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WDHS Class of 1991 reunion meet tonight

WHITE DEER — A reunion meeting of White Deer High School Class of 1991 is scheduled at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 6 at 707 Daffodil in White Deer. For more information, call Hope Stephens at (806) 883-2185.

PHS Class of 1991 sets March 11 meeting

A reunion meeting for Pampa High School Class of 1991 is scheduled from 2-4 p.m., March 11 at Hi-Land Christian Church, 1615 N. Banks. For more information contact Mitzi Hupp-McClelland at 665-8166 or Michelle Witson-Cochran at 665-7703.

Search continues for 9-year-old girl

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A Central Texas girl missing since the weekend was the focus of a continuing search Tuesday. Nykema Augustine, 9, was reported missing on Sunday. The third-grader disappeared while playing outside her northwest side apartment.

- Mildred I. Harbison, 83, former oil company employee.
- Josephine 'Jo' Young, 95, former sales clerk.

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Wet ground no constraint to grass fires

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
 Staff Writer

Local firefighters aren't sure which is worse — battling grass fires or the wheel-well-deep mud they must drive their trucks through to get to them. And weather forecasters predict more rain is on the way.

Since Monday afternoon, local firefighters have extinguished three grass fires, despite extremely wet conditions.

"It's not that it was such large fires, it was just mobility that was the problem," explained Assistant Chief Randy Dunham of the Pampa Fire Department.

The first fire was reported to Pampa Fire Department at 1:54 p.m. Monday. A pickup belonging to SERCO, an oilfield service company, caught fire, igniting grassland owned by Raymond Bennett surrounding the vehicle, according to fire reports.

Three Pampa fire trucks and four firefighters responded to the fire, in addition to two Letors Volunteer Fire Department vehicles and personnel.

Deep, sticky mud hampered firefighters efforts as the fire trucks bogged down.

After the vehicles became stuck, a 6x6 road maintainer from Gray County Precinct 2 was called in to pull them from the mire. Firefighters were on the scene for four hours.

(See FIRES, Page 3)

Filing still open for ISD boards

By NANCY YOUNG
 Managing Editor

Filing for positions on local and area school boards is under way. Candidates desiring to seek a position on the school board should contact the superintendent's office of their school district. Last date for filing for a position on the school boards is March 21. Election is May 5.

Pampa

Joe Martinez and Bill Jones, both incumbents, are the only candidates to have filed for positions on the Pampa Independent School District Board of Trustees.

Two three-year terms will be decided.

Letors

One three-year term and one one-year term will be decided by Letors Independent School District voters.

Clay Lock, incumbent, has filed for the three-year term on the board. Also seeking the position are Michael Ray and Sherry Roberts.

No candidates have filed for the one-year term.

McLean

In McLean, there seems to be little interest so far in the three three-year terms on the McLean Independent School District board. No candidates have filed.

Three incumbents positions are open: Bob Glass, Mike Darsey and Ted Simmons.

(See FILING, Page 3)

JP interviews today

Gray County Commissioners Court were to meet in special session at 3:30 p.m. today to consider applicants to fill the position being vacated for Justice of the Peace Bob Muns.

Eight applicants applied for the position, according to County Judge Richard Peet, and will be considered during the executive session.

The meeting will be in the county courtroom of the Gray County Courthouse.

Muns will retire at the end of March. The public is invited a reception for Muns from 3-5 p.m. Friday in the second floor courtroom at the Gray County Courthouse.

Presidential appointment ...



Pampa's J.B. Horton recently accepted an appointment from President George W. Bush to serve in the Small Business Administration's International Trade Division.

Horton's new SBA job will take him on world travels

By KATE B. DICKSON
 Associate Publisher

Pampa native J.B. Horton has been appointed by President George W. Bush to work in the Small Business Administration where he will serve in the International Trade Division.

"I am deeply honored by the President's appointment and I am excited about helping our division promote U.S. small business around the world," said Horton, former student body president at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

The role of the office is to help create markets in foreign countries for goods and services produced by U.S. businesses.

