

Business

Pet Junction a cut above the pets

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The Herald
Little black and white dogs on a

black and white checkered floor
with black and white hairs
floating around made things

visually bold and pretty hectic at
'Pet Junction', a grooming and
pet food store opening on James

Street in Georgetown Monday.

Store owners, Shirley Goldrick of Georgetown and Michelle Sterk of Burlington were busy chasing after a black Cocker Spaniel, a black and white Boston Terrier and a black and white Shih Tzu Wednesday afternoon while trying to groom the dogs and complete renovations to the store at the same time.

The owners had just finished grooming the animals, along with a Siberian Husky, in the basement of the establishment which will be reserved for the grooming part of the business. The upper level is a mass of shelves filled with dog and cat food.

Between the two of them, they have six years of experience grooming animals. They've both worked at other grooming businesses in the area, which is how they met and decided there was enough need in Georgetown to start there own business.

"We did some research and found there was a large population of dogs here to keep us in business," said Ms. Lamb. Pet Junction will be competing with two other established grooming businesses in the area but that doesn't worry the pair who believe their store's combination of offering a grooming service and pet food will attract customers.

The business hours are 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday to Friday and 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturdays. Seniors get a 10 percent discount everyday off everything in the store and prices range from \$14 to \$28 for pet baths and \$28 to \$55 for clippings.



Shirley Goldrick (left) and Michelle Sterk (right) won't officially open their new store 'Pet Junction' until Monday, but groomed some early customers

(left to right) Kimo, Buggy (the Boston Bull Terrier), Jasmine and Chucky Wednesday. (Herald photo by Lisa Boonstoppel-Pot)

