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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 insurance.

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.

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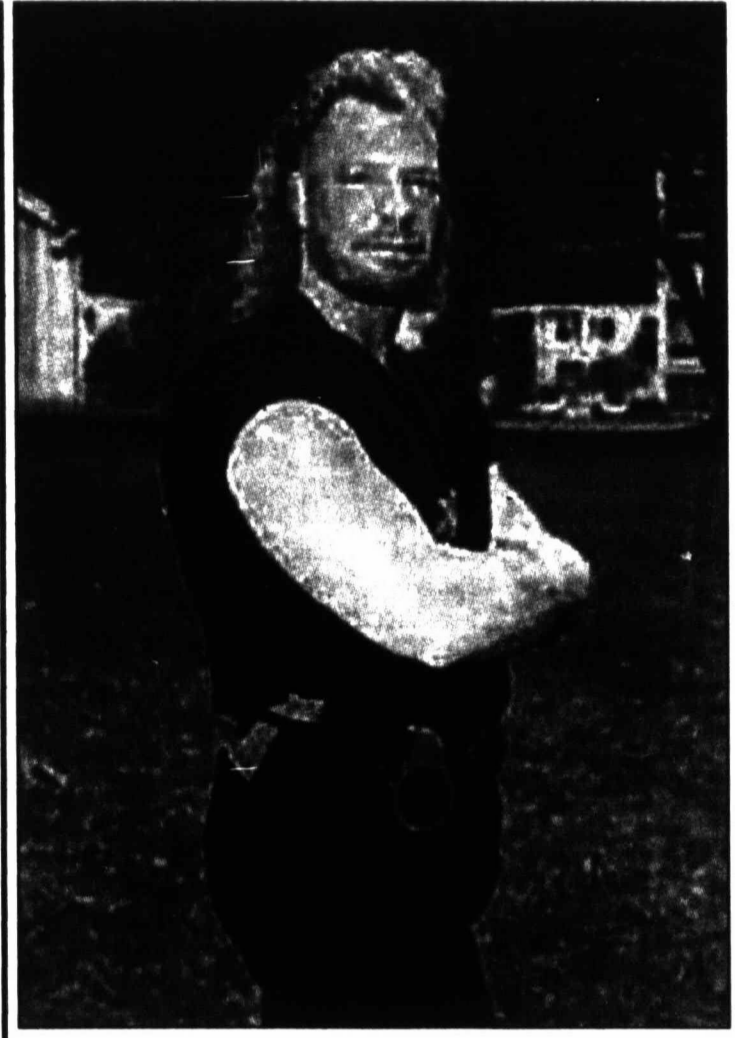
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Duane "Dog" Chapman as he is featured on his website.

White Deer ISD TAKS test scores 'above average'

WHITE DEER - The results are in and White Deer ISD scored above state averages at both the elementary and high school for the new Texas standardized TAKS test.

Ninety six percent of ninth graders passed the reading portion of the test, while 88 percent passed the math. The tenth grade passing rate for English language arts was 85 percent. The math, science and social studies scores were higher, all at a 96 percent passing rates. Eleventh graders scored 87 percent in the math, 91 percent in English language arts, 76 percent in science and a perfect 100 percent in social studies.

"Our scores were 13 to 25 percentage points higher than the state averages," Clay Montgomery, White Deer High School principal said. "I have received several phone calls from other principals in our area and each one stated our scores are some of the best reported."

He said he attributes the high scores to the teachers and students on his campus.

"We wanted to assess our curriculum and instruction for its effectiveness," Montgomery said. "Students were asked to do their best to help us evaluate instruction."

High school students are not the only ones showing TAKS success in White Deer. While the high school level scored well above the statewide results in all tests taken, the elementary/junior high results showed students in the third through eighth

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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 Jail.

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 17-day 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.

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Who let the dog out?
Bounty hunter jailed in Mexico convicted of man's murder here

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
 EDITOR

A recent run-in with Mexican authorities 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 remember him before he "put on the dog" and was simply known as Duane Chapman. They remember, too, the September 1976 drug-deal-gone-bad that ended in the shotgun slaying of Jerry Bowers Oliver, a purported dealer living in Prairie Village.

They remember Chapman's conviction for Oliver's murder in 31st District Court here on July 22, 1977. Two others were also convicted of the murder - Donny Kuykendall and Ruben Garza. A fourth person, Cheryl Fisher, pleaded guilty to a lesser charge and received probation. Then-District Judge Grainger McIlhany sentenced Chapman to five years in the Texas penitentiary system. He served less than two 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 Oliver owed him. He also wanted to buy some marijuana.

In his testimony, Chapman said he was waiting in the car while Kuykendall went to 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 moment.

On his web site - www.dogthebountyhunter.com, Chapman alludes to the events in Pampa. He gives a detailed account of Kuykendall and Oliver's conversation before the shotgun blast hit Oliver in the chest.

Chapman intimates in his web version of the 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 took on the nickname, "Dog," given to him by the motorcycle gang to which he belonged. It stands for "Dog" spelled backwards.

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HOME of the BRAVE

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 and Clara Smith, Pampa.

High natural gas prices, shortages worry many

BY H. JOSEF HEBERT
 ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham warned Thursday that severe gas shortages and high prices are "a national concern that will touch virtually every American."

Abraham, opening an industry summit on natural gas, acknowledged there are few steps that can be taken to increase natural gas supplies. But he said the Bush administration sees the emerging crisis as a top priority and will try to mitigate any effects.

The Energy Department called industry experts together to discuss possible short-term actions to counter a substantial natural gas shortages and expected higher prices through the year.

If prices this winter are as high as some predict, Abraham said the average residential winter heating bill for a typical Midwest consumer is expected to be \$915, a 19 percent increase over last year.

Abraham said some industries are already being hit hard by increased energy costs, especially the fertilizer industry, and that some layoffs have occurred.

"Several companies have warned about possible production cuts and layoffs should these high gas prices continue," he said.

But "it is not just a problem for gas intensive businesses and industries," Abraham added. "It is a national concern that will touch virtually every American."

Almost everyone agrees little can be done in the short term, except get people to use less gas and hope for favorable weather to deal with the worst shortages in 25 years.

Much of Thursday's discussion was expected to focus on how to get industrial users and electric utilities to switch to another fuel and how to foster conservation.

"Industry is already responding by increasing storage rates," said Abraham. But the amount in storage remains unusually low and a hot summer could increase demand and worsen the problem, he said.

Energy experts say there is only so much that can be done. "The quick fixes for domestic exploration aren't there," says Dennis Eklof of Global Insight, an energy consulting firm.

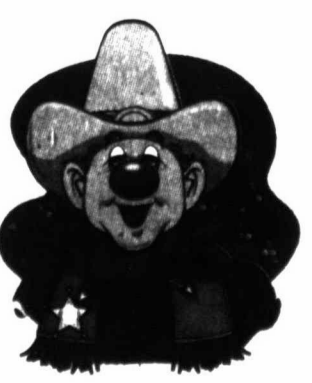
Wells in the Gulf of Mexico and across the Rocky Mountain West often are located in already overworked basins where production is declining.

"The sobering reality is that we're drilling a lot more wells today than we were five years ago, but production is still down. Producers are on a treadmill, running harder to stay in place," says Keith Rattie, chairman of Questar Corp., a Utah-based gas producer and distributor.

With declining production and unusually high demand last winter, gas storage levels fell this past spring to the lowest level they've been since the government began keeping track in 1976.

This week about 1,400 billion

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Don't forget rodeo banners!



(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," Rattie told a recent congressional hearing. While encouraging consumption, federal policies have impeded development of

new supplies.

The industry has been using the recent run-up 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 Penhook, 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 one of its plants to Germany, in part because it expects high U.S. natural gas prices to persist.

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DOG

Earlier this month, Chapman, his son, an actor and a television cameraman, traveled to Mexico where they found a fugitive Andrew Luster, convicted in 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 drug-ging 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 bounty-hunting 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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"There are 60,000 law enforcement officers in Texas who can arrest drunk drivers," he said. "Safe alternatives to getting behind the wheel if you've had anything to drink are designate a sober driver before drinking begins, call a taxi or just stay where you are until you can drive home safely."

Starting immediately, the Texas Department of Transportation will air new television and radio announcements in English and Spanish with the "Drink, Drive, Go to Jail" message.

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Attackers ratchet up ambushes

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Bomb and grenade ambushes Thursday signaled increasing anti-American resistance in Iraq, despite U.S. claims of mopping up opposition. One American soldier and two Iraqi civilians were killed, and two American soldiers were missing.

The fresh violence came a day after a U.S. Marine was killed while responding to an ambush in which three other Americans were wounded.

In Thursday's ambushes, a

bomb exploded on the airport road, killing a U.S. soldier and injuring another, the U.S. military said. The road — heavily used by U.S. forces — has been the scene of several attacks using trip wires dangling from overpasses or grenades tossed from bridges.

Also Thursday, attackers threw grenades at a U.S. and Iraqi civilian convoy in west Baghdad, killing two Iraqi employees of the national electricity authority, U.S. soldiers and Iraqi police said. The con-

voy had U.S. Humvees at the front and the back and two Iraqi civilian vehicles in the middle. The victims were traveling in the same car.

A U.S. military spokesman, Maj. William Thurmond, said the spate of ambushes could be a response to recent U.S. raids on Baath Party strongholds.

The U.S. military has blamed attacks on isolated remnants of Saddam Hussein's regime and his Sunni followers, claiming there was no organized resistance.

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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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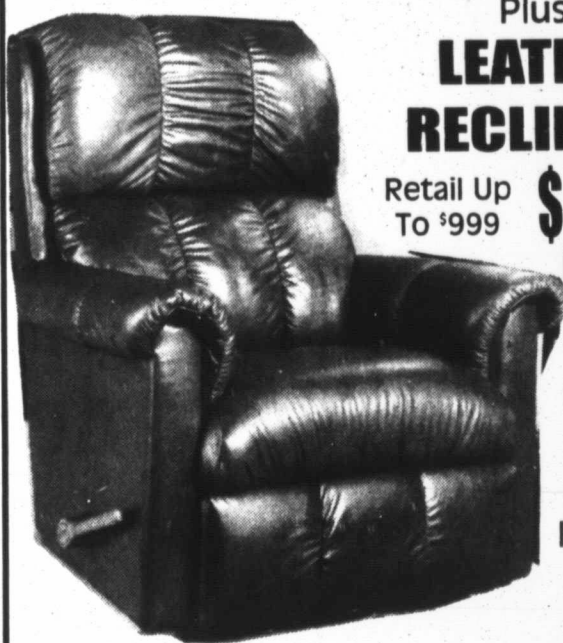
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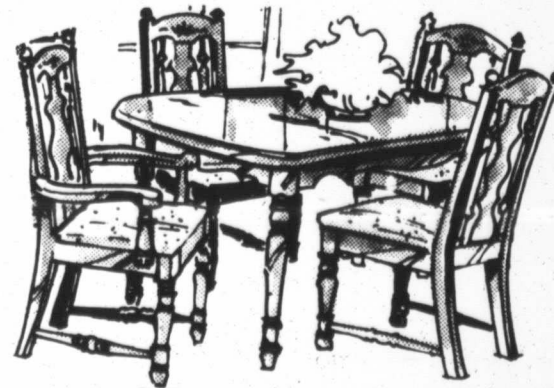
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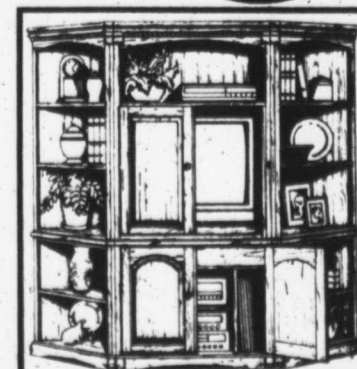
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She's back in the news saddle



MIRANDA BAILEY

Here I am. 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 — 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 hard-working folks who need vacations around the joint and to help out until another full-time 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 miss a beat.