"I'm so lucky ... so very blessed," Horton told *The Pampa News* this morning in a telephone interview. "Right now I'm on the eighth floor and I can look out the window and see

the Capitol dome."
 Horton graduated from WTAMU with an International Business degree then studied in Veracruz, Mexico to enhance his language skills in Spanish.

It was after that he went to work for the Republican National Committee in Washington, D.C., helping prepare for the Republican Convention in Philadelphia. Then it was on to the campaign where Horton worked with the E-C Campaign which averaged some 25,000 to 30,000 e-mails a day.

After the election, Horton went to work in the transition office until Jan. 20 when he moved over to the White House where he worked in the presidential personnel office.

Horton was offered two different posts in the White House but opted instead for the SBA job something he called a "tough decision."

At SBA, Horton said, "I can help the admin-"
 (See HORTON, Page 3)

Personnel tops White Deer ISD agenda

WHITE DEER — White Deer Independent School District Board of Trustees will meet executive session Wednesday night to discuss district personnel, according to an agenda for the special meeting.

WDISD Superintendent Danny Ferrell said Monday afternoon the board will also discuss district effectiveness in executive session, and no action will be taken.

Approval of the district technology plan is the

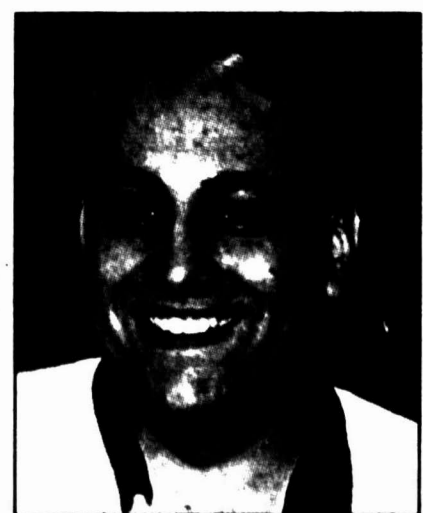
only other item on the agenda. It is scheduled to the open meeting.

Ferrell said the board will review the five year plan which includes long range goals and the establishment of time lines to complete the goals.

He said Region 10 Service Center has assisted the district in formulating the plan.

The meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. in the board room at the WDISD Administration Building.

Quite frankly... Do you think PRMC has a good community image?



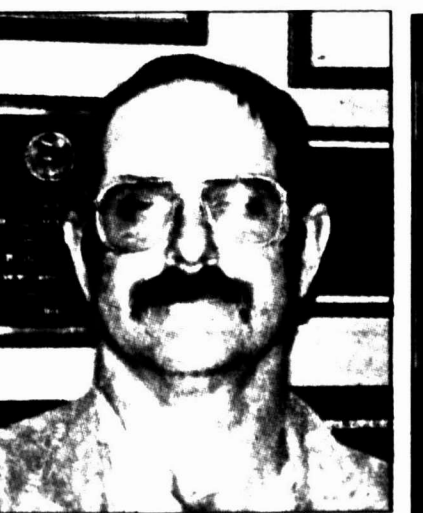
"I've had dealings with the O.B. unit, and it could not have been better. They were extremely helpful."
 -- Joe Davila



"I've been a hospital employee for 40 years in Pampa, and I feel it has gained an excellent public image."
 -- Columbus Morgan



"I think they do ... there have been a lot of changes in the last couple of years. Our physicians and staff are our greatest assets."
 -- Denise Daves



"I believe it's getting better every day."
 -- Bill Daves



"I can't say because I've been fortunate enough to not have been hospitalized lately."
 -- Michelle Jones

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News in brief ...

