

**Just So Ya Know---
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No Call For Local Election Of School Board, City Council

The March 19 filing deadline for Friona city council and Friona ISD board expired with the exact number of candidates for available seats.

As a result, there will be no need for a local election to be included in the May 3 general election ballot.

The three incumbents on

the city council whose terms are expiring, Jim Atwell, Terry Sharrock and Mark Osborn, all refilled as candidates and were unopposed, eliminating the need for an election.

Of the three school board members whose terms were expiring, two refilled for election. Incumbent Don Carthel, current school board

president, did not refile.

Board incumbents Loraine Anthony and Joe Santellana refilled and newcomer Mitch Smiley also filed which filled the three openings.

School officials said with three openings and three candidates, that the school board election would not be included in May 3 voting.



REET OR SNAIL?---There were differing opinions around town about whether last Tuesday's moisture was a combination of rain and sleet (which equals "reet") or a combination of snow and hail (which equals "snail"). Whatever it was, it covered the ground with white and we were thankful for it.

RAIN, SLEET, HAIL, ETC.

First Moisture For 2003 Is Received!

Well, it had to come sooner or later...and unfortunately for Parmer County farmers, it was later.

We're referring to moisture, of course.

The first beneficial moisture of any kind for 2003 fell in parts of the area on Tuesday, at least giving farmers and city folks with lawns and gardens some hope for the future.

Friona's official recording station, operated by publisher Bill Ellis, received .72 inches in the Tuesday-Wednesday recording period.

This was the biggest two-day moisture reading since 1.71 was registered back on October 23-24, 2002.

And Tuesday's .50 inch reading on Tuesday was likewise the most one-day moisture since October 24, 2002, which registered 1.10 inches.

Tuesday's moisture came in just about every fashion possible. Having reached a temperature of 67 degrees, the "front" first brought rain showers.



With the temperature dropping suddenly into the 40s, the Friona station observed some snow, sleet, and even hail, which went into the official rain barrel.

The observer also noticed an amount of bird poop which was about all the rain barrel had caught since the snow just before last Christmas.

Farmers probably recall that when that October moisture was received, they were wishing that the rain would hold off long enough for them to finish harvesting their possibly record cotton crop.

They didn't intend for their "wishes" to bring on a five-month drought. That was more than they needed.

The winter wheat has already been severely affected by the lack of moisture. In fact, the dryland crop may have already made the "abandoned" category.

For those who have sprinklers, this week's moisture will be a nice supplement, and help the crop rebound.

But it wasn't a drought-breaker, by any means.

Prior to Tuesday, the only 2003 moisture registered in Friona's gauge has been .01 from a trace of snow on February 7, and another .02 reading on February 27.

Oops, We Goofed!

Last week's issue of the Friona Star failed to include our "Around Town" column.

As a result, some events which we intended to "plug" did not get in the paper.

The Star apologizes for this oversight.

Rainy Night For WTRT Annual Co-Op Meeting

West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative members braved a cold rainy night to attend the co-op's 49th annual meeting Tuesday, March 18, at the Bull Barn in Hereford.

The attendance estimate was more than 1,100 members present. After the

barbecue dinner catered by Rafter G's of Umbarger, the business meeting included election of directors.

Charles Myers, Jr. of the Hub exchange and Floyd Schueler of the Parmer exchange were uncontested and incumbent Dick Fellers of the Dawn exchange won over challenger Gerald Parker.

Also, J.B. Noland, who had served on the co-op board 28 years representing the Summerfield exchange, resigned due to health concerns. His replacement is Charles Ray, who was appointed to complete Noland's term.

WTRT manager Tom Hyer reported a successful year for the co-op with an operating revenue of \$5.2 million and non-operating income of \$269,245. Net income for the year was \$243,835.

There was also \$59,580 in uncollectible revenue, which is high, but Hyer said it was a direct result of the bankruptcies of Enron and World-Com.

The crowd also had an opportunity to win over \$500 in door prizes awarded to members.



A MESSAGE FROM THIS NEWSPAPER AND THE DPS TROOPERS

Public Performance Of One-Act Play Tuesday

Friona High School's one-act play for 2003 is titled "The Diviners."

A public performance of the play will be presented on Tuesday, March 25, at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Admission is free.

The cast of characters for this year's productions are:

Andrew Merrell, Basil Bennett; Ty Potts, Dewey Maples; Micah White, Buddy Layman; Pedro Ramos, Melvin Wilder; Kyla Graham, Luella Bennett.

Also, Lory Wylly, Jennie Mae Layman; Michael Johns-

ton, C.C. Showers; Justin McCasland, Ferris Layman; Sara Widner, Norma Henshaw; Stephenie Jones, Goldie Short; Kimberlee Jones, Darlene Henshaw.

Crew staff includes stage manager, Victor Favela; assistant stage manager, Chance Hutson; sound, Mashay White; lights, Chad Hutson; student assistant, Josh Rivera.

Also, props, Joey Bentley; make-up, Arati Bhakta; costumes, Gay Taylor; director, Erika Montana; technical director, Joy Morton.

SINCE EVERYONE WHO has a means to do so has expressed his/her opinion on the matter of what has happened to America's economy, this humble reporter decided he might as well weigh in on the subject. Why not?

Could it possibly be that our nation is beginning to reap the harvest of national policies of the past 10-15 years which has allowed thousands of American plants--manufacturing, textile production, etc., to close, while at the same time expanding the imports by America, especially from "third world" countries.

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If you buy fruit on a regular basis, you have no doubt noticed that more and more of these items are being brought in from other countries. When our farmers and ranchers have to meet strict rules in raising their food items, it hardly seems fair that we would allow food to be imported when the public has no idea whatsoever as to how those food items were produced. Were pesticides used? What kinds?

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Most countries around the world have policies which state that they will not buy, nor import, products which will compete with those growing, or manufacturing that product in their country.

At the top of this list is usually the farmers. Virtually every other country will consistently balk at importing anything from milk to molasses, or soup to hay, if someone in that country is already spending his hard-earned money and using the sweat of his brow, to produce that product.

For the last several years, the U.S. has been losing farmers in droves. It is getting harder and harder for American farmers to make a profit, due to the continuing increase in prices of energy, coupled with the low prices for commodities when they are ready to sell.

Such institutions as NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) and the W.T.O. (World Trade Organization) have been championed by recent presidential administrations as being "just what the doctor ordered" as far as helping our American producers and manufacturers to sell their products.

They haven't worked. As a matter of fact, it seems from this corner that the W.T.O. is costing American jobs, rather than creating them.

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Our nation seems to be failing to support our farmers by allowing him a price that would allow him to make a just profit.

What will happen when our farmers have been put out of business?

Will we then depend on China, Mexico, or Chile for all of our foodstuffs? If so, then we'll pay whatever price they decide to charge us, besides not knowing exactly how the particular food was produced. What kinds of standards did they meet?

America's farmers could easily feed the world, if they were allowed to do so. We'd better let them do it, or someday we may be reminded of how things were in the late 1920s and early 30s, when there wasn't enough food to go around.

Star Lites by Bill Ellis



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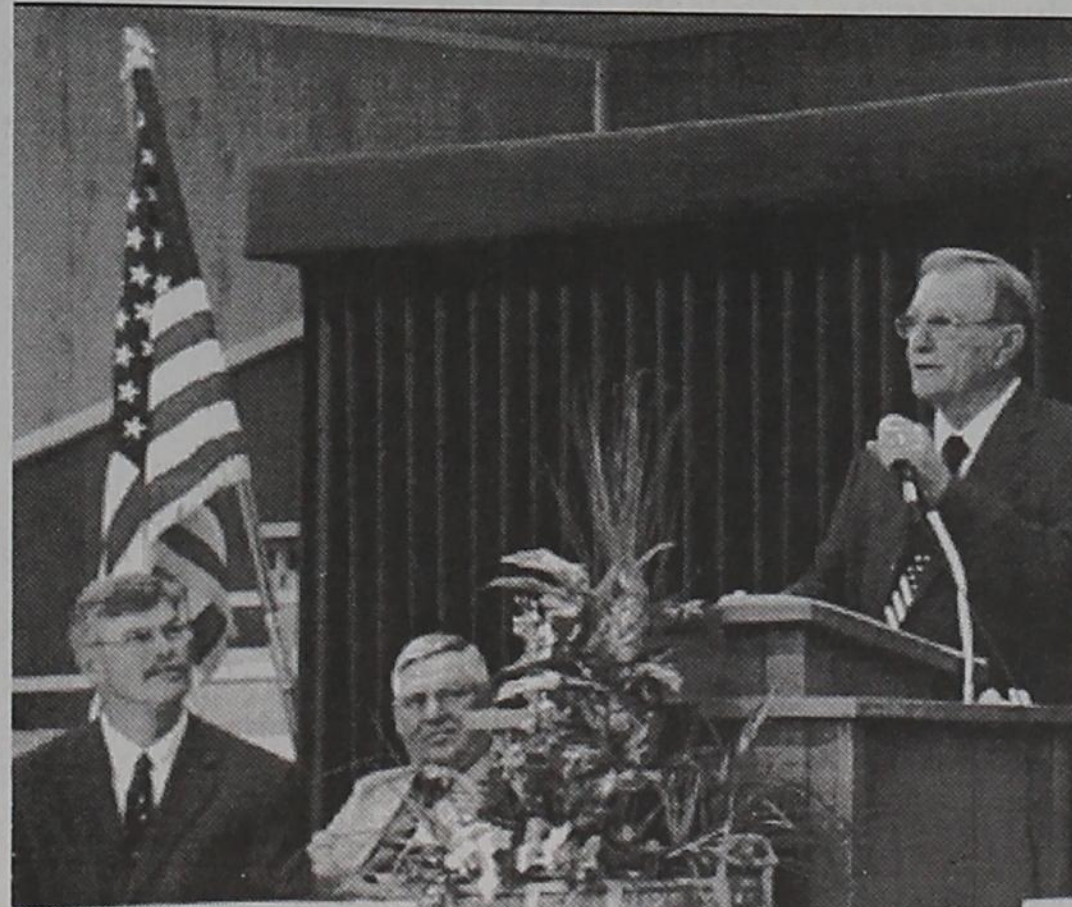
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RECEIVING five-year service awards at the WTRT annual meeting Tuesday were, l-r, Cindy Butman and Cherry Wells. They are employed at the WT Services office in Friona.



WTRT MANAGER Tom Hyer is at the podium during the WTRT annual meeting Tuesday at the Bull Barn in Hereford. At left are WTRT directors Charles Christian and Carl Strafuss. The dinner and business meeting hosted over 1,100 people.

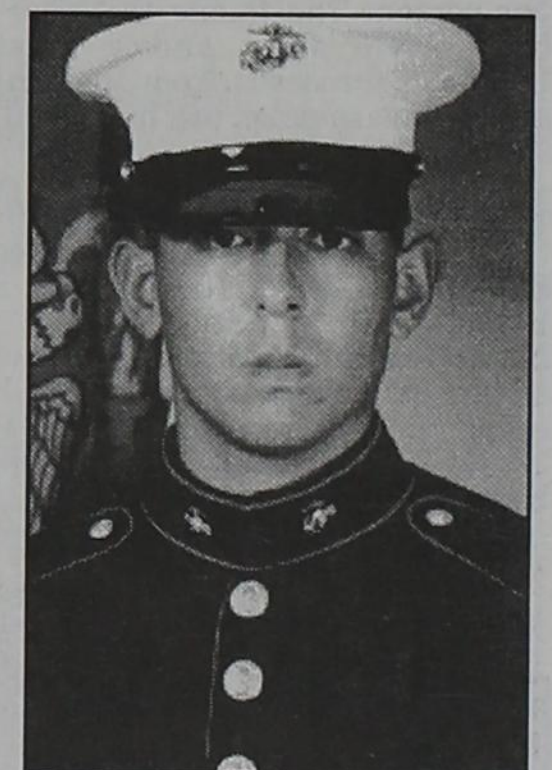
About all those "moisture dates" accomplished was messing up vehicle windshields and the owner's wash jobs.

Prior to Wednesday's "high temperature" of 46 degrees, the lowest maximum temp for March had been 40 degrees on March 3. Last Saturday, the high temp was (officially) 78 degrees, although many temperature gauges hit the 80-degree mark.

Spring winds have already set in, so the hope locally is that the weather pattern change of this week will continue, so as to give relief from the early hot, windy days we have already experienced.

Temperatures locally for the past week were:

Date	Hi-Low
Friday, March 14	78-44
Saturday, March 15	76-42
Sunday, March 16	75-44
Monday, March 17	64-36
Tuesday, March 18	67-37
Wednesday, Mar. 19	46-37
Thursday, March 20	60-37



ROLAND HERRERA, JR Herrera Deployed to Kuwait

CPL. Roland Herrera, Jr., enlisted in the US Marines in June 1998, following his graduation from Gruver High School.

He has seen a lot of the world during his five years in the Marines. His enlistment was recently extended for one year.

Herrera is stationed in Yuma, Arizona. He is an air traffic controller.

He got married January 17, 2003, and on February 8 was deployed to Kuwait.

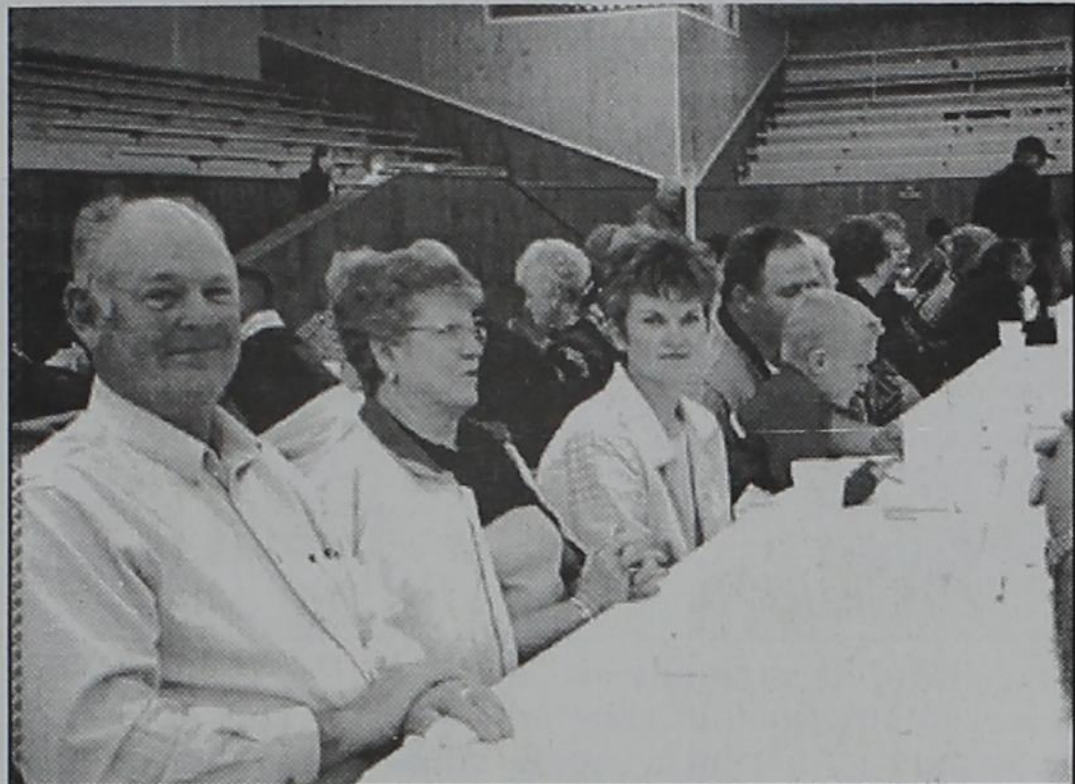
Roland is the son of Rebecca and Jesus Borunda of Friona and the late Roland Herrera, Sr. His brother, Matthew Borunda, was a 2002 graduate of Friona High School.

Friona Flashbacks

...from the files of The Friona Star



DOOR PRIZES totaling over \$500 were given away to members at the WTRT annual meeting. WTRT employees handed out the prizes. ron carr photos



ENJOYING THE meal and fellowship at the WTRT annual meeting were, l-r, George and Aundrea Frye, and Kim and Mitchell Smiley and son Hayden.

Around Town

Church of Christ gospel meeting

The Sixth Street Church of Christ will host a gospel meeting Sunday, Mar 23 thru Wednesday, Mar 26. Speaker will be Paul Shero, minister of the Southgate Church of Christ in San Angelo where he has preached the past 25 years. Sunday worship is at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Mon-Wed services are at 7 p.m. Luncheons will be held each day, Sun-Wed, at 11:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Understanding Islam series to be held

A series of one-hour programs to provide a better understanding of Islam will be held at the Friona junior high auditorium on Sundays, Mar 23, Mar 30, and Apr 6, at 6 p.m. The speaker will be Dr. Lamuel Salik of the Episcopal Church in Hereford. The educational series is sponsored by the Friona Ministerial alliance.

