

## MY TURN

By Carol Ellis

**THE GOOD OLD BOY** who lives with me over on Maple Street sat straight up in bed the other night and said "I'm not going to take this any more." He proceeded to rip the crinkly tag off the edge of his pillow...you know the one that says "Do not remove under penalty of law." And then he went peacefully to sleep, while I laid awake worrying and listening for the sound of a police car siren to come up Maple Street and stop in front of our house. But all I heard was trains.

Did you know that a train goes through here about every five minutes all night long? There is a glitch in the tracks down at the end of Maple Street and when the wheels hit the bump, you can hear that rhythmic "ker-chunk, ker-chunk, ker-chunk." Folks who live on Maple Street don't count sheep when they have insomnia. They just count train cars. Every "ker-chunk" is another car.

There is probably a Maple Street in every small town in America; quiet, tree-lined, neighborly, with middle class homes, children playing on grassy front lawns, dogs and kids on bicycles frolicking out in the middle of the street.

Our own Maple Street pretty well fits the pattern. It is only six blocks long, divided in half by Highway 60, bordered on the south by the railroad and on the north by a pasture/field complete with a small playa lake. Various crops grow there at different times, but I like the annual spring crop of kite-flying kiddos.

We have the best of both worlds here; town and country. Cattle are grazing peacefully two blocks away and someone on the south side has a macho little pet rooster who greets the mornings with musical crowing. So its almost like living in the country.

Maple Street has 41 houses, 35 mail boxes, 13 basketball goals, four boats, three RVs, 68 trees (just in the front yards), and 97 vehicles to get around in.... cars, vans, pick-ups, jeeps, and such.

I don't know an exact count of children and dogs on Maple Street, but would estimate about 58 of one and 62 of the other. The feline population seems to be growing. There are about a hundred cats.

There's not much doubt about the loyalty of folks who live on Maple Street. Flags appear out in front of the homes on national holidays. Doorways and yards are decorated for the seasons. There's a lot of support for the little guys who are selling stuff from door to door to raise money for Scouts, school projects, church trips, etc.

Why would anybody want to live in one of those places where you have to leave two or three hours early just to get to work every morning? Even at that, you could be stuck in traffic for hours. Think how tired you'd be in the evening when you got home. We don't worry much about traffic on Maple Street. When I get finished at work and head toward Maple Street, I'm just two minutes away from a comfy couch and the remote control. (The Good Old Boy and I, each have our own remote.)

There's not much crime on Maple Street. In those bigger places, you'd have to put about ten different locks on your front door to keep the criminals out. You could have neighbors with names like Vinnie or Scarface.

Taking a leisurly walk around the block in the evening could be hazardous to your health in more ways than one. If the muggers didn't get you, or the traffic run you down, you'd probably get sick and die from breathing the air pollution.

I don't think towns like that have a Maple Street.



**THEY DID IT...Chieftains Rule in Bi-District.** Enjoying a well deserved celebration at mid-field after defeating Denver City 25-7 in bi-district competition, this group gathered to accept the bi-district trophy. Visible, l-r, are Matthew Kendrick, Cecil Cooper, Kyle Grimsley, Jeff Hamilton, Fidel Rodriguez, and Angel Vega. Partially hidden at upper right is Charlie Milner. (Ron Carr Photo)

## Community Thanksgiving Service Set

Sunday evening, November 24, at 6 p.m., the annual Community Thanksgiving service will be held at the First Baptist Church.

This annual celebration is open to all denominations. Two Thanksgiving offering opportunities will be available.

Residents are asked to bring non-perishable foods which will be collected and donated to the Lifesaver Food Bank in Amarillo. The Lifesaver Food Bank is used by the Friona Ministerial Alliance to receive food for those in need in Friona.

The second offering opportunity will be a money offering during the service which will go into the local ministerial alliance fund to assist those in need who live in, or are passing through, Friona.

All residents are invited to attend.

## Star Will Have Early Deadline

The Friona Star will have early deadlines next week, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Please have your news and advertising to us, or call or fax us by Tuesday noon. We appreciate your indulgence.

## LUBBOCK, AREA

# Chieftains Battle Loboes On Friday

Friona High School's Chieftains have been preparing all week to do battle with the Monahans Loboes in their Area playoffs

## United Way Reaches '96 Quota

According to local volunteers, the Friona United Way campaign has reached its \$22,800 goal for 1996.

The amount is a \$6,000 increase over the 1995 goal.

The success of the 1996 United Way campaign is attributed in part to new payroll deduction programs at Excel, Prairie Acres, and SPS.

United Way officials emphasize that pledges and donations are still needed and will be accepted indefinitely at Friona State Bank, and say thanks to all for their generosity in supporting the United Way.

Friday at Lubbock's Lowrey Field Kickoff time is 7:30 p.m. Lowrey Field is located in South Lubbock, off Loop 289 South. (See box next col)

By making it to the Area playoff round, the Chieftains have equalled the farthest a Friona team has advanced in post-season play. The team of ten years ago (1986) made it to the area round before losing, 15-13 in a heartbreaker.

A win would put the Chieftain into the regional semi-finals, and the team would be "breaking new ground."

"The kids are pumped up. Monahans has a big, tough team, but that's the sort of team we'll expect to face if we keep winning," Coach James Morton said.

"It will be a tough game, but I feel that we match up with their players," the Chieftain coach said. Morton said that the Chieftains came out of their physical game against Denver City with no new injuries, so should be at full-speed against the Loboes. "We came out better than during some of our regular-season games," he said.

Monahans, the Loboes (or Lobo Wolves) has posted a perfect 10-0 record to this point, and has been ranked as high as seventh in the state by the Harris Rating System. Friona has been in the top twenty at times during the season.

Friona comes in with a 10-1 record that includes ten straight wins after an opening loss to Littlefield. Both the ten wins and ten straight are new school records.

Quarterbacking the Monahans team is none other than Brandon Stephens, the

## Christmas In The Park December 8

The Women's Division of the Friona Chamber of Commerce has announced the annual Christmas in the Park celebration.

The event will be held in City Park on Sunday, December 8, from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. This will not conflict with the two Sunday performances of the Living Christmas Tree.

In addition to appearances by Miss Friona and Little Miss Friona, Santa Claus will also arrive in Friona that day.

The Friona high school annual staff will take complimentary pictures of kids with Santa again this year. Two Christmas stockings will be given away in a drawing and apple cider and cookies will be served to kick off this festive season.

## Best Way To Lowrey Field

Residents of Lubbock say: Take Loop 289 south to Uni-versity exit. Go north on University Avenue to 66th Street. Turn right on 66th, and it takes you to Lowrey Field (just a few blocks)

If you wait for the exit past Lowrey, you're going against the grain, plus the road is somewhat 'messed up,' our source told us.

son of former Friona High School principal Cliff and Tana Stephens. The leading ground-gainer for Monahans is Tyler Lee.

Monahans prides itself on its tough defense, which they call their "Mean, Evil Defense," or "Mean Green." (The team's colors are green and white.)

After opening with a tough 34-28 win over Big Spring, the Loboes have won their other nine games by an average of 40-9. Alpine was the Loboes' hardest district game. Monahans beat Alpine, 28-14 and then Colorado City, 23-13 in Bi-District.

The Loboes won their other games as follows: Lubbock, 28-7; Pecos, 28-8; Ft. Stockton, 35-15; Mountain

View, 58-0; Clint, 45-6; Fabens, 70-0; Presidio, 57-0.

Monahans passes more than most of the teams Friona has played. The Loboes have gained 2244 yards rushing and 1138 yards passing through ten games. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to see that's an average of 224.4 yards by land and 113.8 by air, for a total offense of 3250 yards, or 325 per contest.

The Loboes topped the 400-yard mark twice in the season, with 422 against Mountain View, and 412 against Presidio.

Friona ended its regular season with six consecutive games over 400 yards, and topped the 500-yard-mark at Dalhart, when they tallied 506 yards, the third-highest in school history, while whipping the Wolves, 44-21.

Going into the Monahans game, fullback Andy Kendrick has gained 911 yards rushing; Kyle Grimsley has 766 yards; Daniel Cuevas 622 yards, David Shelby 435, Shane Blackburn 221 and Matthew Kendrick 13.

Grimsley has completed 46 of 92 passes for an even 50 per cent, and 885 total yards. Angel Vega is his favorite

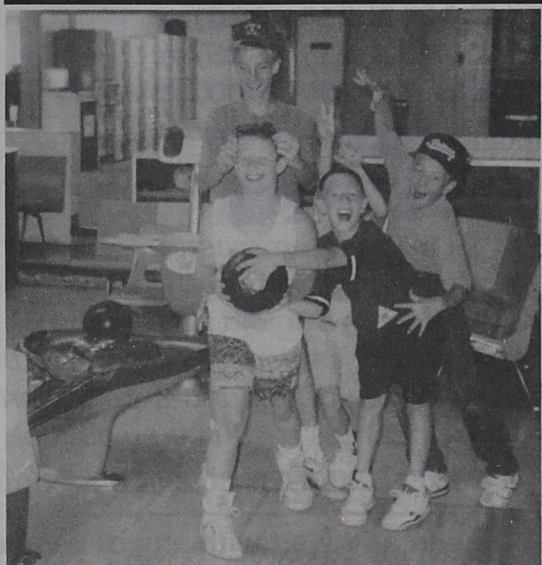
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As of November 20, 1996

**37,782**

bales of cotton had been ginned in Parmer County.

