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Anderson Memorials

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November 19, 2008

MBNA Aspire to Success Contest

Submitted by:

Renee Anderson

Anderson Memorials, Inc

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We were thrilled to win Austin Area Chamber of Commerce Business of the year on Feb.28, 2008. Fourteen Businesses were nominated in December 2007 and we took top honors at the annual awards banquet. I've enclosed front page newspaper articles, along with a picture of Jeff being interviewed by the ABC TV station. Jeff was also interviewed on a local radio station.

It was my first time in the 'public' without my wig (I had chemo treatments), so I was nervous about that, but all the bald men in the ballroom came up to me and said, "Well, at least your hair is growing back in!".

Because of winning Business of the Year, we received congratulation cards from a state senator, former mayor, and past customers.

One of the criteria in winning was looking at what a business has done for the community and what it has done for its employees. After the panel of six judges left our office, one judge called us and said we were the only company that asked to have our employees in the picture, and we were the only company of the 14 nominees that paid 100% of the employees' health insurance.

I've also enclosed a picture of 2 children sitting on a bronze sculpture that we donated to the city last year that was in our local paper of cute pictures that people can send in called 'Take your best shot'.

Also a great endorsement by a local newspaper reporter, who was doing a story about a customer of ours, and wrote "When the Ashes were buried in Calvary Cemetery, Jeff Anderson of Anderson Memorials had masterfully done it again."

Some of the things we have done for our community from Nov 1, 2007 to Nov 1, 2008.

1. Relay for Life- financial support and also made a marker for the planting of a tree.
2. Kelly Jean Hogan- financial support of a benefit concert. Kelly Jean was killed in an auto accident at age 15.



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3. High School Art Club- financial sponsor of an awards banquet and the art teacher brings high school seniors for a tour of our office. They discuss memorial art, sculpture, and careers in art.
4. Kiwanis- financial support of the Wish-n-Spin fundraiser.
5. Hormel Institute Medical Research Building Dedication- Renee was a speaker along with Minnesota's Governor Pawlenty and other dignitaries. We also designed and produced two bronze plaques to commemorate the day.
6. Northwestern Singers- financial support for local singing group.
7. Concert Series- financial support for series of concerts.
8. Historical Society- financial support.
9. Biggest Pumpkin Contest- financial support.
10. Project Graduation- financial support to our local high schools for a graduation party.
11. Boy Scout Eagle Project – Jeff helped a local boy scout with his eagle project. The scout was restoring a historical marker in the area.
12. We also helped with another Eagle Project by producing a dedication stone including a list of contributors.
13. Active in church and service groups
14. Spoke publicly and received publicity for design and work being done on Veterans Memorials in three communities, Faribault, MN, Stewartville, MN, Richfield, MN, and River Falls, Wisc.
15. Served on committees dedicated to developing a park with memorials and statuary commemorating leaders in the local community.
16. Designed and laid out new section for a cemetery in a nearby community, converting a difficult to maintain design of the original cemetery into an easy to maintain format where all memorialization is freedom of choice with upright privileges.

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Working for Business in the Greater Austin Area Since 1940

Anderson Austin Memorials named 2007 Business of the Year

Restaurant Warehouse, B&J Bar, individuals also honored

Chamber member businesses and individual volunteers were recognized for excellence and service to the organization at the Chamber's annual Winter Banquet and Awards Program, Feb. 28 at the Holiday Inn. Over 300 members registered for the event, which was hosted by the Chamber Ambassadors.

Anderson Austin Memorials received the top honor as "Business of the Year." B&J Bar and Grill received "Project of the Year" and Restaurant Warehouse was honored as "New Business of the Year."

"This is a real honor, and an unexpected one," said Jeff



RENEE ANDERSON wiped a tear from her eye as her husband, Jeff, accepted the Ambassadors "Business of the Year" award.

Anderson in accepting the award. Anderson's family has run the business for 140 years. He gave much of the credit for their success to long-time employees, who kept the business profitable, last year, as his wife, Renee, successfully underwent cancer treatment.