Students say accused gunman warned of plan to shoot up school

SANTEE, Calif. (AP) — Some classmates described the 15-year-old as a "nerd" and a "dork" and said he was taunted relentlessly. Others said the high school freshman told them he was going to bring a gun to school and shoot up the campus but they didn't take him seriously. On Monday, the student who authorities identified as Charles Andrew Williams allegedly opened fire at Santana High School, killing two and injuring 13 in this middle-class San Diego suburb. One student said he had a smile on his face as he fired away with a .22-caliber pistol in this middle-class suburb about 10 miles northeast of San Diego. Police Lt. Jerry Lewis said the teen-ager shot two people in the restroom, then walked into a quad and fired shots randomly. He stopped to reload his weapon as many as four times, getting off 30 or more shots, Lewis said.

Doctors expect Cheney to return to work after angioplasty

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Dick Cheney should be able to continue in his job unimpeded by his latest heart problems, doctors say, shrugging off any suggestion that he should curtail travel or his intense workload. But Cheney also was given some tough news after he had an angioplasty to unclog a coronary artery Monday. Even if he sticks to his no-beef diet and rigorous workout regimen, there is a fair chance he will be back in the hospital facing the same trouble soon, his physicians said. Cheney, who has had four heart attacks, underwent the angioplasty after he

experienced a series of subtle pains in his chest. Doctors said their best evidence indicated that Cheney, 60, had not suffered another heart attack.

Naval investigator outlines mistakes

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii (AP) — A series of missteps by the crew of the USS Greenville paved a destructive path that led to the submarine's fatal collision with a Japanese fishing boat, according to testimony from a Navy admiral. The mistakes ranged from the submarine rushing to get back on schedule to vital sonar data not getting to the skipper, Rear Adm. Charles Griffiths testified Monday, the opening day of a Navy court of inquiry into the Feb. 9 collision. Griffiths, who conducted the preliminary investigation, painted a picture of a submarine crew so consumed with putting on a good show for 16 civilian guests that standard procedures fell by the wayside. The nuclear attack submarine was demonstrating an emergency surfacing drill for the guests when it smashed into the Ehime Maru. The boat, carrying 35 people, was on an expedition to teach high school students from Uwajima, Japan, how to fish. Four teens, two teachers and three crewmen never were found.

Nor'easter not a lion — but not a lamb

RYE, N.H. (AP) — Despite the direst of predictions, the East Coast largely rode out a snowy March nor'easter although New Englanders watched a strengthening blizzard and feared the worst was yet to come. From Connecticut to Maine, shelters were set up, schools were closed, flights were canceled and offices shuttered Tuesday as an unofficial holiday for many people

stretched into a second day. More than 20 inches piled up early Tuesday in Keene, in southwestern New Hampshire, according to the National Weather Service. Half of it fell during a three-hour period overnight.

Spy suspect ordered held in jail

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — A federal judge said Monday that the government's case against accused spy Robert Philip Hanssen was "extraordinarily strong" and ordered Hanssen confined to jail. Hanssen, who appeared at a hearing wearing a green jumpsuit with the word "prisoner" printed across the back, did not contest his confinement under an agreement forged with prosecutors. A U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed that law enforcement officials believe Hanssen may have alerted Moscow to a secret tunnel built under the Russian embassy by American intelligence agencies for eavesdropping.

Remains recovered from crash site

UNADILLA, Ga. (AP) — A somber procession of military vehicles delivered the remains of 21 guardsmen to a central-Georgia air base as Army investigators scrambled over the site where their plane crashed, mapping and videotaping the charred wreckage. Lt. Col. Deborah Bertrand, a Robins Air Force Base spokeswoman, said the

bodies were transported Monday to the base south of Macon. Local law enforcement officers escorted the convoy. The remains of the three Florida Army National Guard crew members and 18 passengers from the Virginia Air National Guard were to be flown Tuesday, weather permitting, to an Air Force casualty center in Dover, Del. The plane, a C-23 Sherpa was flying from Florida to Virginia when it crashed Saturday in a field. The recovery team had been slowed by 3 feet of mud caused by a 4-inch deluge of rain. Wind and sunshine helped dry the field Monday.

