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Pampa ISD board to meet tonight

Pampa Independent School District Board of Trustees are to meet at 6 p.m. tonight in the school administration building, 321 W. Albert.

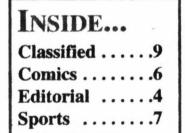
Agenda items include consideration of numerous insurances for the school district including health insurance, flexible benefit plan, and administrative services and stop loss reinsurance coverage for the PISD health insurance plan, and workers compensation

Also scheduled for the meeting is consideration of representatives for banking investment and credit card accounts and approval of bids for bulk instructional supplies, audio visual and furniture.

The board has listed personnel as an action item, as well as delegates for the TASA/TASB convention.

DEATHS

Arthur J. Dibble, 71. international educator.



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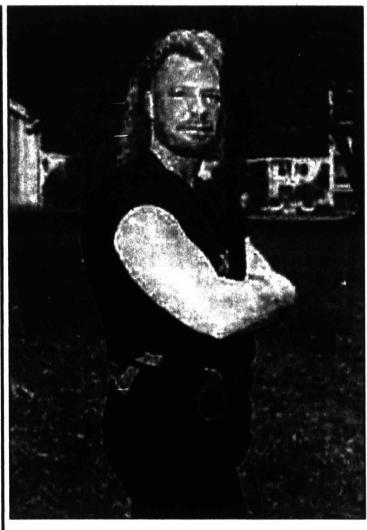






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Duane "Dog" Chapman as he is featured on his

White Deer ISD TAKS test scores 'above average'

Texas standardized TAKS test. reported.

Ninety six percent of ninth portion of the test, while 88 students on his campus. English language arts was 85 its passing rates. Eleventh High school students are

percentage points higher than high results showed students the state averages," Clay in the third through eighth Montgomery, White Deer

WHITE DEER - The High School principal said. "I results are in and White Deer have received several phone ISD scored above state aver- calls from other principals in ages at both the elementary our area and each one stated and high school for the new our scores are some of the best

He said he attributes the graders passed the reading high scores to the teachers and

percent passed the math. The "We wanted to assess our tenth grade passing rate for curriculum and instruction for effectiveness. percent. The math, science Montgomery said. "Students and social studies scores were were asked to do their best to higher, all at a 96 percent help us evaluate instruction."

graders scored 87 percent in not the only ones showing the math, 91 percent in TAKS success in White Deer. English language arts, 76 per- While the high school level cent in science and a perfect scored well above the 100 percent in social studies. statewide results in all tests "Our scores were 13 to 25 taken, the elementary/junior

(See SCORES, Page 3)

Officials: Drink, drive, go to jail

AUSTIN - State officials have a stern warning whose 4th of July holiday plans include alcohol: Drink. Drive. Go to

Texas troopers and local patrol officers statewide will step up enforcement of the DWI laws between June 27 and July 13, according to a news release from the Texas Department of Transportation.

Thousands of officers will be out in force during the 17day period which coincides with the long Independence Day holiday weekend. Texas is part of a massive nationwide effort aimed at getting impaired drivers off the nation's streets and highways.

The mobilization is being spearheaded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in an effort to reduce alcohol-related crashes this summer.

"Our message to all drivers is simple and direct: If you drink and drive, you will go to jail," says Carlos Lopez, TxDOT Director of Traffic Operations.

(See DRINK, Page 3)

Who let the dog out?

Bounty hunter jailed in Mexico convicted of man's murder here

BY DEE DEE LARAMORE

isn't the first time bounty hunter "Dog" Chapman has been in trouble with the law.

There's still those who live in Pampa who was simply known as Duane Chapman. They remember, too, the September 1976 drug-dealgone-bad that ended in the shotgun slaying of Jerry Bowers Oliver, a purported dealer living in Prairie Village.

Oliver's murder in 31st District Court here on Kuykendall and Oliver's conversation before July 22, 1977. Two others were also convicted the shotgun blast hit Oliver in the chest. of the murder - Donny Kuykendall and Ruben guilty to a lesser charge and received probation. Then-District Judge Grainger McIlhany sentenced Chapman to five years in the Texas took on the nickname, "Dog," given to him by penitentiary system. He served less than two the motorcycle gang to which he belonged. It years of the sentence before being released.

According to court records, Chapman,

Kuykendall, Garza and Fisher drove to Oliver's house on Prairie Drive. Kuykendall told his friends that he wanted to get \$40 that A recent run-in with Mexican authorities Oliver owed him. He also wanted to buy some

In his testimony, Chapman said he was waiting in the car while Kuykendall went to remember him before he "put on the dog" and Oliver's door. He said he didn't know Kuykendall was carrying a shotgun and if he had, he would have stopped everything at that

On his web site - www.dogthebountyhunter.com, Chapman alludes to the events in They remember Chapman's conviction for Pampa. He gives a detailed account of

Chapman intimates in his web version of the Garza. A fourth person, Cheryl Fisher, pleaded murder that Oliver was a pimp and a drug dealer, a bad person that needed to be dealt with.

He also said that it was during this time he stands for "God" spelled backwards.

(See DOG, Page 3)



Sgt. Brad Love

Rank: Sergeant, 4th ID Branch of service: U.S. Army

Job description: Recon sergeant for 2/20 multiple launch rocket system unit. Stationed: Fort Hood, Texas

Deployed: Iraq

Graduated: Pampa High School 1986 Years in service: 18 years Texas National Guard

Family: Wife, Lisa, and children, Nathan and Abby, all of Wichita Falls; parents, Larry Love, Pampa, and Karen Kelley, Wheeler: parents-in-law, Warren

High natural gas prices, shortages worry many

By H. JOSEF HEBERT ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) —

Energy Secretary Spencer occurred. Abraham warned Thursday ly every American."

Abraham, opening an increase natural gas supplies. But he said the Bush administration sees the emerging crisis mitigate any effects.

called industry experts together to discuss possible short- shortages in 25 years. term actions to counter a subthrough the year.

high as some predict, Abraham conservation. said the average residential increase over last year.

Abraham said some indus-

tries are already being hit hard and worsen the problem, he by increased energy costs, said. especially the fertilizer indus-

concern that will touch virtual- these high gas prices contin- firm. ue," he said.

industry summit on natural for gas intensive businesses. Mountain West often are locatthat will touch virtually every declining. American.'

as a top priority and will try to tle can be done in the short today than we were five years The Energy Department less gas and hope for favorable down. Producers are on a

and expected higher prices how to get industrial users and ducer and distributor. electric utilities to switch to

to be \$915, a 19 percent the amount in storage remains track in 1976. unusually low and a hot summer could increase demand

Energy experts say there is try, and that some layoffs have—only so much that can be done.

"The quick fixes for domes-"Several companies have tic exploration aren't there," that severe gas shortages and warned about possible produc- says Dennis Eklof of Global high prices are "a national tion cuts and layoffs should Insight, an energy consulting

Wells in the Gulf of Mexico But "it is not just a problem and across the Rocky gas, acknowledged there are and industries," Abraham ed in already overworked few steps that can be taken to added. "It is a national concern basins where production is

"The sobering reality is that Almost everyone agrees lit- we're drilling a lot more wells term, except get people to use ago, but production is still weather to deal with the worst treadmill, running harder to stay in place," says Keith Much of Thursday's discus- Rattie, chairman of Questar stantial natural gas shortages sion was expected to focus on Corp., a Utah-based gas pro-

With declining production If prices this winter are as another fuel and how to foster and unusually high demand last winter, gas storage levels "Industry is already fell this past spring to the lowwinter heating bill for a typical responding by increasing stor- est level they've been since the Midwest consumer is expected age rates," said Abraham. But government began keeping

> This week about 1,400 bil-(See GAS, Page 3)



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Mr. Dibble was born in Gowanda, N.Y. in 1931 and was taken to Nigeria by his missionary parents when he was a year old.

Later, Mr. Dibble attended Emmaus Bible School in Chicago for three years, married Freda Davis and returned to Nigeria in 1958.

In 1963 he went to St. Louis, where he received his GED and a bachelor's degree before returning to Nigeria to teach and write. During the Biafra War in Nigeria, Mr. Dibble moved to Chicago were he was involved in an educational program at the Cook County jail and finished a master's degree in psychology.

He returned to Nigeria briefly, then went back to St. Louis where he began a decades-

Arthur J. Dibble, 71, died Monday, June 23 long career as a reading specialist in the St. Louis public schools. He received a doctorate in education in 1998 from Lael College & Graduate School.

> Last year he returned to Nigeria for the final time to serve as deputy vice chancellor of Prince Abubakar Audu University in Anyigba.

> Survivors include his wife, Freda; a brother, Spencer Dibble of Ika, Nigeria; three sons, Alan Mark Dibble of Pampa, Raymond Timothy Dibble of Philadelphia and Arthur Ronald Dibble of New York; two daughters, Dr. Judith Nations of St. Louis and JoAnna Mathis of O'Fallon, Mo; and 14 grandchil-

> Memorial contributions may be made to the Ministry of Mercy Orphanage in Otutulu, Nigeria in care of Ojoma Edeh, P.O. Box 1002, Millersville, Pa 17551.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Chance of showers and thunderstorms...Some storms may be severe. Lows in the lower 60s. East winds 5 to 15 mph shifting to the northeast 10 to 20 mph after midnight. Chance of rain 50 percent.

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Chance of showers and thunderstorms in the morning then slight chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 70s. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 30 per-

Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s. South winds 5 to 15 mph.

Friday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s. South winds 5 to 15 mph.

Friday night...Partly cloudy. Breezy. Lows in the lower 60s. South winds 15 to 25 mph. Saturday...Partly cloudy. Breezy. Highs in the upper 80s.

Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Breezy. Slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. Chance of rain 20 per-

STATEWIDE

A slow-moving front will bring rain over the state today and Friday. Unstable conditions may bring some isolated severe weather.

Rain will be prevalent in West Texas through

tonight. Rain in North Texas should gradually clear, north to south, by Friday evening. The front will arrive in South Texas this afternoon and effects will linger through the day Friday

Summer temperatures will return quickly once the front passes over.

The high temperature recorded Thursday was 106 at Laredo. Dalhart posted the overnight low: 56 degrees.

The West Texas forecast calls for scattered showers and storms today, ending in the morning in most of the Panhandle. The best chance for severe weather today will be in the southern Panhandle, South Plains/rolling plains, Permian Basin and Concho Valley. Highs today will be in the mid 70s to mid 80s north, mid 80s in the south, low 80s in the near west, and 90s in the far west. Temperatures will quickly climb back to summer levels, with all but the north seeing a return to the 90s by Saturday. The Panhandle should see the 90s by Monday. Partly cloudy skies will be the norm through the weekend.

South Texas will continue hot today and this weekend. The front will bring a little relief on Friday, with highs only in the upper 80s and lower 90s then.

North Texas will see scattered to numerous showers and thunderstorms, ending by this afternoon in the north, and ending tomorrow southeast. Locally heavy rainfall is possible. Highs will be in the 80s today and Friday, mid 80s-90s.

ON RECORD

SHERIFF

The Gray County Sheriff's office reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, June 25

Brian D. Bennett, 45, Indianapolis, was arrested on charges of possession of marijua-

Sammy D. Laury, 30, 312 Tignor, was arrested on charges of failure to appear.

Sarah Baxter, 20, 717 Doucette, was arrested on charges of speeding, no insurance and theft of property by check.

Arturo Ruiz, 18, 415 Starkweather, was arrested on charges of assault by threat.

Josh Mullen, 18, Pampa, was arrested on charges of criminal mischief.

Tommie Beard, 39, Amarillo, was arrested on charges of public intoxication.

Steven Stone, 28, 1100 Terrace, was arrested on charges of speeding, no seat belt, and issuing four bad checks

Thursday, June 26

Hansell L. White, 43, Cleveland, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxi-

Bryan Dale Helms, 21, Rt. 1, Box 87, was arrested on charges of speeding and failure to

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West Texas Crude

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance Service responded to the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, June 25

10:28 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Terrace and transported one to Pampa Medical Center.

1:53 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of W. 25th and transported one to Pampa Medical Center.

4:34 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of E. Campbell and transported one to Pampa Medical Center.

4:45 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Hilton Rd. and transported one to Pampa Medical Center.

7:30 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of N. Russell and transported one to Pampa Medical Center.

POLICE

The Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents.

Wednesday, June 25

A violation of a protective order was reported at the 800 block of S. Faulkner.

A report of criminal mischief under \$50 was reported in the 1100 block of Sandlewood. A report of disorderly conduct-language was

reported at the 100 block of S. Russell. A stereo face was reported found at 1840

Evergreen and turned into police. Criminal mischief was reported at the 1500

block of N. Hobart with an estimated loss of Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported at

the 1300 block of Williston where a care stereo was stolen valued at \$250. Thursday, June 26

A report of harrassment was taken at the 1100 block of Mary Ellen.

FIRE

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

Wednesday, June 25

4:34 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 800 block of East Campbell.

7:07 p.m. - Three firefighters, including Sparky, the Fire Dog, presented a fire safety program for children at Briarwood Church, 1800 W. Harvester.

Case for homeless man killed in windshield continues

Examiners give different accounts to jury

BY ANGELA K. BROWN ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) accused of allowing a homeless man to die trapped in the windtors said Chante Mallard should help him.' pay the price for taking a man's

life and trying to hide it. Biggs, but that's not murder, sion. attorney Jeff Kearney said.

Mallard, 27, is accused of hitdriving home with him lodged in murder. If they find her innocent, and gasped.

bill to redesign the state's con-

In an effort to comply with

federal regulations, committee

members spread across the state

Hearings were being conducted

that would likely increase the

Brownsville and Lubbock.

Republicans.

her windshield and to die in her then they can consider her guilt in convicted of murder.

Prosecutor Christy Jack said failure to render aid.

shield of her car urged jurors to get him off her car and in that smoking pot and taking Ecstasy. Thursday not to be swayed by moment made a choice," Jack

Mallard's failure to call for common sense and think of found the next day in a park. help caused the death of Gregory Biggs when rendering their deci-

Murder "has to be an act, it pointing to Mallard as she set night store — or even called her er, bled to death from multiple can't be an omission," he said. solemnly next to her attorney. brother, who is a Fort Worth fire- broken bones and the near ampu-"Find her guilty of what she's "She stole his hope of anyone fighter with medical training. really guilty of, failure to render else saving his life. That's mur-

ting Biggs, 37, with her car as she tions late morning. They must n't even check Biggs' pulse or try drove home drunk from a bar, first decide if Mallard is guilty of to stop the bleeding as he groaned

House committee to take public

Most seemed to favor the

U.S. House Majority Leader

Tom DeLay, R-Sugar Land, has

implored the Texas Legislature

Republican Gov. Rick Perry

"When the state of Texas is

legislative session on redistrict-

side was also represented.

gressional districts in favor of Democrats, but the Republican

to listen to Texans' opinions on to redraw congressional lines

how their vote will be counted in with 20 Republicans to reflect

Thursday in San Antonio, earlier this month called a special

The redistricting legislation ing, scheduled to begin June 30.

number of Republican districts forced by budget constraints to

from 15 to 19, while decreasing cut essential health care and edu-

the Democratic districts from 17 cation funding for our children, it members.

the next congressional election. the state's GOP majority.

garage. She faces life in prison if the lesser charge of failure to ren- Mallard said she cried and repeat- home, Peerwani said. der aid.