Bob Nelson, owner of Restaurant Warehouse, opened his store in the spring of 2007 after working for years in the restaurant business. Besides offering the equipment they need, he also ANNUAL MEETING continued on page 7



2008 CHAMBER PRESIDENT Jeff Baldus delivered the keynote address, unveiling the Chamber's new marketing program, Buy Mower, Grow Mower.



OVER 300 MEMBERS attended the banquet at the Holiday Inn.

Photos by Lisa Reese.

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reporter*

At 75, she's still a 'cycle gal'



Submitted photo

Arlene Hueman sits astride the beloved Honda Gold Wing 1500 trike she and her husband, Jim, rode. Mr. Hueman died in October 2006, but Arlene continues to ride at age 75.

After husband's death, Hueman keeps trike rolling

By LEE BONORDEN
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They were inseparable. Jim and Arlene, the Huemans.

Here they come on their scooters, motorcycles or the famous trike enjoying the ride of their lives for over 50 years.

Always smiling, never in a hurry.

They were the almost-perfect pair.

Women complimented Arlene on how good-looking her husband was.

Jim knew his wife was the life of the party wherever the couple went.

Jim was happy house-painting and wallpapering. The cartoon character dancing a jig and holding a paint can and brush that adorned his van was Jim.

Arlene worked 38 years for the Austin Daily Herald as a compositor.

When Jim died Oct. 8, 2006, it stopped every thing in its tracks that cold autumn day.

"How could this be?" their family, neighbors and legion of friends wondered.

Incredulity ruled.

This was the couple that was supposed to live forever. So happy were they, so in love with each other and with life, they made every day a welcome adventure. Never looking back, always looking forward to the next day together.

Then, death.

Not to worry.

The funeral should have provided the first hint of what was to come.

Starting with the painter's ladder at the wake. A paint can, neon paint brush.

Jim's ashes — per his

wishes — were in the paint can.

When the ashes were buried in Calvary Cemetery, Jeff Anderson of Anderson Memorials had masterfully done it again.

There on the black granite facing were all the necessary details and the cartoon character of a painter dancing a jig and holding a paint brush and paint can.

Jim Hueman was smiling at the world from his grave.

No stopping Arlene

End of story?
Not quite.

There was the question of what to do with the glistening white Honda Gold Wing 1500 converted trike.

"When Jim died, I kept the bike," Arlene said. "They said they would store it as a memorial to Jim."

In the spring of 2007, Timm's Trikes in St. Charles, made the conversions for Hueman.

The trike and Arlene were ready to ride.

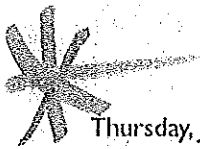
Once she got on the trike last summer, members of the Midwest Pride One Trike Club of St. Charles noticed something: one of their own was still riding at ... Gulp! ... age 75.

Even Hueman understood the reaction. "There were three or four other women who rode their own trikes, but they were quite a bit younger," she said. "So they asked me to write my life story."

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'Make plans and God laughs.'



High School Seniors at our office, Oct 2008.



Design for county veterans memorial in the works

Organizers hope to decide on design by end of month

By Corey Butler Jr.
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FARIBAULT — Organizers hope a final design for a Rice County veterans memorial will be decided on at the group's next meeting, July 29.

Lloyd Grandprey, one of the memorial committee's chairmen, said it's been a long road of input and revisions to come up with a fitting tribute to the nation's five military branches — Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard.

"It's been going slow but steady," Grandprey said of the progress, but insisted the wait will be worth the final product. "It's going to be somewhat unique and it won't copy anything you can see anywhere else in the world."

The committee enlisted the help of Jeff Anderson, a Commemorative Artist and Certified Memorialist based out of Austin.

Anderson said in addition to hopefully solidifying a final design or something close to it at the July 29 meeting, the committee hope to work on a few other important factors.

"We will be getting down into more of the budget figures and try to put a handle on the first phase of it and what the costs will be," Anderson said, adding that because of the potential cost, the memorial may be done in stages.