Band boosters Mar 25

Friona Band Boosters will meet on Tuesday, Mar 25, at 7 p.m. in the FHS band hall.

Handweavers meeting Mar 27

The Palo Duro Handweaver's Guild monthly meeting is on Mar 27 at 7:30 p.m. in Amarillo. Anyone interested in weaving, spinning, dyeing or fiber arts is welcome. Discussion will include a September weaving workshop to be taught by Judy Steinkoenig from Boulder, Co. For meeting location or information call Becky Martin at 358-2765.

Tickets available for April luncheons

Tickets for the Heritage Society's annual "Luncheons in the Depot" are on sale now at the Chamber of Commerce office. The four luncheons will be held each Thursday in April. Seating is limited. Call the Chamber at 250-3491 or Lois Norwood at 250-3209 to reserve your place. Tickets are \$10 per person. The theme this year is Hawaiian Luau. There will be a style show and/or musical entertainment for each luncheon. Proceeds from the luncheons go toward maintenance and renovations of the historic Santa Fe Depot Building.

POPS dinner concert at ENMU Apr 12

The 2003 POPS dinner concert featuring University Symphonic Band, the Swanee Singers and the Faculty Jazz Players, will be Saturday, Apr 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Eastern New Mexico University campus ballroom. Admission is \$25, advanced tickets only. For mail orders, send check or money order to POPS Concert, PO Box 195, Clovis, NM 88101. Ticket requests must be received by Apr 8. For questions call Nancy Gressett at 505-762-0619.

75 Yrs Ago - Mar. 16, 1928
Whether to remain a village or to become an incorporated town with a commission form of government will be decided by voters of Friona on Monday, March 19, the date set for the special election.

Mr. F.T. Schlenker, whose farm is about 14 miles west of Friona, last week sold sixty head of graded Hereford cows, for the sum of \$4,000, or an average of \$66.66 per head.

60 Yrs Ago - Mar. 19, 1943
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Landrum have sold the Regal Theatre to Bill McGlothlin, who will take charge within the very near future, it is reported this week. Mr. and Mrs. Landrum will also sell their residence property in Friona to McGlothlin and their farm near Rhea to other parties, but have not as yet decided on their next location or plans.

55 Yrs Ago - Mar. 19, 1948
The Friona Chamber of Commerce was revived and reorganized at a meeting in Friona Monday night, when Fred Phelps, secretary-manager of the Portales (N.M.) Chamber of Commerce, addressed a group of Friona businessmen. A temporary board of directors was formed, with W.L. Edelman as chairman. Members are Nelson Welch, C.W. Dixon, Hoyt Smith, Weldon Dickson, Otho Whitefield and Ray Landrum.

50 Yrs Ago - Mar. 19, 1953
Construction of the first drive-in theatre in Parmer County is scheduled to commence within a few days at Friona. Marvin Lawson, who will build and operate the theatre, states that everything possible is being done to provide a modern drive-in, with equipment already in order. Goal for completion date is May 15.

45 Yrs Ago - Mar. 19, 1948
Construction began this week on a 600,000 bushel capacity addition to the Black Grain Company. Completion is scheduled for June 1, in order to be ready for this year's wheat harvest. Saturday, March 29 has been set as the last day of business under the present ownership of the City Steam Laundry, according to E.E. Houlette, owner.

40 Yrs Ago - Mar. 21, 1963
Friona's Squaws, losers to Little Cypress in the semi-finals, 57-46, trounced Cotulla, 64-38, for third place in the state tournament last weekend. Two Squaws, Janet Buckley and Kay Bureson, were named to the All-State team.

"Star Lites," a column written by young editor Bill Ellis, appeared in the Friona Star for the first time.

35 Yrs Ago - Mar. 21, 1968
Open house for Missouri Beef Packers' Friona plant has been set for Saturday, April 20, it was announced this week. Activities at the world's largest beef processing plant, including a "name" guest speaker are in the works, according to Charles Allen, president of the Friona Chamber of Commerce.

Jack Hightower, state senator for the 30th senatorial district, will be the guest speaker for the Friona Chamber of Commerce installation banquet, April 5.

30 Yrs Ago - Mar. 22, 1973
The Friona High School Band came home with the coveted sweepstakes award from the UIL contests Tuesday in Dimmitt. School officials say it may be the first-ever such award for Friona High School.

Cindy Hutson, Friona High School senior, will participate as one of the first ten selections for the Third Annual Panhandle Girls' High School All-Star Basketball Game, Saturday, in Amarillo.

A piece of Americana in Friona is about to go the way of the Model-T Ford and the penny post card. The penny peanut machine, a long-established American institution, is about to be replaced at Friona Consumers. The supplier says that when the present stock of peanuts is gone, the machine will be replaced by a

nickel model.

25 Yrs Ago - Mar. 19, 1978
Mach Heald, County Extension Agent for Parmer County since 1970, has resigned his position effective April 1, to enter private business in Farwell.

John Carson, Friona High School senior, became the 12th Friona youngster in 14 years to be named winner in the "Government in Action" youth tour program. He will make a trip to Washington, D.C. this summer.

20 Yrs Ago - Mar. 20, 1983
The top four exhibitors in Friona High School's Science Fair for 1983 were Brian Edelman, Jo Schueler, Brent Hinkle and Lynn Stevens. The foursome, along with several other FHS students, will enter their projects in the regional Science Fair next week.

H.R. (Bill) Denney, Friona Chief of Police for the past 13-1/2 years, this week tendered his resignation, effective May 31.

15 Yrs Ago - Mar. 19, 1988
Allsup's Store No. 217 was the target of a daring daylight robbery last Friday March 11. A white male, believed to be 20-25 years of age, about six feet tall and 175 pounds, took an undetermined amount of cash from the store while threatening the clerk, Dede Evans, with a pocket knife.

10 Yrs Ago - Mar. 20, 1993
Varla Wilcox and David Goddard were honored as Friona's Woman and Man of the Year at the 1993 Chamber Banquet last Saturday. Pat Wright was honored as Employee of the Year and Tena Stephens was named as Teacher of the Year. Jessica Alvarado and Jon Parker were singled out as the community's outstanding young people.

5 Yrs Ago - Mar. 20, 1998
Jim D. Parker, principal of Friona's Primary School was named as Superintendent of Friona ISD, effective July 1, 1998.

Friona's High School Thespians will present a public performance of the one-act play, "A Company of Wayward Saints," on Monday, March 23 at 7:30 p.m.



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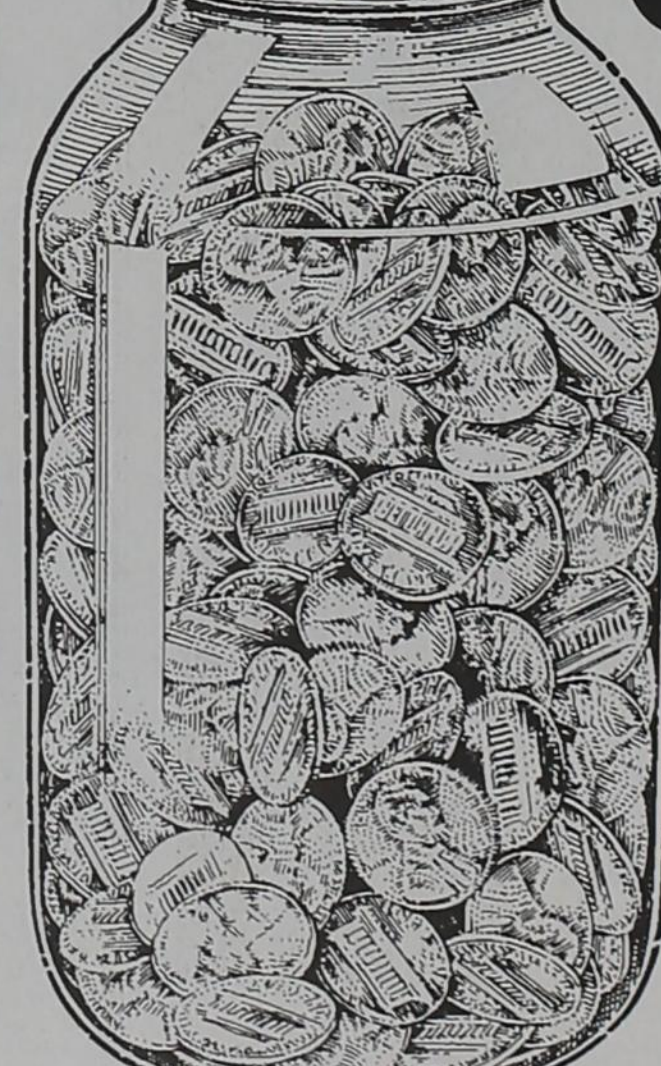
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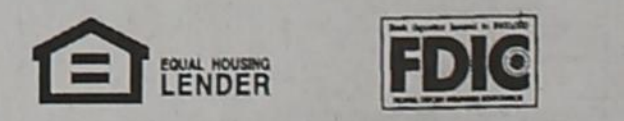
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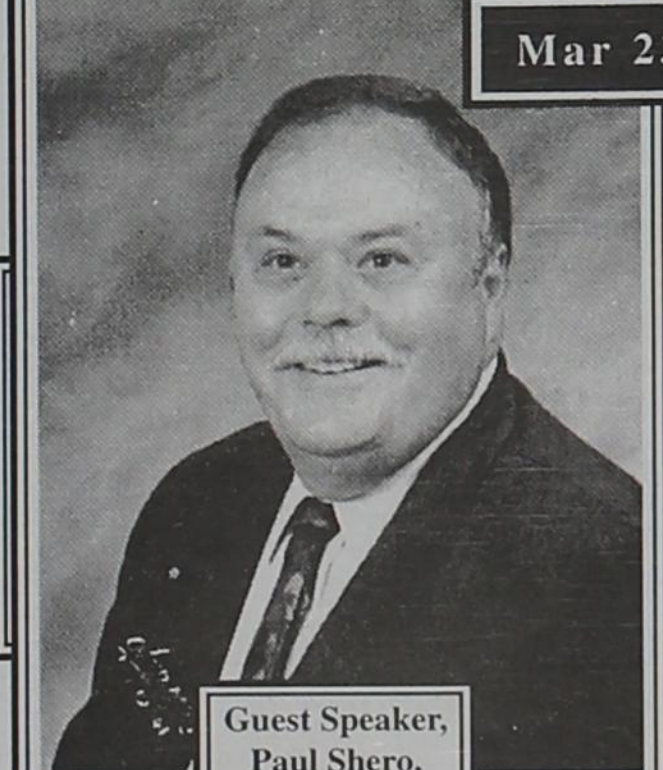


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Sunday Morning Bible Class - "Revival Begins With God" (Ex. 4)

Sunday Morning Worship - "Hindrances to Revival" (Ex. 8-11)

Sunday 2:00 pm Worship - "God Saves Us Through Our Faith" (Ex. 17)

Monday pm - "What Do You Do When You Are In An Impossible Situation" (Ex. 14)

Tuesday pm - "Connection Between Heaven and Earth" (Ex. 17)

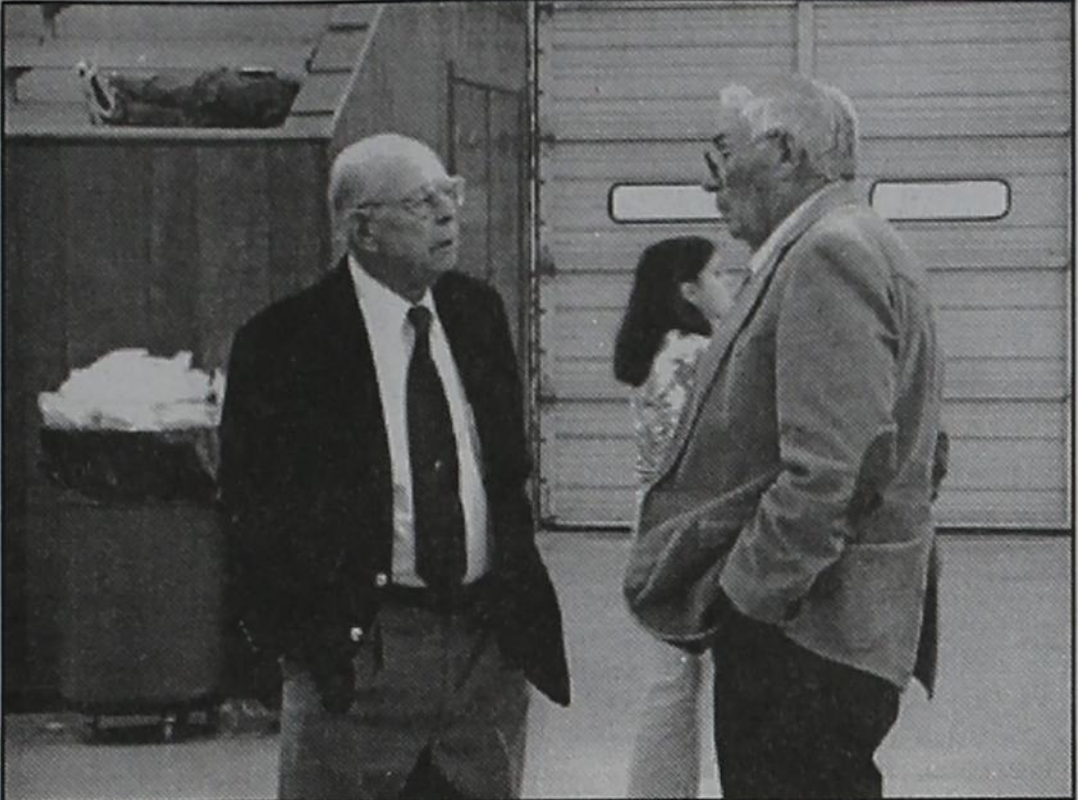
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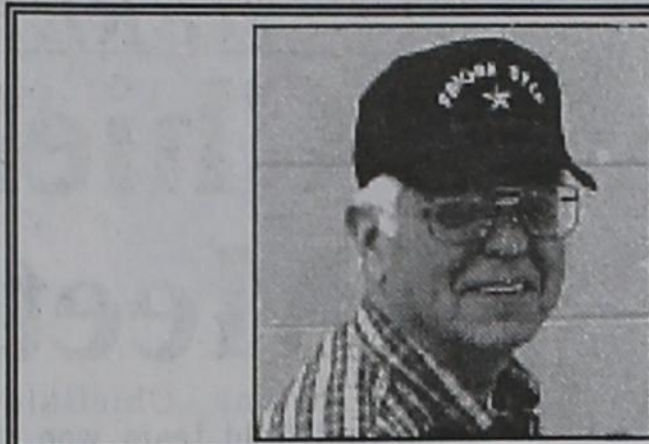
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CHARLES MYERS CHATS WITH IRA HOLT AT THE WRTT ANNUAL MEETING



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Out Here

By Ron Carr

Scrap The Standard Tests!

Have you been keeping up with the education money crisis? It seems a lot of school programs that are facing the dreaded budget ax?

It will be hard to do with the threat of the "rockets red glare" over Iraq and the promised retaliation by Al Qaeda, but somebody better figure out what to do about our school money. Or else we will be turning out a mass of half-educated morons that couldn't pour something out of a boot.

(I haven't checked with Jim Parker and Michael Downes on the money situation around here.)

Let's first agree on this: the education system is in a mess because of grownups. The kids didn't have anything to do with the shortfall.

According to news reports, school programs are facing cuts of \$635 million this year and next. Initial plans asked for \$2.8 billion in cuts to public education.

Governor Perry wants to cut reading and math programs that President Bush has been promoting. The state legislators debated this one into the night.

Some other areas being considered for cuts surprised me. Not that they are being cut but that we had them to start with.

Exhibitors Place At SS

Suzanne Aragon of Lazbuddie exhibited the Champion Spot barrow at the 2003 Houston Livestock Show.

Other placing barrows included: Abby Johnson, third Class 2 Duroc; Caleb Christian, fourth Class 2 Cross; Ryan DeLeon, eleventh Class 2 Cross; Josh Curtis, eighteenth Class 5 Cross; and Matt Billingsley, eighteenth Class 3 Duroc.

They want to ax programs aimed at helping ninth graders stay in school. I didn't know we had a program like that and if we do, I say we ought to cut it. Why are ninth graders any more important than other grades?

Here's another: put off a \$318 million purchase of social studies and other textbooks that do not effect subjects included on state tests.

Read that again. It says our kids do not need books other than those that will help them pass state standard tests. If you've read this column more than once you know I am opposed to standard tests.

Until the day we get standard kids, we do not need standard tests. But our state leaders, in their dire efforts to cut money, say just give the little bums books so they can pass the state tests. Forget individuality, creativity, and self expression.

