

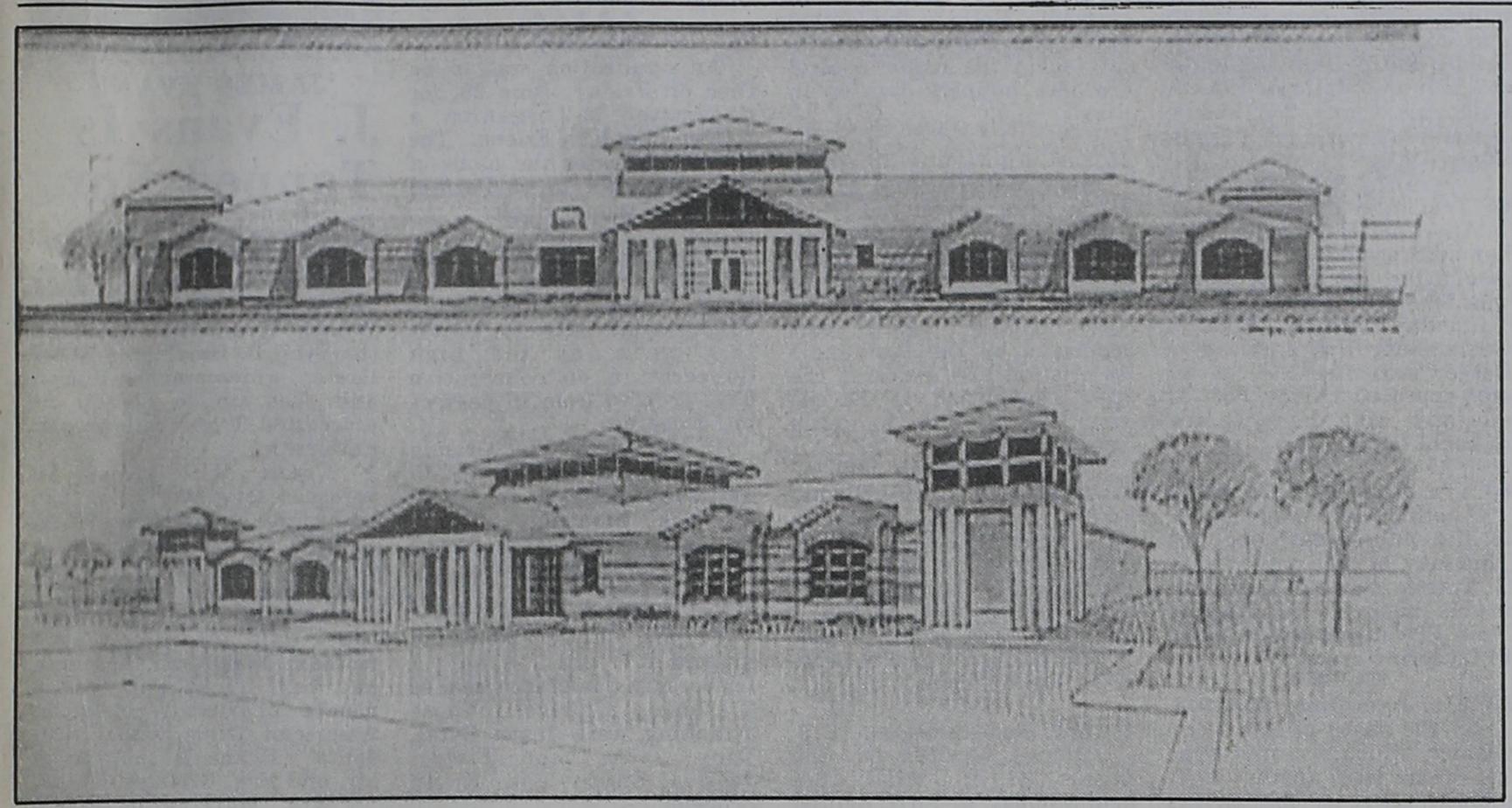
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PRAIRIE ACRES ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY ELEVATIONS

# Assisted Living Complex To Be Constructed Here

accessible, Mrs. Blackwell

The facility will have its

Each room will have a

A fence with security locks

An "assisted living" complex is in the works for aides on the staff. Friona, and construction could start before the summer is own furniture if they wish, or over if things go well.

The 16-unit complex will need be," said Prairie Acres be attached to Prairie Acres, and will be built to the west of the nursing home.

Plans have been approved There will be space for a bed, to build the 16,000 square- a couch, a sitting area, a feet facility through the kitchenette with a microvave issuance of certificates of oven, and a bathroom. The obligation by the City of bathrooms will be wheelchair Friona.

Although the project will pointed out. cost an estimated \$1.5 million, at this point there is own dining room, and three no indication that any tax meals per day will be increase will be necessary to furnished to residents.

pay for the facility. The complex will be back door patio area so that primarily for couples or residents can continue to individuals who are not yet maintain flowers, or enjoy the needing nursing home care, but can have a nurse on duty on a 24-hour basis. There will will surround the facility.

A HEADLINE WE saw in an area newspaper this week pretty well said it for a lot of us: "In a strange twist, farmers pray for

rain--to STOP." of years back to back (at least Lites to this point) that were as different as 1998 and 1999 have been, then Ye Editor didn't Bill Ellis

make a very strong mental note about it. Describing the area farmers' plight, my longtime friend and associate, Don Nelson, publisher of Dimmitt's Castro County News, said it as well as could be said in a recent column. Editor Nelson commented in part:

sunshine.

"A hailstorm such as we had last Wednesday--which in some cases wiped out a half a year's work in a matter of minutes--is enough to make you wonder why anyone ever thought we could tame this prairie and turn it into cropland anyway.

"It makes you realize that our land has a timeless pattern, and that random hailstroms and twisters are just a part of that pattern, and that we are mere tinkerers trying to coax something out of this land that doesn't grow here naturally, and that we have to play on nature's terms," our friend concluded.

With just a scant four to four and one-half inches of moisture through the spring and the majority of the growing season in 1998, the area's corn farmers, at least the ones with irrigaton, kept the sprinklers running non-stop.

In the end, and with a mercilessly hot summer, there just wasn't enough irrigation water to make up for the lack of rain, and the corn yields suffered significantly.

Many corn farmers opted this year to abandon corn entirely and go for cotton. The hot summer of 1998 was more suited to producing cotton. However, barely a month into the 1999 growing season, it looks as though Mother Nature is giving farmers a "corn producing" type of year, at least in the moisture department.

So far in calendar year '99, Friona official guage, which is reported to Lubbock's National Weather Service office, has caught 13.85 inches of rain. This is almost an increase of ten inches over the same time a year ago, when only 4.05 inches

had been logged. For the months of May and June, we had measured a whopping 7.46 inches in 1999, compared to a miniscule .12

inches a year ago. Some other totals for the High Plains area, comparing the two years' moisture (to this point) include: Amarillo 15.91 inches (6.84 in '98); Lubbock 13.98 (.94 in '98) and Abilene, 12.57 (6.99 in '98)

This year, provided that Ma Nature will allow the wheat to be harvested without further molestation, we hear that there will be considerable dryland wheat that will post yields in the 50 to 60-bushel level, which is usually a good goal for irrigated wheat.

The only catch is that wheat prices are about the same at the present time as they were prior to World War II. This doesn't make a whole lot of sense, and definitely isn't helping to keep good farmers who love the land, doing their dead-level best to feed a hungry nation and world.

be one professional nurse and The new facility will furnish a person's linens, or they may use their own. "We "Residents can use their plan to be as flexible as possible," Mrs. Blackwell said. we will furnish the rooms, if There will be several seating areas for visitors and family, on the bonds. administrator Jo Blackwell. The units will be designed as well as a beauty shop, as "efficiency apartments." personal care room, a chapel

residents and/or the staff.

rooms." There will also be a

of certificates of obligation in the amount of \$1.5 million. During a presentation for the Friona Evening Lions, it was stated that Friona State

and two tornado shelter "safe impressive waiting list for people interested in this type laundry area for use by the of housing.

Friona's City Council will Blackwell have visited simimeet Monday evening, June lar facilities in Amarillo and 28, to consider passage of an Lubbock, with ideas also ordinance authorizing issuance coming from outside the area.

### Bank is interested in bidding The longtime nursing home chief said there is already an

Those working with Mrs.

### Wheat Harvest On; Rain Hurts Cotton

Wheat harvest, stalled by recent rains, was getting into high gear in the Rhea community on Thursday, with expectations of one of the best dryland crops on record.

In the meantime, the area's main crop--cotton, has experienced some damage due to prolonged wet, cool weather.

Luckily for both wheat and cotton growers, the sun reappeared at mid-week, and temperatures in the 90s have gotten many farmers in a good mood.

Although both Bovina and Friona elevators had received some early dryland wheat, Joe Allen at Sherley Grain's Rhea elevator said that Wednesday was their "kickoff

"The crop is looking real good. In fact, this is some of the best wheat I have seen, and I've been around awhile, Allen said.

"The crop got rain at the right times, and the weather was cool for the most part Everything just came together," he added.

Most of the Rhea community, as well as the Bovina area missed out on most of the rain that socked Friona and Hereford on Monday. Friona measured 3.96 inches from Saturday night through Monday, and this amount of rain is bound to have adversely affected some of the cotton.

"It will be a few days before we know for sure, but at this point it looks like we've lost a considerable number of acres, (and/or) a big percentage of the crop may have been affected," said Jerry Butman, manager of Friona Farmers Co-op Gin.

Butman indicated that the affected cotton will definitely need some help from the weather the rest of the growing season, and would probably need a late frost and freeze.

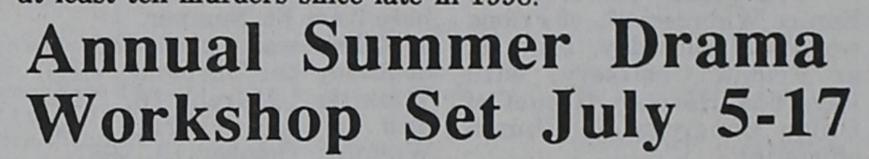
On the bright side, the farmers who stayed with corn are happy. One remarked "Here it is almost July 1 and I haven't had to turn on the water yet!"