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 week.)

I'm not 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 writing.

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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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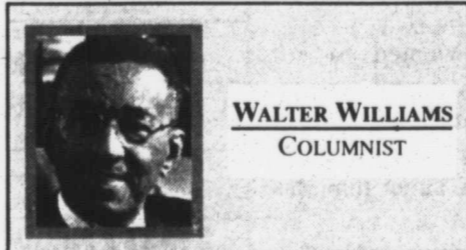
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We tolerate too much in schools



WALTER WILLIAMS
COLUMNIST

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 department.

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 robbery.

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 gang-affiliated 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.

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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 town.

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 flare-ups like last night," she said. "They will probably do the drops until they (the flames) are under control, and then we can 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 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 programs.

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 of wrongdoing and have accused Democrats of raising the issue for political reasons.

Reviews of administration assertions of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction already under way by the House and Senate intelligence committees and the Senate Armed Services committees. But some Democrats said they don't go far enough.

An 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.

By a 347-76 vote, the House rejected an amendment by Rep. Dennis Kucinich of Ohio to require the CIA's

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inspector general to audit all telephone and electronic communications between the CIA and Vice President Dick Cheney relating to Iraq's weapons.

Kucinich, a presidential candidate and outspoken opponent of the war, cited a Washington Post story in which unidentified intelligence analysts said they had felt pressured by Cheney to make their assessments meet administration policy objectives.

In debate Wednesday, Rep. Ray LaHood, R-Ill., called Kucinich's proposal the "cheap shot amendment of the year."

The top Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee, Rep. Jane Harman of California, also opposed Kucinich's proposal, saying his concerns could be examined by the committee's review of prewar intelligence.

Harman said the early stages of that

review found that the administration ignored doubts about Iraq's chemical and biological weapons capability. But Harman said she still believes Saddam Hussein possessed weapons of mass destruction that could now be in the hands of anti-American fighters in Iraq or terrorists elsewhere.

She said the early stages of her committee's review has made clear that Iraq once had chemical and biological weapons and that these weapons were easy to hide — but administration officials "rarely included the caveats and qualifiers attached to the intelligence community's judgments."

"For many Americans, the administration's certainty gave the impression there was even stronger intelligence about Iraq's possession of and intention to use WMD," she said.

Harman said the committee was reviewing whether intelligence agen-

cies "made clear to policy-makers and Congress that most of its analytic judgments were based on things like aerial photographs, Iraqi defector interviews — not hard facts."

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 been estimated at \$40 billion. Goss said that level would meet Bush's request. It will have to be reconciled with a version being considered by the Senate.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Sufferers Of Eating Disorders Can Get The Help They Need

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 names, and so does her mother.

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) for free resources and referrals.

Through our hotline and response to mail and e-mail inquiries, ANAD provides counsel and information to thousands of anorexics, bulimics, compulsive eaters, their families, and also the health-care community in all parts of the globe. Our referral list includes more than 1,500 therapists and inpatient/outpatient programs in the United States, Canada and several other countries, including Great Britain, Germany, Australia, New Zealand, France, Italy, Spain, Mexico, Colombia and more.

VIVIAN HANSON MEEHAN,
PRESIDENT, ANAD

DEAR VIVIAN: Thank you for the information. After I printed the letter from "Fed Up," I received hundreds of others from readers of both sexes peppering me with questions about eating disorders.

Readers, if you or someone you know needs help or information, ANAD can be contacted by phone: (847) 831-3438; fax: (847) 433-4632; e-mail: anad20(at)aol.com; or the Web site: www.anad.org. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I would like to comment on the letter from "Fed Up," the 13-year-old girl whose mother is bulimic and who is ridiculed in school by other kids because she is overweight.

I was trained in another country to become a teacher. Our psychology teacher explained to us that, since parents cannot be present in school to protect their children, it is therefore the teachers' and the principal's full responsibility to protect the

students from physical and emotional abuse by other students.

I am one of many educators who believe that it is the parents' responsibility to discipline their children and teach them proper social conduct. That said, this is how I handle my responsibility.

Every year on the first day of 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.

I tell them that I am well aware 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 parents 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 his/her child does not hurt anyone.

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 my class.

I hope that child's letter will cause people to think and change the discipline policies that exist in many U.S. schools — and I hope that other caring teachers and principals will follow my psychology teacher's instructions and prevent abusive students from hurting helpless students.

RETIRED TEACHER
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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 classmates. Orchids to you.

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Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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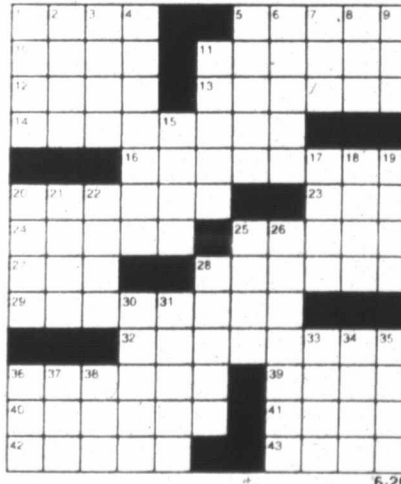
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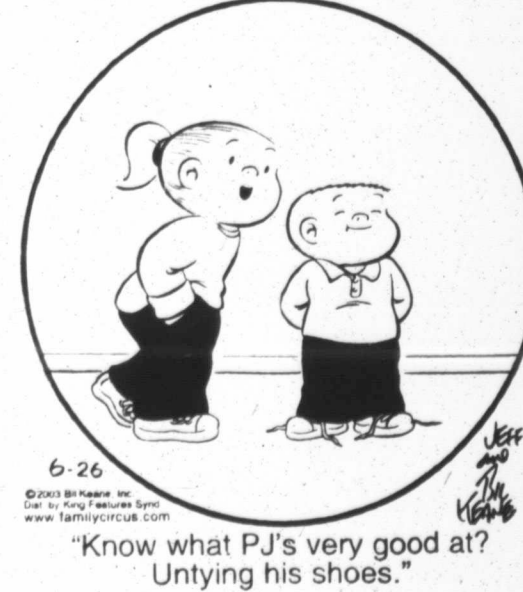
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SPORTS

Spurs main focus is on free agent market

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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. 3.

"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 victory in the Pampa Invitational at Randy Matson Field.

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

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, leaving the Spurs to rely on luck

that someone they like is available 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' second-leading 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," Blanks said. "It's unlikely that

any wish-list players will be 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 two-time 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

Zaur Pachulia from the nation 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 Olowokandi of the Los

Angeles Clippers.

What San Antonio does on Thursday will reveal little about 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 season.

"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 minor-league 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 immediately will follow the parade.

As is customary for Houston victory parades, players and

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 five-year deal were not disclosed. The Daily Oklahoman, quoting an unnamed source, reported that the contract will approach \$1 million including apparel and camp perquisites.

Anderson, 44, replaces Tom Holliday.

White Deer Cardinals



The White Deer Cardinals (above) took first in the Claude Minor League Youth Baseball 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, l-r) coach Mike Bradley, Codie Harrah, Nicki Bradley, Eric Clifton, Nathan Storey and Tanner Auldridge; (back row, l-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, Jassel Rutten and Stephen Marszal.

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

NEW YORK (AP) — Todd McFarlane got off much cheaper this time.

The man who paid \$3.2 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," he said. "I think we did well tonight."

With auctioneer Cathy Elkie 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.

There were 12 registered bidders, some of them in

the room at the ESPN Zone restaurant. McFarlane, on his way to a business meeting 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 they'll go, 'Oh, it's the psycho, he's got too much money,' and nobody will 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 the price would fall well short of that mark by the

slow pace of the bidding.

At one point, Elkie tried to encourage the bidders, 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 morning."

Finally, it became clear that no one would top the bid by McFarlane, creator of the Spawn comic strip.

McFarlane said he had set a limit of \$2.1 million 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."

McFarlane would not say what his limit was for the Bonds ball.

"I wish I didn't have this compulsion but that guy, Barry, broke the record, so now I'm in a position where, to some extent I've

got to potentially protect my assets here," McFarlane said.

"It's tough to say you've got the second-best ball."

He said he would use the Bonds ball much as he did the McGwire one, putting it on display.

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

The ball was ordered sold after a two-week trial to determine its ownership. Alex Popov, a Berkeley, Calif., restaurateur caught the ball and lost it in a scam.

Patrick Hayashi, a graduate student, was at the bottom of the pile of people and picked it up after it fell from Popov's glove.

The ensuing court battle cost both men hundreds of thousands in attorney fees and the sale might wind up being a loss for them.

"The funny thing,"

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

"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 disappointed at the outcome.

"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 expectations."

Hayashi didn't think he made money.

"In the end, it's probably going to be a wash," Hayashi said.

Atlantic Coast Conference invites Miami, Virginia Tech to join

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — The Atlantic Coast Conference put a surprising twist on its six-week expansion saga.

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

Swofford said neither school had accepted an invitation yet, but he didn't expect any problems.

"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 represent and share the values for which the ACC has long been known," Barker said.

Barker said the invitation to 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

Steger to negotiate a deal with the ACC. Steger said he was "inclined to accept" the offer.

Miami President Donna Shalala said school officials were disappointed Boston College and Syracuse weren't included.

"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 conference configurations among all its members. Its statement noted that Miami and Virginia 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."

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Medicare bills move slowly toward finish line

By LAURA MECKLER
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — After weeks of intense negotiations and years of political promises, the House and Senate prepared to vote on legislation to help older Americans pay for prescription drugs.

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

Together, the bills represented the most far-reaching overhaul of Medicare since it was signed into law by President Johnson in 1965.

House Republican leaders worked into Thursday morning to finish a bill they hope will mollify enough conservatives to win passage and send the measure to conference with the Senate. They agreed to tack on a separate measure boosting medical savings accounts, which give tax breaks to those who set aside money to pay for their own health care — a move designed to appeal to conservatives.

Vice President Dick Cheney was traveling to the Capitol midday for some last-minute cajoling of his fellow Republicans.

The House debate later in the day was offering the Democrats a chance to propose an alternative to the GOP Medicare plan, but they were not to be allowed to offer a series of amendments trying to change details in the bill like senators have over the last two weeks.

The Senate opened debate Thursday by turning aside a pair of Democratic amendments, the latest in a string of defeats for the Democrats.

The first, sponsored by Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, would have given disabled people on Medicaid more power to control where they receive services and was defeated 50-48. The

second, from Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., would have required pharmaceutical companies to give more details about a drug's risks in their advertising. That vote was 59-39.

By sunrise Friday, both the House and Senate were each expected to approve the full measures. Senate leaders predicted easy passage with as many as 70 or 80 votes. It was tighter in the House, where Democrats were not part of negotiations and most planned to vote no.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., speaking Thursday on NBC's "Today," predicted that lawmakers will be able to produce a final version of the bill "without much difficulty over the coming weeks" and send it to President Bush for his signature.

He said lawmakers already agreed to add prescription drug coverage to Medicare, to give seniors a choice between traditional Medicare and alternative coverage, and to make the program voluntary.

"Since we have agreement in those three areas, we will be able to accomplish the goal of giving real health care security to seniors," Frist said.

Courting support from recalcitrant conservatives, Bush invited a group to the White House on Wednesday for up-close cajoling, and House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill

Thomas wrote Republicans highlighting reforms to the program.

"This bill creates a competitive structure for private plans to compete to provide beneficiaries better health care at lower cost," wrote Thomas, R-Calif.

Under both the House and Senate measures, Medicare beneficiaries 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 coverage before benefits resume for recipients with high annual costs.

At the White House, lawmakers told Bush the bill didn't do enough to control costs in a program facing a wave of baby boom retirements. According to one participant, 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 session, some two dozen conservative Republicans were threatening to vote against the bill.

