denominational school in Albuquerque.

"While I was there (at Albuquerque)," Frazier said, "I took courses at a junior college and went to conferences and any extended programs."

He is still working on his education though he hasn't started classes yet. Frazier said his real dream is music. He is the bass player in a local band called "Room to Breathe."

## Arts

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The academy, which recently added a Jazzercise class, caters to all ages, from children to adults. It has eight instructors. The after-school program has 11.

"We're actually expanding the community arts programs this year," Long said, "and need

instructors, especially piano instructors."

Seventy-three children are currently enrolled in the after-school program which takes place Monday through Friday between the hours of 3 and 5:45 p.m. The program is open to children in kindergarten through sixth grade. The after-school program, a licensed child care center, offers tutoring, supervised gym time, arts and crafts, and more.

The board governing CRE-

ATE a Beat! consists of eight members.

"As a board of directors," Long said, "we've committed that 50 percent of students in our after-school program come from families who would not be able to afford any kind of art education, and so we offer fee waivers and fee reductions based on family size and income."

CREATE a Beat! relies on community support and grants to provide this type of funding.

Long said transportation for the after-school program is somewhat challenging.

"Probably our major, number one need is volunteer drivers," she said.

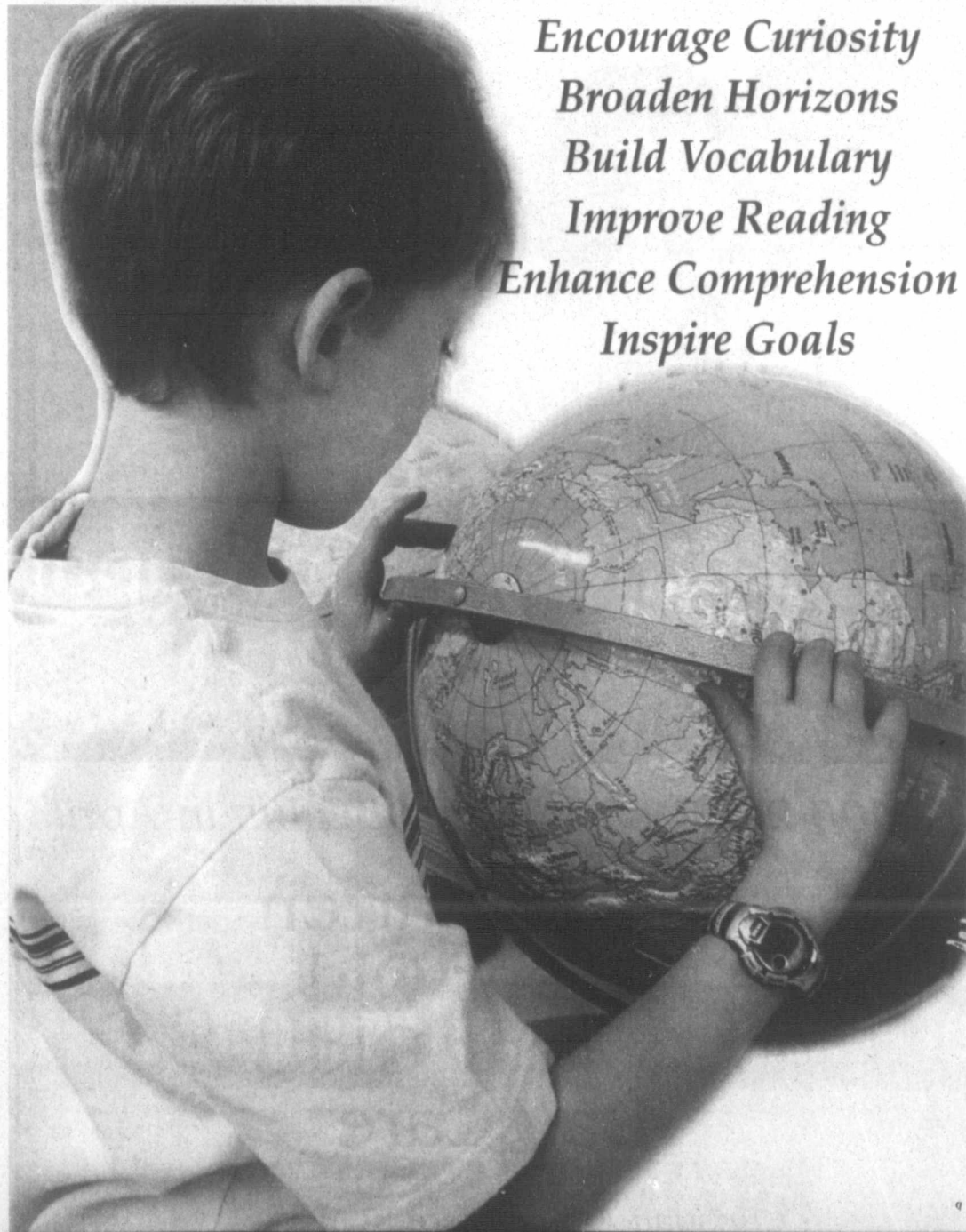
CREATE a Beat! contracts with Panhandle Transit, but the transit only provides one bus with limited seating. Finding enough volunteers to take up the slack is an ongoing problem.

A breakdown of fees charged for CREATE a Beat! and more

about the Summer Arts Camp can be found at the program's Web site. The Summer Arts Camp is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 5-16.

"It's hard to have a future vision considering all that we've accomplished in the last three years, but we want growth and to continue to provide a service to the community," Long concluded.

To find out more about CREATE a Beat! or to volunteer, call Long at 665-7474.



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A gazebo graces the Dr. V.E. von Brunow Park adjacent to the post office, above. Below is a view of the Super Playground at Highland Park.



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A bridge spans a dry creek bed in Central Park.

## City's 41 parks provide plenty of leisure

By SKYLA BRYANT  
Lifestyles Editor

Some of Pampa's biggest annual attractions take place in one or another of the city's 41 parks — most notably "Burnin' the Bricks in June" in Recreation Park and "Chautauqua" in September in Central Park.

Sponsored by a local car club, Burnin' the Bricks weekend features a special Cruise Night, a mud bog and other related activities.

Chautauqua is staged by Pampa Fine Arts Association every Labor Day. Activities include a fun run/walk, food and craft booths and more.

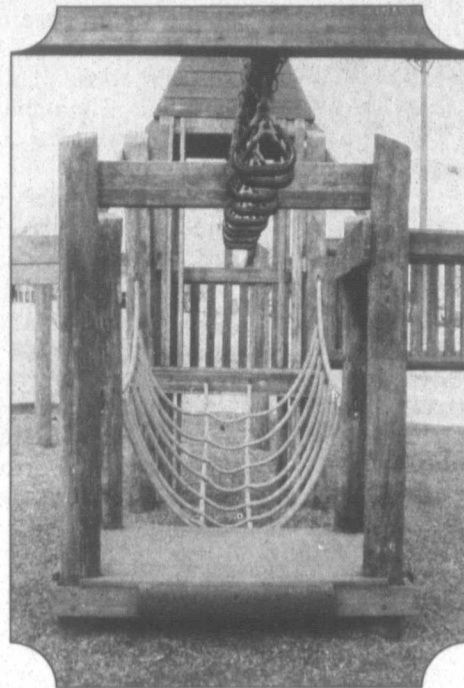
According to the city's Public Service Department, Pampa's 41 parks have a combined 3.5 miles of hike and bike trails.

Central Park is set in the neighborhood of Cook, Georgia, Mary Ellen and Aft streets and covers 12.5 acres. It includes a hike and bike trail, restroom facilities, picnic area, outdoor stage, playground and a specially designed "Skate Park" for skateboarders and rollerskaters. West Central Park consists of 4 acres, a hike and bike trail and a picnic area.

Highland Park consists of 13.98 acres and is bounded by Somerville, Georgia, Cook and Frost streets. Set amid its sprawling grounds is a popular kids attraction called Super Playground. The playground has many fun slides and other features designed for active kids. In addition, Highland has a picnic area, a hike and bike trail, and shelter areas.

Hobart Street Park is situated at 800 S. Hobart Street. It covers 10.12 acres and includes a picnic and playground area, restrooms, lighted softball fields and free 24-hour overnight camping with RV hookups.

Marcus Sanders Park is bounded by



Pampa News photo by SKYLA BRYANT  
Play equipment inside Super Playground in Highland Park provides fun for youngsters.

Crawford, Octavius and Oklahoma streets. Its 2.26 acres include a picnic and playground area as well as a basketball court.

Recreation Park, located off Highway 60 East, is the city's largest park. It covers 133.90 acres of land and is home to Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena, Clyde Carruth Live Stock Pavilion, softball 4-plex, sand volleyball court, skeet and trap range, fishing lake, boat ramp, fishing pier, hiking trail, RV and tent camping areas, group shelter, shower/restroom facilities, playground and information booth.

The city's lesser parks include:

**Almeda Park, 5.30 acres.** Almeda is bounded by Nicki, Duncan, Linda, and Charles streets. It has a picnic and

playground area and a hike and bike trail.

**Aspen Park, 6 acres.** Aspen is bounded by Nicki, Beech, and Duncan streets and by Austin Elementary School. It has a picnic and shelter area and a hike and bike trail.

**Beech Park, 1.94 acres.** Beech is bounded by Beech, Nicki, and Chestnut streets. It contains a picnic area and a hike and bike trail.

**Buckler Park, 3.96 acres.** Buckler is bounded by Hobart, Somerville and Florida streets. It has a hike and bike trail and an outdoor lizard sculpture.

**Burdette Park, 1 acre.** Burdette is bounded by Francis Street and is adjacent to the Hughes Building. It features a sunken garden with benches.

**Butterfly Garden Park, 0.2 acres.** Butterfly, a small scenic park, is bounded by Harvester and Duncan.

**Chestnut Park, 3.36 acres.** Chestnut is bounded by Chestnut, Nicki and Evergreen streets. It has a hike and bike trail and picnic area.

**East Coronado Park, 8.54 acres.** East Coronado is bounded by Hobart and Sumner streets. It has a hike and bike trail, outdoor art and a group shelter.

**West Coronado Park, 8.54 acres.** West Coronado is bounded by Coronado Drive and Boyd streets. It features a foot bridge for walkers, a picnic area and a hike and bike trail.

**Cuyler Street Park, 0.23 acres.** Cuyler, a small scenic park, is bounded by Cuyler and Browning streets.

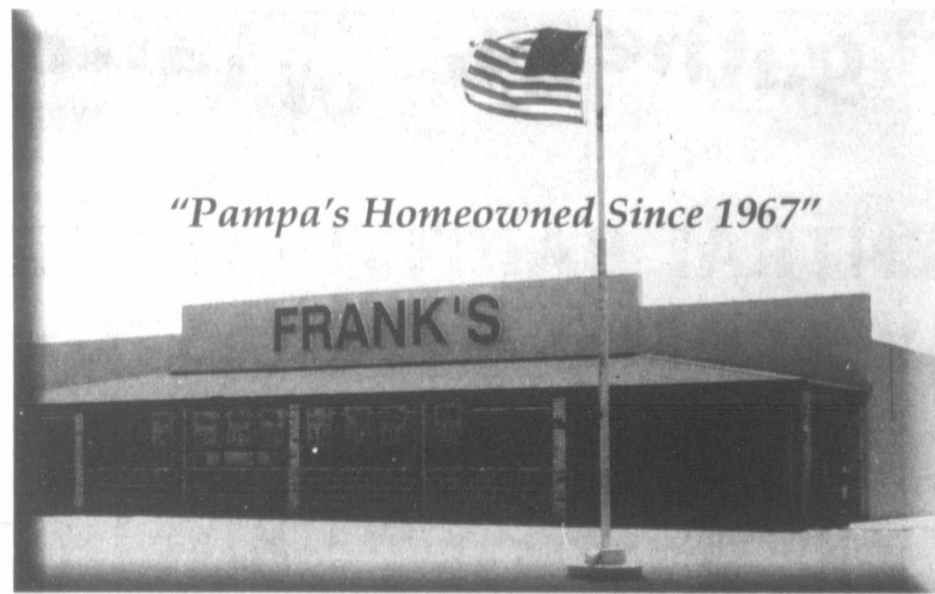
**Evergreen Park, 6.50 acres.** Evergreen is bounded by Evergreen and 20th streets.

**Fraser Park, 1 acre.** Fraser is bounded by Evergreen and 16th streets.

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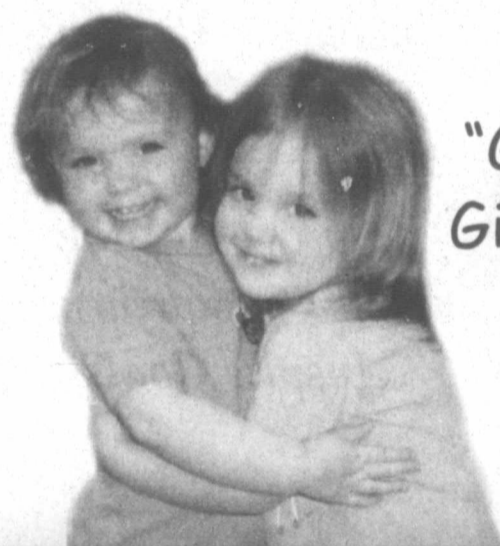
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A skatebord jump ramp at Central Park is popular with teens.

## Parks

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It has a playground area.  
**Hollywood Park, 1.83 acres.** Hollywood is bounded by Gray, Crawford and Harlem streets. It contains a ball field.  
**Inez Carter Park, 4 acres.** Inez Carter is bounded by Sumner, Decatur and Harvester streets. It has a playground and picnic area.  
**Lions Club Park, 7.83 acres.** Lions Club is bounded by Reid, Finley, Campbell and Murphy streets. It has a picnic area, soccer and softball fields and a playground area.  
**Louisiana & Duncan Park, 0.20 acres.** This park is bounded by Louisiana and Duncan streets.  
**H.E. and Inez B. McCarley, 0.48 acres.** McCarley Park is bounded by Atchison and Russell streets. It features a gazebo

of wood.

**Memorial Park, 0.916 acres.** Freedom Museum USA and a war memorial is situated on this park land. Freedom Museum is located at 600 N. Hobart.

**Mora Wilkes Park, 11.03 acres.** Mora Wilkes is bounded by Harvester, Evergreen and 16th streets. Its main attraction is a hike and bike trail.

**North Crest Park, 2.42 acres.** North Crest is bounded by North Crest, Cinderella and Sirroco streets. It has a playground area.

**Octavius Park, 1.13 acres.** Octavius is bounded by Harlem, Octavius and Oklahoma streets. Octavius has a playground and picnic area.

**Petroleum Park, 0.25 acres.** Petroleum, a scenic park with outdoor art, is bounded by Coffee, 22nd and Perryton Parkway.

**Prairie Village, 2.50 acres.** Prairie Village is

bounded by Prairie Drive, Crawford and Huff Road. It has a picnic and playground area and a basketball court.

**Priest Park, 4.62 acres.** Priest Park is bounded by Faulkner, Banks, Montagu and Gwendolyn streets. It has a picnic area and playground equipment.

**Red Deer Park, 10 acres.** Red Deer is bounded by Starkweather and Kentucky streets. It contains a hike and bike trail.

**Santa Fe Park, 1 acre.** Santa Fe is bounded by Cuyler, Atchison and Ballard streets. It has a picnic area and historic Pioneer Cottage.

**Dr. V.E. von Brunow Park, 0.16 acres.** Brunow Park is bounded by Foster and Cuyler streets. It contains benches, statues, a flagpole, a garden walkway and shelter.

**Yeager Park, 36.8 acres.** Yeager is bounded by Sunset and Yeager streets. It has a hike and bike trail.

## African American Community Cultural Society promotes pride

By SKYLA BRYANT  
Lifestyles Editor

Promoting pride in the black community and bringing focus to local racial issues and problems is what the new African American Community Culture Society is all about, said acting president and charter member Kevin Costley.

Costley, who spearheaded the drive to found the society, moved here from New Jersey.

"When I first got here, I noticed the black community didn't celebrate Martin Luther King Day or other African-American events," Costley said.

Determined to change all that, Costley got together with several local community leaders and the society, unique only to Pampa, began to take shape.

Late last November, Costley and others called a meeting and set out flyers to garner community interest and support.

The impetus for creating the organization was Black History Month.

"We just started rolling from there," Costley explained.

