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## Liethen, Franse to be honored

Two longtime educators who retired last year were named Honorary Parade Marshals by the Border Town Days Committee on Monday.

Honored will be Ann Liethen and Dr. Lucille Franse.

Dr. Franse retired from Farwell Schools after 33 years as a high school instructor, specializing in English and history.

Mrs. Liethen retired from Texico Schools after teaching for 38 years, mostly business, English and history. Of that total, 21 1/2 years were spent at Texico and 2 1/2 years at Lazbuddie.

In other business, the LTD Committee:

-- Elected officers: Mike Pomper, president; Jeff Actkinson, vice president; Ann Cooper, treasurer; and DeeDee Pomper, secretary.

-- Picked as this year's theme "Red, White & Blue -- Through and Through." A patriotic flavor was desired.

-- Accepted the treasurer's report, which showed an ending balance of \$3,452, including a profit from last year's LTD of \$526.41.

The profit was higher

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## Friena police officer killed during chase

A Friena police officer was killed on Sunday night during a chase throughout Parmer County rural roads.

Officer Joe Herrera, 31, was killed when his police unit was struck by a pickup driven by Jose Adam Gomez, 38, of Dumas, Texas, according to state police.

Police said the incident began when a Bovina police officer pulled over a 1994 Ranger pickup that had been described as a "suspicious vehicle" doing solicitations.

But the pickup drove away. Bovina police and the Parmer County sheriff's office gave chase.

Herrera was off duty at the time doing reports at the Friena police station, said police. He apparently heard about the chase over his scanner, and went to assist in a 1998 Ford police unit.

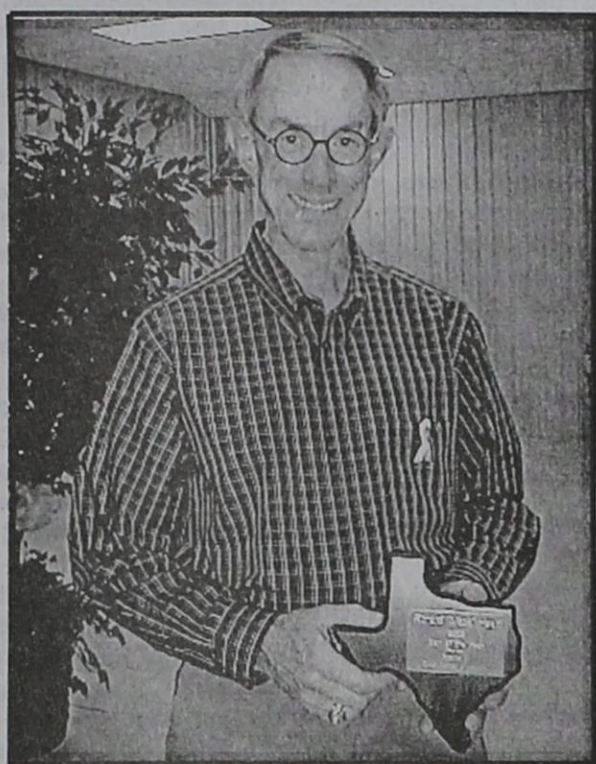
He was westbound on County Road N, 3 miles northeast of Bovina, when he saw the pursuit coming. Police said he pulled his unit off the roadway and activated the lights.

Police said that Gomez' pickup veered toward the parked police car, which Herrera pulled over even more, apparently in an unsuccessful effort to try and avoid the collision.

Gomez was listed on Monday in critical condition with head and chest injuries after being taken to Covenant Hospital in Lubbock.

A passenger in Gomez' vehicle, Tanya Mireles, 30, of Tulia, Texas, was listed in stable condition at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

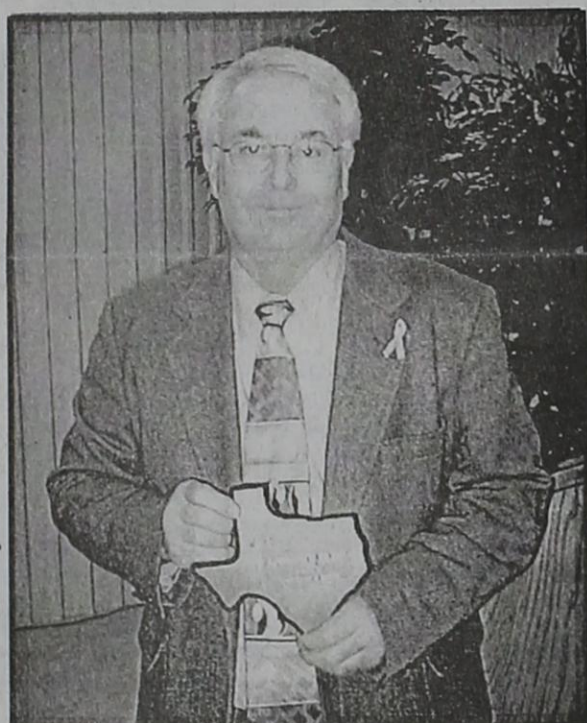
After an investigation is completed by the Department of Public Safety, charges will be filed, then presented to the next Parmer County grand jury.



Mack Heald  
Man of the Year



Cindy Patterson  
Woman of the Year



Mark Schwertner  
Agriculturist of the Year



Gretchen Montgomery  
Teacher of the Year



Meagan Norton and Lonnie McFarland  
Students of the Year

## Farwell Chamber honors given out

The annual Farwell Chamber of Commerce banquet was held on Saturday at the Farwell Community Center.

Top awards went to: Mack Heald, Man of the Year; Mark Schwertner, Agriculturist of the Year; Gretchen Montgomery, Teacher of the Year; Cindy Patterson, Woman of the Year; and Lonnie McFarland and Meagan Norton, Students of the Year.

Three persons were nominated for Teacher of the Year: Mrs. Montgomery, elementary school; Jo Lynda Lusk, junior high, and Joyce Williams, high school.

Emcee was Fred Chandler. Entertainment was provided by Janet Denton, of the Hub community. Appetizers and punch were provided by Beta Sigma Phi sorority. ESA Sorority decorated the hall. The brisket meal was prepared by the Farwell lunchroom ladies - Linda Moss, Joy Stanton, Stella Garcia, Lisa Sanders and Maria Vidaurri. Farwell High student council members served the food. Farwell city employees took care of the cleanup.

### Students of the Year

The Students of the Year are exceptional students at Farwell High. They are both 4-year honor roll and 3-year Honor Society members. UIL activities played an important part in their high school career, as well as being class officers and student council members.

Our students accepted the challenge of Clovis Community College concurrent enrollment classes, earning not only high school credits, but college credits as well. These two excel not only academically, but in athletics, having participated in varsity football, basketball, track and basketball team manager.

They both come from strong Christian families and are active in their churches; this undoubtedly has played an important part in their overall positive character and attitudes. Both are well-liked and respected by their peers and faculty alike, as proven by their selection for this honor.

The 2003 Students of the Year are Meagan Norton, daughter of David and Pam Norton and this year's Salutatorian; and Lonnie McFarland, son of Lonnie and Yalonda McFarland, this year's valedictorian.

### Man of the Year

He was born Sept. 5, 1944, in Amherst, Texas. His family lived in the Muleshoe area until 1954, when they moved to Jones County, Texas. He started 4<sup>th</sup> grade there and graduated from Anson High School in 1963.

During his junior high years, his dad got him into the show hog business. He had a very successful stock show career, including winning the ultimate, Grand Champion Barrow, at the 1962 Houston Livestock Show, and Reserve Champion at San Antonio. He is included in the Livestock Hall of Fame.

He started to A&M University in 1963 and upon graduation in 1967, went to Floyd County as the assistant county agent. After serving 2 years, he came to Farwell as Parmer County Agent, served for 8 years, and after resigning, started High Plains Pest Control.

He currently serves as the General Superintendent of the Parmer County Stock Show, a job he has served in for so many years that no one remembers when he wasn't.

He attends Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church, where he has served on many boards and has been a faithful member. He is married to Bonnie. Our Man of the Year is Mack Heald.

### Woman of the Year

The Woman of the Year is known in the community for her beautiful smile, her infectious laugh, and her ability to tackle any task. She is a genuine, down-to-earth person, an outstanding friend and a sincere Christian.

Tonight, in the words of Paul Harvey, you're going to hear "the rest of the story." She was born at the end of the baby boomer generation, just old enough to remember the day President Kennedy was shot. She was just about ready to start Junior High in a small West Texas town when the first men walked on the moon.

Her favorite pet was a mixed breed dog named Butch that tolerated her dressing him in doll clothes and listening to all her "junior high" girl stories. Also, in junior high, she discovered another interest - basketball. Her older brother managed to "toughen her up" and improve her athletic skills. One of his favorite games was to pin her on the floor, hold her arms down with his knees and practice his "drumming" on her chest.

She began high school in 1973. Four years of fun and adventure awaited her. She was involved in numerous activities including band (she played the bass clarinet and tuba), FHA, track, one-act play, National Honor Society, and basketball. She probably excelled most in basketball, where she was a 4-year varsity starter. She was named District Most Valuable Player her senior year and was selected to the Class A girls' basketball All South Plains first team. Fellow classmates served her as a Class Favorite. She was named an "Outstanding Student" by the teaching staff.