Sirnics' Killer Is

Rafael Rensendez-Ramirez, who is being pursued by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a number of murders, including those of former Friona resident, Rev. Skip Sirnic and his wife Karen, has been placed this week on the list of the FBI's "Ten

Most Wanted" criminals. In fact, the serial killer, who has been tied to murders in Illinois, Kentucky and possibly Ohio in addition to Texas, was referred to this week by an FBI spokesman as "Public Enemy

Number One." Investigators are realizing that they may never know how many people Ramirez has killed, since he has been linked to at least ten murders since late in 1998.



corner and that means it is time for the Summer Drama Workshop.

Three different age groups summer's productions.

The first group is K-5. Students who have just finished the 5th grade are encouraged to stay in this group to help provide leadership for the younger students.

The second group is 6-8. Students who recently finished the eighth grade can either stay in this group or move up to the high school

The first meeting for each group will be Monday, July 5. The K-5 group will meet from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.: the junior high group will meet from 1:30-4:30 p.m.: and the

from 7-10 p.m. Forms are available from 295-6555.

July is just around the the Chamber of Commerce office and may be returned to the Chamber or brought to the July 5 meeting.

This year Tal Lostracco will be involved in this will be in the process of moving to a new school and will not be able to direct. Allison Johnston and Brenda Beebe will direct the three

Allison will direct the K-5 production of Unhappily Ever After. She and Brenda will co-direct the junior high show, The Wizard of Oz. Brenda will direct a western version of Shakespeare's The Taming Of The Shrew for the high school group.

Joy Morton will be out of town June 20-July 2 teaching debate at the WTAMU Summer Speech and Theater Camp. If there are any questions in the meantime high school group will meet you can call production assistant Jamie Slagle at



RE-ELECTED as directors at the Friona Farmer's Co-op Gin annual meeting were, l-r, George Frye and Jayson Grimsley.

### Dividends Distributed At Co-Op Gin Meeting

Friona Farmer's Co-op Fins of Lubbock. Gin, Inc.'s annual stockholders meeting was filled with good Frye and Jayson Grimsley as food, good news and door directors. Each was re-elected prizes galore.

The members met on June 15 at the junior high Jerry Butman announced cafeteria and enjoyed a meal catered by Danny's Hens and

An election named George

to the co-op board.

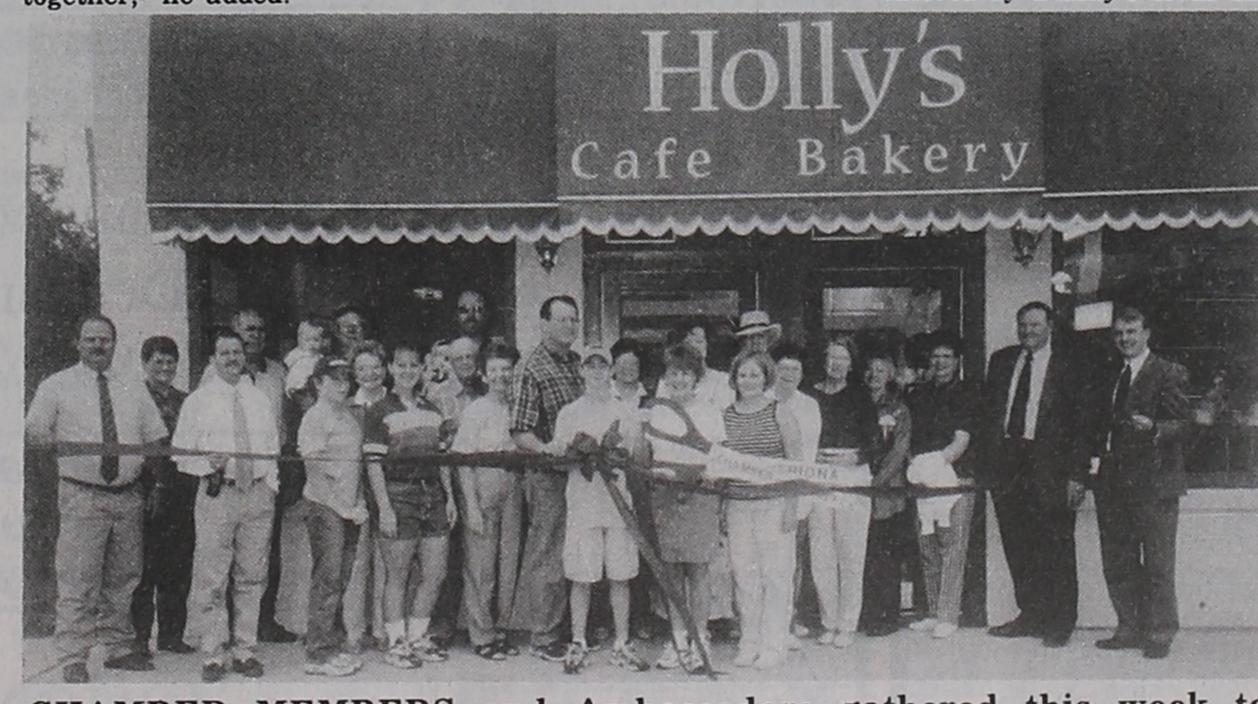
Co-op general manager that they had lost 2,000 acres so far to the rain and hail. (Note: The meeting was held before the major rain last week.)

Auditor Jimmy Rogers of the CPA firm of Williams, Rogers, Lewis, and Kaufman of Plainview, told the group that the co-op had end-of-year cash of \$380,000 after the dividends were paid.

The directors invested \$1,100,000 in improvements at the gin during the previous year and maintain \$600,000 in stock in other area co-ops such as Plains Coop Oil Mill.

Rogers said that the gin handled a record 31,400 bales ginned in the fiscal year and showed a \$892,000 profit for the year, or about \$30 per bale.

Dividends paid to stockholders at the meeting amounted to \$20 per bale, with \$9 on current production and \$11 returned on production through 1994.



CHAMBER MEMBERS and Ambassadors gathered this week to welcome Holly's Cafe & Bakery with a ribbon cutting. Owner Holly Smith, with the scissors, and her family and employees join in the ron carr photo celebration.

### Joe Bermea Services Held Here Thursday

Funeral mass for Jose "Joe" Bermea Sr., 63, of Friona was held Thursday at St. Teresa's Catholic Church with the Reverend Ed Sweeney, Pastor, officiating. Rosary was held Wednesday evening at the church.

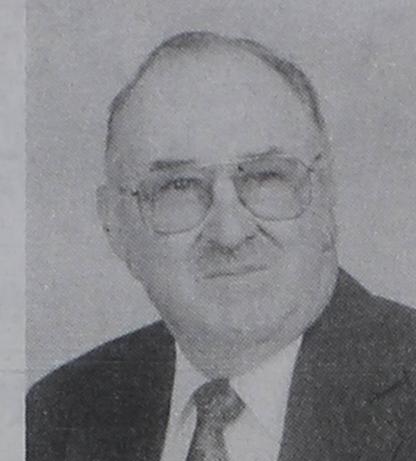
Burial will be in Garden Of Memories Cemetery in Menard. Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Bermea died Tuesday, June 22, 1999, at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

He was born July 28, 1935, in Menard. He married Angela Castillo on July 9, 1956, in Menard. He had lived in Friona since 1969. He had owned and operated a trucking business in Friona.

parish Council and was active in the building of St. Teresa's new building.

Survivors include his wife; and nine grandchildren.



JOE BERMEA

four sons, Joe of Hanover Park, Illinois, Rudy of Lubbock, Richard and David, both of Friona; two He was a member of the daughters, Cynthia Vega of Friona, and Lucinda Moseley of Austin; his mother, Sostenes Bermea of Menard;

### Eunice Widmier Is Buried Here June 19

Graveside services for Eunice Widmier, 81, of Friona were held Saturday, June 19, at Friona Cemetery, with Reverend Herman Krauel of Union Congregation Church

officiating. Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home was in charge of arrangement.

Mrs. Widmier died June 17, 1999 at her residence in Friona.

She was born September 26, 1917, in Grady, New Mexico. She married Virgil Widmier January 19, 1938, in Ft. Sumner, New Mexico. He died March 18, 1990.

Mrs. Widmier was a member of the Union Congregational Church in Friona. She had lived in

Lucille Drerup.

purchase one.

Virginia.

4-H candle sale

AROUND TOWN

Nazareth German festival Jul 10

The 27th annual Nazareth German festival will be held in

conjunction with "Suds and Sounds", on Saturday, Jul 10. An

arts and crafts show in the school cafeteria from 10:30 a.m.-

4:30 p.m. (Cost of a booth is \$20. Make booth reservations by

Jul 3.) A German sausage meal will be served from 11:30

a.m.-3 p.m. in the Nazareth Community Hall. Suds and

Sounds will get underway at 4 p.m. Bands will perform from

6 p.m. to 1 a.m. For more info contact Rose Mary Wilhelm or

The Chamber of Commerce has a new supply of the Friona

Team pictures of the Kid's Inc. baseball teams are ready

The King's Manor Founders Association will have their

The Friona Public Library will host a magic show for the

The Parmer County 4-H chapter is selling Home Interior

To celebrate July 4, the production of TEXAS at Palo

each performance Jun 28-Jul 4. A special Sunday performance will be held Jul 4. The finale fireworks display

will have 140 pyrotechnic shells instead of the normal 40

Sally Walker, Emergency Services Chairman of the Tri-County Red Cross chapter needs volunteers to serve as Red Cross contacts in Lazbuddie, Hart, Bovina, and Nazareth. Call 806-364-3761 if you can help.

The Hereford city wide garage sale is set for 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jul 17.