Friona Star/Bovina Blade survey



**DEJA VU?.....History repeats itself all over again!** These youngsters are destined to assemble again in Lubbock Friday night, November 22. There will be a ball involved, but not a bowling ball this time. The tall one is Quint Ellis, adjusting Perry Hanes' glasses. The guy on the far right is Jeff Hamilton. The little guy in the middle? Well, he is ex-Frionan Brandon Stephens, who is now the starting quarterback for the Monahans Loboes. Ellis, Hanes, and Hamilton look forward to "seeing" Brandon again. See Out Here for more. (Photo courtesy of Tracy Ellis)

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**PLAQUE IN PARK---The Heritage Society** has placed a new historical commemorative plaque in the northwest corner of the City Park. The plaque tells the story of moving the Depot and the old bank columns to their present location in the park.



# Friona Flashbacks

.....from the files of The Friona Star

**60 Yrs Ago-Nov. 20, 1936**  
About 16 Friona people took advantage of the Santa Fe Railroad's extremely low round trip rates from the various points in Parmer County to the Centennial grounds at Dallas last week. Two whole days were allowed for visiting the centennial. The round-trip fare from Friona was \$4.75.

A few coops of turkeys have arrived on the Friona market within the past ten days.

**55 Yrs Ago-Nov. 21, 1941**  
The collapse of a large water supply tank at the Blackwell Hardware and Furniture Store Tuesday night caused severe damage to a transformer bank on the lines of the Texas-New Mexico Utilities Co. and shattered some boards on the rear wall of the Rockwell Bros. Lumber shed. The tank and tower, some of the landmarks of Friona, were constructed by Logan Sympton and Fred White some time in the early twenties.

**50 Yrs Ago-Nov. 22, 1946**  
Sale of lumber, plumbing and electrical equipment from the recently dismantled Prisoner of War Camp at Hereford to veterans opened

last week under jurisdiction of the War Assets Administration. Among the early buyers from Friona, who obtained building materials, were Harold Lillard, George Green, W.H. Ford, Guy Latta, Vance D. Crume, James W. Cunningham and B.W. Turner.

**45 Yrs Ago-Nov. 22, 1951**  
The Lazbuddie football team continues to rack up honors. Playing Bula last Thursday night for district championship, the Parmer County boys won by a single penetration in the hard fought game. Final score was 12-12. Bi-district playoff will be held Thanksgiving Day at Lazbuddie, between the Longhorns and Darrouzett.

**40 Yrs Ago-Nov. 20, 1956**  
Friona is fairly popping with new modern service stations. The T&H Texaco Station has been open little more than a month, and now three more are about ready to enter the race for retail trade. They are a new Gulf Station, which has been leased to K.E. Deaton, and a new Humble Station, at the intersection of Highway 60 and North 214.

**35 Yrs Ago-Nov. 23, 1961**  
Friona will have new street decorations this Christmas. The Chamber of Commerce ordered 25 strands of permanent type aluminum foil decorations to add color to Friona's streets at the meeting last Friona night. A cutting torch was used

by thieves to open the change boxes on three coin-operated telephones in Farwell last Wednesday.

**30 Yrs Ago-Nov. 24, 1966**  
Receiving the "Fighting Chieftain" awards at the football banquet last Saturday were Bobby Jordan, for the backfield, and Joe Moet, for the line.

Friona will be the site of a bi-district football game Thanksgiving Day at 2 p.m. between Vega, District 1-B champion and Sundown, District 2-B winner. Vega is coached by Kenneth Miller, former Friona coach.

**25 Yrs Ago-Nov. 25, 1971**  
Three Friona Chieftains were honored by the All-District 3-AA coaches this week. Bill Bailey was named to the first team defense as a linebacker and Kevin Wiseman was named one of the two first-team tackles. Mike Royal was named honorable mention to the all-district defensive team.

Our newcomers to Friona this week are the Norman Ferguson family. He is employed by Gowens, Glover, Graham and Brown, accountants. She is employed at Reeve Chevrolet. The children are Ronnie, seven months and Shanna, 20 months.

**20 Yrs Ago-Nov. 21, 1976**  
A.W. Anthony, Jr. of Friona, was honored Thursday at the first Annual Golden Spread Agri-Business Seminar by being named as the Outstanding High Plains Farmer and/or Rancher for 1976. Anthony is the first High Plains resident to receive the award.

Garvin Thorn of Friona received the American Farmer Degree November 11, at special ceremonies held during the 49th National Convention of the Future Farmers of America in Kansas City, Missouri. He was one of 748 members selected to receive the American Farmer Degree, highest degree of membership in the FFA. As a holder of the American Farmer Degree, he joins a select group representing about one per cent of all FFA members.

**15 Yrs Ago-Nov. 22, 1981**  
The Friona Library board met Thursday afternoon and voted to build a new library building, rather than purchase a building. The library has been offered the lot behind City Hall and Bi-Wize Drug, which has been used for parking for a number of years, as a gift from Friona

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State Bank, on which to build a library building.

Since it was to be the last football meeting between Friona and Olton for awhile, the Chieftains decided to make the game a memorable one, especially senior tailback Nelson Jackson, who was in quest of enough yardage to reach the 1,000-yard plateau for the year. Jackson romped for 189 yards, enough to reach his goal, and scored two touchdowns to lead the Chieftains past the Mustangs, 20-0 in the last game of the 1981 season.

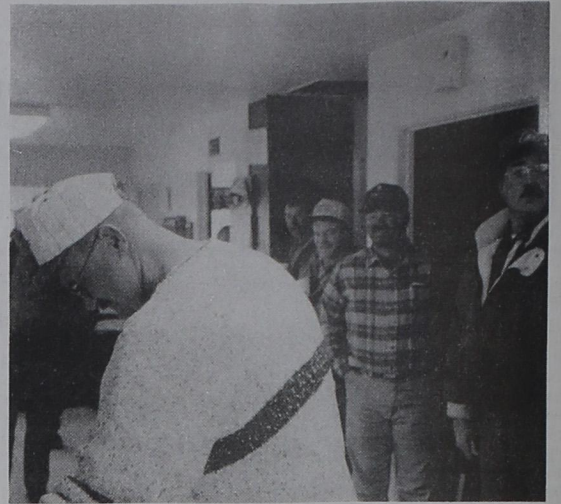
**10 Yrs Ago-Nov. 22, 1986**  
Fresh from winning their first playoff game in history, the Friona Chieftains will "break new ground" Friday when they hook up with the Kermit Yellowjackets in an area playoff game at Brownfield.

Funeral services for Gabe David Anderson, 94, of Farwell, were held Tuesday at the First Baptist Church in Farwell. He had been a resident of Farwell since 1927. He was a banker and served as the chairman of the board for the Security State Bank in Farwell since 1927.

**5 Yrs Ago-Nov. 23, 1991**  
The contract for constructing a four-lane divided roadway for Highway 60 between Friona and Bovina will be awarded by the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation on December 5.

John Taylor is the new Chief of Police for the Friona Police Department. A local native, Taylor moved up through the ranks of the local department.

Friona High School's varsity basketball team opened their 1991-92 season here Tuesday night by hosting teams from Panhandle. In rare sports meeting between the schools, the Chieftains scored a 75-51 win, although the Squaws suffered a 55-53 loss.



**GUY III LEAVES FRIDAY....**Guy Warren III accepts farewell wishes from his friends and customers at Wilbur-Ellis. Warren leaves Friona this weekend for processing in Fort Bragg before leaving for Bosnia. Warren's father, Guy, Jr. and his daughter Hannah, were injured in a car accident last Friday. Hannah was only shaken up and Mr. Warren is expected to be released from Northwest Hospital in Amarillo this weekend after suffering broken ribs and a punctured lung. Godspeed, Guy III. (Ron Carr Photo)

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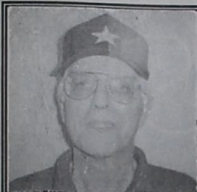
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# Out Here

By RON CARR



A few weeks ago, I had a personal situation where I had my mind made up it was going to go in my favor.

Everything seemed right. I had it figured out the way I planned for it to go. Couldn't miss. I had the outcome arranged before the other party even knew about it to start with. Guess what? It didn't work out the way I had planned.

It is called setting yourself up for disappointment. We have all been there, done that. Living our lives with great expectations often has the potential for disappointment. Some even think that it is bad luck to expect or predict a certain outcome.

## Jane Osborn Rites Held

Funeral services for Jane Burt Osborn were held Monday November 18, 1996 at Amarillo's First Presbyterian Church with Dr. Alan Meenan, minister, officiating.

Mrs. Osborn passed away Sunday, November 17, 1996. She was born in Hollis, Oklahoma and had lived in Amarillo for the past 30 years. She received her bachelor degree in home economics from Oklahoma A&M University. She was a member of Chapter AN, PEO Sisterhood and of the Dental Auxiliary.

She married Charles Osborn 41 years ago in Hollis, Oklahoma.

Survivors include her husband; three sons, Burt Osborn of Dallas, Dr. William Osborn of Amarillo and Jon Osborn of Agoura Hills, California; a daughter, Shelly Moss of Hereford; and four grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Diabetic Association, P.O. Box 50433, Amarillo, Texas 79159.

## Friona Vs Monahans...

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target, with 26 catches good for 696 yards and eight touchdowns. Quint-Ellis has pulled down 12 completions for 107 yards and a TD, and Cuevas has 65 yards on five catches.

Andy Kendrick also leads the team in scoring with 14 TDs and a pair of PATs running, for 88 total points. Grimsley, with 13 TDs, has 78, and Vega has added a field goal, two PATs running and 22 kicking points for 77 points.

On defense, Fidel Rodriguez has 115 tackles, Eloy Trejo has 87, Luis Ramirez has 78, Juan Santiago 77, Ellis has 69, Hugo Santiago 58, Andy Kendrick 57, Cecil Cooper 56, Aaron King 53 and Shane Blackburn 48.