Here is the one I found most interesting. Did you know that we have education programs that "help children deal with grief, anger management and stress from state tests."

Stress from state tests? They force children to take state tests, then hire people to counsel them about grief, anger management and stress from those very same tests. What's wrong with this picture?

A report said that Del Valle school district counselor Karen Greenwade helps 1,000 children under this program. She pleaded with the education budget guys to avoid a proposed \$15 million cut to this program.

The State of Texas spends \$15 million or more on this program? I can tell you how they handled grief and stress over tests when I was in school: get your butt in there

and study and if you fail I'll be kicking it when you get home.

Teachers had reputations for hard tests or easy tests. I don't remember there being any studies about kids being smarter if teachers gave hard tests vs. easy ones.

Besides, we didn't care so much about tests in those days. I don't remember any of my classmates looking at tests as life or death issues.

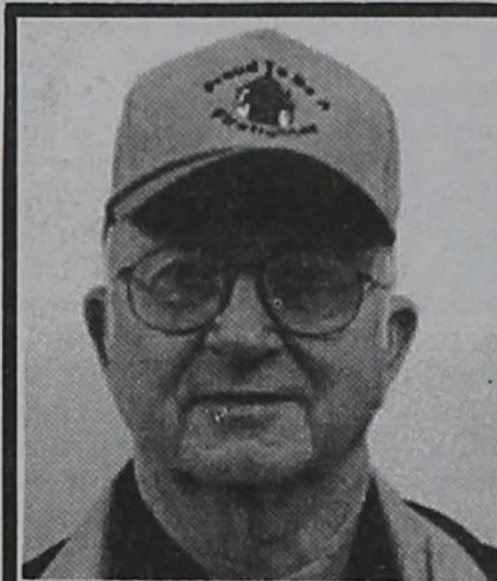
Multiple choice, true or false and essay questions. Didn't make a bunch of difference. You memorized as much as you could the night before, hoped you could remember it until class time, then forgot it again on the way to the gym.

Perry and other state Republican leaders say education is their top priority, and vowed not to raise taxes to cover the shortfall.

Right now all eyes and ears are pointed toward Iraq. Soon as that skirmish is over, we need to straighten out the schools so kids can learn what they need to learn, not what we force them to learn.

It's the grownups that got our schools in this predicament in the first place. Here's a suggestion to the grownups in Austin. Buy books that kids need, not ones that you think they need.

And put some discipline back into the schools then let the parents deal with their kid's anger management.



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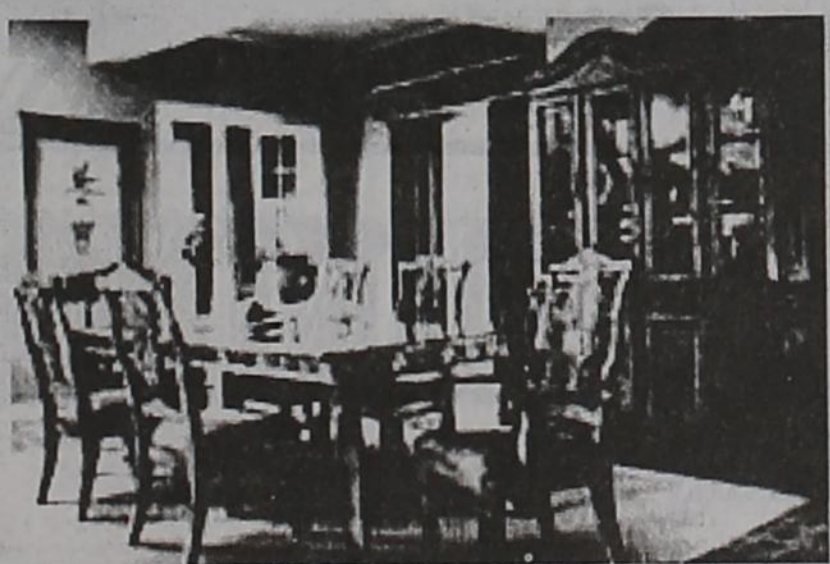
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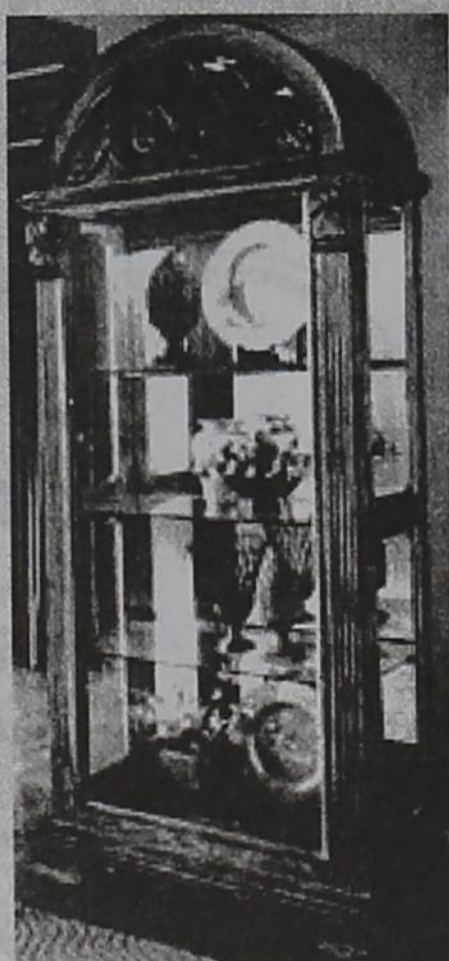
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JV Boys Compete In Meet

The Chieftain junior varsity track team competed in the Hereford meet last week, with limited success.

The 1600-meter relay team placed fourth with a time of 3:58.77. Team members are Ben Santiago, Steven Sanchez, David Davila and Andrew Chico.

Emmanuel Vega placed fourth in the shot put event at 38-11.5, and also was fourth in the discus throw with a 114-7 mark.

David Davila placed sixth in the 800-meter run at 2:15.27, to round out Friona's scoring. The team scored 17 points.

Girls' JV Scores At Hereford

The Squaws' JV scored 11 points at the Hereford meet.

Friona's 1600-meter relay team placed fifth with a time of 4:55. Team members were Yvonne Ramos, Breanne Barnett, Morgan Leal and Jessica Silva.

The 800-meter relay group also placed fifth. That foursome included Misses Ramos, Leal, Silva and Kristi Cheney.

Jisella Torres placed fifth in the discus throw at 61-6, and Miss Barnett placed sixth in the triple jump with a mark of 27-9.75.

7th Braves Score Win At Dimmitt

The Friona seventh grade Braves used wins by all three of its relay teams to win the Dimmitt track meet with a total of 154 points.

In addition to the relay teams, Dillon Welch gave Friona a win in the discus event.

The Braves got two second places and five thirds in winning their division.

Point-winners were:

Shot put: 5. Gerald Chavarria, 27-8.
Discus: 1. Dillon Welch, 98-9; 2. Jacob Gonzalez, 82-5; 3. Hudson, 78-4.

High jump: 3. Eric North, 4-10; 5. Sawyer Reed, 4-8.
Pole vault: 4. Efrain Rocha, 6-6.

Long jump: 5. Gerald Padilla, 14-0.
Triple jump: 4. Ryan Geries, 27.25.

2400-meter run: 2. Alex Gurley, 10:30; 3. Juan Vera, 11:02; 4. Ramirez, 11:34.

400-meter relay: 1. (George Padilla, Ryan Geries, North, Daniel Vazquez), 54.37.

110-meter hurdles: 4. Welch, 21.65.
100-meter dash: 4. Vazquez, 13.84; 5. Geries, 13.97.

800-meter relay: 1. (Ritchie Casas, Reed, Gerald Padilla, North), 2:03.

400-meter dash: 3. Rocha, 68.37; 5. Omar Hernandez, 65.63.

300-meter hurdles: 3. Welch, 54.27.
200-meter dash: 4. Reed, 29.3.

1600-meter run: 2. Alonzo Rojas, 6:22.2.
1600-meter relay: 1. (Reed, Omar Hernandez, Vazquez, Geries), 4:24.



ADAM CARRASCO has won the 8th grade division in the shot put at the Friona and Dimmitt meets. The 8th grade Braves have won both of their outings.

Squaws Post Times In Hereford Meet

The Squaws' varsity track and field team at least had bragging rights in the discus event at the Hereford track meet last week.

Squaws Amy Murphree placed first with a heave of 119 feet, two inches, and Trisha Winebrinner was right behind her in second place with a personal best throw of 116 feet, four inches. The team's third entrant, Claudia Cruz, placed seventh at 93-7.

Friona's 400-meter relay team placed fourth with a time of 55.2. Team members were Yvonne Vega, Misty Adams, Andrea Geries and Denise Perez.

The Squaws' 1600-meter

relay team placed fifth with a time of 4:28. This team was composed of Misses Adams, Geries, Ashley Smiley and VLesha Wilcox.

Miss Winebrinner placed sixth in the shot put with a 29-9 effort, and Miss Smiley placed sixth in the 300-meter hurdles with a 55.91 effort.

Otherwise, Miss Geries placed seventh in the 200-meter dash with a 28.55 outing.

Friona's 800-meter relay team turned in a 1:55.59 effort. This team was composed of Misses Nava, Perez, Wilcox and Adams; and Karla Padilla posted a 27-0 distance in the triple jump, and Miss Vega ran a 19.39 time in the 100-meter hurdles.

Miss Padilla also ran the 100-meter dash in 13.8, Nava clocked a 3:06 in the 800-meter race, and Vega had a 11-2.5 effort in the long jump.

8th Braves Win Second '03 Meet

The FIJHS eighth grade Braves scored their second meet win in a row last Thursday at Dimmitt, scoring 195 points.

Friona won five events in the meet, by Fernando Moreno in the 200-meter dash, Adam Carrasco, the 400-meter and 800-meter relays, and Emilio Tarango in the 1600-meter run.

Point scorers were:

Shot put: 1. Adam Carrasco, 37-9.

Discus: 1. Stephen Campbell, 110-3; 3. Tolby Wilcox, 100-9; 5. Carrasco, 92-10.

High jump: 2. Eddie Ortiz, 5-0' 4. Wilcox.

Pole vault: 2. Ortiz, 8-6.

Long jump: 4. O. Moreno, 14-8; 6. Chico, 13-11.

2400-meter run: 2. Emilio Tarango, 8:57; 5. Sean Lookingbill, 10:15.

800-meter run: 2. Valente Casas, 2:25.

7th Maidens Win Division At Hereford

The seventh grade Maidens won their division at the Dimmitt meet last weekend with 174 points, beating second place Highland Park by 26 points. Dimmitt was third with 109 points.

Distance runner Hollis Gurley and hurdler Ashley Ingram had the team's only first-places, but Friona placed second in five other events, including two of the relay races, which award double-points to the winners.

Point winners were:

Shot put: 6. Vanessa Heernandez, 19-10.

Discus: 2. Stephanie Barber, 57-4; 3. Herenandez, 54-5; 5. Blair Smiley, 49-1.

High jump: 2. Ingram, 4-6; 3. Michelle Martin, 4-4; 4. Briar Barnett, 4-2.

2400-meter run: 2. April Cantu, 12:30; 3. Stephanie Tirado, 12:48; 3. Morgan Anthony, 23:49.

400-meter relay: 2. (Sabrina Barber, Erica Wyly, Monica Sanchez, M. Martin), 60.6.

800-meter run: 2. Gurley, 2:53; 4. Cassandra Ramos, 3:06; 6. Jordan Carr, 3:13.

100-meter hurdles: 1. Ashley Ingram, 20.5; 2. Julissa Saenz, 21.4; 3. Joann Mendoza, 22.13.

1600-meter run: 1. Hollis Gurley, 6:41; 5. Jordan Carr, 7:27; 6. Cynthia Delgadillo, 7:36.

1600-meter relay: 2. (Erin Austin, Jordan Monroe, Cassandra Ramos, A. Ingram), 5:04.4.

AT HEREFORD RELAYS

Chieftains Win 3rd Meet Of '03 Season

The Friona Chieftains' track and field team won its third (out of three) outing of the season at the Deaf Smith Invitational meet last weekend, scoring 135 points.

Friona won three events, and had five "personal bests" in their outing.

Adam Bandy won a pair of events, and accounted for 33 points (and one of the personal bests) of the Chieftains' total. Fellow senior Andy Carthel added 25 points, with a personal best

Bandy won the long jump and 400-meter hurdles, and anchored the Chieftains' 1600-meter relay win, which clinched the team title for Friona.

Carthel was second in the 110-meter hurdles, with his best seasonal time, 15.02, and also second in the 300-meter hurdles in 41.32, also his best.

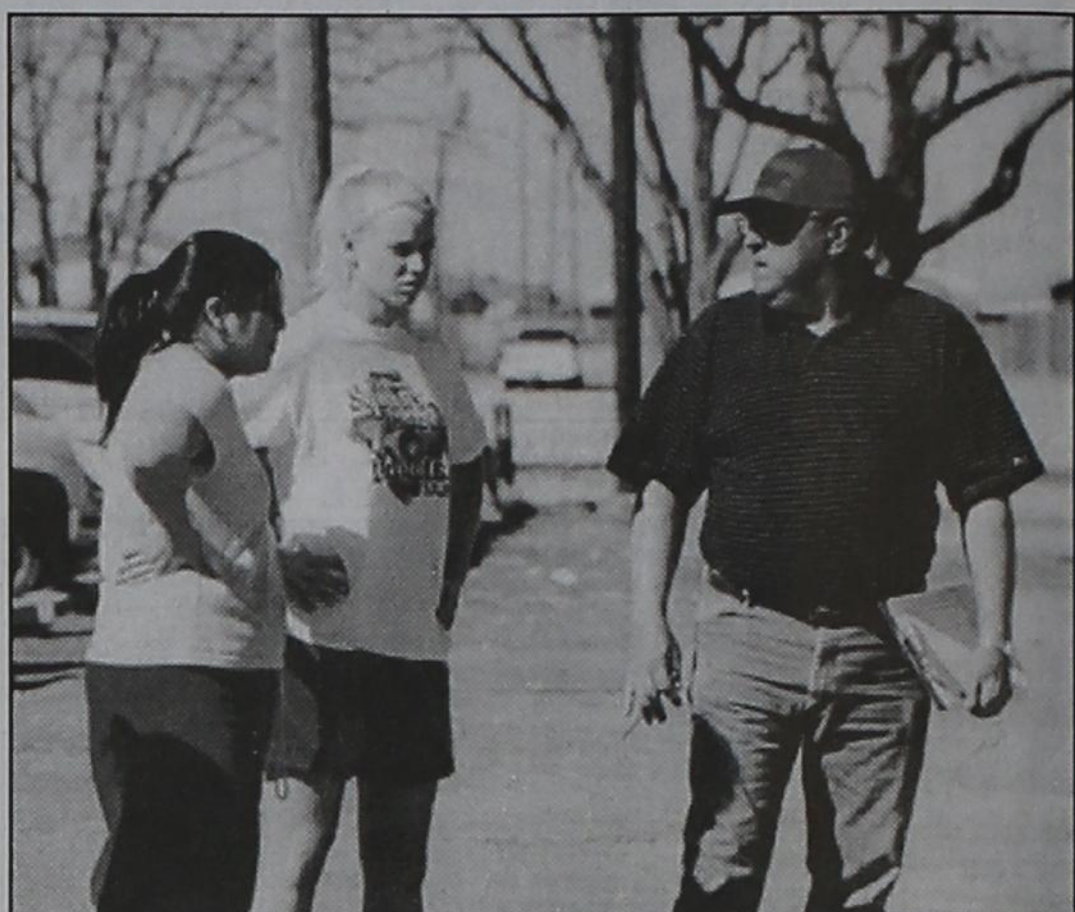
Bandy's win in the 400-meter dash also was his personal best of the season, at 41.32.

Brian Wiseman placed third in the discus with a 141-6 mark, his best '03 effort, and Cody Grimsley was right behind with a 140.5 effort, likewise a season's best.

Andy Vega had his best effort in the 3200-meter run, earning him second place in the race. Vega scored 12 points in the meet.

"The guys did really well. I was proud of their effort," said Coach Lanny Crow.

This weekend, the team goes to San Angelo, and Crow says they are likely to be in "high cotton."



COACH LANNY CROW, head coach for the varsity Chieftain track team, pauses at a recent meet to talk to two members of the Squaws' team.