Grandprey said a number of options for fundraising are being discussed.

Sheriff Richard Cook, also a chairman on the committee, said the group will be selling buttons with a special design of an eagle — representing freedom — and a dove — representing peace. The buttons will go on sale July 26, which will coincide with the Heroes Ride put on by Harley Davidson.

It also aligns with the anniversary of the Civil War memorial that resides on the north side of the courthouse grounds. That memorial was dedicated July 24, 1914.

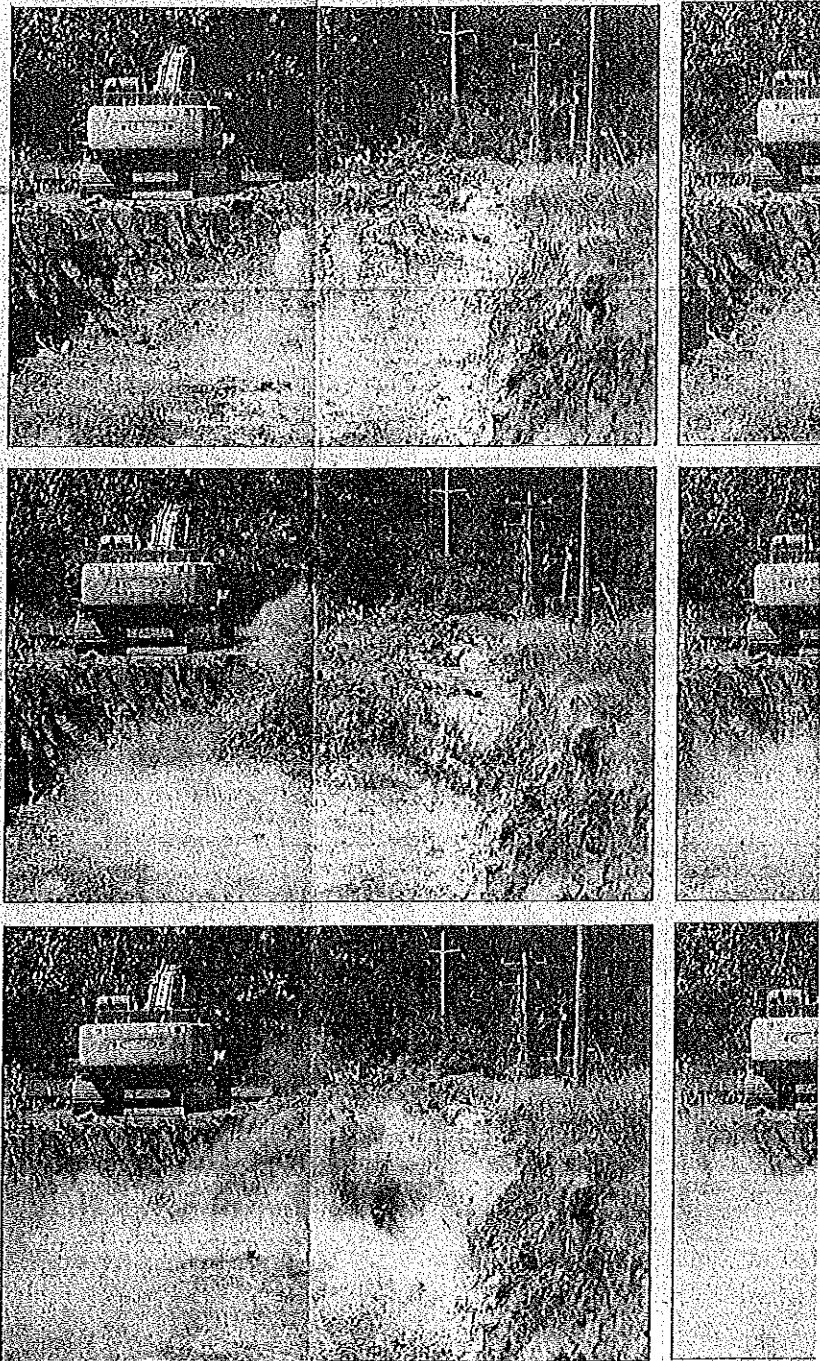
The plan is for the veterans memorial to be placed between the Civil War memorial and the front of the courthouse.

