



GRAND PRIZE PRESENT....The 1999 grand prize of \$150 in the Friona football contest went to Mal Manchec of Hereford. Tommie Weemes of Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative presents Manchec's check. DSEC is a regular football contest sponsor. ron carr photo

Mal Manchec Captures 1999 Football Contest Grand Prize

In an ending fit for a championship football game, Mal Manchec came from behind to tie, then won the 1999 football contest \$150 grand prize in "overtime".

Going into the 13th and final 1999 contest, Manchec was one point behind the point total leader Mark Zachary. Veteran contestant Jerry Hinkle lurked two behind.

In the Week Thirteen contest, we threw out the Arkansas vs. LSU game because it was a Friday game and it started prior to our 5 p.m. deadline. All entrants received credit for that game.

That left 17 games for Manchec and Hinkle to pick to overcome Zachary's lead. When the final game was over, the three men were tied at 162 points each. Hinkle had managed 15 correct, Manchec had 14 and Zachary

mustered only 13.

To determine the final winner, we computed the tie-breakers on all 13 games for each guy. The one with the lowest tie-breaker would be the winner.

Woe befell Mark Zachary and he was eliminated right away. Seems that in Week Two Mark had sent in his entry and failed to put down anything for the tie-breaker game.

When all tie-breakers were added, Hinkle's total was 314 and Manchec was lower with 262. Veteran contestant and 1990 grand prize winner Mal Manchec of Hereford was \$150 richer, just in time for Christmas.

Mal Manchec came to live in Friona in 1963 and taught history and debate (with Joy Morton) at Friona High School.

In 1968 he left Friona for an assistant principal job in

Hereford. After one year he moved into the Central Office Administration for HISD where he stayed until he retired in 1995.

After retirement from HISD, Manchec went to work for Nazarene Christian Academy in Hereford where he is now the principal.

Throughout his years in Friona and Hereford he has been a regular Friona Star football contest player. He won the top prize in 1990. His 1999 victory makes him only the fourth two-time winner in the contest's 40-year history.

Runner-up Jerry Hinkle is also a two-time winner and now he is a two-time runnerup. Hinkle also tied for the win in 1993 but was edged out by Don Max Vars in the tie-breaker.

Ben Weatherly of Friona was the winner of the Week Thirteen contest. He was one of four players that picked 16 correct in the final week.

Using the Atlanta 28, Carolina 34 tie-breaker, Weatherly was 21 points off and wins the last \$20 of the year.

Scott Fangman of Friona won 2nd place money of \$10. He was 22 points off the tie-breaker. Raul Brailiff and Celia Loflin tied for 3rd with identical 24 points off guesses. Each will receive \$5.

We would like to thank the many of you who entered our 1999 football contest and shared the fun and prizes. We appreciate each of you.

We especially appreciate the 18 sponsors of the contest. Without their contribution the competition would not be possible every year.

Thanks to everyone and we look forward to the 2000 Friona Star Football Contest.

Christmas Tree Choir To Hold Three Performances

The combined 84 voices of musicians from the communities of Friona, Hereford, Amarillo, Bovina, Muleshoe, Dimmitt, and Broadview, New Mexico will herald the coming of the Christmas Season as they present traditional and modern selections in the 1999 Living Christmas Tree again directed by Jim Parker.

Performances will be in the Friona Junior High Auditorium, Friday, December 3 and Saturday, December 4, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 5, at 2 p.m.

No tickets are being distributed, and admission is

free; however, donations to help defray the costs of new lighting and decorations will be welcome.

Friona performers are excited to have the addition of the twenty-four voices from the Texas Plains Chorale of Hereford and several voices from surrounding communities combining to make the largest number of choir members in the four-performance history of the Living Christmas Tree, and promising to be the best yet. Child care for children 5 years old and younger will be provided at the 10th Street Church of Christ during each performance.

As of
December 2, 1999

51,021

bales of cotton had
been ginned in
Parmer County.