Black History Month is celebrated every February in the United States. The group staged a commemorative march and sponsored a luncheon at the Southside Senior Citizens Center on West Crawford.

Right now, the society's approximate membership sits at 25 members, Costly said.

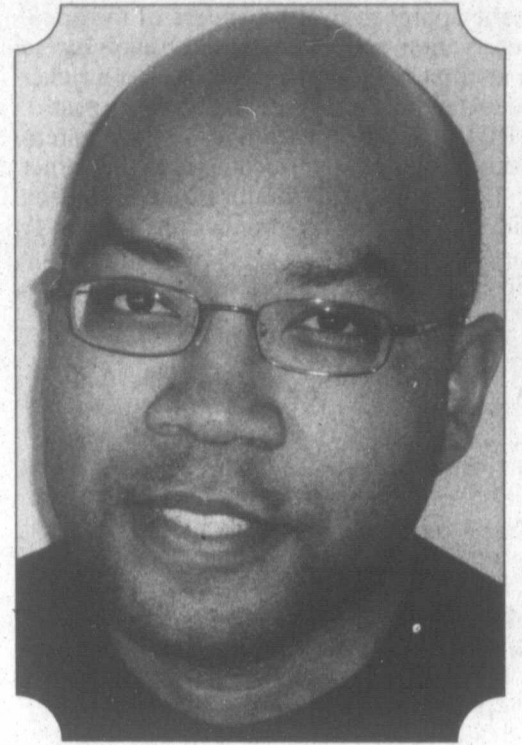
Its slogan is: "One people on one accord with power to make a difference."

And a difference is what the group plans to make. This summer, members plan to promote Juneteenth on June 19th — a date that marks the official day the slaves were legally freed in Texas.

More immediate plans include rallying the black vote in local African-American neighborhoods this year and in election years to come.

"We will be taking a van around," Costley elaborated, "to encourage the African-American community to vote."

Besides these community service projects and celebrations, the society is gearing up to help the Rev. I.L. Patrick of Macedonia Baptist Church during his "Working for Progress" campaign. Volunteers will be cleaning up empty lots the city can't get to for the benefit of the



Costley

entire community.

One of Costley's long-range goals is to get with black community leaders and organize a drug awareness program aimed specifically at the local African-American community.

"We want to put together a program to try to deal with the drug problem," he said.

But all this is just the tip of the iceberg. The society sees much work for the future.

"We plan to paint the inside of the (Southside) senior citizens center," Costley went on to say. "We want to start to educate the community about black history. We have books at the center for the neighborhood."

The society hopes to one day offer scholarships to deserving African-American high school students enrolled at Pampa High.

At some point, the society president wants to design and operate a Web site full of black history facts and other

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# White Deer Land Museum enthusiastic about preservation

By SKYLA BRYANT  
Lifestyles Editor

Some people might think "museum" and visualize stale relics, mummy cases, dusty antiques and bones. Pampa's White Deer Land Museum, however, takes a more enthusiastic approach to the business of historical preservation and is continually evolving in an attempt to bring the public nearer a richer understanding and appreciation of its past.

Right now, the museum is involved in renovating a building adjacent to it on the corner of 124 S. Cuyler. Curator Anne Davidson said the museum has applied for funding to start work on the inside of the building which will serve as a storage facility as well as a receptacle for additional museum displays and artifacts.

"The building renovation has been spearheaded by the vice president of the museum's advisory board, John Forister," Davidson explained.

Retired from Celanese chemical plant, Forister is donating his talents and time to the renovation effort, Davidson said.

The museum itself is housed in an historic old building, formerly owned by White Deer Land Co. A firm that once laid claim to extensive tracts of land in the region, the company sold all its area holdings in 1957 and was dissolved under the leadership of co-managers C.P. Buckler and M.K. Brown.

Brown, Davidson said, had a dream of establishing a museum for the folks of Pampa and Gray County. He purchased the building after the dissolution of the company, with an eye toward bringing his dream closer to reality.

Brown's secretary, Clotille Thompson, labored hard as the museum's first curator.

"She had to start from scratch," Davidson said. "When word got out that she was col-

lecting, Gray County people had saved some wonderful artifacts."

Every artifact had to be organized according to an accession system.

Brown and Thompson traveled far and wide, attending workshops to learn about museum operation and cataloging. The museum opened to the public in 1970.

The accession system employed by Thompson then is still in use today.

The system helps museum personnel keep track of the museum's many collections, artifacts and memorabilia. The museum boasts period clothing and furniture collections, Depression era photographs and pieces, a collection of tintype reproductions by early American photographer David Barry, World War II memorabilia, and more.

The tintype collection was donated to the museum by Linda and the late David Holt. Barry photographed the tribal leaders of his day and is famous for his photos of Gen. George Custard and his officers.

Besides these and other collectibles, White Deer Land Museum boasts a wide assortment of arrowheads.

"We have one of the finest arrowhead collections anywhere," Davidson said. "It was the collection of R.J. Sailor."

The museum also has many fine artifacts from the Red River Wars of 1875, donated primarily by Gerald Wright who uncovered many of the pieces in solo excavations. Other artifacts were recovered by Wright with the help of others.

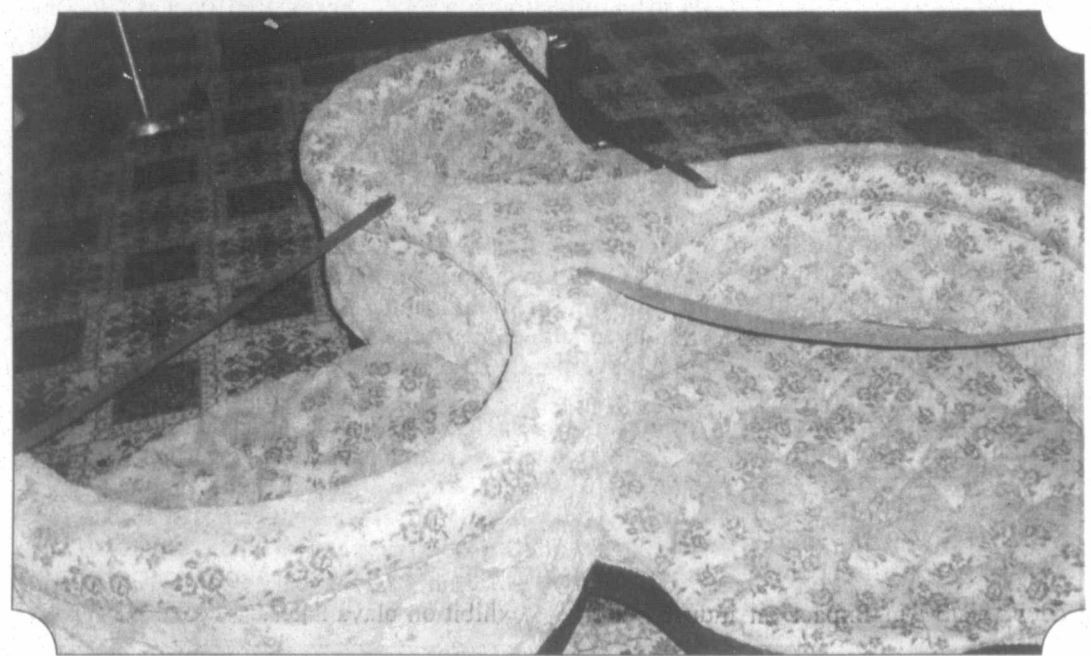
"Gray County has the most Red River battle sites of any county in the Panhandle," Davidson explained.

Davidson plans a "Wild, Wild West"

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Pampa News photos of exhibits by SKYLA BRYANT  
This photograph of 1950's Pampa hangs on the wall of White Deer Land Museum. Below, this "courting bench" once belonged to the Sloan Ranch, but is now part of White Deer Land Museum.



## Costley

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resources for the African-American community.

The brother of the first woman to serve on the city council in Burlington County, N.J., Costley previously lived in Browns Mills, N.J. His father, of New Jersey as well, is president of his chapter of the Buffalo Soldiers, a charitable motorcycle organiza-

tion. Buffalo Soldiers was a term once applied to the first all-black regiments of the U.S. Army.

Costley transferred to Pampa with Wal-Mart to help take care of family members. He retired, due to health reasons, from Wal-Mart as assistant manager after 10 years of service and is currently employed at United Supermarket, joining the staff there three years past.

A free-lance artist, Costley holds an advertising associate's degree from

the Art Institute of Philadelphia and currently exhibits in Las Vegas and his home state of New Jersey. He is a member of the Amarillo Fine Arts Association.

"It's good to know where you come from to know where you're going," Costley said. "If we restore that kind of pride back into the neighborhood, I think we can turn things around."

To learn more or to join the society, contact Costley at 440-2303.

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# Freedom Museum begins process of creating more space

By SKYLA BRYANT  
Lifestyles Editor

Though only in its 11th year of operation, Freedom Museum USA, 600 N. Hobart, has recently begun the process of expansion.

Mike Porter, curator, said Freedom is preparing to build on to create more space for its increasing collection. Porter has been curator of Freedom since 1995. A World War II veteran, he was himself part of the original drive to create the

museum back in 1990.

Porter is a past member of the now-defunct Pampa Army Airfield Association which spearheaded the initiative led by Dub Ferguson and Marvin Ray. The association, forced to disband due to lack of membership in 2004, eventually invited the local Veterans of Foreign Wars chapter to become involved in the effort.

"The association decided," Porter explained, "it needed out-

side help in 1990."

Porter, then president of the local VFW, was enlisted to put the proposal to the VFW. "They immediately stepped in and starting helping," he said.

A museum committee was soon formed of six members from each organization.

"Then we started moving toward a building, and the M.K. Brown Foundation gave us a grant to build the building," Porter said, "and we

got Southwest Industries to do the construction."

The museum chose for its location a historic pump station and expanded on the facility. The property and land the museum sits on belongs to the city, but the contents, of course, belong to Freedom. The first curator was Debbie Hendricks.

Freedom USA houses many great war-related relics and displays dating back to the

Revolutionary War through to the present.

Porter said the museum has exhibits on the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, World Wars I and II, Vietnam and Korea as well as Desert Storm.

"We've got a flag back there," Porter motioned to another part of the museum, "that we got from Iraq."

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This case contains several coins and belt buckles on exhibit at White Deer Land Museum.

This organ, left, on display at White Deer Land Museum, once belonged to McCullough Methodist Church, circa 1900. White Deer Land Museum owns a collection of period clothing. This maternity dress, for example, dates back to 1870 and is made of feed sacks. Anne Davidson, curator of White Deer Land Museum, gestures towards a group of historic tintypes taken in the late 1800s by David Barry. The museum has reproductions of the original tintypes which are kept in Denver.

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## WDLM

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exhibit this summer, possibly as early as June. The exhibit will showcase artifacts of the West such as spurs, guns, clothes, a buggy and more. This exhibit will be constructed with in-house artifacts augmented by pieces from a private collection.

Since oil exploration and recovery have a deep, historical impact on industry in the

area, the curator is currently seeking donations of oil field equipment, artifacts and related memorabilia — especially items dating back to the early boom days in the city and the county.

Davidson said the first well to come in for Pampa was in 1924, part of an oil field lease south of town belonging to Mrs. Amanda Worley.

The museum has recently received many donations from the 1950s, and Davidson is excited about organizing the donations into a display on that period. In the late summer, early fall, the museum will host a traveling exhibit on playa lakes.

In fact, the museum often hosts shows through local service and study clubs and historical organizations such as the annual artist of the year display sponsored by Pampa Fine Arts Association.

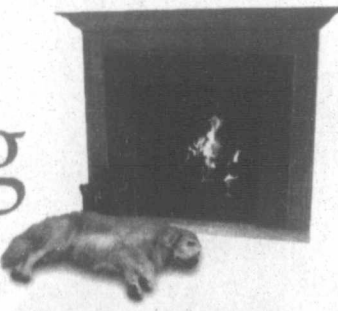

The museum itself is governed by two boards — the foundation board and the advisory board. The foundation board is a 501(c)3 entity and is in charge of money matters — fund raising, grants and such. It answers, Davidson said, only to the IRS. The advisory board answers to Gray County Commissioner's Court and is involved more in the day-to-day operation of the museum.

Davidson has one full-time employee and

one part-time staffer.

She says she envisions a more hands-on approach to museum presentation in the future of White Deer Land Museum. "I would like to have an exhibit called 'See How It Works' because I think that is the future."

White Deer Land Museum, 116 S. Cuyler, is open from 1-4 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday in the winter and from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday during the summer.

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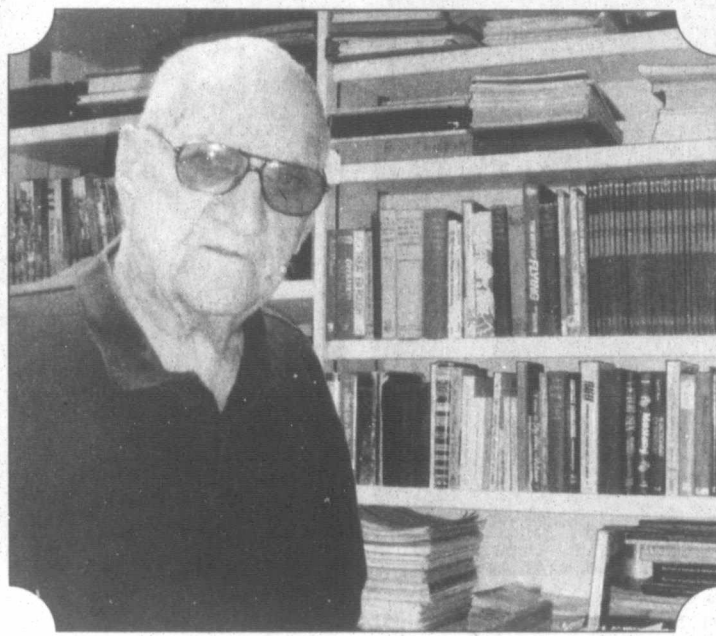
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**Freedom Museum contains this wedding dress, left, made from a World War II paratrooper's parachute. The museum has many fine outdoor displays including this bomber from World War II. The museum also has a well-stocked library. Curator Mike Porter, below, says the museum is working on a check-out system to better serve the public. The information desk at the museum, right, features model airplanes hanging from the ceiling.**



## Freedom

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The late J.L. Noel, a former county treasurer, was in the Spanish-American War and brought home many fine pieces that the museum now possesses.

"We have a sword," Porter said, "built in Bali in the 1300s. It was found in the charge up San Juan Hill."

Another benefactor, now deceased, was Arte Sailor. Sailor donated items from the Mexican Inquisition.

Among the museum's more unusual artifacts is that of a wedding dress made from a parachute used by a paratrooper in World War II and worn by Juanita Greg, wife of Browne Greg and sister of Pampa resident Thelma Bray. The parachute originally belonged to a serviceman named Claude Pedichord before being donated to the groom's mother-in-law to use as material for a wedding dress.

Dotting the museum's grounds are a number of outdoor displays. Among these are a Huey helicopter used in Korea and Vietnam and, from World War II, a B-25 Mitchell, an 8-inch howitzer, an

M-5 transport vehicle (used to transport troops to land at Normandy on D-Day), a personnel carrier used in Okinawa, a 6-By truck and a Burma Jeep.

The Burma Jeep was donated by R&B Auto Repair of Pampa, Porter said. It was used on the Burma Road, south of China. Only a scant number of these Jeeps were ever made. Parts came from all three major U.S. auto companies.

"They were put together in a hurry," said Porter, "to be used to haul ammo up the Burma Road into China."

Also fitted into the museum's

landscaping is a project of the VFW called simply, the Path of Honor. The path consists of individual bricks engraved with the names of war veterans. Veterans from all branches of the service are represented by the bricks. Any veteran from any war is eligible. The bricks come in two sizes — 9 x 18 for \$160 apiece and 18 x 18 for \$250 apiece.

The path is crowned by a monument dedicated to the men and women of Gray County who served their country in the military.