An attorney for a woman Mallard did "so much more than puted that Mallard hit Biggs in garage door. She said she was too ters in Mallard's car indicated that the predawn hours of Oct. 26, scared to call for help. "She pulled over ... and tried 2001, after a night of drinking,

sympathy, emotion nor media said. "Her choice to conceal Greg dent — not murder — and that performed the autopsy, testified Bexar County chief medical Tyrone Cleveland, dumped it in coverage of the case, but prosecu- Biggs from anyone who could her ex-boyfriend, Clete Deneal that Biggs probably lived two examiner who testified for the the park. Jackson and Cleveland, Another prosecutor, Richard Biggs' body and concealing the have survived with medical treat-Albert, told jurors to use their crime. Biggs' mutilated body was ment.

"She stole his life," he said, nearby fire or police station or all- and home nearly two years earli-

They said Mallard, a certified Peerwani said. nursing assistant who had Jurors began their delibera- worked in retirement homes, did-

the expense of our state and our

not required by the Constitution

to redraw district lines, particu-

redistricting plan as a gain to

Texas minorities because it

would add up to two Hispanic

But Democrats contend that

the loss of four Democrats, who

historically vote in favor of

minority interests, would coun-

teract the addition of minority

districts and one black district.

larly in a non-redistricting year.

Democrats argue that they are

Republicans have touted a

edly apologized to Biggs as he Defense attorneys never dis-moaned after she lowered her expert, testified that blood spat-boyfriend, testified that Mallard

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Nizam Peerwani, the Tarrant et. But they said it was an acci- County medical examiner who

Biggs, a bricklayer who had Prosecutors said Mallard been living in a Fort Worth homecould have stopped for help at a less shelter after losing his truck tation of his lower left leg,

> Biggs' injuries were aggravated when Mallard stopped briefly after hitting him, trying in vain to smash out more of the windshield

In her statement to police, when she continued her journey They also found the passenger seat Max Courtney, a forensic

Biggs wheezed or coughed and hours after she hit Biggs. During the three-day trial, Dr. gripped the passenger door pock-

defense witness.

When Biggs' body was found police and said Mallard talked about the incident at a party.

Officers went to Mallard's house with a search warrant and and remove his bloody body, and found the bloodstained, dented car. he didn't have many friends."

burned in the back yard. Jackson, Mallard's

took him to her garage about six Jackson said he removed

Biggs' body that night and, with But Vincent Di Maio, the the help of his cousin, Herbert Jackson, talked her into dumping hours after being hit and could detense, said Biggs was instantly in exchange for their testimony, knocked unconscious and that he pleaded guilty to tampering with probably didn't speak or move evidence. Jackson received a 10inside the car. He was the only year sentence; Cleveland, nine

Biggs' son testified that his Oct. 27, 2001, in Cobb Park, father took medication for bipolar authorities thought he had been hit disorder and mild schizophrenia, by a car. But they had no leads until and had been on the streets for a four months later, when one of few years. The two lost touch Mallard's acquaintances called about four months before his

"I would say he was very hardworking," said Brandon Biggs, 20. "He was very friendly, although

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testimony on redistricting issue The Pampa News is not responsible for the content of paid advertisement By APRIL CASTRO is outrageous for the governor to ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER An auditorium was packed call a special session on redis-**HUGE PLANT** Sale! Lazy DANCE PAMPA Senior 3-C ROOFING. Roofs. Refor the San Antonio meeting by a tricting," said U.S. Rep. Ciro Citizen's Center, Fri., 7-9 p.m. S, 516 S. Russell. pairs. Call 665-2619 Rodriguez, D-San Antonio. SAN ANTONIO (AP) crowd whom Subcommittee Chairwoman "He's going to waste millions of With a special session just four dollars to feed Washington days away, a House committee Geanie Morrison, R-Victoria, FOR HIRE yardwork, Republicans' lust for power at repeatedly asked to be quiet. began taking public input on a



(Courtesy photo)

On Friday, Pampa citizens will begin seeing Top O' Texas Rodeo banners fluttering above doors and windows on local businesses like the one being hung at the Pampa Community Building here. Top O' Texas Rodeo Secretary Jane Jacobs encourages everyone who has not already ordered a banner to call the rodeo office at 669-0434 for prices and to get on the list.

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GAS

lion cubic feet of gas were in storage, 22 percent below the five-year average and less than half the amount needed this fall to avoid problems approaching even a normal winter.

Meanwhile, demand for gas has been growing, largely because of the widespread use of the fuel for producing electricity. Nearly every power plant built in the past six years runs on natural gas.

The love of natural gas — and problems getting enough of it — did not develop by accident.

"We can't blame OPEC for our natural gas situation. We have to look at the long-term policies we put in place over the past decade or even longer," says William Whitsitt, a consultant for Burlington Resources, a leading independent Rocky Mountain gas producer.

Those policies promoted natural gas as the fuel of choice to run power plants, alternative fuel vehicles and, because gas emits less carbon dioxide than coal or oil, as a way to help address climate change.

But less attention has been paid to finding and producing gas.

"It's a problem of our own creation," policies have impeded development of sist.

new supplies.

The industry has been using the recent runup of gas prices and supply concerns to buttress their argument for opening more federal lands, especially in the Rocky Mountain area, to gas development and for easing federal permitting requirements.

With prices jumping to more than \$6 per thousand cubic feet this spring, twice what it was a year ago and triple what it has been in recent years, producers already have been drilling more wells.

But those same high prices are taking a toll on gas users.

Farmers are paying \$10 to \$15 an acre more to plant crops since the cost of fertilizer tripled to \$350 a ton this spring because of higher gas costs, Al Christopherson, a farmer from Pennock, Minn., recently told a congressional hearing.

In Colorado and Wyoming, where natural gas wells abound, sugar beet processors are facing problems as well because of the high cost of the fuel. One beet-processing plant near Greeley, Colo., that uses natural gas was closed because it was cheaper to ship beets to a coal-fired plant in Morgan, Colo.

In Texas, Dow Chemical decided to shift Rattie told a recent congressional hearing. one of its plants to Germany, in part because While encouraging consumption, federal it expects high U.S. natural gas prices to per-

Attackers ratchet up ambush

Americans were wounded.

Iraq, despite U.S. claims of used by U.S. forces — has eling in the same car. mopping up opposition. One been the scene of several American soldier and two Iraqi attacks using trip wires dan- Maj. William Thurmond, said civilians were killed, and two gling from overpasses or the spate of ambushes could be

The fresh violence came a threw grenades at a U.S. and day after a U.S. Marine was Iraqi civilian convoy in west blamed attacks on isolated killed while responding to an Baghdad, killing two Iraqi remnants of Saddam Hussein's ambush in which three other employees of the national elec- regime and his Sunni follow-In Thursday's ambushes, a and Iraqi police said. The con- organized resistance.

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — bomb exploded on the airport voy had U.S. Humvees at the Bomb and grenade ambushes road, killing a U.S. soldier and front and the back and two Thursday signaled increasing injuring another, the U.S. mili- Iraqi civilian vehicles in the anti-American resistance in tary said. The road — heavily middle. The victims were trav-

A U.S. military spokesman, American soldiers were miss- grenades tossed from bridges. a response to recent U.S. raids Also Thursday, attackers on Baath Party strongholds.

The U.S. military has tricity authority, U.S. soldiers ers, claiming there was no

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SCORES

grades exceeding the state average.

But it was the third and fourth grade students who scored the best with a 100 percent on all tests taken. Fifth grade didn't have quite as much success but still maintained solid scores resulting in an 83 percent in math, 79 percent in reading and 86 percent in science.

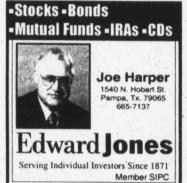
Sixth and seventh graders scored higher, with the younger of the two bringing

in 96 percent in math and 100 percent in reading. Seventh graders, however, were required to take one more test and ranked 92 percent in math and writing and 100 percent in reading.

The eighth grade students scored two points higher in math with a 94 percent and a 97 percent in social studies. Reading was their weaker average but still it came through at 91 percent.

"Overall our scores were outstanding for the first time to take the new test," Danny

Ferrell, White Deer superintendent said. "Our staff and students need to be commended on their performances."





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Earlier this month, Chapman, his son, an actor and a television cameraman, traveled to Mexico where they found a fugitive Andrew convicted Luster, California for rape. Mexican police stopped Chapman's vehicle and discovered Luster, reportedly bound and naked in the trunk. Chapman and those with him were jailed. Luster was returned to California to serve his 124-year sentence.

The event drew the attention of the national news media because Luster is the great-grandson of cosmetics magnate Max Factor. He had fled to a seaside resort in Mexico shortly before his January conviction for drugging and raping three women, according to Associated Press reports.

It also brought attention to the legalities of bounty hunting, especially in a foreign country.

Fortunately, Chapman and those with him were released Saturday.

About a year ago, Chapman called The Pampa News. He wanted to see if the newspaper would write an article about his changed life how he had become a good citizen and family man in the 25-plus years since his murder conviction.

He also wanted to tell about his successful bountyhunting business in Hawaii and let people know that a television series about him was in the works.

In his telephone conversations with this reporter, he portrayed himself as a hero of John Wayne-ian proportion, who is saving the world from

bad guys. Even while in jail at Mexico, Chapman said he was simply trying to bring a serial rapist to justice.

> Chapman said he planned to visit Pampa in the near future and the newspaper could interview him at that time. As far as this reporter knows, he never came here.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Our water - going, going, gone

To the editor,

Recent articles by those who apparently know state the underground water for the Panhandle will dry up in 50 years. Prior articles also by those who presume to know are less optimistic and have stated the well goes dry in 30 years. These warnings should, you would think, result in some timely conservation.

We have various entities and individuals holding office and possessing their own letterheads indicating some force or responsibility in the conservation of our groundwater. When the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality doesn't even consider the effect of groundwater pumping when assessing permits for CAFOS, it is to be expected those further down the creek in the water business will not consider it either. Instead of conservation, we have entities and individuals merely directing the water stream in deciding who gets water and how much. Conservation is mentioned but only in achieving other goals.

Water must become more costly to the consumer. The taxing of the sale of groundwater should be assessed at 27.5 percent levied at the delivery point, with 50 percent of the tax going to the state and 50 percent to the county or counties where the water originated.

Talking about water conservation in a crowded room has the same effect as mentioning Jesus' name. People start looking for an exit, looking solemn and kicking imaginary rocks. The attitude of the TCEQ in ignoring the effects of pumping groundwater is hardly surprising. They also ignore the noxious odors and windblown noxious particles when assessing the permitting of CAFO applications. A well thought-out approach to actual water conservation could put off the advent of more dry land farms in the Panhandle or at least provide a delay in buying drinking water by the glass.

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She's back in the news saddle

Sitting at a computer screen, pumping water into my system, recovering after a morning of deadline stress, and typing faster than I remember my fingers being able to dance across the keyboard. The paper is out today (whew) and I finished my pages without getting hurt or hurting anyone else as far as I know (... although let's give it 24 hours) but my-oh-my, how it feels good to be back in the saddle again.

Not that I'm a cowgirl - the furthest thing from it, and more like a metropolitan-loving, shopping junky (another story). However, I can say with a clear conscience that I am back in the newspaper saddle and it's good to know I can still do this reporter thing after four years of teaching and overseeing the journalism department at the high school.

Truthfully, I was worried there for a minute; that's part of the reason I'm freelancing this summer for the Pampa News is - to see if I still have it.

Can I still get everything done in four hours every morning?

Do I still love finding out new information, meeting new people everyday and working continuously at a computer screen most daylight hours?

Yes, yes and yes.

Actually, that's all fairly secondary. I'm primarily here to fill in for those hardworking folks who need vacations around the joint and to help out until another fulltime reporter comes on board.

It's funny to finally be writing a column after four years in teacherland.



Needless to say, life at the high school is even faster than life at the paper ... too fast for column writing. Now, that's something I never imagined when signing up for a teaching career. What can be more hectic and fast-paced, adrenaline driving and blood pumping than working in a newsroom?

A high school newsroom.

But as much as I like being a writer, reporter and page designer ... I truly love teaching writing, reporting and page design to teenagers. Who would have known. It's definitely the toughest job I've ever loved. But still I hold a place in my heart for my training grounds, The Pampa News.

Although, it's a little surprising how nothing much has changed around here. The computers are new (always a good thing) and there are a few new faces (also a great thing). But most of the old faces are still around (an even better thing) ... and I'm amazed how everyone around here works so hard without seeming to

It was great to slide into the rolling chair at the computer and see that the old brain had remembered way more than was to be expected. But most of all, you need to know how wonderful it is with

Dee Dee Laramore leading this editorial ship. (Don't worry - I don't have to brown nose to keep my job here since it's temporary anyway. These next few sentences and observations are clearly objective and are meant to boost the morale of the editorial department.)

In short, Dee Dee rocks. (I have the teen lingo down - can't help it.) But what you really need to know is how much she rocks with the way her world is rocking these days.

Currently, there is only one full-time, joke telling, sports reporter, L.D. Strate, and Dee Dee putting out a daily paper with the help of a part-time photographer/news digger/roaming reporter nomad named David (thank God he always brings us donuts) Bowser - plus the full-time page designer/obit queen/lifestyles goddess named Skyla Bryant (whom we very deeply miss this

I'm no good at math, but I think that makes three and a half people putting together the editorial section of a daily paper. How much harder does it get? A little bit more when one of them has to go on vacation.

So -- enter Miranda.

Here I am filling in and loving it, except for the getting up early part. But maybe I'll get to meet a few new people. I'll probably get to learn a few more things to share with my students in the fall and it looks like I'll definitely get a little more opportunity to get together with an old love of mine - column writ-

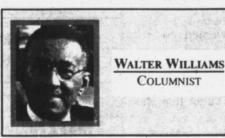


We tolerate too much in schools

Marc Epstein teaches history at Jamaica High School in Queens, N.Y. He wrote the summer 2003 issue of Education Next's feature story, titled "Security Detail." If an American who passed away as late as 1960 were somehow resurrected, he'd probably think Epstein fabricated the story. Unfortunately, the story is true for too many of America's schools.