"He was persuasive, and yet I remain undecided," said Rep. Jim Ryun, R-Kan. Rep. Jim DeMint, R-S.C., said he planned to vote no, saying the bill "fails to enact serious reform, but threatens to bankrupt the entire Medicare system."

At the same time, AARP, the powerful lobbying group for older Americans, had its own list of objections to the House bill. Among other things, AARP argued that the bill's emphasis on private plans could jeopardize coverage for those who want to stay in the traditional 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 for seniors' business.

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 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 pay.

The Democrats' \$6 billion would create an experimental program in which traditional Medicare would be expanded to include preventive care and other services.

Democrats won a dispute that consumed senators much of Wednesday. The GOP demonstration would begin in 2009 and expire in 2013; Republicans had wanted their plan put into permanent law.

Supreme court strikes down ban against sex between gays

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court struck down a ban on gay sex Thursday, ruling that the law was an unconstitutional violation of privacy.

The 6-3 ruling reverses course from a ruling 17 years ago that states could punish homosexuals for what such laws historically called deviant sex.

Laws forbidding homosexual sex, once universal, now are rare. Those on the books are rarely enforced but underpin other kinds of discrimination, lawyers for two Texas men had argued to the court.

The men "are entitled to respect for their private lives," Kennedy wrote.

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

Justices John Paul Stevens, David Souter, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen Breyer agreed with Kennedy in full. Justice Sandra Day O'Connor agreed with the outcome of the case but not all of Kennedy's rationale.

Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justices Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas dissented.

"The court has largely signed on to the so-called homosexual agenda," Scalia wrote for the three. He took the unusual step of reading his dissent from the bench.

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

The two men at the heart of the case, John Geddes Lawrence and Tyron Garner, have retreated from public view. They were each fined \$200 and spent a night in jail for the misdemeanor sex charge in 1998.

The case began when a neighbor with a grudge faked a distress call to police, telling them that a man was "going crazy" in Lawrence's apartment. Police went to the apartment, pushed open the door and found the two men having anal sex.

As recently as 1960, every state had an anti-sodomy law. In 37 states, the statutes 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-sex couples. The other nine ban consensual sodomy for everyone: Alabama, Florida, Idaho, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Utah and Virginia.

Thursday's ruling apparently invalidates those laws as well.

The Supreme Court was widely criticized 17 years ago when it upheld an anti-sodomy law similar to Texas'. The ruling became a rallying point for gay activists.

Of the nine justices who ruled on the 1986 case, only three remain on the court. Rehnquist was in the majority in that case — *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) — Lawyers for investors suing 55 brokerage firms for allegedly rigging initial public offerings of stock during the tech boom announced a tentative, partial settlement Thursday worth at least \$1 billion.

Hundreds of plaintiffs claim the banks plotted to artificially inflate the value of more than 300

Internet companies at the time of their IPOs through secret deals that delivered huge payoffs to insiders.

The proposed settlement covers the Internet companies, their directors and their officers and will be paid by the companies' insurers, according to a statement from Milberg Weiss Bershad Hynes & Lerach, one of the law firms representing the plaintiffs. The recovery is separate from any money investors may receive through government or regulatory action.

The cases continue against the investment banks that served as the IPO underwriters, including J.P. Morgan, Credit Suisse First Boston, Morgan Stanley and Smith Barney, the law firm's statement said.



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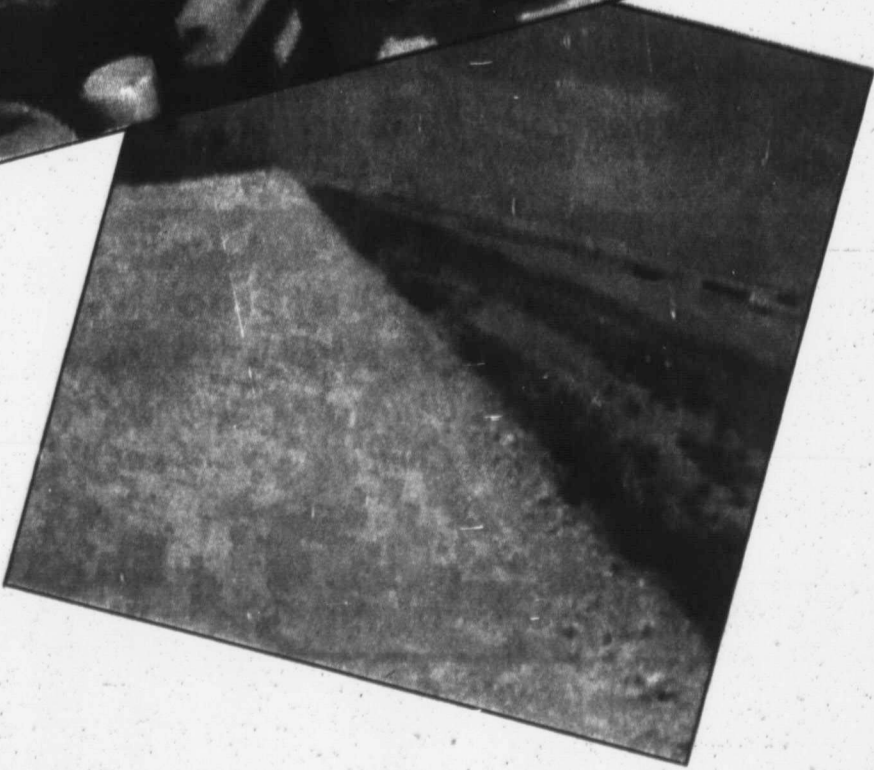
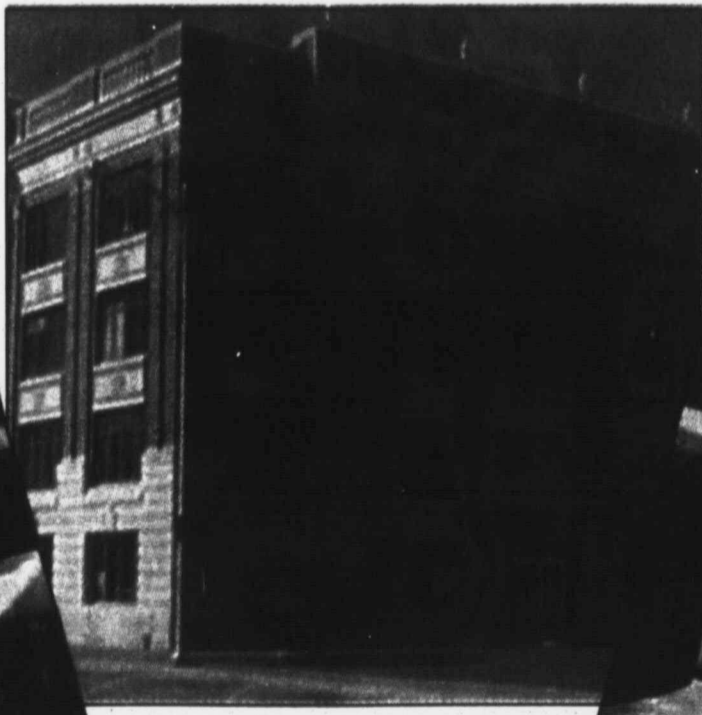
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West Texas Ford makes a move

By SKYLA BRYANT
COMMUNITY EDITOR

Robert Knowles, owner of the Ford-Lincoln-Mercury franchise in Pampa, recently established a new car lot next to 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 and service department (with a fully-equipped garage) and an indoor showroom capable of handling three- to six-vehicles. It even includes a play area for children of customers who visit the lot.

Knowles indicated a variety of reasons

factored into his decision to build the new Ford house, citing the former location's out-dated facilities, the lack of convenience in "managing and monitoring" the stores from different locations and the attractive prospect of greater accessibility between the two lots.

"The good side about it from the customer's stand-point," Knowles said, "is that they don't have to drive from one store to another. It's kind of a one-stop shop for a Ford-Lincoln-Mercury or a Dodge-Chrysler-Jeep product."

Another 'good side' for the customer is the dealership's SVT status.

Knowles explained, "We are a SVT

dealership over here — Special Vehicle Team. That's something that some Ford dealerships have, and some don't. That's a kind of a specialty franchise within Ford that deals with the Mustang Cobra and the Ford Lightning Pick-up."

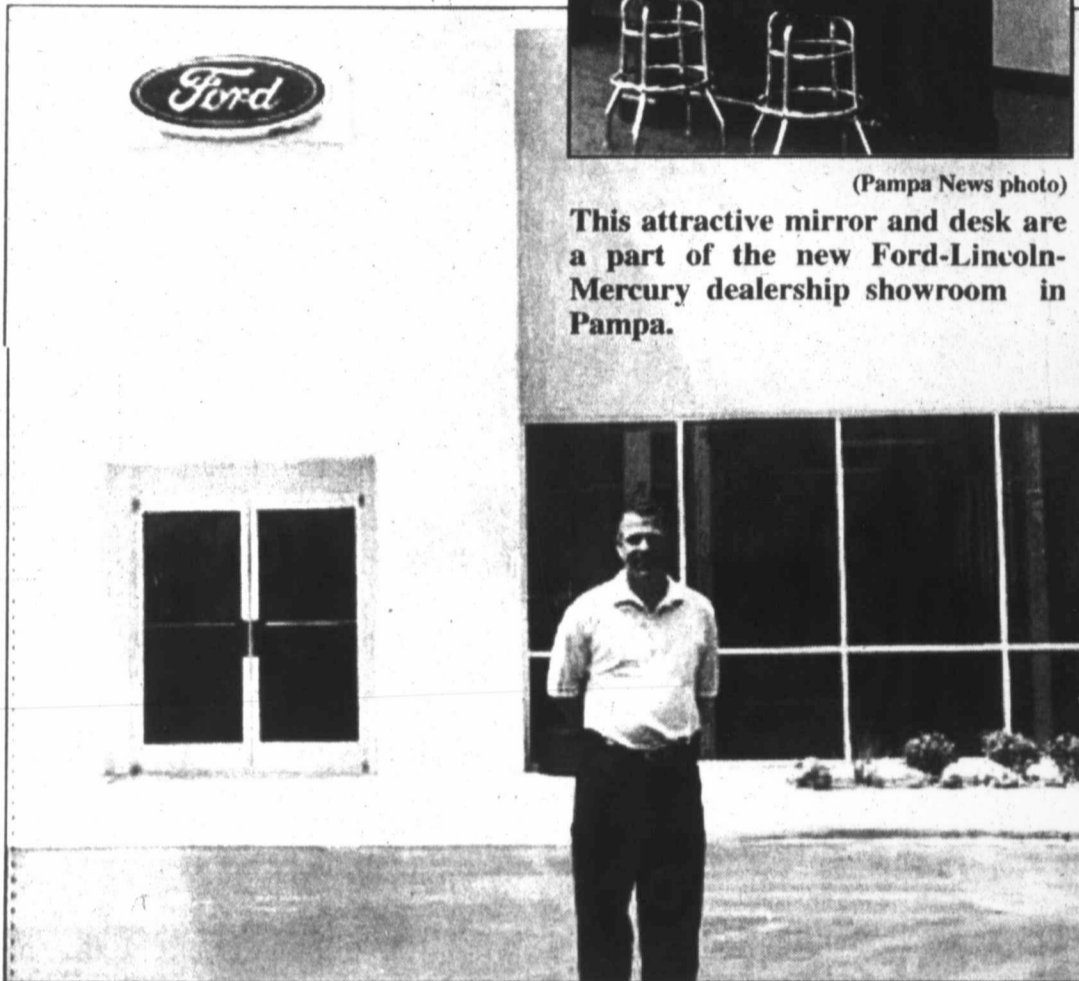
"There's a SVT dealer in Lubbock," Knowles observed, "there's one in Oklahoma City, there's one in Albuquerque and there's one in Denver, and we're the only one around here."