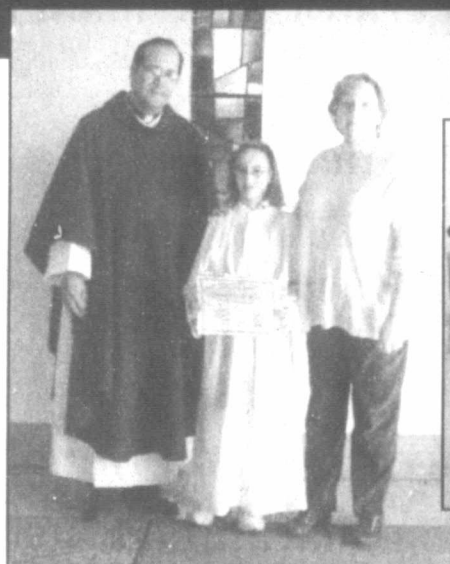
Besides its myriad of displays and military equipment, the muse-

um has a library and is working on creating a system of checkout to better serve the public.

The museum first opened its doors on Aug. 19, 1994, and is currently governed by a 12-member board of directors. In the winter, the museum hours are 12-4 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday and in the summer 12-4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. The summer hours will begin at the end of March, Porter said.

For more information about the museum or to purchase a brick for the Path of Honor, contact Porter at 669-2387 or call the museum at 669-6066 and leave a message.

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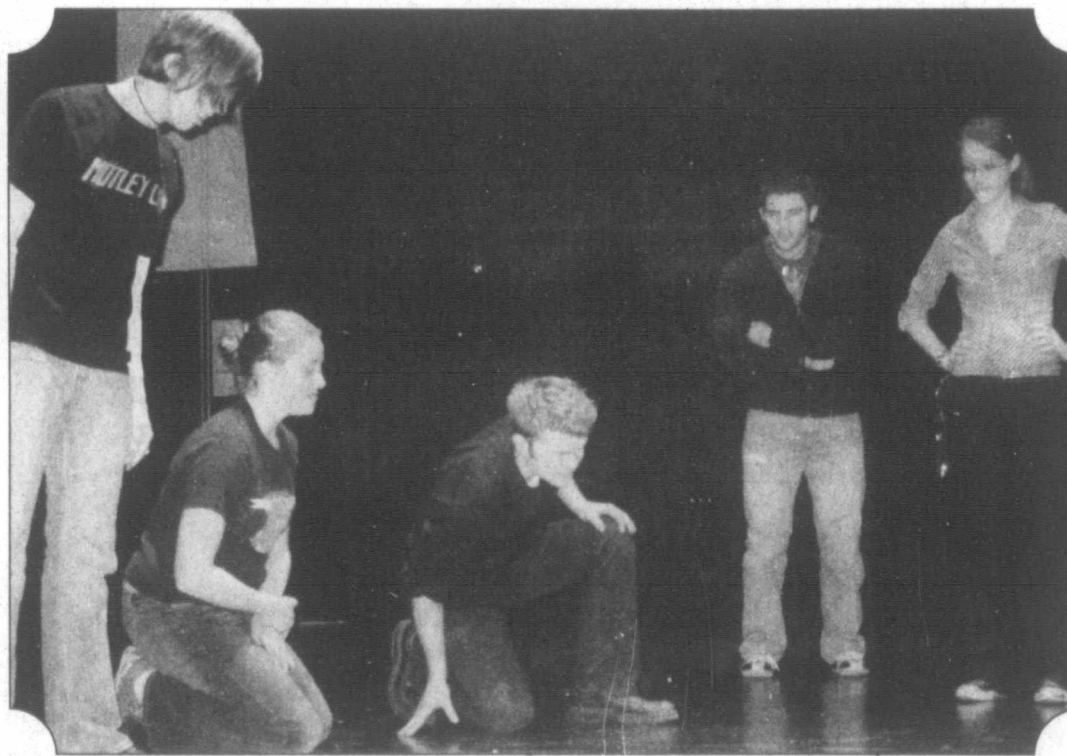
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Russell Anglin, left, Haley Greene, Ryan Hansen, Chris Smith and Meagan Jonett rehearse a section of this year's one act play, "Antic Spring" by Robert Nail put on by the Pampa High School fine arts department.

## Creative high school students find outlet for talent in fine arts

By AARON PEPPER  
Staff Intern

For many, performances at Pampa High School include stadium lights, a field or a hardwood court. However, the true performing arts are seen and heard within auditoriums, theaters and recital halls. These performing artists, or fine artists, include the high school's choir, theatre and band programs.

Each of these activities offers students a chance to express themselves through performance. The choir department provides multiple opportunities and various ways of doing this.

"PHS choirs have offered students the chance to perform music that is of the highest caliber and with a level of excellence that makes us all proud," choir director Fred Mays said.

Mays also said that the community has gained from the program's tradition of excellence through its various productions.

"This year, we have already put on an outstanding musical, and two of our students have been successful in the All-State audition process," Mays said, "and we hope to continue in the tradition of PHS choirs with excellence at UIL Concert and Sightreading

Contest."

It is not only the choir, though, that has a history with higher levels of music.

"I joined band mostly because I like jazz music, but along the way I found playing classical music with a full ensemble really great," student musician Sunil Kamnani said.

The fine arts department promotes camaraderie as well as student expression.

"Band is a larger group than any other extracurricular activity, and choir is also a large organization," Kamnani said. "There are so many different types of people, and they are very close knit, like family."

However, the high school's fine arts department does not always include music. The theater department has been a state power for many decades.

"In the late 30s and early 40s, our theater program made appearances at the state level," student-actor Chris Smith said. "More recently, we have been solid at One Act Play competition, and we have been successful within this region but rarely at the state level."

The program's success was largely the reason for Smith's involvement.

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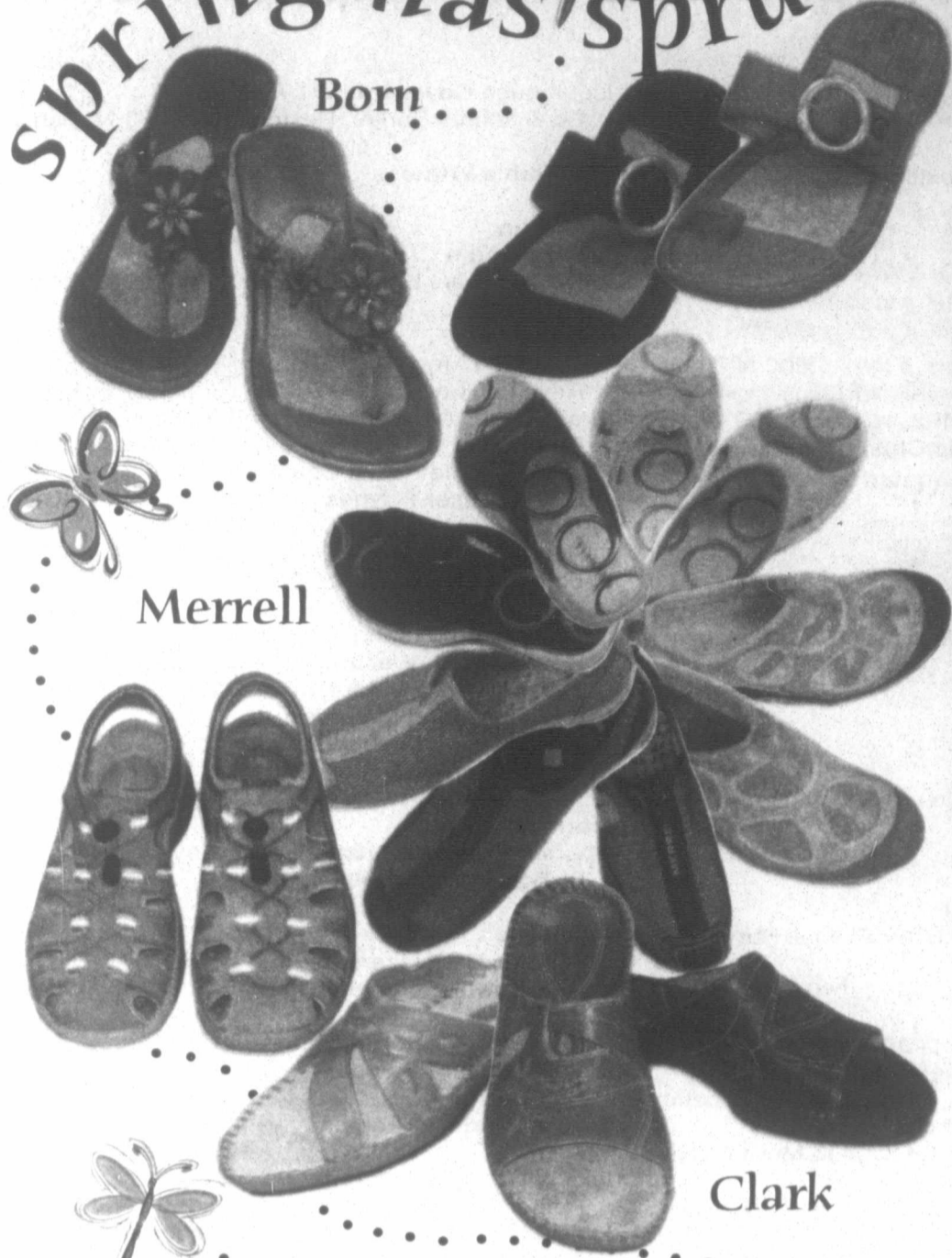
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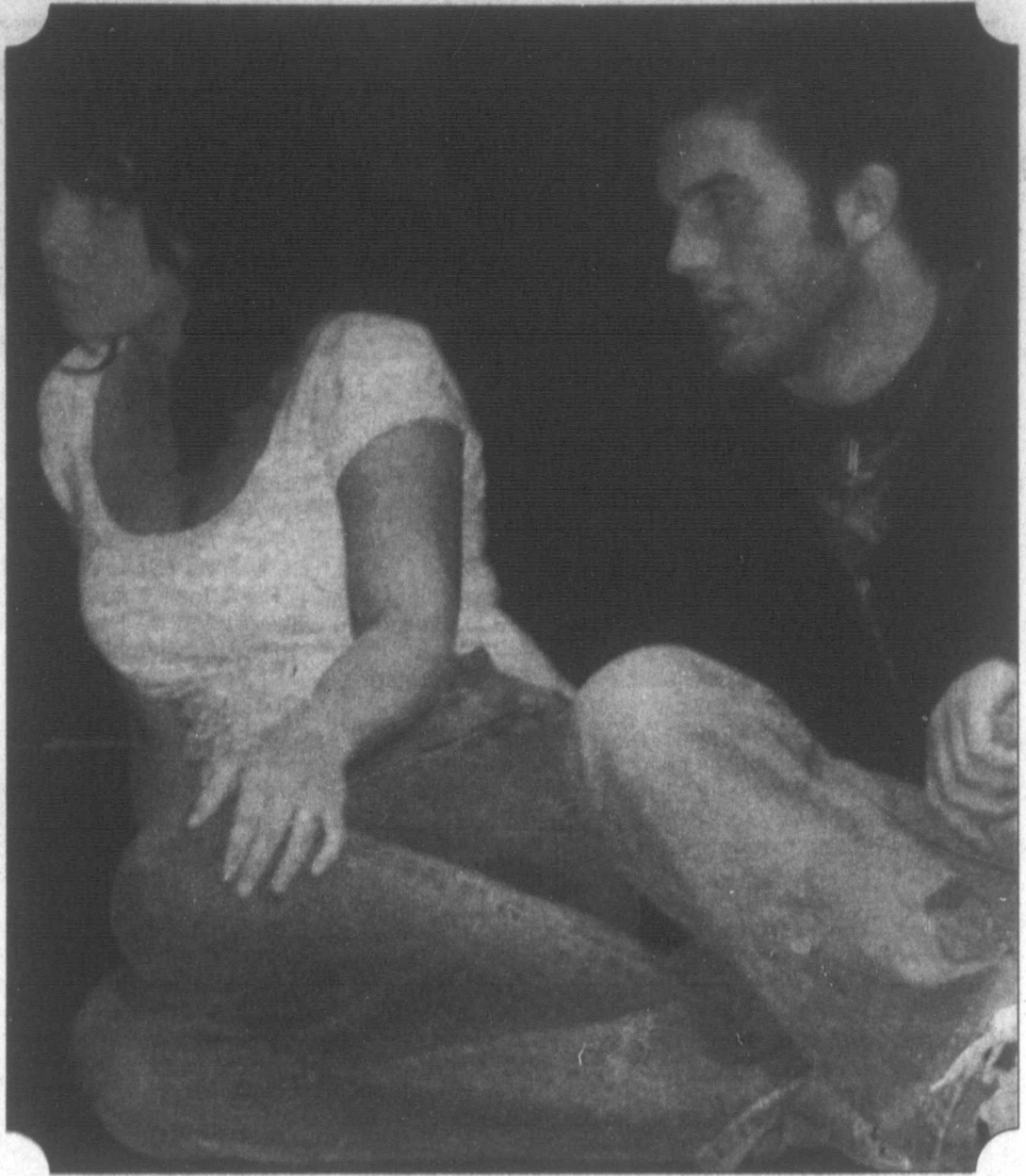
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Nicole Feruik and Chris Smith practice a section of this year's one act play titled "Antic Spring" by Robert Nail. Adviser/director of the play is Rhianna Anglin. Stage manager is Megan O'Neal.

**Fine arts**

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"I knew that the people in the program were serious," he said. "They commanded serious attention with their successes."

He also noted that the theater department's success is due to many different people's involvement.

"You only get out what you put in, as with anything you do. There are a lot of

opportunities whether it is in the technical aspect, acting or even some directing," Smith said. "There is a broad range of interests and each of them has proven very rewarding."

Indeed, fine arts have been found rewarding beyond the school and the stage.

"Fine arts expand a student's mindset through music or spoken word," Kamnani said. "It provides common ground between different ethnicities and various cultures."

The future hopes of the fine arts department at Pampa High School, as acknowledged by Mays, are based on past successes and a need to enlighten involved students.

"We hope to continue the tradition that this department has had for over 50 years," Mays said. "We want to continue giving students the chance to experience the arts beyond what they have ever experienced in this community."

To The Residents Of Pampa And Surrounding Areas:

Harry Fisher, General Manager of Fenton Motors of Pampa would like to express his extreme gratitude to the firefighters and volunteers from the city of Pampa and surrounding areas. Thank you for working so hard to help protect our homes, lives and futures. It is touching to see so many people taking time to help others during such a devastating situation. It is very much appreciated that some of the independent businesses allowed their employees time off from work to volunteer to fight the fires and help. We really want to thank our volunteer firefighters who work at Fenton side by side each day with us. I think it says a great deal about our community and the strength of our residents not only in Pampa but those who came from all around. We will remember them all and want to say THANK YOU. It was great to see everyone pulling together with the city departments, even though the fires were a tragedy we ended up with a great reward which is to see our friends and family working together to create and rebuild a better place to live. I would also like to thank the churches that opened their doors to the evacuees. You have been a blessing in many different ways to those who needed it most. It is unfortunate that events like this happen but it proves to us that we can put away our differences and strive to become an even better community. To all those who work everyday to keep us safe and happy, THANK YOU! You mean so much to us and inspire our hearts to work together in times of need and hope.

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# Industry

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*Pampa grew up with the oil boom in the 1920s. The recent resurgence of oil in the world marketplace bodes well for the city and the area.*



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Curtis Well Service employees Octavio Martinez, left, and Gerardo Cruz bail an oil well clean with a workover rig one mile east of Kellerville, just off Highway 2473. The G.W. Williams #18 is 2,720 feet deep.



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Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

The photo at left shows downtown Pampa in 1908. The buildings shown include, from right, Gray County State Bank, 105 S. Cuyler; Dr. V.E. von Brunow's drug store, 101 S. Cuyler; and First National Bank, 100 N. Cuyler. The photo at right shows the same view today. From right are the Veterans of Foreign Wars building, 105 S. Cuyler; Dr. V.E. von Brunow Park, 101 S. Cuyler; and Bank of America, 100 N. Cuyler.

## Quixotic Spaniards first to explore area nearly 500 years ago

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

The first Europeans to explore the Pampa area were a quixotic band of Spaniards looking for gold.

Francisco Vasquez de Coronado led his men across the Texas Panhandle in 1541 in a search for the fabled riches of the city of Quivira.

They didn't find the city of gold they were looking for. Instead, they saw the Great Plains, inhabited by migrating herds of buffalo and traveling bands of Apache, Comanche, Kiowa and Kiowa-Apache Native American tribes.

Perhaps because the Pampa area's riches were not as obvious as a city of gold, it took another 346 years for Pampa to get its start.