Friona Star and
Bovina Blade Survey

Santa Letters Are Due Soon

It is time for children to send their letters to Santa for Christmas '99. As in the past, the Friona Star will publish Santa Letters from children in our last issue before Christmas.

Santa Letter boxes will be available at the primary and elementary school offices. Deadline for receiving Santa Letters is December 15.

Letters to Santa can also be dropped off in the Santa mailbox in front of the Friona Star office on Main Street.

November Ends Dry And Mild

One of the mildest Novembers ever ended with 25 days with 60 or higher temps, 16 days of 70 or above, and three days in the 80s. It also ended with not a trace of moisture. Total moisture for '99 is 24.16".

Week's temps: Fri., November 26: 73-33; Sat., November 27: 76-30; Sun., November 28: 64-23; Monday, Nov. 29: 58-29; Tues., Nov. 30: 62-35; Wed., Dec. 1: 70-37; Thurs., December 2: 58-37.

Don't Forget The Empty Stocking Fund

The Friona Empty Stocking Fund is busy gathering names of children who have special needs at this time of the year. Most need warm coats, clothes and shoes.

A \$25 donation will provide a warm coat for a small child and a gift of \$50 will provide a coat for a larger child or one in Junior High School.

"Please remember our own at this of the year. There are

many children who are in need and the warmth and love of our giving gives them a special Christmas," said Jo Blackwell, Chairman of the fund.

Remember Christmas is the season for giving to others. For additional information you can contact Mrs. Jo Blackwell at 250-3922 or the Friona State Bank will be glad to take your donation to this special fund.

HOSPITAL TO BENEFIT Blanket/Fluid Warmer Is Goal For Annual Project

The signup period is underway for the 1999 "Project Christmas Card," and continues through December 17, co-sponsored by Modern Study Club and the Friona Star.

Bill Neely, administrator of Parmer County Community Hospital, announced that the proceeds from the 1999 drive will go to purchase a blanket and fluid warmer, to make patients more comfortable.

The unit will warm blankets before being put on patients. The IV fluids can also be warmed, prior to being hooked up to patients.

Neely said the "warmer" should cost between \$3,500 and \$4,000, which is well within the scope of the project.

Project Christmas Card is being co-sponsored by the study club and the Friona Star for the 44th consecutive Christmas season.

Since its inception, Project Christmas Card has raised over \$127,500 for new hospital equipment. This is in addition to over \$17,500 in advertising space donated by the

newspaper.

Last year's Project Christmas card raised \$4,536, which went toward purchasing new furniture for the hospital's waiting room. The new furniture cost an estimated \$8,000, but the difference was made up in other donations.

Donations to Project Christmas Card may be made at Friona State Bank, as well as at a number of business firms throughout the community.

The premise behind Project Christmas Card is that residents are asked to donate the amount of money which they would customarily spend to send out Christmas cards to local friends.

In turn, those who donate to the project will have their names published as a public service in a community-wide greeting in the Friona Star's annual Christmas edition.

Donors are reminded, if they haven't mailed cards recently, that the price of both cards and postage has increased during the last several years.



MY TURN
By Carol Ellis

LAST WEEK you ate your last Thanksgiving dinner of the 20th century. And the week before that you spent your last odd day on this earth. The date, Friday 11-19-1999, contains all odd digits. The next totally odd day will be 1-1-3111, well over a thousand years from now. Unless you believe in re-incarnation, you probably won't be around in the year 3111. But take heart! You will be here for the next totally even day which is scheduled for Wednesday, 2-2-2000. It will be the first even day since 8-28-0888.

Yes, somebody sent me that on the internet. You don't think I figured it out by myself, do you? People who think up that sort of stuff have W-A-Y too much time on their hands. Thanksgiving is such a nice mellow holiday. There's nothing commercial about it, nobody expects you to buy them a present, and you can gorge without guilt. It's the great American pig out. Families get together wearing elastic waistbands and take turns snoozing in front of the TV in between repeated trips to the kitchen for left-overs.