Jamaica High School, with a student body of 2,500, has eight deans, Epstein being one of them. Student discipline occupies much of their time. The school has an assistant principal for security, and two secretaries and a school aide assigned to the dean's office. There are 10 school security agents assigned by the New York Police Department to patrol Jamaica High School's halls; there're more when there's random scanning of students for weapons. At least \$1 million is budgeted for school safety, and that excludes the cost of the 10 security agents paid by the police depart-

Epstein's story samples a number of school incidents. A teacher saw a student take a gun from his locker to show other students. The security agent was informed and did nothing. Epstein searched for the student, but he had fled the building. When the student returned, he denied possession of the gun. He was searched by the police, who found nothing. After an investigation, which consumed a couple thousand dollars worth of personnel hours, a hearing officer transferred the



student to another school.

A learning-disabled student, denied a hall pass, called his teacher a crippled bitch and threw an object at her. A security agent who witnessed the incident removed the student. At the student's hearing, a man appearing on behalf of the student's mother asked the teacher, "Do you consider yourself crippled, because if you do, then you are in fact a crippled bitch and the charges ought to be dropped." Because of the protections of federal special education law, the student was permitted to return to the school immediately.

Epstein says court decisions and school regulations have made schools a safe haven for dangerous criminals. Schools must admit young people convicted of serious felonies, such as armed

The teacher's union is part of the problem, as well. During the 1990s, the United Federation of Teachers (UFT) deemed that forcing teachers to supervise home rooms was unprofessional. Through contract negotiations, this method of student control was abolished. UFT also argued that it was unprofessional for teachers to

have cafeteria supervisory duties; they were replaced by school aides. The cafeteria quickly became student gang turf, where fights and other disorderly behavior became routine. School aides are easily intimidated by students, and for fear of retaliation, they rarely confront gangaffiliated students.

According to an August 2002 Department of Education report, "School Crime Patterns." "High schools with the highest levels of violence tended to be located in urban areas and have a high percentage of minority students (black and Hispanic), compared to high schools that reported no crime to the police." The report also said that 60 percent of violent school crimes occur in 4 percent of the nation's high schools.

Is there a sane reason for today's adults tolerating student behavior unimaginable 50 years ago? Don't try the poverty excuse. I attended Philadelphia's Benjamin Franklin High School from 1950 to 1954, along with students who, myself included, were among the poorest of the city's poor. Yes, there was the occasional after-school fight, with fists, but I can't recall a single incident of a student cursing or assaulting a teacher.

What to do? It's a no-brainer. Students who are alien and hostile to the education process ought to be removed.

You say, "What will we do with them?" I say that's a secondary issue. The first priority is to stop thugs from making education impossible for everyone else.

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'Copters attacking forest fire

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) - Helicopters began the assault on a suspected arson wildfire at daybreak Thursday, dropping giant buckets of water on flames in a riverside forest about five miles north of

The wildfire, along the banks of the Rio Grande, began Wednesday night and burned through more than 700 acres, threatening homes and forcing more than 200 people to evacuate.

While the evacuation remained in effect Thursday morning, authorities were encouraged that the fire had quieted down overnight and the wind was calmer.

Albuquerque Fire Lt. Lynn Reule said the wildfire was contained but not controlled.

"It's really banked down. We're not getting the big flareups like last night," she said. "They will probably do the drops until they (the flames) are under control, and then we and go in there and search for the hot spots."

Mayor Martin Chavez said evidence from the fire suggested the wind-driven blaze that broke out Wednesday evening was not merely a flare-up of a fire the day before about a mile to the south.

"It has more than one point of origin which is suggestive of arson," Chavez said. No arrests had been made as of Thursday morning.

As the fire spread, every Albuquerque firefighter was called to duty to fight back the blaze. About 200 firefighters were headed in Thursday, with some from outside agencies prepared to relieve them.

"On one hand, I saw hope that the fire seems to be contained," Gov. Bill Richardson said Thursday. "But at the same time, I worry about two elements: wind that could reignite the fire or some crazy person that wants to make a name for himself."

Richardson called for National Guard all-terrain vehicles and helicopters and requested federal help.

Smoke from the wildfire could be seen across Albuquerque, a sprawling city of about 450,000, and ash □ drifted down in some areas.

No injuries were reported and no structures were damaged, but hundreds of homes in an exclusive area and several other subdivisions and apartment complexes were evacuated. Chavez said more than 100 homes were "very severely compromised" and 200 to 250 people were ordered to evacuate.

Some residents also evacuated livestock to the New Mexico State Fairgrounds.

With the fire several hundred feet from her home, Jo Chestnut packed up family belongings and headed for a shelter while her husband stayed behind to move out their thoroughbred horse.

"It is very overwhelming; the thought that someone may have started this on purpose is just frightening that there is that kind of evil," Chestnut said.

Chavez said firefighters would be working strictly on structure protection and would not be fighting the fire within the area near the river containing salt cedar, cottonwood trees and other vegetation. A drought has left much of the vegetation dry, providing fuel to the flames.

The fire a miles to the south on Tuesday also burned about 700 acres in similar vegetation and was apparently caused by I fireworks, Chavez said.

House rejects more Iraq intelligence probes

WASHINGTON (AP) - The House on Thursday rejected two attempts by Democratic lawmakers for additional inquiries into the handling of intelligence on Iraq's weapons pro-

Democrats sought to include the inquiries in a bill authorizing 2004 intelligence activities. That bill, whose details are mostly classified, was expected to be approved late Thursday or early Friday.

Democrats have questioned whether prewar intelligence was inaccurate or manipulated to back up President Bush's push for war. Republicans have said there is no sign political reasons.

tions of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction already under way by the House and Senate intelligence comcommittees. But some Democrats said they don't go far enough.

An amendment proposed by Rep. inspectors was defeated 239-185.

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n amendment proposed by Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee of Texas to require the U.S. comptroller general to study U.S. intelligence-sharing with U.N. inspectors was defeated 239-185.

Dick Cheney relating to Iraq's Harman said she still believes Saddam

Democrats of raising the issue for cited a Washington Post story in which Iraq or terrorists elsewhere. unidentified intelligence analysts said make their assessments meet administration policy objectives.

mittees and the Senate Armed Services LaHood, R-Ill., called Kucinich's pro- administration officials "rarely includposal the "cheap shot amendment of ed the caveats and qualifiers attached the year."

The top Democrat on the House ments.' Sheila Jackson Lee of Texas to require Intelligence Committee, Rep. Jane By a 347-76 vote, the House reject- mittee's review of prewar intelli- tion to use WMD," she said.

inspector general to audit all telephone review found that the administration electronic communications ignored doubts about Iraq's chemical between the CIA and Vice President and biological weapons capability, But Hussein possessed weapons of mass Kucinich, a presidential candidate destruction that could now be in the of wrongdoing and have accused and outspoken opponent of the war, hands of anti-American fighters in

She said the early stages of her Reviews of administration asserthey had felt pressured by Cheney to committee's review has made clear that Iraq once had chemical and biological weapons and that these In debate Wednesday, Rep. Ray weapons were easy to hide — but to the intelligence community's judg-

"For many Americans, the administhe U.S. comptroller general to study Harman of California, also opposed tration's certainty gave the impression U.S. intelligence-sharing with U.N. Kucinich's proposal, saying his conthere was even stronger intelligence been estimated at \$40 billion. Goss cerns could be examined by the com- about Iraq's possession of and inten-

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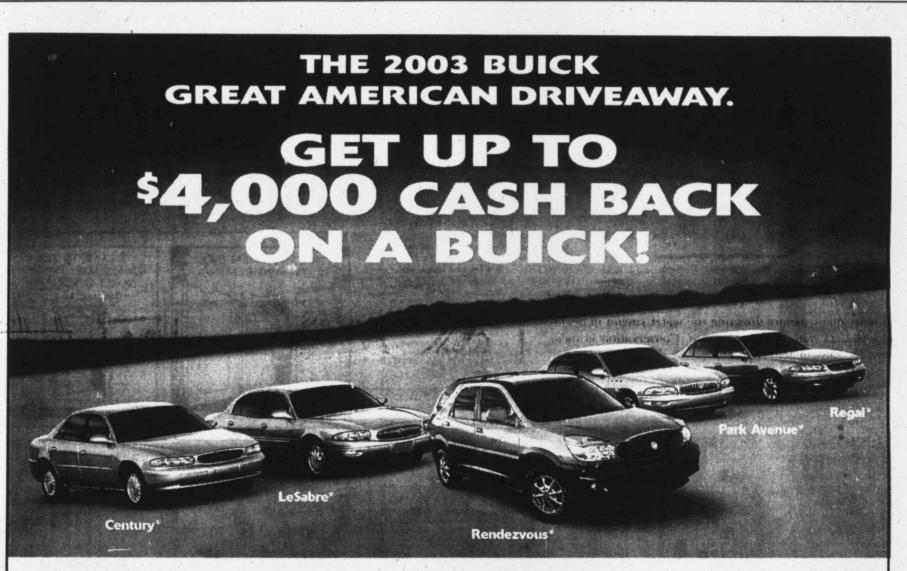
Harman also said that intelligence linking al-Qaida to Iraq "is conflicting, contrary to what was claimed by the administration."

Harman said the committee's review would be thorough and that Chairman Porter Goss, R-Fla., has told her he will hold open hearings, which she hopes will begin in July. But she also said the investigation had to be "mindful of the burden the intelligence agencies are carrying."

"Our nation is best served by an effective intelligence community, not one hobbled by risk-aversion and finger-pointing," she said.

The intelligence authorization bill would pay for programs aimed at improving intelligence sharing among agencies, increase training of state and local agencies, modernize an aging satellite network, strengthen human espionage and improve counterintelligence efforts.

The bill's cost is classified, but has said that level would meet Bush's request. It will have to be reconciled with a version being considered by the



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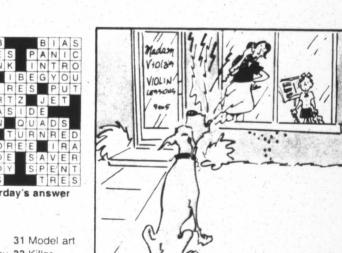
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believe that it is the parents' responsibility to discipline their

children and teach them proper social conduct. That said, this is

school I present the rules of conduct

in my class to the new students. I

tell them that I expect everyone to behave and respect each other.

that some children like to call

names and hurt other children's feelings, but I do not tolerate this kind of behavior. I say, "If anyone

hits you or hurts your feelings — tell me immediately." I will call the par-

ents of the abusive student and tell

them what their child did, and that I

will not admit their child in my class

the next day unless accompanied by

one of his/her parents. I expect the

parent to sit in our classroom the

entire day and make sure that

I then ask the students, "How many of you think your mother or

father will have the time to sit in

our class the whole day?" No one

raises a hand. No student ever

dares to abuse another student in

cause people to think and change

the discipline policies that exist in

many U.S. schools - and I hope that other caring teachers and prin-cipals will follow my psychology teacher's instructions and prevent

abusive students from hurting

DEAR TEACHER: If there

were more teachers like you, I

would not receive the hundreds

of heartbreaking letters I do from students who are harassed,

bullied and taunted by their

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Every year on the first day of

how I handle my responsibility:

I am one of many educators who

abuse by other students.

DEAR ABBY: I was deeply touched by the letter from "Fed Up in

Fort Myers, Fla.," regarding a young

girl affected by her mother's bulimia.

The children at school call her cruel-

Eating disorders are widespread illnesses that affect all segments of

society. They may affect not only

the body, but also the mind - and

appropriate treatment is necessary.

Abby, I would like to invite your readers to contact the National

Association of Anorexia Nervosa

and Associated Disorders (ANAD)

Through our hotline and response to mail and e-mail inquiries, ANAD

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DEAR VIVIAN: Thank you for the information. After I

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GOLF

PAMPA — Hidden Hills held a four-man senior scramble Wednesday.

Results are as follows: 1. Bill King, Billie Mac Millican, Butch Sheperd and Jim Jensen, 61.

2. Jim Brashears, O.K. Lee, Charles Terrell and Duane Cash, 62.

3. Oscar Sargent, Bob Young, Walden Haynes, Bill Abernathy and Herman Harrell, 6-3.

4. Ralph Baker, Larry Heard, John McGuire and Troy Bennett, 63.

Closest to hole: Jerry Davis, No. 15.

FOOTBALL

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Neil O'Donnell returned to the Titans four months after the quarterback was cut, giving Tennessee a veteran backup as insurance for Steve McNair.

O'Donnell, who had been let go in a salary-cap move, signed a two-year contract. He will be on the field Wednesday and Thursday as the Titans conclude their offseason workouts.

BASKETBALL

NEW YORK (AP) -At least one person closely associated with the NBA draft believes there will be several trades made Thursday night, and Marquette junior Dwyane Wade expects he may be a factor in those dealings.

"I think there are going to be a lot of trades," Wade said Wednesday, "From (picks) four to 13, they don't know what they want to do yet."

The first three picks appear to be set in stone: Cleveland taking high school phenom LeBron James at No. 1, Detroit choosing Serbian 7-footer Darko Milicic at No. 2, and Denver selecting Syracuse freshman Carmelo Anthony at No.

"I'm ready for everything to begin, for everything just to launch because I haven't played basketball in 3 1/2 months," James said.

The Toronto Raptors have the fourth pick, but general manager Glen Grunwald has been entertaining offers that would help him revamp his roster following a disappointing 24-58 season.

"I'm happy to stay at four," Grunwald said, "but we have a couple of holes to fill and there might be another way to do it."

Tonight's draft will be televised by ESPN.

Flashback

1986: Billy Butler won both the long jump and high jump events in leading the Harvesters to victoin the Pampa Invitational at Randy Matson Field.

Pampa finished with 200 points. Perryton was second with 125.

Spurs main focus is on free agent market

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs have a pick to make in Thursday's NBA draft, even if the newly crowned league champions are understandably more focused on how to spend millions in salary-cap money in the free agent market.

The Spurs have the 28th choice in the first round, behind everyone but Dallas. Their second round pick, No. 58 overall, was traded to Detroit last October for reserve center Mengke Bateer.

Lance Blanks, the team's scouting director, said he sees this year's talent pool thinning out rapidly after the first dozen or so top players, leavavailable when their number comes up.

"This pick we're at, you can't be that choosy," he said Tuesday. "We've just got to wish and hope for something that we see value in."

San Antonio has had that kind of luck in recent years. French point guard Tony Parker, the Spurs' secondleading scorer last season, was snatched up with the 29th selection in 2001, and reserve guard Manu Ginobili from Argentina was found in 1999's second round.

"With Tony Parker, we had all of the stars lined up, and the moon, and the sun," ing the Spurs to rely on luck Blanks said. "It's unlikely that

that someone they like is any wish-list players will be Zaur Pachulia from the nation there (at No. 28), but every year a team or two picks a player that they get lucky with."

> While speculation centers on whether the Spurs will pursue free-agent guard Jason Kidd of New Jersey, it's generally thought that the team's most obvious need is a big man to play alongside twotime MVP Tim Duncan now that David Robinson is retiring after 14 pro seasons.

To that end, various mock drafts circulating on the Internet link the Spurs with a variety of big prospects, among them teenage centers Malick Badiane of Senegal, now playing in Germany, and Olowokandi of the Los

of Georgia, who is now a pro in Turkey.