Friona's point-winners were as follows:
3200-meter run: 2. Andy Vega, 10:48.71.
800-meter run: 5. Jose Herrera, 2:11.99.
400-meter relay: 2. (Freddy Reyes, Jason Gutierrez, Brock Field and Rocha), 46.13.
Long jump: 1. Adam Bandy, 20-10.5; 5. Andy Carthel, 18-9-3/4.
Shot put: 3. Adrian Flores, 46-2.5; 4. Dustin Thompson, 43-11; 5. Cody Grimsley, 42-4.5.
Triple jump: 5. Carthel, 38-8.25.
High jump: 2. Bandy, 5-8.
Discus: 3. Brian Wiseman, 141-6; 4. Grimsley, 140-1/2; 5. Thompson, 133-8.
110-meter hurdles: 2. Carthel, 15.07.
100-meter dash: 4. Reyes, 11.65.
400-meter dash: 1. Bandy, 52.57; 4. Juan Chico, 56.41; 6. Gutierrez, 57.68.
300-meter hurdles: 2. Carthel, 41.32; 6. Chance Hutson, 43.13.
1600-meter run: 4. Vega, 5:01.34; 5. Jose Herrera, 5:05.93; 6. Gummaro Chavarria, 5:12.12.
1600-meter relay: 1. (Carthel, Nathan Haile, Chico, Bandy), 3:34.16.



BROCK FIELD, right, is shown running a 200-meter race in the recent Chieftain Relays.



TWO MEMBERS of the Friona Junior High Maidens track team, shown running in the Chieftain Relays. The teams are off to a good start in the season.

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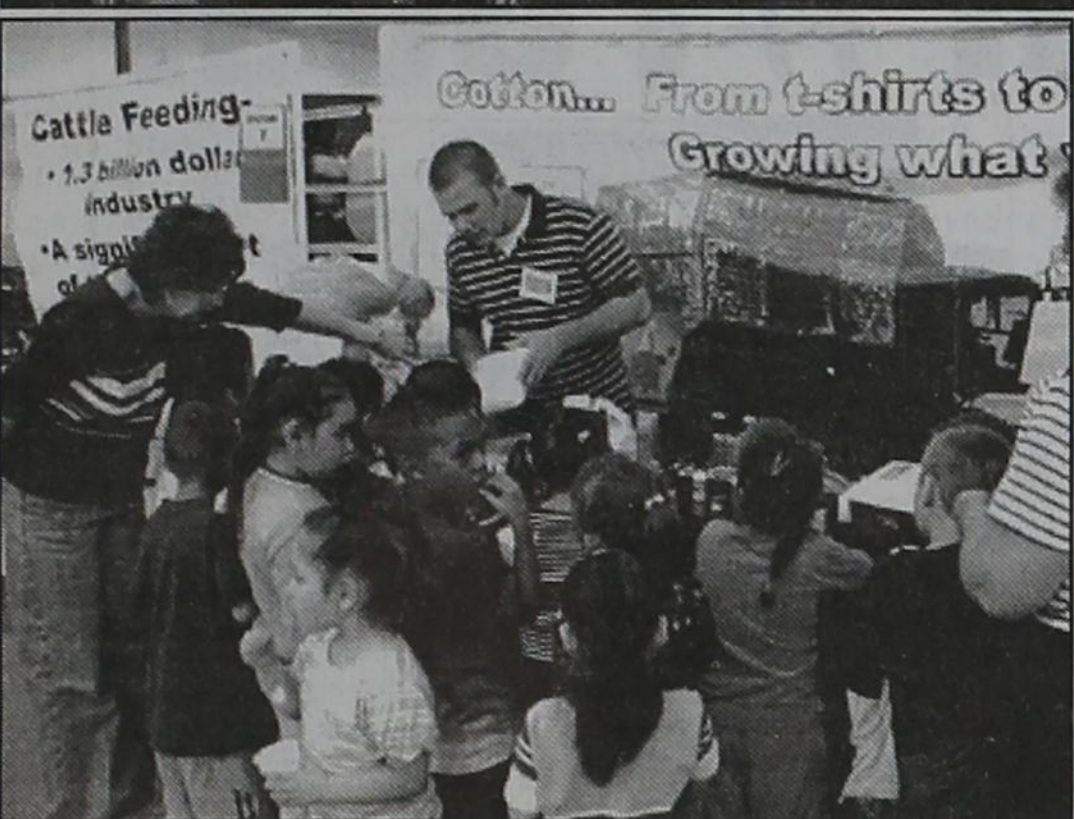
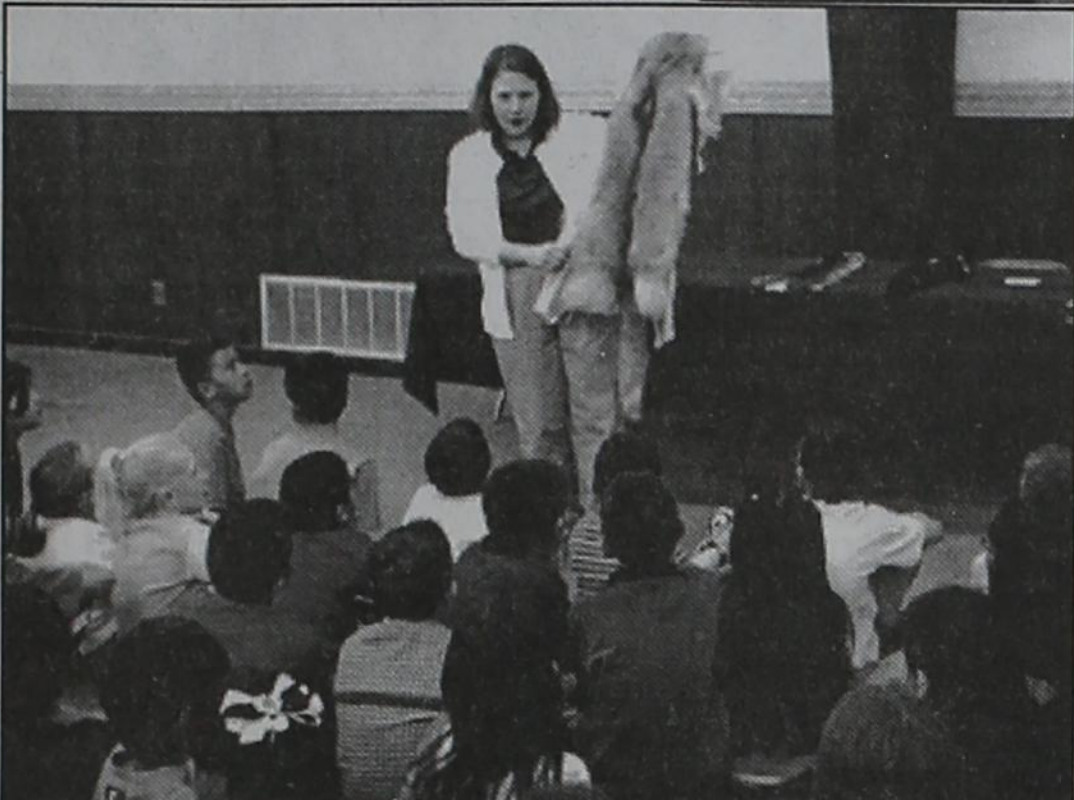
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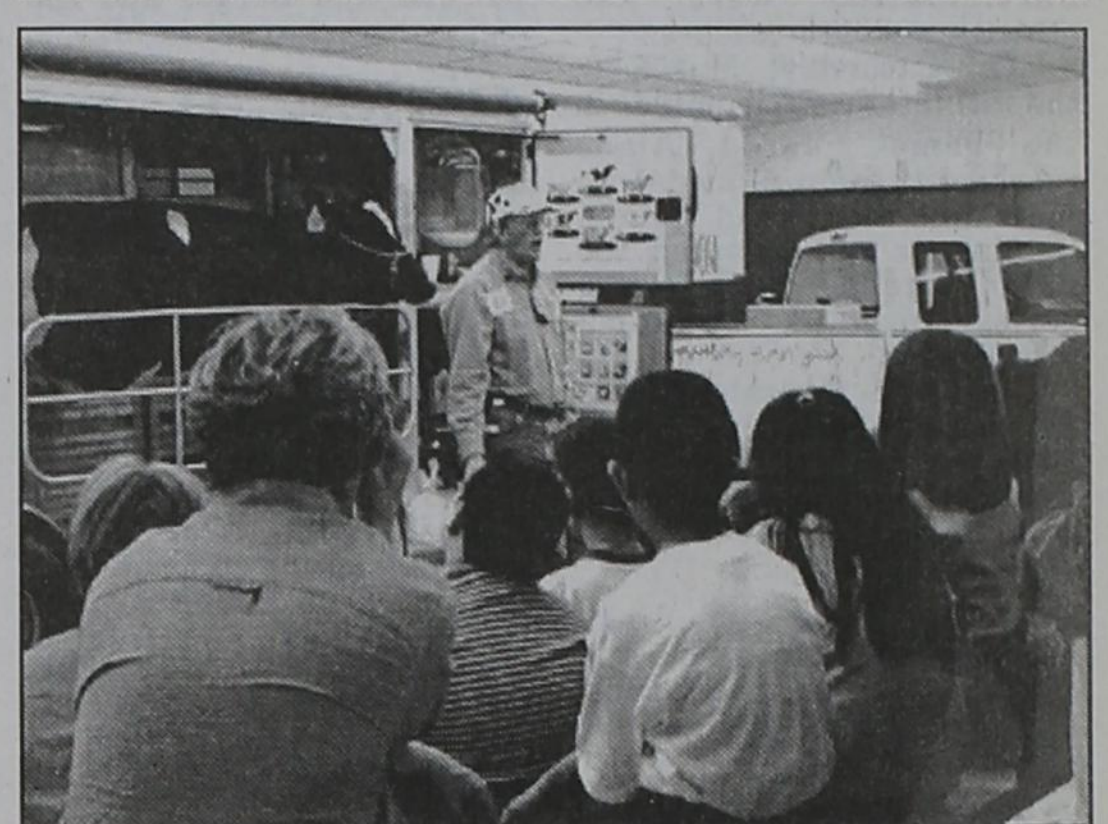
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AG DAY ACTIVITIES...Top, Cameron Baxter and Brian Wiseman point out where food comes from, center, Heather Lanman of Texas Parks and Wildlife and bottom, Gaines Butman spins a yarn about cotton. ron carr photos



SERVING popcorn to the kids at Ag Day were, l-r, Magdalena Mendez, Monica Rando and Martha Ramos. At right, John Hendrickson of Xcel Energy talks safety and the kids get a lesson in milking cows from Mike Reeve of SW Dairy. ron carr photos



Farm Bureau Salutes Agriculture Day Mar 21

Texans may have moved away from the farm, but agriculture is still a key part of the life of every Texan.

March 21 was the annual observance of National Agriculture Day, and the president of Texas' largest organization of farm and ranch families reminds Texans of the continued importance of the state's second largest industry.

"Only two generations ago, most Texans had vivid memories of farm and ranch life or perhaps still lived in a rural area," said Kenneth Dierschke, president of the Texas Farm Bureau. "Today, agriculture is as important as ever, but it's in the hands of a smaller group of skilled workers."

That number, Dierschke said, includes not only farmers and ranchers, but also an agribusiness community of researchers, marketers and government employees that all participate in the modern miracles of American agriculture.

Today, Texas is one of America's most urban states, with the majority of the population centered in a handful of major cities. Still, 20 per cent of Texas' jobs are dependent on agriculture and the ability of America to produce its own food is a key component of national security.

Dierschke said that agriculture's challenge for the future will be to deploy new

and proven technology to provide safe and affordable food while protecting the resources of soil and water for future generations.

"Farm Bureau, and the farmers and ranchers of Texas are continued to this goal," he said.

Elementary Students Observe Ag Day Here

BY KATHRYN GODDARD
Friona Chamber of Commerce-Executive Director

Ag in the Classroom Fair Day gave almost 600 Friona students a close look at some of the ag related businesses

Honor Society

Inducts C. Hanes

Hardin-Simmons University announces that Christian Hanes of Friona has recently been inducted into Kappa Delta Pi, an international honor society in education.

Her parents are Mike and Claudia Hanes of Friona.

Twenty-five other students were also inducted for the spring semester. The society is counseled by Dr. Lori Copeland, instructor of education for the Irvin School of Education.

and services which we have in this area.

Exhibits visited by students included booths which provided information on the many products we use on a daily basis that are a direct by-product of animal or grain production; financial information about the relationship between the bank and the farmer; the safe use of electricity; a demonstration of equipment used for safety in meat handling; a display of grasses native to this area; information on wildlife in this part of the world; and a demonstration on production of milk, including the cow.

It takes lots of people to make the Ag in the Classroom Fair Day a success. The Farm Bureau sponsors this Ag Day and is instrumental in helping to secure exhibitors.

Through the generosity of Excel and the Parmer County Farm Bureau Board of Directors, the exhibitors and those helping enjoyed a delicious steak lunch. The Farm Bureau also provided curriculum materials to the Chamber for distribution to the schools so that the children had an introduction to many aspects of agriculture before attending the Fair.

The Chamber of Commerce is grateful to all of those who work to make Ag Day a new experience for the children of the Friona Schools. Exhibitors this year included Dennis Anthony, Excel Beef, Friona State Bank, Southwest Dairy Farmers, NRCS, Farm Bureau, Parmer County Implement, Texas Parks and Wildlife, Randall County Extension Service, White's Beef Jerky and Xcel Energy.

Animals for the petting zoo were provided by Alan and Leigh Monroe, John Gurley, Hollis Horton, Melissa and Tom Randolph and Mark and Susan Braning.

Several students from Friona High School also helped with Ag Day and were certainly an addition to the presentation given to the children.

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Special Olympics Team Competes In Basketball

The Friona Chieftain Special Olympics team was in Amarillo March 7-8 for the West Region Basketball Games.

The team participated in the opening ceremonies Friday night, followed by entertainment by the Randall High cheerleaders, Randall High band and the Kwahadi Indian Dancers.

This year there were 22 traditional teams, one unified team and 10 lead-up teams. Participating were 286 athletes and 113 coaches.

On Saturday, March 8, the athletes participated in the games. Jared Alabe received a bronze medal in individual skills and Felissa Dominguez was awarded the gold medal for her performance in the same category.

Trinidad Gonzales, Raul Rios, Corina Ortiz, Maria Herrera, Ruben Diaz and Zachary Graves received a gold medal in the lead-up games.

Assessment Dates, Rates Set For 2003

The Texas Department of Agriculture has established the 2003 assessment rate, due date and discount date for the Northern High Plains Zone of the boll weevil eradication program.

The assessment for 2003 in the NHP is \$6 per dryland acre and \$12 per irrigated land acre.

Growers with failed acres are eligible to receive a credit on those acres completely destroyed prior to the final certification date. Qualifying failed acres must remain free of all hostable cotton until a killing freeze to receive the credit.

Assessment notices will be mailed by August 21 and payment is due September 25. Growers who pay by September 10 are eligible to receive a 2 per cent discount on their assessment.

Coaches are Fabiola Dominguez, Raymond Diaz, Jessica Ripley and Donna Mullins. Everyone enjoyed the dinner followed by the victory dance.

The team sends a big thanks to Mr. Jim Parker, FISD superintendent, and to the school district for providing transportation for the team.

On March 17 the team began track practice for the track meets in April in Wheeler and Berger and the regional track meet in May.

Guest To Sign Books

Tumbleweed Smith, syndicated newspaper columnist and producer of The Sound of Texas radio series, will be signing his new book, "Under the Chinaberry Tree," on Friday, March 21 from 3-5 p.m. at the Deaf Smith County Museum in Hereford.

The book, published by Eakin Press of Austin, contains stories about East Texas folkways. The price is \$22.95 plus tax, with a portion of the proceeds going to the museum.