In 1976, she began attending Texas Tech University. However, in 1979, her formal education was interrupted when she married a skinny guy with a moustache. She received her PhT degree (Putting Hubby Through) in 1981. In the fall of that same year, she began the most important role of her life: Mom! Her first child, a son, was born. Two years later a daughter followed. In 1984, the family moved to Farwell. After five more years, a baby boy was born to complete the family.

She began a long history of volunteering. She served as a coach for T-ball, CGAA and soccer. However, the most intense area of her volunteer work has probably been in the area of 4-H. She has served as a project leader for many 4-H youths in areas such as clothing, foods and nutrition, leadership and citizenship. She was recognized in 1998 by the District 4-H Leaders Association as the "Outstanding 4-H Leader." She currently serves as the manager for the Farwell 4-H Club.

Countless hours have been spent in fund-raising activities like the Parmer County Stock Show concession stand. She has been the coordinator of this event for a number of years. It has raised thousands of dollars each year for the youths of our county. Perhaps, one of her most important volunteer tasks she has had is as a Bible class teacher. She has taught Bible classes from pre-kindergarten to an adult ladies class. She is a member of the 9<sup>th</sup> Street Church of Christ in Farwell.

She was employed by the Farwell Schools in the late 1980s. She began as the library aide to the junior high and elementary schools. She worked in the junior high as an aide in the math department. Since 1996, she has served as the superintendent's secretary. This past fall, she served as an interim teacher for the high school computer programming class.

The 2003 Woman of the Year is a woman of character. She is one of those rare people who can brighten your day with conversation and a smile. She is an outstanding employee, friend, wife, mother, daughter, and above all, Christian woman - Cindy Pat-

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## Chamber banquet

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### Teacher of the Year

After being born in the lush, green state of Washington, little did this baby girl realize she would end up as an elementary teacher in a small town on the south plains along the state line of Texas.

It all started on Feb. 5, 1940, when Gretchen Montgomery was the first born of Theodore and Sarah Caesar in Tacoma, Wash. Not only was Gretchen's spare time spent finishing her school work, but she could also be found sitting in front of a piano, indulging in lessons, and was the super star of many piano recitals. Today, she still enjoys playing.

Later, Gretchen and her family moved to the Seattle area. She graduated high school in 1958. During that same year, she unexpectedly stumbled on a job in Juneau, Alaska, while visiting a friend. For about 2 years, she worked as a reservation clerk for Alaska Coastal Ellis Airlines. She continued with this job while her urge to become an educator pressed heavily on her heart.

Finally, she answered her calling and began to pursue her career in teaching as a fulltime student in 1961 at Whitworth College in Spokane, Wash, where she earned a degree in English and history to become a certified teacher.

It's the goal of any new teacher to survive his or her first year. However, Gretchen was not placed in an ideal classroom that every teacher dreams of. Willingly, she faced the challenges that any low-income Seattle school hands out. Needless to say, her students dealt her many unforgettable situations, and let us repeat, unforgettable. Just ask her about a young lad named Vance. Gretchen would be more than happy to fill you in on the surprising details.

The sun began to shine as the events in Gretchen's life unfolded and her future began to look a little brighter. She was assigned to a new school, fell in love, was engaged, and finally married Lii Montgomery on May 3, 1969.

Soon afterward, they moved to New Mexico, first to Portales, then to Clovis. Gretchen entered the doors of Farwell Elementary for the first time in September 1969, and thank the good Lord, she has been her ever since.

With the help of her faithful Volvo, Harold, she continues to face her 4<sup>th</sup> graders each day with the enthusiasm as if it were her first. Never has she complained about sudden changes or when asked to do something at the spur of the moment. She has endured the changes in education ranging from the card catalog, the crank of the purple duplicating machine, the creation of overhead projectors, the terrifying computer screen, and countless other changes in technology.

Last but certainly not least, Gretchen has evolved along with the numerous and ever-changing state mandated tests. She has survived the straining pressures that preparing for these exams produce, including the writing test that has been given the past 11 years to only 4<sup>th</sup> graders. She has outlasted all of them from the TABS to the TEAMS and TAAS and now to TAKS.

Gretchen passes the qualities of her hero, Mr. Rogers from "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood", to each of her students. She is always extending his philosophy of the "Golden Rule" with her soft voice, kind heart, and interest in every student's needs. These are all personal touches that have proven successful for her throughout the many years she has taught.

Gretchen is admired by her peers as being a loyal, thoughtful and compassionate friend. There have been countless occasions when she would voluntarily take care of purchasing cards and gifts on behalf of the staff or would collect money for a worthy cause. Without Gretchen, there would be no coffee to greet the elementary staff each morning. Her sense of humor and love of a good laugh is a surprise only to those who don't know her well.

Another specialty of our candidate is the UIL art contest, one of the most difficult academic contests for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Her teams have predominately placed high in both grades for consecutive years. Her efforts are evidence of how she always goes above and beyond the call of duty.

While still teaching, Gretchen entered another area of life known as motherhood. She gave birth to a baby girl in October 1974 named Heather. The new arrival decided to come early so the tiny baby experienced a lengthy stay in the hospital. During this struggling time, Gretchen returned to the classroom after only one week of absence while her tiny newborn remained at the hospital. That's dedication. Gretchen and her husband also have a son named Scott, who arrived five years later.

After 37 years in this business and touching the lives of over 650 young people, the prevailing accomplishments of Gretchen's students are solid proof that her ways are ideal for today's youth.

### Agriculturist of the Year

He has been involved in agriculture I guess you could say from the day he was born. Beginning when he was a youngster, he started his career in agriculture with feeding the cows, chickens and hogs. As he grew older, he was allowed to gather and wash eggs for sale (if any were left unbroken). Then he was introduced to an exercise to strengthen his grip - milking cows! To complete his "physical training," he became well acquainted with the "cotton hoe, shovel and aluminum pipe."

While all of this "physical training" was taking place, he also discovered all of the "cool stuff" in his dad's workshop, plus the tractors and all of the equipment and how to "rig up", get to the field, and "get the job done."

As he entered high school, he became very interested in Future Farmers of America, holding offices, competing in judging contests, exhibiting hogs in local, county and major livestock shows, and he received the Lone Star Farmers Degree. It was during this time that he became interested in hog production and started his own farrowing and feeding project.

During all his years on the family farm, he worked side by side with his dad, growing cotton and milo, learning many valuable lessons and patience regarding farming and the weather!

Upon graduating high school, he attended Texas Tech University, where he was a member of Collegiate FFA and Block and Bridle. During his college years, he rented a farm and began growing cotton. He graduated from Texas Tech with a degree in agriculture education. While at Texas Tech, he met his wife and after he graduated, they were married. Well, not only was getting married and starting out on his own a big deal, but he was about to become a - corn farmer!

He and his wife moved to Parmer County and began growing corn. He was in awe with all of the "big water" that flowed from the wells and treated it with great respect as well as the land he farmed southeast of Farwell. Conserving the soil and water earned him the "Outstanding Conservation Farmer" award for Parmer County in 1988. Throughout his farming career, he has not only raised corn, but has grown cotton, wheat, milo, sunflowers, carrots, jalapenos, red chile, oats and haygrazer. As of today, his primary interest is in cotton production.

Besides his agricultural career, he has taken a great interest in Farwell schools and the community. Among the boards he has served on are the Parmer County Appraisal Board, the Parmer County Livestock Show Board and the Farwell School Board, on which he is currently serving.

Our honoree, Mark Schwertner, and his wife have been residents of Farwell for the past 28 years, raising one daughter and 3 sons in the community.

### Co-op to meet

The annual meeting of Roosevelt County Rural Telephone Cooperative will be held on April 29 at 2 p.m. mt in the memorial building, corner of 7<sup>th</sup> and

Abilene in Portales.

Three board directors will be elected. The positions are:

Causey Exchange - Stewart Williamson and Dennis Tollett.

Floyd Exchange - Jima Widener and Tammy Lee.

Milnesand Exchange - Lynn Medlin and Barbara Teel.

Additional nominations can be made at the meeting.

Also, reports of officers, directors and committee are on the agenda.