Blanks says he has seen a lot of Badiane and Pachulia, though he isn't tipping his hand on San Antonio's level of interest.

"We've got to have every single option open," he said. "We've had a level of success with guys from overseas, so you'd have to at least take a hard look at guys coming from over there.'

But when it comes to big men, the Spurs could take its \$15 million in salary-cap money and go after a proven free agent like Jermaine O'Neal of Indiana or Michael

Angeles Clippers:

What San Antonio does on-Thursday will reveal littleabout how it proceeds with prospective free agents. Blanks said.

In addition to going after: players from other teams, the Spurs also have a number of their own free agents to deal with - right now, only four. players are under contract. and Duncan has yet to exercise his option to return next

"The Spurs just hope it can: keep making good decisions to capitalize on the good group of players it has and the level of success we've had," he said. "And a big part of that starts on (Thursday)."

Houston parade honors Rice's baseball team

HOUSTON (AP) Though they'll be sharing the stage, the national-champion Rice baseball team will be feted Thursday with a midday parade and rally through downtown Houston.

The Owls, who finished off Stanford 14-2 on Monday to clinch the College World Series and the first national title in the school's 91-year history, will be honored along with the recently crowned champions of the American Hockey League, the Houston Aeros.

The Aeros are a minorleague affiliate of the NHL's Minnesota Wild. They won their league's Calder Cup over the Hamilton (Ontario) Bulldogs on June 12.

The parade is scheduled to start at 11:30 a.m. at the corner of Smith Street and Texas Avenue and travel five blocks southward to Lamar Street. A rally at nearby City Hall imme- \$1 million including apparel diately will follow the parade.

As is customary for Houston victory parades, players and Holliday.

- coaches will ride fire trucks down the parade route.

> The Houston Astros also plan to honor the Owls before Saturday's scheduled 3:05 p.m. CDT game against the Texas Rangers at Minute Maid Park.

OSU names Anderson

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) - Frank Anderson now has his own opportunity to bring life back to a traditional college baseball powerhouse.

Anderson, who as pitching coach helped the resurgent Longhorns win the 2002 NCAA championship, has been hired as head baseball coach at Oklahoma State, university officials announced Wednesday.

Financial terms of the fiveyear deal were not disclosed. The Daily Oklahoman, quoting an unnamed source, reported that the contract will approach and camp perquisites.

Anderson, 44, replaces Tom

White Deer Cardinals



Cardinals (above) took first in the Claude Minor The White De League Youth E eball Tournament this summer. The Cardinals are in the High Plains Baseball Association, which also included Clarendon, Claude, Groom and Panhandle. Team members are (front row, I-r) coach Mike Bradley, Codie Harrah, Nicki Bradiey, Eric Clifton, Nathan Storey and Tanner Auldridge; (back row, I-r) Jordan Parsley, Cameron Hassler, Taylor Guerrero, Zach Bradley, Clint Woods and coach Terry Harrah. Not pictured are Mackie Hall, Garrett Hiller, Austin Sims, Trevor Craig, Billy Hoch, Jaselle Rutten and Stephen Marszal.

Bonds' 73rd home run sells for \$450,000

Todd McFarlane got off much cheaper this time.

million for Mark McGwire's 70th home run ball in 1999, bought the one Barry Bonds' hit for his record 73rd at an auction Wednesday for \$450,000.

Bidding by phone from Dallas, McFarlane was pleased with the outcome.

"I knew it would go for a fraction of the other ball," tonight."

Elkies running the sale, which was conducted by Lelands.com, bidding began at \$200,000 and moved in increments of \$25,000.

With all commissions included, the official purchase price will be recorded

as \$517,500.

NEW YORK (AP) — the room at the ESPN Zone slow pace of the bidding. restaurant. McFarlane, on The man who paid \$3.2 ing in Arkansas, was bidding over the phone from Dallas with Michael Heffner, president of Leland's handling his call.

> McFarlane said he hoped that his presence in the auction would scare off other bidders.

"I'm hoping that they all know that I'm bidding and of the Spawn comic strip. they'll go, 'Oh, it's the psy-With auctioneer Cathy bid and I'll get it for the minimum amount. I'm hoping I'll just scare them by my presence and get it at low value."

It might have worked that way.

Leland's had estimated that the ball would sell for between \$1 million and \$2 million, but it was clear that

At one point, Elkies tried his way to a business meet- to encourage the bidders, said. saying, "What's another \$25,000?"

Later, as the bidding seemed to stall, she taunted the potential buyers, saying, "You'll be so sorry in the on display. morning."

Finally, it became clear that no one would top the bid by McFarlane, creator

money,' and nobody will when he went into the auction for the McGwire ball. "We went well past that number," he said. "That limit didn't stop me last time."

what his limit was for the Bonds ball.

"I wish I didn't have this compulsion but that guy, cost both men hundreds of Barry, broke the record, so thousands in attorney fees There were 12 registered the price would fall well now I'm in a position and the sale might wind up going to be a wash." bidders, some of them in short of that mark by the where, to some extent I've being a loss for them.

got to potentially protect my assets here," McFarlane

got the second-best ball." He said he would use the

Bonds ball much as he did the McGwire one, putting it done

"I'll make a quick call to the Hall of Fame to put it on display," he said.

The ball was ordered McFarlane said he had sold after a two-week trial he said. "I think we did well cho, he's got too much set a limit of \$2.1 million to determine its ownership. Alex Popov, a Berkeley, disappointed at the out-Calif., restaurateur caught the ball and lost it in a

> Patrick Hayashi, a graduate student, was at the bot-McFarlane would not say tom of the pile of people and picked it up after it fell from Popov's glove.

The ensuing court battle

McFarlane said. "These two guys have two sets of "It's tough to say you've lawyers that they've got to pay court costs. These two guys could actually be in debt when it's all said and

They could actually be worse off for having that ball. Add up two sets of lawyers. I'm being generous if those lawyers fought in court for a combined total of less than \$500,000."

The co-owners seemed

"It was about history," Popov said. "It wasn't about money. I've got 20 months of joy out of the experience. It was unpredictable. I had no expecta-

Hayashi didn't think he made money,

"In the end, it's probably Hayashi said.

Atlantic Coast Conference invites Miami, Virginia Tech to join

The Atlantic Coast Conference put a surprising twist on its six-week expansion

On Wednesday, the ACC invited only Miami and Virginia Tech to leave the Big East and form an 11-team conference, passing over Boston College and Syracuse.

Many expected Miami to receive an invitation after the ACC voted May 13 to expand, but Virginia Tech didn't come into the picture until last week.

ACC commissioner John

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) Swofford said neither school had accepted an invitation yet, but he didn't expect any prob-"It's their decision to make

at this point," he said. Miami's executive committee of its board of trustees

scheduled a meeting for

Thursday afternoon to discuss the ACC's invitation. Clemson President James F. Barker, head of the league's Council of Presidents, said Miami and Virginia Tech

would be a great addition to the

ACC.

"These two institutions rep- Steger to negotiate a deal with resent and share the values for which the ACC has long been known," Barker said.

Virginia Tech, a dark horse candidate that was added last week at the insistence of Virginia, was "subject to final completion of the conference bylaw requirements" - a site visit that was under way Wednesday

in Blacksburg, Va. Virginia Tech's governing board, meeting earlier Wednesday, unanimously authorized president Charles

the ACC. Steger said he was "inclined to accept" the offer.

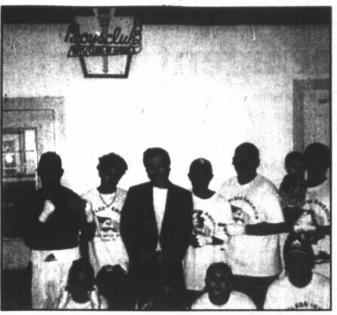
Barker said the invitation to Shalala said school officials all its members. Its statement

"Since this is a new proposal, we will evaluate it before making a decision," she said. Athletic director Paul Dee added it might take a few days for Miami to decide.

Any school leaving the Big East will have to pay a \$1 million penalty, and that amount doubles after June 30.

Boston College said the Big East was discussing future con-Miami President Donna ference configurations among were disappointed Boston noted that Miami and Virginia College and Syracuse weren't Tech are included in those discussions, which is likely to mean the Big East is making the would-be defectors a counterproposal to keep them from bolting.

The statement said the schools will address "those issues that have caused several Big East institutions to consider conference withdrawal."



The Pampa Boxing Club is entered in as tournament this weekend at the New Hope Boxing Club in Dodge City, Kan. Among the team members who will be making the trip are Jose Larrazolo, Enrique, Marquez, Joes Venegas, Jose Nunez, Cristoval Larrazolo, Mercedes Larrazolo, Celia Mora and coach Lupe Larrazolo. "The boxers are ready and determined to win. This is just the beginning of many tournaments to come," said coach Larrazolo. The boxing club is sponsored by Rick's Body Shop, Jiffy Cleaners and Williams Signs.

Gonzalez undecided about trade to Expos

ARLINGTON, (AP) — Texas outfielder Juan Gonzalez was held out of the Rangers' lineup again Wednesday night as the twotime AL MVP considered whether to accept or reject a trade that would send him to the Montreal Expos.

Despite assertions by his attorney that he would likely invoke the no-trade clause in his contract, Gonzalez said he hasn't made that determination.

"I haven't decided," Gonzalez said after taking batting practice before Wednesday night's game against Oakland.

Gonzalez has until Saturday morning to make his decision. He said he wasn't sure when he would decide.

The Expos reached an agreement with Texas on acquire Gonzalez, but his attorney, Jeff Moorad, said then that

Texas Gonzalez "in all likelihood" would block the deal.

> A message left at Moorad's office Wednesday night wasn't immediately

> Gonzalez met Wednesday with Montreal general manager Omar Minaya, who has a long history with the slug-

I'm not going to talk about the meeting," Minaya said.

Minaya is credited with helping develop Gonzalez RBIs. for the Rangers in the mid-1980s, when he coached the Gulf Coast Rangers for three

The last-place Rangers were expected to receive prospects, possibly three of them, if Gonzalez goes to season. Montreal.

The Expos are in the thick of the NL wild-card race.

Manager Buck Showalter said Gonzalez was available for him to use, but he held before the July 31 trading

and had spoken to him.

"I talked to him about the whys and the factors," Showalter said. "I told him we support him, either way, decision whatever

Gonzalez is in the second year of his \$24 million, twoyear deal, and \$4.5 million of "I have met with him but his \$12 million salary this season deferred. The 33year-old outfielder is hitting .286 with 18 homers and 50

> The Rangers have made it clear that they want to move forward with younger players and that Gonzalez, in his second stint with the team for which he signed at age 16, won't be re-signed after this

Texas has already traded outfielder Ruben Sierra to the New York Yankees for a minor leaguer.

him out of the starting lineup deadline are closer Ugueth Urbina, starters Ismael Valdes and John Thomson and outfielder Carl Everett, all players that eligible for free agency after this season.

> Gonzalez spent several minutes in the clubhouse Wednesday talking to Urbina, who spent parts of seven seasons in Montreal. The subject and nature of their talk wasn't known.

The Expos play on artificial turf, and that could factor against a player with a history of injuries. He has never played for an NL team.

Gonzalez was the AL MVP in 1996 and '98 for Texas, but was traded to Detroit in a nine-player deal in November 1999 because he was going to be a free agent the following season. He played just one season with the Tigers and then spent a year in Cleveland Other potential movers before returning to the

Impressive Pierce advances to third round at Wimbledon Tournament

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Two-time Grand Slam champion Mary Pierce upset No. 14-seeded Eleni Daniilidou 6-4, 6-1 Thursday in the second round at Wimbledon.

Pierce, ranked 86th and plagued by injuries in recent years, advanced to the third round of a major event for the first time since Wimbledon last year. She lost in the opening round at this year's French Open, and in the second round at the Australian

Eighth-seeded Jennifer Capriati hit nine aces, including one on match point, to Mikaelian 6-2, 6-1

beat Russian compatriot Lina Roddick didn't need the help. Krasnoroutskaya 6-1, 6-4, but Greg Rusedski's profaniand No. 23 Lisa Raymond ty-laced meltdown in the third eliminated Weingartner 6-3, 6-0.

In a battle of qualifiers on the men's side. Swede Robin Soderling beat Gilles Elseneer of Belgium 2-6, 7-6 (8), 6-4, 6-3,

Pierce looked in fine form against Daniilidou, committing just five unforced errors. Roddick said. She won the Australian Open

in 2000, but her best showing at Wimbledon was a quarterfinal appearance in 1996.

"She's a delight to watch when she's on her game," said Pam Shriver, a five-time Wimbledon doubles champion and now a BBC commentator. "And I've never seen her apply her skills so well on a grass court. She now becomes a danger figure in her part of the draw."

Pierce faces a potential quarterfinal matchup against French Open champion Justine Henin-Hardenne, who was scheduled to play later Thursday.

The biggest tantrum so far Marie-Gaianeh at Wimbledon was so excessive that even John McEnroe No. 10 Anastasia Myskina disapproved. Maybe Andy set ended his comeback bid in Wednesday.

> After Rusedski lost his cool. Roddick won the final five games to finish off the angry Englishman, 7-6 (4), 7-

"He got pretty upset."

in 1995 and the French Open Rusedski led 5-2 in the final found surprisingly lenient.

set. With Roddick serving at 30-15, Rusedski stopped playing a point when a fan erroneously shouted that a shot was out. Roddick won the point, and chair umpire

Lars Graff let it stand, rather

than replaying it. "Ridiculous," Rusedski shouted at Graff during the ensuing changeover. He accused the umpire of allowing the fan to change the course of the match.

Rusedski couldn't regain his composure. In what had been a tight match, he won only five of the final 23 points beginning with the disputed

"He was playing well, and he let that just get under his skin," said McEnroe, a threetime Wimbledon champion who launched a few tirades himself at the All England Club. "It's an embarrassing their second-round slugfest way for him to walk off the

The BBC, which televised the match and picked up Rusedski's profanities on a courtside microphone, apologized to viewers. The tournament announced Thursday that Rusedski was fined The blowup came when \$2,500, which McEnroe

"They cannot be serious," McEnroe said. "I'd be in jail for that."

call," he said. "I apologize for unraveling was the sole reathing to do with it."

essary. ... Your emotions can sometimes take control of you Rusedski was contrite after because you want it so badly."

"That, and I had just about

my language. It was not nec- son for the lopsided final few

the best returns I've hit for Roddick took exception to two years," Roddick said. "I lost it a little bit on that the suggestion that Rusedski's "I'd like to think I had some-

Draft day likely to be quiet for Rockets we've moved up or back even making the 44th selection.

HOUSTON (AP) Barring a surprising trade, the at the last minute. Two or three That's just three spots lower Houston Rockets will take a back seat in Thursday's NBA

They were center stage a year ago to make Yao Ming the No. 1 pick in the draft, but they don't have a first round pick this time and they've already made big news by naming Jeff Van Gundy their new coach earlier this month.