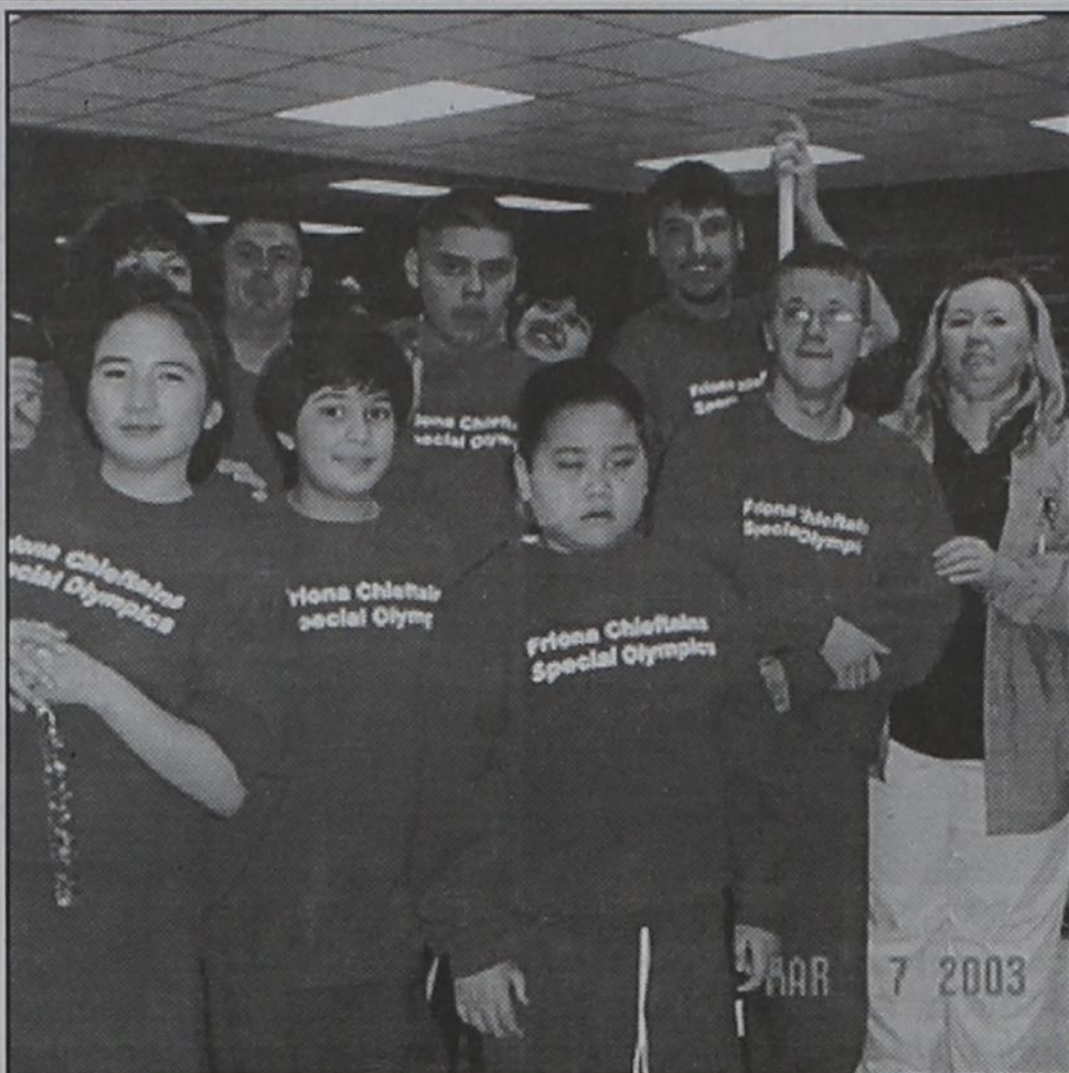
Tumbleweed will also have cassettes and CDs available for sale.

We Want Military Information

The Friona Star and Bovina Blade are interested in having photographs of local servicemen and women, along with information, for a series we will print in the newspapers.

You may bring your pictures and info to the Friona Star (or Dorothy's Fantasy Beauty Shop in Bovina), along with the information.

Out of town folks can either mail us your pics/info to P.O. Box 789, Friona, Tx., 79035.



THANKS TO Kathy Graves and Donna Mullins and their coaches and helpers for keeping us posted on Special Olympics activities and providing us with information and pictures. The youngsters participated in a basketball tournament recently (see story

at left). Donna is in the left picture above. We didn't get the names to match the pictures but the kids are Jared Alabe, Felissa Dominguez, Trinidad Gonzales, Raul Rios, Corina Ortiz, Maria Herrera, Ruben Diaz and Zachary Graves.

Clinic Set April 16

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic at Parmer County Community Hospital, 1307 Cleveland Avenue in Friona on April 16.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing breast self-exam each month.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening mammogram. Each woman will receive a breast health risk appraisal and individual instruction by an RN in breast self-examination.

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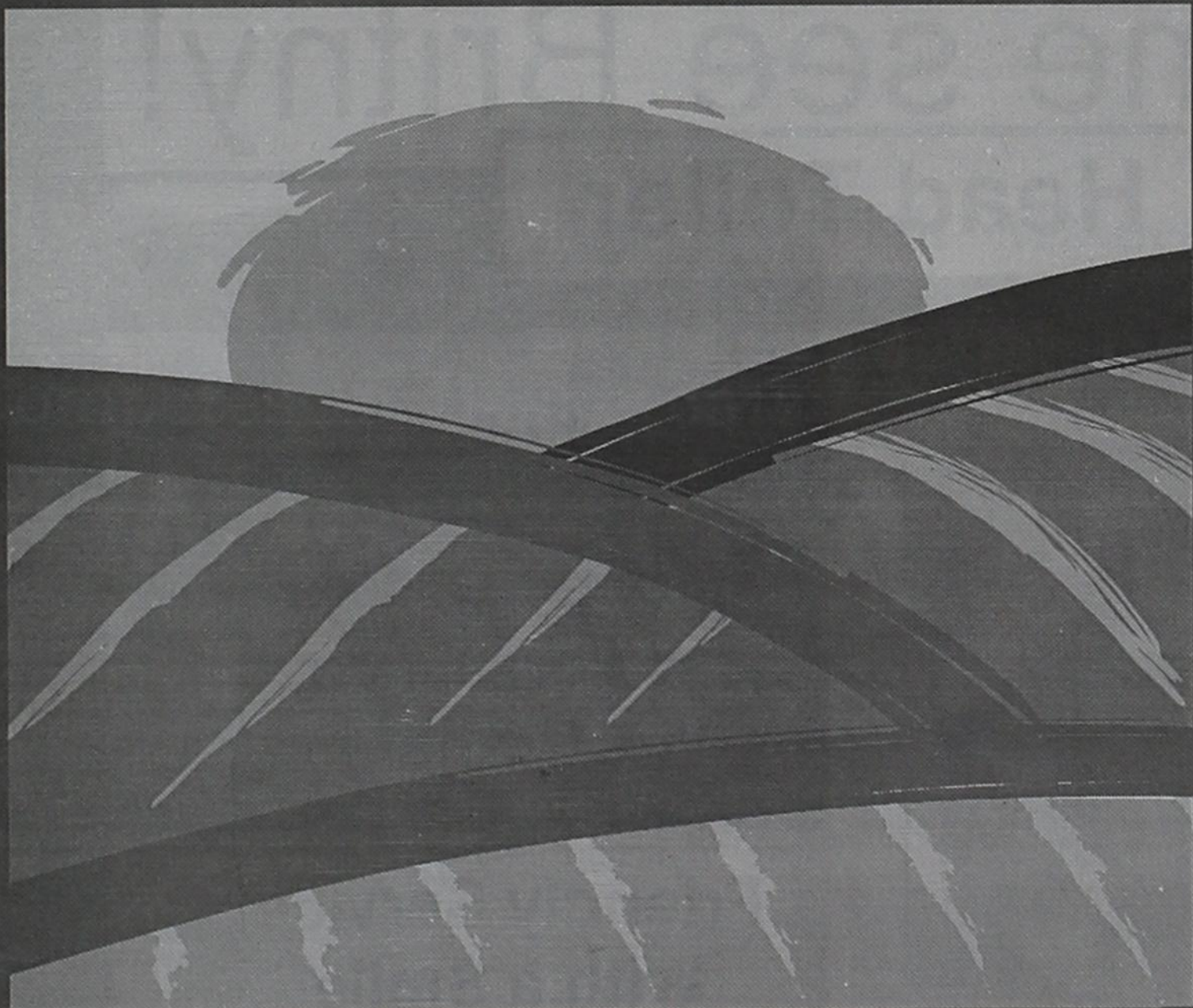
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Action Underway For Friona's Fifth And Sixth Grade Students

Team rosters have been released for the 2003 Little Dribblers games. They are as follows:

Fifth & Sixth Boys

Lakers--Joey Dickson, Alan Hernandez, Jonathan Licerio, Juan Rubio, Steven Mendoza, Marco Cruz, Rolando Castanon, Ricardo Monreal, John O'Brian and Tyler Shields. The coaches for the Lakers are Larry Johnston and Chance Lewellen.

Pacers--Adrian Garcia, Alfonso Grado, Chazdon Martin, Matthew Stanberry, Abraham Torres, Andy Bentley, Manuel Bustos, Gonzalo Gonzalez, Andres Herrera, Juan Mendez and Coach Sheri Stanberry.

Raiders--Erik Cruz, Alex Ferguson, Jordan Kelley, Ulisis Lozoza, Jose Ramirez, Stetson Reed, Justin Dominguez, Justin Echevarria, and Gerardo Garza. Coaching is Lesa Bermea.

Spurs--Jeremy Alaniz, Stephano Orozco, Ramiro Vega, Roberto Vega, Noe Saenz, Aaron Hand, Raul Licerio, Joey Mendoza, Patrick Rios and Andrew Stowers. Coaches are Ramiro Alaniz and Joe Santillana.

Fifth & Sixth Girls

Belles--Paige Herbert, Kyla Hurst, Anyull Lopez, Crystal Trujillo, Paola Castillo, Melissa Gallego, and Emma Lopez. Coaches are Don Herbert and M'Lissa Hurst.

Lady Lakers--Stephanie Aguirre, Kia Given, Shayla Parker, Krystal Rios, Amber Garcia, Megan Hoon, and Denise Zamudio. Coaches are Damon and Katie Parker.

Lady Pacers--Kristy Cruz, Ysenia Ortiz, Yesenia Rojas, Melina Vega, Brittney Berend, Serena Dodson, Lucy Mendez and Christy Widner. Coach is Rosa Mendez.

Lady Raiders--Sasha Estrada, Lacy Lookingbill, Ashley Trevino, Irene Vera, Staci Fairweather, Corrine

Hinton, Maria Meza, and Christian Rivera. Coaching is Brenda Fairweather.

Results

On February 24, the Lady Raiders beat the Belles 19-11. Scoring points for the Lady Raiders were Estrada with 10, Lookingbill with 6 and Vera with 3. Scoring for the Belles were Herbert with 5, Hurst with 2, and Gallego with 4.

The Spurs lost to the Raiders 29-17. Scoring points for the Raiders were Ferguson with 2, Kelly with 2, Reed with 11, Dominguez with 2 and Echevarria with 12. Scorers for the Spurs were Saenz with 6, Hand with 9 and Mendoza with 2.

The Lady Lakers edged out the Lady Pacers 9-6. Scoring points for the Lady Pacers were Rojas with 2, Vega with 2, and Mendez with 5. Scoring points for the Lakers were Aguirre with 4 and Hoon with 2 points.

On February 25, the Pacers skipped ahead of the Lakers to win 18-16. Scoring points for the Pacers were Grado with 4, Stanberry with 10, Bustos with 2, and Herrera with 2. The Lakers' point leaders were Dickson with 4, Castanon with 2, Monreal with 2, O'Brian with 1, and Shields with 7.

The Belles lost to the Pacers 10 to 8. Scoring points for the Belles were Herbert with 3, and Hurst with 5. The Lady Pacers' scorers were Vega with 2, Berend with 2, and Mendez with 6 points.

The Lady Lakers and Lady Raiders' game ended in a tie 16-16. Scoring points for the Lady Lakers were Aguirre with 8, Given with 2, Parker with 2, and Hoon with 4. Scorers on the Lady Raiders were Estrada with 10, Lookingbill with 2 and Fairweather with 4 points.

On February 27 the Lakers lost to the Raiders 14-26. Scoring points for the Lakers were Dickson with 6,

Cruz with 2, Castanon with 2, O'Brian with 2, and Shields with 2 points. Scorers for the Raiders were Cruz with 2, Ferguson with 2, Ramirez with 2, Reed with 14, Dominguez with 2, Eschevarria with 2 and Garza with 2.

The Spurs got beat by the Pacers 19-24. Scoring for the Spurs were Alaniz with 2, Roberto Vega with 2, Saenz with 2, Hand with 8, and Licerio with 5. Point makers for the Pacers were Martin with 3, Stanberry with 7, Torres with 6, Bustos with 4, and Herrera with 4.

The Belles held on to win against the Lady Lakers 9-6. Point leaders for the Belles were Herbert with 3 and Hurst with 6. Lady Lakers scoring points were Aguirre with 2 and Hoon with 4.

February 28, the Pacers won their game over the Raiders 22-15. Scoring for the Pacers were Grado with 4, Martin with 2, Stanberry with 6, Torres with 2, Bustos with 4 and Gonzales with 4. Raiders scorers were Ramirez with 2, Reed with 5, Dominguez with 4, and Echevarria with 4.

The Lady Pacers beat the Lady Lakers 22-18. Scoring points for the Lady Pacers were Rojas with 8, Vega with 2, Berend with 2, Mendez with 8, and Widner with 2. Scorers for the Lady Raiders were Estrada with 14, Lookingbill with 2, and Rivera with 2 points.

The Spurs and Lakers

game ended locked in a tie with 23 points each. Spurs scoring points were Hand with 14, Licerio with 4, Mendoza with 2, Rios with 2, and Stowers with 3. Points scored for the Lakers were Dickson with 9, Castanon with 4, Monreal with 2, O'Brian with 6, and Shields with 2.

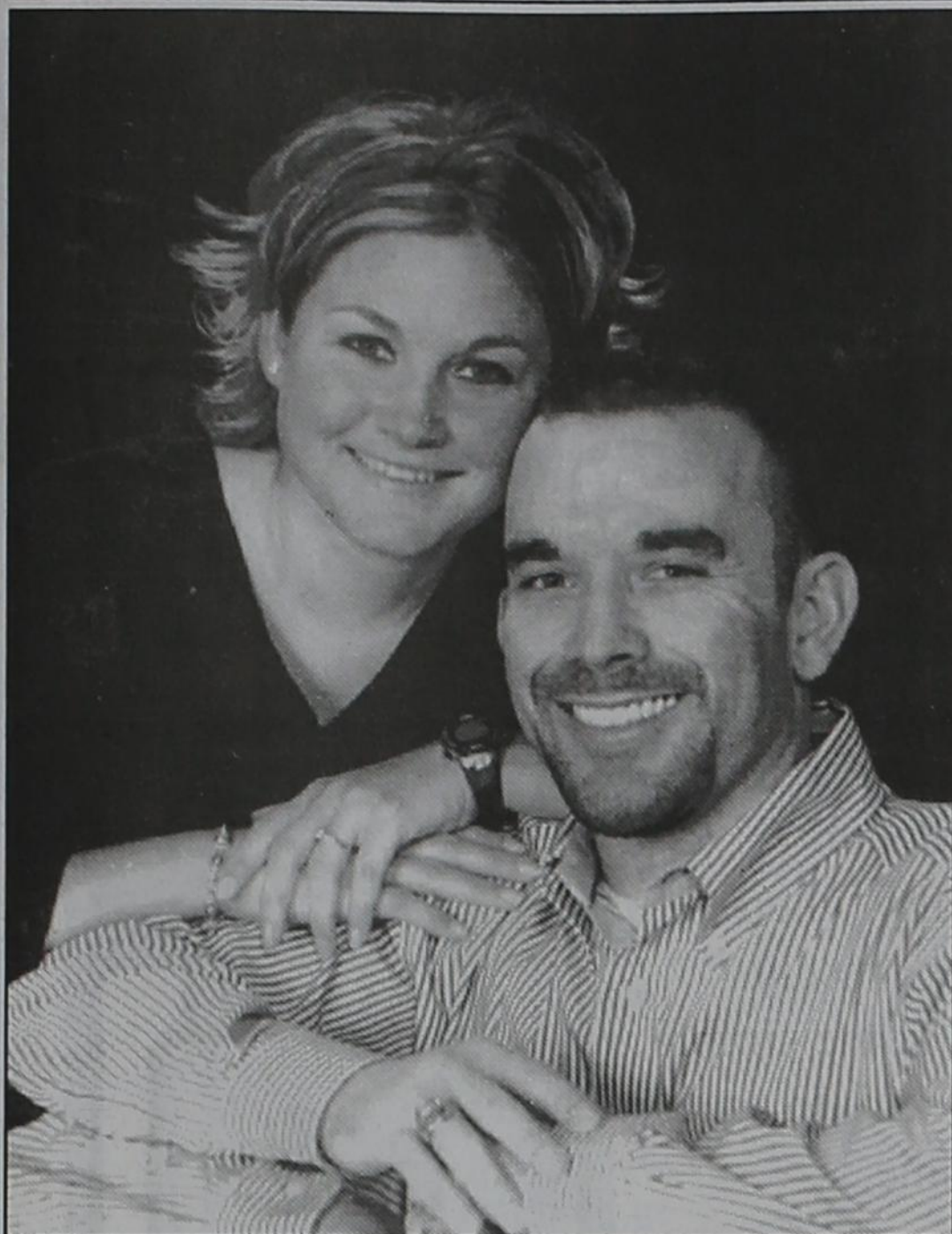
March 3, the Belles beat the Lady Raiders 10 to 2. Belles scoring points were Herbert with 1, Hurst with 6, and Gallego with 1. Estrada scored 2 points for the Lady Raiders.

The Pacers toppled the Spurs 24-11. Pacers scoring were Martin with 4, Stanberry with 15, and Torres with 5. Spurs scoring points were Saenz with 8, Hand with 1, and Stowers with 2.