We are into December now and the month long munch-a-thon is underway. I love it! Staff members brought left-over Thanksgiving sweets to the newspaper office this week. For the next four weeks there'll be Christmas gatherings, club meetings, open houses, receptions, teas, end-of-millennium parties, New Year's Eve parties, etc., and goodies galore at every event.

Fat is a group effort in December. Folks try to outdo each other in preparing succulent snacks, nifty nibbles and merry munchies. Ooohh! I've got to have your recipe for that! It is rude to refuse food in December. Some one went to a lot of trouble to fix something tasty, and they'd like to see you enjoy it. Everybody gains between one to five pounds between Thanksgiving and Christmas, and once a pound is there, we usually don't lose it.

Chocolate. Now there's a great idea for a Christmas present. A nice box of chocolates can provide your total daily intake of calories all in one place. Isn't that handy? Chocolate has many preservatives. Preservatives make you look younger. If you eat equal amounts of dark chocolate and white chocolate they actually counteract each other and it counts as a balanced diet. Chocolate covered raisins, cherries, orange slices and strawberries all count as fruit, so you can eat as many as you want. Here's a nice diet tip: eat a little bit of chocolate before each meal. It'll take the edge off your appetite and you'll eat less. If you have any chocolate left over, it will last a long time in the freezer, preferably hidden behind a large chunk of beef and no one but you will know that it's there.

Nobody expects you to diet in December. There will be plenty of time for that next month, next year, next century, next millennium (all starting January 1st). So fold up your Stairmaster and NordicTrack. Drape something over your exercise bike. Stash your treadmill out in the garage. There'll be no powdered drinks, no diet pills, no frozen calorie-less entrees. Just for now, forget those sugarless, salt-less, fat less, butter-less, tasteless diets. And then the tension and irritability caused by abstinence from food will give way to love, warmth, and caring and the Christmas spirit will surround us all.

Shopping Promo Continues Here

The Friona Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture's Retail Committee once again presents "Ho! Ho! Home For the Holidays" for 1999.

The promotion, designed to promote local business and encourage shopping at home, and works like this:

The program began Monday, November 22 and continues through Friday, December 17. Each participating merchant has been provided with tickets and gift boxes for collection.

Each customer will be given one ticket per purchase to fill out with their name, address and merchant's name. The tickets will be collected from the merchants on Friday, December 17.

On December 17 there will be a drawing from the box of each merchant. Each winner will receive \$25 in Friona Bucks, to be spent with that particular merchant.