Dawson is going through the Tomjanovich and has deferred motions anyway.

"Anytime you're not prepared for the draft, something bad is going to happen,' Dawson said. "Even though this year we don't have a first round pick, you prepare. Then if it (a trade) happens you're ready. Nothing's happened

Dawson hasn't ruled out a

move into the first round. "We never give up," looks good. These are always last minute things." The Memphis Grizzlies will take the Rockets spot at No. 13

in the first round, completing an 11-player, three team trade that brought guard Steve Francis to the Rockets in 1999. Van Gundy has been busy studying the Rockets since he

General manager Carroll was named to replace Rudy "The more you watch, the

more you know," Van Gundy said. "The good part is you have a lot of time to think. You don't have to make quick deci-

"Hopefully, we'll be able to that. give them the right plan in September."

days before the draft it never than in the 1998 draft when the Rockets picked Cuttino Mobley at No. 41.

"I would say there are more players in the 40s this year than in the past," Dawson said. "We worked out 20 players which is a lot for a second round pick. That also means there are a lot of guys to choose from."

Mobley worked his way into the Rockets starting lineup most of the draft talk to and has been part of the team's Dawson and the Rockets core, along with Francis' and

"Those things are blessings, they really are," Dawson said. "Believe me, that's in my mind every time I think about a second round pick, finding a guy like Cuttino or somebody like "It doesn't always happen,

but you're a dreamer in this The Rockets won't get a business and you always want Dawson said. "A lot of times, choice until the second round, the best for your team."

Major League Standings

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Thursday's Games

Milwaukee (W.Franklin 45) at Chicago Cubs (Prior 8-3), 2:20 p.m. Florida (Willis 7-1) at N.Y. Mets (Heilman 0-0), 7:10 p.m.

Philadelphia (Wolf 8-3) at Atlanta (Hampton 3-3), 7:35 p.m.

Cincinnati (Graves 3-6) at St. Louis (W. Williams 9-2), 8:10 p.m.

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Thursday's Games Detroit (Roney 0-1) at Boston (P.Martinez 4-2), 1:05 p.m. Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 4-10) at

º Minnesota (Lohse 6-5), 1:05 p.m. N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 9-4) at Tampa Bay (Standridge 0-2), 2:15 p.m. Baltimore (Lopez 1-4) at Toronto

(Hendrickson 5-5), 7:05 p.m. Kansas City (Lima 1-0) at Cleveland (Ric.Rodriguez 3-7), 7:05 p.m.

Oakland (Hudson 5-3) at Texas (Valdes 6-3), 8:05 p.m.

Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, June 27,

Much happens behind the scenes, which you choose to keep hush-hush. Unusually good news heads your way because of a natural asset. Finances strengthen if you use this asset properly. In fact, you could be more than delighted by what comes your way. Someone close to you could dissipate your funds if you let him or her handle them. Be discerning about all financial affairs involving others. You need to center yourself this year if you are to flourish. If single, you will easily meet people in September. Someone new could delight you and might become very special in the longterm. If attached, your relationship will be enhanced by frequent isolated getaways together. GEMINI understands

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll 5-Dynamic; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** * Act on inspiration; it could take you new places. Brainstorm, whether you're looking at political issues or a personal matter. Everyone can benefit from others' opinions - not that you have to run with everyone's thoughts. Tonight: Join a friend at a preferred haunt

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

* * Finances flex and take you in a new direction if you're willing to absorb another's viewpoint rather than being "right." Opportunities come out of left field, which could involve property, family and/or real estate. Keep your security orientation. Tonight: Your treat.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** * You say what you feel, and others respond with phrases like "My, what a wonderful idea" or "Let's do it

now." Respond to the moment. Allow multilevel communication to flourish. Read between the lines with a boss or key personality. Tonight: As you like it. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

* * Step back and let others put their cards on the table. You might find that what someone else offers is just perfect. You might want to keep your opinions to yourself, but your smile tells it all. Others want to do for you. Let it happen. Tonight: Do your thing LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** Meetings and get-togethers take you in a new direction. Visualize more of what you would like with the help of others. You could be surprised. Talk about what you want; others especially one other person - could be enthralled. Tonight: Just don't be alone. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

* * * Take your time with decisionmaking, even if you're absolutely sure. You could be surprised by what someone offers if you just hold back a little. Your willingness to integrate new ideas makes you the office sweetheart. A boss appreciates you. Tonight: Be' present in the moment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** * Mentally, you might be already gone. Prepare to take off in the near future. Don't do anything halfway if you can avoid it. Brainstorm in a meeting, and you could be delighted with the results. Take off your rose-colored glasses when looking at a relationship. Tonight: Ah, now relax.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** You might want to work with another rather than make a quick or snap judgment. This person has much more to offer than you might have originally realized. Think in terms of gains through working more with this person. Tonight: Dinner for two.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** * No matter what you do, you end up pleased. Others naturally seek you out. Follow up on what you think might be right or something you have a hunch about. Good news comes from communicating. Return all calls! Tonight: You might want to do two or three different things.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) * * Pace yourself carefully, as you

might have a lot more ground to cover than you originally anticipated. Your lively ways draw a partner or a special new friend. You might finally give in to a long-desired purchase. You finally decide to go for it! Tonight: Run a special errand on the way home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) * * * * You clearly inspire others to

a new level, especially those close to you. A new friendship could have a dreamy quality. Children are delighted with your company. With your popularity cresting, you might want to make this an early day. Tonight: Only where you can have fun.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) * * Your mind might be on family or

a roommate. Check out an investment or a piece of real estate. Clear out an excess of energy by getting your work done and/or getting some extra exercise. Both might help you chill out while feeling great about what you're doing. Tonight: Happy at home.

BORN TODAY Actor Drake Bell (1986), entrepreneur H. Ross Perot (1930), actress Madylin Sweeten (1991)

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The legislation, particularly the House version, would give private plans a larger role in Medicare — an effort to increase consumer tighter in the House, choice and control costs ahead of baby boomer where Democrats were retirements.

Together, the bills represented the most farreaching overhaul of Medicare since it was vote no. signed into law by President Johnson in 1965.

House Republican leaders worked into Leader Bill Frist, R-Thursday morning to finish a bill they hope will mollify enough conservatives to win passage and send the measure to conference with the "Today," predicted that Senate. They agreed to tack on a separate meas- lawmakers will be able ure boosting medical savings accounts, which produce a final version give tax breaks to those who set aside money to of the bill "without pay for their own health care - a move much difficulty over designed to appeal to conservatives.

the Capitol midday for some last-minute cajol- Bush for his signature. ing of his fellow Republicans.

The House debate later in the day was offer- already agreed to add not to be allowed to offer a series of amend- and alternative coverage, and to make the pro- saying the bill "fails to enact serious reform, pay. ments trying to change details in the bill like gram voluntary. senators have over the last two weeks.

ing aside a pair of Democratic amendments, the giving real health care security to seniors," latest in a string of defeats for the Democrats.

The first, sponsored by Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, would have given disabled people on tives, Bush invited a group to the White House Medicaid more power to control where they on Wednesday for up-close cajoling, and House receive services and was defeated 50-48. The Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill

second, from Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., Thomas wrote Republicans highlighting would have required pharmaceutical compa- reforms to the program. nies to give more details about a drug's risks in their advertising. That vote was 59-39.

Senate were each expected to approve the full Thomas, R-Calif.

measures. Senate leaders predicted easy passage with as many as 70 or 80 votes. It was and most planned to

Senate Majority speaking Thursday on NBC's the coming weeks" and

He said lawmakers ing the Democrats a chance to propose an alter-prescription drug coverage to Medicare, to give cided," said Rep. Jim Ryun, R-Kan. Rep. Jim native to the GOP Medicare plan, but they were seniors a choice between traditional Medicare DeMint, R-S.C., said he planned to vote no,

annual costs.

"Since we have agreement in those three system." The Senate opened debate Thursday by turnareas, we will be able to accomplish the goal of

Courting support from recalcitrant conserva-

"This bill creates a competitive structure for private plans to compete to provide beneficiar-By sunrise Friday, both the House and ies better health care at lower cost," wrote required to pay a monthly premium and satisfy

nder both the House and Senate measures, Medicare beneficiaries not part of negotiations would get government subsidies for prescription drugs beginning in 2006. In general, an elderly person would be required to pay a monthly premium and satisfy a deductible before coverage would begin. Both bills also include a gap in before benefits coverage Vice President Dick Cheney was traveling to send it to President resume for recipients with high threatening to vote

the bill didn't do enough to control costs in a program facing a wave of baby boom retirements. According to one participant, for seniors' business. Bush responded by reminding them they had campaigned on promising prescription drugs in Medicare. "We're here to deliver," he told them. Even after the Bush

At the White House,

lawmakers told Bush

session, some two dozen conservative Republicans against the bill.

"He was persuasive, and yet I remain unde-

but threatens to bankrupt the entire Medicare

bying group for older Americans, had its own ventive care and other services. list of objections to the House bill. Among other things, AARP argued that the bill's emphasis on private plans could jeopardize stration would begin in 2009 and expire in coverage for those who want to stay in the tra- 2013; Republicans had wanted their plan-put ditional Medicare program.

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Both bills also create a new alternative to traditional Medicare, encouraging preferred provider organizations, a loose form of managed care that many workers use, to compete

House GOP leaders worked into the night Wednesday to finish their bill. They agreed to begin charging seniors a co-payment for home health care, about \$40 to \$50 for each 60-day episode of care. And payments for cancer drugs would be cut, though payments to doctors who administer the drugs would rise to make up some of the difference.

In the Senate, leaders agreed on how to spend an extra \$12 billion available. Under the were deal, Democrats and Republicans each won \$6 billion to showcase their competing visions for Medicare.

> The GOP's \$6 billion would be used to base payments to PPOs on competitive bidding, with the extra dollars needed in case their bids were higher than what Medicare would normally

The Democrats' \$6 billion would create an experimental program in which traditional At the same time, AARP, the powerful lob- Medicare would be expanded to include pre-

> Democrats won a dispute that consumed senators much of Wednesday. The GOP demoninto permanent law.

Supreme court strikes down ban against sex between gays

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court struck down a ban on gay sex John Geddes Lawrence and Tyron Garner, Thursday, ruling that the law was an uncon- have retreated from public view. They were stitutional violation of privacy.

The 6-3 ruling reverses course from a the misdemeanor sex charge in 1998. ruling 17 years ago that states could punish. The case began when a neighbor with a homosexuals for what such laws historical- grudge faked a distress call to police, ly called deviant sex.

universal, now are rare. Those on the books apartment, pushed open the door and found are rarely enforced but underpin other kinds the two men having anal sex. men had argued to the court.

private lives," Kennedy wrote.

The state cannot demean their existence or control their destiny by making their private sexual conduct a crime." he said.

come of the case but not all of Kennedy's Virginia.

Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and those laws as well: Justices Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas dissented.

"The court has largely signed on to the sodomy law similar to Texas'. The ruling so-called homosexual agenda," Scalia became a rallying point for gay activists. wrote for the three. He took the unusual step of reading his dissent from the bench.

"The court has taken sides in the culture Rehnquist was in the majority in that case war," Scalia said, adding that he has "nothing against homosexuals."

The two men at the heart of the case, each fined \$200 and spent a night in jail for

telling them that a man was "going crazy" Laws forbidding homosexual sex, once in Lawrence's apartment. Police went to the

of discrimination, lawyers for two Texas . As recently as 1960, every state had an anti-sodomy law. In 37 states, the statutes The men "are entitled to respect for their have been repealed by lawmakers or blocked by state courts.

Of the 13 states with sodomy laws, four - Texas, Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri prohibit oral and anal sex between same-Justices John Paul Stevens, David sex couples. The other nine ban consensual Souter, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen sodomy for everyone: Alabama, Florida, Breyer agreed with Kennedy in full. Justice Idaho, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Sandra Day O'Connor agreed with the out- Carolina, South Carolina, Utah and

Thursday's ruling apparently invalidates

The Supreme Court was widely criticized 17 years ago when it upheld an anti-

Of the nine justices who ruled on the 1986 case, only three remain on the court.

 Bowers v. Hardwick — as was O'Connor. Stevens dissented.

Tentative settlement worth at least \$1 billion reached in initial public offering fraud case NEW YORK (AP) — Internet companies at the time of senting the plaintiffs. The recov-

ging initial public offerings of insiders. stock during the tech boom

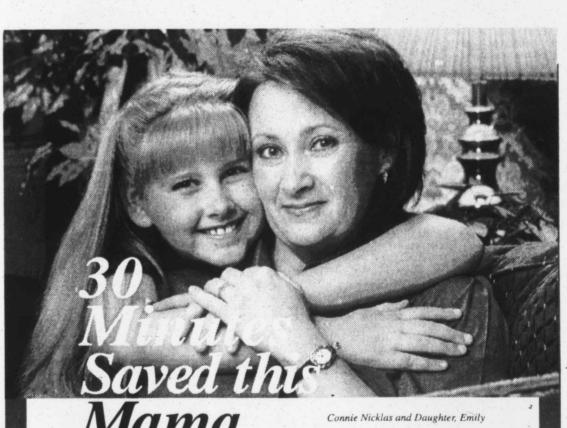
inflate the value of more than 300 Lerach, one of the law firms reprement said.

Lawyers for investors suing 55 their IPOs through secret deals ery is separate from any money brokerage firms for allegedly rig- that delivered huge payoffs to investors may receive through

The proposed settlement cov-

government or regulatory action.

The cases continue against the announced a tentative, partial set- ers the Internet companies, their investment banks that served as tlement Thursday worth at least \$1 directors and their officers and will the IPO underwriters, including be paid by the companies' insur- J.P. Morgan, Credit Suisse First Hundreds of plaintiffs claim ers, according to a statement from Boston, Morgan Stanley and the banks plotted to artificially Milberg Weiss Bershad Hynes & Smith Barney, the law firm's state-



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West Texas Ford makes a move

By Skyla Bryant COMMUNITY EDITOR

Lincoln-Mercury franchise in Pampa, vehicles. It even includes a play area for stores from different locations and the that deals with the Mustang Cobra and recently established a new car lot next to children of customers who visit the lot. "the Dodge-Chrysler-Jeep dealership on Hobart he also owns.

Construction of the new West Texas Ford-Lincoln-Mercury, said Knowles, took approximately 6 1/2 months, from September 2002 to April 2003.

'The move," Knowles said, "was a combined effort of all the employees of West Texas Ford. We shut down on a Thursday and re-opened back on Monday

Knowles said the new Ford facility has

around 33 employees and houses a parts factored into his decision to build the new dealership over here - Special Vehicle and service department (with a fully- Ford house, citing the former location's Team. That's something that some Ford equipped garage) and an indoor show- out-dated facilities, the lack of conven- dealerships have, and some don't. That's a Robert Knowles, owner of the Ford- room capable of handling three- to six- ience in "managing and monitoring" the kind of a specialty franchise within Ford

Knowles indicated a variety of reasons between the two lots.