In 1887, the Southern Kansas Railway laid track across the northwestern portion of what is now Gray County. They established a station at the present site of Pampa and named the location Glasgow.

The first residents were Thomas H. Lane, the railroad section foreman, and his family, who he settled in a half-dugout near the boxcar station.

The site's first two names were cause for confusion, leading to the name of Pampa eventually being adopted. Glasgow was sometimes

confused with the town of Glasgow, Kan., so the name was changed to Sutton. This name, too, created problems because of the existence of a Sutton County downstate.

The land around Sutton was owned by Francklyn Land and Cattle Co.; the company had by this time become White Deer Land Co. Manager George Tyng was asked to come up with a new name for Sutton.

Tyng had traveled the grassy plains of Argentina, and saw how the Sutton site resembled those plains, called pampas. He came up with the final name, Pampa, for the future city.

Lane served as Pampa's first postmaster when the post office was established in 1892.

That same year, Pampa's first frame building was begun by White Deer Land Co. The building was used as a boardinghouse and head-quarters of the Matador Ranch. The first child born in Pampa, Harland L. Case, son of Mr. and Mrs. S.C. Case, was born in the building in 1893.

The boardinghouse/ranch head-quarters was leased to Alfred Ace Holland around the turn of the century. Holland added rooms to the structure and made the building

Pampa's first hotel.

The plat for the town site was approved on April 14, 1902. That year, J.F. Johnson established the first mercantile store and took over the post office.

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Pampa's first doctor, Dr. V.E. von Brunow, arrived in 1903. He established his practice in what is now the 100 block of South Cuyler.

The first birth in Pampa had already occurred; now the first death in the fledgling town led to the establishment of Fairview Cemetery.

In August 1904, early settler G.B. Dobbs died after expressing his wish to be buried on the "highest hill" in Pampa.

The wish was granted. White Deer Land Co. donated the land at what is now the corner of Harvester and Duncan streets for the cemetery.

M.K. Brown officiated at Dobbs' funeral. Brown and Cecil V.P. Buckler were associates of Timothy Dwight Hobart, who had succeeded Tyng as manager of the land company. The three men were responsible for attracting settlers to Pampa and helping shape Pampa's future.

Alex Schneider, a Swiss immigrant, bought the Holland Hotel in 1909 and changed its name. The Schneider Hotel was later torn down and a new one, the present-day hotel, was built in 1927 across the street from the original site.

By 1912, when the town of Pampa was incorporated, it had added two banks, a drug store, another hotel, a restaurant, two more mercantile stores, a livery stable, feed yard, blacksmith shop and a school. In 1919 Pampa was reclassified as a city, with about 860 residents.

The first mayor of Pampa was J.N. Duncan, who had bought

Johnson's mercantile in 1906.

Pampa's first industry was agriculture. Then, in 1925, the oil boom arrived when the F. Wilcox No. 1 Worley-Reynolds well was drilled five miles south of Pampa on the Worley-Reynolds Ranch.

A surge in population followed. Pampa's head count for 1926 was reported as 987. The Pampa Daily News was just one of the businesses added to the city.

More growth followed in 1927, when the Cabot Carbon Black Plant was established west of Pampa. The city became the county seat of Gray County, supplanting Lefors, in a special election in 1928.

By 1931, Pampa had 430 businesses and 10,470 residents. The city's economy remained relatively stable during the Great Depression, thanks in part to the stability of White Deer Land Co.

World War II brought with it the establishment of Pampa Army Air Field. The years during and after the war also spurred industrial growth in Pampa.

Celanese Corporation of America built a chemical plant west of Pampa. Other companies arriving in town included the

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# THANK YOU NEIGHBOR

*We want to offer a special thanks to the firefighters from Pampa and the surrounding areas. And all those who helped out in any way to fight the recent wildfires. Also, thanks to the leadership of First Baptist Church for opening up their doors and hearts to evacuated families that simply had to have somewhere to go. The loss was devastating, but we all know it could have been worse. Our biggest thanks goes to the Lord for having mercy on us and for giving us an abundance of good neighbors!*

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# Carbon black industry has been in the area since 1927

*Editor's Note: The following history of Pampa's Cabot Plant was provided by Facility General Manager David Cain and Cabot Corp.*

The carbon black industry was introduced into the Panhandle in 1927 by Godfrey L. Cabot Inc., based in Boston, Mass. The company chose to construct a carbon black plant in the Panhandle because of the massive amounts of natural gas, which was used during the carbon black production process.

Originally, Cabot built two carbon black plants: the Bowers plant, located eight miles south of Pampa, and the Kingsmill plant, five miles west of Pampa just north of Highway 60. In 1930, the Kingsmill plant became the site of the research and development department. This department expanded during World War II and eventually moved to its present site in 1953.

In 1928, the Cabot shops were built. The shops were to be used to fabricate and construct Cabot plants in the southwest for the next 25 years. The shops were a base for building machinery equipment, producing pumping units, back hoes, construction cranes and portable drilling rigs. During World War II, the shops were used to forge tank gun barrels for the army.

Today, Cabot operates 40 plants in more than 25 countries and employs more than 4,400 people. In 2005, Cabot posted revenues of \$2.1 billion. The company has three core businesses, Carbon Black, Fumed Metal Oxides, and Cabot Supermetals. The Pampa facility, which consists of the Pampa plant and



Pampa News photo by DENNIS SPIES  
**Stephen Burks, a lab technician at Cabot's PDMC facility, performs a titration test.**

Pampa Research and Development, are members of the Carbon Black business.

Cabot is the world leader in carbon black manufacturing and provides carbon black that is used in the manufacture of tires, retreading materials, hoses, belts, gaskets, inks, paints, coatings, cable, fiber, and ink jet colorants.

The present site of Cabot was originally another carbon black company, General Atlas Carbon Co. General Atlas was constructed in 1926-1927 just outside of Pampa and used a unique closed system technique, which resulted in less soot going into the air. General Atlas was purchased by Cabot in 1945.

The Pampa plant currently employs about 116 employ-

ees and specializes in producing carbon black used in inks, specialty inks, toners, plastic wire and cable. The Pampa Plant ships carbon black worldwide covering some 40 countries. The Pampa plant's workforce is diverse in many ways. Rewarding careers are offered to professionals in the areas of engineering, finance, and safety.

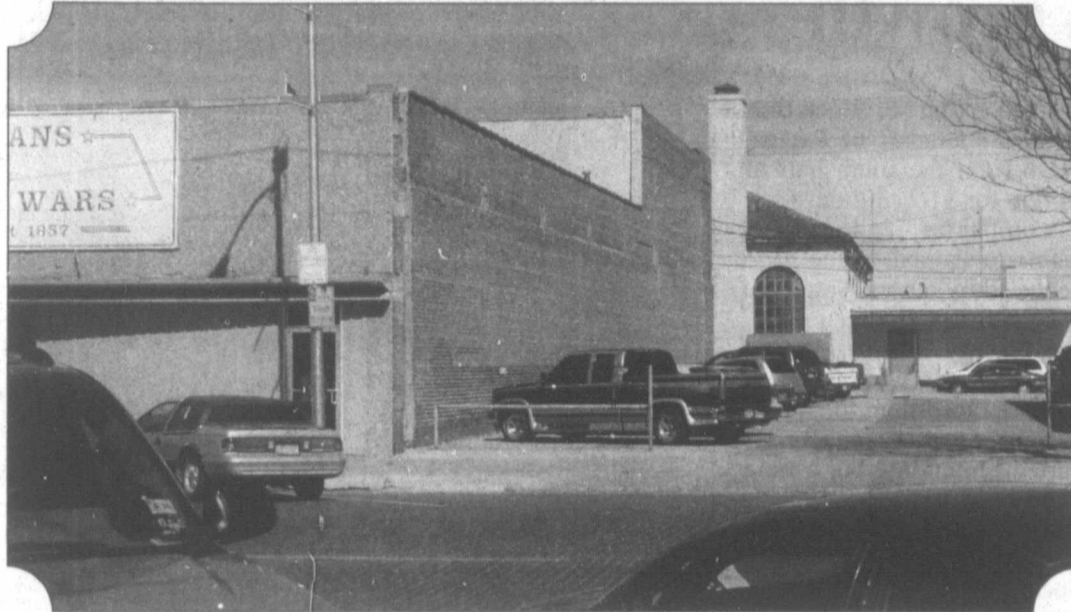
"The real backbone of the plant are the skilled men and women that day in and day out make carbon black or maintain the systems that make carbon black," said Facility General Manager David Cain. These positions require knowledge of computers, problem solving and analytical skills according to Cain.

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The 100 block of South Cuyler in 1910, in photo above, included Gray County State Bank at 105 S. Cuyler. In the photo below, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1657 is now at 105 S. Cuyler, with an empty lot immediately south of it. Transportation methods have changed also.



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Columbian Carbon and Coltexo companies, and the Skelly, Phillips, Shell and Kerr-McGee oil companies.

The period of growth was also reflected in population

counts. In 1941, Pampa had 12,895 residents; the total was 24,664 by 1960.

More recent years have brought a decline in Pampa's population. The 2004 census shows Pampa's total as 16,702.

Pampa may have fewer residents these days, but the main industries remain agri-

culture and oil and gas.

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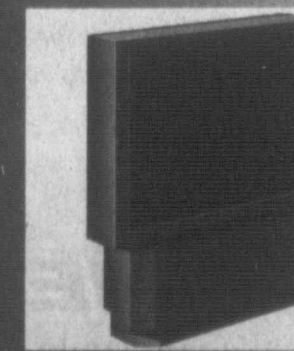
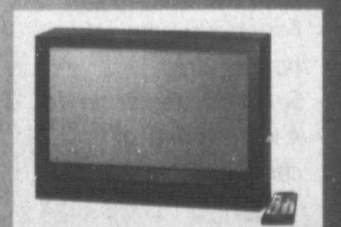
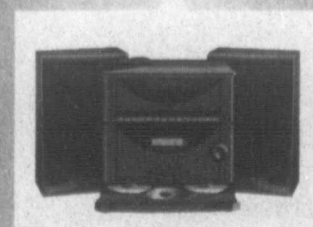
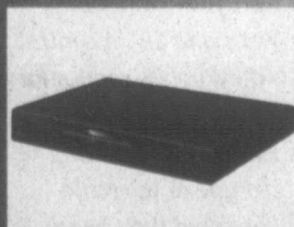
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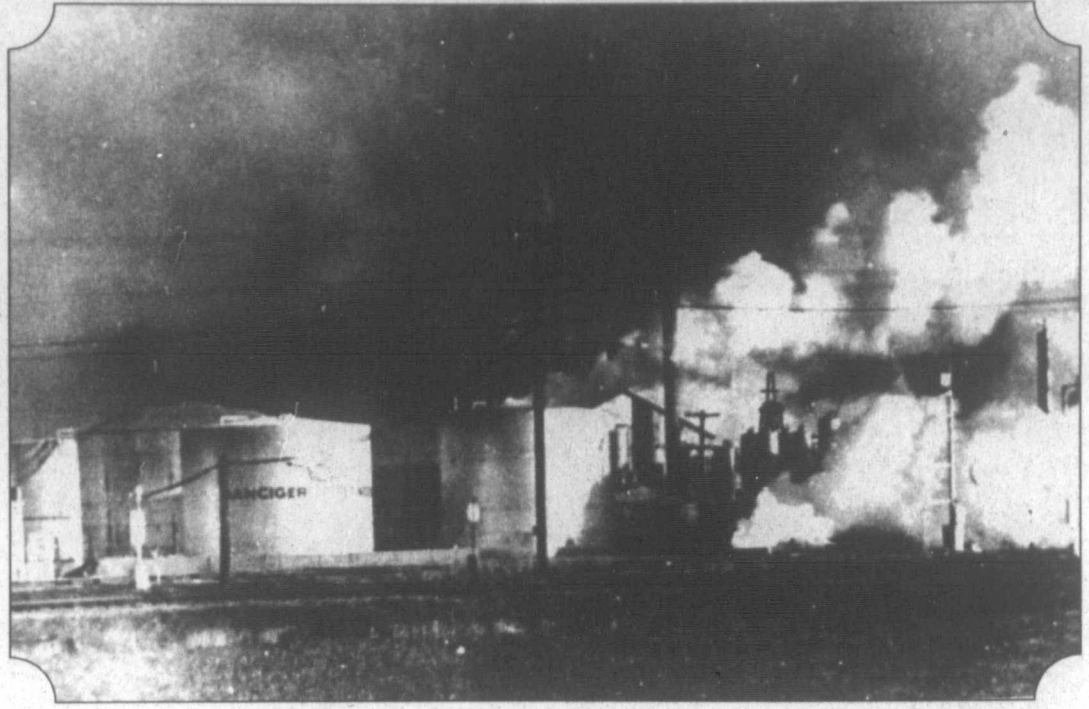
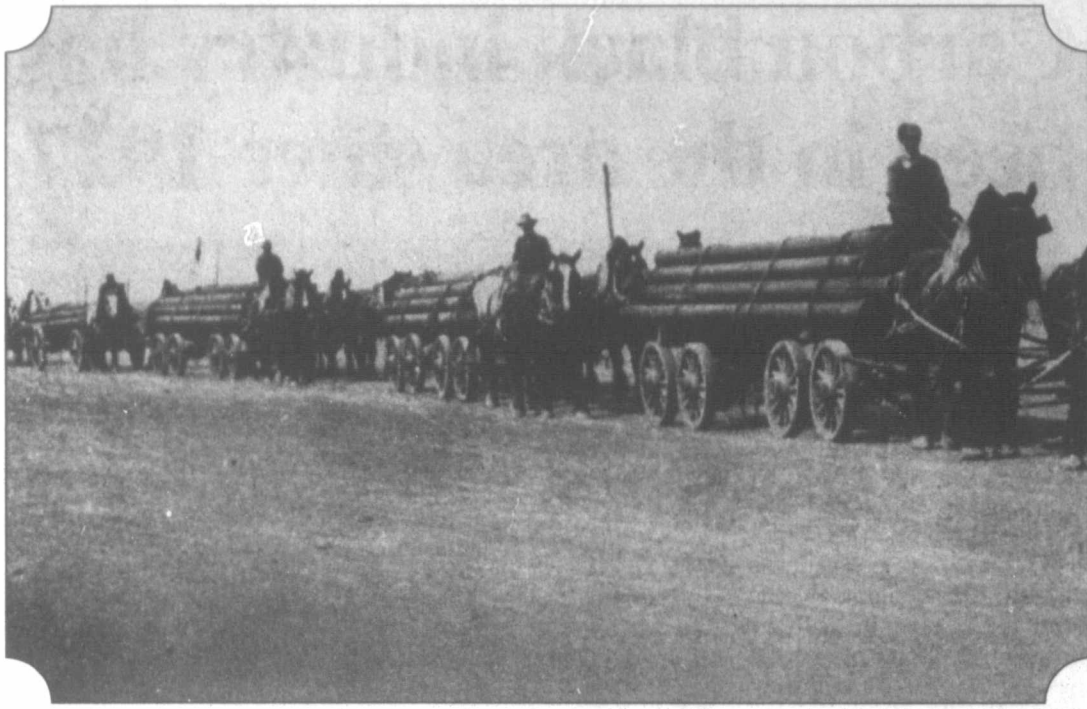
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Horses and mules were used to haul casing to the early oil fields around Pampa in the 1920s because of the difficulty of using motorized vehicles for the work on unpaved roads and soil. At right, clouds of black smoke and white puffs of steam emerge from the Danciger Oil Refinery, about two miles east of Pampa. The plant was built in 1929 and began with a capacity of 3,500 barrels of crude a day. It refined and distributed Roadrunner gasoline, fuel oil, kerosene and other petroleum products. The plant closed in 1946 after its purchase by Phillips Petroleum Co.

## Oil boom contributed to Pampa's growth

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

The potential of Pampa and Gray County as an oil and gas producing area was first recognized by Charles N. Gould, a professor at the University of Oklahoma, who discovered the Panhandle Field in 1904 while making a survey of lands along the Canadian River.

No one acted on Gould's find until 1916, when an Amarillo wholesale grocer and his traveling salesman invited Gould to return to the area for another look.

The Amarillo Oil Company was formed in 1917 after Gould's second trip to the Panhandle. A well was successfully drilled in Potter County, but it was not until 1921 that the first well was located atop the Panhandle Field.