"One of the biggest challenges was to make the best use of our location at the courthouse and do it in a tasteful fashion, which also incorporates the current Civil War monument, but also creating a unique and memorable experience," Cook said.

The committee is also considering removing the eternal flame, which Cook said costs about \$1,200 a month to run, and incorporating a new electrical light with the veterans memorial.

Another idea is to remove the current American flag and replace it with a new one, as well as two new flags, which would be the state of Minnesota flag and prisoner of war flag.

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Land uprooted for fu

By Corey Butler Jr.
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FARIBAULT — Ditches being dug near the intersection of Willow Street and County Road 47 by Faribault Middle School are just the beginning of a new beginning for an area church.

The land running parallel to Willow Street on the

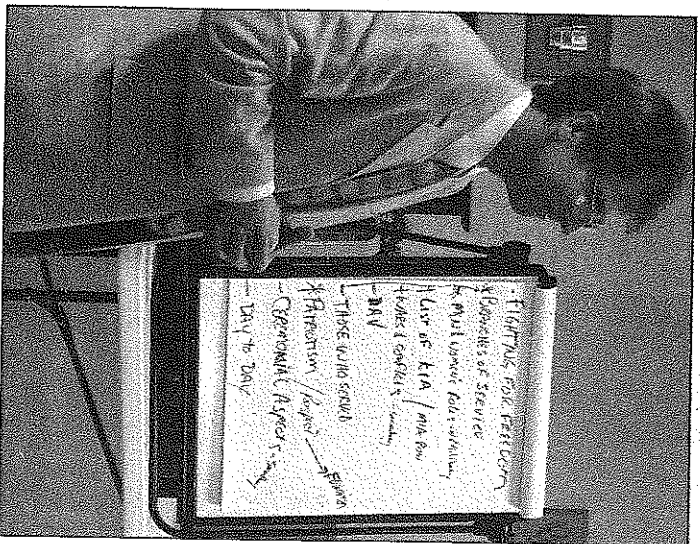
ing, which was hired by I&S Engineers and Architects to lay the sanitation pipes, had to get some outside help. BCM contracted Kashbolum Custom Drilling to drill and blast away part of the ground that would hinder the placement of the sanitary pipes.

"The only reason they're blasting is to excavate some of the rock," said Andy

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Jeff Anderson speaks with a group Thursday night about possible options for a veterans memorial. The memorial is in the early stages of development. (Corey Butler Jr./Daily News)



Veterans memorial program

All-inclusive memorial has architect, growing support

By Corey Butler Jr.
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FARIBAULT — Approximately 25 people met Thursday night at the American Legion to discuss the erection of a memorial dedicated to all military veterans.

The memorial, slated to be located on the north lawn of the Rice County Courthouse, is still in the early stages of development.

Jeff Anderson of Anderson Memorials, who was chosen by the Rice County Veterans Memorial Committee to help design and construct the memorial, spoke with the audience in an open discussion.

"Our goal today is to define the parameters of the project," he wrote on large sheet of paper placed on an easel in front of men of women of all ages, some of whom were wearing commemorative hats, jackets and T-shirts in support of their local posts, towns, counties and involvement with the military.

Over the next two hours, dozens of options were discussed.

"It should appeal to a wide variety of ages, different sectors and

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advance at Divine Mercy Catholic Church office and sold at door.

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"There are going to be future conflicts ... so where do we go (with that)," Grandprey said, debating the idea of listing individual wars and conflicts. "We want to focus on the men and women that served, as opposed to the wars."

Grandprey wasn't the only one who believed that.

"The focus has to be on the veterans, not the wars," reiterated Sheriff Richard Cook, another chair of the committee.

And with the idea of veterans, past, present and inevitably in the future, Scott Eitel, who served in the Marine Corps and Army guard and still serves in the air guard, brought to light a very important idea.