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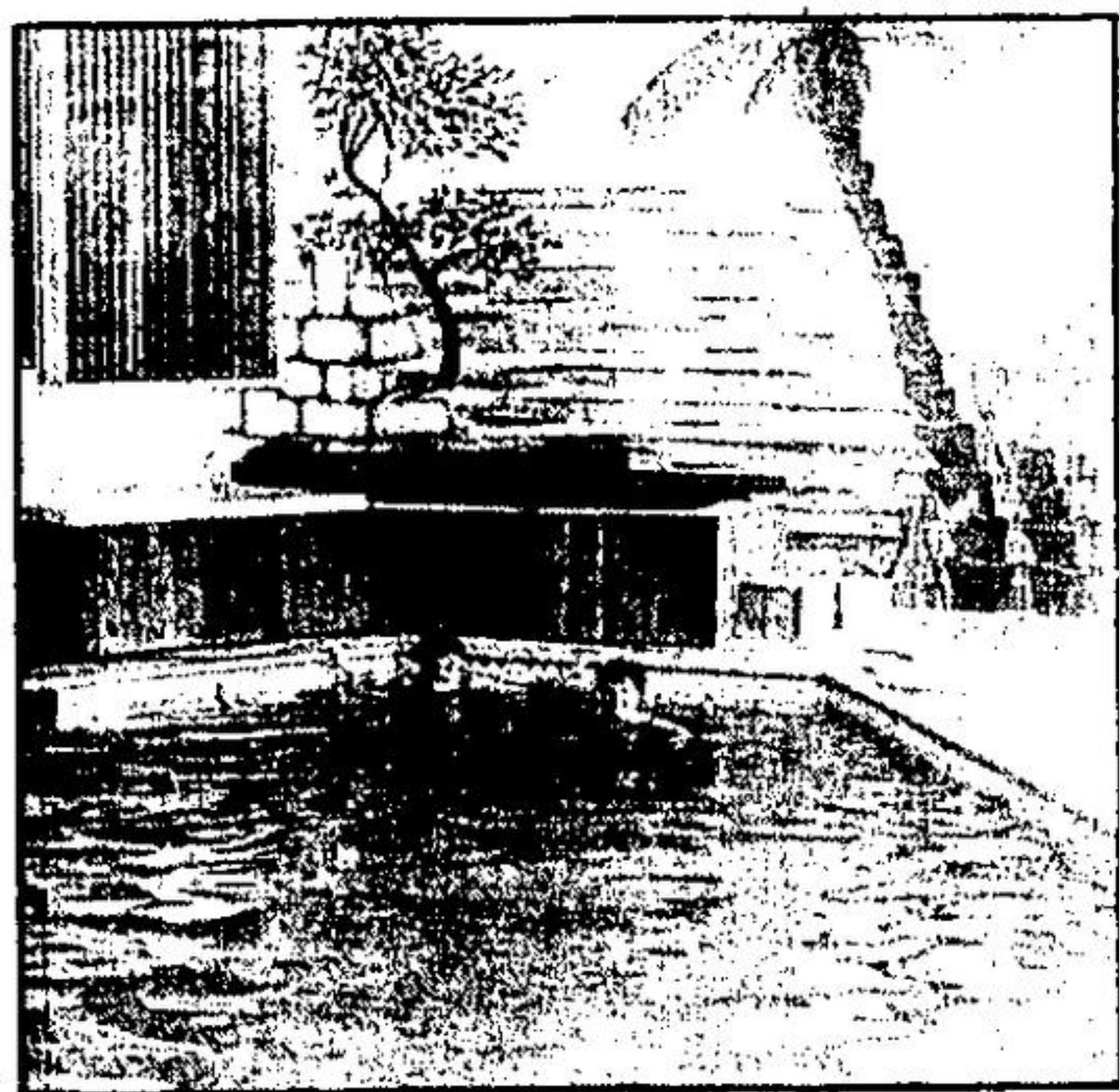
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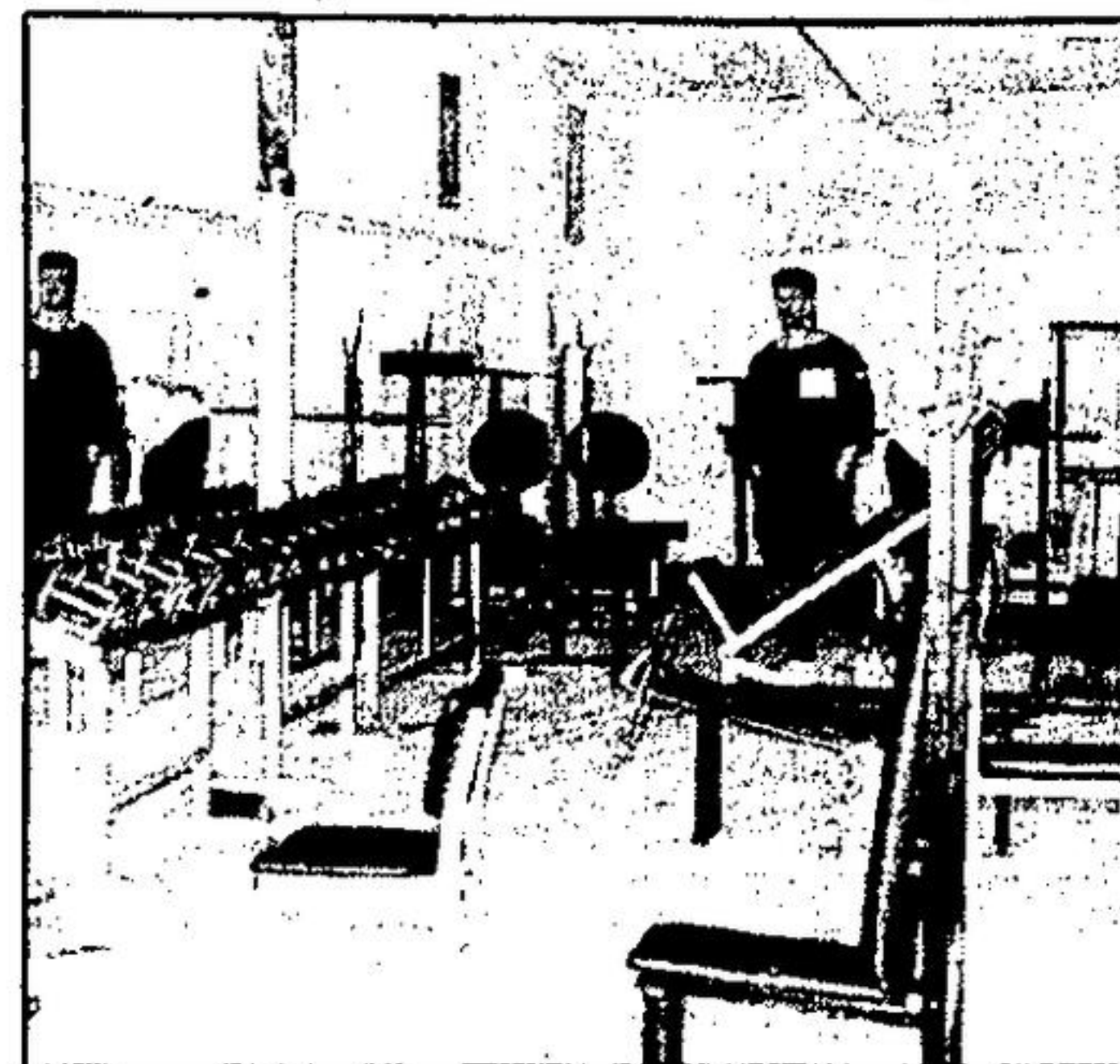


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