Gulf Production Company drilled the first Panhandle Field well in 1921 on the 6666 Ranch in Carson County.

Gray County finally got its first well in 1925, when the F. Wilcox No. 1 Worley-Reynolds was completed on Jan. 31. The well was located five miles south of Pampa on the Worley-Reynolds Ranch.

Pampa experienced a period of rapid growth in 1926, attributed mainly to the oil industry. One indicator of the growth was school enrollment, which had been 506 in 1925 but jumped to 1,016 in 1926.

Gray County's first pipeline was laid in 1926 and extended to Wichita Falls; Fort Worth; Dallas; Kansas City, Kan.; Denver, Colo.; and Enid, Okla. Another pipeline laid in 1931 ended near Indianapolis, Ind., followed by one completed in 1932 which reached Chicago.

Some of the more successful oil wells near Pampa have included the Taconian No. 1 Sullivan, two miles southwest of Pampa, which was completed in 1930 and produced 20,000 barrels of oil daily. The 40-acre oil lease sold a few years later for \$800,000.

A record producer is Texas Company's No. 1 Bowers, eight miles southeast of Pampa, which had produced more than two million barrels of crude by 1952.

Phillips Petroleum Company gained one of the most expensive leases in the Pampa area when it paid \$1 million for

the north half of Section 88, Block B-2, located 10 miles southeast of Pampa. Phillips later bought the south half of the same section for \$1.2 million.

Drilling companies and related industries came to Pampa. Some have left, to be replaced by others. Some are relative newcomers.

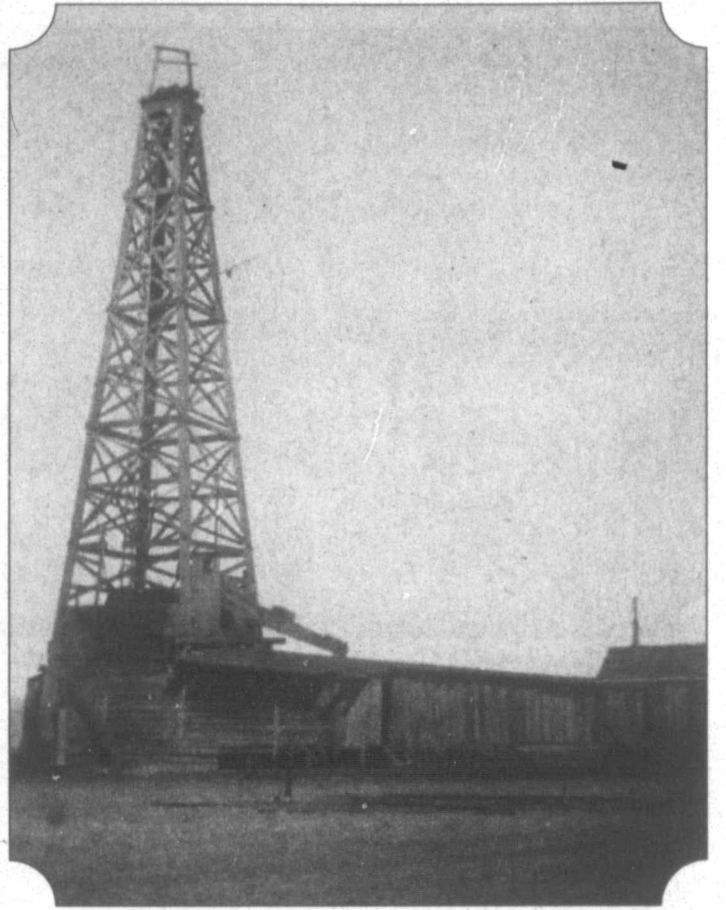
Halliburton Energy Services arrived in Pampa in 1945 with a two-man crew and a pump truck, according to Dennis Chambers, Pampa District manager.

"They started cementing, but a field camp was not built until the 1950s," Chambers said.

The Halliburton Pampa camp was originally located behind what is now Bartlett's Lumber. A new camp was later planned and completed in May 1982 on County Road 12 1/2, east of Pampa.

"An F-4 tornado hit two weeks prior to us moving our people and equipment to the site. It totally destroyed the camp," Chambers said.

The camp was rebuilt, and Halliburton moved into its new quarters in January 1983, where it now



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A wooden oil derrick in the early 1920s near Pampa is a symbol of Pampa's future economic growth due to the oil and gas industries.

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## Resurgence of oil, gas industry good news for local businesses

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

Pampa's oil and gas industry is more "boom" than "bust" these days.

Drilling activity in the Texas Panhandle has been on the increase for the past few years, thanks at least in part to higher energy prices and a relaxing of the drilling regulations concerning the Granite Wash, a geological formation.

This increased activity has been a boon for drilling and service companies and related businesses.

Halliburton Energy Services, located on County Road 12 1/2 east of Pampa, has grown from its most recent low of 20 employees in 1999 to more than 200 today.

"Our current increase in activity started in 1999. Substantial growth began in

2002," said Dennis Chambers, Pampa District manager.

"We had been down to a frac corps and two cement pumping units, plus one tool operator," Chambers said of the size of Halliburton's Pampa camp in 1999.

Halliburton's Pampa District includes Liberal, Kan., and Hugoton, Kan. The international company's Pampa District provides cementing, production enhancement services, completion tools, and logging and mud services to its oil and natural gas customers. Production enhancement services consist of fracturing and nitrogen procedures. The mud services are provided by Halliburton's Baroid division.

Titan Specialties LTD, located west of Price Road on Highway 152, is a manu-

facturer of logging and perforating equipment used in completing oil and gas wells.

"We sell our products to service companies such as Halliburton, Schlumberger and Baker, and to independents such as Panhandle Perforators locally," said Jerry Wilson, an owner and executive vice president, as well as chief financial officer, of the Pampa-based company.

"For the last three years, our business has really ramped up, tracking the industry. We have more than doubled from 2002 to 2005," Wilson said.

Titan employs 173 at its Pampa facility, 71 at an energetics division in Milford that manufactures commercial shape charges which are used in Titan's perforating guns, and 21 at distribution centers across a three-state area. Titan products are also distributed in the United States and Canada through independent distributors.

Clint Curtis of Curtis Companies LTD has no shortage of customers these days.

"We've got a waiting list of a month for workover

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Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

One of Curtis Well Service's workover rigs is manned by Octavio Martinez, left, and Gerardo Cruz as they bail an oil well clean. In the foreground is tubing from the well, while the pump jack, partially disassembled, is at right of the well. The well is one mile east of Kellerville off Highway 2473.

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employs more than 200 and provides cementing, fracturing, nitrogen, completion tool, logging and mud services to the oil and natural gas industries. Halliburton provides the mud services through its Baroid division.

One Pampa company nearing its 50th anniversary is Curtis Companies LTD, located at 1050 N. Price Rd.

The organization is composed of Curtis Well Service, Curtis Steam Service and Excel Production Company. Together, the companies provide workover rigs,

cable tool rigs, dirt work, roustabout trucks and steam cleaning services, as well as exploration, drilling and production.

What is now the Curtis Companies began as the Clayton Husted Company on June 15, 1957. Jack T. Curtis was Husted's partner and a tool pusher for the company.

The business became Curtis Well Service on Feb. 26, 1962, with Clayton Husted, Jack T. Curtis, Joe B. Curtis, E.C. Husted and Creel Grady as partners.

In 1965, Clayton Husted died in a plane crash, and Jack T. Curtis bought his share of the company from Husted's widow. Over time, Curtis also bought out the remaining non-Curtis partners.

Jack T.'s son Joe went to work for the company in

1967 and eventually became a partner. Jack T. Jr. followed in 1981.

On Oct. 26, 1995, Jack T. died, and Joe and Jack T. Jr. bought his share from his widow, Phyllis.

The third generation of the Curtis family, represented by Clint, Joe's son, began working for the company in 2004.

Less than 10 years after the beginning of what would be Curtis Companies LTD, Titan Specialties LTD was established in 1966 by Bob Echols, Bill Berry and Clarence Marak, who bought the machine shop equipment from their previous employer, a service company that went bankrupt.

Titan, a privately owned company, manufactures logging and perforating equipment for sale to service

companies which use it in completing oil and gas wells.

Located just west of Pampa on Highway 152, Titan began with four people, including the three stockholders, and today has 270 employees, 173 of whom work in the Pampa facility. Seventy-three work at Milford, where the company has an energetics division that makes commercial shape charges for use with the company's perforating guns. The remaining 21 work at distribution centers across three states.

A relative newcomer to Pampa is Fluid Compressor Partners LTD. The company was begun about 10 years ago and moved to its present location at 2538 W. Kentucky Ave. three years ago.

Fluid Compressor pro-

vides production enhancement equipment to the natural gas industry, which has gained in importance in the area since the early days of drilling.

"Most domestic drilling activity today is for natural gas as opposed to oil. Eighty percent or more of wells being drilled in the U.S. are gas wells, not oil wells," said Jerry Wilson of Titan. "Unfortunately, we don't have the domestic oil reserves to satisfy the demand for it, which leaves us dependent on foreign oil."

Information in this story was taken from "Gray County Heritage," published in 1985 by the Gray County History Book Committee, and from interviews with company representatives.

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"We pride ourselves on being a member of the Pampa community. From a wages and salaries perspective our financial impact to this community is close to \$100 million and the volunteer and philanthropic heart of the plant is priceless," Cain said.



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# Celanese chief says plant operating at world class level

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

Despite stories in chemical industry trade publications that say the Pampa Celanese Plant is closing down or will be sold to another chemical company, Kenneth May, the site manager for the Pampa plant, told the Pampa Chamber of Commerce recently that the future of the plant, to a great extent, depends upon the United States and world economies.

"The Pampa plant is operating what I consider to be a world class level," May said.

Their most recent statistics for 2005 for safety are excellent.

"Most of our products are sold out for the first half of this year," May said.

He said it's difficult to forecast beyond four to six months.

"We think 2006 overall is going to be a very good year," May said. "Maybe not quite as good as 2005 because 2005 was really an exceptional year for chemicals."

May said they were pretty much able to overcome raw material prices increases with sales price increases.

"There's a lot of rumor going around with higher interest rates," May said.

Much of the future of Celanese depends upon the Federal Reserve's actions and their impact

on the economy.

"All that is speculation right now, but at least for the first half we see business being pretty good," May said.

He said they also continue to work aggressively across the plant to improve productivity. Last year, they realized about \$5 million in improved productivity over 2004.

"A lot of that had to do with improving the way our processes operate and making them more efficient," May said. "And we're continuing to do that in 2006. It's an on-going, never ending process."

He predicts a good year this year.

"We think 2006 will be a pretty good year," May said. "My on-going guiding principle for the Pampa plant is that we are going to continue operating in the best way we can and that is being a good corporate citizen."

May said he believes that if the plant's safety culture and corporate citizenship is maintained and that focus is kept in front of everybody in a regular basis, the Pampa plant will be viable in the long term.

"That is how we're operating the plant," May said. "We're operating for the long term. In spite of the stories and the rumors that you may have heard, the plant is going to continue to run. We're certainly looking at any kind of strategic

option that the company may have available in order to improve the plant's viability."

He said he's proud of the employees at the plant.

"We have a great, great group of folks working out at the Pampa plant," May said. "I've been out at the plant now for about 14 months. It has really been a privilege and an honor to work with all the employees out at the Pampa plant. These folks are committed to running a safe operation, running an environmentally responsible operation."

From a management perspective, May said, safety is number one.

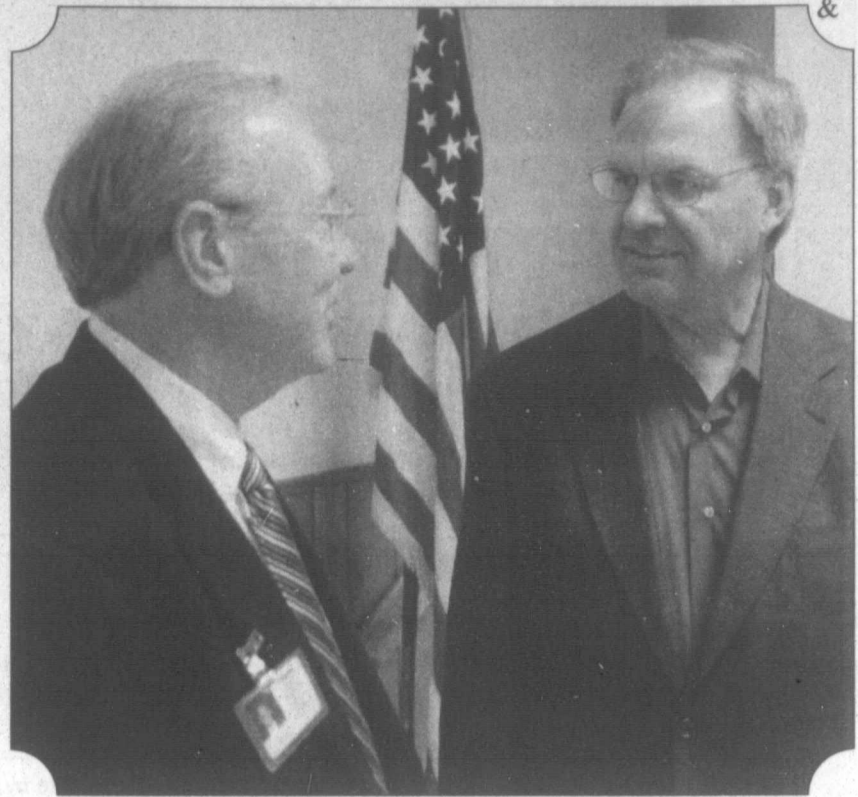
"We're going to run a safe plant," he said, "and we're going to be a good corporate citizen."

In this year's United Way drive, Celanese employees contributed \$38,000.

"We're going through a period of a lot of uncertainty within the plant," May said. "To have our employees exceed the goal that we had established in the United Way, which was \$25,000, I thought was very commendable. They really are committed to the community."

Celanese is a global leader in the chemical industry, May said.

"There are a lot of products that Celanese makes that you probably don't hear much about because Celanese is an intermediary when it comes to the production chain," he



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER  
Kenneth May, right, site manager at the Pampa Celanese Plant, visits with Pampa ISD Superintendent Barry Haenisch following a Pampa Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

said. "We make products from raw materials and those products are then sold to other manufacturers who then make other products."

Celanese sells its products, he said, to companies such as Johnson

Johnson, Sherwin Williams and Goodyear.

"Those are the folks that you

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rigs," Curtis said.

Curtis Companies LTD, 1050 N. Price Rd., is composed of Curtis Well Service, Curtis Steam Service and Excel Production Company.

Curtis Well Service has nine workover rigs, three cable tool rigs, dirt work equipment and three roustabout trucks.

Workover rigs clean up well bores, while cable tool rigs drill to deepen existing wells. Roustabout trucks are two-ton winch trucks, each with a three-man crew, which can build tank batteries and repair

and move pumping units.

Curtis also employs mechanics and a welder in the company shop.

"We have about 65 employees at present. We've got some who have been around 10, 15 or almost 20 years. We probably had five to 10 fewer employees about five years ago," Curtis said.

The company's steam service consists of two steamers which are used to clean tanks, rods and tubing.

"Excel is involved in the upstream side of the oil and gas industry," Curtis said. Company activities include exploration, drilling and production of new oil and natural gas wells.

The 10 Excel employees are an engineer, field foreman and seven

pumpers, who make sure all pumping units are running. Each pumper is responsible for about 80 wells on a daily basis, Curtis said.

An influx of capital due to purchase by a partnership has helped Fluid Compressor Partners LTD grow, according to Tyson Curtis, production manager.

In February 2005, the company had 14 employees; the current total is about 70.

The strong energy market and high demand for energy services has also played a part in the company's growth, Tyson Curtis said.

Fluid Compressor, which has been in Pampa for 10 years and moved to its current location at 2538 W. Kentucky Ave. three years ago, provides production enhance-

ment equipment to the natural gas industry.

"About three years ago, our business really started hopping," said Jimmy Hampton, manager of Clifton Supply Company, 734 S. Cuyler.

Clifton Supply provides oil field pumping equipment, welding supplies, hand tools, safety equipment and the services of a repair shop.

"We've increased our inventory four times over what it used to be, just to keep up with the volume of business. We've increased our employees from four to nine," Hampton said.

The current upswing in the oil and gas industry is expected to last for a while.