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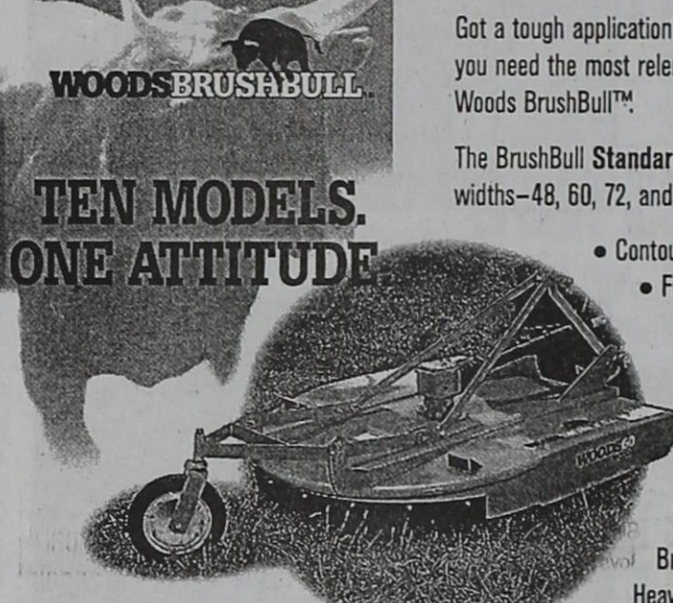
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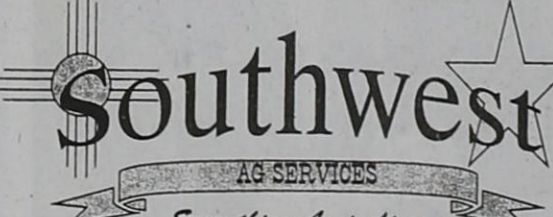
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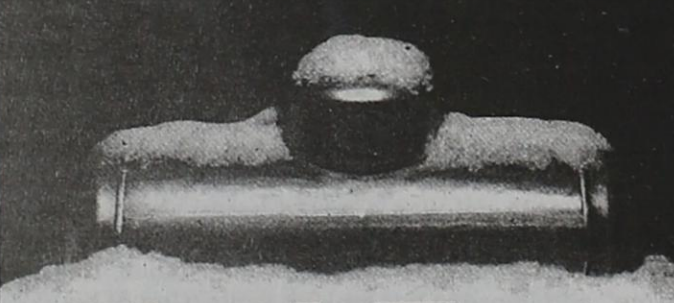
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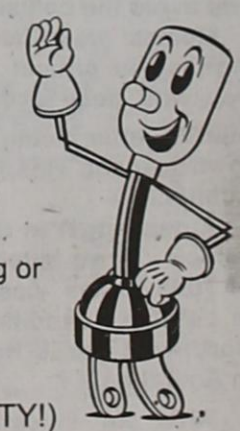
Santa Rosa, New Mexico

Saturday, April 26, 2003

To take action upon the following matters:

1. The reports of Officers, Trustees, and Committees
2. The election of Trustees from:
  - District 1 (Clovis)
  - District 4 (Santa Rosa)
  - District 6 (Broadview/Grady)
3. All other business which may come before the meeting or any adjournments thereof

- Door prizes for adults and children
- Grand Prize Drawing (\$750 IN FREE ELECTRICITY!)
- Two special drawings (\$50 Energy Certificates) for "First-Time" attendance
- Lunch, (provided by Farmers' Electric), will be served following the meeting: approximately noon



**BTD**

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than usual due to the arts and crafts show (\$444.12 profit) and button sales (\$481 profit).

Also, extra donations were received from the Farwell Banking Center of Muleshoe State Bank and the Eagles Lodge of Clovis.

-- Voted to give the Farwell Chamber of Commerce \$250 toward the purchase of the sound system used at BTD.

The system cost over \$3,000, and the BTD Committee already had contributed \$500 toward it.

With extra funds available, it was felt that this extra contribution would be good since the sound system is vital to BTD.

-- Voted to give \$25 gift certificates (Lowe's Supermarket) in July to each Texico and Farwell city employee as a special thank you for their help at BTD. Six employees are involved.

- Agreed to continue last year's closing, at 4:30 p.m., of gazebo activities.

-- Heard Pomper report that more space will be available for the 3-on-3 basketball tourney begun

last year by Glynna Martin. Thus, the tourney can be expanded to include more divisions.

-- Announced committee heads:

-- Jerry Adams and J'Dan Sudderth, Merchants Giveaway.

-- Lynne Mahaney, arts and crafts booths.

-- Cynthia Thigpen, concessions.

-- Fred Chandler, emcee at the gazebo.

-- Linda Moss and Joy Stanton, decorated bicycle contest.

-- Judy Lekovich-Gay and Ruth Anne Bennett, parade.

-- Russ Ponder, button sales.

-- Hal Helton, parade marshal.

-- Margie Watkins, in charge of getting the parade and bicycle contest judges.

-- Already signed up for the parade are Joe's Boot Shop and ENMR • Plateau.

-- Scheduled the next meeting for June 2.

**Sheriff's Report**

Here is the weekly report from Parmer County Sheriff Randy Geris:

On April 11, Eric Escobedo, 20, of Hereford, was arrested by Friona police on a charge of driving on a suspended license (enhanced). The case is pending in county court.

On April 9, Stephen Padron, 28, of Friona, was arrested by Friona police on a charge of parole violation out of Curry County. He is pending transport.

On April 10, Margaret Salazar, 30, of Bovina, was arrested by Bovina police on a charge of endangerment of a child. The case is pending before the grand jury.

**Railroad tracks to be replaced**

Those railroad tracks between Texico and Farwell will be replaced later this month, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad folks said.

On April 13, Patrick Glenn, 41, of Clovis, was arrested by Texas Highway Patrol on a warrant out of Socorro County. He is pending transport.

On April 12, Gavina Gomez, 36, of Canyon, was arrested by Friona police on a charge of driving with an invalid license. The case is pending in county court.

In 287<sup>th</sup> District Court on April 3, with Judge Gordon Green presiding:

-- Rafael Gomez, 30, of Friona, charged with subsequent DWI, was sentenced to 4 years in the Texas Department of Corrections, probated for 4 years; 10 days confinement in Parmer County Jail as part of probation; \$303 court costs, \$1,000 fine, 160 hours of community service, loss of driver's license for 18 months, and obtain alcohol counseling at own expense.

**Parmer, Clark have 2 firsts**

The Texico Lady Wolverines won the Buffalo Relays on Saturday with 81 points. Santa Rosa was 2<sup>nd</sup> with 68 and Ft. Sumner 3<sup>rd</sup> with 59. Results were (with asterisks indicating state qualifiers):


- 3200 run - M. Vega, 4<sup>th</sup>, 14:13.62.
- 110 hurdles - S. Turner, 4<sup>th</sup>, 19.48; A. Smith, 5<sup>th</sup>, 19.81.
- 100 dash - A. Parmer, 1<sup>st</sup>, 13.23.
- 1600 run - C. Rucker, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:02.62.
- 800 relay - Texico, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1:57.47.
- 300 hurdles - S. Turner, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 53.55.
- Medley relay - Texico, 4<sup>th</sup>, 4:58.96.
- 200 dash - A. Parmer, 1<sup>st</sup>, 27.23.
- 1600 relay - Texico, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4:29.84.
- Shot put - C. Clark, 1<sup>st</sup>, 34'6.25; T. Bradley, 4<sup>th</sup>, 27'11.50; R. Cabera, 6<sup>th</sup>, 27'6.
- Discus - C. Clark\*, 1<sup>st</sup>, 107'9.50; T. Bradley\*, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 99'9.
- Long jump - A. Parmer, 5<sup>th</sup>, 14'1.50.
- Triple jump - D. Mayfield, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 29'6.75.
- Javelin - C. Clark, 1<sup>st</sup>, 114'8.

\*\*\* The Texico Wolverines finished 4<sup>th</sup> at the Buffalo Relays. Results were:

- 400 dash - Zaikowski, 5<sup>th</sup>, 54.01.
- Medley relay - Texico, 4<sup>th</sup>, 4:10.
- 1600 relay - Texico, 6<sup>th</sup>, 14:00.
- Shot put - Bailey\*, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 44'9; Curtis, 5<sup>th</sup>, 42'4.5.
- Discus - Curtis, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 111'10.75; Bailey, 5<sup>th</sup>, 107'11.
- Javelin - Vaughan\*, 1<sup>st</sup>, 147'7; Brown, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 139'8.

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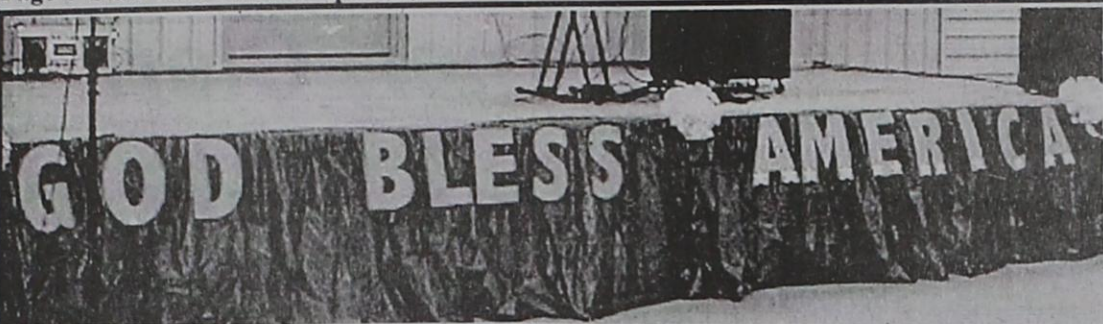
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The Farwell Community Center had a patriotic flavor, thanks to decorations by ESA Sorority. This banner was in front of the stage.

## Farwell Chamber banquet held



Janet Denton, of the Hub community, entertained the Chamber audience with her singing and keyboard playing.



Beta Sigma Phi sorority served appetizers and punch before the Chamber banquet. Pictured are members, from left, Cynthia Thigpen, Lynne Mahaney and Kristin Kasel.

### Farwell hoop tourney planned

A Farwell 3 on 3 basketball tourney will be held on May 2 and 3.

All proceeds go to benefit the Farwell summer basketball programs.

The entry deadline is April 28. The cost is \$50 per team (no more than 4 members per team, and payment must be received before the first game).