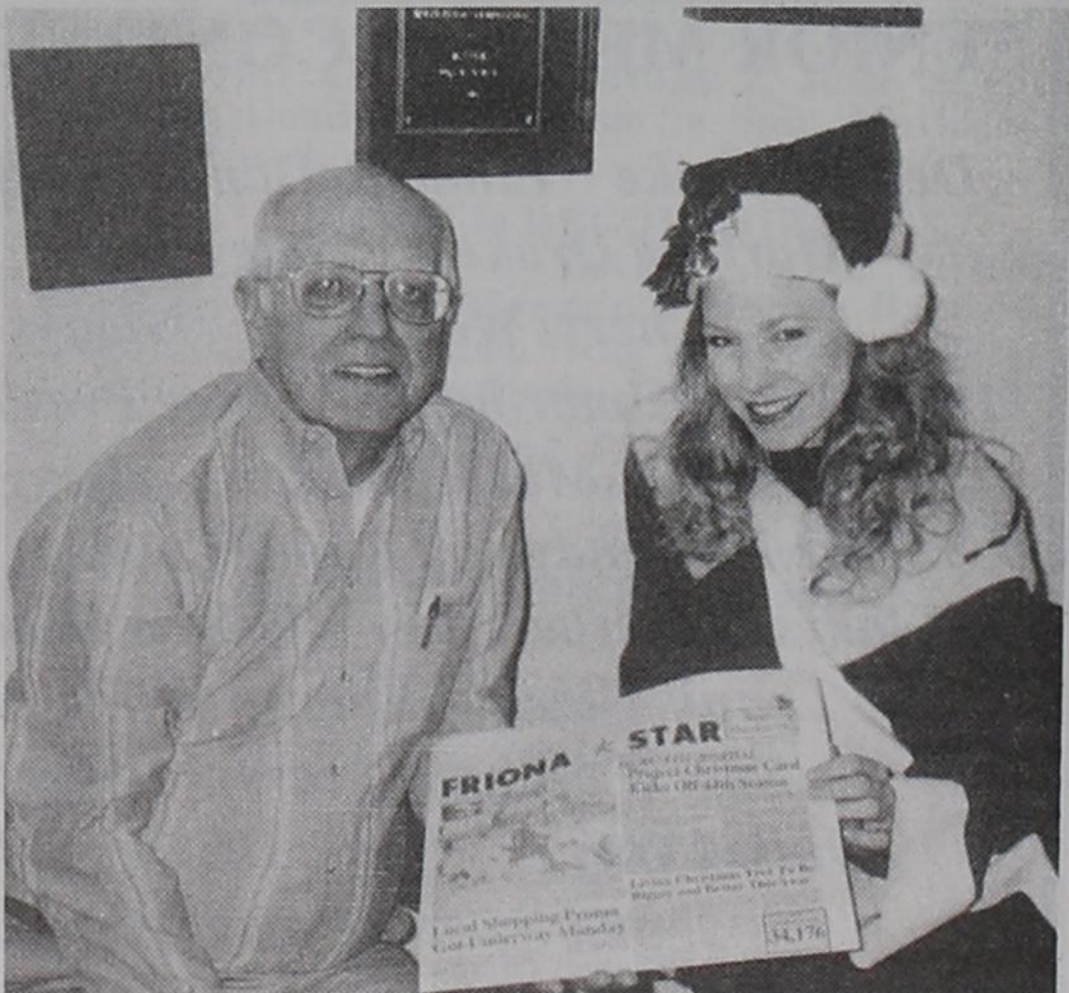
All of the entries will then

be combined for a final drawing. Three grand prizes will be awarded, in the amount of \$100 each. The grand prizes will also be in Friona Bucks, and can be spent with any merchant, or a combination of participants.

"We support you and your efforts to provide Friona with quality products and service, and appreciate you joining the Chamber in our effort to promote shopping at home," Kathryn Goddard said to the participating merchants, who are:

A-1 Service Center; An Added Touch, Bi-Wize Drug, Big Ticket Video, Campbell Electric, Friona Star, W.T. Services, Ingram's Department Store.

Also, Ivy Cottage Flowers & Gifts, Kendrick Oil, Lakeside Parts and Machine, Lowe's, Hi-Pro Animal Health, Texas Equipment Co., Holly's Cafe & Bakery and Tasty Cream.



MISS MERRY CHRISTMAS Crystal Morton visited with Friona Star editor Ron Carr this week as she encouraged folks to do some shopping with our local merchants in Friona this Christmas season. A subscription to the Star would be a nice present for a faraway friend or relative.



CHIEFS BASKETBALL is in full swing right on the heels of the football season. Point guard Nathan King brings the ball up court against Lockney as teammate Cason White trails.

ron carr photo

Around Town

Living Christmas Tree performances

The 1999 Living Christmas Tree concerts are scheduled in the Friona junior high auditorium on Friday and Saturday, Dec 3 & 4 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec 5, at 2 p.m. Set-up of the "Tree" will begin at 8 a.m. Mon, Nov 29. Anyone who would like to join the crews for set-up is welcome. See story for more info.

Class of '90 plans reunion

The Friona class of 1990 is requesting phone numbers and addresses of all their classmates. Plans are underway for a class reunion in 2000. Please help out by contacting Nicole Potts Talley, 6127 8th Dr., Lubbock, 79416. E-mail Nicole at Frionareunion90@yahoo.com.