"I do not see it slowing down

any. I think as long as oil prices stay up in the \$50 range, that gives people an incentive and financial means," Clint Curtis said.

"We're always looking to buy more producing wells or find opportunities to drill," he said.

"We have projected to have over 100 employees before the end of 2006. Our sector of the business is continuing to increase, and we project a continued uptrend," said Tyson Curtis.

"Forecasters say business should be steady for the next four to five years," said Wilson.

"From what I can see, Pampa's done quite well the last few years. So much of that is due to the oil and gas industry," he said.

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# Celanese

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deal with on a brand name basis," May said. "We're not all that well recognized because we don't sell directly to the consumer, and we don't do much in the way of advertising."

Celanese sales in 2004 were about \$4.6 billion, he said.

"We had a pretty significant growth spurt in 2005," May said. "I think our sales are going to be more in the range of \$5.5 billion for '05 and probably closer to \$6.1 or \$6.2 billion in 2006. The company is growing rather quickly."

Celanese has 24 production plants and six research centers around the world. May said the company is well positioned in Asia, Europe and NAFTA.

"We employ close to 10,000 people now," he said.

The company is either first or second in all the businesses in which they are involved.

"If you understand the nature of the commodity chemical business," May said, "it's clearly the big dog that rules."

The size of the company and its success within the industry give it a competitive advantage, he said.

Two brothers started out in England doing work for the air corps around World War I.

"They were inventors," May said.

One of the things that the British government asked them to do was waterproof the canvas wings of the air corps biplanes. They came up with a coating to waterproof the wings, but they also experimented with other uses for the chemicals used in the coating.

"What they discovered was when you took this material and made it into a string," May said, "it had a lot of properties that were similar to silk."

Silk is a very expensive material, but the brothers could make their material for a lot less than silk.

The brothers moved to the

United States and built a plant in Cumberland, Md.

"On Christmas Day, 1924," May said, "they put their process into commercial use and started making synthetic silk. That is really how Celanese Corporation in the United States was born."

The company grew and became more involved in synthetic organic chemicals, primarily acetic acid. The company really grew in the 1940s and they got into commercial chemicals in a big way, May said.

In 1987, the company was bought by a German company named Hoechst.

"We found that the biggest hurdle with Hoechst was that no one could pronounce their name," May said.

But in 1999, Celanese was spun off as a separate company.

"We were a publicly traded company based in Germany," May said.

In 2004, the company was purchased by the Blackstone Group, an investment company. Nine months later, they floated Celanese Corp. as a publicly traded company.

Blackstone still owns 51 percent of the company stock, but the rest of the shares are publicly traded.

The company has four major divisions. The Pampa plant is part of the chemical division.

"We generate the majority of the revenues for the company," May said of the chemical division.

The bulk of their materials go into things like coatings and adhesives, but much of May's presentation revolved around safety.

He said that an explosion at a BP plant in Houston last year will likely result in additional legislation and regulations in the chemical industry.

Along with that, there have been laws passed as a result of the financial management failures at Enron and World Comm.

"It is a huge, huge regulatory bureaucracy that has been set up to prevent companies from misusing public monies, the public stockholders and using company funds for fraudulent purposes," May said. "That is having a significant impact on our business on top of the safety regulations

butane. The price of butane follows the price of crude oil, he said, and the price of oil has been going up.

"When the plant was built, we contracted butane for two cents a gallon," May said. "Those were the glory days when you could buy a lot of cheap raw materials."

In December, they paid about \$1.40 a gallon for butane.

"About 18 months ago, we were paying about 60 to 65 cents a gallon for butane," May said.

Every penny increase per gallon in butane, he said, increases the company's cost about a million dollars.

"The question is whether you can recover that on the other side of your economic equation," May said.

That depends upon what is going on in the world economy. Celanese, he said, is a global business.

"If the Chinese decide they want to do something different in terms of competition, then we've got to be able to compete with those folks," May said. "In a lot of cases, they have a much lower cost basis than

harvests the hay and sells it into the market," May said.

Wastes that they have usually have some energy value, and they're used in the boilers.

"We're not putting a lot of stuff where it doesn't belong," May said.

The plant was built in 1952, he said, and over the past 50 years, it has diversified into a lot of different products.

"There are literally hundreds of end applications for the chemicals that are made here at the Pampa plant," May said.

He said that can be good because it can flatten out dips in economic cycles when a plant provides so many different materials for so many end products in different industries.

"Probably the best decision the company ever made was in 1977, when the decision was made to stop using natural gas to make steam and start using coal," May said. "That has given us a major advantage for the Pampa plant."

He said the price of natural gas has gone up significantly since last year. It has more than doubled.

"That has put a crimp in the chemical industry nationwide," May said.

Coal prices are roughly \$1.50 versus \$12 to \$15 for natural gas.

That makes the Pampa plant very competitive.

The Pampa plant is the largest employer in the private sector in Gray County. All their products go out by truck or rail.

"We ship roughly 5,000 containers of chemicals out of the plant every year," May said. "That translates into a little over a billion pounds per year of chemicals."

They market worldwide.

"Our material goes anywhere you can think of in terms of industrialized countries," May said. "One of the key competitive advantages that we have is that we're ISO certified."

That's an international quality standard.

"We get audited twice a year," May said. "We have to pass a fairly rigorous audit in order to be able to maintain that qualification."

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— Kenneth May  
Celanese Plant Manager

that we already deal with."

Regulations are constantly changing and the plant has to meet each new change.

Still, he said, Celanese has had a lot of initiatives in the company dealing with productivity. Those initiatives have been very beneficial in extending the life of their plants and keeping them competitive with new technology.

"Pampa currently has 250 Celanese employees," May said. "We supplement that with 85 contract personnel."

Those 85 contract personnel are primarily in their maintenance organization along with the operation of plants on the Pampa site for third party companies.

The Pampa plant makes 12 commodity chemicals from

we do."

The thing that has always kept the United States petro-chemical competitive is that they've had low natural gas and low raw material prices.

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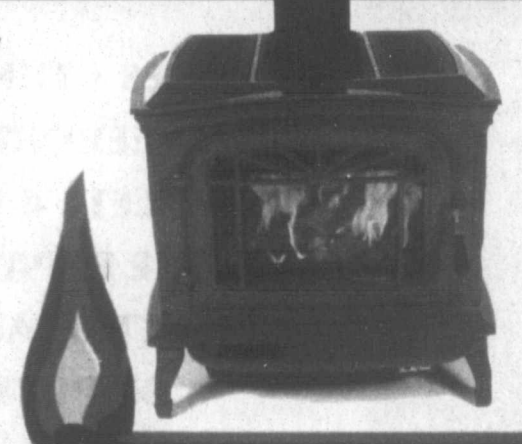
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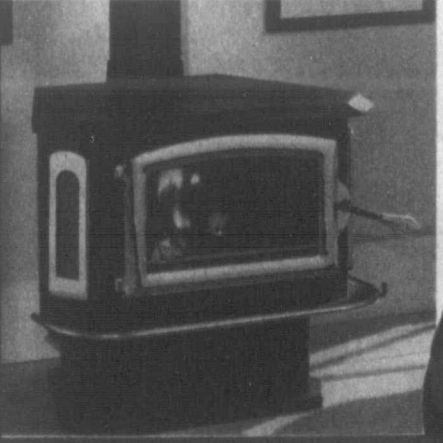
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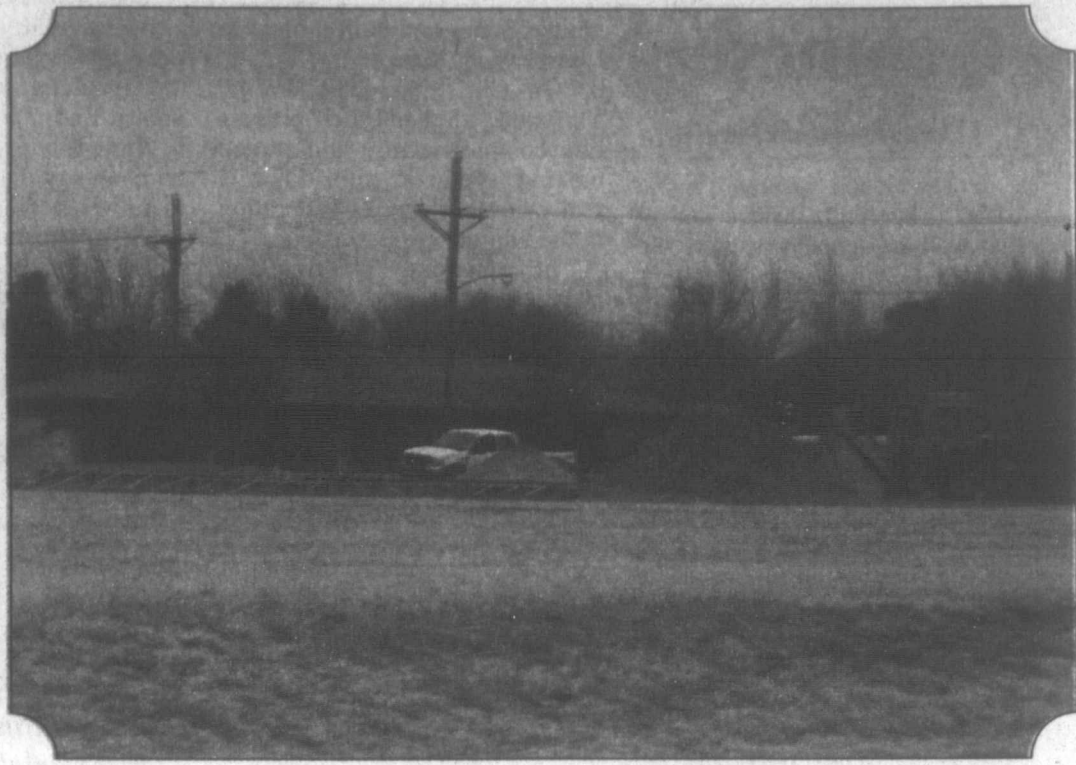


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The Holiday Inn Express, left, north of Pampa Regional Medical Center on Highway 70, will be a three-story hotel with 70 rooms. It is scheduled to be completed later this year. At right, two homes are under construction at 29th and Aspen streets. Each will be worth between \$130,000 and \$200,000 upon completion, according to Danny Winborne, building officer for the City of Pampa.

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## Business, residential construction increases in, around Pampa

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

Business and residential construction in and around Pampa is on the increase, reflecting a seller's market, according to Danny Winborne, building officer for the City of Pampa.

"We've had what I would consider quite a lot of construction. We've had new housing starts. This is an economic factor that you use to measure growth," Winborne said concerning recent building trends.

A number of homes are in various stages of construction both inside and just outside the city limits, he said, with more on the way. Some of the homes are being built for the owners, while others are "spec" homes. These are houses being built on speculation, meaning that they will be up for sale on the housing market upon completion.

"In the last 10 years, there's been six or seven houses built. For the last two years, we had about the same amount of houses built,"

Winborne said.

Two homes currently under construction at 29th and Aspen streets are spec homes and will each be worth between \$130,000 and \$200,000, the average range in price for many of the homes being built in the Pampa area, he said.

Some of the homes under construction or just completed outside Pampa city limits include those at White Acres, a development on the west side of Loop 171, south of Gymnastics of Pampa.

Chuck White started the development in 2004 with John Clark, a builder. The partners plan to build 15 homes over the next two to three years, White said.

"Three are already complete, and another two are partway up. All are being built on spec," White said.

Two of the completed homes have already been sold, he said. The three are each valued at about \$220,000.

The next two homes, currently under construction, will be worth \$160,000 to \$170,000 each, White

said.

Each of the homes at White Acres includes an acre to an acre and a half of land.

"Clay Rice introduced me to John Clark, and I was impressed with his capabilities. I had purchased land across the street from my home on Loop 171. White Acres is on part of the land I own," White said.

"It was an interesting challenge, and the town needed more buildings going up. Even though there were a lot of homes for sale, Pampa needed some new homes to round out the offering," he said.

White is not new to the housing business. In 2004, he built five homes in the Pampa area, all for specific customers.

Recent commercial construction in Pampa represents a \$7 million investment in the local economy, Winborne said.

The AmericInn, nearing completion at the site of the old Coronado Inn at Hobart and Somerville streets, and the Holiday Inn Express, under con-

struction just north of Pampa Regional Medical Center on Highway 70, are two commercial ventures scheduled to open this year.

White had a hand in bringing AmericInn to Pampa.

"Four to five years ago, I started talking with Steve Krebs of AmericInn. We did a study and determined that the town needed another motel, and the best place was the site of the old Coronado Inn," White said.

"There were 10 people who became Pampanos for Progress. All of us knew we'd probably lose money, but for the good of the community we decided to go buy the Coronado Inn and take it out of there," he said.

Business partners Miles O'Laughlin and White's son Scott decided to build the Pampa AmericInn, White said.

The 54-room AmericInn is the second to be built in Texas; Borger has the state's first AmericInn.

Pampa's AmericInn will have an indoor pool, whirlpool and sauna,

fireplaces in some suites and enhanced continental breakfasts.

Top of Texas Hospitality Partners, LTD, comprised of local businessmen, is listed as owners of the Pampa hotel.

Amarillo hotel owners Dipak Patel and his wife Sangita are owners of the Pampa Holiday Inn Express, scheduled to be completed later this year.

The Holiday Inn Express will be a three-story, 70-room structure with heated swimming pool, hot tub, high-speed Internet connections for each room, meeting room facilities and a hot breakfast area.

Two new retail structures have also been added to Pampa's landscape. Both may be found near the Wal Mart Supercenter at 2801 Charles. One of the two is completed and houses two retail businesses. The other is not yet completed.

"Pampa has had close to \$10 million total construction for the past year. It's great economic growth, something positive for Pampa," Winborne said.

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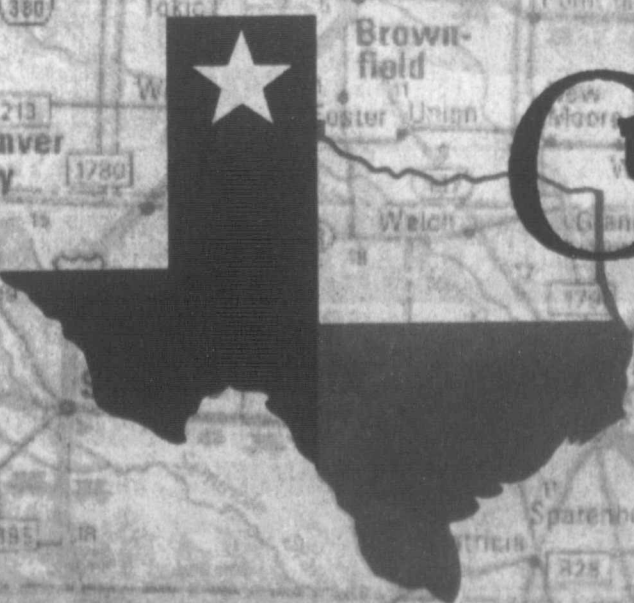