"I think we need to watch what we do, and leave room for expansion," he said, alluding to future conflicts.

Anderson made a makeshift list from suggestions spouted out by individuals in the audience on the large piece of paper for what the

memorial should represent.

"Fighting for freedom," "men and women's role in military," and "honor" were among the long list.

But when Anderson asked the audience members which one of the proposals they could not live without on the memorial, they overwhelmingly agreed the branches of service had to be represented.

By honoring the branches, the memorial would be all inclusive, not neglecting any one person or conflict.

And in doing so, it would cover a bevy of other concepts offered by the audience, such as "respect," "patriotism" and "education."

As Anderson, a fourth-generation memorialist put it, a successful memorial should be about the "feelings one gets."

"It should instill an emotional response," he said.

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'Take your best shot' weekly winner

Submitted by Suzanne McCarty

Ethan Knox, 2, son of Jackie Mjoen and Isaac Knox, and Skye Vaith, 2, daughter of Eddie Mjoen and Samantha Vaith, enjoy the new bench in Bandshell Park in Austin.

TAKE YOUR BEST SHOT

To submit a photo to be judged for this weekly feature e-mail to

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herald.com with the subject line "Take your best shot."

Please include a brief

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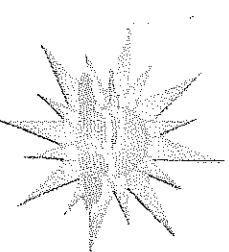
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TAKE YOUR BEST SHOT



Anderson Memorial business of the year



Eric Johnson/photodesk@austindailyherald.com

Jeff Anderson, right, his wife Renee and Aaron Keenan of Austin Medical Center laugh at a joke during Anderson's acceptance of the Business of the Year award for Anderson Memorial Thursday night at the Holiday Inn Convention Center.

Chamber launching new 'Buy Mower' campaign

By **KATIE JOHNSON**
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With almost 140 years of experience under its belt, Anderson

Austin Memorials took the trophy for 2007 Business of the Year at the Austin Area Chamber of Commerce annual banquet Thursday.

Jeff Anderson, owner and fourth-generation stone-carver, graciously accepted the award during the ceremony at the Holiday Inn, giving a nod to 2006 winner Austin Medical Center.

"They save people; the ones who get away we get them," Anderson said, prompting a roar of laughter from the crowd of about 300.

Other award recipients included Restaurant Warehouse, which won 2007 New Business of the Year.

Owner Bob Nelson opened his store in the spring of 2007,

catering to the food service industry and home chefs with his selection of restaurant-quality appliances and utensils. "Eat out — often," Nelson joked.

B&J Bar & Grill won 2007 Project of the Year after moving their business from Oakland Avenue East to downtown, taking advantage of the Main Street Project. They expanded to include a dining menu and outdoor patio.

"I'd like to thank all our loyal customers," co-owner Patii Ball said.

Other winners Thursday included Jackie Bunngrader of Games People Play, Ambassador of the Year; Dale Wicks of Quality Pork Producers, Human Resources Award; and Chuck Moline of CFS Companies, Volunteer of the Year.

President Jeff Baldus of Culver's Restaurant unveiled

the chamber's new marketing campaign: "Buy Mower, Grow Mower."

The image of a sales receipt will drive the campaign to encourage residents to make at least 10 percent of their purchases in Austin, thus creating a \$20 million economic boost to the community.

"It's your business lifeline," Baldus said of the sales receipt. "Our entire community needs these receipts to succeed.

"Austin and Mower County have been losing retail to other communities," he said.

Baldus explained that research has shown the Austin area is losing \$130 million per year in taxable sales to other communities, equal to losing about 16,000 residents.

"That's a big problem," he said. "The chamber wants to change it. We want those customers' back."

School board minority strikes back

Green, Kleis, Simon say school board had represented R

By **KATIE JOHNSON**
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The Austin School Board has released letters sent Thursday from an Austin attorney to board member Mary Kleis indicating another lawyer did serve as Curt Rude's counsel at one point during investigations.