Supreme Court upholds freeze on Estrada charges

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — The Philippines' Supreme Court on Tuesday rejected a request that would have allowed prosecutors to immediately file charges against ousted leader Joseph Estrada. The ruling, which means Estrada cannot be charged until March 23, was in response to a request by Ombudsman Aniano Desierto that the court lift its 30-day suspension of criminal cases against Estrada. The court said the suspension, ordered last month, cannot be lifted since its ruling Friday that stripped Estrada of immunity has not yet become final. Estrada had 15 days to appeal Friday's ruling.

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FIRES

"We'd get the fire, get stuck and they'd pull us out, then we'd get the fire, get stuck, and they'd pull us out," Dunham said. "Everything we had out there got stuck."

A maintainer was also needed to pull out stuck fire equipment this morning as firefighters fought another small grass fire north of Celanese between U.S. 60 and Texas 152. Approximately a quarter acre was burned in the fire, according to fire reports.

Firefighters also put out a small grass fire caused by a downed power line three-quarters of a mile east of the intersection of Gray H and Gray 11, but because of the conditions, it was more than three hours before they had completed the job.

Unusually heavy snowfall and rain has contributed to the deep mud, officials say.

"We're considerably above normal for this time of year," said Darrell Sehorn, KGRO-KOMX meteorologist. "We're going into spring with the best moisture load in years."

Sehorn said that Pampa has received 3.75 inches of moisture since Jan. 1 and almost 12 inches of moisture since October.

"Snow-wise, we've gotten seven inches in

January, 1.6 inches in February, 15.6 inches in December and 3 inches in November," Sehorn said. "That's a total of about 24 inches of snow."

Dunham said it's not unusual for grass fires to start in wet conditions such as these.

"I've fought fires in the snow. I've fought fires while it was snowing," he said, explaining that the grass and vegetation above the snow or the wet ground becomes dry and burns.

"The growth above the ground is dead and dries out in no time," he said.

He said CRP land poses a special problem when fighting grass fires.

"(The vegetation) gets really compacted after while and it holds moisture in the ground so deep," he said.

Sehorn said local residents can expect more rain Wednesday, adding that there could be "a touch of snow" Thursday morning.

"It looks like we may dodge any major storm," he said.

Tonight's forecast calls for cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms followed by a 50 percent chance of rain on Wednesday. The highest chance for precipitation will be 70 percent on Wednesday night. On Thursday, low early morning temperatures may create a small amount of snow.

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HORTON

istration more with my background. This is something I have wanted to do for a long time. It's more challenging and hands on. At the White House I would be a small fish in a huge pond. Here I am a small fish in a smaller pond."

Since his appointment on Feb. 23, Horton said, "I've learned so much about countries and cultures. The other day we had a briefing on Egypt and our trade status" where one of the things discussed was that country's poverty level.

"To me, it shows how blessed we are in the United States," he said.

Yesterday, Horton was part of a group that met with 100 Russians explaining to the visitors about the SBA's role. "They have nothing like it over there," he said.

"We got to meet with the governor of Nigeria," Horton said. "He was so nice ... so educated. His country's needs and demands are different from Russia but both are still interested in international trade."

Horton will serve for 120 days on a temporary appointment until all FBI background checks are confirmed, he said. Once clearances are approved, he is expected to have a full appointment.

"I understand I am one of the younger appointments to the agency, maybe the youngest so far, so I have an inherent challenge to prove I can do a good job ... I am extremely honored that President

Bush has given me this opportunity to serve our great country," Horton, who will be 25 in June, said.

His role will be to serve as Special Assistant to the International Trade Director of the SBA. Horton is expected to travel to many countries around the world for the purpose of helping the agency facilitate small business exports as well as developing new trade markets with other nations.

His first trip will be later this month when he travels to Mexico City as part of a group who will attend a small business conference to promote trade. One of the speakers will be Mexico's new president, Vicente Fox, who took office Dec. 2.

On the personal side, Horton has been staying with relatives in the Washington area but now he shares an apartment over a restaurant on Capital Hill ... something he says was quite a find.

"I have figured I'll save 40 hours a month in commuting time," Horton said with a laugh. "I've decided I'll work an extra 10 hours, sleep an extra 10 hours and have 20 more hours for my social life."