Summer Reading Club members. Magic by Montgomery will

be Jun 30, 10:30 a.m. at the Redeemer Center, 1304

candles to raise money to buy a gooseneck trailer. Large

candles for \$15 and small for \$9. For info contact a 4-H Club

member or call the Extension Office at 806-481-3619.

annual barbecue Saturday, Jul 10 on the King's Manor

Campus at 400 Ranger Drive in Hereford. Brisket, polish

sausage and all the trimmings begin at 6:30 p.m. There will

also be a quilt show, auction, games and live entertainment.

for pickup. The pictures are \$6 per packet and are available

custom woven afghans at \$40 each. Contact the Chamber to

Afghans available at the chamber

Kid's baseball pictures ready

King's Manor barbecue Jul 10

Library magic show Jun 30

Extra fireworks at TEXAS

Red Cross volunteers needed

Hereford city-wide sale Jul 17

at Friona Heating & Air, 410 W. 11th.

Friona since 1938, moving here from Ft. Sumner.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Virgil Widmier, March 18, 1990 and a son Virgil Ray Widmier, October 12, 1987.

Survivors include one daughter, Lynnis Clark of Friona; one brother, Oren Lang of Clovis, New Mexico; three sisters, Clara Talley and Blanche Kent both of Portales, New Mexico and Essie Bell of Farmington, New Mexico.

Four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren also survive.

The family suggests memorials to the Friona EMS or Union Congregational Church for the Food Bank.

....from the files of The Friona Star

Firemen and Fire Marshall's

trip and plans to travel over

10,000 miles by the time he

20 Yrs. Ago--June 24, 1979

Turner, 36, of Bovina, were

held Monday in First Baptist

Church. Turner was killed in

a motorcycle accident Friday

evening near the Rosita

Recreation Area of the

Canadian River north of

Realtors, has purchased the

former Carrol Gatlin Land

Company, and the 22-year-

old local business has been

the Friona Noon Lions on

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Funeral services for Bob

returns to his home.

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from Friona.

70 Yrs. Ago--June 28, 1929 A contract was let and ground broken this week for another business building for Friona this week, J. W. Parr will build a 75 x 90 foot building at the corner of Fifth and Euclid, just west of the Friona State Bank building, to house Friona Motor Company, which will handle the Ford agency for Parmer County.

65 Yrs. Ago--June 22, 1934 An American Legion Post has been organized at Friona. A charter list of 26 names was formally recognized last Thursday when District Commander Bob Lindsay of Borger presented the charter and approved Friona Post as affiliated with the state and national legion.

60 Yrs. Ago--June 30, 1939 Another cafe was opened to the public patronage on Thursday of last week by O. G. Turner in one of the rooms in his business building on Main Street just south of the F. L. Spring grocery store.

55 Yrs. Ago--June 30, 1944 By the death of Mrs. John Gishler, which occurred June 24, Friona loses another of its pioneer citizens, she having located here with her brotherin-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Meade, in February of 1910.

50 Yrs. Ago--June 17, 1949 Bruce Parr, living east of Friona, in the Black community, brought in the first load of 1949 wheat to the Friona Wheat Growers Elevator Wednesday. About five minutes after Parr brought in the first load, J. G. McFarland arrived with the second load of new wheat.

45 Yrs. Ago--June 24, 1954 The building fund drive for Parmer County Community Hospital stood at \$17,253 as of Monday, with another \$10,000 pledged, making the drive for \$50,000 at a little past the halfway mark.

40 Yrs. Ago--June 24, 1959 Water research, recharge and future plans of the High Plains Underground Water District were outlined by Bill Broadhurst of the Water District at the Friday night meeting of the Rhea Farm Bureau. Broadhurst told members that "we have plenty of water now, but the future generations are looking to us to save some for them."

Hospital Report

(Following is a list of local residents who had been admitted to hospitals during the past week, as we have been made aware of their situations. If you have a loved one you would like to have listed, please call the Friona Star office, 250-2211, by Wednesday in order to list their names)

SCCI, Amarillo: Dot Boatman. Parmer Co. Community Hospital: Louetta Ainsworth.

PREMIERE CINEMA CORP Duro Canyon will have extra fireworks displays at the end of

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Episode 1 1:30 - 4:10 - 7:00 - 9:30

**BIG DADDY** 2:00 - 4:05 - 7:15 - 9:15

NOTTING HILL PG-13

1:35 - 4:05 - 7:10 - 9:30

PG-13 **AUSTIN** POWERS--THE SPY WHO SHAGGED ME

1:40 - 4:00 - 7:10 - 9:10

**TARZAN** G 1:50 - 4:20 - 7:20 - 9:20

THE GENERAL'S DAUGHTER 1:25 - 4:00 - 7:05 - 9:25

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Thursday were: Royce Keck, 30 Yrs. Ago--June 19, 1969 director; Patrick Pace, SP/4 Numan Loafman, son treasurer; Joe Wilhelm, of Mr. and Mrs. L.W. secretary; JeDon Gallman, Loafman, was recently first vice-president; and Jay promoted to the rank of Beene, president. sergeant. He is in the United States Army and is currently 15 Yrs. Ago--July 1, 1984

serving in the motor pool of An application was to be the 38th infantry division in filed on Friday, June 29, for a charter to organize a national bank in Friona. The 25 Yrs. Ago--June 23, 1974 charter proposes the name of Mark Blankenship, son of the new bank to be Parmer Mr. and Mrs. J. C. County National Bank. Blankenship, was honored last week by being chosen 10 Yrs. Ago--June 24, 1989 State Mascot of the Texas Friona residents felt like

Mark was summertime back to winter sponsored by the Panhandle this week, as the high Association and attended the temperature on consecutive state convention in Laredo days dropped from 97 degrees June 10-13 with a group to 53 degrees. U. S. Senator Phil Gramm will be in Friona on Thursday, June 29 to attend

they had gone from

Friona was a rest stop on Tuesday for a 17-year-old youth who's going after a drug briefing at the new world's record. Doug Driver's License office at the Freedline, a native of Friona Police Department. Pennsylvania, is headed on a cross country solo bicycling 5 Yrs. Ago--June 25, 1994

Friona FFA members attended the Area Leadership Conference held at Clarendon College. Those attending were Jason Lytal, Toby Jack, Mac Fields, Jessica Smith and Kevin Schueler. David Barnett of Friona

was among 32 Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, students selected for membership in the TCU Student Foundation. This 1991 graduate of

Friona High School is the son of Doris and Wesley Barnett of Friona.

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JAMES EVANS J. Evans Is Tapped For Scholarship

The Amarillo College Foundation announced James Wilson Evans has received the Sybil B. Harrington Scholarship, which provides tuition and fees up to \$3,500 at accredited Texas college and universities.

Evans will major in aerospace engineering at The University of Houston. While at FHS, Evans was president of the National Honor Society, Math/Science Club and Band Council. He received numerous UIL awards; played football, basketball, baseball, and ran track; and was a member of Who's Who Among American High School Students. Evans is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Brian A. Evans.

Mrs. Harrington established the scholarship in 1990 and regularly increased its funding. The fund was also included among her bequests. Including the new recipients announced this year, almost 750 Sybil B. Harrington Scholarships have been awarded to Panhandle high school graduates.

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Out Here

By RON CARR "We Love Yah, George Dubyah!!"

George W. Guess that is the name we will use for our governor during his run for President. You pronounce it "George Dubyah." Or, for the more sophisticated Texans, "George Double-you."

We could call him "George sure could use the money. W. Bush" but it seems pretty formal for a Texas boy that used to own a baseball team. Besides his daddy has already used the name getting rid of all HMOs, George Bush as president.

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So let's just call him George W. Everybody will know who we are talking about and we will be cool.

It is 18 more long months before we have to step up and cast a ballot for the next president of America but it seems George W. has already been elected. That is good I guess.

I've been trying to figure out why George W. is so popular, even with voters that live in other places besides Texas. The pollsters say that George W. is very popular with women voters, Hispanics, Blacks, Republicans, and even a lot of Democrats.

It is not surprising that Democrats like George W. so much after almost 8 years of having to defend their president, Billy Jeff Clinton.

The only competition they dare offer is Algore and his bubbly wife Tipper. I would vote against Algore just so we wouldn't be stuck with a first lady named Tipper.

At least George W. is married to a Laura who won't be using her maiden name in the middle like Hill Rod Clinton does.

I have my Lubbock-based attorney and temporary campaign manager, Bobby Bobby, P.C., exploring the possibility of an exploratory committee to enter my name any positions on the knuckleheads. as a candidate. He tells me important issues. They say that I can start out just two he doesn't answer their percentage points behind Dan incessant questions like they Quayle in the polls but my chances of raising any money so far has basically told them is thin unless I win the to take it or leave it.

lottery. are a Republican. Bush, Committee chairman Roy Dole, Quayle, Smith, Kasich, Romer, have already started Forbes, Alexander, Hatch, a negative, personal attack Buchanan and Carr. My against George W.

platform is about the same as theirs. I'm going to say pay close attention to Roy whatever I need to say and Romer. He is a former whatever you want to hear.

I heard they are raising the staffer and denied it until president's salary to someone showed him a video \$400,000.00 a year and I of himself and girlfriend doing

I'm lying.

I'll be lowering taxes, Committee. hiring at least 50 new saying on national TV that teachers, one for each state, and reducing class size only in the districts where I win the most votes.

I'll be in favor of gun a control as long as it is your Roy. guns and not mine. All students in the bottom ten percent of their high school class will get full scholarships to the college of their choice. (The top ten percent are smart enough to find their own college.)

I promise to pass at least another 87,000 laws during my presidency making everything you do my business.

I will continue Billy Jeff's programs of no limits on campaign finance and giving our Chinese friends the hand of friendship plus whatever nuclear secrets they need to have a complete set.

If these proposals are not what you American People want from my administration just let me know. No problem. I believe in making everybody happy and can change my policies in a heartbeat.

going to be interesting to watch George W.'s progress the next few months. The media and the Democrats are already trying to discredit every part of his

They say he doesn't have think he should. George W.