AARP seeks taxaide volunteers

The American Assoc. of Retired Persons (AARP) is searching for people interested in assisting taxpayers in preparation of their 1999 income tax returns. Training sessions are held in January in Amarillo. Volunteers are only required to work 4 hours a week from Feb 1 to Apr 15. For more information contact Anna Ruppner at 806-244-2000. She lives in Dalhart & says you can call collect.

VFW briskets sale Dec 11

The Friona VFW Post is taking orders for smoked briskets to be available for pick-up or delivery on Saturday, Dec 11. The 8-10 pound briskets are smoked by the local Veterans and they will slice them at no charge if you want. Cost of each brisket is \$25. Place your order with any VFW or auxiliary member or call Avis Henry at 250-3762.

Annual cookie walk Dec 11

From 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, Dec 11, the ladies of the Congregational Church will hold their annual cookie walk. The cost is \$10 to fill a box with the many varieties of cookies available. The Congregational Church is located at 1601 N. Euclid. Come early and enjoy!

Masons to honor Frank Spring Dec 7

Friona Masonic Lodge 1332 issues a special invitation to friends of Frank A. Spring to attend a dinner in honor of his 65 years as a member of the Masons. The date is Tuesday, Dec 7, with dinner at 7 p.m. and the presentation afterwards. The meeting will be at the Friona Lodge, 7th & Ashland.

South Plains offering internet classes

South Plains College will offer 19 classes via the Internet this spring, from Agriculture Finance to World Literature II. Enrollment for Internet classes is scheduled during SPC's spring registration Jan 13 on the Levelland campus and Jan 12-13 on the Lubbock campus. To find out more contact SPC Levelland, 806-894-9611, ext 2374 or 2375.

FRIONA FLASHBACKS

...from the files of The Friona Star

60 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 6, 1929

It was stated in last week's issue of the Star that J. R. Roden had leased the W. H. Warren building and would move his drug store to that place as soon as it was vacated by the R.B.R. Implement Company. It's a fact that Mr. Roden has leased the Warren building, and will establish a drug store therein, but it will be a completely new store in every respect, with all new stock. Mr. Roden has sold a half-interest in his present drug store to his brother, Ralph Roden, who will have charge of it after the new store is established.

65 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 7, 1934

Friends of Mr. R. F. Fleet were considerably surprised to learn of the sale last Saturday of the grocery store and meat market operated here under his management for the past five years. L. M. Crow has purchased the business, and will be in complete charge tomorrow. Mr. Fleet expressed himself as having no definite plans for the immediate future.

Letter From The Editors

Before the 1999 football season is tucked away, Ye Editor and his compatriot Ron Carr want to give special thanks to Clint Mears and his broadcasting partner, Mike Hutson, for taking care of us "senior citizens" during the season.

Clint, for the second season, served as "designated drivers" for Ron and myself, since both of us have a problem driving at night, unless it's not farther than to one of the local places of business.

Clint and Mike accompanied us to all of Friona's out of town games during the regular season, as well as the two playoff games.

Thanks, guys! It's nice for you to be so thoughtful of your elder statesmen. Come to think of it, we think that your broadcasts have shown some improvement during the past couple of years. Undoubtedly, it is because of this association.

We'll be watching with much interest when the year 2000 and 2001 schedules are drawn up, so we can begin our advance planning as to where we might partake of the usual pre-game meal, which is always a vital part of our out-of-town trips.

Thanks again.

Bill Ellis
& R. Carr

60 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 8, 1939

Currently showing at the Regal Theatre: "Confessions of a Nazi Spy," with Edward G. Robinson. coming: "Thunder Afloat," with Wallace Berry. Also, "Dark Victory," with Bette Davis, along with "The Lone Ranger," and "Robin Hood Makes Good."