T-shirts will be

awarded to champions in each division.

Divisions will be: high school boys, high school girls, junior high boys, junior high girls, elementary boys, elementary girls, high school coed, and junior high coed.

Deliver your entries to Farwell High School, or call Doug Boyd, 481-3234, or Kirk Saul, 481-9559.

### 'Sonrise' service slated

An Easter "sonrise service" will be held at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church on Sunday.

Worship is at 6 a.m., followed by Sunday school at 7 a.m., and breakfast at 8 a.m.

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## Wolverines split pair of contests

From Texico assistant coach Dennis Roch:

In reaction to early losses in which the Wolverines struggled to hit consistently, Texico Manager Richard Luscombe has increasingly stressed hitting and base-running skills with his players.

"It appears to have paid off," said Luscombe, after a 16-7 pounding of the Logan Longhorns on April 8.

Eight Wolverine batters combined for 13 hits, including home runs by Jesse Serrano, Justin Loven and Joel Maldonado.

Serrano and Loven each went 2 for 5 at the plate, recording an RBI triple and double, respectively.

Maldonado led the offense, with 3 for 5 -- a single, double and 2-run homer.

On defense, Loven pitched well against the Longhorns, striking out 15 and walking only 2 batters.

While Logan did mount rallies in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> innings, their 7 runs were not enough to counter Texico's offense, which advanced to 4-2 on the season with the victory.

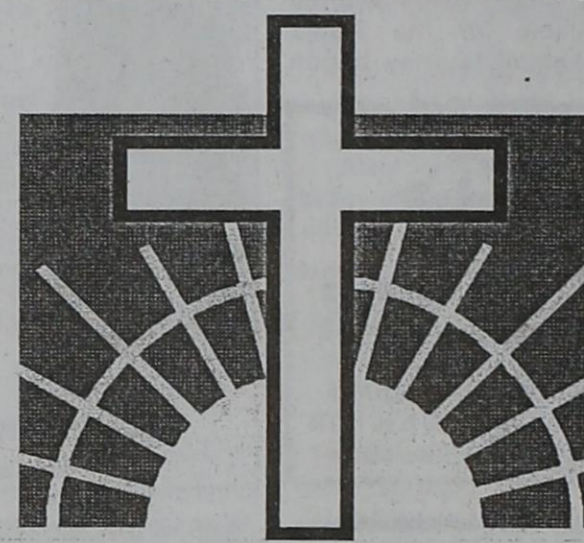
On Saturday, at home against district rival Dora, Texico began with what looked to be a strong offense.

However, despite an early 4-run lead and home runs by Loven and Braden Vaughan, Dora capitalized on a series of Texico defensive errors to win, 12-10.

Vaughan pitched 5 innings against the Coyotes, striking out 9 and allowing 6 hits, before being relieved by Loven in the 6<sup>th</sup> inning.

Loven finished the game for Texico, striking out 3 and allowing 4 hits.

The Wolverines are 4-3 on the season and 1-2 in district. They were scheduled to play district games against Elida and Santa Rosa this week.



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7:00 AM - Sunday School  
8:00 AM - Breakfast

### Meet Texico's Class of 2015



Angel Yael Graxiola is a Texico kindergarten pupil. His birthday is Aug. 13.

Parents are Manuela and Jose Angel Graxiola. He has a brother, Erik. Grandparents are Angel Graxiola and Ana Silerio, and Gabrielita Tamayo and Carlos Garcia.

He likes to ride his bike. His favorite color is yellow. As for favorite food, he likes everything with meat.

He doesn't like to watch Blue's Clues.

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- Santa Rosa High School (ITV Room)
- Logan High School (ITV Room)

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## Bush changes world order

I got a letter from a friend of mine from the old days in Michigan City, Ind., last week.

After relating the usual stuff about friends and family, he launched into his feelings about the Iraqi War. I want to share with you what he wrote:

God bless George Bush ... God bless America ... God bless our military ... (blank) the French and (blank) on the Germans.

The liberals don't understand what has happened, but George Bush has changed the "World Order" for the next 100 years. After 9/11, national borders are for geography and formality only. In the future, if a country permits terrorists to function and grow in their country, their borders will no longer protect them.

The peaceniks of the 1960's unwittingly forced abolishment of the military draft. Now 40 years later, their unintended accomplishments have given the world a U.S. all-volunteer military that is the most awesome fighting force in the history of civilization.

The entire world now understands that the U.S. military can now be accurately characterized as a



"Global Gladiator Society" that if properly provoked, has the ability and the will to find you any place in the world, come and get you, and guarantee that you shall never provoke them again.

Over and over again, I marvel at the stupidity of the national Democratic leadership and the news media.

They continue to underestimate George Bush and much like Henny Penny, they are convinced the sky is falling.

George Bush has changed the world and he is changing America ... all for the better.

The Democrats are in total disarray. Can you imagine Ted Kennedy, Tom Daschle, Nancy Pelosi, Bill Clinton or Al Gore being in charge of America's destiny and future when 9/11 occurred?

Don't tell me that the Lord doesn't know what He is doing! He has put us in the right hands for this time in our history and the impact of all this will continue for many, many

more interesting chapters.

The United Nations will become a humanitarian vehicle and has and will continue to lose most of its relevance.

Like most large organizations, they become so appeasement-oriented and bloated they they could no longer muster the will or courage to act.

George Bush has just completely removed the question of the UN's ability to meet modern world demands and the organization will nearly consume itself in the near future trying to redefine who and what they are and what they are capable of doing for the world.

Chapter 1 was the failure to enforce Resolution 1441. Chapter 2 will be the role they want vs. the role George Bush is going to give them regarding restructuring the civil government of Iraq.

Another very interesting prediction is that very soon, Bush will force a settlement between the Israeli's and the Palestinians. A key part of that initiative will be to diplomatically and firmly advise the Syrians to get their butt out of Lebanon and discontinue their support of terrorist

groups. Syria will comply!

Next comes Iran. That change will come from within because of the people's desire for more freedom and as a result of the other issues that they are seeing develop in the Middle East.

North Korea will be dealt with via implosion, much the same as how Reagan dealt with Russia.

We will also be removing most of the 100,000 U.S. troops out of Germany and relocate them in European countries that joined us in the coalition.

Why prop up Germany's economy with all that military spending? Let them ask the French...

Also we will begin to withdraw most of our 37,000 troops out of South Korea. They are a liability in their present position and the South Koreans can find other ways to feed their economy. If troops are ever needed in that area, the "Gladiators" can be there immediately.

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Well, that is what my Hoosier friend, a retired building superintendent for a major manufacturer, had to say. I thought it was well said.

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We got an e-mail on a scam that is going around and thought it would be good to pass on to you.

Don't dial area codes starting with 809, 284 and 876.

You might want to put this note on your fridge door as a reminder.

What we are told is that the 809 area code is in the British Virgin Islands (the Bahamas) and it can be used as a "pay per call" number, similar to 900 numbers in the U.S.

What we are told is that

you are charged \$2,425.00 per minute.

Awful...

## Egg hunt scheduled

The Farwell Convalescent Center will host its annual Community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19, at 2 p.m.

The hunt is open to all area children, ages 2 through 10.

Bring your own baskets!

## Marriage Licenses

The Parmer County clerk's office issued a marriage license last week to Anastacio Urioste and Mary Aragon.

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- De Baca Extension Council
- 4-H & FFA Supporters President
- Wife Sherrie, four sons

**Please Attend the Annual Meeting!**

"I believe I have the experience and dedication to effectively represent the members of the Cooperative. I would sincerely appreciate your consideration and your vote at the ENMR annual Meeting April 19."

**Bill West**

## Farwell

Monday - no school.  
Tuesday - ravioli, tossed salad, green beans, bread sticks, peaches, milk.

Wednesday - chicken quesadillas, taco salad, Mexican corn, rice krispy treat, milk.

Thursday - steak fingers, mashed potatoes, broccoli with cheese, hot rolls, pears, milk.

Friday - pizza, tossed salad, veggie sticks, blueberry muffins, milk.

## Texico

Monday - chili beans, corn bread, salad, fruit, milk.

Tuesday - tacos, corn, lettuce, salsa, fruit, milk.

Wednesday - chicken strips with gravy, french fries, hot rolls, fruit, milk.

Thursday - cheeseburgers, tater tots, lettuce, pickles, fruit, milk.

Friday - BBQ beef sandwiches, pork & beans, pickle spears, fruit, brownie, milk.

## MENUS

**Citizens Bank Texico Branch**

## Please vote for Dr. Chasteen for Farwell School Board

She has 20 years experience as a student, and also as a teacher. She believes that a good education is important for the individual and that a well-educated population is good for our country.

She believes the school needs to offer a variety of extracurricular programs so all of the students have a chance to find something of interest.

And, lastly, the voters should have a choice of candidates so that voting is more meaningful.