For friends who would like to contact Horton, he can be reached at his e-mail address: jhorton4@hotmail.com

Horton's parents are Benny and Kerrick Horton of Pampa. His grandfather, John Horton, also lives in Pampa. His sister, Meredith Horton Bagwell and her husband, Jason, live in Amarillo and aunt and uncle John and Judy Warner live in Pampa.

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FILING

Grandview-Hopkins
Two three-year terms will be decided by Grandview-Hopkins CISD voters.

The positions held by incumbents Don Aderholt and Greg Acker are expiring.

Todd Harrison is the only candidate to have filed.

Groom
Three three-year terms will be filled during the upcoming school board election at Groom Independent School District, according to Superintendent John Wilson.

Clifton Britten is the only incumbent to have announced he will seek re-election. Others seeking a spot on the board are Lonnie Brown, Jigger Britten and Mike Friemel.

White Deer
One incumbent has announced he will be seeking re-election to the White Deer Independent School District school board. Gary O'Neal in Place 4 has announced he will seek another term on the board.

Two incumbents, Place 5 Sherry Kramer and Place 6 Bruce Brame, have not indicated

if they will seek another term on the board.
All three positions are three-year terms.

Panhandle
Two three-year terms are expiring on the Panhandle

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Barn Dance and Silent Auction



(Community Camera photo)

Grandview-Hopkins ISD will present its bi-annual Barn Dance and Silent Auction from 7-9 p.m., Thursday, March 8 at the school. Approximately 200 items will be auctioned and live DJs will preside over the dance. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. For more information, call 665-7318. Above: Chloe Zedlitz, Reid Bradley, Dakota Shiffman and Lyndy Whitson practice the "Cotton-eyed Joe."

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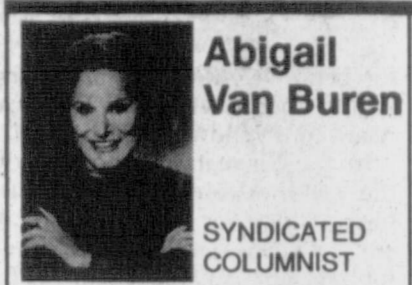
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Grandparents Favor the Children Who Treat Them With Respect

DEAR ABBY: I must comment on the letter you reprinted from "Your Son's Wife" about grandparents who don't buy gifts of equal value for their grandchildren. I am a grandfather who would like to treat each of my grandchildren equally, but I don't. Here's why:



Abigail Van Buren
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

One of my daughters-in-law is loving and respectful toward my wife and me as grandparents, has taught her children good manners and, in short, is a joy to all of us.

My other daughter-in-law has done exactly the opposite. Much as we might like to, we do not treat this granddaughter the same as her cousins. Of course, this granddaughter is not responsible for her mother's conduct, but she suffers the consequences in more ways than one. In short, she's spoiled, and it shows.

If a son's wife feels her children's paternal grandparents don't treat her children as well as they treat their cousins, I suggest the son's wife do some soul-searching. Perhaps she'll find the reason lies, at least in part, in the different relationship she and the other son's wife have established with their husbands' parents.

H.C. IN TAMPA

DEAR H.C.: I hate to see children suffer for the sins of the parents. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: My grandmotherly reaction to the letter from "Your Son's Wife" is that many times — but not in all cases — sons' wives

are the carpenters of their own crosses. Perhaps unintentionally, they don't encourage their children to treat their paternal grandmothers with as much attention and respect as is accorded maternal grandmothers. This grandmother finally decided to treat grandchildren as they treat her!

TOUGH-LOVE GRANDMA,
HOULTON, MAINE

DEAR TOUGH LOVE: Please read the reply to H.C. (above). Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I have a few questions for "Son's Wife":

— Do you treat your mother-in-law the same as you treat your own mother?

— Do your children write thank-you notes and show appreciation when they receive gifts?

— Do you involve your mother-in-law in activities such as school programs?