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

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



(Pampa News photo)

Robert Knowles, owner of the new Ford-Lincoln-Mercury dealership adjacent to the Hobart House on Hobart Street in Pampa.



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

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grades in certain areas to be able to qualify 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.

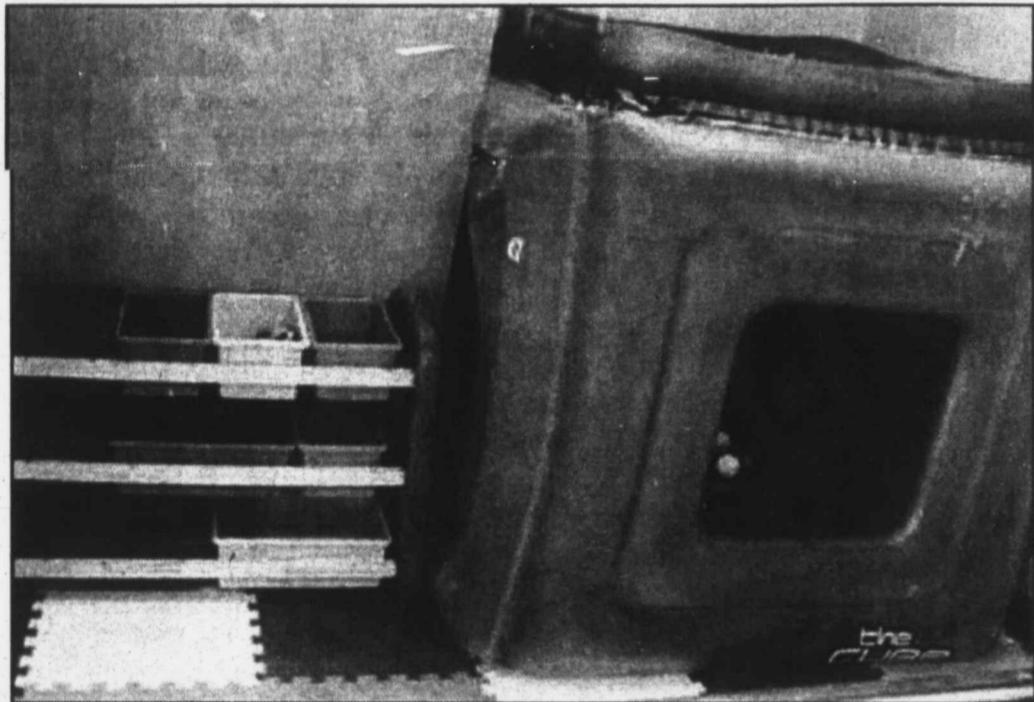
Knowles said he used local contractors whenever possible in the construction including B&G Electric; Larry Baker Plumbing, Heating and Air; Dwight

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 go.

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.



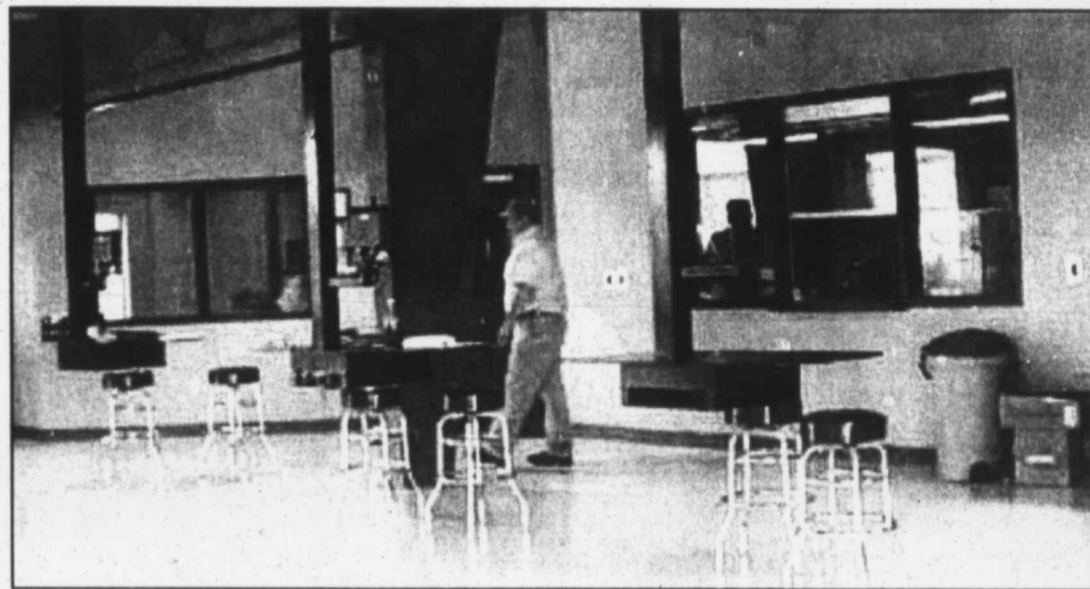
(Pampa News photo)

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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Inside the Customer Service Department at the new Ford-Lincoln-Mercury facility in Pampa.

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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.



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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

Pigs have come to the Pampa area.

One of the newest industries in the Pampa area is a 50,000-head genetic research swine facility.

When the company began its quest to establish in the area, it was known as National Pig Development. However, General Manager John Carter said the name was recently changed to Smithfield Premium Genetics.

Carter said SPG has received approximately 1,000 pigs at the genetic facility 11 miles east of Pampa. He said it will probably be about four or five weeks before the remainder of the breeding stock will be brought to the Pampa area.

"We will grow the rest," he said, adding that the facility should be in full operation by the end of 2003.

Carter said four of the people from the company's offices in North Carolina have moved to the Pampa area to work in the operation, and six local people have been hired.

"More will be hired as we get more pigs in the operation," said Carter.

A genetic research facility, Carter said it is extremely

important the pigs are isolated.

"We are protecting the site from any risk to the animals," he said. Carter said that was why the facility is so far from the community. "It is very important to keep the pigs involved in the research isolated from other pigs," he said.

Only people working with the pigs are allowed in the research facilities, said Carter. Protecting the animals has been a primary concern from the beginning.

Pampa is the first Texas location for the company.

Leaders of the company came to Pampa in the spring of 2001 looking for an area to locate the research facility.

In June 2001, Carter and other executives held a public meeting here to inform people about the facility.

While there was some opposition initially, the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission approved the project.

Carter said the snowy weather and wind was quite different from the North Carolina climate, but the personnel have adjusted and are enjoying the Panhandle area.

He will be speaking at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce luncheon on July 13 about the future of the company with the Pampa area.

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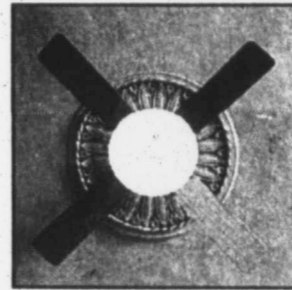
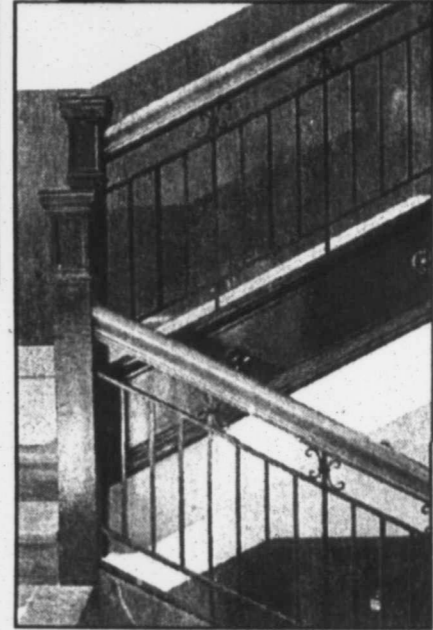
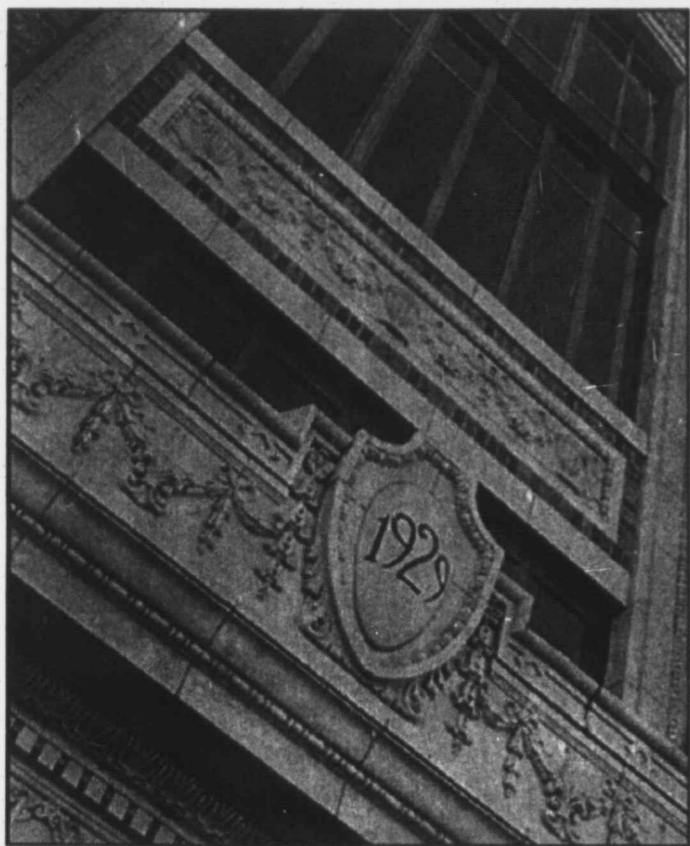
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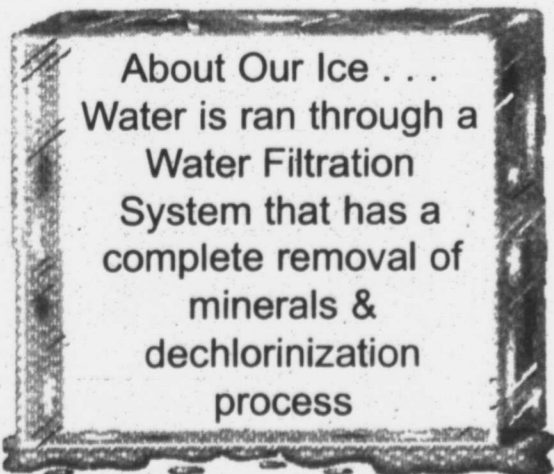
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Whitney takes the plunge

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 ready for my own agency."

Finding a building that would fit his needs was the first order of business.

"We started looking for a place and my wife (Paula) drove by this building that had a 'for sale' sign on it," Whitney said.