The Democrats, led by Here is the lineup if you their Democratic National

As the campaigns unfold, governor of Colorado who had What the heck do I care. his own illicit affair with a the squeeze. In other words My campaign slogan will he lied, which automatically be "I'll be honest with you, qualified him to be chairman of the Democratic National

George W. does not have the experience to be president. All he has ever done is be a governor. He has never been Washington insider, says

Seems to me Billy Jeff went directly from Arkansas governor to the White House too, Roy. Of course being governor of Arkansas is on about the same skill level as being a supervisor in a ragbundling factory.

You know the interesting but sad thing about politics these days is that most American People who actually vote, vote for the candidate with the bestpersonality.

In that category, George W. has them all beat, hands He is handsome, down. personable, and as Aunt Ruby would say, "He sure is

Nobody is interested in Kosovo anymore. Nobody seems to notice that we are still bombing Iraq. We are all tired of Billy Jeff and Hill Rod. They are on the way out anyway.

So we'll be watching George W.'s run together in the weeks and months ahead. Before long his definition of "compassionate conservatism" will begin to sink in on even the thickest of liberal leftleaning Democratic

Barring unforseen events, George W. will be the next president of America.

What scares me is that if the American People selected Billy Jeff Clinton two times, then Algore has a good chance of winning too.

If that happens, I'll be moving to Costa Rica and writing a column called Down Here.



SD, PW, C/C

Digger

Shredder

Rotary Hoe

CANDYMAN....Scott Entz, general manager of Excel Corporation-Friona, and other Excel employees awarded cash prizes and boxes of Snickers to elementary students in the company's recent safety coloring contest.



AUCTION

Saturday, June 26, 1999------------------SALE TIME 9:37 A.M. Located: Vega, Texas Intersection of Interstate 40 & US Hwy 385, 1/4 mile West on I-40 South Side Service Roy Romer has been Road, then 2/10 mile West on CR C, then 2 miles South on CR 36, then 2 miles West on CR B, then 3 miles South on CR 34, then 1/4 mile West on CR 28, then 1/4 mile South thru field. (Follow Signs)

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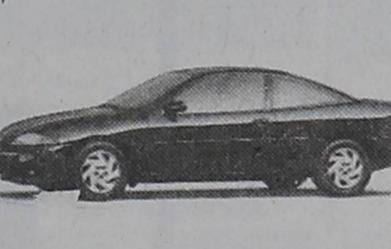
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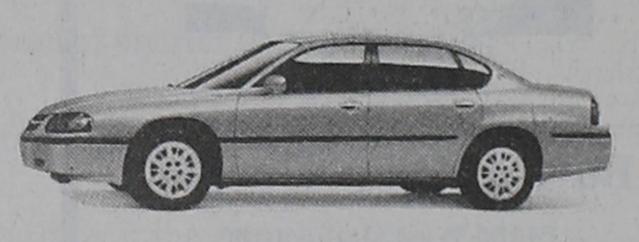
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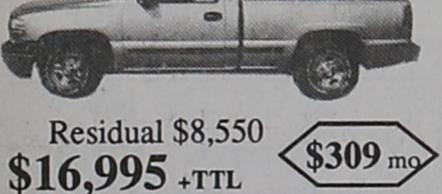
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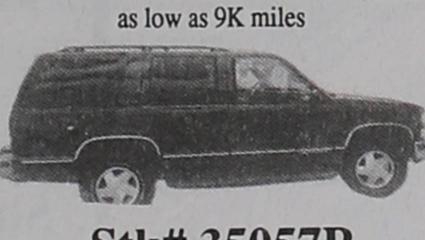


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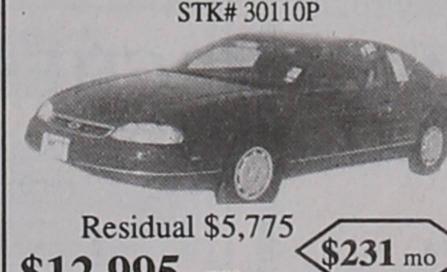


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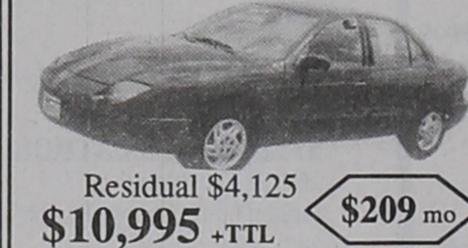
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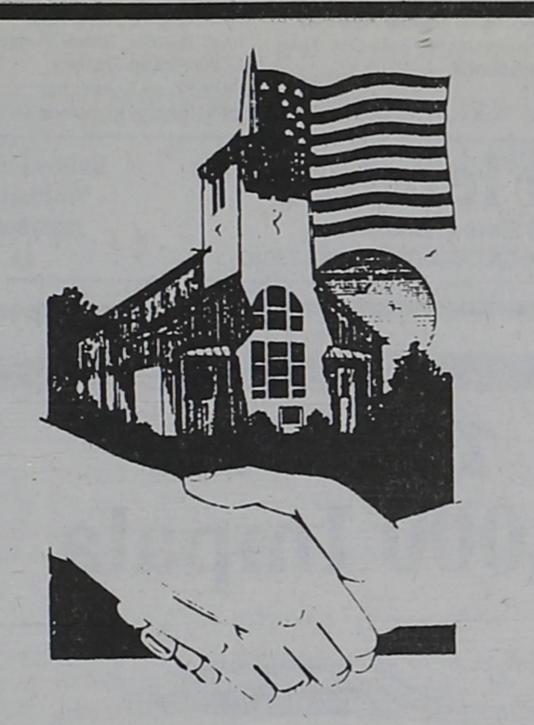
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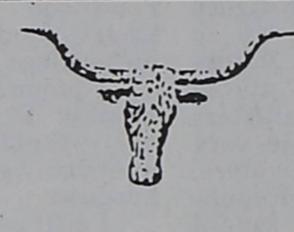
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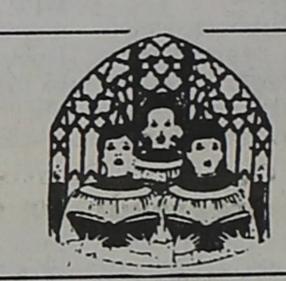


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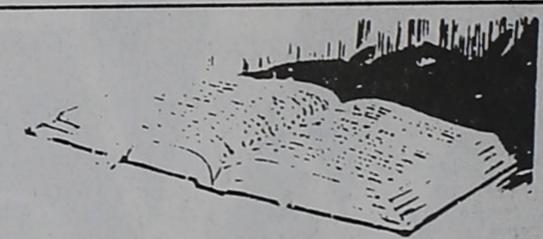
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DRAWING FOR DOOR PRIZES...Lexie Bracken is not quite sure what's in the box. The daughter of Lana and Cody Bracken was one of the children drawing names at the Friona Farmer's Co-op Gin annual meeting.

56 COUPLES COMPETE

### Good Sam Travelers Meet Here

The May rally meeting of the Palo Duro Good Sam chapter met in Friona May 11-13 at the community center. The members "camp" in their RVs at different locations around the Panhandle.

There were seven rigs represented at the business meeting on Saturday morning. They had breakfast at Headquarters Restaurant

with 10 members present.
After the business meeting, the group took part in a cleanup for National Cleanup Day by picking up trash at the triangle at Highway 60 and the Rhea Highway.

The group enjoyed games and fun during their stay at the Community Center and after a devotional on Sunday morning everyone returned



GOOD SAMS....They cleaned up during their stay in Friona. See the story for more. From left are Loren & Thelma Fausset, Booker; Audrey Seigler, Childress; Marge Pannell, Amarillo; Allo Reeve, Friona; Jake Huckaby, Amarillo; Paula & Bob Hayes, Childress; and George Huber, Amarillo.





BESSIE HOLT and a gaggle of grins were These boys are ready to enter the Calvary Lookingbill/Swink, 2nd, 156; present at Calvary Baptist's Bible School. Caves. ron carr photo

twosomes in six different flights and players from all

Flight winners provided by the tournament officials were these twosomes:

Championship flight: Thornbough/Holtzclaw, 1st, 121; Niehaus/Weatherly, 2nd, 127; Buchanan/Buchanan, 3rd, 130.

First flight: Burleson/Burleson, 1st, 133; tied for 2nd & 3rd at 135 were Durham/Durham and Bubany/Kallas. Second flight:

Loflin/Downey, 1st, 140 Feagan/Feagan, 2nd, 140; DaBell/Campbell, 3rd, 141. Third flight:

Charest/Charest, 1st, 147; Strawn/Strawn, 2nd, 150; Lookingbill/Lookingbill, 3rd, Fourth flight:

Agee/Agee, 1st, 143: Harris/Mays, 2nd, 147: Harrelson/Harrelson, 3rd, 148. Fifth flight:

MY FIRST LOVE, BECKY..."Granny" Opal Strickland performed on stage during the Friona State Bank Branson tour. She was Becky for Mike Radford's Remember When Show, a one-man nostalgia presentation. Here she is shown getting a romantic hug from Radford.



JOHN B. CROZIER, III John Crozier Is Who's Who

John B. Crozier, III, CPA, P. C., of Friona has been accepted by the National Registry of Who's Who as a Life Member "in recognition of exemplary service both to community and to profession."

The National Registry of Who's Who is a highly recognized biographical publication for professionals. According to their media release, the responsibility of choosing only people of significant accomplishment is taken very seriously by the National Registry.

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PARMER COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

The Parmer County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2000 fiscal year

The public hearing will be held on Thursday, July 8, 1999 at 8 p.m. at the Parmer County Appraisal District Office Board Room, 305 3rd Street, Bovina, Texas.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget is \$190,300.00.

The total amount of decrease over the current year's budget is \$4,800.00.

The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget will be 4.

The number of employees compensated under the current budget is 4.