55 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 1, 1944

The football game here last Thursday to decide the district championship between the Hereford Whitefaces and the Friona Chiefs with Hereford winning, 14-13, after a hairbreath ending. Hereford scored first and added an extra point for a 7-0 lead. Friona followed soon with a touchdown, but missed the extra point, to trail at the half, 7-6. During the last half, the Chiefs scored a touchdown and an extra point, taking the lead, 13-7. The score was held at the point until two minutes before the end of the game, when their opponents rushed in for a touchdown and took the win, 14-13.

50 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 2, 1949

A partial list of the Friona young people who are away attending college this term, and who were home for Thanksgiving is as follows: Betty Louise McLellan, Peggy Mayfield, Charles Osborn, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Welch, Treva Jean Rolan, James Smith and wife, Murna Welch, Jean Crawford, Doris Ann Lange, Lila and Wanda Robason, Lloyd Messenger and Stephen Messenger.

45 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 2, 1954

Gins in the Friona area are operating around the clock to accommodate cotton growers. A picture on the front page of the Star shows the gin yard at the Mills and Fleming Gin at Hub, where some 700 bales were waiting in trailers on the gin yard and along the highway. The gins of the area, including the

North Plains Gin, L&H Gin and Mills & Fleming Gin have ginned a total of 12,510 bales to date, with some 1500 still on trailers in the gin yard.

40 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 3, 1959

Martell LeVeque was awarded the grand prize of an all-expense paid trip to the Cotton Bowl this coming New Year's following the last weekly contest in the Star. This contest, first of its kind held locally, drew interest all over the local area, and over 100 persons took part in the contest during the past 12 weeks.

35 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 3, 1964

Sheryl Long, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wes Long, representing Friona High School FFA, was named "district sweetheart" in competition with 15 other girls in the Littlefield district. She will compete in the area contest in May.

30 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 4, 1969

Going down to the final game on the contest slate, the Friona Star's Cotton Bowl Football Contest for 1969 was won by Norman Mohr, a senior at Friona High School. Mohr won the contest with a score of 128, to 127 for runner-up Jack Clark.

25 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 1, 1974

The Friona Noon Lions Club presented the Showbar-Community Center building fund with a \$1,000 gift-the club's second \$1,000 donation to the fund, following a club board meeting last week. Jerry Hinkle, a fund drive official, reported that only around \$1,800 was owed on the building now, from an original cost of \$86,000.

Friona High School's senior farm skills team won the district championship, and then placed second in Area I last Saturday at Plainview. Members of the team are Mitchell Smiley, Davy Carthel, David Barnett, Kent

Miller and Jimmy Murphree.

20 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 2, 1979

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Maddox and their daughter, Mika, were involved in an automobile accident last Wednesday near Turkey, enroute to a holiday visit with Maddox's parents in Sherman. Mary Maddox was seriously injured in the wreck, and has undergone surgery twice in the past week as a result of the accident. Maddox, sustained a gash on his forehead, and Mika escaped by just losing a tuft of hair.

15 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 2, 1984

Dr. Robert J. Alexander of Friona has been recertified as a diplomate of the American Board of Family Practice (ABFP) as a result of passing a recertification examination offered by the ABFP. The physician thus maintains specialist status in the medical specialty of family practice.

10 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 9, 1989

Friona High School students assisted with the 1989 Friona United Way Campaign. Class officers were senior Shannon Cochran, junior Elaine White, sophomore Chad Hamilton, and freshman Carrie Wilkerson.

5 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 3, 1994

West Texas A&M University Texas Zeta Chapter of Alpha Chi National College Honor Society inducted 100 student members. Among those installed was Lenora V. Fought, senior nursing major from Friona.

Mildred May's Rites Pending

Funeral services were pending at the Star's press time for longtime Friona resident Mildred May, 89.

Mrs. May passed away at 2:35 p.m. Thursday at her residence in Friona.

Friona State Bank Wishes You The Best In This Holiday Season

We at Friona State Bank want to be the first to wish you a Happy Holiday Season. We like the cheer and good will that this season brings out in us all. One of our wishes would be that we would all take the time to really appreciate our blessings through out this entire season.