He started negotiations with the owner and in March, he officially opened

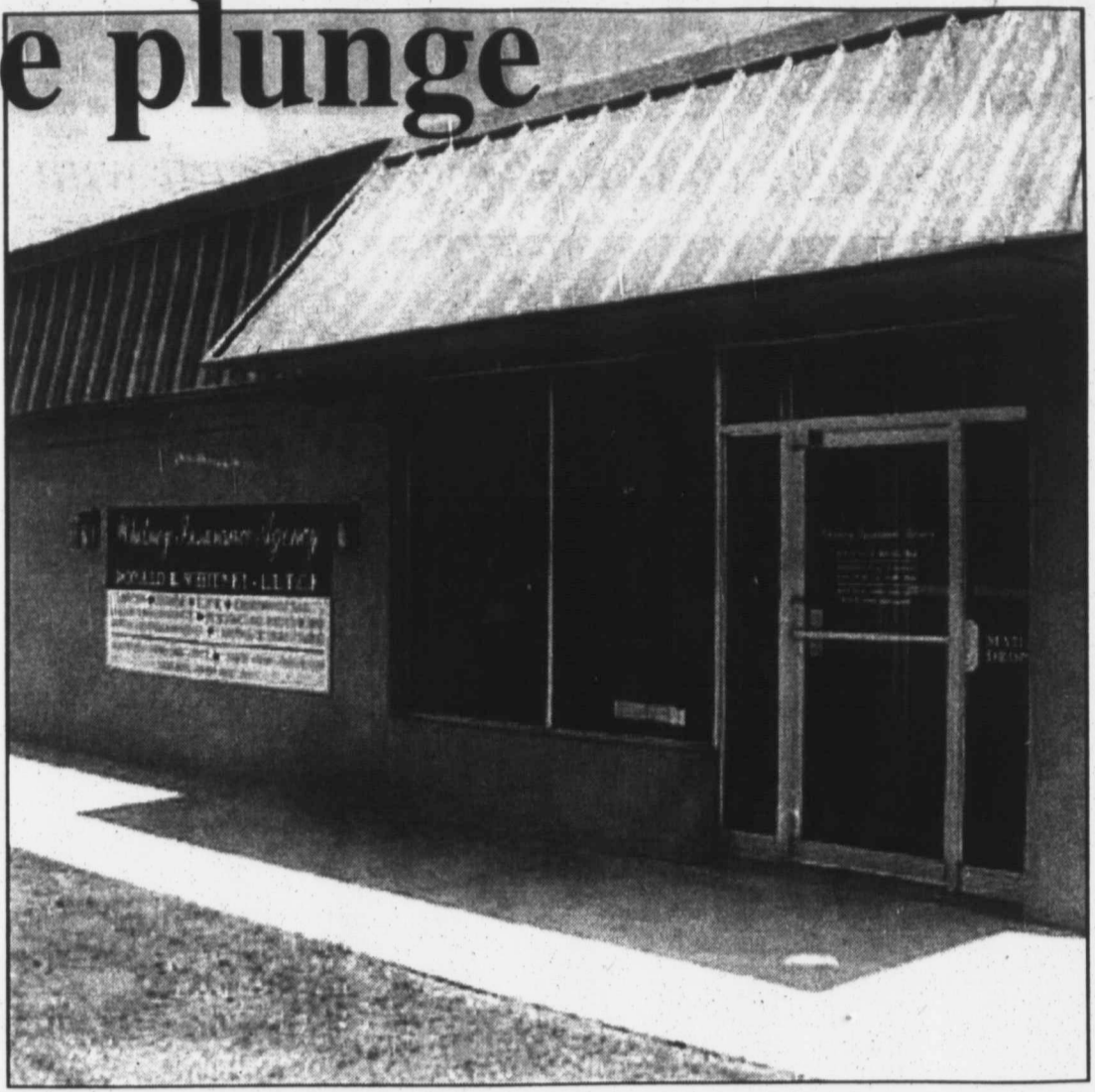
Whitney Insurance Agency, 721 W. Kingsmill Ave.

"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 products insurance.

"Getting into this business has been a 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 realize that dream," Whitney added.

"I've brought in extra help and I hope 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 kinds of commercial lines."

Carlyn Dyer is Whitney's full-time secretary and office manager. The agency currently has two full-time employees and one part-time employee.

The other full-time employee is agent Jim Bruton, who will also be working with the customers in all areas of insurance coverage.

Bruton is an Austin native, but has lived in Pampa for the past 27 years. His wife, Lindi, is employed at Travis Elementary School.

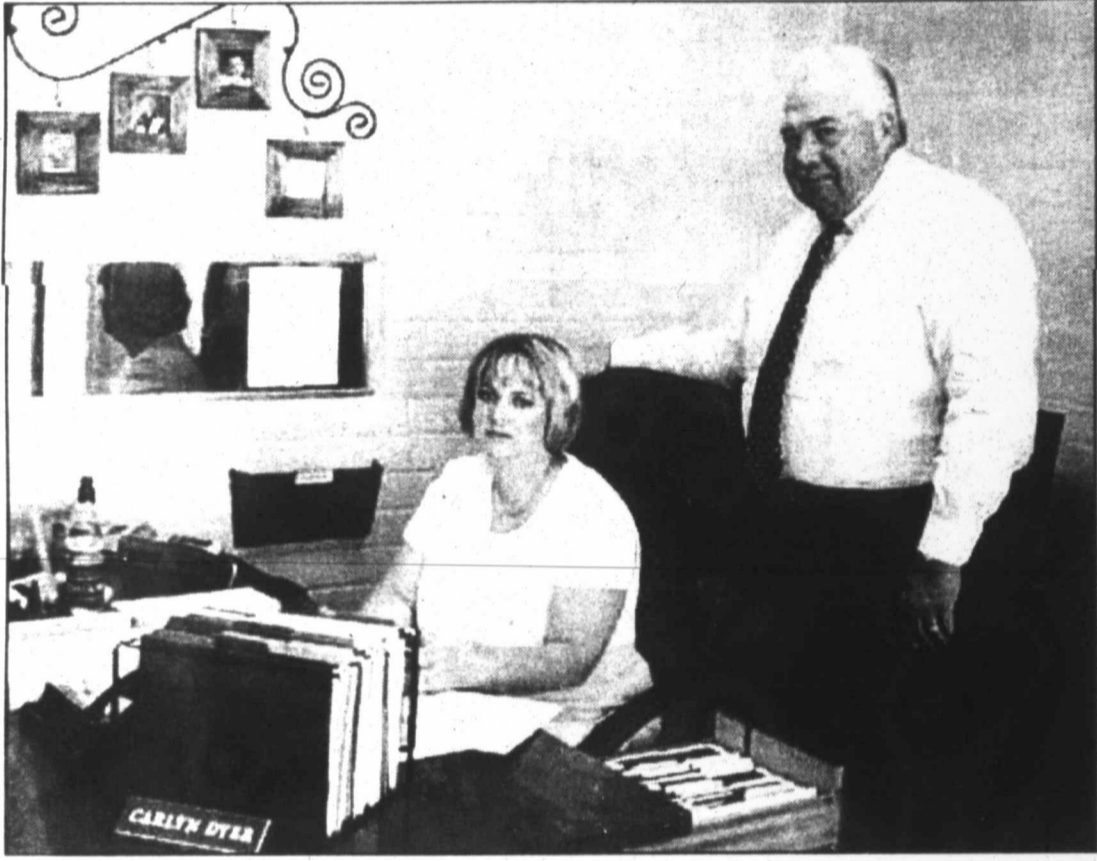
Since the business opened, Whitney said, "We're still in the process of moving in. When we finish, we'll have a conference room and another office available. It's a well-constructed building."

In this tight economy, Whitney strives to give his customers quality coverage at

a fair price.

"Please contact us for a quote or if you have any questions on the type of coverage you now have with any other company," 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 children: two boys, Chris and Aaron; two daughters, Michelle Whitney and Jessica Whitney-Whiteley. Chris is following in his father's footsteps and is a Farm Bureau Agency Manager in Jacksonville. Aaron is in his final year at Texas Tech. Paula and Jessica are both teachers at Lefors High School. Michelle is a nuclear scientist at Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico. Paula has taught 25 years at Lefors and Jessica also coaches girls' basketball and other sports.



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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 Texas and tourists are interested in Pampa. In its infancy locally, tourism is coming into its own.

Tourists spend dollars in Pampa, and the people of Pampa are working hard to grow the fledgling industry.

Determining what draws people to Pampa and the Texas Panhandle has been eye-opening to local residents interested in promoting the area.

John Forister, former chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee, said there was a turn-around in the thinking of local people when the committee decided to affiliate with the Branded program of the Texas Department of Economic Development Tourism Division.

"We were kind of hesitant about that," he said, "because of the possible state bureaucracy-type thing. But, boy, that really made us do some thinking about tourism in Pampa."

Paula Goff, new committee chair, agrees with Forister. "It showed us what we had to look into and figure out what we actually needed to do instead of just running

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

Forister said the TDED will be coming back to Pampa at the end of June to hold meetings with the four cities that were in the Branded program to get their feedback.

"To me, what that did, was it made us think about what we have here in Pampa that would be of interest to tourists. I always thought of tourism like going to the Rocky Mountains," said Forister. "I didn't think in terms of cultural tourism or nature tourism."

He said the session caused them to think about what makes Pampa different from other communities in the Panhandle. "We really learned a lot," he said.

Goff talked about the heritage of the community.

"I'm sure a lot of people don't know how much our heritage was influenced by the people who came over and did the White Deer Land

Company," she said. Many of the first founders of the town were from England and established a heritage that continues in the community.

Forister attributed the park system and the down-



(Pampa News photo)

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 foresight of the early leaders.

Participants in the Branded program identified five areas that distinguish Pampa from other communities, said Forister.

Quality of life is number

one on the list, said Forister, as he cited the parks system and the White Deer Land Museum.

"Also, we are right in the middle of the Red River War battlefield area," he said. He said there are six to eight RRW battle sites around Pampa.

Many people are coming to the area because of Woody Guthrie. A folk singer, Guthrie began his singing career in Pampa. In fact, he got his first guitar while he worked at Harris Drug in the community, said Forister.

He said that Guthrie,

who was in Pampa during the Depression, attributed his beginning to the instruction of a black man who worked as a shoeshine boy in a barber shop adjacent to Harris Drug.

Describing what Guthrie was exposed to during the Depression,

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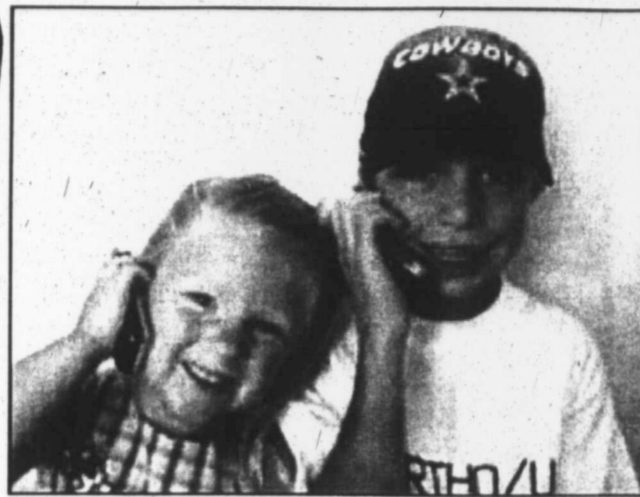
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Volunteers working toward Pampa's future

By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

Developing Pampa's economy ensures future progress for the area and its residents.

Dick Stowers, current president of the Pampa Industrial Foundation, works steadily to see the community's economy prosper, but sometimes finds it frustrating. He, along with about 15 other local business leaders, are working to add businesses to the Pampa community. All of them volunteer their time and efforts.

These PIF members, in addition to Stowers, include David Fatheree, vice president; Debbie Stokes, vice president; Phil Gentry, secretary/treasurer; and directors L.W. McCall, Mark Lang, Vic Raymond, Bill Simon, Leonard C. Hudson, Joe Mullenax, Roy Sparkman,

Wesley Green, Bob Curry and John Wagner.

In 1964, a group of local citizens saw the need to promote Pampa, and decided to form an organization to do so. Thus, the Pampa Industrial Foundation was born on Feb. 19, 1964.

Pioneering economic development, the group of volunteers aimed to diversify the economy in the area to encourage continued growth and expansion.

Financial and other assistance to the manufacturing, industrial, business and trade development of the community of Pampa and the area was a goal those board members hoped to achieve.

When the Pampa Economic Development Corporation was voted into existence in the early 1990s, the PIF took a backseat while the PEDC began working to attract new businesses.

That all changed when the PEDC was voted out by Pampa voters in November 2001. Soon after that election, the PIF became more active as the group of business leaders worked to keep Pampa in the running for businesses.