Cooper has eight sacks, Ellis 7, Trejo, Ramirez and Hugo Santiago, six apiece. King leads in interceptions with four. Andy Kendrick has picked off three passes. Ellis has one interception for a touchdown. Ellis also has three fumble recoveries, and a tackle for a safety.

Kendrick has a pair of recoveries, and Trejo has a safety to his credit.

Winner of Friday night's game will play the winner of Vernon vs Bridgeport in the regional semifinals.

games in the first round of the State 3A playoffs. I am pretty sure that most of those 64 teams expected to win.

This week, the 32 remaining 3A winners suit it up for 16 "area" playoff games. The Friona Chieftains are among the top 32-3A teams in the State of Texas.

Our next opponent is Monahans in Lubbock Friday night. Monahans is a 4A school that moved down to 3A this year because of a dip in enrollment. The experts say Monahans will go back to 4A in the next UIL realignment year and one-half from now.

By the way, here is a neat twist to the Friona-Monahans game. For those who have been around town for a while, you remember Cliff Stephens who was Friona High School principal preceding current principal Frank Belcher.

Stephens is now principal at Monahans High School where his son Brandon, a junior, is the starting quarterback for the Lobos. At 5-8, 140 pounds, he is the fastest player on the team. He may need to be fast Friday night.

One of young Stephens' best friends is Quint Ellis, the Friona junior defensive end who at 6-4, 220 pounds, loves to pulverize opposing quarterbacks. (See the picture on page one).

Will big old Quint really hit his smaller friend Brandon on Friday night? As his mother Tracy Ellis says, "When Quint and Brandon were growing up together, Quint was always so much bigger than Brandon I would say, 'Quint, don't play so rough with Brandon, you'll hurt him.'"

With a mother's laugh she then said, "But I told Quint he didn't have to worry about it this Friday night."

Now, folks, I think Friona will beat Monahans. I know, I know, you are not supposed to make predictions like that. We are supposed to play one game at a time, and not look forward to the state finals.

That is the way coaches coach and I agree with it. But, can I just be the first to say what you are all thinking? Friona's Chieftains are on the road to and in the race for the State 3A Championship.

After Monahans there is most likely Vernon, the number one ranked 3A team in the state. If and when we get past Vernon, the road to the state finals should be smoother.

I have gotten to know many of these young men this season. Been on the sidelines shooting pictures and watching the coaches work.

There is a spirit and a talent on this squad that quite frankly does not come along very often. Most certainly it permeates the fans, band, and cheerleaders.

Am I setting myself up for some disappointment? Am I jinxing the team? I don't think so. We are in the State Playoffs. We are not playing Monahans, we are playing game two out of six.

Next week there will be 8 games for 16 teams. Then four games. Then two. Then the last one. See, that is not so difficult, is it?

I expect the Chiefs to win. I expect them to head for the State Finals. If they don't make it all the way, it sure has been a good, solid ride.

I know it is not acceptable for a team or coaching staff to predict victory, especially beyond the next game. But sometimes living with positive expectations is good, as long as you know how to handle any results.

So you guys work hard on the game plan. I'll do the great expectations bit for all of us.

Let's remember the spirit of this Thanksgiving season. May the warmth and peace of family be with all of you and yours this Thanksgiving.

Let us all remember our

blessings. Here is my Playoff Prayer:

"We thank you Lord for all of your blessings during this season of giving thanks. We ask that you watch over and protect young Brandon Stephens, but not too much. Grant our boys the grace to help him up after they knock him down and we hope that might happen often.

We know that you are all-knowing, Lord, but humbly remind you that we are the Home Team this week.

We further ask that you guide us Lord, and just help us, as we attempt to "beat the stuffing" out of Monahans. And Vernon. And River Road. And.....! Amen.

## Final Standings District 1-3A District Games Only

Team	Pts.-Opp.
x-FRIONA	7-0 293-88
y-River Road	6-1 239-94
Dalhart	4-3 179-148
Dimmitt	3-4 110-131
Perryton	3-4 143-145
Tulia	3-4 96-145
Muleshoe	1-6 54-249
Sanford-Fritch	1-6 104-228
x-Dist. Champ, #1 Playoff Rep	

## Regular Season Games

Team	W-L	Pts.-Opp
FRIONA	9-1	339-109
River Road	6-4	259-140
Dimmitt	5-5	151-157
Dalhart	4-5-1	239-252
Perryton	4-6	179-254
Tulia	4-6	151-187
Sanford-Fritch	2-8	147-279
Muleshoe	1-9	60-325

## Contest Standings

With two contests to play, here are the contestants with 120 or more total points through the first 11 weeks.

Good luck and good pickin' as the final 32 games appear on the radar screen. For information on the contest or the standings, call the Star office at 247-2211.

133-Wayne Amstutz.

132-Courtney Carthel, Thomas Reed.

131-Jack Clark.

130-Danny Guerra, Sr., Jerry Hinkle, Clint Mears, Mark Neill, Kent Patterson, Mark Zachary.

129-Nathan Haile, Jimmy R. Walker, Bobby Wied.

127-Andy Carthel, Josh Burleson.

126-Sandra Berend, Larry Rogers.

125-Doug Carthel, Mal Manchee, Myrtle Melton.

124-Mark Blankenship, Cindy Carthel, Shirley Steinbock.

122-Roddy Berend, Colby Ingram, Tim Elmore, Martha Clements.

121-Elizabeth Torres, Joy Morton.

120-David George, Martha Rodriguez, Mitchell Smiley.

## Happy Birthday Friona Folks.....

Week of November 17-23

Friona and area residents having birthdays next week:

November 17--Karen Renner, Poppy Grimsley, Jarrell Wright, Kristen Barker, Henry Clark.

November 18--Jim Bishop, Melba Smiley, Joey Howard, Eric Veggeberg, Kathelyn Ruibush, Joe Don Henry.

November 19--Frances Baker, Betty Lewellen, Lee Gibson, Brandon Lee Wilkins, Joe Aguirre, Roque Mendez, Courtney Carthel, Gretta Warren.

November 20--Celia Dee Loflin, Bobby Jordan, Burk Vestal, Monda Daniel.

November 21--Alicia Rapp, Tommy Brockman, Kyle Mills, Joan Brookfield, Penni Weatherly Hudson.

November 22--Sam Saiz, Brandon Walker.

November 23--Jim Beard, Clark Kaufmann, Denae Reeve, McLellan, Tom O'Brian, Dee Willard, Greg Martin, Brad Lane, Tony Nunley.

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## IN BI-DISTRICT CLASH

# Chieftains Beat Wind, Denver City By 25-7

by BILL ELLIS

Friona's Chieftains and Denver City's Mustangs met on a windy, blustery evening for the bi-district playoff game last Friday at Greyhound Stadium near Portales, N.M.

Coach James Morton instructed his team to choose the wind if they won the toss, and they did. This decision most probably led to Friona's 25-7 win, which advanced the team to the "Area" playoff game this coming weekend.

Practically the entire first half of the game was played on Denver City's end of the field. That led to three Friona touchdowns which gave the team a 19-7 first half lead.

The Chiefs then buckled down for a stout defensive second half that shut the Mustangs out.

"I thought our defense played exceptionally well—that was the key. And our offense scored the points we needed to win. We missed out on more points, but they weren't needed," Coach Morton said.

The Chieftain coach cited the work of Friona's special teams for their role in the win, as well as the positive turnover ration. Denver City coughed up the ball seven times, to only two fumbles by the Chiefs.

"We started out a bit timid at first, but got over that in a hurry," Morton added. He said that the Chieftains suffered no injuries. "We came out a lot better in the game than we have in several others," he said.

Friona shut down Denver City's vaunted rushing attack, and after they forced the Mustangs to take to the air, the defense became pirates—intercepting four passes.

The kickoff team pinned Denver City at their 12 to start the game, and then the defense backed the Mustangs up to their 10 and forced a punt, which traveled only to the D. C. 33.

Andy Kendrick ran to the Denver City 18 on Friona's first offensive play, but three downs later the Chiefs faced fourth and six at the 13. Angel Vega's 30-yard field goal attempt was blocked, and the Chieftains came up

empty on points.

The Mustangs drove for three first downs to the Friona 40, but the Chieftain defense stiffened, and Denver City elected to punt on fourth and eight.

The snap, aided by the wind, went about five feet over the punter's reach, and he had to recover the ball back at his own 20—a huge 40-yard loss.

Kendrick gave Friona a first and goal with a nine-yard burst, and then Kendrick crashed in for the score from eight yards out. Vega's kick was true, and Friona had grabbed the lead, 7-0, with 23 seconds left in the opening quarter.

Quint Ellis nailed the D.C. quarterback on first down, and then on second and ten, Kyle Grimsley stepped in front of the intended receiver and claimed an interception. He ran the ball down to the Mustang 23.

It took only two plays for Friona to get back on the scoreboard. Cuevas sliced for 11 yards to the 12, and then Grimsley flipped a pass to a wide-open David Shelby at the goal-line for the TD. The Mustangs blocked the point-after, but Friona had taken a 13-0 lead just 38 seconds into the second quarter.

Friona's defense held Denver City to seven yards in three plays, and forced D.C.'s fourth punting situation. With the Chieftain line charging, the hurried punt went straight up, and netted only two yards to the Mustang 37.

Quarterback Kyle Grimsley rambled 16 yards on the option keeper, to the Mustang 21. Kendrick then ran 13 yards for a first and goal at the eight yard line. Andy ran three yards to the five, and Grimsley went over from there, for a 19-0 lead with 8:27 left in the half. A passing try for points failed.