Board members Dave Simonson and Kathy Green gathered at Kleis' home Thursday for a press conference to address the letters Kleis had received.

"I just wanted to get the facts," Kleis said today. Kleis had originally requested the informa-

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denied attorney never rep. In a letter, Rude's attorney stated that Rude violated felony charging on the investigation. Kleis that Rude sent point.

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By **LEE BONORDEN**
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BLOOMING PRAIRIE — Through a father's eyes, Ron Braaten tells his son, Josh's story.

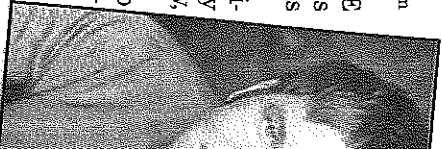
Josh Braaten, television actor first, today movie actor. Tomorrow, who knows?

The father sees no limits to his son's potential.

"He told us he wanted to be an actor when he was in the first grade," said Ron. "He was a shy kid, but a good kid.

Sometimes, when I look back, you wouldn't have thought he would be doing the things he is doing now."

At 6'4", the son was



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Ice-fishing season comes to a close



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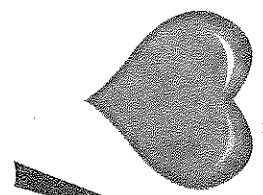
Lyle high-schoolers choose their court of honor for Furry Daze. **A3**

IN THE SEMIFINALS

Southland wrestler Grant Hegge advances to the next round at state. **B1**

MATA BACK IN CUSTODY

A man shot by police in 2006 arrested on an outstanding warrant.



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CHAMBER / BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

Earnings accolades

Etched in stone

Anderson Memorials named Business of Year

By Tim Ruzek
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Lasting memories come out of Anderson Memorials all of the time, from gravestones to bronze sculptures.

On Thursday night, Jeff and Renee Anderson got a monument themselves — a large trophy for being the Austin Area Chamber of Commerce's 2007 Business of the Year.

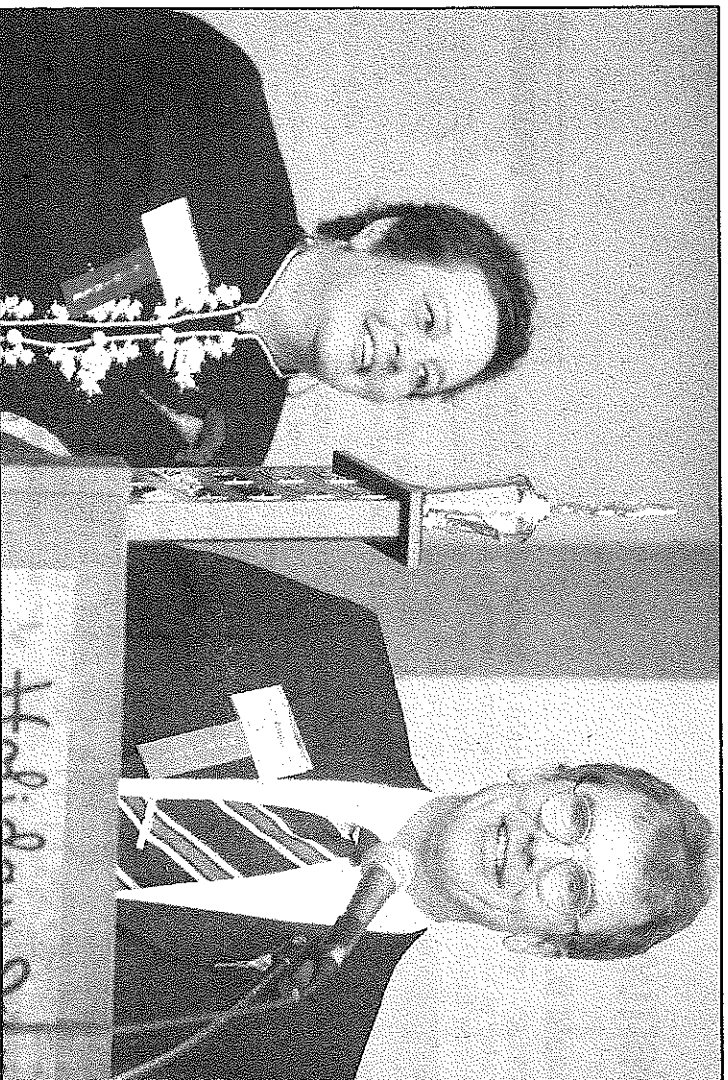
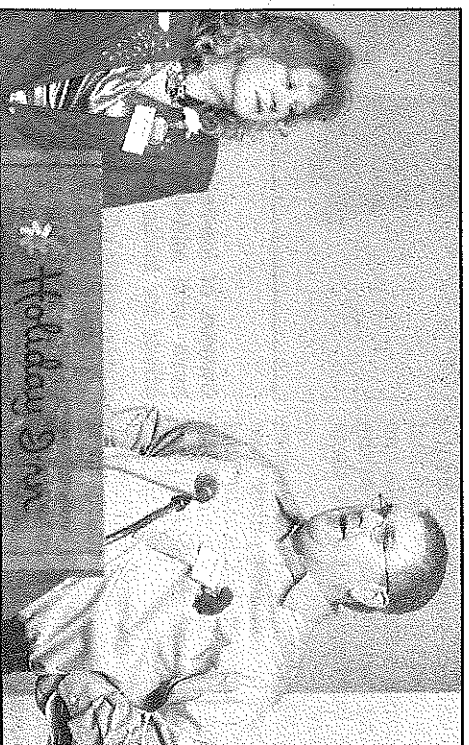
"This is a real honor," Jeff Anderson told the crowd during the Chamber's annual awards banquet at the Holiday Inn ballroom.