The PIF is operated by donations. Stowers and the members of the PIF seek businesses which would fit into the Pampa area. When he hears of a likely prospect, he contacts the company to obtain more information about them.

Many leads the PIF and Chamber of Commerce receive come from an organization by the name of High Ground. Stowers and Chamber Director Clay Rice both contact these prospects and try to influence them to come to Pampa.

Getting the name of Pampa out to people is utmost in their mind.

Stowers told of one lead, a computer service company, the PIF received through High Ground.

"There are three primary sources they do business with — Dell, Hewlett-Packard and Xerox," said Stowers. He said the Minnesota-based company wanted to come to some place in Texas.

"They gave us a list of what they wanted and how much. So, we got together and submitted a proposal to them," said Stowers. He said after submitting a proposal to the company he followed up with a phone call to determine if the company was interested in coming to Pampa.

He said the man told him the company had received about 60-80 proposals, each attempting to entice them to their community. After reviewing Pampa's proposal the computer service company executive told Stowers, "Your proposal looks nice, but you didn't put in any incentives."

Stowers said he replied, "You mean bribe money."

Stowers said he told the Minnesota man that he thought if the Pampa group answered all their questions as far as location, buildings, the work force, what wages are, and what is available in Pampa and that if that was good, company representatives would visit Pampa and the business leaders would talk with the company they wanted to recruit about incentives.

"You haven't been in this very long, have you," Stowers said the man told him. Stowers assured him he had just gotten into it. Stowers explained to him that his main business is a General Motors car dealership, and he was doing this just to get businesses to come to Pampa to ensure the future growth of the community.

Stowers asked the man how long the company wanted incentives to last, and the man told him as long as the company could get them.

"I then asked them that at the end of the time period does that mean you're going to stay or that you're going to leave?" he said. Stowers said he told him, "Well, we'll probably leave."

Stowers responded that Pampa people wanted people who will stay.

"We want people that will stay. We don't want people who will be here for 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 way the Minnesota company could find out what Pampa has is to come visit the community. He said most of the companies are just looking at "How much are you going to give me?" He said that was not the way the Pampa group operates.

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

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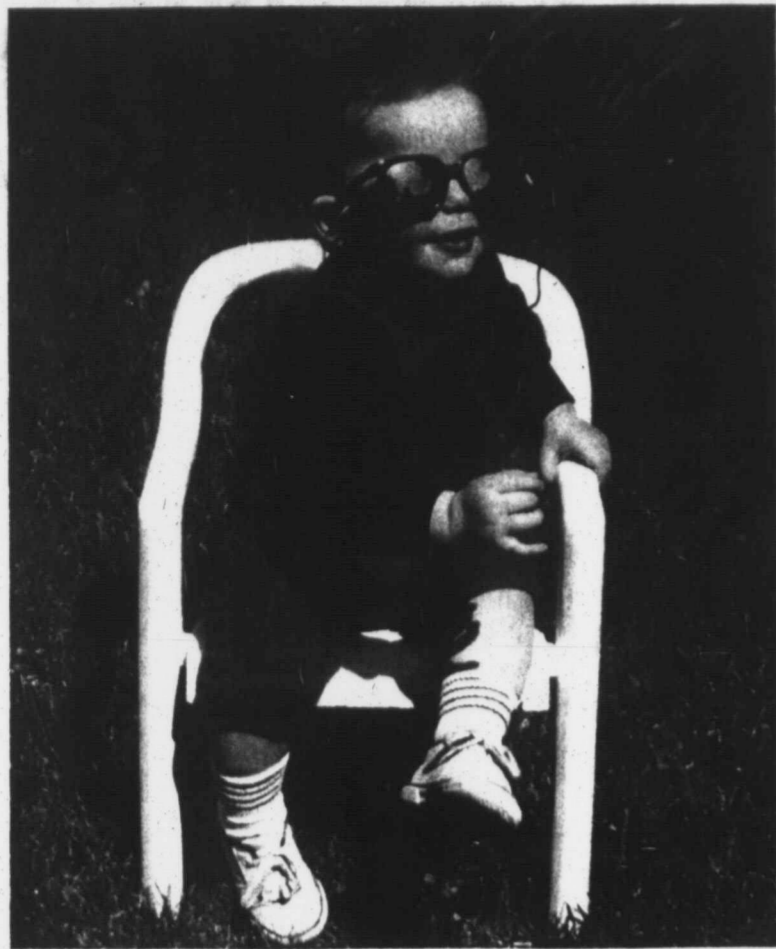
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Miller Insurance grows into new building

By L.D. STRATE
SPORTS EDITOR

Last year, Ellis and Tresa Miller were faced with what might be thought of as a pleasant problem. Their business, Miller Insurance Agency, was growing so fast their small office building in the 2100 block of North Hobart was becoming uncomfortably tiny. Parking space was also quite limited.

In mid-October, the husband-and-wife team found just the right location at 120 E. Browning near the central part of Pampa.

"We just needed more room. We were growing to the point where we had to do something," Tresa says. "Parking was

becoming a real issue. We've now got twice as much room and we're using every bit of it."

Tresa worked in a Pampa insurance agency for Buck and Joyce Williams for 22 years. When they retired six years ago, the Millers bought the agency from them. The Millers were living in Miami at the time where Ellis had been the high school ag-science teacher for 22 years.

"Our concept is to be the friendliest agency in town," Tresa said. "We see ourselves as a people agency, not a company agency. We're here for the people."

Miller Insurance Agency is an independent firm which specializes in life,

health, auto, property and crop insurance. Germania, Hartford, Progressive, Allianz, National Farm Life, Unicare and Dairy Land are among the 17 companies the Millers represent.

"We're so thankful with how the business has done," Tresa said. "We've had tremendous growth. Business has nearly tripled since we bought it."

The Millers say they couldn't get along without office manager Toni Hendrickson, a longtime Pampa resident. They're looking for another employee to assist Hendrickson with the mounting paper work.

"Laughingly, I said we need another Toni and my husband said that's not going to happen," Tresa added. "We

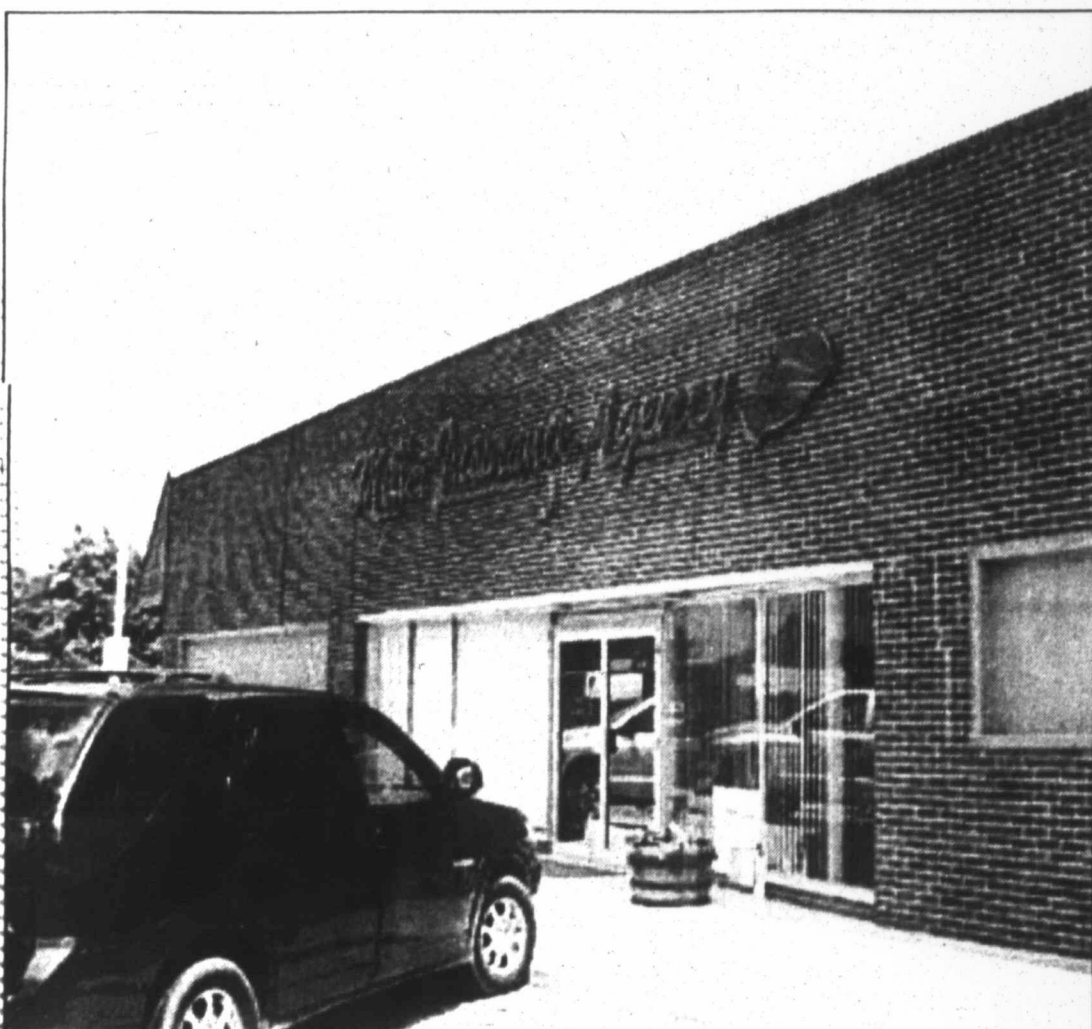
really depend on her."

Miller Insurance Agency also has an office mascot. He's "Little Bit," a 7-month-old Pomeranian who greets customers with a friendly waggle and a hop as they come through the door.

"We thought at first we shouldn't bring him to the office every day, but when we left him at home the customers missed him. They'd come in and want to know where the dog was," Tresa said.

The Millers like their new building because it's centrally located and there's plenty of parking right near the front entrance. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"Even if you don't need insurance, come in and say hello to us," Tresa said.



(Pampa News photo by L.D. Strate)


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




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

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By DAVID BOWSER
STAFF WRITER

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

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At the counter a man from Lefors is talking about a piece of broken machinery at his ranch. Later that day, the mechanic will make a house call.

Lentz also fixes flats and does vehicle inspections, keeping the four bays at the corner gas station occupied.

She laughs, explaining that she spends most of her day running back and forth through the short hall that connects the office with its front counter to the shops in back.

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

Then she dashes off to the full service pump to fill the tank on a Buick belong-

(See LENTZ CONOCO, Page 16)



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Bright summer sun silhouettes Becky Lentz as she enters the service station's work bay.



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Becky Lentz, hair dresser turned service station owner-operator.