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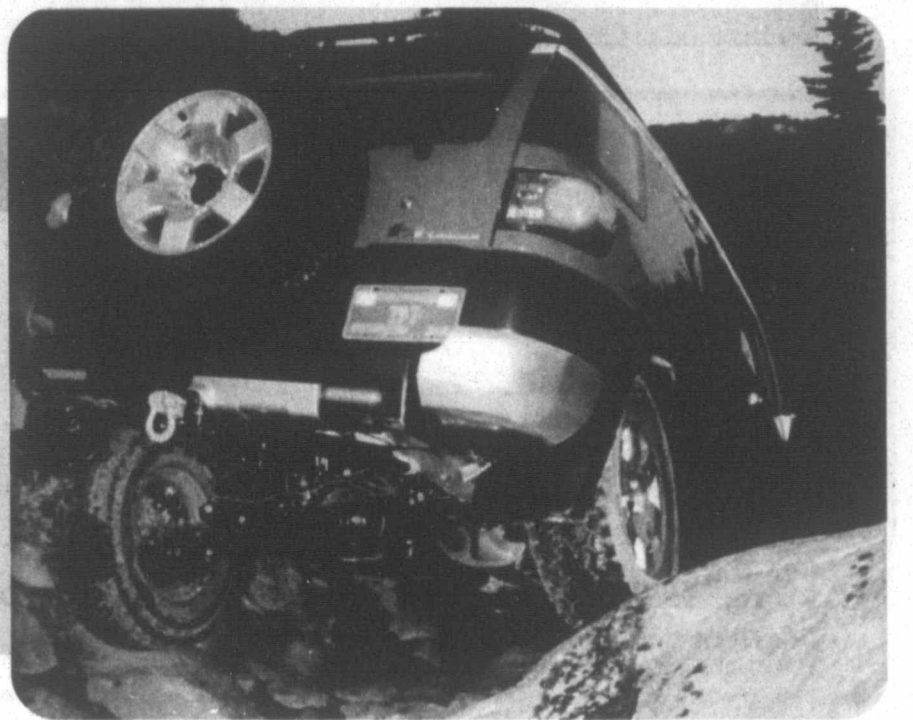
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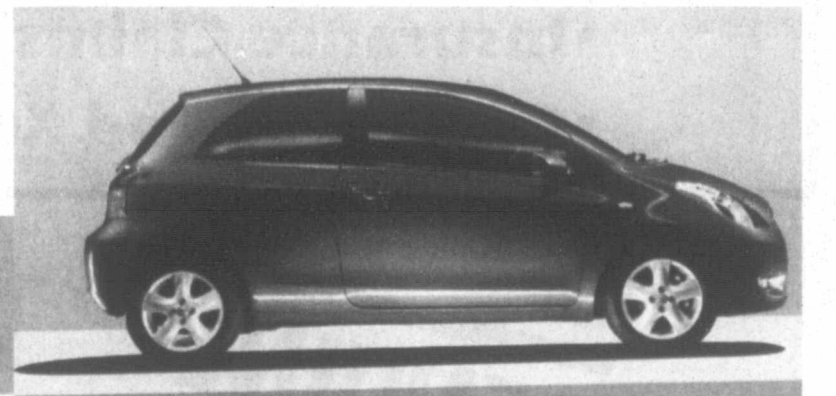
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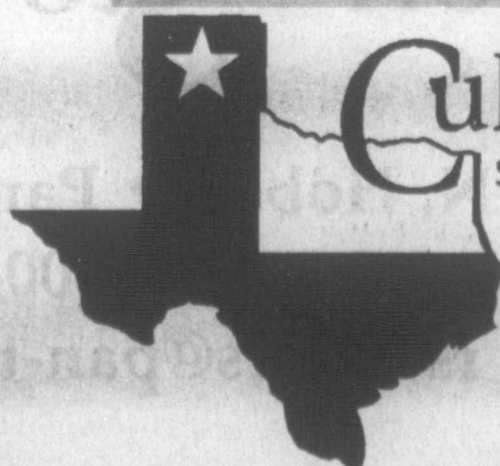


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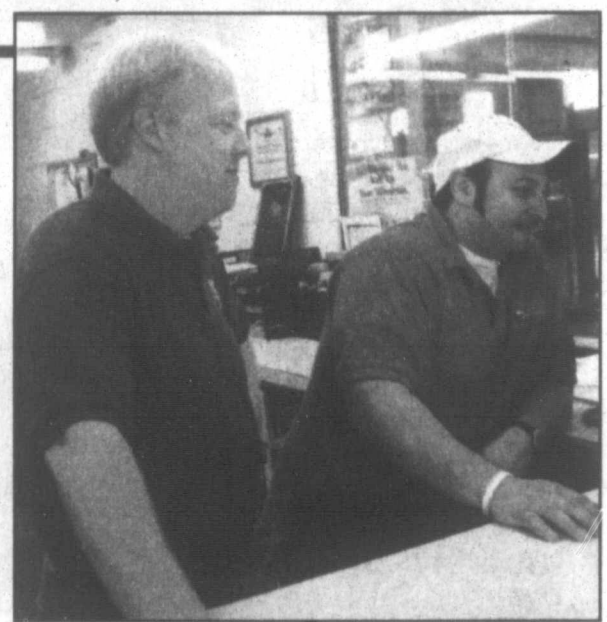


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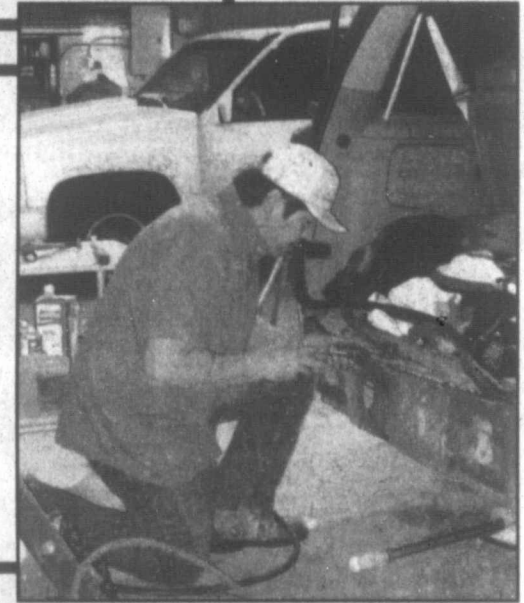
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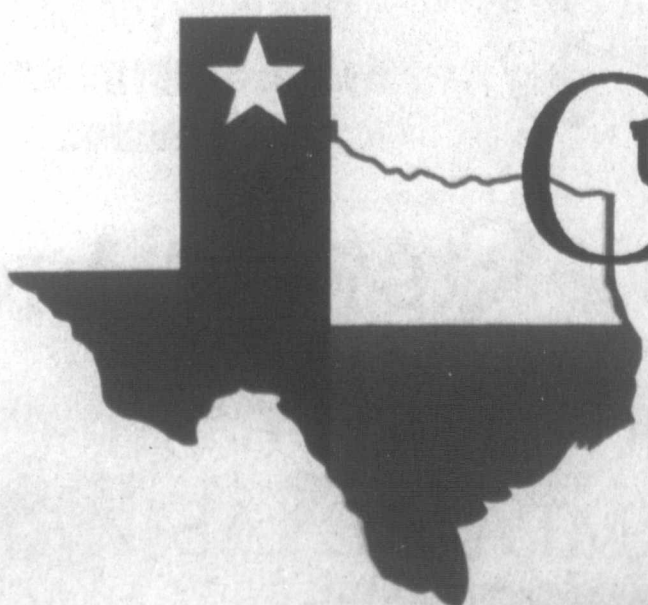
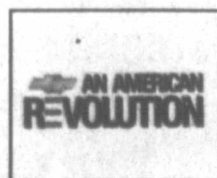
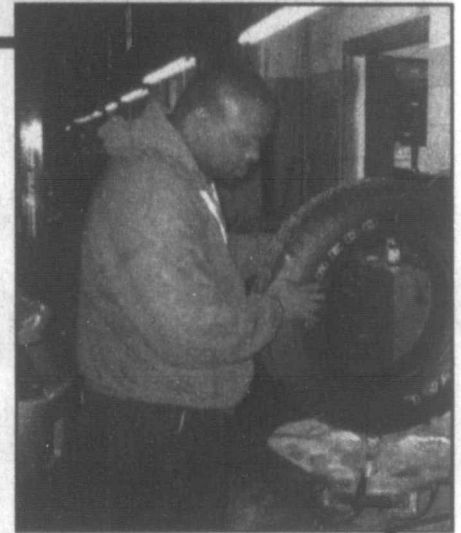


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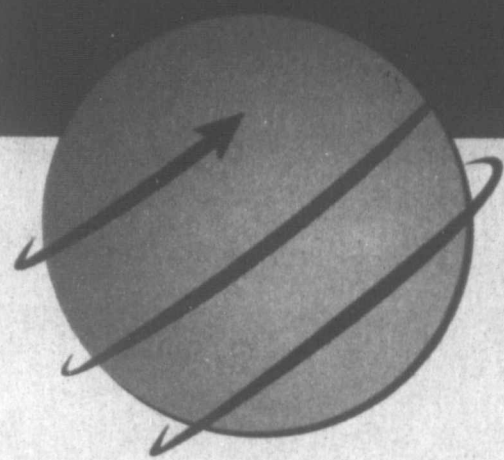
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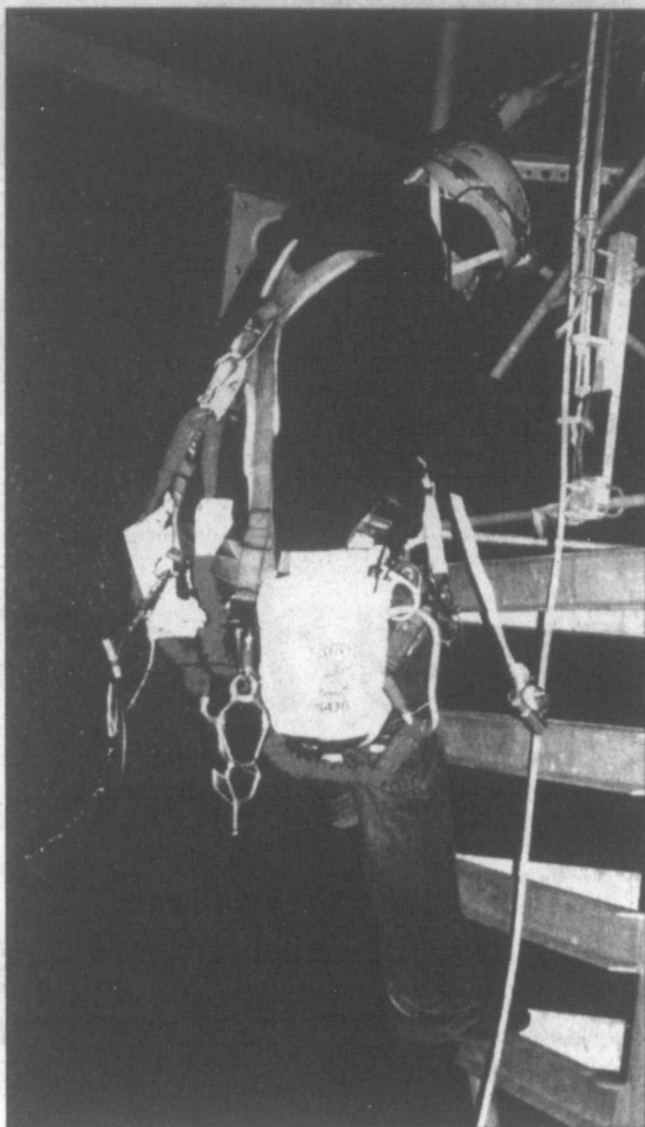
By Jaylene Watkins, Marketing/Communication Director

Their gear resembles that of a mountain climber, and the passion toward their job is palpable. But their job is no easy task. I was invited to one of their climbs earlier this year and captured the story behind the scenes.

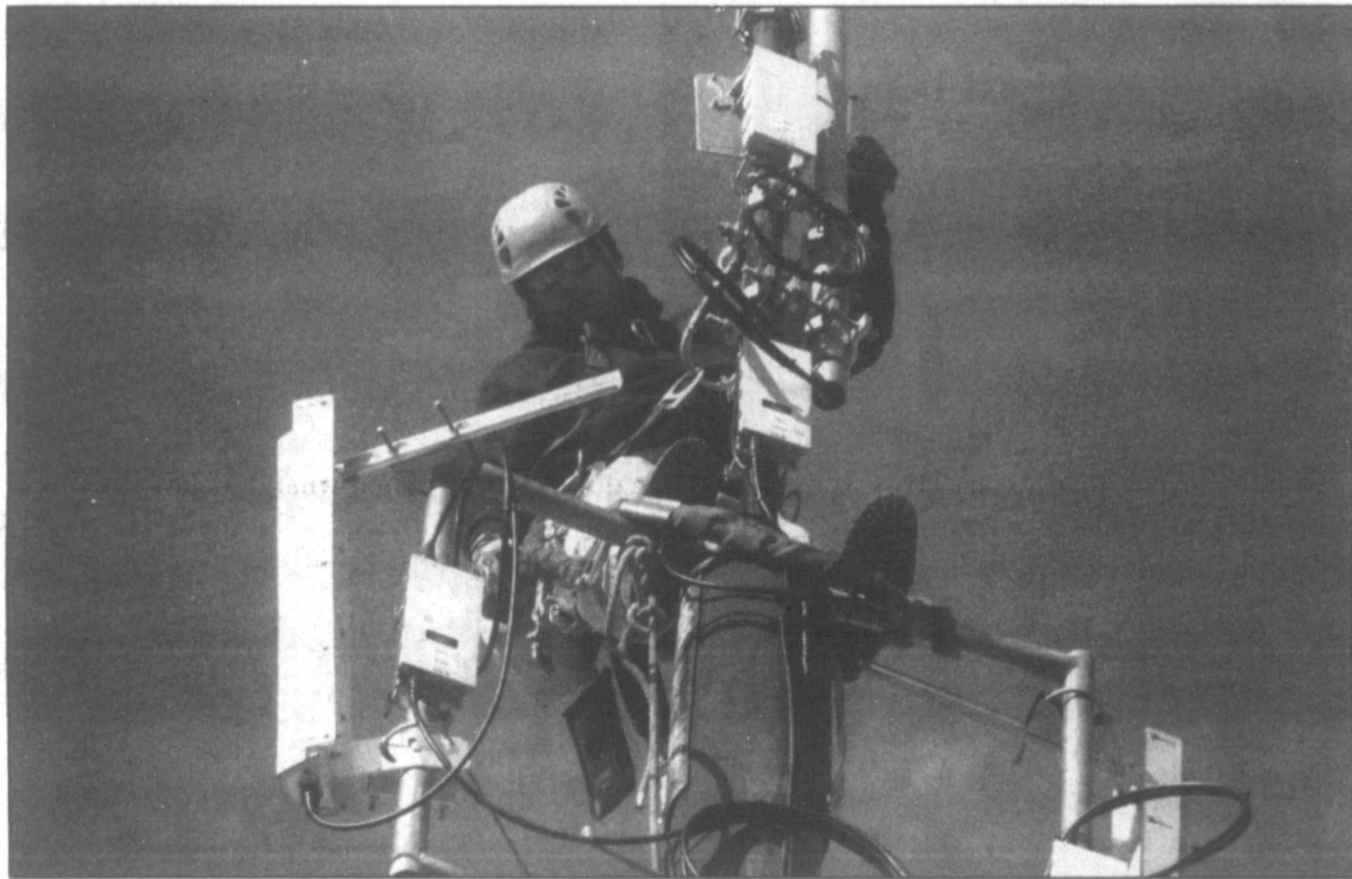
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"We determined one of the coax cables that connects the indoor unit to the radio on the tower had failed," said Deric Hays, tower crew leader. "We decided to replace all the coax cables in order to prevent future outages." Hays said he and his colleague Adam Parks climbed approximately 150 feet in order to repair the cable and get customers back online.

Although he displays a sticker on his climbing helmet with the words "Ain't Skeered," Parks said getting the job done as safely and as well as he possibly can is always the most important thing on his mind while climbing. Although he loves the climb, Parks said his biggest fear is "failure of my climbing equipment, but as a climber you learn to trust your equipment no matter what you are doing."



Deric Hays begins his ascent. "I have always been fascinated with heights, not to mention I'm a major adrenaline freak," he said.



Deric Hays works on Centramedia equipment in Skellytown. He said he enjoys the view from his high-rise office.



Adam Parks adjusts his beanie while pausing to ensure his safety equipment is secure. He said 300 feet is the highest he has climbed.

Their equipment is the key to safety and success of the job. "The required safety equipment and hand tools, which go up with us on every climb, probably weigh 40 to 60 pounds," said Hays. "More often than not, we are required to climb up with various ropes, grounding cables, stand offs, radios, antennae, coax cables and specialized tools." Parks added, "The higher you climb, the heavier the equipment gets."

So how's the view from the top? "There's nothing like it," said Parks. In one word, "tranquil," said Hays.

Both men have worked for Centramedia for less than one year, and are committed to Centramedia's customers. "Any number of things could interrupt service for extended periods of time, but keeping the network up and maintained helps us keep our promise of providing customers with quality service," said Hays.