Pd. Pol. Adv. by candidate

## Please attend church services (All times are CT unless specified)

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| <p><b>Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church</b></p> <p>Worship Service - 9 a.m.<br/>Sunday School - 10 a.m.</p>   | <p><b>Farwell Convalescent Center</b></p> <p>Bill Bridwell - chaplain.<br/>Sunday services - 9 a.m.<br/>Bible Study - 3 p.m. Friday &amp; 2:30 p.m. Wednesday</p>   | <p><b>Church of God in Christ, Mennonite</b></p> <p>James Koehn - minister<br/>Sunday School - 10 a.m.<br/>Worship Service - 11 a.m.</p>  |
| <p><b>Church of Christ 110 Ninth St.</b></p> <p>Sunday School - 10 a.m.<br/>Worship - 11 a.m. &amp; 6 p.m.<br/>Wednesday - 7 p.m. summer 8 p.m. winter</p>   | <p><b>United Pentecostal Church of Texico</b></p> <p>Rev. Mickee Mounce<br/>Sunday School - 10 a.m.<br/>Worship - 11:15 a.m. &amp; 6:30 p.m.<br/>Wednesday - 8 p.m.</p>   | <p><b>First Baptist Church of Texico</b></p> <p>Rob Hollis - minister<br/>Sunday School - 9 a.m. mt<br/>Worship - 10:15 a.m., 5:30 p.m. mt<br/>Wednesday - 7 p.m. mt</p>                |
| <p><b>First Baptist Church of Farwell</b></p> <p>Richard Laverty - minister<br/>Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.<br/>Worship - 11 a.m. &amp; 6 p.m.<br/>Wed. - Prayer meeting 7 p.m.<br/>Wed. - mission aux., 7:30 p.m.</p> | <p><b>Pleasant Hill Baptist Church</b></p> <p>Jim Peabody - minister<br/>Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. mt<br/>Worship - 10:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m. mt<br/>Church training - 5:30 p.m. mt<br/>Wednesday - 6:30 p.m. mt winter 7:30 p.m. mt summer</p> | <p><b>Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church</b></p> <p>Rev. Jonette Gay<br/>Sunday School - 10 a.m.<br/>Worship - 11 a.m. &amp; 6 p.m.<br/>Monday men's prayer breakfast - 7 a.m.</p> |
| <p><b>Lariat Church of Christ</b></p> <p>Sam Billingsley - minister<br/>Sunday School - 10 a.m.<br/>Worship - 10:45 a.m. &amp; 6 p.m.<br/>Wednesday - 7:00 p.m. winter 8:00 p.m. summer</p>                          | <p><b>San Jose Catholic Church, Texico</b></p> <p>Sunday Mass - Noon mt<br/>Religious Education - 1:15 - 2:15 p.m.<br/>Community Meal - 1:15 p.m.</p>   | <p><b>St. John Lutheran Church, Lariat</b></p> <p>David Symm - minister<br/>Worship Service - 9:30 a.m.<br/>Sunday School - 10:30 a.m.</p>  |
| <p><b>New Light Baptist Church</b></p> <p>Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.<br/>Worship - 11 a.m. &amp; 7 p.m.<br/>Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.<br/>Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.</p>   | <p><b>Farwell Church of Christ</b></p> <p>Loy Hardesty - preacher<br/>Bible Class Sunday - 10 a.m.<br/>Worship; 10:50 a.m. &amp; 6 p.m.<br/>Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.<br/>In Search - 7:30 - Ch. 4 Sun.</p>                                     | <p><b>Assembly of God Church, Texico</b></p> <p>Bob Burris - minister<br/>Sunday School - 9:15 a.m. mt<br/>Worship - 10:15 a.m. &amp; 6 p.m. mt<br/>Wednesday - 6 p.m. mt</p>           |

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**The Latest**

The Texico-Farwell Rotary Club has picked four students to attend the Camp RYLA leadership

**Obituaries**

**Betty Stanley**

Services for Betty Stanley, 80, of Clovis, were held on Saturday at the First Baptist Church of Texico with Rev. Bob Burris officiating. Burial was in Sunset Terrace Memorial Cemetery.

She died April 8 at home.

She was born Jan. 14, 1923, in Albuquerque, to Charles and Ruby Banghart. She married Clark Stanley Jr. on June 1, 1941, in Rincon. She had been a resident of Texico and Clovis since 1960.

She was preceded in death by her parents; 4 brothers, Richard, Donald, David and Harry Banghart; a sister, Marjorie Gentry; 2 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Surviving are her husband; 2 sons, Richard, of Texico; and Kevin, of Belen; 2 daughters, Lynne Robinson, of Texico, and Kathy Yannotti, of Farwell; 11 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Pallbearers were James Johnson, Jay Hodges, Michael Robinson, and Aaron, Eric and Josh Stanley.

seminar this summer:

Farwell, Jason Johnson; and Texico, Jazzi Walls, Sissy Loper and Mark Peabody.

Texico has two girls attending and Farwell none because the Farwell girls who were picked couldn't make it.

Although Lazbuddie folks said last week none of its tracksters had earned a trip to area, it was found that Miriam Hernandez is going to area.

She placed 4<sup>th</sup> at district in the 800 dash.

Michelle Agee, secretary to Parmer County Judge Bonnie Clayton, had her office decorated on April 10 for a very special birthday.

Be sure and ask her...

Bill Haley, administrator at the Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona, reports that there was no opposition to the two board members seeking re-election.

Thus, the election has been cancelled. Re-elected were Danny Kendrick and Robert Neelley.

Sean Kennedy is leaving Lazbuddie School after this school year.

He served as head boys' basketball coach for one year at Lazbuddie.

The Parmer County ex-

tension service has lots of information available on how to control honey bee swarms.

They asked you to call there if you want that info. The number is 481-3619.

Jourdan Kirkland won the annual Texico-Farwell Rotary Club essay contest. She received a check for \$50.

Lazbuddie School's lunch menus for next week are:

Monday - no school.  
Tuesday - teriyaki chicken, corn dogs (pk-1), tuna sandwiches.

Wednesday - stromboli, hamburgers (pk-1), baked beans.

Thursday - chicken pot pie, egg rolls, chalupas (pk-1).

Friday - special.

The "Singing Women of West Texas" will perform at the First Baptist Church of Farwell on April 27 at 6 p.m.

Delia (Bermea) Marufo, of Clovis and formerly of Farwell, will soon be opening Del's Gift Shop at 710 Ave. A in Farwell.

This is the building that formerly housed Stephanie's Sterling and Stitches, which moved to Texico.

Parmer County Clerk

Colleen Stover said a Tribune article in last week's paper was a huge help.

The Tribune carried a story noting the 17 candidates for the congressional post being vacated by Larry Combest, R-Lubbock.

Well, it seems the state was sending ballots with 16 candidates' names on them.

So when Mrs. Stover saw the "17" in the Tribune headline, she immediately checked the ballots -- and found one name missing.

Corrected ballots will be sent, with all 17 candidates on them.

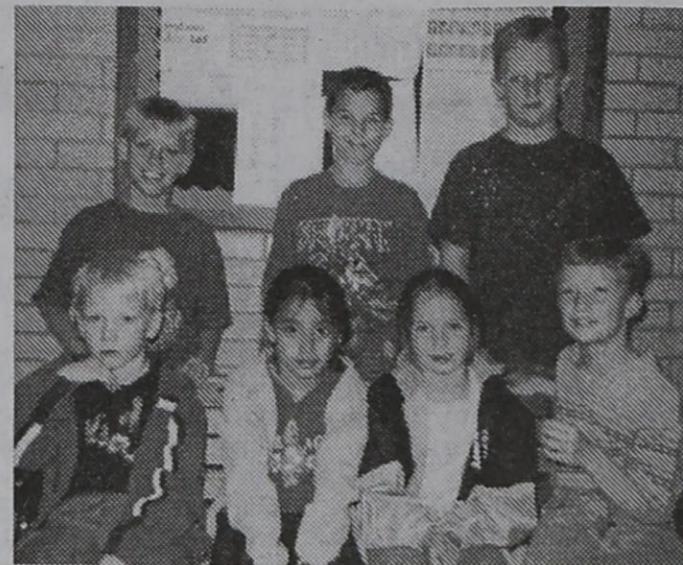
Clovis area agencies will host a car seat checkup on Saturday at 200 W. Grand (the VFW post) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. mt.

Child safety seat inspections will be held and parents will receive educational materials about the state's child occupant protection law.

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Yancy Graves, son of Kathy Graves of Bovina, is assigned to the 26<sup>th</sup> Marine Expeditionary Unit.

The unit is based in Camp Lejeune, N.C., but is currently in the Middle East.

He is a 2002 Bovina High graduate.



In back from left are Jarrod Jesko, Tanner Beasley, Dylan Haney; in front, Dylan Miller, Anais Andrade, Madison Jesko, Ross Steinbock.

**Pupils recognized**

Students of the Month for March at Lazbuddie Elementary School have been named:

Pre-k: Dylan Miller, son of Kurt and Valinda Miller. Kindergarten: Anais Andrade, daughter of Luz Maria Andrade.

1<sup>st</sup> grade: Madison Jesko, daughter of Dustan and Stephanie Jesko.

2<sup>nd</sup> grade: Ross Steinbock, son of Terry and Judy Steinbock.

3<sup>rd</sup> grade: Jarrod Jesko, son of Terry and Jenene Jesko.

4<sup>th</sup> grade: Tanner Beasley, son of Allen and Stacey Beasley.

5<sup>th</sup> grade: Dylan Haney, son of Greg and Netta Haney.

Please vote for  
**Dr. Chasteen**  
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**Farwell Hospital District Board**

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Certified specialists will be working with children at this clinic, which is to be held at the following locations on Thursday, May 1, 2003.