Referring to the previous Business of the Year winner, Anderson drew laughter when he noted that Austin Medical Center saves people and "the ones that get away, we take care of I guess."

B&J Bar & Grille won Project of the Year for its newly relocated business, which opened in summer on Fourth Avenue Northeast with help from the Austin Main Street Project. Tim and Patsy Ball own the bar along with business partners Pete and Kari Werner. Restaurant Warehouse, a business on Oakland Avenue East owned by Bob Nelson, received the award for New Business of the Year. It sells kitchen equipment and supplies.

For Anderson Memorials, the honor capped off a difficult year, in which Renee Anderson underwent chemotherapy and radiation treatment for cancer.

Now, however, Renee Anderson has completed cancer treatment and Anderson Memorials posted



Above: Renee and Jeff Anderson of Anderson Memorials accept the Business of the Year Award during the Austin Area Chamber of Commerce annual banquet and awards ceremony on Thursday at Austin's Holiday Inn.

Top: Bob Nelson, of Restaurant Warehouse, accepts the award for New Business of the Year during the event. Also pictured is Chamber Ambassador Beckie Blecker.

PAST WINNERS

- Recent winners of the Chamber's Business of the Year award:**
- 2007 — Anderson Austin Memorials.
 - 2006 — Austin Medical Center (Mayo Health System).
 - 2005 — Perkins Restaurant & Bakery.
 - 2004 — Golden Tress Beauty Salon & Day Spa.
 - 2003 — Hy-Vee Food Store.
 - 2002 — Bissen TV & Appliance.
 - 2001 — M J O'Connor Inc.
 - 2000 — Double K Specialty Inc.

Some of their work in the

season. Jeff Anderson said their job is to preserve memories, which they accomplish by working with grieving families to talk about life and the good times. Then they put that knowledge to use in their artistic work on a monument.

"Every day is a creative challenge," Jeff Anderson said.

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AUSTIN SCHOOL BOARD / ETHICS

Despite vocal asks legal ruling

It's not over, say three school board members

By Karen Collibenson
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The consistently losing end of the Austin School Board reiterated its stance on the issues of Curt Rude, Don Fox and investigations Thursday evening at a press conference in board member Mary Kleis' home.