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the Parmer County Appraisal District Board of Directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities, and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the Parmer County Appraisal District Office.

> Parmer County Appraisal District 305 3rd Street Bovina, Texas 79009 (806) 238-1405



A FLAG WAS PRESENTED to Prairie Acres on Flag Day by the Daughters of the American Revolution. Lesta Lee Neill, left, presents the flag to Jo Blackwell, Prairie Acres executive director as Carla Scott, Avis Henry, and Sam Mears, representing the VFW and American Legion, look on. ron carr photo

# Area Red Cross Update

membership meeting June 29 at 7 p.m. at the Hereford Community Center. Hamburgers cooked by David Castillo and Charles Axtell. A great evening has been planned. Call our office at 806-364-3761 so we will know how many hamburgers to cook or better still just show up.

We are in need of Disaster trained people to help in case of a disaster. We world. The Red Cross is a would like to have people volunteer-led humanitarian from Dimmitt, Friona, Hart and Nazareth. We have training for Disasters, Damage assessment, Mass care and shelter operations. If you would like to help and be trained in any of these classes call Sally at the office 364-3761. If after hours our answering machine has other numbers and our pager number.

Dimmitt High School for their donation to the Oklahoma Disaster. You did a great job. Thanks to Mr. Hutton of Hereford for his donation.

Recycle your aluminum cans: We are still accepting aluminum cans to recycle for during office hours.

Lifeguarding course. If you are interested in becoming a Disaster Relief Fund by certified lifeguard please call. before the end of June.

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Jim Watson, Pastor, Express.

He was born March 9, Lazbuddie.

First Baptist Church of Texas 79053.

30-Year-Old Is Buried

Thursday At Lazbuddie

Barnes, 30, of Lazbuddie Angelo State University,

were held Thursday at First West Texas State and

Baptist Church of Lazbuddie graduated from Devry trade

Oklahoma, and the Reverend Artic Coastal Transport

Burial was in Lazbuddie parents, Royce and Connie

He died Friday, June 18, Julian of Georgetown and

1999, in San Bernardino, Lucille Barnes of Farwell; and

He had lived in Lazbuddie all memorials to Lazbuddie EMS,

his life. He was a member of P.O. Box 125, Lazbuddie,

Funeral services for Les Lazbuddie. He had attended

school in Dallas.

He was a truck driver for

Survivors include his

Barnes of Lazbuddie; his

grandparents, Rosalene

a brother, Douglas Barnes of

The family suggests

forget the children and a very informative video about various types of water safety. We would be more than happy to schedule a class for your group! Please remember we are the Tri-County Chapter and here to serve Castro and Parmer Counties as well as Deaf Smith County.

The American Red Cross is dedicated to helping make families and communities safer at home and around the service organization and annually provides almost onehalf the nation's blood supply, certifies more than 8.5 million people in life-saving skills, mobilizes relief to victims in more than 68,000 disasters nationwide, provides direct health services to 2.8 million people, assist international disaster and conflict victims in more than 40 countries, and A BIG THANKS to the transmits more than 14 million emergency messages to members of Arm Forces and their families. For more information you can call the local office.

All American Red Cross disaster assistance is free, made possible by voluntary disaster relief. Drop your donations of time and money cans by the Red Cross office from the American people. To help the victims of this Lifguarding: We are and other disasters, currently trying to organize a contributions can be made to the American Red Cross calling 1-800-HELP NOW or We will try to set up a class 1-800-257-7575 (Spanish). Contributions to the Disaster We have a class for Relief Fund may also by sent children called Whale Tales, to your local American Red it is very good for small Cross chapter or to the

### Farm Bureau/Monsanto Award Ag Scholarships

Fifty students from 28 major farming states have been awarded \$2,500 "Commitment to Agriculture" scholarships to further their education in the field of agriculture. The scholarships are the first awarded under a new program jointly sponsored by the American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture and Monsanto Company.

William "Cade" Morris of Lazbuddie was among the fifty students receiving the new Commitment to Agriculture scholarship. Cade, who will attend Texas Tech University, wrote of his cotton and Bollgard cotton. commitment to agriculture in of life and I will strive to continue my way of life throughout my life."

"Supporting education in agriculture is important for these students, their families and the successful future of American farming," said Marsha Purcell of the Foundation for Agriculture. "Tomorrow's agricultural leaders are among these students."

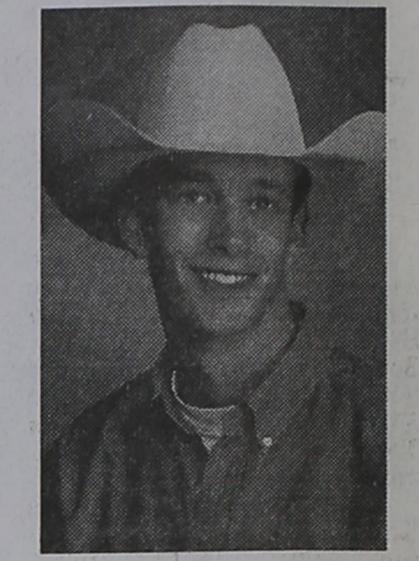
Commitment to Agriculture scholarship recipients are from families actively

engaged in farming who will enter their first year of college in the fall of 1999 and plan studies in the field of agriculture.

"Today's announcement further demonstrates Monsanto's commitment to farmers and farm communities in ensuring fairness and a level competitive playing field," said Shelly Aden of Monsanto. "Education is our best tool in ensuring that farm communities continue to gain the full benefits of new agricultural technologies. These technologies include Roundup Ready soybeans and

Monsanto is a global life his scholarship essay, "Agri- sciences company and leader culture is not only my in the development and heritage, but it's the heritage marketing of improved food States. I love the rural way Park Ridge, Illinois, the Puerto Rico.

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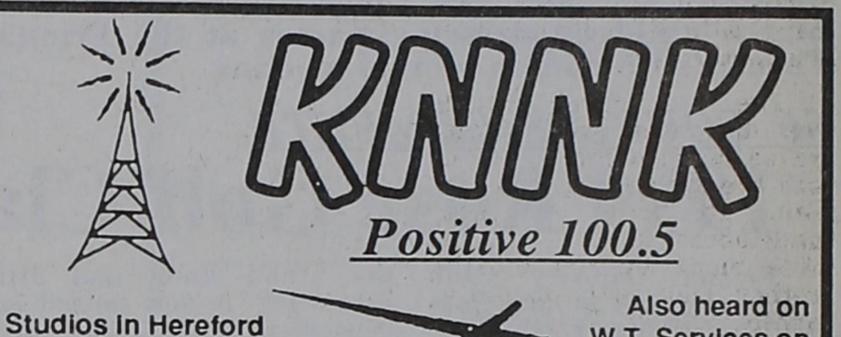
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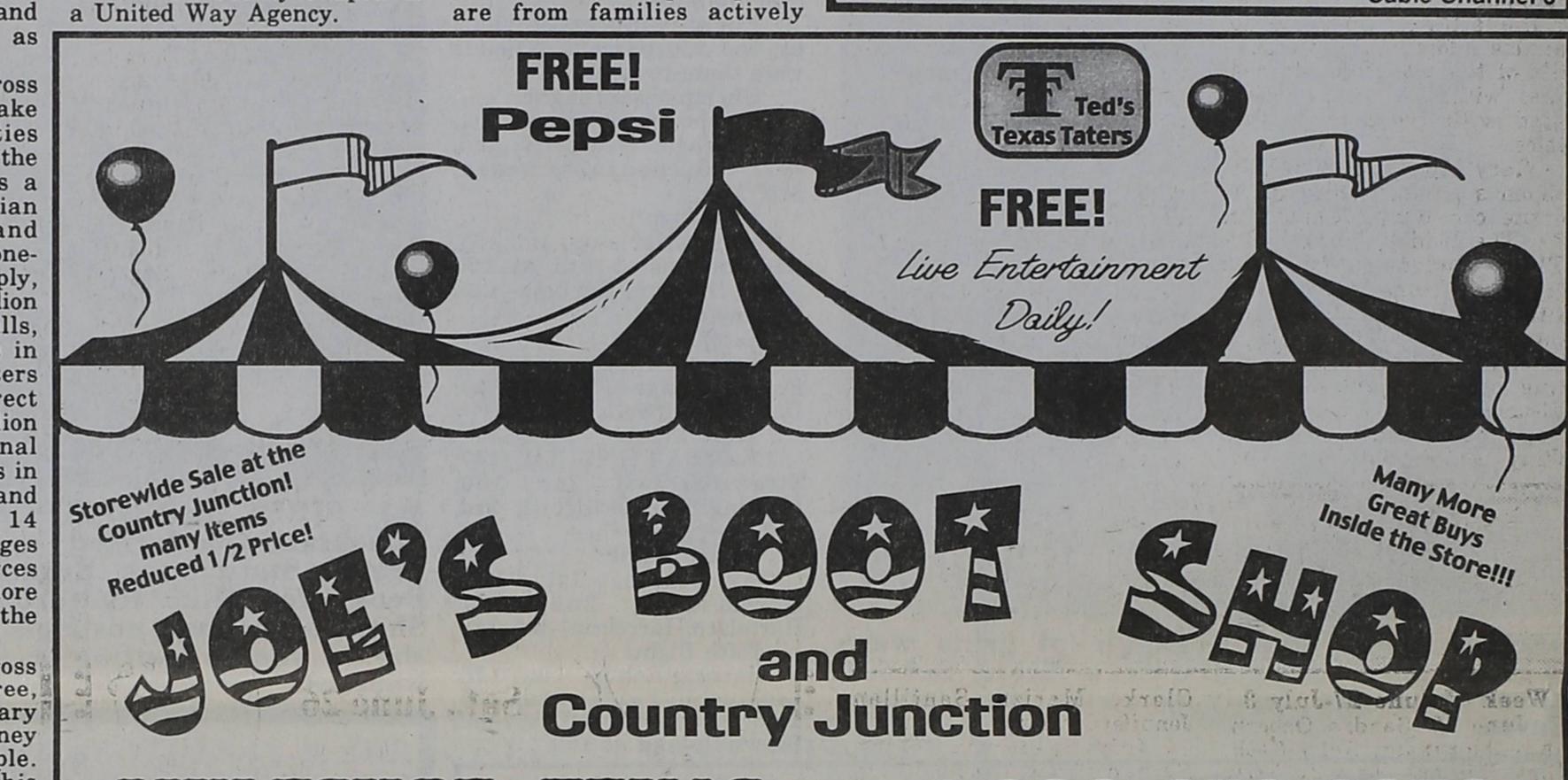
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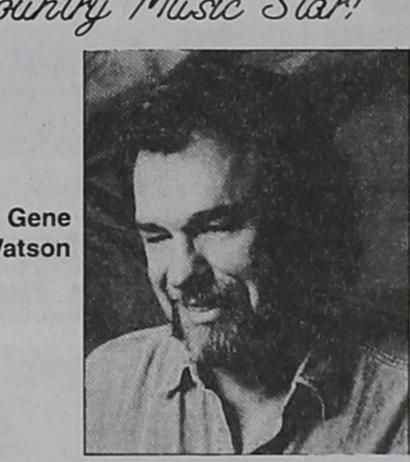
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Parents of the bride are Raymond and Pam Hamilton. Jenny is the granddaughter of Delton and Betty Lewellen, Martha Hamilton, all of Friona, and the late Glen Hamilton. She is the great-granddaughter of Harvey and Bertha Shapley.