**Farwell Elementary School  
Principal's Office  
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.**

**Bovina Ridgelea  
Elementary School  
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.**

**Lazbuddie  
School Library  
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.**

**Friona Administration Building  
901 E. 11<sup>th</sup> St.  
2:30 - 4:00 p.m.**

If you are concerned about your child's growth and development, bring your child to this clinic. If you need additional information, call Sue Wells, Director of Special Education, at (806) 250-3315.

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**Escuela Primaria De Farwell  
Oficina Del Principal  
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.**

**Escuela Primaria De  
Bovina - Ridgelea  
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.**

**Esucela De Lazbuddie  
Biblioteca  
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.**

**La finca de administracion de Friona  
901 E. 11<sup>th</sup> St.  
2:30 - 4:00 p.m.**

Si usted esta interesado sobre el desarrollo de su nino, traiga a su nino a esta clinica. Si usted necesita mas informacion, llame a Sue Wells, Directora de Educacion Especial a (806) 250-3315



**Fund-raiser for hospitals**

Bob Gacke, of Weimar, Texas, stopped in Texico on Monday. He is riding horses and mules from the Gulf of Mexico to the Canadian border as a fund-raiser for Shriner's hospitals and to create public awareness of the Masons. He receives donations and pledges and estimated he has raised more than \$15,000 so far for the hospitals. His website is [www.wherisbob.com](http://www.wherisbob.com). His theme is "Riding America for the Shriners of America."

**Parmer County to have six polling places for election**

As the Tribune reported a couple of weeks back, the usual number of polling places won't be open for the May 3 election in Parmer County because a smaller amount of voters are anticipated.

The races are for Lazbuddie school board, Farwell school board, Farwell hospital district board, and the special election to pick someone to fill U.S. Rep. Larry Combest's seat.

County Clerk Colleen Stover discussed this with the Parmer County Commissioners on Monday.

It was decided to have six polling places:

- Farwell Community Center.
- Calvary Baptist Church in Friona.
- Lazbuddie School.
- Bovina EMS building.
- Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church.
- Rhea Community Center.

In other business, the commissioners:  
-- Received one bid for

a banking depository, from Muleshoe State Bank. A special meeting will be held Monday to award the bid.

-- Heard an informational program on the Texas Enterprise Zone.

**Rotary Club to sell pins**

The Texico-Farwell Rotary Club is selling yellow ribbon lapel pins to benefit the Cannon Air Force Base Family Services.

The club is working in conjunction with other area Rotary Clubs and Chambers of Commerce.

Pins, available for \$2 apiece, are available at local businesses.

All proceeds go to Family Services.

**Special Good Friday service planned**

Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church will have a special Good Friday service on April 18 to portray the "Seven Last Words of Christ."

**Lazbuddie revival for whole family**

The community is invited to a revival at the Lazbuddie United Methodist Church April 27-30.

Rev. Randy Thomas stressed that all the services are for the entire family, and all are welcome.

Leading the revival will be evangelist Tim Todd. Services will be held on Sunday, April 27, at 10:30 a.m.; and on Monday through Wednesday, April 28-30, at 7:30 p.m.

Todd has been conducting evangelistic crusades across America and throughout the world. He is an accomplished ventriloquist and uses this talent to reach children with the gospel's good news for about 10 minutes at the beginning of each service.

He then gives "the truth for youth" Bibles to all teens in attendance, challenging them to give the Bibles to their friends and invite them to the revival.

Todd is the publisher/designer of "the truth for youth" New Testament with full color comics that has been endorsed by religious leaders such as Billy Graham, Jerry Falwell and T.D.



Tim Todd

Jakes.

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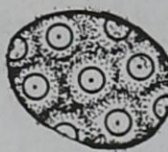
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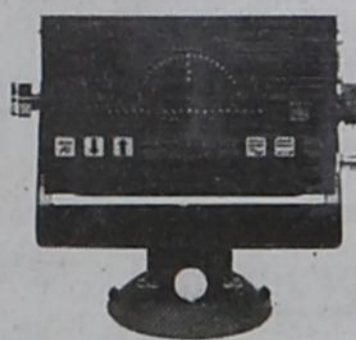
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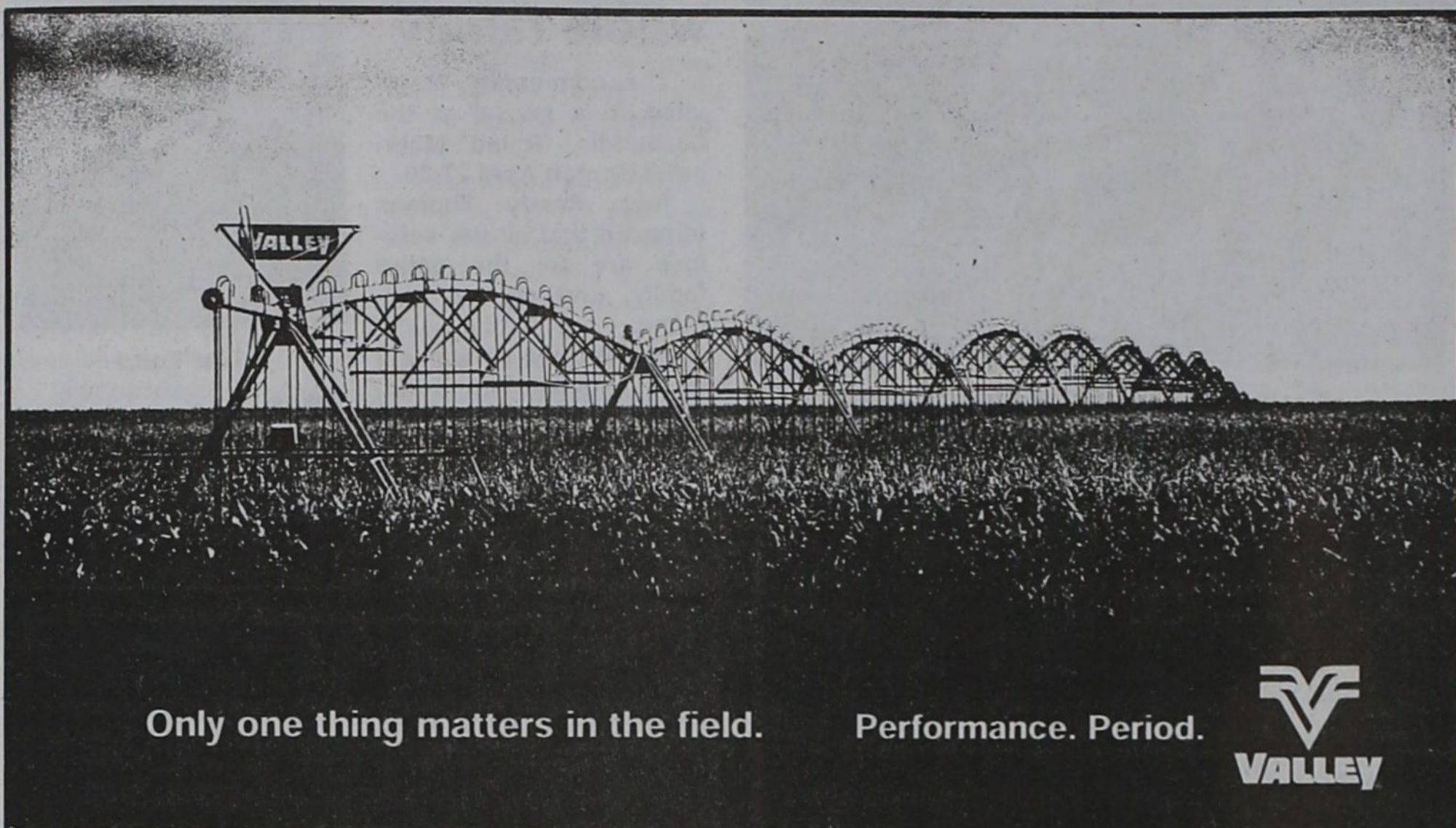
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Larry Gregory  
Superintendent

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**Cause No. 8802** Farwell Independent School District vs. Hernandez Juan L

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Given under my hand this 9 day of April, 2003

Randy Geries  
Sheriff, Parmer County, Texas  
By Wayne Gruben  
Deputy

# School lawsuit mediation set

The Farwell School Board on Tuesday held an executive session to discuss the pending Jane Doe lawsuit involving school officials and former teacher Bryan Goldsmith.

Court-mandated mediation will be held by attorneys for both sides on May 9.

In other business, the board:

-- Rejected the proposal of Supt. Larry Gregory by a 3-2 vote to spend about \$22,000 to remodel the junior high school lounge, offices, and add a bathroom for staff and a counselor's office. Opposed were Gary Patterson, Mark Schwertner and Darren Haseloff. In favor were Roberta Howard and Samuel Billingsley. Mike Woods was absent. And one post is still vacant.

Those opposed felt this should be a budgeted item, especially in view of the expected money shortfall due to less funds coming from the state. And, funds were needed for roof repairs.

-- Accepted a bid of \$46,000 to repair the roofs of the cafeteria and auditorium.

-- Heard that school enrollment is 453, and that has held very steady during the current school year.

-- Approved two new transfer students from the Bovina area.