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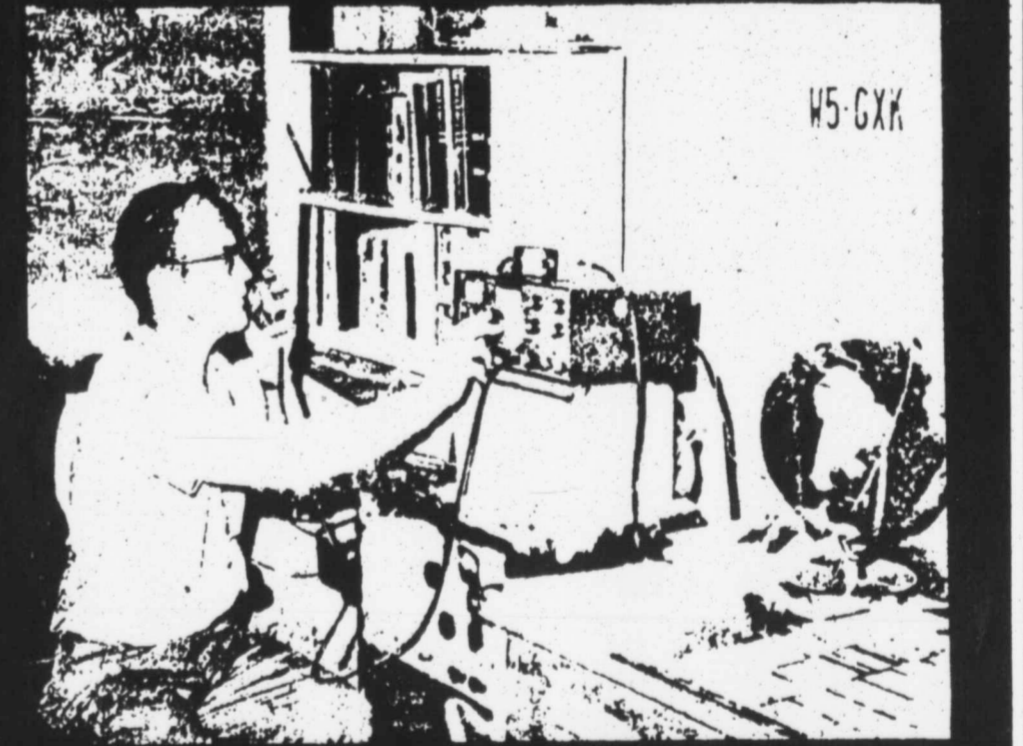
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John T. King says, "If you're down in our neck of the woods at 918 S. Barnes, drop in and talk oilfield, beef feeding, irrigation or ham talk with the fellows at John T. Kings and Sons."

Young entrepreneur opens florist shop

BY SKYLA BRYANT
COMMUNITY EDITOR

"I decided when I was, mmhm," Brandon Richards thought for a moment, "about 8-years-old that I was going to own a flower shop."

And in March of this year, at age 23, Brandon saw his dream come true, establishing Brandon's Flowers at 2143 N. Hobart in Pampa.

Brandon's Flowers, he said, is a full-service floral shop, handling weddings, funerals, proms, homecomings and more.

"We did a whole lot for the prom," 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 upon entering the store, making maximum use of the beneficial sunlight poring through the windows and lending warmth and cheer to the flower store.

In addition to conventional floral jobs, the shop offers an on-line service established, Richards said, in early April. According to the shop's web site — located at www.brandonsflowers.com — Brandon's Flower's specializes in the following:

(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.



(Pampa News photo)

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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Brandon's Flowers in Pampa offers a wide range of floral arrangements and services including silks and tropical plants.

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- Large inventory of fresh flowers;
- Tropicals;
- Plants;
- European/dish gardens;
- Contemporary and traditional arrangements;
- High-style floral arrangements;
- Silk arrangements;
- Dried floral arrangements;
- Wedding and funeral designs;
- Extensive gift line (balloons and such)
- Gourmet and fruit baskets;
- Gift baskets;
- Greeting cards;
- Candles.

The web site slogan is "Brandon's Flowers in a Flash." Out-of-town orders may be placed by calling 1-888-628-5546.

"We deliver to White Deer, Lefors,

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

Delivery fees may vary.

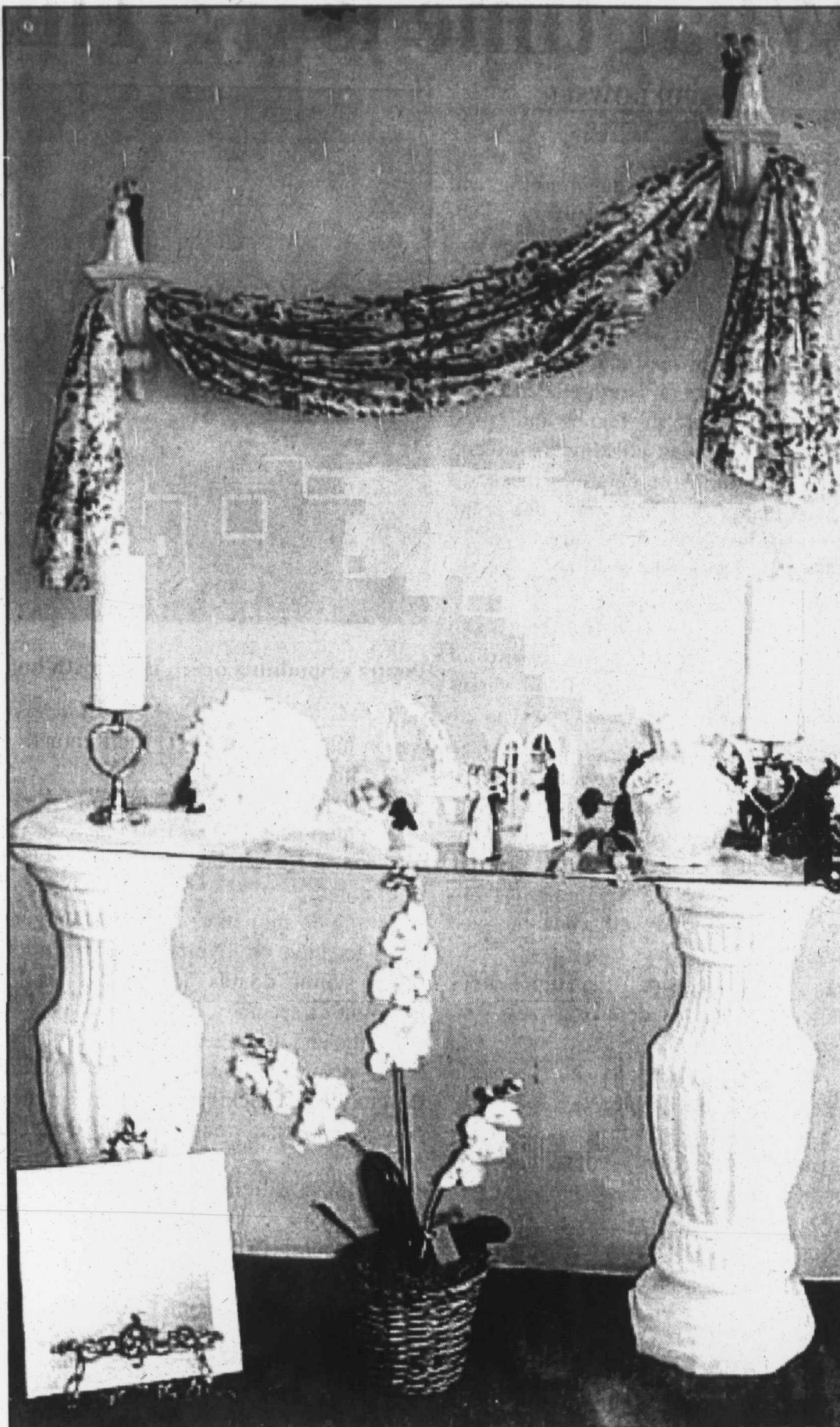
Brandon's Flowers has two additional staff members and belongs to Pampa Chamber of Commerce.

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

"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."

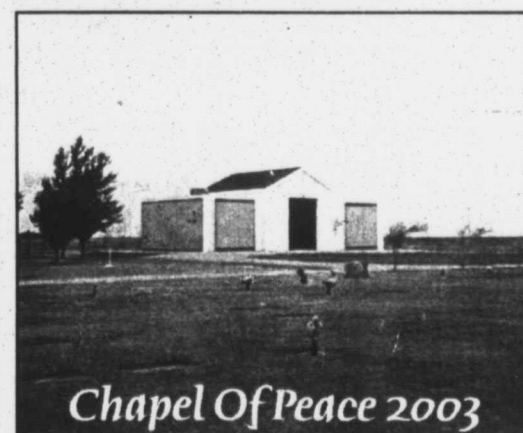
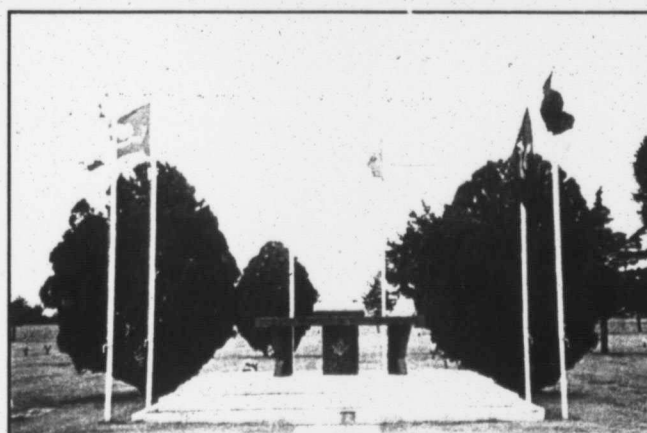
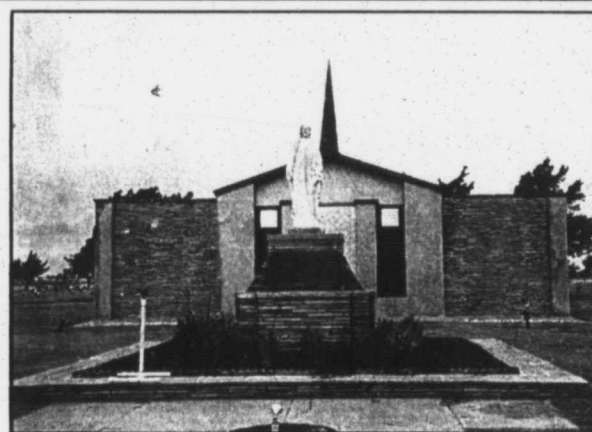
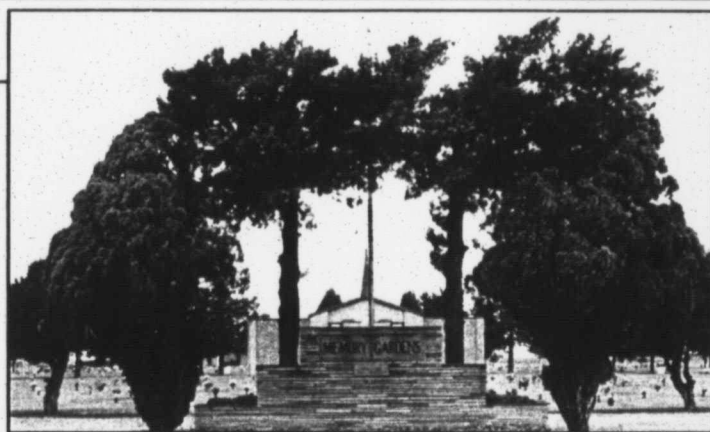
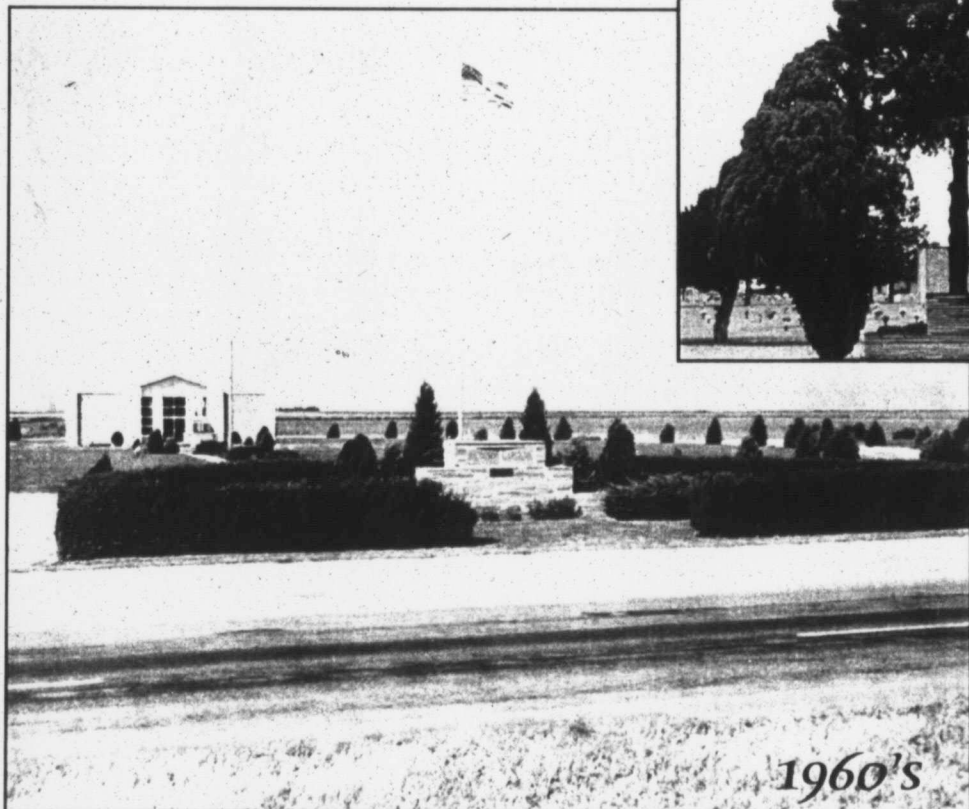
Store hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday.