The Lady Lakers were shut out by the Lady Pacers 0-10. Rojas scored 4 and Mendez, 6 points for the Lady Pacers.

March 7, the Spurs lost to the Raiders 15-29. Scoring for the Spurs were Ramiro Vega with 2, Saenz with 4, Hand with 4, Licerio with 2 and Stowers with 2. Raiders making shots were Ferguson with 1 point, Reed with 5, Dominguez with 12, Echevarria with 7 and Gerardo with 4.

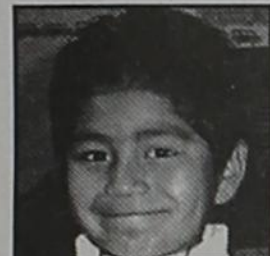
The Lady Pacers beat the Belles 9-1. Scoring for the Pacers were Ortiz with 2, Rojas with 6, and Widner with 1. Lopez scored 1 point for the Belles.



KELLI WIGHT and NATHAN BROCKMAN... Mr. and Mrs. Ken Wight of Stratford, Texas announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kelli, to Nathan Brockman of Friona. He is the son of Tommy Brockman of Friona and Ralph and Pat Waller of Grand Prairie. She received a Bachelor's Degree in exercise and sport science from Texas Tech University and received a teaching degree from West Texas A&M University. She is currently employed by Friona ISD as a coach and teacher. He graduated from West Texas A&M University with a degree in nursing and is employed by Prairie Acres as a Registered Nurse. The couple will be married May 28 at The Grove on Silk Purse Ranch in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Meet Friona's Class of 2015

Jose is a kindergartner at Friona Schools.



Jose Pablo Rocha

His parents are Rafael and Guadalupe Rocha. He has 2 sisters, Elizabeth & Nancy. His Grandparents are Jose and Flora.

Jose likes to jump on the trampoline. His favorite food is pizza and hamburgers. His favorite colors are blue, green, and red.

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Meet Friona's Class of 2015

Laura is a kindergartner at Friona Schools.



Laura Gomez

Her mother is Marisela Gomez. Her sisters are Joseiyn, Nayeli, and Clariza. Her grandparents are Antonia and Pilo.

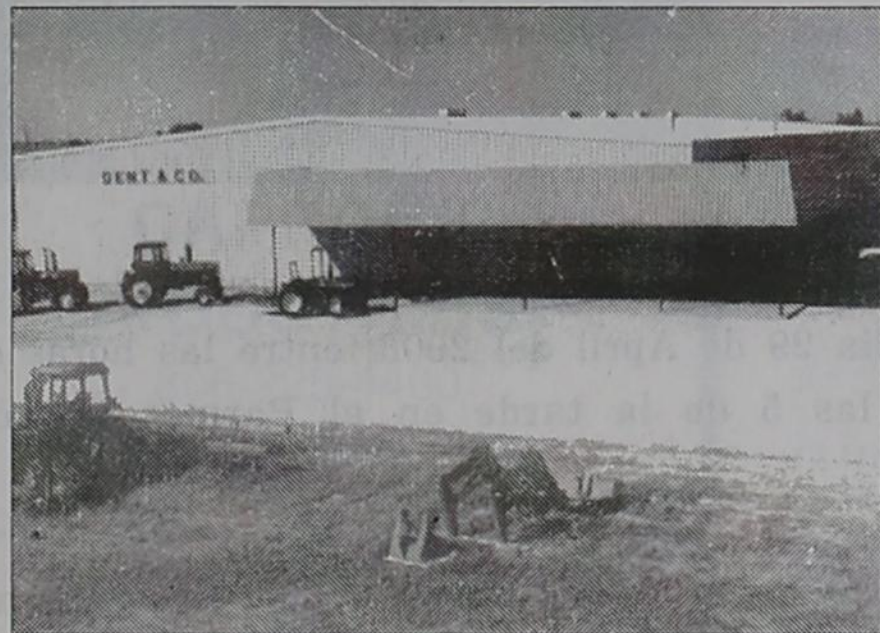
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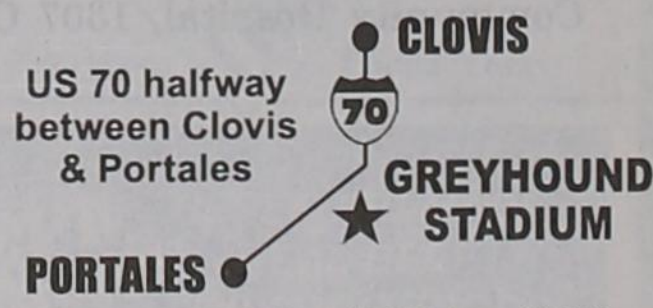
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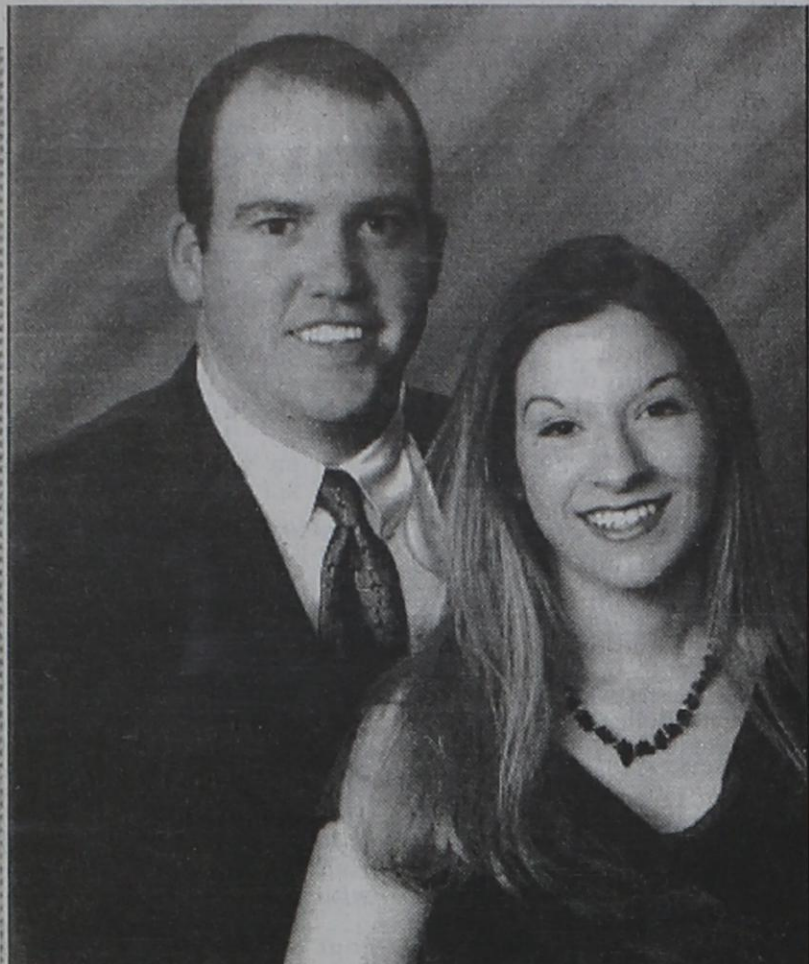
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FRIONA....

Week of March 23-29
Friona residents observing their birthdays next week include:

March 23--- Judy Potts, Roma Wilson, Chase Alexander, Julie Reeve Banfield, Frances Pena, Jim Dixon, Donice Jones, Tammi Kelley LaFuenta, Diane Glover, Christina Norega, Roman Wilson, Garrison Dean.

March 24--- Matt Osborn, Dennis Field, Jessica Estrada.

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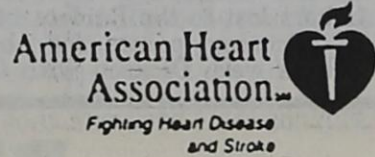
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March 28--- Robert Osborn, Gaylene Sunderlin, Neola Reed, Alan Clark, Dean Butler, Joel Van Valkenburg, Kay O'Brian, Geri Taylor, Jo Osborn, Kaleb Steen.

March 29--- Ryan Potts, Lisa Neill, Ryan Paul Brookfield, Loy McLellan, Briar Barnett, Stephanie Soto, Lisa Neill.

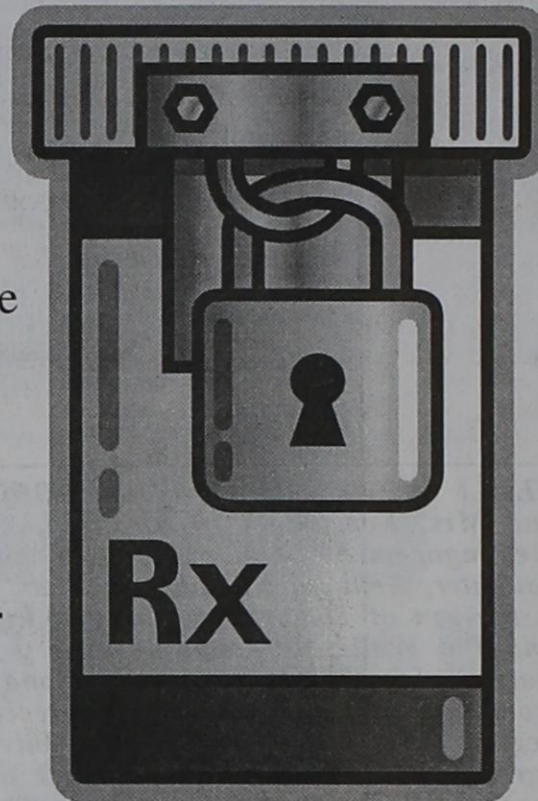
If you or someone in your family has a birthday coming up soon, please call the Friona Star office at 250-2211 and report it.

When you see names which should have been removed from our birthday listings (moved away, names that have changed, deceased, etc.) call the newspaper and let someone know. Thank you.



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Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM, May 3, 2002 for voting in a Hospital District Board election for the purpose of electing two (2) board of director members.

Location of Polling Places:

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| 1304 Virginia (Redeemer Center) | - | Friona, Texas |
| EMS Center | - | Bovina, Texas |
| Community Center | - | Rhea, Texas |
| High School | - | Lazbuddie, Texas |

Absentee voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Parmer County Community Hospital-1307 Cleveland Street, Friona, Texas between the hours of 8:30 and 5:00 PM beginning April 16, 2003 and ending on April 29, 2003.

Ballot(s) by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 25, 2003. Earliest date for submission of application for absentee ballot to be voted by mail is March 4, 2003.

Applications for ballots by mail shall be mailed to: Parmer County Community Hospital, 1307 Cleveland Street, Friona, Texas 79035.

AVISO DE las ELECCIONES DE LA MESA DE DIRECTIVA DEL HOSPITAL

Dirijido a los votantes registrados en el condado de Parmer, Texas:

Se les avisa que los lugares elejidos para votar estaran abiertos de las 7 de la manana hasta las 7 de la trde el dia 3 de Mayo del 2003, para votar en las elecciones de la mesa directiva del hospital. Se votara por tres miembros para el hospital.

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Para votar temprano en persona, la votacion se lievara acabo el dia 16 de Abril del 2003 hasta el dia 29 de April del 2003; entre las horas de 8:30 de la manana hasta las 5 de la tarde en el Parmer County Community Hospital.

Las solicitudes para los boletos para votar por correo por causa de ausencia deberan enviarse a Parmer County Community Hospital, 1307 Cleveland Street, Friona, Texas 79035.

Las solicitudes para boletos por correo deberan ser enviadas antes del fin de las horas de negocio el dia 25 de Abril del 2003. Lo mas temprano que puede pedir este boleto es el dia 4 de Marzo del 2003.

Las solicitudes seran pedidas en esta direccion: Parmer County Community Hospital, 1307 Cleveland Street, Friona, Texas 79035.

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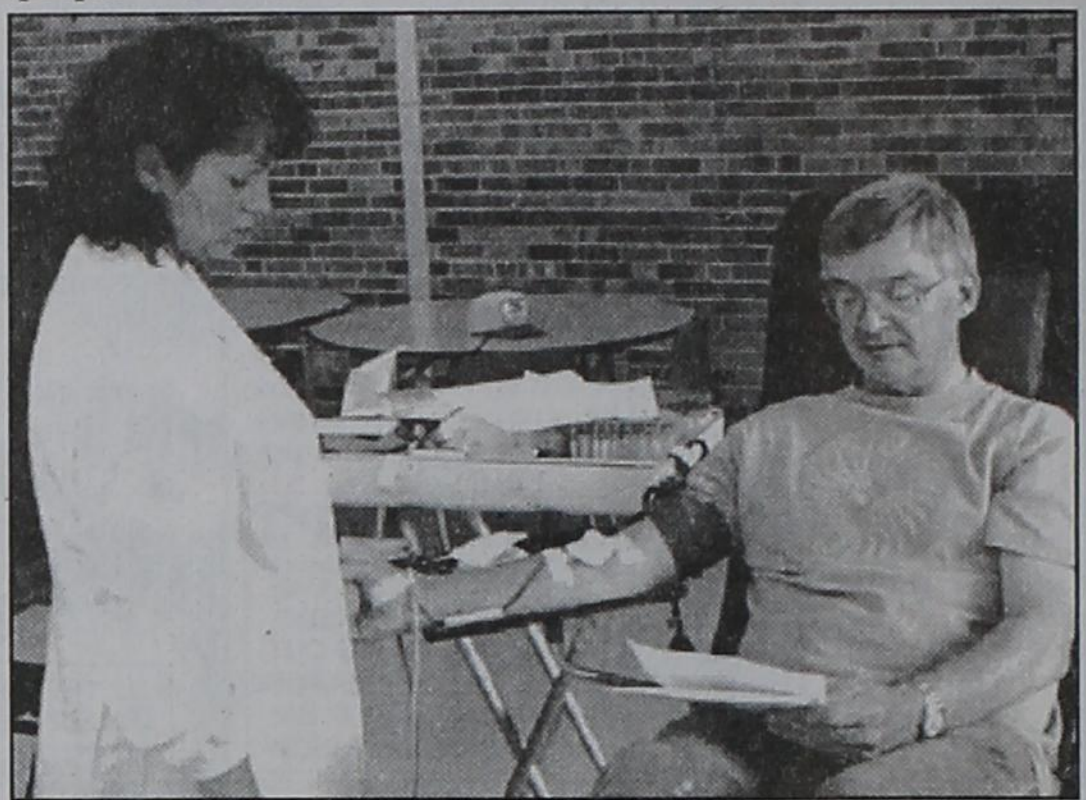
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Agriculture is the second-largest industry in the state and generates \$80 billion a year for the economy. Texas ranked first in the nation in 2001 with 130 million acres of farmland and 227,000 farms. Eighty percent of the land in Texas is in some form of agricultural production. The top five agricultural-producing counties are Deaf Smith, Castro, Harris, Erath and Parmer. The top two agricultural regions are the Panhandle and East Texas. Although agriculture employs one out of every five working Texans, less than 2 percent of the population is involved in day-to-day farming or ranching. Texas farmers grow more than 60 different commercial fruit and vegetable crops. Texas ranks first in the nation in number of cattle and calves, accounting for 14 percent of the U.S. total. The Lone Star State also is the top producer of cotton, sheep, wool, goats, mohair and horses. The state's other top crops include vegetables, citrus, corn, wheat, peanuts, pecans, grain sorghum, hay and rice. Besides livestock and crops, the state's agriculture industry includes timber/forestry, aquaculture, bees/honey and nursery/greenhouse. Texas is one of the leading exporters of agricultural commodities. Texas' top agricultural exports are live animals and meat; cotton and cottonseed; feed grains and products; hides and skins; wheat and products; and feeds and



COFFEE MEMORIAL Blood Center phlebotomist Lisa Gonzalez gets blood donor Bobby Wied settled in during the blood drive last week at Friona High School. *ron carr photo*

Graveside Rites Set For Alice Aills

Graveside services for Alice Marie Aills, 49, will be conducted Monday, March 24, at Friona Cemetery, at 2 p.m., with D.L. Harguess of Canyon officiating. Military rites will be held by the U.S. Marine reserve center of Amarillo. Blackwell Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Ms Aills died Wednesday, March 19, in Seguin. She was born August 16, 1953, in Clovis, N.M. She was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, retiring as a Master Sgt. after 21 years. She had lived in Seguin for the past nine months, moving from Arlington, Virginia. Survivors include her step-father, Marvin Carmichael, and her mother, Vallie Dee Carmichael of Seguin; four brothers, Johnny Aills of Victoria, Cecil Aills and David Aills, both of Houston, and Carroll Aills of Cleveland, Texas, and three sisters, Mary Stone of Friona; Brenda Reese of Portales, N.M. and Virginia Henderson of Santa Fe, N.M.