-- Stayed with Security State Bank as the school depository through Aug. 31, 2005.

-- Named Patterson as Farwell's TASB delegate.

-- Refinanced the 20-year \$1.5 million bond indebted-

ness (used to build the new gym. Security State Bank will finance the remaining 10 years at 4.25 percent (down from 5.995 percent for the first 10 years). Total to be refinanced is \$975,000.

## Courthouse Notes

The Parmer County clerk's office recorded these warranty deeds last week:

Tomas Carranza - Johnny Carranza, .994 ac S6 T4S. Richard Ketcherside - Steve Powell, E 60' L5 B4 Mimo Addition.

Darrell Norton - David Norton, W/3 S41 Blk A. James Conlee - Conlee family trust, 5.668 ac s/ppt S20 Blk A Rhea Bros.

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Dimple Hand - Hand family living trust, 14.6 of L7-9 B8 Drake.

Milton Worsham - Eugene Besso, N 10.0' L22, L23-24, B26, Farwell.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

During a recent trip to the hill country in Texas, I was very humbled that many people across the state had yellow ribbons around trees, on mailboxes, etc. It is my belief that all servicemen and women belong to each and every one of us.

Some of my close friends always buy meals for service personnel when they are in uniform. Since they would not want their names mentioned, I will just tell you their initials -- G. and J.!

Please allow me to urge all Parmer and Curry residents to get on the bandwagon with yellow ribbons until all our troops are home. Local florists will do them for you and at a very reasonable cost.

Audrey Kittrell  
Texico

## Ground water storage tank requires fence, council told

The Farwell City Council on Tuesday was told that new federal safety rules put into effect after the 9/11 tragedy will mean that a 6-foot fence must be built around the ground water storage tank on 3rd Street.

In other business, the council:

-- Bought a new shredder from Southwest Ag Services.

-- Waived fees for building permits for the new county jail.

-- Approved a building permit for Dean Shover for a carport at 302 3rd St.

-- Discussed the on-going renovation at the new city hall. No date has been set for moving in.

-- Heard city clerk Cynthia Thigpen report she has contacted Clovis officials about the possi-

bility of taking strays from Farwell to the animal pound there since the Farwell animal pound must be closed within two years.

Clovis officials are looking into it.

## Windy day

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### Man of Galilee Influenced Many

Last Friday Jesus of Nazareth was put to death by crucifixion. Today the population of this capitol city was rocked by the startling news that he is alive! Who is this man who has made such an impact on the whole city and country?

Born in the city of Bethlehem about 33 years ago, Jesus spent most of his childhood and youth in Nazareth. He lived with his parents, Joseph and Mary, attending the regular Jewish schools and assisting his father in the carpenter shop.

It is reported that the popular preacher had an intense interest in people. On one of his trips to Jerusalem ten men afflicted with leprosy came to him for help. He directed them to report to the priests for inspection. It was on their way to the temple that they were healed.

Certainly a person who can heal a disease such as leprosy would be considered a desirable member of society.

While he and his disciples were resting in the plains near Bethsaida, over five thousand people came out to see and hear him. We are told that Jesus fed the whole group with five loaves of

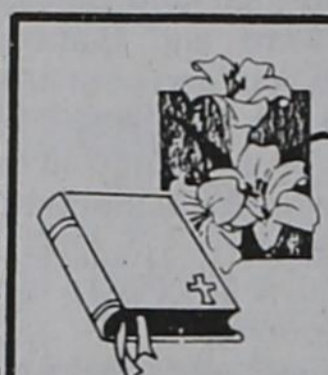
bread and two fish. It is no surprise that they wanted to proclaim him king at this point in his ministry.

When the daughter of Jairus died, we are told, she was restored to life by the words: "Damsel, I say to you, arise." Some of his followers tell us that even though his friend Lazarus had been dead four days, he called him back to life with the words: "Lazarus, come forth." It is not surprising that someone who apparently has power over life and death should be heralded as the Son of God.

Although his ministry was marked with concern and compassion for the masses, he nevertheless did take exception to many of the pronouncements and the activities of the leaders of the church. Because of this attitude, the church leaders refused to accept him.

Religious lawyers sought to discredit him in the eyes of the public. When this failed, they plotted his death. Persuading one of Jesus' own followers, Judas Iscariot, to betray him, they succeeded in a conspiracy which ultimately ended in his death.

But did they really succeed? Today it seems that even death could not silence Jesus of Nazareth. While opposition leaders are vigorously seeking to silence the startling reports of his resurrection, there are many others who now are certain that Jesus of Nazareth was not only sent from God, but that he is God Himself.



### From The Editor's Desk

We had a different editorial prepared for today's issue. But the news of the events of yesterday changed our plans.

With great interest we had followed the capture, trial and crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth. After He was buried on Friday, we turned to other things. But early yesterday morning, word came to us that this Jesus had returned to life.

What the events of the past weekend will mean to the world is rather difficult to ascertain on the day after Christ's resurrection. From this vantage point, it appears that we can expect great things. Some of the faithful followers of Christ remember the many prophecies concerning the Messiah's coming. Yesterday's events, according to reliable reports, indicate that the Messiah is none other than the risen Christ.

We are told that over four thousand years ago, the Lord reminded Abraham that the members of the Lord's church would be as numerous as sands upon the seashore. Does this mean that the message of the Messiah would cover the whole earth?

It is reported that on last Thursday night as Christ met privately with His disciples in the upper room, He prayed to God, saying, "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through thy word." Could it be that the news of Christ's resurrection will be proclaimed throughout the world?

Will the message of Jesus Christ invade the powerful strongholds of Greece and Rome? Is it possible that the risen Christ will become more important than the god Jupiter, or that Socrates and Plato will fade before this One who said, "I am the Son of God?"

It might be well that we all heed the words of the angel, "Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here; He is arisen! Remember how He spake unto you when He was yet in Galilee, saying, 'the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.'"

### Highlights of Jesus' Trial

Early Friday morning Jesus of Nazareth was brought by church-officials in Jerusalem to Governor Pontius Pilate for trial. Five days before, great multitudes of Passover-pilgrims and common people had welcomed Jesus of Nazareth to Jerusalem as the Christ, the King of Israel.

Church authorities expressed fear that such a popular acclaim might easily lead to insurrection and bloodshed. High priest Calaphas suggested that it would be better for one man to die than for the Jewish people to perish.

The charge brought by the church leaders before Pilate, was that Jesus was stirring up rebellion against the Roman Government by claiming to be Christ, a King. When examined by the Governor, Jesus said: "My kingdom is not of this world....Everyone that is of the truth heareth My voice."

Pilate ruled that teaching truth is no crime against civil government. King Herod, who was in Jerusalem at the time, agreed that Jesus of Nazareth was not guilty of organizing rebellion against civil authorities.

The Governor invoked the custom of pardoning

a prisoner at the Passover-feast. When given a choice the people called for the release of Barabbas and demanded the crucifixion of Jesus. To pacify the Jewish leaders Pilate had Jesus scourged and crowned with thorns, but to no avail. The church-leaders threatened to accuse Pilate of disloyalty to the Roman Emperor, if he failed to sentence Jesus to be crucified. Pilate agreed to do so after symbolically washing his hands to disavow any responsibility of the matter. Thereupon, the accusers expressed willingness to assume the blame by saying: "His blood be on us."

As the procession of the condemned made its way through the crowds on the way to Calvary, Jesus faltered under the weight of his cross. The soldiers drafted the services of a Passover pilgrim, Simon of Cyrene, to carry Jesus' cross. Of this man little is known except that he has two sons, Rufus and Alexander.

Only once did Jesus pause to speak. He then said, "Daughters of Jerusalem! Weep not for me, weep for yourselves and for your children." Briefly he spoke to them of the destruction which He said would come to the holy city of Jerusalem.

Reaching Calvary four soldiers then crucified Jesus and cast lots for His clothing. At the direction of Pilate the soldiers placed the superscription on his cross: JESUS OF NAZARETH, KING OF THE JEWS.

### Eyewitnesses Testify To Resurrection

Early yesterday morning several women set out for Joseph's garden to complete the task of anointing Christ's body. They kept asking each other, "Who shall roll away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?"

When they came to the grave they saw that the stone was rolled away. They could hardly believe their eyes, for on the stone was a most unusual person. He was dressed in a pure white garment and his face was as brilliant as lightning.

It is reported that this was an angel and that he told the women, "Fear not, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen as He said. Come see the place where you and the others put His body. Now go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the

dead, and He will meet you in Galilee."

The women left the grave and as they returned to the city they were met by the risen Jesus whom they immediately recognized.

Another follower of Jesus, Mary Magdalene, also came to the grave early yesterday. Mary remained at the grave and was very dejected over the absence of Christ's body. She even accused a man, whom she thought was the local gardener, of stealing the body. To her utter surprise, this man was none other than the risen Christ who identified Himself by calling her by her name.

Last evening, Jesus appeared to ten of his disciples in Jerusalem.

These appearances of Jesus verify that He is truly risen from the dead.

### Great Excitement in Emmaus

Late Sunday afternoon a young man, Cleopas, related a strange experience he had earlier in the day.

According to Cleopas, the crucified Messiah is not only alive, but has been seen, talked to and dined with, all during the past twelve hours.