A couple of possessions later, Denver City took over on Friona's 49 after Friona failed to convert on fourth down. The Mustangs completed a couple of passes, the second one for 37 yards and their only touchdown. That cut Friona's lead to 19-7 with 2:37 left in the half.

D.C. took over at the Friona 43 after a short quick kick, but Kendrick turned in a defensive gem with an interception at Friona's 25 to keep the Chieftains with the

momentum. Friona drove to the Mustangs' 32 as time ran out in the half. Grimsley connected with a wide-open Vega for a 25-yard gain in that final drive.

The second time the Chieftains had the ball in the third quarter, the team drove 43 yards for another score. Grimsley ran 14 yards, and passed to Vega for another 13-yard gain, as the ball moved to the Denver City 19. Kendrick took the pitch around the right side and crashed into the end zone, as the Chiefs hiked their lead to 25-7, which turned out to be the final score.

But in the last 15 minutes of the game, the Chieftains rose up to turn back D. C. scoring attempts.

### Statistics

FHS		DC
15	First Downs	11
172	Net Yds. Rush.	2
62	Net Yds. Pass.	135
234	Total Net Yds.	137
9-4	Passes Comp	30-11
0	Passes Had Int.	4
1	Passes for TD	0
3-2	Fumb., Lost	4-3
2-46	Punts	3-28
23-0	Punt Avg.	9-3
8-50	Penalties	6-53

FHS	7	12	6	0--25
D.C.	0	7	0	0--7

### Scoring:

1Q--Kendrick, 8 run (Vega kick), 7-0.

2Q--Shelby, 12 pass from Grimsley (kick blocked) 13-0; Grimsley, 5 run (pass failed), 19-0.

3Q--Kendrick, 3 run (run short) 25-7.

### Individual Rushing

Andy Kendrick 12-60-4.3; Daniel Cuevas 4-27-6.8; David Shelby 12-21 1.8; Kyle Grimsley 15-64-4.3. Totals: 43-172-4.0.

### Individual Passing

Kyle Grimsley 9-4-62-0.

### Individual Receiving

Angel Vega 3-50-0; David Shelby 1-12-1 TD.

### Tackles

Fidel Rodriguez 13; Andy Kendrick 10; Luis Ramirez 7; Eloy Trejo 6; Quint Ellis, Hugo Santiago, Shane Blackburn 5 ea.; Kyle Grimsley 4; Aaron King 3; Juan Santiago, Cecil Cooper, Jeff Hamilton 2 ea.; Jesus Mata 1.

Sacks--Hugo Santiago, 2. Interception Returns Grimsley 1-22; A. Kendrick 1-1; Aaron King 2-42.



HANG ON ANDY.....Senior Chieftain Andy Kendrick bobbles the ball as he is hit by a Denver City defender during Friday night's bi-district action. Kendrick scored twice and intercepted a pass to lead the Chieftains to a 25-6 victory. They advance to the area playoff against Monahans on Friday, November 22 in Lubbock. (Ron Carr Photo)

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# James Morton: FHS' Current "Grid Moses"

By BILL ELLIS

Down through the years, Friona High School has had its share (many may argue MORE than its share) of unsuccessful years on the gridiron.

A check of the all-time record shows that there have been eight seasons since won-loss records are available (starting in 1927) that the Chieftains failed to win a single game on their schedule.

These winless years are sometimes flanked by other low-win years, so that the Chieftains have felt a lot like the Children of Isreal, wandering in the wilderness, waiting for their "Moses" to show up and lead them into the "Promised Land."

The 1929 Friona team failed to win a game. The good news is that due to the Depression, or the fact that UIL districts hadn't been formed yet, or both, there had been only three games scheduled that fall. Thus, the 0-3 record isn't too bad.

By 1938, the Depression must have eased up. The team had 10 games on their schedule. That was the good news. The bad news was, they lost all ten games, and by a combined score of 13-431, under coach C. D. Holmes, who was actually hired as a classroom teacher.

After that, Coach Holmes cut the schedule to seven games in 1939. That helped somewhat. The Chieftains finished with a 0-6-1 record. The closest they came to a win was in a 0-0 tie with rival Dimmitt. Once again the Chiefs were the scoreless wonders, managing just a safety-yes, two points, to 140 points for their opponents.

Up stepped Friona's "First Moses," in the person of Eddie Williams. The Chieftains went 7-3 in 1940, Williams' first year at the helm. They had a good shot at the district crown, after

blanking Dimmitt, 44-0, Muleshoe 6-0 and Farwell, 7-0. But they lost to a strong Claude team on their home field, 41-7 in the season finale.

Captains for the '41 team were Truett Johnson, the tailback, and Merlin (Dopey) Schmidt, a guard. Other backfield starters on the single-wing team were John Lee Weis, wingback, Judge Barker, blocking back, and Glenn Stevick, fullback.

Other members of the team were guards Ray Hurst and Eugene Southall; center Joel Landrum, tackles Burl Beene and Wayne Manderschied, ends Roy Tom Routh and Schmidt.

This team lost a hard-fought 6-0 game to the Hereford Whitefaces in the season opener. Friona had driven 80 yards for what could have been the win late in the game, but Hereford's Jack Knox intercepted a pass at the Hereford three-yard line and returned it for the winning touchdown.

Williams lost a bit of his magic touch in '41, and the team finished with the very unusual record of 3-3-3. That's three wins, three losses, and (yep!) three ties.

Then in 1942 Williams' Chieftains fell to a 1-4-1 record. That was his last year as coach. (Editor's note: we ran the obituary notice of Eddie Williams just last month).

The 1944 Chieftain eleven was the first FHS team to compete in a playoff. Friona, along with Hereford and Dumas, finished in a three-way tie for the district crown.

A coin toss eliminated Dumas. Friona and Hereford met on Thanksgiving Day for the championship. The Chiefs led, 13-7 late in the game, but Hereford scored on a long pass play to pull out a one-point victory.

Team members included Wayne B. Stark, W. B. Norwood, Smith Pope, Robert Laceywell, Bob Roden, Junior

Renner, Dean Hall, Bill Buchanan, Marvin Jordan, Emmett Day, Jr., Charles Weis, R. B. Miller and Herbert Day.

The 1945 team, toward the end of World War II, posted an 0-7 season record. In 1946 and 1947, the team had identical records of 1-8. The fortune improved to 3-6-1 in 1948.

Raymond (Ray) Cook auditioned for the part of "Moses II" by taking over the reins in 1949. Coach Cook's first team went 4-6, Friona's best record in five years.

The new coach's mark slipped a bit in 1950 to 1-7, but then he improved the team's record to 7-2 in 1951, barely missing the district crown, and then posted a 7-3 record in 1952, when they won Friona's first-ever district championship.

The '52 Chiefs were offensive-minded. They had district wins over Petersburg, 32-6, Bovina, 53-6, Farwell, 38-7 and Anton, 61-33.

Darrell Robbins was the '52 quarterback. Backfield mates were Wayne Cribbs, D. O. Robason, Wayne Houlette and Doyce Hammet. M. C. Osborn and Ben Wayne Jordan were ends. Linemen included Glenn Reeve, Jr., Teddy Fangman, Kenneth McLellan, Roy Haney and Jerry Zachary.

Friona hit upon some more lean times in 1953 and 1954, but when Cook stepped down as coach to take the high school principal's job, he had become FHS' winningest coach with 22 victories.

The first three years of the 1960s decade were "forgettable," if winning is what you're after. Hopefully, those years built a lot of character: The 1960 team went 1-9; and 1961 and 1962 were a double-whammy 0-20, under a young coach Kenneth Miller.

Don Light, a native of Friona head coach starting in

1963. Coach Light had the good fortune to have coached Donnie Anderson, a Stinnett native, in junior high and beginning high school. Anderson went on to become Texas Tech's first bona-fide All-American, and signed what then was an astronomically high bonus/salary with the then-World Champ Green Bay Packers.

Coach Light and his assistant, Bob Owen, got right to work at Friona High School. Their first team, 1963, won its first eight games in a row, breaking the state's longest losing streak in style. They were in the running for a piece of the district title up until the final game of the season, and finished 8-2.

Gary Renner, QB, Everett Gee, FB, and tackle Mickey Wilson were captains of the '63 team. Gee led the team in rushing (651 yards), and scoring (44 points).

In the season-opener where Friona broke their long losing streak, halfback Milton Hargus had a 92-yard scoring run, and returned a kickoff 85 yards for another TD. Hargus had another 92-yard scoring run against Sudan, in a 28-14 win.

The following year (1964) the team likewise was 8-2, and tied for the district title. The only catch was that Floydada scored a 7-6 win over the Chiefs in their season finale, and tied Friona for the title. Floydada advanced to the playoffs, as this was before the champion and alternate set-up for post-season play.

Jim Snead was the '64 QB. Hargus, Danny Murphree, Doug Dodd and Larry Johnson were running backs. Dodd was the leading rusher with 1184 yards. He also led the scoring with 113 points, which is the school record.

The 1965 Chieftains' record might not have been (Continued on Page 7)



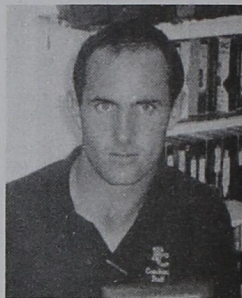
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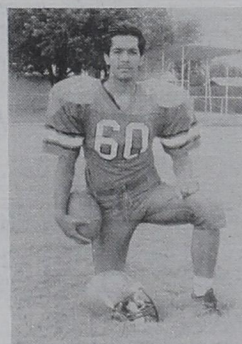
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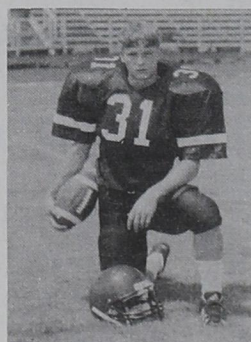
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# Win Over D.C. Only 2nd FHS Playoff Win

Looking at the past records of Friona High School's football exploits, it becomes clear that FHS hasn't been in post-season play many times, and when they have made it, they have had trouble winning.