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The groom is the son of Mike and Becky Riethmayer. His grandparents are Lester and Genieva Stanley of Friona, the late Doyle and Mary Elliott and the late Bob Riethmayer.

The front of the church was decorated with three arched candelabras accented with two candle trees on each side. In front of the candelabras stood a wooden table made by the bride's brother that held the unity candle. Large vases filled with white roses and gladiolas rested on each side of the altar. Three white candles adorned the window sills of the two front stained glass windows. Tulle bows filled with ivy marked the

aisles. Gary Mingus of Amarillo played a piano prelude prior to the ceremony, "Canon In D," "The Bridal Chorus" and "The Wedding March." Sarah Baldridge and Leeann Altman sang "In This Very Room" and "This Day." Other musical selections were sung by Kevin and Carolyn Wiseman, which included the songs "Answered Prayer," "Only God Could Love You

More" and "Together."

As the bride was presented in marriage by her father, she wore a formal length white satin gown neckline. Sequins and pearls trimmed the neckline and bodice of the long sleeved gown. Fitted at the waistline, the full skirt flowed with a chapel length train accented with lace and bead

Her finger tip length veil of white tulle was attached to a pearl tiara headpiece. She wore a pearl necklace with a sweetheart design of diamonds that dropped into a pearl teardrop with earrings to match, a gift from

her parents. The bride carried a small silk bouquet of white roses and gardenias intertwined with pearls and draped with sheer white ribbon and strings of pearls. She also carried the Bible that her mother carried in her own wedding.

The groom wore a black tuxedo with tails accented with a silver vest and bow

Sarah Baldridge of Raton, New Mexico was the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Christy Stephens of Lubbock, Nancy Rodgers of Campo, Colorado and Kris Hamilton of Amarillo.

Serving as junior bridesmaid was Britni Berry of Texhoma, Oklahoma and Jordan Jamerson of Friona was the flower girl.

The feminine attendants wore black and white floor length satin gowns featuring sweetheart necklines. They carried gardenias with organza ribbon. The dresses were made by the bride's grandmother, Betty Lewel-

July 2 -- Steven Mann,

July 3--Jan Reeve, Tom

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Schueler.

Bryan, brother of the groom, was the best man. Grooms- Amelia Taylor. men were Dan Neelley of Bryan, Blue Field of Borger and Austin Terry of College Station. The ring bearer was Randall Zamora of Friona.

Groomsmen wore black tuxedoes with white shirts and black bow ties.

Candles were lit by the bride's brothers, Davy and Jeff Hamilton. Seating the guests were the bride's two brothers and her cousins, Monty, Wade and Kevin Schueler, and Chad, Cory and Clint Hamilton.

Mrs. Marsha Day and Allison Hudspeth presided at the guest registration table. A reception was held in

the church Fellowship Hall following the ceremony. The floating five tiered Italian Cream wedding cake was served from the bride's table. Each tier was decorated with scallops and

pearls topped with white silk

flowers and a candle votive. designed the groom's strawberry cake, which was decorated to carry out the A&M colors of maroon and white, topped with three Centerpieces included small edible designs: the Texas rose bouquets which guests A&M University seal, an agricultural scene and a hunting scene. Large chocolate covered strawborries decorated as bow ties were placed at the base of the

Serving at the reception were Jessie Abarca, Courtney Katy Weatherly, Mrs. Aimee Houston and Mrs. Cindy Chavez. The houseparty

len, and her aunt, Donna consisted of Mrs. Loy McLellan, Ms. Joy Osborn, Brenton Riethmayer of Mrs. Brenda Patterson, Mrs. Glenda Procter and Mrs.

Following a honeymoon trip to Lake Tahoe, the couple resides at their country home in Friona.

The bride is a senior elementary education major at West Texas A&M University, Canyon, and will graduate in May 2000.

Riethmayer graduated from Texas A&M University, College Station, in August 1998 with a degree in agricultural economics and is currently employed by Hi-Pro Feeds in Friona working with internet sales.

REHEARSAL DINNER

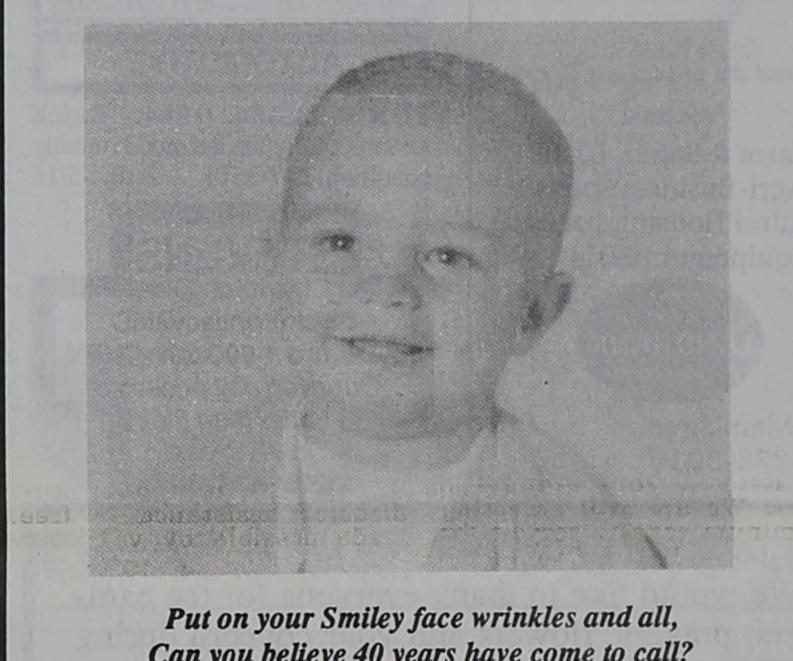
The groom's parents honored the wedding party with a dinner catered by Desperados of Amarillo. The dinner was held at the Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, where hickory-smoked steaks were served.

The day of the wedding, Monica Procter of Bovina the bride was honored with a luncheon at the home of Feller and Teena Hughs. The luncheon was hosted by Teena and Lauren Hughs. received as momentos of the occasion.

Larry and Jan Rogers honored the groom with a cookout in their home the day of the wedding. Hostesses were Jan Rogers, Teto Milner, Libby Procter, Sherri Atwell, Donita Martin, Carthel, Amanda Taylor, Nancy Peace and Kitty Gallman. The hosts presented Riethmayer with a weedeater as a gift.



Mr. and Mrs. Corbin Riethmayer



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Jennifer Harris.

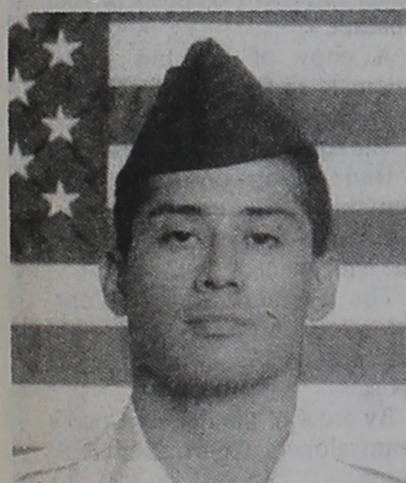
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June 28--Jackie Stowers, Bill Hardin, Debbie Rector, Leslie Wilkins, Dwight O'Brian, Carol Reeve, HollyJack, Linday Cranfill, Charlotte Ratcliff.

June 29--James Varner, Russel O'Brian, Oneida Allen, Fern White, Judy Martin, Eva Lou Rector, Allison Walker, Andrew Stowers, Elizabeth Gore, Teddy White.

June 30-Sharon Diane Jones, Dewayne Procter, Randy Sifford, Brooke Herbert, Ruth Brown, Karene Cass.

July 1 -- Richie Malouf, Karen Wied, Gregg Nichols, Haleigh Herbert, Courtney



### ROGELIO FLORES R. Flores Graduates

Air Force Airman Rogelio Flores has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Flores' guardians, Dora and Martin Mejia, are Friona residents. He is a 1995 graduate of Friona High School.