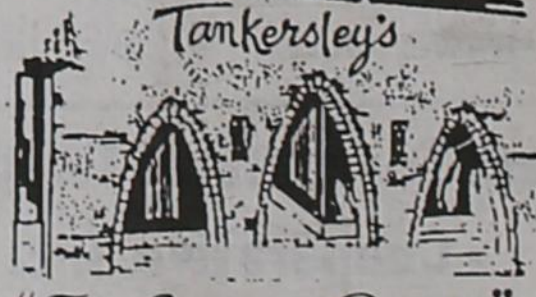
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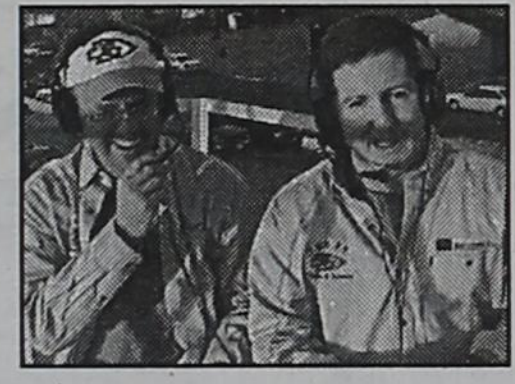
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Friona News

By BECKY LONDON

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Friona's Tommie Mercer was honored by *Amarillo Globe News* a few weeks ago as their Volunteer of the Day. Tommie, a retired FSD school nurse, has been volunteering at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo each Wednesday with the hospital auxiliary for almost four years now. Way to go Tommie!

Lilah Gaye Gee's great-granddaughter, Chelsey Houston, is doing her part in supporting one marine in the war effort. Her fiancé, Mark Bennett, is stationed near Iraq and Chelsey has enlisted the help of family members and friends to send Mark various items for encouragement.

Lilah Gaye said he received some cookies recently and they were happy to hear that they arrived mostly intact. Chelsey, a sophomore at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, has a great idea-maybe we should all get to baking cookies and writing letters!

Allison Jones and Shanel Patterson are representing Friona in the Methodist Youth Choir of the Northwest Texas Conference, Spirit Wind.

The two Friona girls auditioned and were accepted in January and performed with the prestigious group March 9 in Midland at St. Luke's Methodist Church. On June 1-15 they will be at McMurry University in Abilene and will travel to various churches in this conference to perform.

In July Spirit Wind will go on a West Coast tour and will perform at churches in San Francisco, Seattle, Portland, Alberta and Vancouver.

We are very proud of these girls - this is a great honor that they were selected. Allison is the daughter of Robert and Becky Jones and Shanel is the daughter of pastor Steve and Sabra Patterson.

Several friends and family members met at Friona's Masonic Temple dining room Friday, March 14 for the annual Collier Cousins' reunion. A short business meeting was held in regard

to the descendants of Joseph Bowlin and Louise Ann Rayburn Collier.

Cousins who were present included Hugh Moseley; Dave Collier and wife Mary of Roswell, New Mexico and their daughter Monica Collier Morgan of Midland; Joe Hubb Collier and wife Jerri of Cushing, Oklahoma; Edith Johnson of Friona; Jo Johnson of Pampa; Jack Moseley of Friona; and Jack London of Amarillo.

Special guests included Horry and Inez Poindexter of Miller, South Dakota; Becky London and children Emma and Ty of Bovina; Martha Clements, Geri Taylor, Mildred Mings, Jean Terry and Lilly Baxter, all of Friona and Ruddene Crowley of Farwell.

Following a nice lunch and business meeting, they adjourned at 3 p.m. Edith Johnson invited everyone who was staying in town to go over to her home for breakfast on Saturday morning.

Those who attended the breakfast were Joe and Jerri Hubb, Horry and Inez Poindexter, Jo Johnson, Hugh Moseley and Ruddene Crowley.

They had so much fun eating and visiting over breakfast, the group then had lunch at Friona's Dairy Queen where they visited with friends and neighbors.

Roy and Eva Miller celebrated their 73rd wedding anniversary on March 10 in Amarillo at the Olive Garden with several family members. They also celebrated their great-granddaughter Rachel Kramer's 16th birthday.

Those present included Mr. and Mrs. Merle Kramer of Skellytown, Marvin, Sherry and Sandy Kramer of Skellytown, Sam and Donna Mears and Clint Mears of Friona and Teri Luna and her three children Jordan, Jera, and Jiliana of Clarendon.

Eva said they had a lovely day with the meal and visiting.

Jack and Ona Patterson were honored Sunday March 16 at their granddaughter, Kara Fisher's home in Memphis for their birthdays.

Those present were Kara's family, Kevin, Zach and Kord; grandson and his family, Russell and Jennifer McDaniel and their children, Jaxon and Jaden of Abilene.

Also, daughter Sandra Blacksten of Amarillo; grandson and his family, Donnie and Kerri Shamblyn and their children, Clay and Cas of Amarillo; and niece Nancy Dunn of Bovina.

Jack's birthday was March 16 and Ona's was March 10.

She said they had a great time and enjoyed the day.

The great-grandchildren went horseback riding and really enjoyed themselves.

The Star received the following note from former resident Martha Rutherford this week:

"It is always good to get the 'Hometown' news. You do a great job! I miss being there. Ted is not improving. I may not get to bring him home."

You might like to send Martha a card. Her address is 9 Hospital Dr., Apt. 224, Canyon, Tx., 79015-3100.



MEALS ON WHEELS volunteers and drivers were honored by the board of directors last week at Friona Heritage Estates for their service to shut-ins and seniors in the area.

photo by Nathan Parson

Hightowers Announce Baby Girl

Jason and Misty Hightower of Ruidoso, New Mexico announce the arrival of Kelby Rae at 4:15 p.m. March 5, 2003.

She weighed seven pounds and was nineteen and one-half inches long. She arrived at Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Ruidoso and joins a brother, Caleb, two and one-half years old.

Her grandparents are Conrad and Susan Renner.

Great-grandparents are R.J. and Betty Renner and Everett McBroom.

MARCH MADNESS



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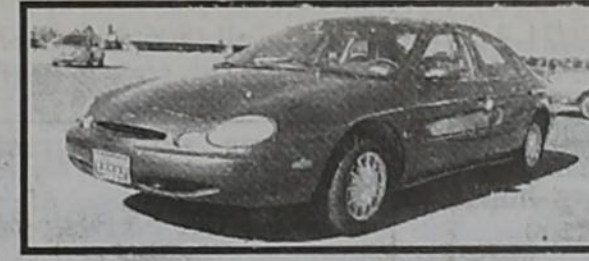
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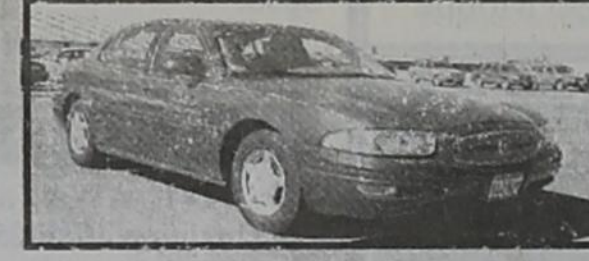
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'01 Buick LeSabre \$14,995
#660GMA, maroon.



'00 Grand Marquis \$11,995
#590A, white.



'93 Ford Mustang LX \$5,995
#9777TB, red.



'98 Olds Intrigue \$8,995
#5980A, silver.



'98 Chevy Venture LS \$6,995
#71SA, white.



'00 Ford Windstar LX \$10,995
#428XA, silver.



'99 Jeep Gr. Cherokee \$12,995
#197TA, red.



'00 Ford Ranger \$8,995
Reg. cab, #38SA, black.



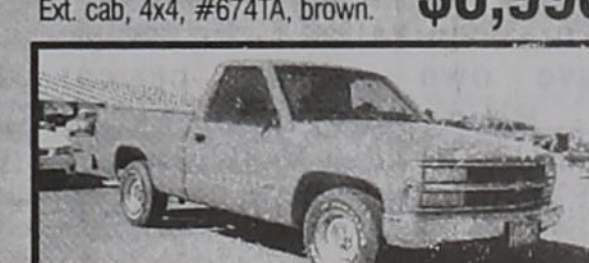
'98 GMC Sonoma \$8,995
Ext. cab, 4x4, #674TA, brown.



'96 Chevy SWB \$11,995
Reg. cab, 4x4, #438TA, maroon.



'01 Chevy Reg. Cab \$13,995
#587TB, pewter.



'93 Chevy Reg. Cab \$6,995
#691TA, red.



'94 Chevy Ext. Cab \$8,995
Toppr, 2WD, #648GA, white.



'97 GMC Ext. SLE \$12,995
4x4, #694TA, aluminum wood.



'99 GMC Suburban LT \$18,995
4x4, #9727GA, white.



'99 Chevy Suburban LT \$16,995
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2WD, #657E, white.

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MUSIC FOR the Meals on Wheels reception last week was provided at the piano by Callie Hefner, daughter of Tommy and Jill Hefner. The Meals on Wheels board honored their drivers for their dedication and support. photo by Nathan Parson

Meet Friona's Class of 2015



Mitzy Ramirez

Mitzy is a kindergartner at Friona Schools.

Her parents are Benjamin and Grisela. Her Grandparents are Jauciry Celia Elizalde.

Her favorite activity is to sing and dance. Her favorite food is Quesadillas.

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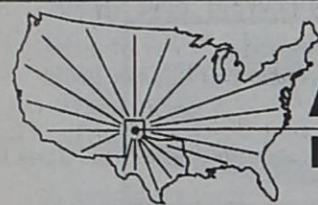
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friona Masonic Lodge No. 1332
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 John R. Blackwell, W.M.
 Larry J. Knowles, Sec.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sixth St. Church of Christ is collecting clothes for Medina Children's Home. If you have clothes that you would like to discard, regardless of size or condition, please bring them to Sixth St. Church of Christ.



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 NEW LISTING....3 BR, 2 bath, 2 car, basement, lots of concrete, very nice, Western Addition.....\$170,000
 NEW LISTING.3 BR, 1 bath, 1 car garage, very nice.\$48,000
 3 BR, 1 Bath, central heat & air, basement & storage. In Bovina. Must see inside.....\$26,000
 2 BR, 2 Bath mobile home, 1 acre.....SOLD.....\$15,000
 3 BR, 2 Bath, 2 LR, shop, new paint.....\$62,500...\$68,900
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Friona Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors voted to provide assistance to Veterinary Industries of Friona. A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 1, 2003 at 7:30 a.m. in the Board Room of the Friona Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture at which time the public may be heard.

F-1tc-3/21

AUTOMOTIVE

FOR SALE.....2002 Kia Rio 4 dr. silver 11,500 miles, 35 mpg, excellent condition, \$7900 OBO. Phone 683-2232 mobile.

F&B-tfnc-3/7

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B-tfnc-6/17

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F-tfnc-1/10

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FOR SALE....Registered Angus bulls, 12-14 months old. Call Glynn Don Hughes, Canyon, 655-5838.

F-4tp-3/7-3/14-3/21-3/28

PETS

TO GIVE AWAY....dog house, fair condition. Call 250-3209.

F-1tc-3/21

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Now taking applications for Certified Nurse Aide Class. April 07, 03 thru April 18, 03 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Apply in person Prairie Acres, 201E, 15th Friona, Tx. Monday thru Friday 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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3/2/2 BRICK--fireplace--central heat/air.....\$91,000
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 2BR/1BATH---Great buy! Corner lot--metal roof.....\$26,500
 3/2/2 Brick Home--fireplace, central heat--air REDUCED....\$75,000
 3/2/1 BRICK near high school,central heat/air, sprinklers.....\$69,000

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3/2/1 BRICK--nice quiet neighborhood--storage in back.....\$57,000
 4/4/1 BRICK--central heat/air--very lg.home--large barn.....\$88,000
 3/1 3/4/1 BRICK..cent heat new storage bldg.....SOLD
 3/2/2 ON 2 ACRES cent heat/air,well.....contract pending
 3/1 3/4 w/dbl carport--country home w/metal roof.....contract pending
 NEAR FHS--very nice 3/2/2--over 2100 sq. ft.....SOLD
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 NICE STARTER HOME--3/2/2 beautiful yard.....SOLD
 GREAT PRICE --3Br 2bath fireplace dbl garage.....SOLD
 MUST SELL--1BR/1living area/1bath--MAKE AN OFFER.....\$30,000

BOVINA LISTINGS

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We would like to thank the Bovina Ambulance crew and those who have called, prayed, sent food and visited following Becky's accident and hospital stay. She is home now and we are taking care of her. We appreciate all the great people of Bovina. Thank you to the City for fixing the potholes in front of our home.
 -Bobby and Becky Johnson & Family.

Card of Thanks

We are indeed blessed with family and friends! We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to the many friends and family who helped us during the illness and death of our husband, father and grandfather, Arnold Hromas.

Thank you for the flowers, memorials, food, cards and visits. We are so blessed to live in a caring community and among family. May God bestow His richest blessings upon each of you.

With Love,

Amy Hromas, Brad Hromas Galen & Judy Hromas,
 Darren & Matt Hromas and Zachary & Lisa Ketchum
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 NEW LISTING....5 ac. in country on hwy. with fixer-up & well..\$35,000
 NEW LISTING.2 small rent houses, corner lot, investment prop.\$23,000
 NEW LISTING....3 BR, 1 bath, 1 car, new paint, carpet..SOLD..\$38,000
 NEW LISTING....3 BR, 1 bath, large living, cellar.....\$37,900
 NEW LISTING....3 BR, 1 bath, 1 car garage, very clean & neat..\$47,900
 3 BR, 1-3/4 baths, 1 car detached garage.....SOLD.....\$34,900
 3-4 BR, 1-1/2 bath, metal roof, 4637 acres.....\$58,000
 3 BR, 2 bath, 2 car garage, newly repainted.....\$72,000
 2BR, 1 bath, fireplace, fenced, good st.....SOLD.....\$25,000
 3 BR, 2 bath, brick, basement, metal shop.....\$85,000
 residence only.....\$65,000
 5 BR, 2 BA, sunroom, basement, carport, large lot.....\$58,000
 3 BR, 2 bath, basement, 2 car.....SOLD.....\$80,000
 Small office/studio with 1/2 bath to be moved.....\$5,000
 3 BR, 1 bath, NEEDS HELP.....SOLD.....\$18,000
 Upstairs & downstairs apartment complex.....SOLD.....\$23,900...\$21,900
 3 BR, 1 bath, utility room, basement....Price Reduced..\$21,000..\$25,500
 3 BR, 1 bath, ready to sell, partially re-done.....\$33,000
 2 BR, 1 bath home plus mobile home lot.....\$25,000
 3 BR, 3 BA, 2 LR, DR, lg garage, re-done.....SOLD.....\$123,900
 3 BR, 1-3/4 bath, 2 car garage, basement.....Reduced...\$75,000...\$85,000
 3 or 4 BR, 3 baths, 2 car garage.....Price Reduced...\$62,900..Reduced
 3 BR, 1 bath, 1 car, new SAU.....SOLD.....\$30,500

THANK YOU

The family of Alethea Wilson wants to thank everyone for the many cards, the prayers, the visits at this time following the loss of our loved one.

Bob Wilson And Children

NUTRITION ASSISTANT

The South Plains Health Provider WIC Program is accepting applications for a Temporary Part-time Nutrition Assistant to determine income eligibility, teach nutrition classes in accordance with WIC guidelines and to provide reception/clerical duties for the WIC clinic located in Friona. Requirements: High School diploma or equivalent, Friendly, helpful attitude. Must have own vehicle, current drivers license/insurable. Bilingual in English/Spanish required. Apply at 616 Euclid (Weds. Only) - Friona, Texas; or call for applications (806) 293-8561; Louisa Padilla
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Agriculture Education Program Is Now Underway At WTAMU

Steve Favreau was resigned to the notion that he'd have to leave town to pursue his goal of becoming a high school agriculture teacher. But last year, when West Texas A&M University launched a degree in agriculture science with a teacher-certification option, Favreau did an about-face.

"I originally thought I was going to have to head south," Favreau, a sophomore agriculture major from Canyon, said. "When they announced the start of a new program here. I knew I was

going to be able to stay home and get my teaching degree in ag. I can't wait to take what I learn here and share it."

In only the second year since its inception, WTAMU's ag-ed program already has attracted about 40 students.

"The program has grown phenomenally in a short period of time, which pleases us very much," Dr. Lance Keith, head of the ag-ed program said. "Last fall we had zero students, now we have approximately 40 ag-ed majors.

"From the president all the way down, support for this program has been enormous," Keith said. "Support at high levels of administration is what makes new programs go. I'm glad to be a part of this."

WTAMU pursued the program in response to a pressing need for more teachers of agriculture in Texas public schools. According to Dr. Don Topliff, head of WTAMU's Division of Agriculture, statewide projections indicate that 40 per cent of agriculture science teachers will retire from Texas high schools in the next five years.