That's one of the things that Coach James Morton is attempting to change with this year's district champion team.

And, with last week's bi-district win over Denver City, the Chieftains doubled the number of playoff victories Friona had scored previously.

Prior to 1996, the Chieftains had been involved in post-season play only seven times: in 1944, '52, '57, '65, '82, '86 and '94.

The 1944 team's post-season game was a playoff to determine the district champion. The Chiefs dropped a 14-13 decision to the Hereford Whitefaces that year.

Raymond Cook coached the 1952 Chieftain team to the school's first undisputed district championship. The team

posted a 7-2 season mark, but one of their losses was a 19-0 decision on a bitterly cold Thanksgiving Day game at Plainview.

Cook's 1957 team also won the district crown, and again lost their bi-district game, also played in Plainview, against Ralls. The score of this game was 21-12.

There was an 18-year dry spell for Friona football, before the Chieftains could claim another district title. This was in 1965, when the team turned their season around at mid-season. The regular-season record was 6-4, and Friona lost their bi-district record, this time to Denver City, 42-13. The game was played in Friona.

The 1982 Chieftain team qualified for the playoffs as the alternate representative, in the first season for two teams being allowed to advance. The team met River Road, the District 1-3A champ, at Hereford. The Wildcats won, 26-13. It was the second meeting of the

season for the two teams, and R.R. won both.

The '86 Chieftains also qualified as alternate. After five straight playoff losses, the team finally got in the "win column" with a hard-fought 10-7 win over the Perryton Rangers at Dick Bivins Stadium, Amarillo.

The 1986 team narrowly missed the area crown, when Kermit kicked an "ugly" late field goal to edge Friona, 15-13. Kermit had not kicked even a PAT all season, and ran their conversions.

Then, the 1994 team broke another long spell without a gold football for the trophy case, by scrapping and winning the district crown. It was Friona's first title since 1965--21 years earlier!

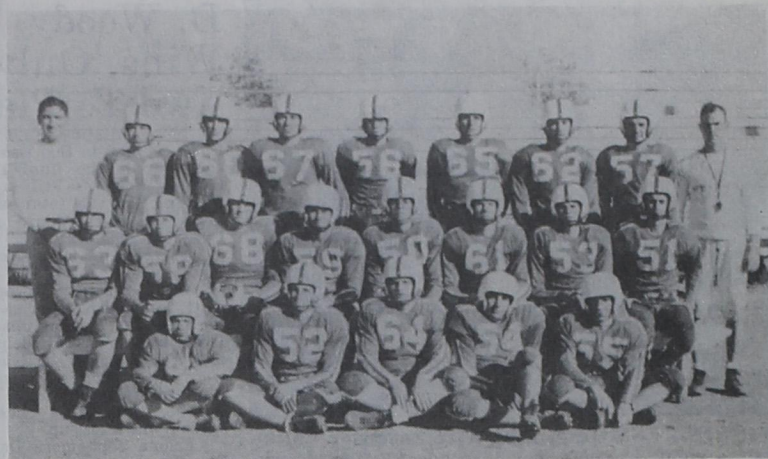
But once again, when the team played bi-district, it was bad news. Childress topped the Chieftains, 20-3, at Plainview.

Here's hoping the 1996 team can put a few more "Ws" on their record before they have to pack up their playing gear.


## FRIONA HIGH SCHOOL'S FOOTBALL PLAYOFF SCORES

Year	Opponent, Score	Site, Date
1944	Hereford 14, Friona 13	Friona, 11-30
1952	Idalou 19, Friona 0 (Bi-Dist)	Plainview, 11-27
1957	Ralls 21, Friona 12 (Bi-Dist.)	Plainview, 11-23
1965	Denver City 42, Friona 13 (Bi-Dist.)	Friona, 11-19*
1982	River Road 26, Friona 17	Hereford, 11-12
1986	FRIONA 14, Perryton 10	Amarillo, 11-13
1986	Kermit 15, Friona 13 (Area)	Brownfield, 11-20
1994	Childress 20, Friona 3 (Bi-Dist.)	Plainview, 11-11
1996	FRIONA 25, Denver City 7 (Bi-Dist)	Portales, N.M., 11-15

\*Only previous meeting of Friona & Denver City




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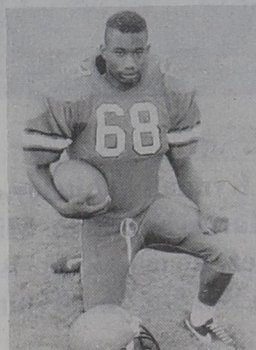
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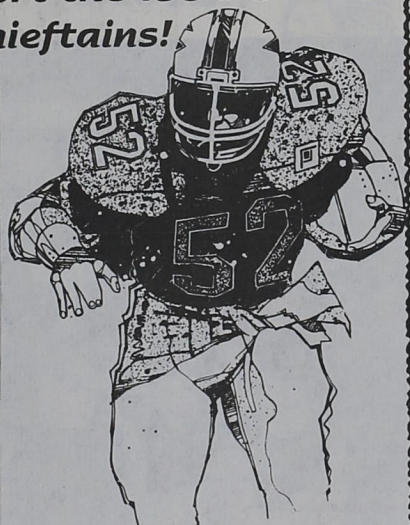
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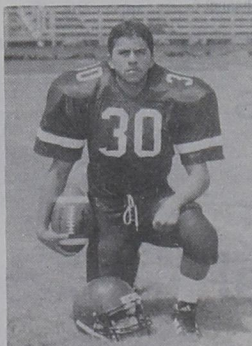
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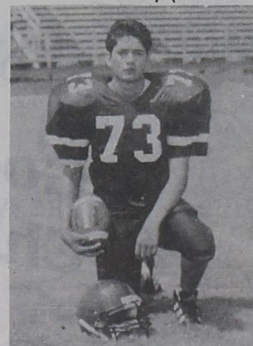
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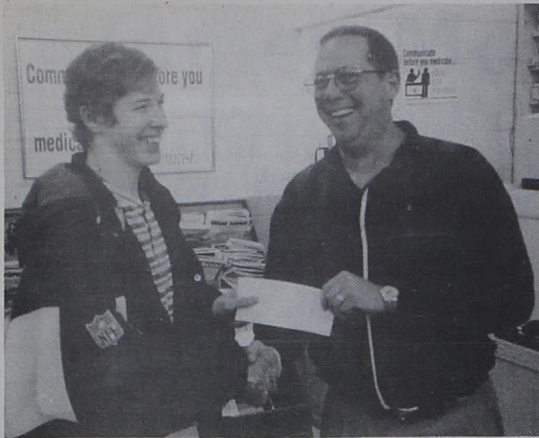
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**WINNING SMILES.....**Bi-Wize sponsor Mike Hanes, right, presents David Woody \$20 for his win in the week eleven Friona Business Football Contest. Two contests remain and the race for the top prize is tight. (Ron Carr Photo)

## Morton Rebuilds Chieftain Program..

(Continued from Page 6) as good overall (6-5), but they won district undisputed, and played Denver City in Bi-District at Chieftain Field on November 19 at Chieftain Field. Friona lost this first-ever bi-district game to the Mustangs, 42-13.

QB Travis Graves and guard Bob Sims were captains and team leaders of the 1965 Chieftain team. Larry Johnson led in rushing with 665 yards, and halfback Joe Mabry was the leading scorer with just 36 points. Bob Jordan was the fullback. Bill Weatherly, Gene Weatherly, Mike Smith, Dwayne Procter, Travis Graves, Mike Riethmayer, Jesse Sherley and Ray Lynn Murphree were linemen.

Bob Owen succeeded Don Light as head coach of the Chieftains when Light decided on a career switch. Owen coached the Chiefs seven years, and left the position as the school's winningest coach, with a record of 41-28-1.

Owen's best record came in his last year of coaching, 1974. This was one of the rare years that Friona scored a win over Littlefield (21-14), but the team dropped hard-fought games to Olton, 6-0, and to Dimmitt, 10-7, to miss out on the district title. The '74 team had to settle for equalling the school's all-time record of 8-2.

Some notable members of the 1974 team were quarterback Clay Bandy, who passed for 471 yards, Dee King, the leading rusher with 498 yards in a balanced backfield, and Dale Cleveland, the leading receiver with 326 yards.

Gene Strickland was the team's tight end, and also led in interceptions with seven, which included two in the opposition's end zone, plus a tip that saved another TD. Dave Hutson led the team in punt and kickoff returns.

The Chieftains again fell to an 0-10 record in 1980 under Coach Pete Hubbard. Tommy Moss took over the reins in 1981, and produced one of those turn-arounds. Moss had a 5-5 record in 1982, and used that as a springboard to six more winning seasons. His topper was 1986, when the team

won its first-ever playoff game, 10-7 over Perryton, and then dropped the heart-breaker, 15-13 to Kermit in the Area round.

Lonnie Phillips led the '86 team in rushing with 1156 yards and was second in scoring with 72 points. Daniel Echols led the team in scoring with 74 points, in passing with 251 yards, as well as kickoff and punt returns. Place-kicker Sam Montoya had 52 kicking points, including 10 of 14 field goals. Montoya set the all-time record with a 46-yard FG, in fact, had two of them.

Moss left FHS after the '89 season as the all-time leader in wins with 47. The team scored only three wins combined in the next three seasons. Steve Williams was 1-19 in two seasons, and James Morton inherited the '92 team that hit bottom at 0-10.