(Pampa News photo) This attractive mirror and desk are a part of the new Ford-Lincoln-Mercury dealership showroom in



(Pampa News photo)

Robert Knowles, owner of the new Ford-Lincoln-Mercury dealership adjacent



attractive prospect of greater accessibility the Ford Lightening Pick-up."

store to another. It's kind of a one-stop and we're the only one around here." shop for a Ford-Lincoln-Mercury or a Dodge-Chrysler-Jeep product."

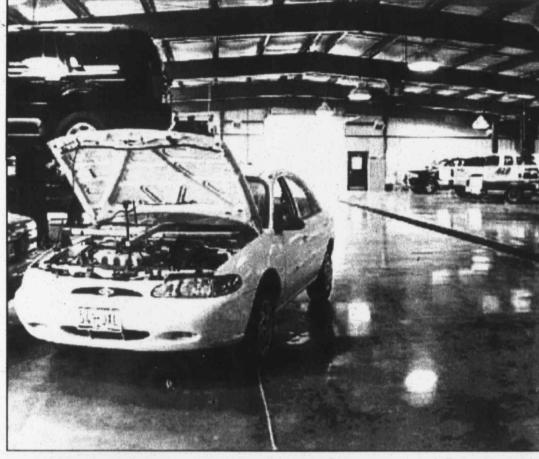
the dealership's SVT status.

Knowles explained, "We are a SVT

"There's a SVT dealer in Lubbock," "The good side about it from the cus- Knowles observed, "there's one in tomer's stand-point," Knowles said, "is Oklahoma City, there's one in that they don't have to drive from one Albuquerque and there's one in Denver,

"We are also," Knowles added, "a Blue Oval Certified Ford franchise. What that Another good side for the customer is deals with is customer feedback, and you've got to make certain marks and

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A wide-angle view of the auto garage at the new Ford dealership in Pampa.

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ify for that."

The Lincoln version of Blue Oval is Lincoln Premier Experience and the Mercury version is Mercury Advantage. The dealership holds both, said Knowles.

The dealership is fine-tuning its Internet services to offer fully integrated on-line buying, selling and trading and has set aside space for an in-house computer lab to provide customers with full Internet access, so they can manage their time more wisely if required to wait during service at the dealership.

The new lot is flanked on one side by a row of trees primarily, said Knowles, indigenous to the area, consisting of approximately 27 trees and several lilac bushes. The tree row is parallel to historic Hobart House.

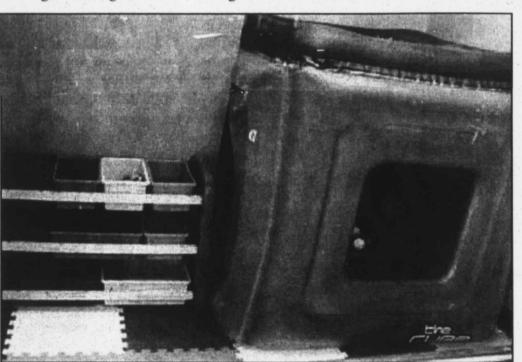
Knowles said he used local contractors whenever possible in the construction including B&G Electric; Larry Baker Plumbing, Heating and Air; Dwight

grades in certain areas to be able to qual- Fiveash Landscaping; B&B Solvent, Dirt, Concrete and Paving; Deaver Construction; Cox Fence Co.; Rick Crosswhite Telephone; and Centramedia.

Knowles has been in Pampa since 1988 and has been in the car business since 1981. He acquired the Ford franchise in 1992 and purchased West Texas Ford about the same time.

Initially, he owned an Olds-Cadillac store downtown before buying the Dodge-Chrysler franchise late in 1990. He established the Dodge-Chrysler dealership in 1992, building it from the ground-up at its current location. In 1998, he let the Olds-Cadillac franchise

The son of a doctor, Knowles graduated from Borger High School in 1976. He moved to Pampa in 1988 and has two children here - Nick, 18, and Natalie, 14. Nick graduated from Pampa High School this year; Natalie will enter PHS as a freshman in the fall.



(Pampa News photo)

Children who visit the new Ford-Lincoln-Mercury dealership with their parents will now have a place to play while the grown-ups shop for a new car or truck.



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The service department at the new Ford dealership is already full.



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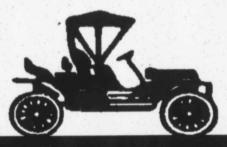
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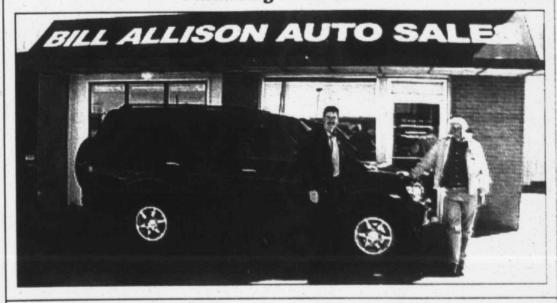




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A panoramic view of the Breeding Building that was taken from the south side as seen from U.S. Highway 60.



The feed depot is where Smithfield will receive feed that will be hauled by the company to the site. This photo was taken from the west side of depot.

Swine genetic research farm comes to area

By NANCY YOUNG MANAGING EDITOR

When the company began its General Manager John Carter concern from the beginning. said the name was recently changed to Smithfield Premium tion for the company. Genetics.

approximately 1,000 pigs at the looking for an area to locate the genetic facility 11 miles east of research facility. Pampa. He said it will probably breeding stock will be brought the facility. to the Pampa area.

said, adding that the facility Resources the end of 2003.

Carter said four of the people have been hired.

Carter said it is extremely Pampa area.

important the pigs are isolated.

"We are protecting the site from any risk to the animals," he Pigs have come to the Pampa said. Carter said that was why the facility is so far from the One of the newest industries community. "It is very imporin the Pampa area is a 50,000- tant to keep the pigs involved in head genetic research swine the research isolated from other pigs," he said.

Only people working with the quest to establish in the area, it pigs are allowed in the research was known as National Pig facilities, said Carter. Protecting However, the animals has been a primary

Pampa is the first Texas loca-

Leaders of the company came Carter said SPG has received to Pampa in the spring of 2001

In June 2001, Carter and other be about four or five weeks executives held a public meetbefore the remainder of the ing here to inform people about

While there was some opposi-"We will grow the rest," he tion initially, the Texas Natural Conservation should be in full operation by Commission approved the proj-

Carter said the snowy weather from the company's offices in and wind was quite different North Carolina have moved to from the North Carolina clithe Pampa area to work in the mate, but the personnel have operation, and six local people adjusted and are enjoying the Panhandle area.

"More will be hired as we get He will be speaking at the more pigs in the operation," said Pampa Chamber of Commerce luncheon on July 13 about the A genetic research facility, future of the company with the



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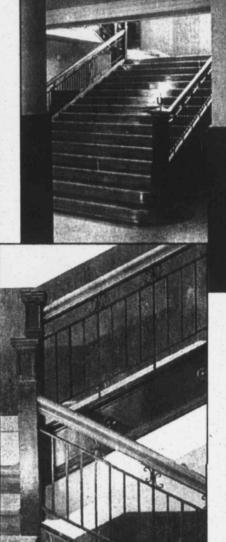
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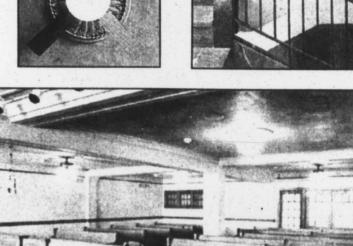
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Whitney takes the plunge

By L.D. STRATE SPORTS EDITOR

Not long ago, Don Whitney was an insurance agent working for someone else's company.

Then at age 53, Whitney decided it was time to strike out on his own.

"I had completed 16 years in the insurance business and I had thoughts all along about opening an agency someday," Whitney said. "With my background, I knew it would help me get products insurance. ready for my own agency."

needs was the first order of business.

"We started looking for a place and my wife (Paula) drove by this building that

He started negotiations with the owner

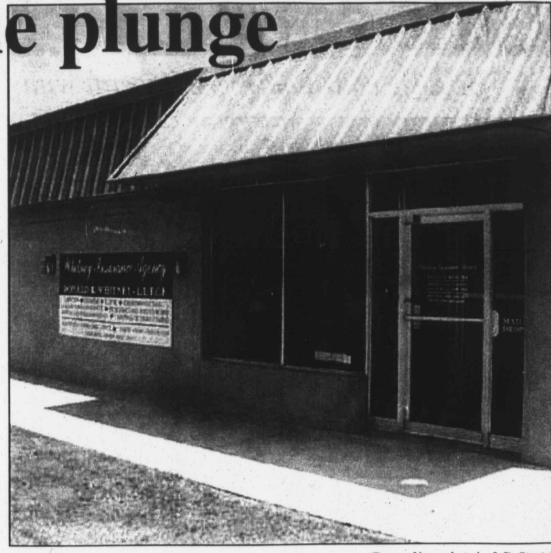
Whitney Insurance Agency, 721 W. Kingsmill Ave.

"I"ve really been busy. We represent a lot of good companies and we're very competitive in our prices and coverages," Whitney said.

With the number of products and companies available through his agency, Whitney feels he will be able to serve the customer's needs in many areas, including estate planning, crop insurance, auto, home and life insurance, commercial and

"Getting into this business has been a Finding a building that would fit his real pleasure for me. This is something I've looked forward to and kept in the back of my mind for several years. Going into a business of my own has made me had a 'for sale' sign on it," Whitney said. realize that dream," Whitney added.

"I've brought in extra help and I hope and in March, he officially opened to expand to four full-time employees



(Pampa News photo by L.D. Strate)

Whitney Insurance Agency is located at 721 Kingsmill, Ave.

later this year," he said. "We offer all a fair price. kinds of commercial lines."

and one part-time employee.

The other full-time employee is agent Jim Bruton, who will also be working ance coverage.

Elementary School.

able. It's a well-constructed building."

to give his customers quality coverage at sports.

"Please contact us for a quote or if you Carlyn Dyer is Whitney's full-time have any questions on the type of coversecretary and office manager. The agency age you now have with any other compacurrently has two full-time employees ny," Whitney urged. "We will assist you in any manner to help provide the best coverage to fit your specific needs."

Whitney and wife Paula have four with the customers in all areas of insurchildren: two boys, Chris and Aaron; two daughters, Michelle Whitney and Jessica Bruton is an Austin native, but has Whitney-Whiteley. Chris is following in lived in Pampa for the past 27 years. His his father's footsteps and is a Farm wife, Lindi, is employed at Travis Bureau Agency Manager in Jacksonville. Aaron is in his final year at Texas Tech. Since the business opened, Whitney Paula and Jessica are both teachers at said, "We're still in the process of mov- Lefors High School. Michelle is a ing in. When we finish, we'll have a con-nuclear scientist at Los Alamos National ference room and another office avail- Laboratory in New Mexico. Paula has taught 25 years at Lefors and Jessica also In this tight economy, Whitney strives coaches girls' basketball and other



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Whitney Insurance Agency owner Don Whitney with secretary-office manager Carlyn Dyer.

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Cultivating a new crop - tourists

By NANCY YOUNG MANAGING EDITOR

Tourism is growing in really have a focus." Texas and tourists are interested in Pampa. In its will be coming back to infancy locally, tourism is Pampa at the end of June coming into its own.

Pampa are working hard to their feedback. grow the fledgling industry.

Determining promoting the area.

of Commerce Tourism tourism." Committee, said there was a turn-around in the think- caused them to think about the committee decided to ent from other communiaffiliate with the Branded ties in the Panhandle. "We program of the Texas really learned a lot," he Department of Economic said. Development Tourism Division.

"We were kind of hesitant about that," he said, ple don't know how much "because of the possible our heritage was influthing. But, boy, that really came over and did the made us do some thinking White

mittee chair, agrees with town were from England Forister. "It showed us and established a heritage Branded program identi- Museum. what we had to look into that continues in the com- fied five areas that distinand figure out what we munity. instead of just running park system and the down-

around like chickens," she said. "After we did that, we have a focus. Now we

Forister said the TDED to hold meetings with the Tourists spend dollars in four cities that were in the Pampa, and the people of Branded program to get

"To me, what that did, was it made us think about what what we have here in draws people to Pampa Pampa that would be of and the Texas Panhandle interest to tourists. I has been eye-opening to always thought of tourism local residents interested in like going to the Rocky Mountains," said Forister. John Forister, former "I didn't think in terms of chairman of the Chamber cultural tourism or nature

He said the session ing of local people when what makes Pampa differ-

Goff talked about the heritage of the community.

"I'm sure a lot of peobureaucracy-type enced by the people who Deer about tourism in Pampa." Company," she said. Many Paula Goff, new com- of the first founders of the ers.



Workers repaint the sign at Harris Drug store where legendary folksinger Woody Guthrie worked while living in Pampa during the 1930s.

town development to the one on the list, said Many people are com- who was in Pampa during foresight of the early lead- Forister, as he cited the ing to the area because of the Depression, attributed

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guish Pampa from other the middle of the Red tar while he worked at cent to Harris Drug. actually needed to do Forister attributed the communities, said Forister. River War battlefield Harris Drug in the commu-Quality of life is number area," he said. He said nity, said Forister. there are six to eight RRW battle sites around Pampa.

parks system and the Woody Guthrie. A folk his beginning to the Land singer, Guthrie began his instruction of a black man singing career in Pampa. who worked as a shoeshine "Also, we are right in In fact, he got his first gui- boy in a barber shop adja-

Guthrie was exposed to He said that Guthrie, during the Depression,

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Volunteers working toward Pampa's future

By NANCY YOUNG MANAGING EDITOR

dents.

Dick Stowers, current president of the born on Feb. 19, 1964. Pampa Industrial Foundation, works ing. He, along with about 15 other local continued growth and expansion. business leaders, are working to add busithem volunteer their time and efforts.

Stowers, include David Fatheree, vice board members hoped to achieve. president; Debbie Stokes, vice president; Hudson, Joe Mullenax, Roy Sparkman, ing to attract new businesses.

Wesley Green, Bob curry and John Wagner.

In 1964, a group of local citizens saw Developing Pampa's economy ensures the need to promote Pampa, and decided the Pampa Industrial Foundation was running for businesses.

Pioneering economic development, the steadily to see the community's economy group of volunteers aimed to diversify seek businesses which would fit into the company they wanted to recruit about prosper, but sometimes finds it frustrat- the economy in the area to encourage Pampa area. When he hears of a likely incentives.

Financial and other assistance to the nesses to the Pampa community. All of manufacturing, industrial, business and These PIF members, in addition to Pampa and the area was a goal those zation by the name of High Ground. his main business is a General Motors car

When the Pampa Economic Phil Gentry, secretary/treasurer; and Development Corporation was voted into influence them to come to Pampa. directors L.W. McCall, Mark Lang, Vic existence in the early 1990s, the PIF took Raymond, Bill Simon, Leonard C. a backseat while the PEDC began work- ple is utmost in their mind.