"It's a looming crisis," Topliff said, "yet until last year we were turning away students who want to teach agriculture. Now we can begin producing agriculture teachers right here, and I think we're positioned to provide teachers that can incorporate the cutting edge of technology in high school classrooms. I think this is one more example of how the Division of Agriculture is trying to serve residents of the Panhandle of Texas."

The program, like all teacher-preparation programs, is a partnership between the Division of Education and the specific areas of expertise—in this case, the Division of Agriculture. On the ag side, it is designed to focus on the three mainstays of any successful agriculture curriculum in Texas public schools: classroom experience, FFA involvement and supervised agriculture experience. Ag-ed majors are required to take 21 semester hours on the agriculture side, including nine hours each in the areas of leadership and agriculture mechanization.

The leadership courses cover education issues and incorporate FFA values. A



NEW AGRICULTURE PROGRAM....Sophomores Chris McBee of Quitaque and Chantell Lewellen of Friona team up on a soldering project during welding class, part of the ag education curriculum at West Texas A&M University.

collegiate chapter of FFA was begun to coincide with the start of the ag-ed program. The mechanization courses cover welding and metalwork, engine-power theory and agriculture structures. The final three required hours are a capstone course that incorporates all aspects of ag education.

"The main thing for these students is that they learn how to teach what they learn here to others," Kim Hays, instructor of ag mechanization, said. "But this is a good bunch of students who are working very hard. They are actually helping build this program from the ground up."

Hays believes in practical education: he has his students building their own shop equipment and welding tables as they learn how to wield their welding torches.

"We're learning how to weld by making things we need," Hays said. "Whatever the Division of Agriculture needs, that's what we'll weld. It just makes sense. Next semester, we might build a

portable meat freezer for the Meat Lab. And we might slip in a barbecue grill when nobody's looking."

"This group of students isn't just showing up; it's setting the standard for agriculture education at West Texas A&M."

For more information about the Division of Agriculture at West Texas A&M, call (806)651-2550.

M. Salinas Nominee for WT Honor

Myrna Salinas, a sophomore bilingual education major from Friona, is one of twenty-three hard-working West Texas A&M students nominated for Student Employee of the Year. She is employed in the university's Division of Education.

The WT Student of the Year will move on to regional, and possibly national, competition. Nominees are considered on their reliability, quality of work, initiative and professionalism.

Each nominee has to be employed at the same department for at least three months full time or six months part time. All the nominees will receive a certificate of appreciation for their hard work and a Student Employee of the Year nominee pin.

The winner will receive two plaques—one to take home and one to hang in his or her office— and a \$50 gift certificate from the University Bookstore. WT President Russell Long will make the presentation Friday, April 11, at 1:30 p.m. in the Jack B. Kelley Student Center Quiet Lounge.

2003 DCP Deadlines Near

Sign-up for the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) continues to lag and the USDA Farm Service Agency personnel are reminding growers that intend to participate that the deadline for completing sign-up is getting close.

The deadline for owners or their appointed representative to make initial base and yield option selections for the DCP program is April 1, 2003. The deadline for program participants to sign-up for the 2002 and 2003 DCP program is June 2, 2003.

Both the initial base and yield option selection and the decisions to participate in the 2002 and 2003 DCP program can be completed at the same time.

2002 and 2003 DCP payments for the balance of the 2002 direct payment, 2002 counter-cyclical advance payments, and the advance for the 2003 direct payment will be processed as soon as sign-up is completed.

Producers are encouraged to contact their county FSA office and schedule an appointment.

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NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file an answer with the court that issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two days after you were served this citation, a default judgment may be taken against you."

TO: Esther Fernandez, GREETING:

You are commanded to appear by filing an answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday the 5TH day of MAY, 2003 before the Honorable Judge Valton Howard, Justice of the Peace Court, Precinct 1, Parmer County, Texas at Friona, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, by Albert Ricketts, agent for Parmer County Community Hospital, whose address is 1307 Cleveland, Friona, Texas 79035 on Jan 10, 2003 in this case numbered 94 on the docket of said court, and styled,

Parmer County Community Hospital
VS
Esther Fernandez

The nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:
Outstanding hospital bills and is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of the said court, at office in Friona, Parmer County, Texas, on March 20, 2003.

Valton Howard
Valton Howard
Justice of the Peace
Precinct 1, Parmer County, Texas
PO Box 635
Friona, Texas 79035



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TO: Billy Joe Black Jr., GREETING:

You are commanded to appear by filing an answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday the 5TH day of MAY, 2003 before the Honorable Judge Valton Howard, Justice of the Peace Court, Precinct 1, Parmer County, Texas at Friona, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, by Albert Ricketts, agent for Parmer County Community Hospital, whose address is 1307 Cleveland, Friona, Texas 79035 on Jan 10, 2003 in this case numbered 81 on the docket of said court, and styled,

Parmer County Community Hospital
VS
Billy Joe Black Jr.

The nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:
Outstanding hospital bills and is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of the said court, at office in Friona, Parmer County, Texas, on March 20, 2003.

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TO: George Contreras, GREETING:

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Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, by Albert Ricketts, agent for Parmer County Community Hospital, whose address is 1307 Cleveland, Friona, Texas 79035 on Jan 10, 2003 in this case numbered 87 on the docket of said court, and styled,

Parmer County Community Hospital
VS
George Contreras

The nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:
Outstanding hospital bills and is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of the said court, at office in Friona, Parmer County, Texas, on March 20, 2003.

Valton Howard
Valton Howard
Justice of the Peace
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Friona, Texas 79035



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TO: Salvador De Los Angeles, GREETING:

You are commanded to appear by filing an answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday the 5TH day of MAY, 2003 before the Honorable Judge Valton Howard, Justice of the Peace Court, Precinct 1, Parmer County, Texas at Friona, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, by Albert Ricketts, agent for Parmer County Community Hospital, whose address is 1307 Cleveland, Friona, Texas 79035 on Jan 10, 2003 in this case numbered 92 on the docket of said court, and styled,

Parmer County Community Hospital
VS
Salvador De Los Angeles

The nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:
Outstanding hospital bills and is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of the said court, at office in Friona, Parmer County, Texas, on March 20, 2003.

Valton Howard
Valton Howard
Justice of the Peace
Precinct 1, Parmer County, Texas
PO Box 635
Friona, Texas 79035



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TO: Clarence A. Grooms, GREETING:

You are commanded to appear by filing an answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday the 5TH day of MAY, 2003 before the Honorable Judge Valton Howard, Justice of the Peace Court, Precinct 1, Parmer County, Texas at Friona, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, by Albert Ricketts, agent for Parmer County Community Hospital, whose address is 1307 Cleveland, Friona, Texas 79035 on Jan 10, 2003 in this case numbered 96 on the docket of said court, and styled,

Parmer County Community Hospital
VS
Clarence A. Grooms

The nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:
Outstanding hospital bills and is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of the said court, at office in Friona, Parmer County, Texas, on March 19, 2003.

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TO: Miguel Rolden, GREETING:

You are commanded to appear by filing an answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday the 5th day of May, 2003 before the Honorable Judge Vivaliah Hutto, Justice of the Peace Court, Precinct 2, Parmer County, Texas at Bovina, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, by Albert Ricketts, agent for Parmer County Community Hospital, whose address is 1307 Cleveland, Friona, Texas 79035 on November 4, 2002 in this case numbered 393 on the docket of said court, and styled,

Parmer County Community Hospital
VS
Miguel Rolden

The nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:
Outstanding hospital bills and is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of the said court, at office in Bovina, Parmer County, Texas, on March 20, 2003.

Vivaliah Hutto
Vivaliah Hutto
Justice of the Peace
Precinct 2, Parmer County, Texas
PO Box 849
Bovina, Texas 79009



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TO: Michelle A. Villa, GREETING:

You are commanded to appear by filing an answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday the 5th day of May, 2003 before the Honorable Judge Vivaliah Hutto, Justice of the Peace Court, Precinct 2, Parmer County, Texas at Bovina, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, by Albert Ricketts, agent for Parmer County Community Hospital, whose address is 1307 Cleveland, Friona, Texas 79035 on November 4, 2002 in this case numbered 397 on the docket of said court, and styled,

Parmer County Community Hospital
VS
Michelle A. Villa

The nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:
Outstanding hospital bills and is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of the said court, at office in Bovina, Parmer County, Texas, on March 20, 2003.

Vivaliah Hutto
Vivaliah Hutto
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Precinct 2, Parmer County, Texas
PO Box 849
Bovina, Texas 79009



Roxy Cruz Participates In FHS' MOCT Program

BY ROXY CRUZ

I am the eighteen year old daughter of Janie Cruz and the late Andy Cruz.

I have been a student in Mr. Fields' MOCT class two years and am currently employed at Friona Rural Health Clinic.

While working at the clinic, I file and pull charts for the patients that will be coming in to see the doctors. I also answer phones, make appointments and file insurance papers into the patients' charts.

I have learned to be responsible with my time and money. Working has given me a great experience on how to be independent.

I would like to thank Mr. Field for allowing me in his program. I would also like to thank the staff at Friona Rural Health Clinic for being



ROXY CRUZ

such great people. Thank you Marilyn Watson for hiring me.

Financial Focus

What Do Deflation and Inflation Mean to Investors?

During the course of our lives, we've become accustomed to inflation--a constant trend of rising prices. During some periods such as the late 1970s, inflation was strong. But for the last several years, inflation has been mild. Now, however, some--but not all--economists think we may be entering a period of deflation, in which supply outstrips demand, causing prices to fall. As an investor, what would this mean to you? Or should the economic environment make any difference in your investment strategy?

There's no simple answer. But keep in mind that things can change. In 2003, inflation is low enough to make people start thinking about deflation. And yet, you're not investing for just this year--you're investing to achieve goals that are 10, 15 or 20 years down the road. During the intervening years, the inflation/deflation situation could change markedly. Nonetheless, you'll want to at least consider the effects of inflation or deflation on potential investments--so keep a few things in mind.

•Only stocks have significantly outpaced inflation--In looking back over the 75 years from 1926 through 2001, you'll find that stocks were the only financial asset to keep investors significantly ahead of inflation. When inflation is factored in, common stocks brought an annual average return of 7.73 per cent, compared to 2.18 per cent for long-term government bonds and just 0.71 per cent for Treasury bills, according to the investment research firm Ibbotson Associates. While the past performance of all these investments is no guarantee of future results, history suggests that you'll need some exposure to stocks if you're going to preserve your purchasing power.

•Cash becomes more valuable during deflationary times--When prices are rising, you can borrow with the knowledge that you'll be paying off your debt in tomorrow's cheaper dollars. On the other hand, if prices are falling, you're better off delaying purchases rather than buying on credit.

Dorothy Tate Is Buried In Clovis, New Mexico

Funeral services for Dorothy Loflin Tate, 86, of Clovis, New Mexico were held at 10 a.m. Friday, March 21, 2003 at Steed-Todd Chapel.

Mrs. Tate died March 18, 2003 at Plains Regional Medical Center in Clovis. She was born October 4, 1916 near Apache, Oklahoma to C.F. and Estella Loflin.

She moved to West Texas with her parents in 1929. She settled in the Hub community and attended Friona Schools, graduating in 1934. She moved to Clovis in 1935 where she was employed. She married Haney Tate on

Christmas Day 1936 and they moved to the Ranchvale community.

Survivors include her husband, Haney Tate of the home in Ranchvale, New Mexico; one daughter, LaDonna Cannon of Ruidoso, New Mexico; three sons, Phillip Don Tate and twin sons, Bill and Bob Tate, all of the Clovis/Ranchvale area.

Also surviving are twelve grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren; one brother, Carroll Loflin of Colorado Springs, Colorado; and one sister, Velma Jones of Friona.

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Happy Birthday Friona Folks

Week of March 16-22

Friona residents observing birthdays next week include:

March 16--Kylie Boyd, Glenda Sifford, Wendell Jones, Parker Reeve Banfield, Amy Murphree, Seth Murphree, Gary Wright, Julie Reeve, Tommy Jones, Robert Tapia, Sydney Dean.

March 17--Delwin Allen, Tracey Jamerson, Ron Smiley, Amanda Boeckman, Ray Whatley, Frankie Allen, Mendon Dixon, Matthew Mata, Tammy Atkins, Gabriela Benavides, John Pierce.

March 18--Bobby Drake, Ryan Cash, Ralph Shirley, Mac Fields, Ben Johnson, John Carson, David Woody, Bob Ferguson.

March 19--Coby Clark, Ray Rando, Billie Manuel, Keshia Parker, Kerre Seright, Shara Lookingbill, Jered Cunningham, Justin Hinton.

March 20--Doris Barnett, Claudia Hanes, Kenda Dunnam, Joyce Wells, Tammy Spencer, Mildred Agee, Jesse Estrada.

March 21--Jeffery Sunderlin, Joe Murphree, Lou Keith, Amelia Wright, James M. McFarland, Rojelio Reyes Jr., Adriana Garza.

March 22--Teresa Kendrick, Derek Dunn, Jack Wilson, Alisa Perkins Trimnell, Amber Hart, Andrew Diaz, Kenny Austin.

If you or someone in your family has a birthday coming up soon, please call the Friona Star office at 250-2211 and report it.

When you see names which should have been removed from our birthday listings (moved away, names that have changed, deceased, etc.) call the newspaper and let someone know.

YOUR EYES

Benefits of Contact Lenses

More than 31 million people in the United States wear contacts. Although many individuals wear lenses because of looks, there are other reasons for using them as well. Individuals who play certain sports find that contact lenses are safer and allow for improved peripheral vision. There is no visual distortion such as that which can occur when wearing thick frames. Furthermore, athletes do not have to worry about frames that constantly slip down on their nose.

People can easily change the color of their eyes with contacts depending on the look they want or the clothes they are wearing. In addition, lenses provide excellent vision correction without eye surgery.

Contact lenses do not get fogged up in weather changes. They are easy to care for, requiring only seconds to apply and remove, and only minutes a day for cleaning. Talk to your vision specialist about the advantages of wearing contacts.



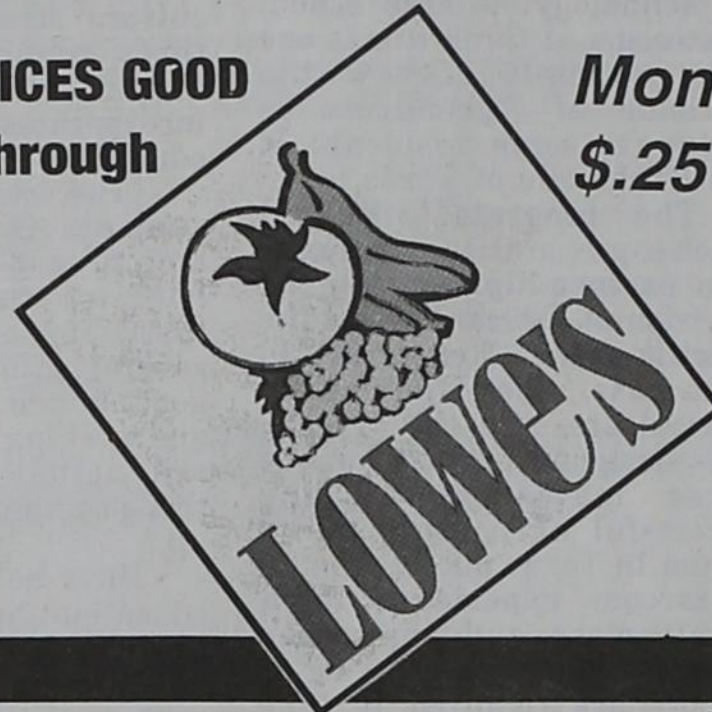
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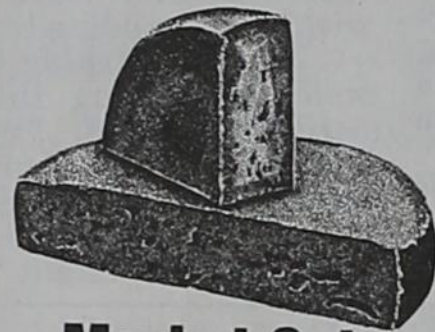
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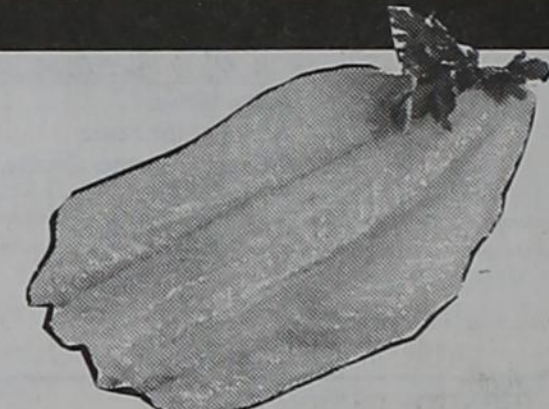
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