CHRISTMAS WISHES from Miss Merry Christmas, Crystal Morton were given to new employees at Friona State Bank, l-r, April Torres, Celsa Rodriguez and Susan Teague.

One of these Blessings is the privilege to shop in the hometown in which we live. We hope that you are planning on shopping in Friona first. Sometimes you will find your gifts a little cheaper in area towns, but how is that helping Friona? Do Clovis, Lubbock or Amarillo help pay our school taxes? Can you count on proper maintenance out of town? Ingram's Department Store, Hometown Hardware, Lowe's Grocery and others in Friona all count on you to keep their businesses open. Let's give them a chance to serve us.

You have 22 Days left to Shop for Christmas!



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**TO ONE AND ALL
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TO MAKING MONDAY & THURSDAY
SENIOR MEALS A CONTINUING SUCCESS**

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Cheryl Weatherly Gladys Wilson
Don & Eva Kimbrough Renee Preston Lois Norwood
Jim & Mary Johnston Peggy Monroe
Gayle, Dandy and Randi Cones Rudy Ferris
Gladys & Herbert Day Valoris Osborn Keri Jack
Lynn Clark Sharon White Pam Messer
Sam & Donna Mears Marca Herring
United Way Sonic Drive-In (Jerry Zachary)
and those we may have missed!*

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BURLESON PACES DEFENSE

Seniors Pace Chiefs In 1999 Football "Stats"

A senior threesome paced the 1999 Friona Chieftains in the four offensive categories, according to season statistics compiled by Bill Ellis.

The three--Noel Grajeda, Joseph Bandy and Nathan King, accounted for over 1,000 yards each in total offense.

Grajeda edged Bandy out in both the individual rushing and scoring departments. Grajeda gained 1095 yards on 206 carries, while Bandy sprinted 1,049 yards in just 124 attempts. Bandy's yards-per-carry was the most, at 9.5.

Bandy missed most of the first two games on offense due to a knee injury, but did some catching up in the second half of the season, turning in a 240-yard gain in Friona's district-opening win over Shallowater, the fifth best rushing game in FHS history.

Bandy scored three touchdowns to pace Friona to its 35-7 win. A couple of weeks later, Shallowater upended Littlefield, eventually knocking the Wildcats out of the playoffs.

The third senior, quarterback Nathan King, was the total offense leader for the team, thanks to his 785 yards passing and 388 yards rushing, a total of 1,122 yards.

King's passing yardage is the most since his older brother Aaron racked up 849 yards in 1997. His completion

ratio of 52.7 per cent (57 of 108) was better than his brother's senior year, when he connected on 40 or 83 passes, 48.2 per cent.

Freshman Adam Bandy, who replaced his brother in the backfield vs Lockney and most of the Brownfield game, was the team's third-leading rusher with 335 yards.

Joe Bandy also led the team in "all purpose running," which includes rushing, receiving, punt and kickoff returns. His total in these categories was 1,723 yards.

If you added his interception return yardage, 101, Bandy advanced the ball a total of 1,824 yards.

Grajeda was second in the all-purpose category with 1338 yards.

Grajeda, whose four-touchdown effort while ailing helped the Chieftains defeat Littlefield on the Wildcats' home turf for the first time in a generation, won the scoring title for the '99 team with 114 points. Joseph Bandy, who was the team's scoring leader in the post-season with 24 points, finished with 98 for the season.

Bandy led the team in pass receiving with 22 catches for 267 yards. Grajeda caught 18 passes for 260 yards. Grajeda's three TDs receiving was topped only by Landon Martin's four, including one in the area finals.