Morton quickly righted his ship with a 5-5 mark in 1993 and the 7-3-1 team of 1994 that won the school's first district championship in 29 years.

The '94 team scored a 35-21 win over Littlefield in their pivotal game. However, it took a come-from-behind effort in the last regular-season game for the Chiefs to pull out a 21-20 win that brought the district title to Friona. Quarterback Jay Belcher and running backs Chris Hanna and Juan Gamboa paced the offense.

### Meeting Scheduled

Bill, you told me that if I'd let you know about a Republic of Texas Meeting, you'd mention it.

There will be an informational meeting at the Big Texan, Amarillo, on Saturday, November 30 from 6:30-10:30

Larry Preddy, Justice of Bexar District Court of Common Pleas, will speak, then answer all question. Please come.

Betty Jones

### Broadcasts Set For Area Game

The Friona Area Playoff game will be broadcast live on station KPAN AM 860 FM 106.3

The video replay can be seen Saturday at 10 a.m. on channel 6.

## D. Woody Wins, Only Two To Play

The Friona Football Contest entry in this issue of the Star is the final 1996 contest. For those still in the running for the total point grand prize, there are only two chances, thirty two games and two tie-breakers, left.

In week eleven, losses by Littlefield and Kress, plus the normal pro game upsets, Washington over Philadelphia and Arizona over the Giants were also common misses. Mix in some normal bad guesses and this week's winner was a toss-up.

Friona sophomore David Woody won tops with 13 correct guesses in an otherwise rough contest. (Yes, he picked River Road).

Second place went to Mitchell Smiley of Friona and the third prize of \$5 was won by Tonya Gartin.

Other correct guesses ranged from a high of around eleven down to a low of 5 correct. So with our attention squarely focused on the Friona Chieftains bid for a state championship, good luck in these last two attempts.

Wayne Amstutz holds a one-point lead over Courtney Carthel and Thomas Reed, with Jack Clark only two points back, in the total point competition.

Good luck and good pickin'!



## Adopt-A Resident This Season

Officials of Prairie Acres remind Farmer County residents that their Adopt-A-Resident program will be available again this year for the Christmas season.

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The residents and staff appreciate your concern and assistance.

# Region I Football Playoff Bracket

Bi-District Round, Nov. 15: Area Round, Nov. 22-23 Regional Semi-Finals: Nov. 29-30

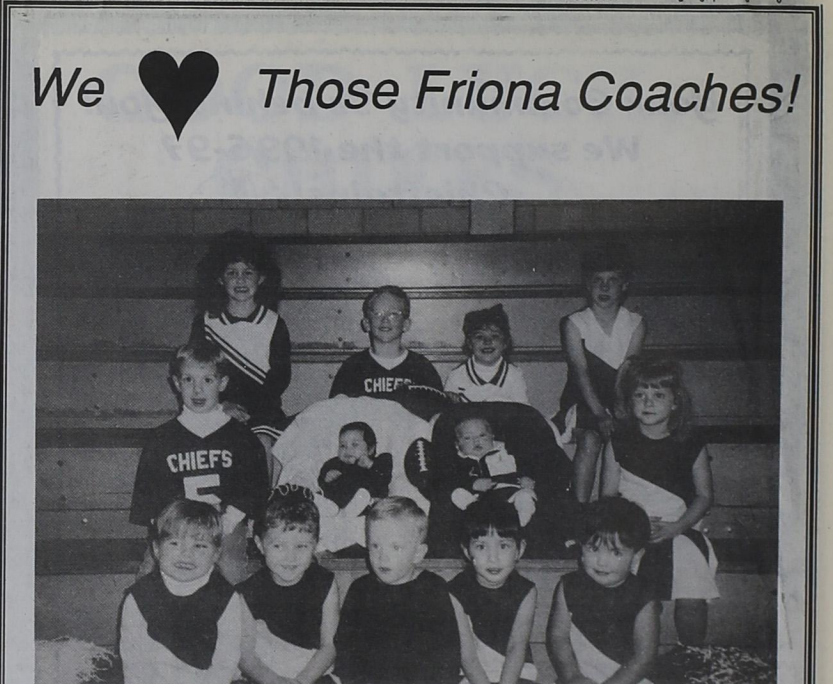
<b>FRIONA (9-1)</b> 25 (Winner, Dist. 1)	<b>FRIONA (10-1)</b> v s (Lowery Field, Lbb. Friday, 7:30 p.m.)	VS
<b>Denver City (9-1)</b> 7 (Runnerup, Dist. 2)		
<b>Monahans (9-0)</b> 23 (Winner, Dist. 3)	<b>Monahans (10-0)</b>	
<b>Colorado City (9-1)</b> 13 (Runnerup, Dist. 4)		
<b>Vernon (10-0)</b> 63 (Winner, Dist. 5)	<b>Vernon (11-0)</b> v s Friday, 7:30, @ Graham	VS
<b>Clyde</b> 23 (Runnerup, Dist. 6)		
<b>Bridgeport (9-1)</b> 40 (Winner, Dist. 7)	<b>Bridgeport (10-1)</b>	
<b>Glen Rose</b> 15 (Runnerup, Dist. 8)		
<b>River Road (6-4)</b> 19 (Runnerup, Dist. 1)	<b>River Road (7-4)</b> v s Friday, 7:30 p.m. @ Seminole	VS
<b>Littlefield (9-1)</b> 6 (Winner, Dist. 2)		
<b>Crane (9-1)</b> 26 (Winner, Dist. 4)	<b>Crane (10-1)</b>	
<b>Alpine</b> 20 (Runnerup, Dist. 3)		
<b>Abilene Wylie (10-0)</b> 21 (Winner, Dist. 6)	<b>Abilene Wylie (11-0)</b> v s Friday, 7:30 p.m. @ Stephenville	VS
<b>Iowa Park</b> 20 (Runnerup, Dist. 5)		
<b>Aledo (8-1-1)</b> 24 (Runnerup, Dist. 7)	<b>Aledo (9-1-1)</b>	
<b>Clifton</b> 14 (Winner, Dist. 8)		

## Class 3A Football Stats

TEAM OFFENSE				TEAM DEFENSE			
Team	Rushing	Passing	Total	Avg.	Team	Rushing	Passing
Dalhart	1843	1199	2922	300.2	Dimmitt	921	347
River Road	1673	1201	2874	319.3	Friona	1109	582
Friona	2643	856	2643	293.6	Littlefield	1095	436
Dimmitt	1497	306	1803	257.6			
Sanford-Fritch	1836	367	2203	244.7			
Perryton	1615	509	2124	236.0			
Tulia	957	707	1164	166.3			

RUSHING				RECEIVING			
Name	Carries	Yards	YPC	Name	Receptions	Yards	YPR
Kendrick, Fri	107	811	7.9	Vega, Fri	23	645	28.0
Kruse, Dal	139	776	5.6	Schriber, Dal	21	395	18.3
Holland, SF	110	751	6.8	Dunlap, RR	21	350	16.7
Reynolds, Dal	121	649	5.4	Capeland, Dal	16	183	11.4
Grimsley, Fri	100	611	6.1	Fikoc, RR	16	193	12.1
Cuevas, Fri	93	537	5.8	Barney, RR	16	190	11.9
Hill, Dim	102	517	5.0	Gomez, Dal	16	159	9.9
Lundgrn, RR	74	508	6.9	Fills, Fri	12	107	8.9
Adkinson, Per	65	428	6.6	Kendrick, Fri	12	0-2	0 0
Matthews, Dim	59	395	6.7	Vega, Fri	8	17-2	1 0
				Grimsley, Fri	10	0-0	0 0
				Kruse, Dal	8	0-2	0 0
				Shelby, Fri	6	0-1	0 0

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# All-Time Leaders Given For Chiefs

A check of the all-time leaders in yards gained rushing, as well as the yearly scoring leaders by statistician Bill Ellis reveals that there have been eight Chieftain running backs who topped the 1,000-yard mark in a single season.

Tony Perea, star of the 1968 team, logged the most yardage for a single season, 1,761. Perea saw varsity action as a sophomore, and holds the all-time career record for rushing of 2823 yards.

Second on the all-time list is quarterback Daniel Echols, who gained 1202 yards in his senior year of 1987. As with current quarterback Kyle Grimsley, Echols made most of his yards on the option play.

Charlie Morgan, who led the team in rushing both in his junior and senior years, rolled up 1185 yards in his junior year, for the third-place all-time slot. He edged out Doug Dodd, who totalled 1184 yards in the fall of 1964.

Fifth place on the list is held by Ted King, whose total in 1973 was 1170 yards. Lonnie Phillips, who paced the 1986 playoff team, had 1156 yards, this total coming in 12 games.

Ben Osborn gained 1,006 yards in 1988, for sixth place, and Nelson Jackson had 1,003 in 1981 for seventh place.

You can tell by these figures that had the scorer called the line of scrimmage just a yard different in a place or two, the ratings might have flip-flopped.

Dodd, who was a factor in Friona's turn-around from the 27-game losing streak, is Friona's all-time leader in scoring in a season. Dodd scored 113 points in 1964, did it on 13 touchdowns 23 extra points and four field goals.

Second-highest scoring for a season was by Tony Perea in 1968, when he scored 110 points. Perea scored 17 touchdowns (a season high) and eight PATs.

Ted King, in 1973, and Brad Moyer in 1985, are tied for third place on the all-time list with 90 points. Current Chieftain Andy Kendrick has 88 points.