— Do your children take care of their toys and clothes, or do they lose pieces and break toys?

— Do you buy so many things for your children that they cannot appreciate what others give them? Perhaps there's a reason for the favoritism.

ALSO HURTING,
MAYFIELD VILLAGE, OHIO

DEAR ALSO HURTING: A pick with a child or in-law should verbalize it rather than making the grandchildren bear the brunt of their passive-aggressive anger. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I had to laugh when I read the letter from "Your Son's Wife." For years, we have laughed with our children about not being their grandmother's favorites. We have accepted the fact that being a stepgrandchild brings with it consequences: fewer gifts, less attention and support at events, and less recognition of accomplishments.

Life is not always fair. Sometimes we have to realize that's the way it is and find humor in the situation. Parents will defend themselves and their actions to the end. What we can do is recognize something we don't appreciate in a parent — and be sure we never repeat it.

BEEN DOWN THAT ROAD,
ST. GEORGE, UTAH

DEAR BEEN DOWN THAT ROAD: I admire you for your perspective. That's excellent advice.

Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2001

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

***** You mean well, and others respond to your energy. Pressure builds and the unexpected runs rampant when you least expect it. Don't get discouraged. You might not have the energy to cover all the bases — nor should you. Delegate, my dear Ram. Tonight: Relax in a favorite way.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** When you believe you have finally settled a domestic matter and you can relax — pow! It turns out, someone you thought "got it" really didn't. You could be stunned and a misunderstanding might ensue. Tonight: Back to square one.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** You might be more capable than many to deal with stress. Stay as clear as possible when you seek out news. You might want to indulge a friend or loved one. Don't get upset by a change of plans. Tonight: Slow down, please.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** Though you might feel that you can extend yourself financially, new information comes forward that encourages you to tighten your belt. Do not count on anyone but yourself right now. Be careful about a misunderstanding with an

authority figure. Tonight: Relax how you like.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** Reach out for a loved one at a distance. An overture from a loved one is heartfelt. Unexpected developments surround interactions later in the day. Do your best to quickly resolve what is happening. Others behave unpredictably. Tonight: Work as late as you need to.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** You could think everything is A-OK and then discover otherwise. How you see another could change because of a misunderstanding. Think about how you both might be right. Attempt to make peace. Use your creativity to clear out work efficiently. Tonight: Turn off your mind.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** Reach out for someone who is a proven friend. Express your deeper feelings. Don't take this person for granted. You could be jolted by another's unanticipated reactions. You might not be sure about what is workable. Slow down and think carefully. Tonight: Look closely at a friendship.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** Take in news and be direct with bosses or relatives. You cannot shy away from the inevitable. Discuss a rapidly changing situation involving family or your residence. A partner proves to be difficult and nonresponsive. Pull away, and don't keep trying to make your point. Tonight: Don't push.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** Your spirit soars. You feel connected as the day begins. A sequence of misunderstandings or surprises tosses many, including you, off kilter. Don't

become depressed or negative. Simply take a deep breath and decide to head in another direction. Tonight: Play on the computer.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** Use special care with financial matters. If you can avoid signing papers, all the better. You want to understand what others say and confirm that another also gets your message. Carefully think through decisions. A child or loved one acts contrary. Tonight: Go along with another's suggestion.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** Just when you think that another understands you, you find out otherwise. Don't let what happens in the afternoon negatively color your thinking or get you down. Simply accept what is going on. A discussion with a roommate or family member tests your limits. Tonight: Let someone have his way.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** Keep your mind on your work, despite what is going on. A morning expenditure makes you very happy. Use care with someone who could be a bit off kilter. Ask yourself why you are reacting so strongly. Focus on work, not on emotional issues. Tonight: Soak away stress.