A stranger joined Cleopas and a friend as they traveled to Emmaus. This trio discussed the recent events in Jerusalem. The stranger seemed to be unaware of all the excitement of the last few days.

He asked Cleopas and his friend why they were so sad. Cleopas then explained that their sadness was because Jesus of Nazareth was put to death and even though it was reported that Jesus was alive, no one had seen Him.

When they arrived at Emmaus, they invited this stranger for supper. "It was during the act of blessing the bread that we recognized Him as the risen Christ," Cleopas claimed. "But before we could greet Him and express our joy, He was gone."

Returning to Jerusalem, Cleopas and his friend met with Jesus' disciples and reported what had happened on their trip to Emmaus.

Peter and John related their experience of that morning. They had rushed to the tomb when they heard of the possible resurrection. They found the tomb empty, but identified the grave clothes as those used to wrap Jesus' body for burial.

Suddenly Jesus Himself stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you."

### Charges Church Trial Fake

Charges were made today that the trial of Jesus of Nazareth before the Church Court last Friday was not legal. In an exclusive interview, Joseph of Arimathea, a member of the Sanhedrin, claimed that the death sentence was not unanimous and that a gross miscarriage of justice was committed.

Incensed over the action of the court and claiming an innocent man had been condemned, the eminent counselor referred to the following five improper actions of the court:

1) It is illegal to begin court action at night; yet the first appearance of Jesus before the court took place at approximately two o'clock in the morning

2) It is illegal to hold court on Friday, the day before the Sabbath, or on the day preceding a high festival; yet Jesus was tried on Friday, the day preceding the Passover.

3) It is illegal to try a prisoner without benefit of defense; yet no witnesses were called in defense of Jesus. (The counselor claims that he called this point specifically to the attention of his fellow-jurists, but that it was denied)

4) It is illegal to try a man and to pronounce capital punishment within one day; yet Jesus was apprehended, arraigned, tried and crucified within less than eighteen hours.

5) Finally, it is illegal to pass the death sentence on the testimony of one witness alone; yet Joseph claims that none of the witnesses for the prosecution agreed in their testimony against Jesus, and STILL the court condemned him!

The jurist claimed that he refused to vote for condemnation at the trial. Among other obvious reasons, he stated that he is convinced that Jesus of Nazareth is actually the promised Messiah, the Hope of Israel! For this reason he made the new sepulcher in his spacious garden available for the burial of the Nazarene. He also stated that for the same reason, Nicodemus, a respected teacher of religion, assisted in the final rites for Jesus in the garden late Friday afternoon.

### Centurion Testifies

The centurion, who was in charge of the crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth and responsible for preserving law and order, gave what may be considered the most eloquent testimony of all in regard to the person who was crucified on Calvary's hill.

He had been a silent witness to all that happened. When questioned soon after the events of Friday, he spoke with conviction. He stated that there had been a great miscarriage of justice, since the words and actions of the man crucified were not those of a man guilty of crime.

When asked who he thought the crucified man was, he replied, "To the best of my knowledge, He was, as He Himself said, the Son of God." That this sort of testimony should come from a man trained in the rigors and discipline of the Roman army is indeed surprising. It is proof that the death of Jesus of Nazareth has had an impact on all with whom He came in contact. Could it be that this confession of the centurion will encourage other centurions to confess Jesus as Lord and Savior?

### Reluctant To Condemn Jesus

Checking the transcript of the trial held last week in Pilate's court, this reporter notes that the governor was very reluctant to order the execution of Jesus of Nazareth. The flow of events proves that the Governor placed himself in an awkward position before the church leaders. It must be said nonetheless that had Pilate been more a judge and less a politician, only two men would have been crucified last Friday.

It is quite apparent that from the time of the preliminary examination until the final signing of the death warrant, Pilate was convinced that the prisoner was innocent of the charges preferred. He sensed that the charges were merely a cover-up and that it was envy that motivated the insistence upon the death sentence of Jesus.

Throughout the trial one can hear Pilate stating "I find no fault in him at all."

It is interesting to note that the esteemed governor sought justice. Hearing that the governor of Galilee was in the city, he sent the prisoner, who was a Galilean, to Herod. However, after examining Jesus, Herod gave the verdict "Not Guilty."

It was at this time that the Governor invoked the use of the age-old Passover custom of releasing a criminal from jail. Shrewdly he selected Barabbas, a hated and dangerous killer. The governor thought that society would not want this crazed rebel and murderer back in circulation. To his distress the leaders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas' freedom and Jesus' death.

Sensing that the crowd would be satisfied with nothing less than blood, the judge compromised justice and ordered the innocent prisoner scourged. Dripping with blood, disheveled and thorn-crowned, Jesus was presented to the crowd as Pilate announced: "Behold, I bring him forth unto you that you may know that I find no fault in him. Behold the Man." Again the crowd would not be pacified. The Governor finally reconciled himself to the fact that neither compromise nor reason would satisfy the mob.

It was then that the opposition took command calling out: "If you release this man, you are not the emperor's friend." Was this a veiled threat? Would Pilate's past misdeeds be reported to Caesar? Reluctantly but deliberately, he washed his hands before the mob, saying: "I am innocent of the blood of this just Person; see to it yourselves." Reluctantly he signed the death warrant for Jesus of Nazareth. Justice finally had been trampled into the dust. Pilate had sold out to the opposition.

This raises some interesting questions: Will Rome condone such action in its courts? Can Pilate continue as Governor? What, in fact, does the future hold for Pilate? Time alone will tell.

### Jesus' Burial Near Calvary

Friday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. Jesus of Nazareth died.

Joseph of Arimathea requested permission from Pilate to bury the body in his new tomb which is close to Calvary. The Roman governor granted the request.

Because of the lateness in the day and the approaching Sabbath, the preparation of the body for burial was not completed.

### Last Words Of Jesus Unusual

The death of Jesus of Nazareth was unlike any other death. Even the words of this dying man were extraordinary.

After Jesus was nailed to the cross and the cross was placed in an upright position, He prayed for pardon and forgiveness for His enemies. A Roman soldier remarked, "Usually we are cursed to death in hell."

A conversation took place between Jesus on the center cross and the thief who was crucified on His right. The thief apparently recognized in Jesus more than criminal traits as he asked to be remembered by Him in His kingdom. The thief received the answer, "Today you shall be with Me in paradise."

Great concern was expressed about the darkness which prevailed for three hours, from noon to three in the afternoon. Out of that darkness Jesus was heard to cry in a tone of anguish and intense suffering, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken Me?"

It became apparent that Jesus was going through more than physical suffering in His body. There appeared to be a deeper anguish and suffering that went beyond the torment of crucifixion.

A few minutes before His death he shouted, "It is finished!" That appeared to be a shout of victory. Was it a victory just to die? Or was there some other victory or accomplishment He gained through this suffering and death?

At this time analysts are trying to piece together these words of Jesus of Nazareth to determine what meaning they carry. The question being asked is, "Was Jesus giving His life in place of others rather than dying for any crimes He had committed?"

### Events in Nature Cause Concern

Phenomena in nature during the past few days have caused the citizens of the area no small concern.

Friday from noon till 3:00 p.m. this city and all the region, possibly the whole world, was shrouded in darkness. Never before in the history of man, as far as can be determined, has the middle sun been completely darkened. This phenomenon was not an eclipse of the sun, since the Passover is held during the period of the full moon, thus making the eclipse impossible.

Two earth tremors of considerable intensity were reported. It seems uncanny if not ominous, that the first quake occurred precisely at the moment Jesus of Nazareth died. The time of the second tremor coincides with the time the Roman guards reported the tomb was opened and found empty.

Such happenings certainly challenge rational and scientific explanation. Can it be that history will pronounce these events, "acts of God?"

### Judas Iscariot Suicide Victim

Late Friday night a body was found hanging from a rope at the outskirts of Jerusalem. The dead man has been identified as Judas Iscariot, the treasurer of the disciples of Jesus of Nazareth.

Judas had contracted with the church officials to betray Jesus into their hands for thirty pieces of silver. Once the deed was done, Judas apparently was plagued with guilt feelings.

It is reported he tried to return the money to the church officials but they were totally unconcerned. This refusal to accept his offer sparked the traitor's suicide.

### Secret Follower Interviewed

Nicodemus, a teacher of religion in Jerusalem, has come out openly in support of the cause of Jesus of Nazareth. One of our reporters secured an interview with the aging religious leader who is rumored to have assisted with the interment of the body of Jesus in Joseph's garden.

It was revealed that Nicodemus has had an increasing conviction that Jesus is the Messiah. On occasion the two met secretly.

In answer to our reporter's questions as to why he considered Jesus to be the promised Messiah, Nicodemus read the following words from Isaiah: "He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our grief, and carried our sorrows; yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."

Turning from the prophecy, Nicodemus stated, "I can't help believing that these words, as well as many others in the prophecy speak of Jesus Christ. You reporters covered his trial. You were out there on Golgotha when they crucified him. You saw how they manhandled him, how they scoffed and mocked him. What do you think?"

"It may cost me my position; it may even cost me my life, but I can't keep still any longer. I'm ashamed that I haven't spoken out sooner."

"When I recall the events of his life and the words of the scriptures about the Messiah, I cannot but say that this Jesus is the promised Son of God, our Messiah!"

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