Joining Kleis "for moral support" were board members David Simonson and Kathy Green; all said they still want to see an investigation conducted by a completely unbiased outside counsel.

In a recent tumultuous school board meeting, members argued about the results of an investigation into whether Rude's recent felony charges have caused him to violate the School Board Member Code of Conduct.

Although Kleis, Green and Simonson expressed concern that Austin attorney Steve Rizzi, who represents the school district, might have directed the scope of the initial investigation that was referred to a Minneapolis attorney, the board unanimously voted to accept the analysis. The board then voted to cease further legal investigations on separate complaints against Chairperson Don Fox and Rude in a 43 vote. Voting against further investigations were Fox, Rude, Dick Lees and Diana Wangness.

Simonson said Thursday that as far as he's concerned, it's not over. The investigation of the initial complaint didn't answer the question that was asked, he said. According to Simonson, the investigation answered the question that Rizzi asked: Does the policy apply to a board member's behavior if it occurred prior to becoming a board member?

"He defined the parameters," said Simonson. "That's the question they answered

because that's the Rizzi asked, but we asked."

Kleis also said conflict of interest role in the math had stated in a letter that he has re-sented Rude.

"We need to step back from Steve Rizzi and get to a point ... where we can really have discussion," said Kleis. "I want to hear what an independent counsel would say on this matter. We need to ask the question that really counts."

Green said for the three members, it's hard to ignore the issue, given their combined 30 years of service to the district.

"We really care about the district," said Green. "It's been divided and taken the kids."

Simonson said of fairness because students would quences for behavior. "We make decisions for everyone treat everyone community divided on this way we will continue is through determination won't be at each can get back to be doing — foc

STATE ECONOMY / LOCAL REACTION

Concerns arise over revised deficit forecast

Projected hole growing to \$935 million for two-year

and a large chunk of money is already spent

By law, the budget must be balanced by June 2009.

"We're certainly concerned

time, though, the state faced a deficit four times higher than the current projection.

Dankert said he hopes state leaders can find existing revenue

the state, which reduces the tax Levy needed, she said.

In 2003, state cuts led to an \$876,000 slash in county program aid to Mower, said Welsh, who's

city months of this year

prices and downgraded economic growth predictions combine to push the deficit estimate up. The report is based on a mild recession for the first

Legislators cuts, dip into emergency money via appropriation or approve a c

Memorial business continues 138-year tradition

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- Honoree Ambassador
- Financial support for Freedom Fest

- Financial support for fireworks
- Gift donations for AMIGO Days
- Bench donated for the time capsule

Community service

Red Cross, Park & Rec — sculpture donation to park, Relay for Life, Zonta Service Club, United Way, Kellsey Hogan Concert, Austin Police Foundation, Mower County Historical society, Northwestern Singers, Austin artist series, Loaned our trucks for flood relief in Rushford area, Los Church, Partiaz Donation, Donated staff and equipment for vandalized cemetery, donated trophies/awards for KSMQ Banquet, Austin High school

Art Assembly & Boy Scouts.

Customer service

We are aware of the sensitive and emotional type of business we are in and believe in the Golden Rule and train our employees with that in mind.

Even many years after the sale of a memorial, we offer full service for repair and/or replacement at often a reduced charge or no charge.

Commitment to employees

We think of our employees as our family and provide benefits that we think we would want — free medical benefits, retirement and other benefits. We also send our employees to training seminars appropriate for our business. We encourage our employees to be active in the community and pay for any dues to belong to service clubs. We allow flexible hours for family time.

Business improvement

Our sculpture garden has been well received by the community as well as visitors who drive by our office after attending an event at AHS or other event. We are constantly keeping up



with the latest in technology and training for our industry. Jeff is recognized in our industry as a leader in design and is a frequent speaker at our national conventions.

Growth

Our growth in the area of major public and civic memorials continues to increase each year. We currently have projects underway in three cities and currently have six in the design stage and/or waiting for fundraising.