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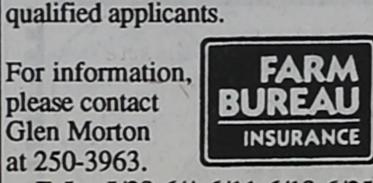
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### LEGAL NOTICE THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: The Unknown Heirs of The Estate of Robert Eugene Mercer

You and each of you are hereby cited, required and commanded to appear before the County Court of Parmer County, Texas, to be held in the county court room in the courthouse of said county in the city of Farwell, Parmer County, Texas, such appearance to be at or before ten o'clock a.m. of the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from the date of service, exclusive of the day of such service, which day and date of service shall be the date of publication that this newspaper bears, and which appearance can be at such time on such Monday, which can be the 7th day of July, 1999, by filing written answer to the application hereinafter mentioned, contesting same, should they or any of them desire to do so, which application will, at such 10 o'clock hour and such place be acted on, said application having been filed by\* William Joseph Mercer in said court on the 21st day of June, 1999, and now pending there, in a proceeding on the probate docket of said court, styled\*\*

ESTATE OF ROBERT EUGENE MERCER,

the file number of which application and the docket number of which proceedings is 2381, the nature of such application being for\*\*\* APPLICATION TO **DETERMINE HEIRSHIP** 

If this citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Witness, Colleen Stover, clerk of the county court of Parmer County.

seal of said court, at office in the City of Farwell this 21st day of June, 1999.

Colleen Stover Clerk of County Court of Parmer County, Texas

\*Name of applicant. \*\*Style of case. \*\*\*Nature of application.

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COOK NEEDED...Apply in person at Mandy's Restaurant, between the hours of 6 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday thru Saturday.

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### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Bovina Gin, Inc. has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for issuance of Air Quality Permit No. 41425 to authorize operation of an existing Cotton Gin located at 100 East State Highway 86, Bovina, Parmer County, Texas. The existing facility will emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, and unburned hydrocarbons. A person who may be affected by air contaminants emitted from the existing facility may request a hearing.

If the applicant demonstrates the proposed facility will company with all applicable air quality requirements, the applicant will qualify for issuance of a permit. The subject of a hearing would be limited to applicable air quality requirements, which do not include issues such as water quality, noise, traffic safety, or zoning. If a hearing is held, it will be a legal proceeding similar to civil trials in state district court.

To request a hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) the applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "I/we request a public hearing"; (4) a brief, specific statement of how and why emissions from the proposed facility would adversely affect you in a way not common to members of the general public; and (5) the location of your property relative to the existing facility.

Hearing requests or comments on the application must be received in writing at the Chief Clerk's Office, IN THE MATTER OF THE MC-105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, within 30 days after the second publication of this notice. This notice is to be published on June 25 and July 2.

The application and the TNRCC's preliminary analysis are available for review and reproduction at the TNRCC Office of Air Quality, 12124 Park 35 Circle, Building C, Austin, Texas 78753. Application documents, a compliance file if any exists, and further information may be obtained from the TNRCC Amarillo Regional Office, Air Program located at 3918 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79109-Given under my hand and the 4996, telephone (806) 353-9251. Individual members of the public who wish to inquire about the information contained in this notice, or to inquire about other agency permit applications or permitting processes, should call the TNRCC Office of Public Assistance, toll free, at 1-800-687-4040.

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### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Parmer County Commissioners Court is currently accepting bids for the purchase of one (1) new Motor Grader for use in Precinct #4. Bids must be brought or mailed to Bonnie J. Clayton, County Judge, at 401 Third Street, Room 104, P.O. Box 506, Farwell, Texas 79325, to be received no later than 11:00 A.M., Monday, July 12, 1999, at which time bids will be considered. Please include an original and four (4) copies in your bid packet.

A copy of the bid specifications is on file at at the County Judge's Office.

The equipment to be considered on trade-in is one (1) 1996 Caterpillar 140H, SerialNo. 0807. Bids must reflect the total cost of the equipment.

The Parmer County Commissioners Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.

By order of the Parmer County Commissioners Court, Bonnie J.

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# Kris Hamilton, Billy Chancler United In Church Ceremony

Kris Delae Hamilton and Billy Jim Chancler, both of Amarillo, were married Saturday, June 12 at 1 p.m. in Southwest Baptist Church in Amarillo. The Rev. J. Alan Ford officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Charles and Randie Marsha Day of Irving, Texas, Hamilton of Friona. Her grandparents are Martha Hamilton and T.A. and Ann Kelley, all of Friona.

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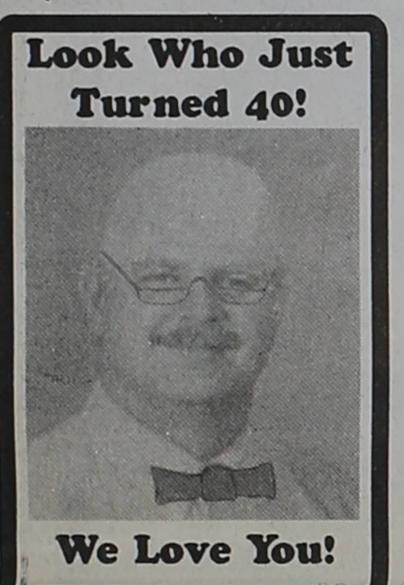
### I. Roths Have A Baby Girl

Jeremy and Amanda Roth are the parents of a baby girl born Saturday, May 22 at 8:38 p.m.

Named Katelyn MaKenna, the new arrival weighed five pounds, eight ounces and was nineteen and three-fourths inches long. She is the first child for

the couple. Grandparents are Mike and Bonnie Pope and Delia Roth, all of Friona.

Great-grandparents are Cora Snyder, Sylvia Roth and James Pope of Friona and Betty Freeman of Hereford.



WADE HINKLE, son of Jerry and Lucy Beth Hinkle, graduated from Texas A&M University in College Station on May 15. He received a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in finance and is currently employed by Graybar Electric Company in Houston as a financial manager. His grandparents are Lois Miller and Claudia Adams, both

James Fuller of Amarillo,

and Cory Hamilton of

Canyon, brothers of the

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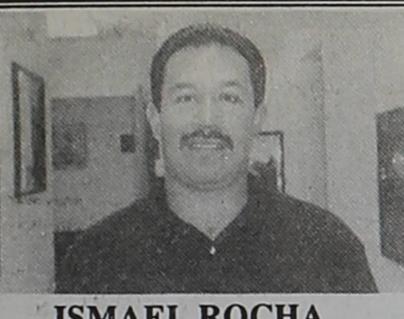
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of Friona.

Jennifer Jolly presided at Emily Chancler of Amarillo and Bill and Margie Davis of

Lawton, Oklahoma. Tammi Lafuente of Lubbock, aunt of the bride, was the matron of honor. Bridal attendants were Tammi Potts of Amarillo, center and green plants and pearl beaded gloves. cousin of the bride, and trees were in the background. Jenny Riethmayer of Friona, cousin of the bride.

Brian Chancler of San See What I See." Gary brother as best man. The Mingus presented "The Bridal groom's attendants were Chorus," "Standing On Holy Ground" and "The Wedding cousin of the groom, and March." Chad Hamilton of Amarillo

The bride wore a formal length ivory silk satin gown. The fitted bodice was hand beaded with pearls. Her cathedral length train was enhanced with a sequin pearl trimmed bow.

### Scott Curtis Completes Navy Course

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Scott D. Curtis, whose wife, Elizabeth, is the daughter of Elodia Serna of Bovina, recently completed a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Indian oceans and Arabian Gulf, while assigned to the amphibious assault ship USS Boxer, home ported in San

During the deployment Curtis participated in Operation Desert Fox, a retalitory U.S. strike directed at the destruction of targets in Iraq capable of producing weapons of mass destruction.

Curtis also had the opportunity to make port visits in Hong Kong, Indonesia, Singapore and Thailand. Additionally, Curtis' ship

received unit awards recognizing its safety programs and battle readiness capabilities.

Curtis' ship and its embarked Marines present a formidable U.S. presence which can provide a rapid response in times of crisis. Sailors and Marines aboard USS Boxer can conduct a variety of missions from reconnaissance and amphibious assaults to evacuating civilians and providing humanitarian aid.

The 1987 graduate of Bloomfield Hills Andover High School of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, joined the Navy in April 1990.

Her veil was designed on the guest registry.

The front of the church with two cascading elbow was decorated with candles length tiers of French tulle that formed a large heart in and adorned with hand the center and a smaller beaded pearls all around. heart on each side. Navy The veil was made by her tulle outlined each heart. aunt, Audry Rowell. She The unity candle was in the wore elbow length sequin

The bridal bouquet of Shane Nease, soloist, spring colored flowers was sang "Wind Beneath My accented with pearls and Wings" and "If You Could navy and ivory organza ribbon. The bouquet was highlighted with a six pence from her grandmother, Ann Kelley, that had been worn in her wedding and also her mother's wedding.

Bridal attendants wore form fitting navy satin dresses with off-the-shoulder necklines trimmed in ivory lace. Their flowers were spring bouquets in crochet lace cone shaped holders.

Male attendants wore black tuxedoes with navy vests.

The reception was held at the Fellowship Hall of the church.

The bride's cake was an ivory Italian Cream Cake trimmed with lattice work icing and spring flowers topped with a Kim Anderson

A chocolate cake with white icing was served from the groom's table. The cake featured an edible picture of the couple with the verse from their wedding invitation written on the cake. These cakes were cut with a silver knife that belonged to the bride's great-great-grandmother, Annie Lewellen, which had been given to her by her eight girlfriends in

Serving the bride's cake were Michelle Christie and Melissa Helton. Julie Eberting and Kari Sieck served the groom's cake. Others in the houseparty were Cheryl Weatherly, Sam and Sandy Houston and Henry and Paula Clark.

Following a wedding trip to Ruidoso, New Mexico, the couple will make their home in Amarillo.