That all changed when the PEDC was future progress for the area and its resi- to form an organization to do so. Thus, ness leaders worked to keep Pampa in the wages are, and what is available in

The PIF is operated by donations.

prospect, he contacts the company to obtain more information about them.

trade development of the community of Commerce receive come from an organiten into it. Stowers explained to him that both contact these prospects and try to get businesses to come to Pampa to

Getting the name of Pampa out to peo- ty.

through High Ground.

"There are three primary sources they do business with - Dell, Hewlett-Packard the time period does that mean you're and Xerox," said Stowers. He said the going to stay or that you're going to Minnesota-based company wanted to leave?" he said. Stowers said he told him, come to some place in Texas.

"They gave us a list of what they wanted and how much. So, we got together wanted people who will stay. and submitted a proposal to them," said a phone call to determine if the company was interested in coming to Pampa.

He said the man told him the company nice, but you didn't put in any incen- not the way the Pampa group operates.

bribe money."

Stowers said he told the Minnesota voted out by Pampa voters in November man that he thought if the Pampa group 2001. Soon after that election, the PIF answered all their questions as far as became more active as the group of busi- location, buildings, the work force, what Pampa and that if that was good, company representatives would visit Pampa and Stowers and the members of the PIF the business leaders would talk with the

"You haven't been in this very long, have you," Stowers said the man told Many leads the PIF and Chamber of him. Stowers assured him he had just got-Stowers and Chamber Director Clay Rice dealership, and he was doing this just to ensure the future growth of the communi-

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Stowers asked the man how long the Stowers told of one lead, a computer company wanted incentives to last, and service company, the PIF received the man told him as long as the company could get them.

> "I then asked them that at the end of "Well, we'll probably leave."

Stowers responded that Pampa people

"We want people that will stay. We Stowers. He said after submitting a pro- don't want people who will be here for posal to the company he followed up with one, two or three years and then leave. We want people who will stay and they like what we have."

Stowers said he then told him the only had received about 60-80 proposals, each way the Minnesota company could find attempting to entice them to their com- out what Pampa has is to come visit the munity. After reviewing Pampa's propos- community. He said most of the compaal the computer service company execu- nies are just looking at "How much are tive told Stowers, "Your proposal looks you going to give me?" He said that was

However, Stowers said he has learned Stowers said he replied, "You mean that incentives are almost always a requirement to attract people to the area.

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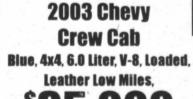


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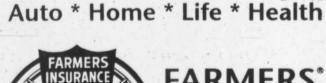
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Miller Insurance grows into new building

By L.D. STRATE SPORTS EDITOR

Last year, Ellis and Tresa Miller were was also quite limited.

In mid-October, the husband-andof Pampa.

"We just needed more room. We were people." growing to the point where we had to do

twice as much room and we're using ance. Germania, Hartford, Progressive, / Miller Insurance Agency also has an every bit of it."

faced with what might be thought of as agency for Buck and Joyce Williams for panies the Millers represent. a pleasant problem. Their business, 22 years. When they retired six years Miller Insurance Agency, was growing ago, the Millers bought the agency from business has done," Tresa said. "We've so fast their small office building in the them. The Millers were living in Miami had tremendous growth. Business has bring him to the office every day, but 2100 block of North Hobart was becom- at the time where Ellis had been the nearly tripled since we bought it." ing uncomfortably tiny. Parking space high school ag-science teacher for 22

wife team found just the right location agency in town," Tresa said. "We see dent. They're looking for another because it's centrally located and there's at 120 E. Browning near the central part ourselves as a people agency, not a employee to assist Hendrickson with the plenty of parking right near the front company agency. We're here for the mounting paper work.

something," Tresa says. "Parking was pendent firm which specializes in life, going to happen," Tresa added. "We come in and say hello to us," Tresa said.

becoming a real issue. We've now got health, auto, property and crop insur- really depend on her." Tresa worked in a Pampa insurance and Dairy Land are among the 17 com-month-old Pomeranian who greets cus-

"We're so thankful with how the as they come through the door.

along without office manager Toni to know where the dog was," Tresa said. "Our concept is to be the friendliest Hendrickson, a longtime Pampa resi-

"Laughingly, I said we need another 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Miller Insurance Agency is an inde- Toni and my husband said that's not

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"We thought at first we shouldn't when we left him at home the customers The Millers say they couldn't get missed him. They'd come in and want

> The Millers like their new building entrance. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to

"Even if you don't need insurance,



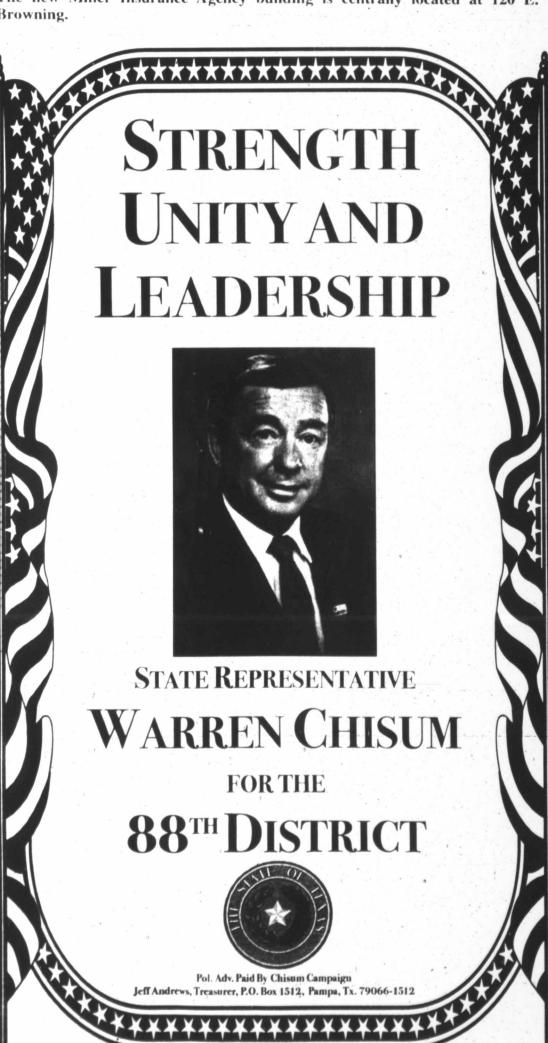
(Pampa News photo by L.D. Strate)

The new Miller Insurance Agency building is centrally located at 120 E. Browning.



(Pampa News photo by L.D. Strate)

Miller Insurance Agency owners Ellis and Tresa Miller look on as office manager Toni Hendrickson checks out customer information on the computer.





Just doing her best

Becky Lentz operates full-service station

BY DAVID BOWSER STAFF WRITER

The sun's not up yet when Becky Lentz opens the station.

makes it home.

The Lentz service station is part of a

Once full service gas stations dotted or even supermarkets.

A motorist who needs a mechanic or a in back flat fixed may have trouble finding service without an appointment.

At Lentz Conoco, Becky Lentz offers and forth." a variety of services for motorists:

anything we think we can possibly tackle," Lentz said, during a brief and uncharacteristic lull in her busy day.

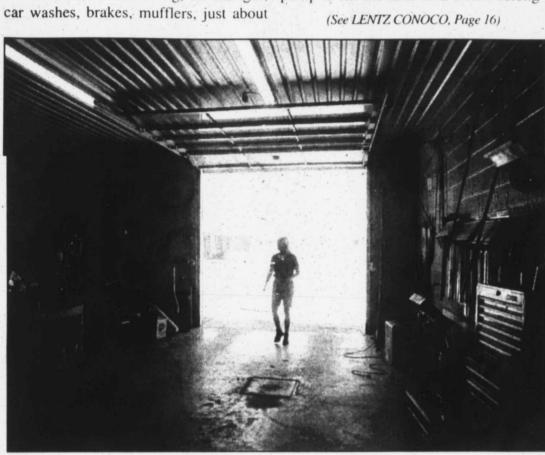
At the counter a man from Lefors is talking about a piece of broken machin-It will be another 12 hours before she ery at his ranch. Later that day, the mechanic will make a house call.

Lentz also fixes flats and does vehicle fast-disappearing tradition of American inspections, keeping the four bays at the corner gas station occupied.

She laughs, explaining that she spends the landscape from coast to coast. Today, most of her day running back and forth Americans get gas at convenience stores, through the short hall that connects the office with its front counter to the shops

> "I walk so much," she said. "I'd be curious to know how much I walk back

Then she dashes off to the full service "We do air conditioning, oil changes, pump to fill the tank on a Buick belong-

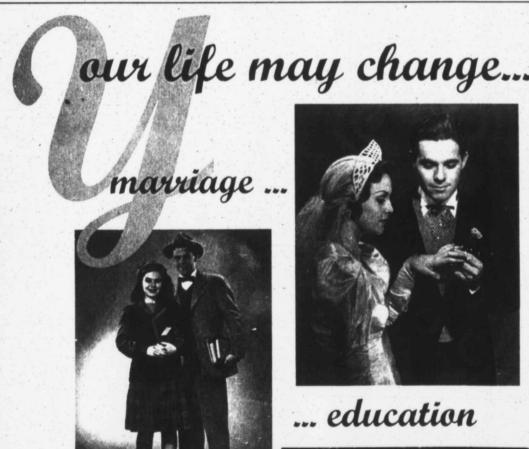


(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Bright summer sun silhouettes Becky Lentz as she enters the service station's Becky Lentz, hair dresser turned service station owner-operator. work bay.



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It would be a very dull day if it was all work and no play, for at John T. King and Sons an amateur radio station is in operation at almost all times for visitors and customers and especially fellow fraternity brothers who get to talk to all parts of the world. Many of the stations that are worked from time to time, or when conditions warrant are located in Austria, Ireland, Germany, France, Spain, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, England and many Latin American amateurs. The number one radio operator is WB5CRG, Robert A. Wood who has logged over a hundred foreign, nations over amateur radio station W5GXK.

John T. King says, "If you're down in our neck of the woods at 918 S. Barnes, drop in and talk oilfield, beef feeding, irrigation or ham talk with the fellows at John T. Kings;

Young entrepreneur opens florist shop

By Skyla Bryant **COMMUNITY EDITOR**

"I decided when I was, mmhm," Brandon Richards thought for a moment, upon entering the store, making maxi-"about 8-years-old that I was going to mum use of the beneficial sunlight poring own a flower shop."

And in March of this year, at age 23, and cheer to the flower store. Brandon saw his dream come true, establishing Brandon's Flowers at 2143 N. the shop offers an on-line service estab-Hobart in Pampa.

service floral shop, handling weddings, ed at www.brandonsflowers.com funerals, proms, homecomings and more. Brandon's Flower's specializes in the fol-

"We did a whole lot for the prom," lowing: Richards observed, saying the shop did a

great business in wristlets.

Situated next to Subway, Brandon's shop is fronted by glass. An attractive island of plants greets the customer's eye through the windows and lending warmth

In addition to conventional floral jobs, lished, Richards said, in early April. Brandon's Flowers, he said, is a full- According to the shop's web site – locat-

(See ENTREPRENEUR, Page 13)



(Pampa News photo)

This lovely arrangement of plants greets customers' eyes as they enter Brandon's Flowers located next to Subway in Pampa.



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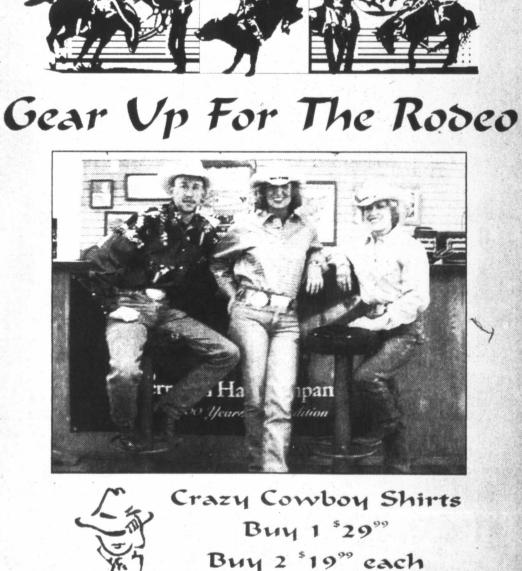
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Brandon Richards, owner of Brandon's Flowers, dreamed of having his own floral store as a youngster. In March of this year, he made his dream come true.



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Skellytown and Miami," Richards said. "We have free delivery to the hospital and funeral home in town."

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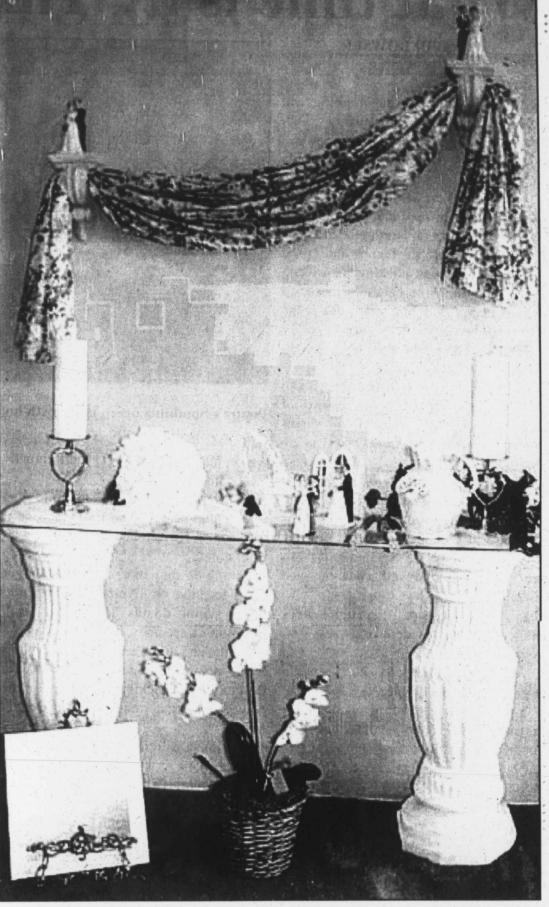
Brandon's Flowers has two additional staff members and belongs to Pampa Chamber of Commerce.

"I'm a member of Teleflora," Brandon added. "That's a wire service that wires flowers across the nation," he

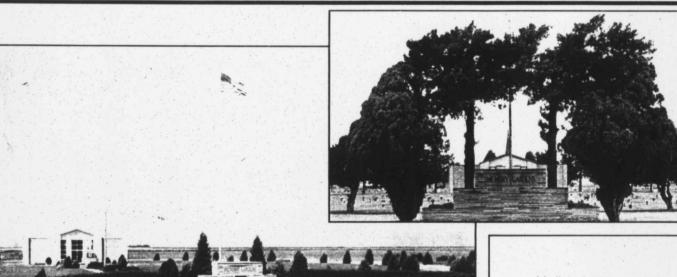
"It's like the old FTD, where you would come in and say you needed to send someone flowers in California, and I'd contact a florist in California."