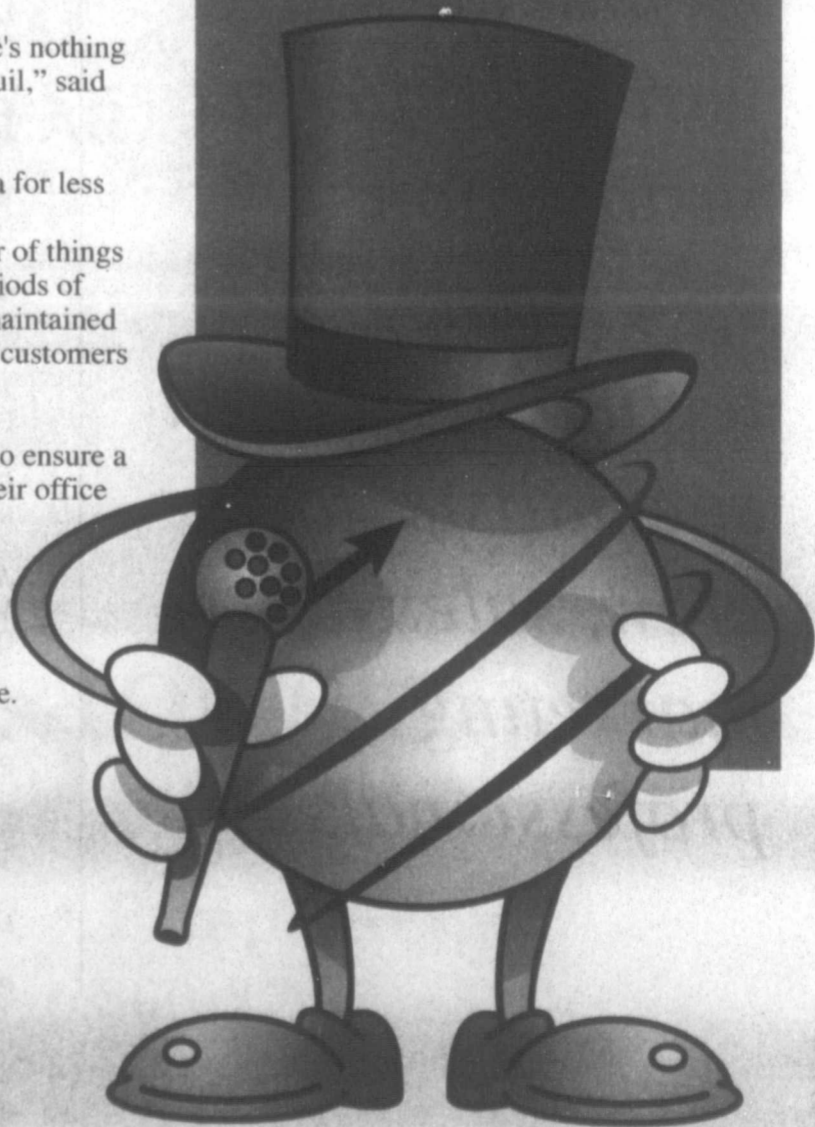
Centramedia's tower crew works daily to ensure a quality network infrastructure. Since their office stands high in the sky, members of the tower crew must not only be trained in technology communications, but they must be trained and certified in tower safety and tower climbing, and they must also remain in good physical shape.

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# White House Commendation

by *Jaylene Watkins,*  
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In November 2005, Centramedia received an interesting telephone call. "The moment was very surreal, I actually thought it was a prank," said Selby Philipose, Centramedia's network services director. "A woman from the White House contacted us about providing the Vice Presidential team Internet service during a visit to Pampa," he said.

The Vice President's communication team and accompanying agents needed a private and secure network during their visit. "They were impressed that a local company had the necessary resources," said Philipose. "We were able to provide them with resources they did not have access to through their personal communication, telephone company liaison," he said. "They told us our response time in meeting their needs was faster than they ever experienced. They expected a week, we had them up and running in one day."

Four of Centramedia's technology professionals received certificates of appreciation from the White House Communications Agency: John Cook, field services; Tarell Dyer, technical sales director; Kyle Lindley, assistant manager RF operations; Chris Vainrib, RF operations manager; and Philipose. "If Centramedia can service the leaders of the free world," said Philipose, "then we can provide custom technology solutions to match the needs of any customer."



*The members of the White House Communications Agency wish to express our sincere appreciation for the outstanding manner in which you provided support to the Vice President of the United States during his visit to Pampa, Texas, on 29 November through 01 December 2005. Your unique abilities, coupled with your superb attitude and professionalism, enabled our Agency to provide critical communications for the Vice President, White House Staff and the United States Secret Service.*



## Technically Speaking

by *Jaylene Watkins,* Marketing/Communication Director

The heart of providing services to customers is Centramedia's network operations control center (NOCC) and technical support team. At the core of the entire Centramedia network is the NOCC, which monitors, evaluates and upgrades the systems to ensure optimum levels of network performance. Always taking care of the customer, the NOCC monitors and tracks security levels to ensure the network is prepared for the latest security threat. They also act as Web traffic monitors. Selby Philipose, network services director, said, "Our traffic management system keeps all Web traffic flowing. We monitor bits and bytes at a very fundamental level." He helps analyze data that could potentially damage the network as well as the systems of an end user. "The Internet is like a highway, at Centramedia, we provide the main access to that highway. Each Internet user accesses this highway via his or her personal on ramp (or Internet connection). We control the flow of the on ramps to make sure we avoid traffic accidents and ensure we keep customers in the fast lane of the Internet superhighway," he said.

Centramedia's technical support team offers customers a personal touch of service. "We have a complete staff available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, including holidays," said Chris Dorn, technical support manager. Unlike other providers, Centramedia's technical support services are free to customers, and specialists may be reached via telephone or e-mail. "Although we assist customers with various technology questions, we primarily assist customers when they are unable to connect to the Internet," he said. "We also offer PC troubleshooting which prevents customers from incurring unnecessary costs. If their system requires work beyond what our staff can offer over the telephone, we also provide PC repair services." Working in conjunction with the NOCC, Centramedia technical support assists with network monitoring and test and turn-up services. Dorn explained, "When someone wants Internet services, we use mapping software to ensure the wireless signal at the customer's location will operate at the desired speed. Once we confirm the correct signal, we provide the information to our field services crew who then arrange for installation."

Customers may reach Centramedia's technical support by calling toll free 866.371.2667, locally at 806.665.4063 or via e-mail at [techsupport@centramedia.com](mailto:techsupport@centramedia.com).



## Tech Tips: Domain Names

Have you logged on to your Web site only to discover it has been "taken over" by a different entity? If so, you understand the heartache and amount of work to "take back" your site. If not, read ahead to learn how you can be proactive in keeping your Web site registered and preventing the dreaded expiration crisis.

According to Adventures Online, "A secondary market for domain names exists. When domain names expire and the owners do not renew, frequently the domain names are put up for auction. Approximately 21,000 domain names are up for auction each day."

Other entities can acquire expired domain names through online auctions for the purpose of selling, renting or transferring domain registration. Online filtering service provider Websense notes, "A high rate of Web site domain name turnover could be tomorrow's pornography site."

Websense CTO Harold Kester said, "Our research has shown that expired domain names change ownership daily and can often be recreated as porn sites."

To prevent your business or personal Web site from being tangled in this dangerous web, Scott Clark, the executive editor of [internet.com](http://internet.com)'s Web Developer Channel said, "Since each register's expiration policies are different you must approach the problem of expiring domains in several ways." He offers the following advice:

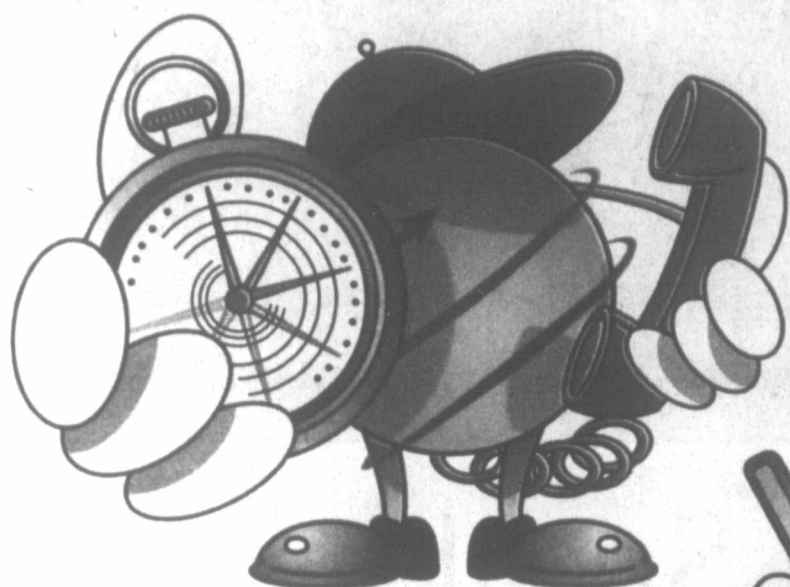
- Try to view your domain's whois records at least once a month to verify accuracy, contact information, etc. (You can do this by visiting [www.whois.com](http://www.whois.com).)
- Make sure the e-mail addresses for your domain name(s) are valid and working.
- Register (or transfer) all domain names to one registrar—preferably one with a publicly stated expiration policy as well as a domain management system which allows you to keep track of your domains and their expiration dates.

Centramedia offers local and reliable assistance with domain names. "When we register domain names for customers, we register them for at least two years," said Selby Philipose, director of network services. "We become the customer's domain manager. They can rely on us to prevent their domain from expiring," he said. Centramedia communicates with customers far in advance of the domain expiring. "As long as customers allow us to register and manage their domain names, they are worry free," he said.

For more information on the Web hosting and domain registration services Centramedia provides, call 806.665.0106, ext. 622.

Learn more technology bits and bytes every Wednesday morning on TechWatch, a community service radio program offered by Centramedia. The program airs during the eight o'clock hour on Pampa's KOMX 100.3 FM, or streaming online at [www.kgromx.pampa.com](http://www.kgromx.pampa.com).

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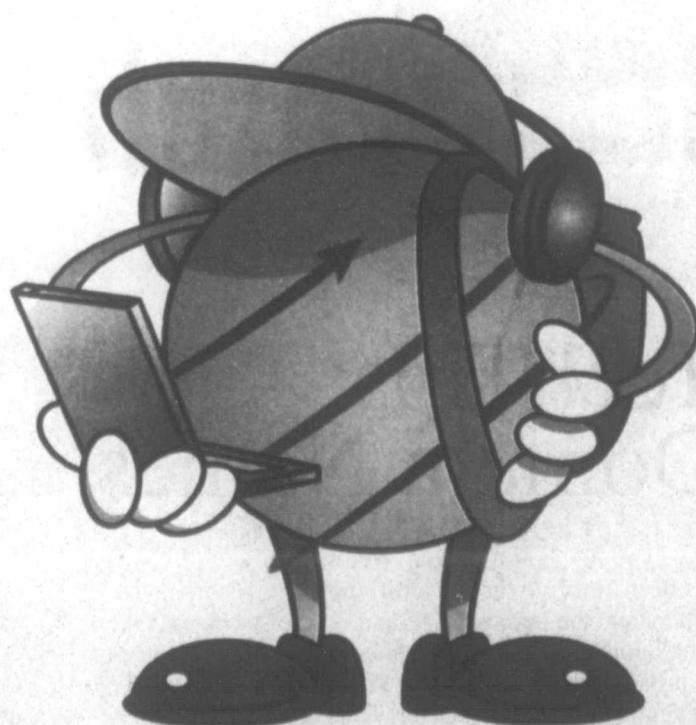


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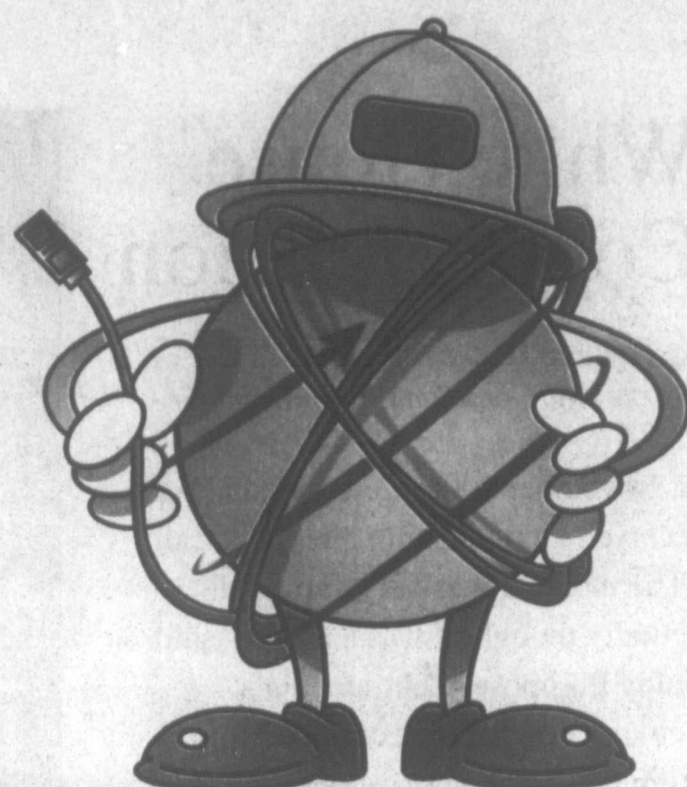
\*Service operates much like early cellular telephone technology. Actual downstream and upstream transmission speeds may vary depending on location, signal strength and other factors. Localized coverage areas include: Pampa & White Deer; Borger; Allison, Wheeler, Briscoe, Shamrock, Kelton, McLean, Clarendon, Lefors. Roaming options coming soon.



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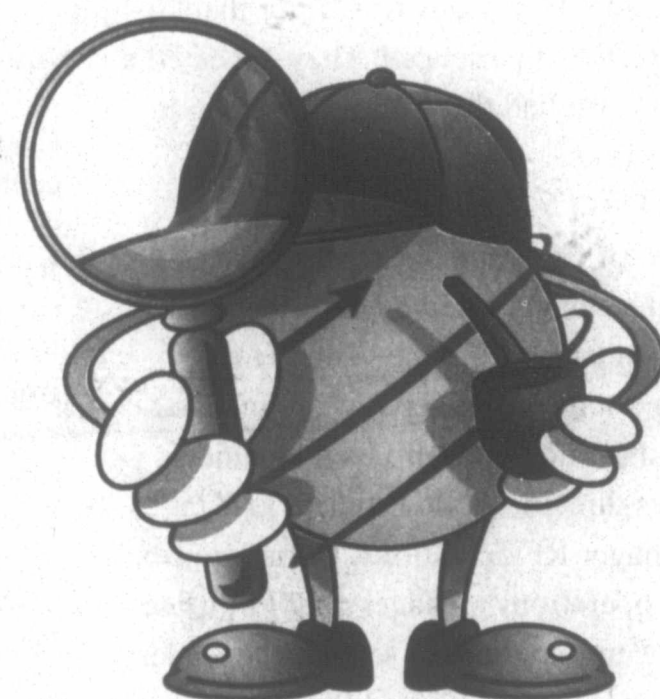
Your Web hosting solution! Centramedia's new Web hosting service allows a user to navigate through a dashboard, build and manage a Web site, view site traffic and more. Centramedia even offers domain registration and set-up services.



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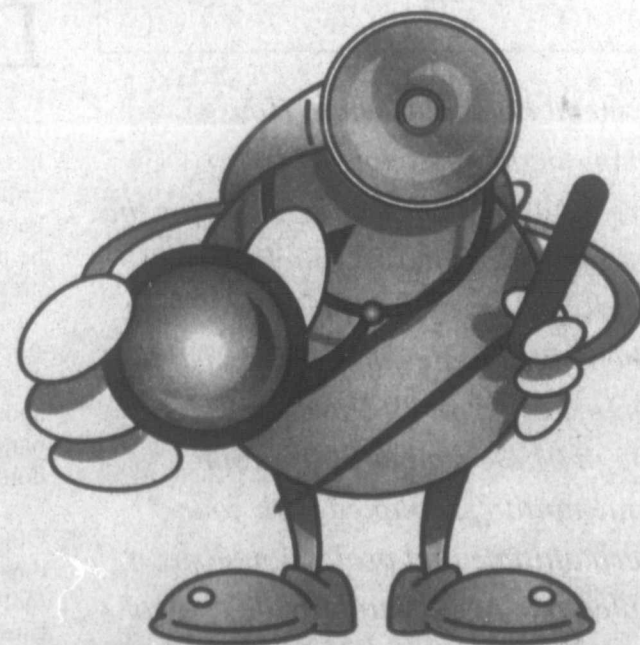
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