Richards worked at Roberta's Flowers for several years and is a life-long Pampa resident.



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



Memory Gardens Cemetery of Pampa was established in 1952 with its first burial within a month. The operation began with ground burial only and progressed in 1962 with Haven of Rest Mausoleum. The grounds were laid out with several gardens (A-G) and landscaped with trees, bushes & several statues. Now you can see Gardens A-H with beautiful grown trees & large sculpted bushes and the newly "Chapel of Peace" Mausoleum constructed this year.

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After 50 years, Hobby Shop keeps going

By SKYLA BRYANT
COMMUNITY EDITOR

The Hobby Shop of Pampa Inc. is celebrating 50 years of business in Pampa. To help observe this landmark occasion, selected items in the store have been reduced 50 percent.

Currently under the ownership of sisters, Viki Youngblood Teinert and Christi Burden, The Hobby Shop moved to its present location at 217 N. Cuyler, Burden said, in the early 1980s.

According to the sisters, their father 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 managed by Angie Shipman, who oversees the arts and crafts department, and Sue Abbott, in framing and fine art.

Shipman has a long history with The 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 art classes, offering jewelry making by Jaycee's Beadwork, a watercolor class with Polly Tub, a "fake stained glass" workshop, a bow-making class and more.

Besides its schedule of upcoming classes, the shop hosts hobby and crafts groups such as Amarillo Doll Makers Club. Interested art associations are invited to contact the Hobby Shop during regular business hours to see about available time slots.

The store offers the following materials and services:

- Matting and framing (includes shadow boxes and needlepoint);
- Bow making materials (hair, floral, etc.);
- Custom designs floral bows, homecoming mums and boutonnieres through its upstairs "spirit shop";
- Fills orders for balloon bouquets;
- Creates custom hair bows;
- Carries baby shower items/materials;

- als;
- Special orders and stocks fine arts/crafts supplies;
- Carries a full range of fine art supplies by Grumbacher and Windsor-Newton;
- 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 matte, the store will order one especially for you," Teinert said.

Burden added, "We do custom weddings. That's a new thing we just started."

Abbot holds a special bridal training certification from Association of Bridal Consultants™. She handles wedding 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.

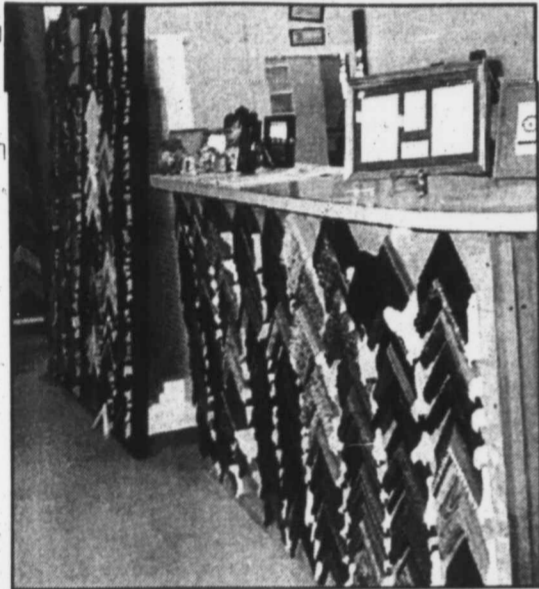
"We're going to try to save people a trip from going to Hobby Lobby and Michael's," she said.

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



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Viki Teinert in the "Spirit Room" upstairs at The Hobby Shop.



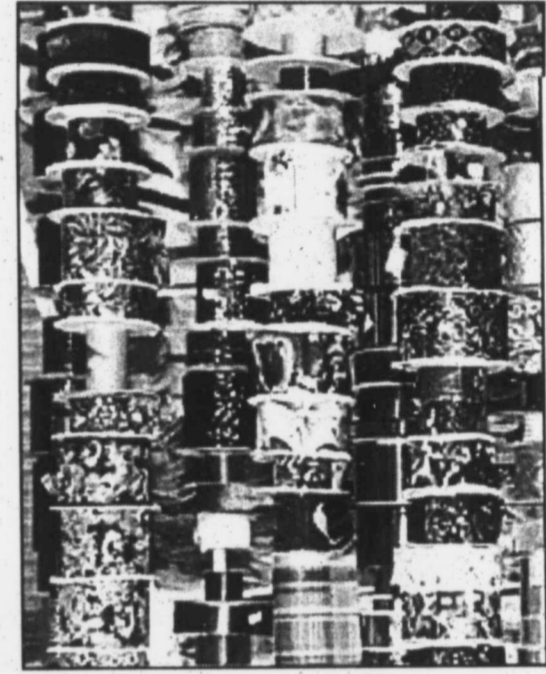
(Pampa News photo)

The Hobby Shop offers custom matting and framing in its frame shop at the back of the store.



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The Hobby Shop carries a wide range of fine arts supplies, stocking Grumbacher and Windsor-Newton.



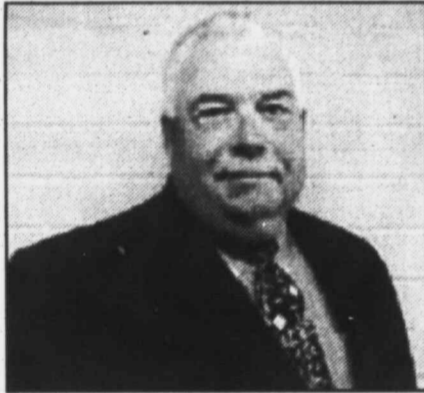
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Located at 217 N. Cuyler in downtown Pampa, The Hobby Shop offers a wide variety of ribbon and crafts supplies.

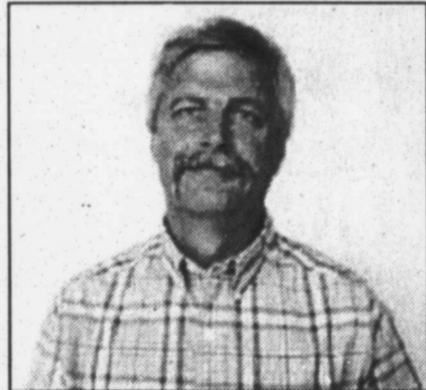
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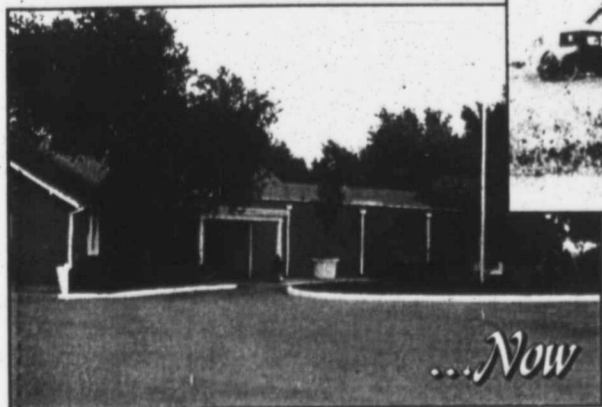
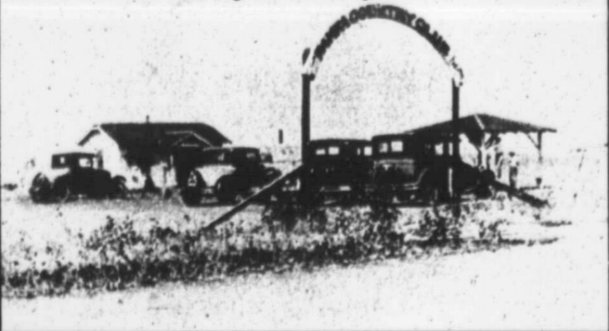
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Becky Lentz juggles a telephone, work orders, pumping gas and servicing cars.

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ing to a regular customer.

"A lot of my customers are older and have never had to pump gas in their lives," Lentz said, returning to the counter to make out the ticket.

She's been doing this for four of the 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 grin.

"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

days a week. Here, I start at 6:30 in the morning and sometimes I'll work until six at night. It's hard work."

But her hard work has paid off.

"When he bought the station, there 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 grown.

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

Now, there are five including Lentz.

"Some days, I could use six," she said. "We were at one time an all-women station."

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

"My philosophy is just do the very best you can," Lentz said.

Cultivating Tourists

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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 visitors.

"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 summer."

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

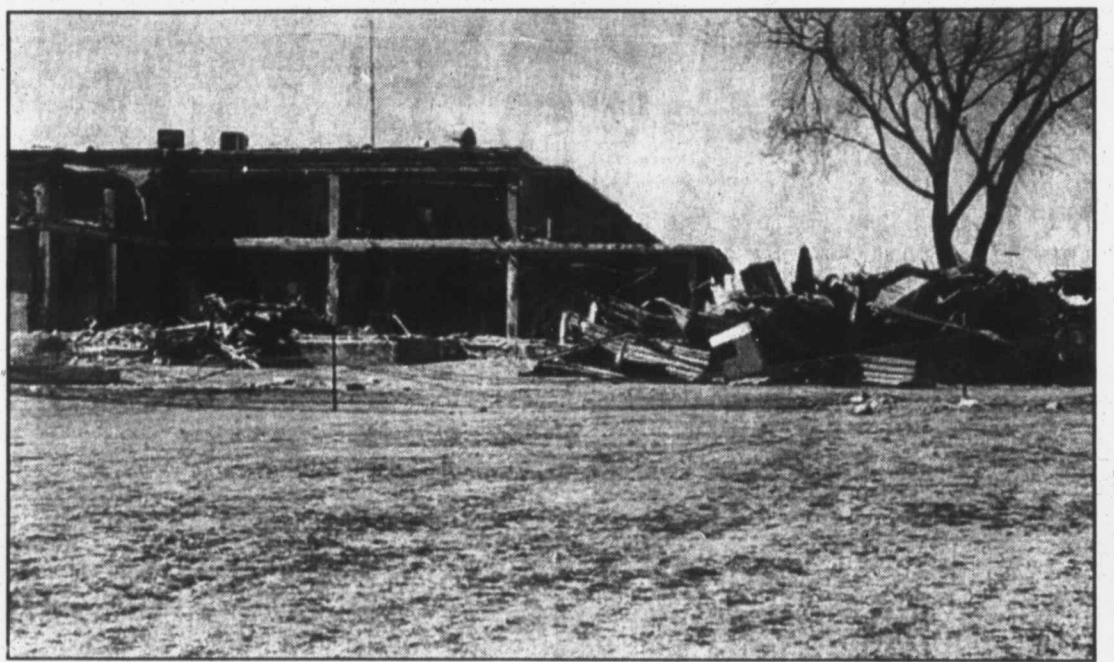
Freedom Museum USA is another attraction for people interested in military activities.

"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 the area."

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.



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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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