## All-Time Rushing Leaders

Year	Player	Att.-Yds.
1962	Doug Dodd	63-311
1963	Everett Gee	107-651
1964	Doug Dodd	183-1184
1965	Larry Johnson	124-665
1966	Eddie Barker	116-376
1967	Tony Perea	166-786
1968	Tony Perea	274-1761
1969	Isidore Cordova	167-757
1970	Wesley Clark	148-618
1971	Bill Bailey	125-841
1972	James Bartlett	111-772
1973	Ted King	174-1170
1974	Dee King	113-498
1975	Glen London	158-729
1976	Kelwin King	150-713
1977	Jeff Whitesides	162-922
1978	Chuck Nichols	86-512
1979	Mike Hubbard	153-731
1980	Nelson Jackson	84-411
1981	Nelson Jackson	168-1003
1982	Charlie Morgan	242-1185
1983	Charlie Morgan	168-904
1984	Alfredo Mata	146-701
1985	Brad Moyer	195-712
1986	Lonnie Phillips**	196-1156
1987	Daniel Echols	148-1202
1988	Ben Osborn	231-1006
1989	Andre Duran	126-503
1990	Curtis Brady	138-677
1991	Ismael Rocha	173-773
1992	Juan Gamboa	95-475
1993	Juan Gamboa	112-544
1994	Juan Gamboa*	186-888
1995	Andy Kendrick	109-818
1996	Andy Kendrick*	115-911

\*11 games

\*\*12 games

## Individual Scoring Leaders

Year	Player	TDs-PAT-TP
1962	Doug Dodd	3-2-20
1963	Everett Gee	7-2-44
1964	Doug Dodd	*13-23-113
1965	Joe Mabry	6-0-36
1966	Ted Renner	**3-11-32
1967	Tony Perea	10-0-60
1968	Tony Perea	17-8-110
1969	Isidore Cordova	6-2-38
1970	Mike Royal	7-0-42
1971	Louis Lee	5-0-30
1972	James Bartlett	11-4-70
1973	Ted King	15-0-90
1974	Clay Bandy	6-0-36
1975	Bobby Zetzsche	7-6-48
1976	Glen London	5-0-30
1977	Jeff Whitesides	6-0-36
1978	Leslie White	5-4-34
1979	Rod Owen	8-0-48
1980	Nelson Jackson	5-0-30
1981	Nelson Jackson	12-0-72
1982	Charlie Morgan	11-2-68
1983	Charlie Morgan	9-0-54
1984	Alfredo Mata	10-0-60
1985	Brad Moyer	15-0-90
1986	Daniel Echols	74
	Lonnie Phillips	72
1987	Daniel Echols	66
1988	Ben Osborn	42
1989	Ismael Rocha	32
1990	Ismael Rocha	32
1991	Ismael Rocha	30
1992	Brian Herring	24
1993	Chris Hanna	42
1995	Andy Kendrick	66
1996	Andy Kendrick*	88
	Kyle Grimsley*	78
	Angel Vega*	77

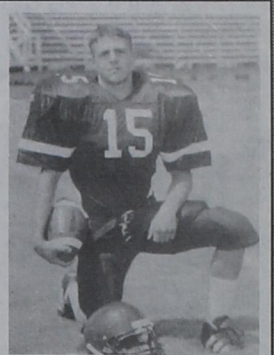
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Plan to attend the area playoff game against the Monahan Lobos at Lowrey Field in Lubbock, 7:30 p.m. November 22.



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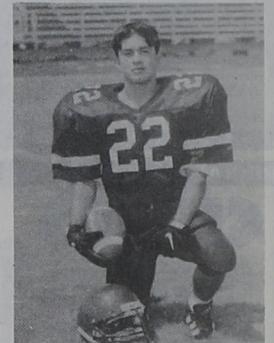
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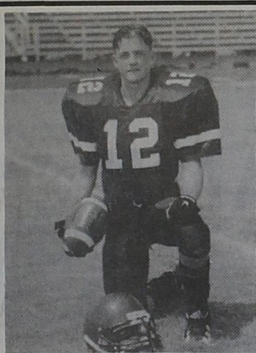
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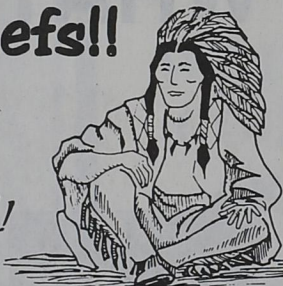
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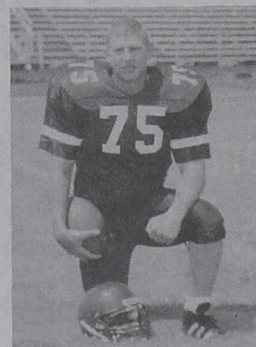
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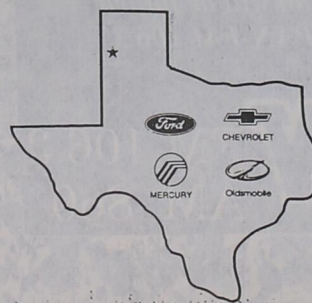
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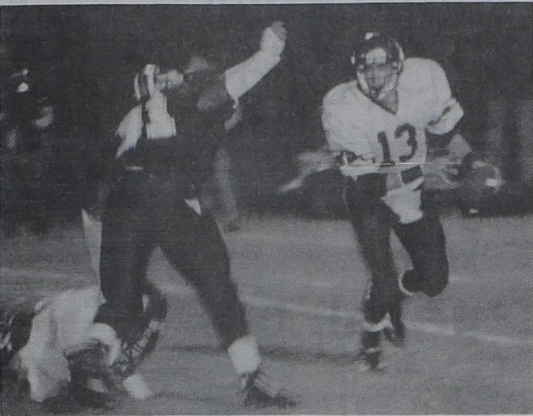
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**FRESHMAN CHIEFTAINS...**The 1996 Freshman Chieftains are pictured. In the back row are Chris Centeno, Landon Martin, Raymond Ortiz, Daniel Wiseman, Antonio Diaz and Daniel Rosales. Middle: Jessie Allen, Joseph Bandy, Jeremy Smith, Noel Grajeda, Adrian Cruz, Robert Gonzales and Kyle Wiseman. Front: Dale Williams, Jonathan Espinoza, Nathan King, Colby Ingram, Tyson Neill and Nick Guzman.

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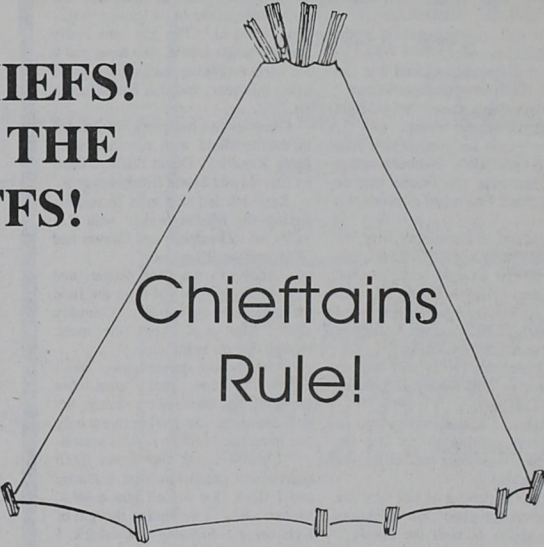
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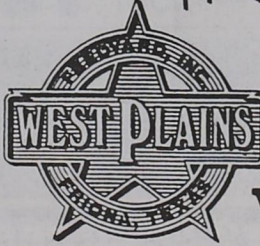


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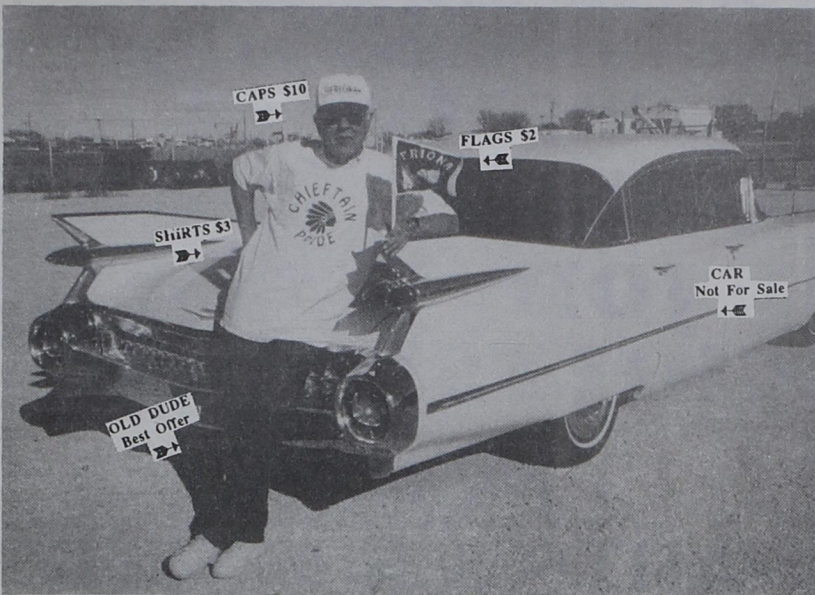
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**STRAIGHT A KIDS.....** Junior high students that earned "All A's" the second six weeks were honored with a punch and cookie reception courtesy of Friona State Bank and the junior high staff. The youngsters are shown in the bank's community room being congratulated prior to attacking the cookie table. (Ron Carr Photo)

**PRIDE FOR SALE.....**The Chieftain Boosters have caps, T-shirts, & window flags on sale to support the Chiefs' in their run for the State 3A Championship. Old dude and Chieftains fan Ron Carr models the "in" look for fans. The red & white cap is \$10. Chieftain Pride T-shirts are now \$3. The red auto-window flags are \$2. The 1959 Cadillac belongs to Don Spring. Buy 'em to wear or give 'em for Christmas. Items for sale at Ingram's Department Store on Main Street. Stop by on the way to Lubbock Friday.