Store hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., The web site slogan is "Brandon's Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 2

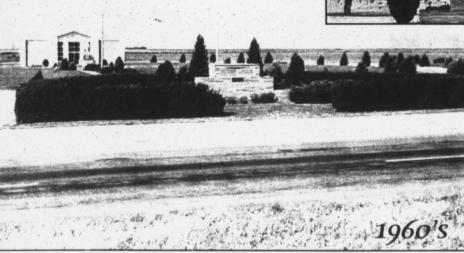
Richards worked at Roberta's Flowers for several years and is a life-



(Pampa News photo) Among the floral needs Brandon's Flowers handles is weddings. The shop is located at 2143 N. Hobart next to Subway in Pampa.











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What time is it? Time to make spudnuts

BY DAVID BOWSER STAFF WRITER

It's 3 a.m. on a Thursday morning, and Paul Rodriguez is already mixing dough for the day's doughnuts.

On Fridays and Saturdays, he starts even earlier.

"I can't make toast or boil an egg," said David Hutto, owner and proprietor of Poppy's Spudnuts on North Hobart.

Rodriguez, born in Pampa and raised in Turkey, has been cooking for several years but said, as he carefully measures out the potato flour and yeast, this is the first place he's made doughnuts.

"I've learned a whole lot about potato flour," said Hutto.

In his easy-going way, Hutto begins to explain the differences in texture of donuts made with wheat flour versus flour.

The Spudnut company, a chain of Fried Chicken." nationwide franchises, went broke a numfranchise in Plainview had the foresight would cost. He returned with a loaded U- other day." to buy the recipe for Spudnuts. It's this Haul trailer. recipe that Hutto uses in his new business in Pampa.

Hutto came to the donut business in a Rodriguez's specialty, cinnamon rolls. round about way.

ance business, Hutto retired -- for a day.

of sitting at home, he went to work sell- day. ing high tech coffee pots.

"I had the territory from Plainvew Hutto said. north," he said.

In his travels around the Panhandle, been winning. Hutto noted that a number of towns had donut shops, but Pampa didn't.

had one. The guy with the one in Booker more." was doing real well. Dumas had two."

shop in Pampa.



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Poppy's Spudnuts opens early with hot donuts ready for early-risers.

Hutto traveled to Oklahoma to look at ber of years ago, but the man with the some equipment, just to find out what it

A 1958 graduate of Tulia High School, began selling donuts, long johns and, chocolate, cherry or maple icing and

By the end of the second week, Hutto's After almost four decades in the insur- fellow donut entrepreneurs in Dumas and dough amid the 50-pound bags of flour the bookkeeping is done, Hutto has put in Borger were checking with him to see and sugar, the smaller sacks of yeast and some long hours. Explaining that he got bored after a day how many dozen donuts he'd made that

"We have a little competition going,"

For the past couple of weeks, Hutto has

"We have more people than Borger," Hutto said. he said, "and there are two doughnut "Borger had one," he said. "Spearman places in Dumas. Of course I make Hutto had four graduating senior boys be Poppy's Spudnuts.

Rodriguez takes the dough that has Hutto considered putting a new donut been allowed to rise; rolls it out and runs Hutto said. it through the donut cutter. Then they're "My friends told me I was crazy," he allowed to rise some more before being chocolate milk. Hutto told them he'd have donuts he makes.

donuts, or spudnuts, made with potato said. "My banker said, 'Harlan Sanders tossed into a vat of hot vegetable oil taking them out and letting them cool.

"They must be healthy," Hutto quips.

We had a doctor buy a couple dozen the Susie Lawrence, an Amarillo native

Setting up shop in a former hamburger who came to Pampa by way of Pratt, early in the morning. He's usually stand location on North Hobart, Hutto Kan., is busy dipping the hot donuts in through by 11 a.m. or so. pouring icing over hot cinnamon rolls.

While Rodriguez is busy mixing more cocoa and cans of blueberry filling and buckets of Bavarian creme filling, Hutto said with a shrug. is already filling orders at the drive in

"You wouldn't believe the traffic we get here at four o'clock in the morning,"

The night of high school graduation, come by at 4 a.m.

"They said they had the munchies,"

the fritters ready in about an hour. An hour later, they came back and bought some fritters.

"I hope they continue to have the munchies," Hutto said.

But this morning starts slowly. The guy from Titan that drives a red pickup, who is usually their first customer of the day, doesn't show up.

"He always gets four chocolate-covered donuts," Hutto said. "You can hear that diesel engine when he idles up."

As other Titan employees stop by for coffee and donuts, Hutto learns that his regular early morning customer is on vacation this week.

Still, by 5 a.m. a steady stream of customers drive through or walk up to the front window.

By 6 a.m., there is a line of cars waiting their turn.

"I'd been here about a week," Hutto was in his 70s when he started Kentucky where Rodriguez flips them over before said, "when I realized this was tailormade for me."

> He jokes and visits with each customer. "It's a fun deal if you're a people person," he said.

Hutto said he doesn't mind getting up

"If we have any left over, I'll take them over to the nursing home," Hutto said.

By the time the place is cleaned up and

"Twelve hours is twelve hours," he

Still he finds time for his grandchildren, who named the shop.

They were worried about what to call the place," Hutto said, "and one of them said, 'We'll name it after you."

That's how Poppy's Spudnuts came to

The only problem, Hutto laughed as he poured another cup of Harvester Blend coffee, a special coffee he orders out of Each bought a dozen donuts and California, is trying to stay out of the

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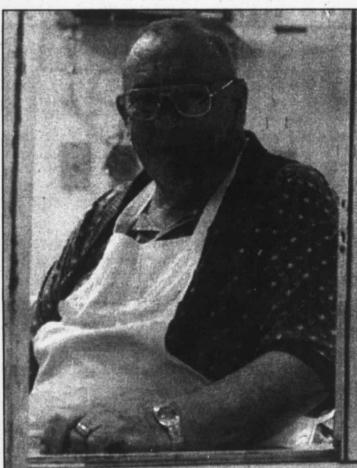


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(Pampa News photo by David Hutto) Susie Lawrence fills a long john with Bavarian creme before pouring icing over the confection.



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Owner David "Poppy" Hutto greets customers from Poppy's Spudnuts drive-up window.



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After 50 years, Hobby Shop keeps going

BY SKYLA BRYANT COMMUNITY EDITOR

selected items in the store have been bow-making class and more. reduced 50 percent.

said, in the early 1980s.

According to the sisters, their father time slots. bought into the business as a silent partner in the mid-1970s. Both women worked in the store as teenagers, and Burden previously managed it. It is now ow boxes and needlepoint); managed by Angie Shipman, who oversees the arts and crafts department, and etc.); Sue Abbott, in framing and fine art.

Hobby Shop, working there in high school, while Abbott brings to her job first-hand experience in the creative arts, serving as 2003 president of Pampa Fine

Arts Association.

In recent months, the sisters have worked hard to revive in-house aft class-The Hobby Shop of Pampa Inc. is cel- es, offering jewelry making by Jaycee's ebrating 50 years of business in Pampa. Beadwork, a watercolor class with Polly plies by Grumbacher and Windsor-To help observe this landmark occasion, Tub, a "fake stained glass" workshop, a Newton;

Besides its schedule of upcoming Currently under the ownership of sis- classes, the shop hosts hobby and crafts ters, Viki Youngblood Teinert and Christi groups such as Amarillo Doll Makers Burden, The Hobby Shop moved to its Club. Interested art associations are invitpresent location at 217 N. Cuyler, Burden ed to contact the Hobby Shop during regular business hours to see about available

The store offers the following materials and services:

—Matting and framing (includes shad-

—Custom designs floral bows, homeits upstairs "spirit shop";

—Fills orders for balloon bouquets;

—Creates custom hair bows;

(Pampa News photo)

The Hobby Shop offers custom mat- The Hobby Shop carries a wide range ting and framing in its frame shop at of fine arts supplies, stocking Grumbacher and Windsor-Newton.

-Special orders and stocks fine arts/crafts supplies;

-Carries a full range of fine art sup-

—Calligraphy supplies;

-Art books;

-Beads and jewelry-making materials/supplies;

-Silk flowers;

—Doll-making supplies;

-Variety of ribbon;

-Model cars and airplane kits;

—Needlepoint kits;

—"Spirit flags" and much, much more.

"We do the neat custom matting downstairs, too, so if you wanted a college -Bow making materials (hair, floral, matte, the store will order one especially for you," Teinert said.

Burden added, "We do custom wed-Shipman has a long history with The coming mums and boutonnieres through dings. That's a new thing we just started."

Abbot holds a special bridal training certification from Association of Bridal ConsultantsTM. She handles wedding —Carries baby shower items/materi- arrangements and flowers. The bridal service, Burden explained, includes silk bouquets and corsages, wedding invitations, napkins, wineglasses "and all that."

> The sisters offer customers a catalogue service and are revamping the store's web site with August as the projected start-up date.

"We had a web site called pampahobbyshop.com, and I don't know if it's still out there. ... But you couldn't buy off it, so we're in the process of setting up a web site that you can go buy from.'

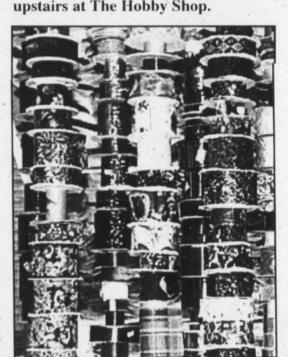
Teinert said the store is willing, in its quest to be competitive with Amarillo retailers, to match prices.

"We're going to try to save people a trip from going to Hobby Lobby and Michael's," she said.

"We want to stick with the mainstream arts and crafts items," Teinert said. "Things that you would expect a speciality hobby store to have."



Viki Teinert in the "Spirit Room"



(Pampa News photo)

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Located at 217 N. Cuyler in downtown Pampa, The Hobby Shop offers a wide variety of ribbon and crafts supplies.

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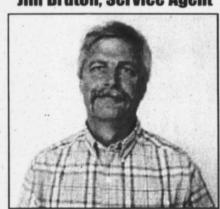


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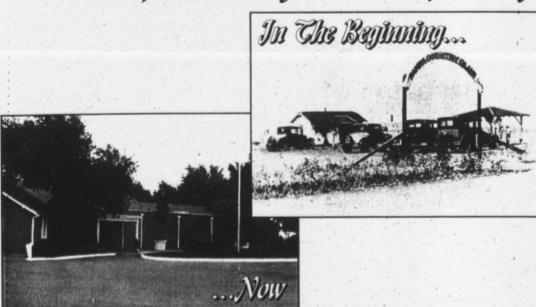




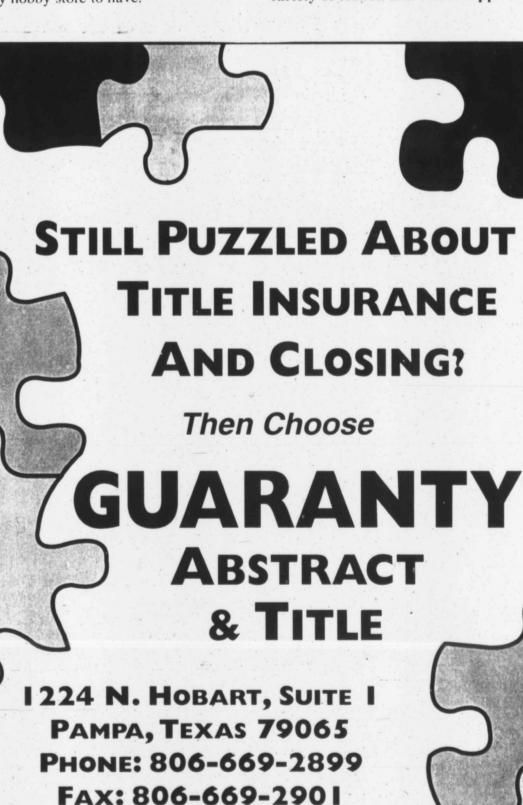
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Becky Lentz juggles a telephone, work orders, pumping gas and servicing cars.

Lentz Conoco

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ing to a regular customer.

have never had to pump gas in their six at night. It's hard work." lives," Lentz said, returning to the counter to make out the ticket.

five years she and her husband have had the service station.

"It's my husband's," she said. "I just manage it. He bought the station and called and said, 'Hey, I bought a gas station.' I said I'd never pump a gallon of gas. Well, here I am.

Her husband, who works for Bourland and Leverich, does come by occasionally and get gas, she said with a

"He bought the station," Lentz said. "I was in hair dressing previously. One of us needed to come down and be in control, so it was me because he had a better job. To be quite honest, with hair dressing, I only worked three and a half best you can," Lentz said.

days a week. Here, I start at 6:30 in the "A lot of my customers are older and morning and sometimes I'll work until

But her hard work has paid off.

"When he bought the station, there She's been doing this for four of the wasn't a very big clientele," she said. "I pretty much went out and brought in a lot of my clients."

In the past four years, the business has

"When we first bought it," she said, "there were only two people working

Now, there are five including Lentz. "Some days, I could use six," she said.

"We were at one time an all-women sta-

It's not the glamorous job she had envisioned for herself when she graduated from Pampa High School n 1982, but it is successful.

"My philosophy is just do the very

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Forister said on one side of him — to the south on Brown Street (also Highway 60) were many people from Oklahoma and refugees headed out of the Dust Bowl headed for California.

On the north side of the street was the railroad track with all the hobos and drifters who had been hopping trains to get from place to place, said Forister.

"Where he was in Pampa was a pretty rough area, and I think that might have influenced him all his life," he said.

Goff said nature tourism also attracts

"One of the things we're trying to let people know is that we're not just a flat, no-nothing area," she said. "You go south and you start dipping into the breaks, and then you go off the caprock near Miami. To the north we have the river, the creeks with the trees," she said. "If you're really into nature, there's all kinds of nature in those areas."

She said antelope graze in the flat areas while birds nest in the playa lakes. Bird watchers can follow the trail from South Texas into the Panhandle.

"We are in a main course of migration of the birds," said Goff. "The birds fly south in the winter and north in the sum-

Goff also said deer, bobcat, and raccoons are plentiful here.

Freedom Museum USA is another attraction for people interested in military activities.

"How many places have a B-25 bomber displayed in their community?" asked Forister. "You can't see one of those just anywhere."

"It's up to us to decide if we're going to be a destination for people or if the people will just pass through," Goff said. "We could become a desitnation for people to stay while they go on side trips to

Plans are also in the making for an outdoor theatre.

It is hoped the wide diversity of tourism offered to people will attract more and more visitors. If interest and dedication are primary factors in tourism becoming a major industry in the Pampa area, it is certain to succeed.



The Coronado Inn, once a landmark in central Pampa, is being demolished by a group of local investors who hope the prime location at the city's intersection will attract a national hotel/motel chain to build a new motel there.

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