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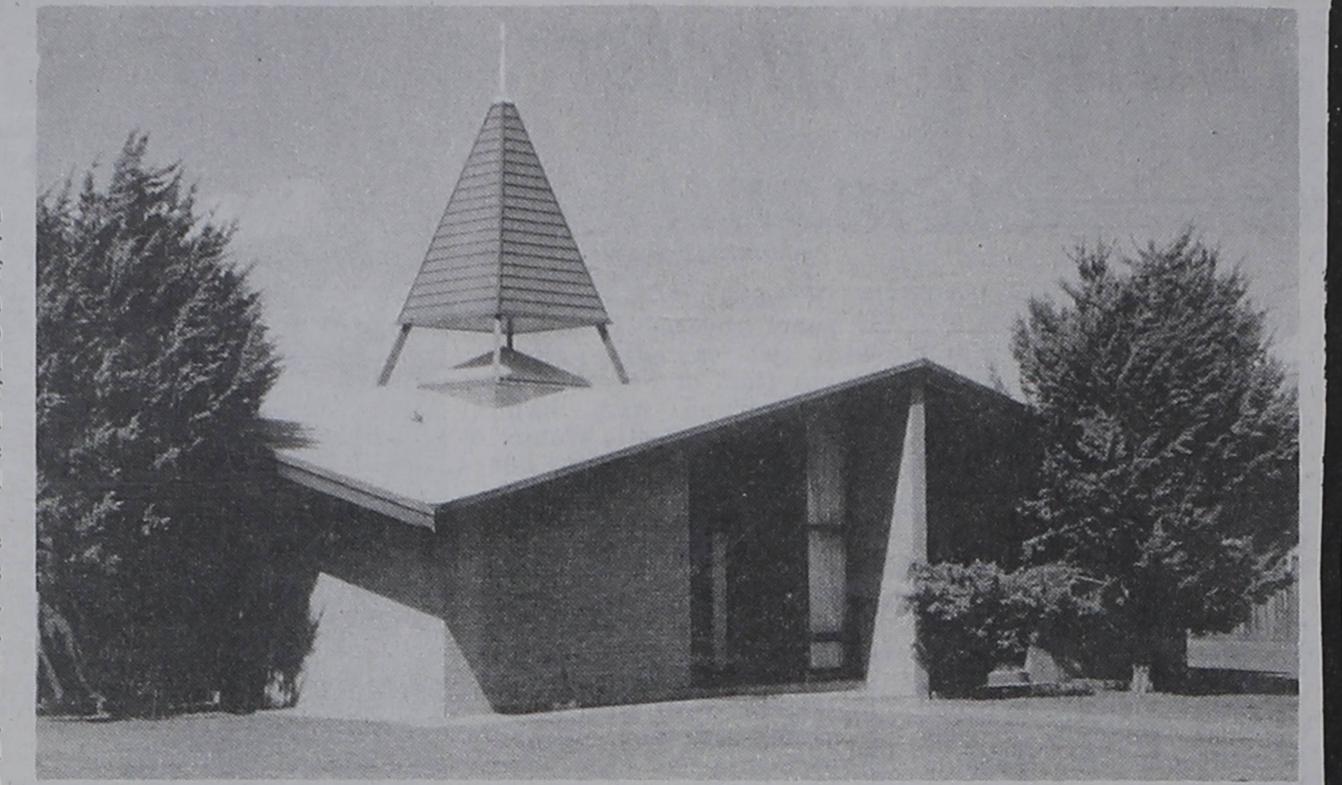
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Area students making the President's List and their majors included Deon Gallman, freshman, animal science; Aimee Houston, senior, multi-disciplinary studies; Suzanne Rice, senior, multi-disciplinary studies; Sheldon Burleson, senior, petroleum engineering; and Seth Houston, senior, petroleum engineering.

Those making the Dean's List were Sherri Jubay, sophomore, biology; Rachel Burleson, freshman, multi-disciplinary studies; and Shyla Wyly, freshman, COBA.



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That means nearly all gains earned on investments held more than one year will now be taxed at a maximum rate of 20 percent. (For investors in the 15 percent tax bracket, long-term capital gains will be taxed at a rate of 10 percent.) Better yet, in a year-and-a-half, the long-term capital gains rate will drop further. Beginning in 2001, investments purchased and held more than

five years will be taxed at a maximum rate of 18 percent.

Gains on investments held less than a year, on the other hand, will continue to be taxed as ordinary income, which means tax rates up to 39.6 percent. That makes a powerful case for investing for the long term.

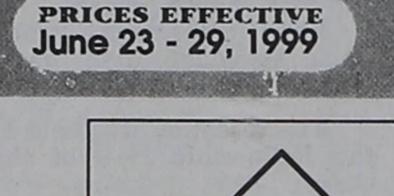
Although stocks should never be sold simply because of changes in tax laws, lower capital gains tax rates provide an excellent opportunity to diversify your portfolio. If your portfolio has become overweighted in a single stock, or if the outlook of a stock you own has deteriorated, you may want to take advantage of the lower capital gains tax.

It's easy to control how long you hold individual stocks, but how do you control buying and selling within your mutual funds? Unfortunately, you can't. However, you can choose mutual funds that practice buy-and-hold investing. To determine how often your mutual fund buys and sells stock, check its turnover rate, which indicates how much trading occurs within the fund. The lower the turnover rate, the better. For example, a fund with a 100 percent turnover rate holds its positions an average of one year before selling. A fund with a 50 percent turnover rate holds its positions an average of two

years before selling. Your mutual fund's turnover rate can be found in its prospectus or its annual or semiannual report. Your investment professional also can provide this information.

If your mutual fund has a high turnover rate, consider moving your money into a high-quality fund that subscribes to a long-term, buy-andhold strategy. After all, you're the one paying the price for the fund manager's short-term decisions to buy and sell. And, you may be paying as much as 39.6 percent in taxes, depending on which tax bracket you're in!

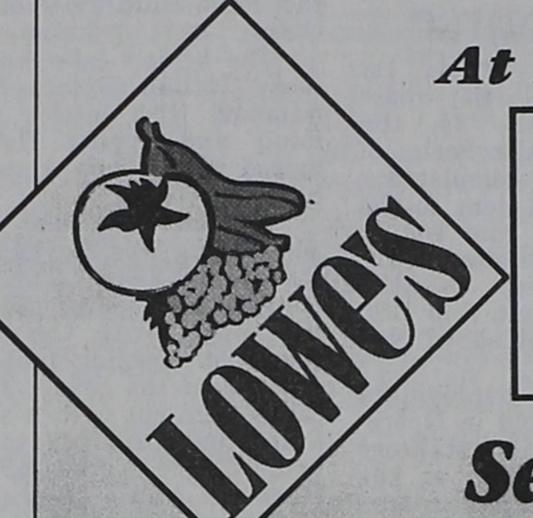
It's been said that the best gifts are those that keep giving. Congress has given investors a gift that will allow them to keep more of what they earn and pay less in taxes. Make the most of this gift, and hold your investments for the long term whenever possible.



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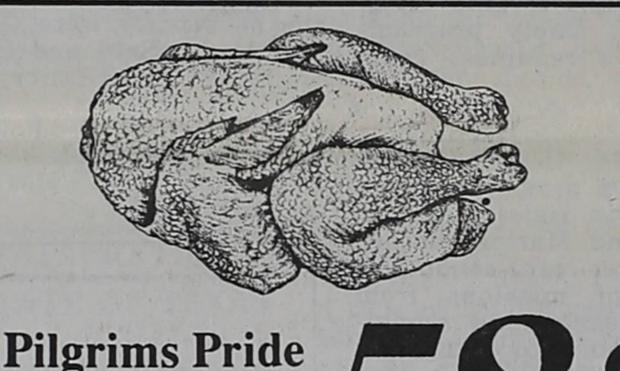
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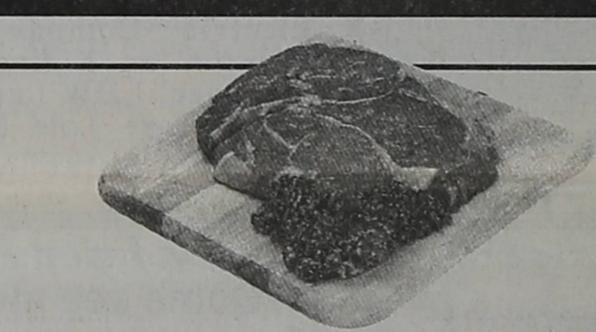
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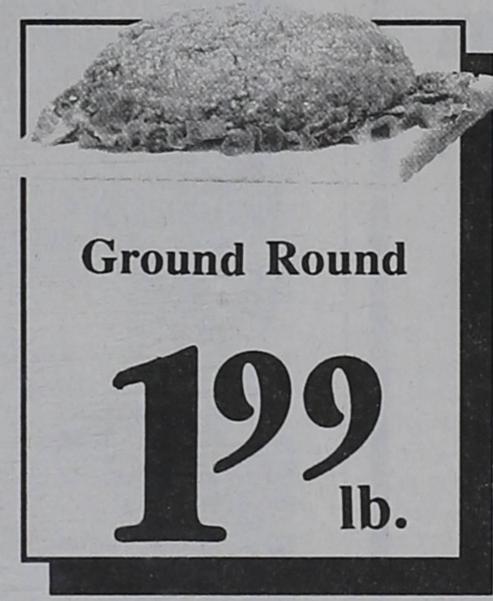
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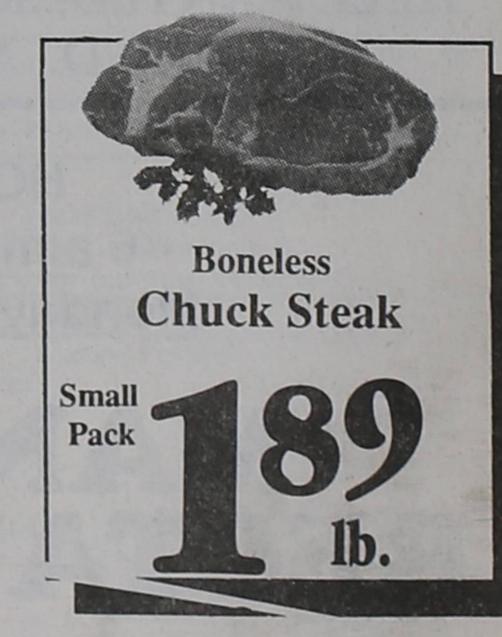
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