## Grimsley's skill at option sparks Friona's offense

By DAVE HENRY  
Globe-News Sports Writer

• Friona (10-1) meets Monahans (11-0) in a 3A area playoff game at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Lubbock's Lowrey Field.

Friona quarterback Kyle Grimsley often has only a split second to decide what to do with the football.

Roll to the outside, draw in the defenders and pitch the ball, hoping the running back trailing him on the play can break it to the outside.



**GRIMSLEY**

Or he can keep the ball, heading upfield at the last possible moment.

It is that last split second that can make or break an option quarterback.

In Grimsley's case, he is right more often than he is wrong. Grimsley, in his second year running the Chieftain's wishbone-option attack, has kept the Friona offense running like a fine-tuned machine this season.

That is one of the reasons why Friona won the District 1-3A title, has reeled off 10 straight victories and heads into Friday's Class 3A area playoff showdown against undefeated Monahans (10-0), coached by former Dalhart coach Windy Williams.

The Chieftains (10-1) will take on Monahans at 7:30 Friday at Lowrey Field in Lubbock.

Grimsley, a senior, has proven to be a threat running or passing the ball, which has only added to the Chieftain attack.

"At the beginning of last year we were concerned about his quickness and his ability to read the option," Friona coach James Morton said. "As the season went on last year he got better and better at it.

"I think the biggest thing about Kyle is that he has a real level head about him. He keeps his composure in the game regardless of the situation or what we're faced with. He has a lot of

poise."  
Grimsley's regular-season totals were impressive both rushing and passing.

The 6-foot, 180-pounder ran for 702 yards on 108 carries and was 42 of 82 passing for 834 yards. The Chieftain's led the Class 3A area in total offense, averaging 387 yards a game.

"The reads are difficult sometimes. I read and see whether their guys are lined up in the gaps or not," Grimsley said. "I'm just now really starting to get into it. We have had a lot of our running backs have good years this year, and that has helped a lot."

Grimsley has had plenty of options in the backfield with running backs Andy Kendrick, David Shelby, Daniel Kendrick and Shane Blackburn.

Kendrick led the team in rushing during the regular season with 811 yards on 103 carries, and Cuevas had 595 yards on 101 carries.

"Andy can run over people, and our other guys can cut it up the field and break it to the outside," Grimsley said. "The ones I like the most, though, are throwing deep."

Most option quarterbacks aren't known for their great arms, but Grimsley has displayed a strong, accurate arm this season. He threw only one interception in the regular season.

"Kyle went to the Texas Tech quarterback camp this past summer, and I think that helped him a lot," Morton said. "I've always thought of Kyle being a throwing quarterback, I just didn't know if he would develop into an option quarterback."

"When he did develop in the option game, then we knew we had a quarterback that could throw also. He has really done a good job of getting the ball downfield to our receivers. That has helped us a lot, having that extra dimension."

## Season Scores For Chieftains

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21	W.T. High, t	14
11	Shallowater, h	7
27	*Tulia, h	7
35	*River Road, t	19
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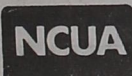
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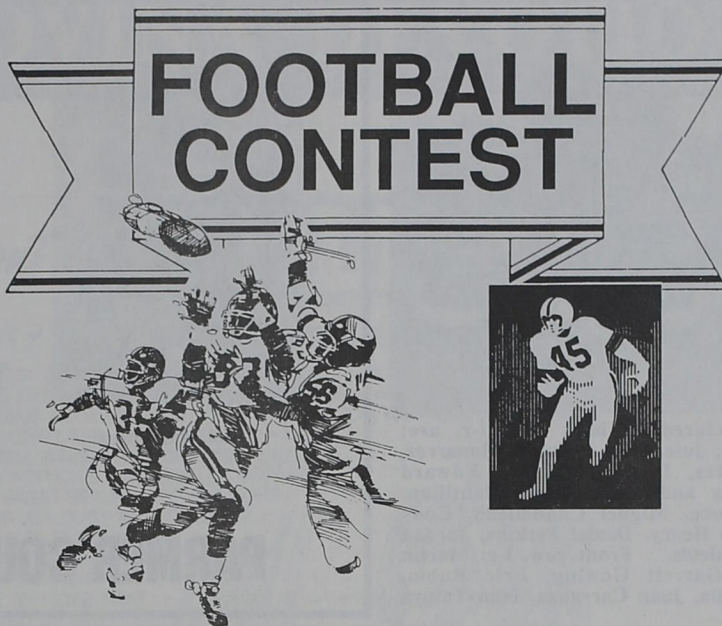
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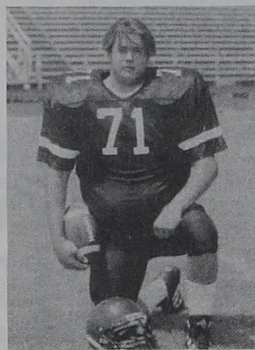


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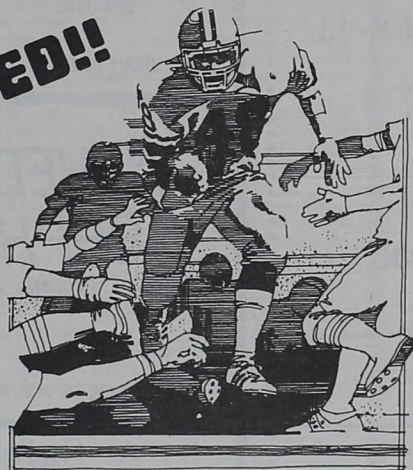
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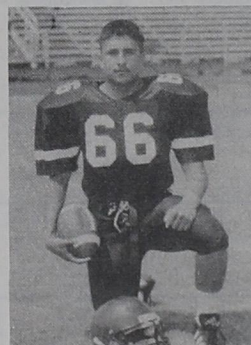
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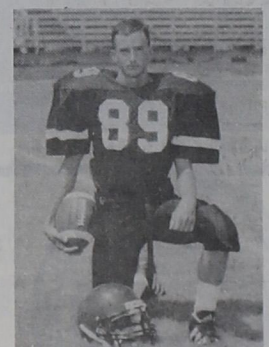
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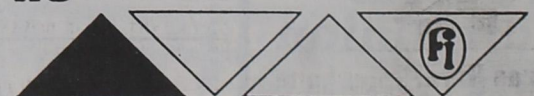
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## THREE THINGS EVERY WOMAN SHOULD KNOW ABOUT HER FINANCES

In 1919, women gained the right to vote in national elections. Today, women hold some of this nation's most esteemed offices, including attorney general, Supreme Court justice, U.S. senator and U.S. representative.

Whether you help establish the laws that govern our nation or the rules that govern your household, here are three things every woman should know about her finances.

### What Do I Have?

The first question you should ask yourself is, "What exactly do I have?" Over the years, you've probably accumulated a number of insurance policies and investment and retirement accounts, not to mention a mountain of legal papers. Make it a priority to organize that information.

Draft a list of bank accounts, safety deposit boxes, credit card accounts and numbers, loans, mortgages, insurance policies, retirement plans, investment records, wills, trusts, etc. For each item on the list, include where the document is located as well as the name and phone number of the professional who helped you with the document.

### Your Net Worth

After you have organized your records, you can determine your net worth. This is simply your total assets (everything you can and would sell if necessary) minus your total liabilities (what you owe).

The easiest way to determine your net worth is to divide a sheet of paper into two columns. On one side, list everything you own of value: your home and other real estate, investments, retirement funds, life insurance, your car. On the other side of the paper, list everything you owe. Include your mortgage, education and auto loans, any credit card balances, and so forth.

If your net worth is positive, congratulations. If not, how much debt do you have? One rule of thumb states that your debt should never exceed 20 percent of your take-home pay.

Next, take a hard look at what types of debt you have. Certain debts, such as a mortgage or business loans, can be good equity builders. However, if a majority of your liabilities are credit-card debts, you need to develop a plan for reducing that debt. To determine how best to do this, you should establish a budget.

### Your Cash Flow

To develop a budget, you first must examine your cash flow. Pinpoint how much money you earn and how much you spend each month. To be accurate, track every penny you spend for at least one month. If you're having trouble estimating your income and expenses, take out your checkbook for a historical perspective. Other places to look are receipts and bank statements. At the end of the month, determine which of these expenses can be eliminated or reduced.

Even small savings can add up. Sticking to a budget requires discipline, but over time, it will become habit. Also, you shouldn't think of your budget as set in stone. Occasionally, unexpected expenses will crop up. When this happens, don't get discouraged. Return to your budget as quickly as possible. Doing so will help you not only stay out of debt, but it will enable you to begin working toward meeting some financial goals.

### Setting Goals

After you've developed a budget, review it at least once each year. Soon you may discover you have some extra money each month. Your first goal should be to accumulate three to six months' worth of after-tax salary. This money should be kept readily available in a checking, savings or money-market account for emergencies.

Next, consider additional goals. Set short-, medium-, and long-term goals. For instance, these may be to buy a new car, to put your children through college or to save a specific amount by retirement. Seek the advice of a professional on how best to obtain these goals. When determining whom to deal with, ask friends and colleagues for recommendations.

If you're tempted to assign this fact-finding mission to your spouse, please don't. Statistics show that 80 percent to 90 percent of all women will, at some point in their lives, be solely responsible for their own financial decisions.

Instead, do your homework together with your spouse. Learning what you have, your net worth and your cash flow are the foundation of fine-tuning your financial efforts. Only after you've gathered this information can you seriously begin working toward reaching your financial goals.



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