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TV weatherman Willard Scott (1934), tennis player Ivan Lendl (1960), entertainer Cameron Daddo (1965)

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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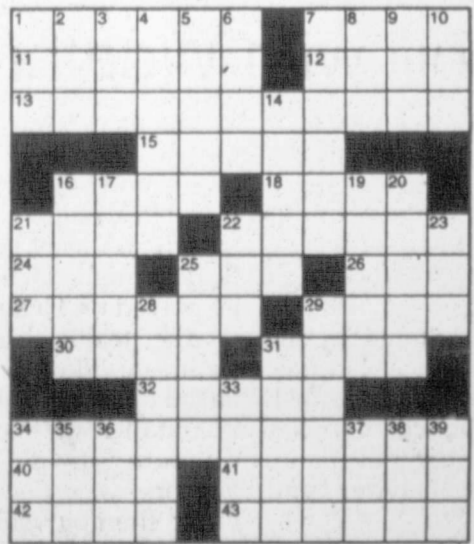
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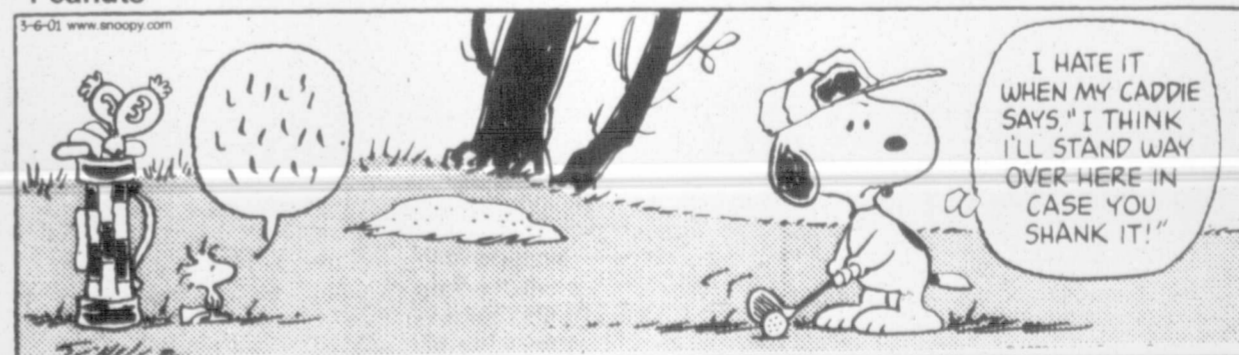
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B&B Pharmacy has home-town touch

B&B Pharmacy is a Pampa owned and operated pharmacy. The owners, Dennis and Donna Roark, have owned the business since 1988.

The personal touch is offered in the small town pharmacy. It is something which the larger pharmacies cannot offer to all their customers. Dennis and

Donna strive to provide that personal service to all their customers. Apparently, it is working because the customers just keep coming back.

"We try to make customers feel comfortable," said Dennis. "They feel comfortable coming in, visiting and asking questions here." Roark said the local business doesn't want the impersonal treatment of the large chain stores where people are just a number.

He said it is very important to get to know the customers, and the individual's needs. He explained some drugs have interactions which can cause serious medical problems.

"We have all the latest drug interaction updates in our computers, and we know our customers," said Roark.

The local pharmacy has a large selection of over-the-counter medication as well as ostomy supplies. He said the majority of insurance is accepted at the small town pharmacy.

Dennis and Donna Roark believe in Pampa. They believe the community has the opportunity to grow

and they plan to stay in the community for a long, long time.

He said if the city fathers and the Pampa Economic Development Corporation make the right moves he believes the community will grow and prosper. "Pampa is a nice town to raise kids," said Roark.

He and his wife were both raised in the community of Phillips which was near the Phillips Petroleum Company Refinery, and other company operations including Philtex and Ryton plants. Both graduates of Phillips High School, he played football and she was a member of one of the outstanding girls basketball teams produced at PHS.

Built around the Phillips Petroleum Company plants, the small town's residents were primarily Phillips employees and their families.

After graduating from PHS, Dennis decided to

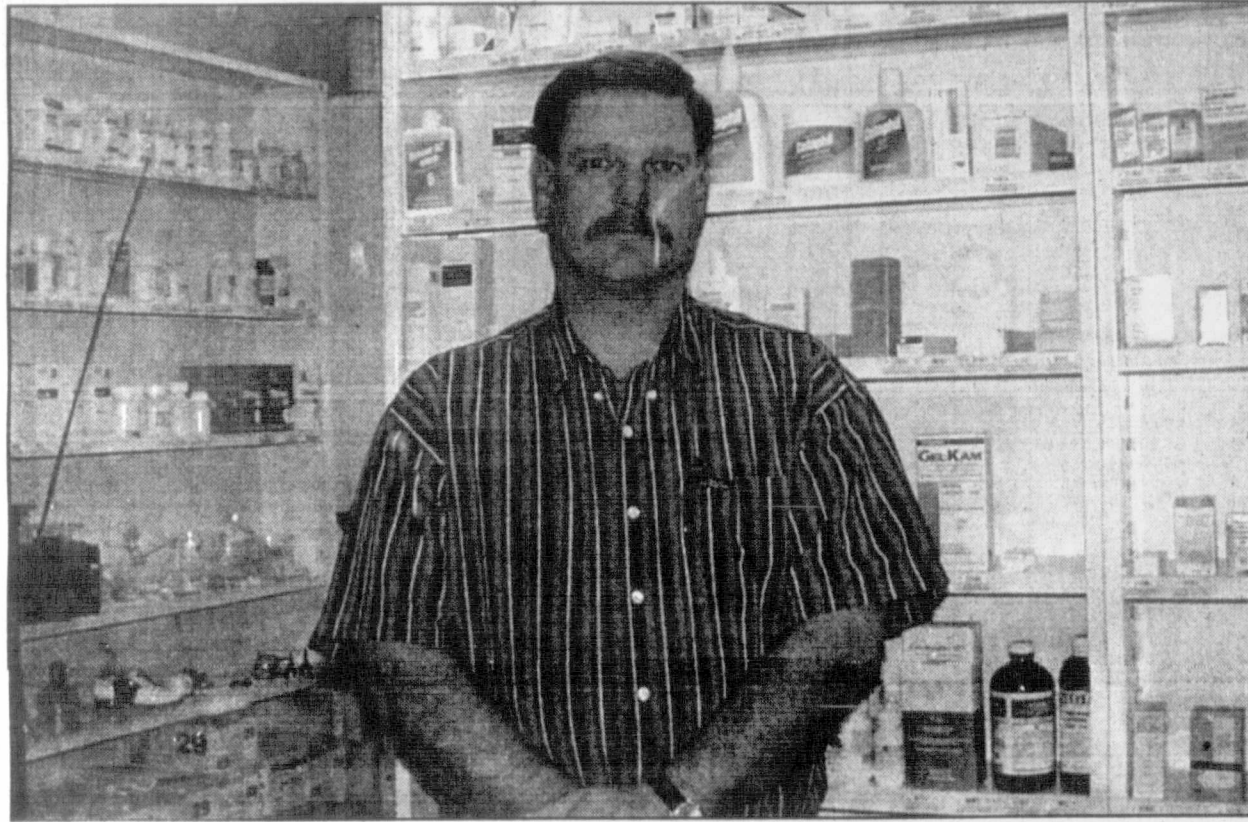
attend Southwestern Oklahoma State to become a pharmacist.

An older brother, Ken, has a pharmacy in the Golden Plains Community Hospital in Borger. Dennis' parents, Ernie and Virginia Roark, are both retired and live in Borger.

Dennis and Donna are parents of two sons, J.J. and Justin. J.J. quarterbacked the 2000 Pampa Harvesters, while Justin is a former PHS player.

The B&B Pharmacy is located at 300 N. Ballard, which is also the intersection of Ballard and Browning. The business number of the pharmacy is 665-5788. A 24-hour emergency number, 665-2892, is also available to the local customers.

The Roarks welcome all their old customers as well as new customers to their pharmacy for their prescription needs. Personal service is available to all customers.



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Dennis Roark has been pharmacist at the home owned and home operated B & B Pharmacy in Pampa.

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