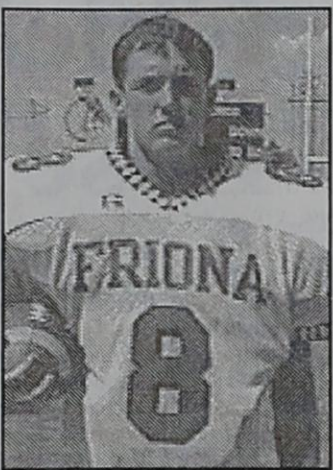
Joseph Bandy also led the



NOEL GRAJEDA



JOSEPH BANDY



NATHAN KING



JOSH BURLESON

Chieftains in all three of the "return" categories. He led in kickoff returns with 15 returns for 279, added 138 yards on 17 punt returns, and 101 yards on six pass

interceptions. That added up to 518 yards. His six take-aways also led the team in that statistic.

A junior standout for the Chieftains, linebacker Josh Burleson, paced the defense in three of its five categories.

Burleson led the team in tackles with 81. Cason White had 77, Landon Martin 75, and Daniel Wiseman 53.

Burleson also led in "tackles for a loss" with 14. Daniel Wiseman and Adrian Cruz each had nine and Grajeda eight. Burleson's third defensive "title" was in quarterback sacks, with five. Martin and Wiseman each had four.

Landon Martin and Matthew Mata led the team in fumble recoveries with four apiece. Adrian Cruz had three recoveries.

Kai Pawlowski led in field goals with three, his longest being 37 yards. Trent Cook led in kicking points with 33.

As a team, the Chiefs out-gained their opps. 4027-1339, or 335.6 yards to 111.6.

JV Chiefs Stand 2-0; Squaws 2-3

After losing their first three games, the Squaw junior varsity has won their next games, to start the '99 season.

The team lost at Nazareth, 42-31 in their opener. Mandy Daniel scored 11 points; Holly Hand and Jenny Cunningham eight each.

Against Spade at Morton Spade came from behind for a 34-30 win. Jenny Echevarria scored 10 points, the only Friona player in double figures.

The team's second game at Morton was against Three Way, and was close from start to finish. Finally, in an overtime, the Squaws lost out, 42-39.

Amy Murphree was Friona's leading scorer with 12, and Jacy Grimsley added nine.

The team got into the win column here on November 22, when they almost doubled Lockney, 59-30. Holly Hand scored 24; Candace Ingram 13, and Mandy Daniel 12. Friona had a 32-15 lead at the half.

The Squaws kept the streak going this week when they hosted Tulia, winning 40-31.

Mandy Daniel scored 21 to lead the team, and Miss Hand added nine.

JV CHIEFS WIN

The junior varsity Chieftains have won both of their starts. They eased past Lockney here on November 22, 34-22, and followed that with a 55-39 win over Tulia this week.

Nathan Haile scored 14 points to lead the team in their first game, and then had a 27-point game Tuesday against Tulia.

1999 Season Stats

INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

PLAYER	Att.	Yds.	Avg.
Noel Grajeda	206	1095	5.3
Joseph Bandy	124	1049	9.5
Adam Bandy	40	388	9.7
Nathan King	62	335	5.4
Matthew Mata	18	141	7.7
Cason White	18	77	5.9
Oswaldo Almaguer	18	60	3.5
Nathan Haile	7	50	7.1
Jesse Allen	9	50	5.5
Josh Burleson	7	20	2.9
Team losses	9	-43	-4.3
Totals:	513	3222	6.4

Longest runs from scrimmage: Joseph Bandy, 83 vs Crane, 69 vs Shallowater, 62 vs River Road (bi-dist); Adam Bandy, 63 vs Lockney; Noel Grajeda 41 vs Brownfield.

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

Player	TD	PAT	Tot.
Noel Grajeda	19	0	114
Joseph Bandy	16	2	98
Trent Cook	0 (1 FG)	30	33
Landon Martin	5	0	30
Adam Bandy	4	0	24
Matthew Mata	3	0	18
Nathan King	3	0	18
Kai Pawlowski	0 (3 FG)	7	16
Cason White	1	2	8
Charley Saiz	1	0	6
Os. Almaguer	1	0	6
Jesse Allen	1	0	6
Luis Arguelles	0	1	1
Safeties	(2)		4
Totals:	54 (4)	42	382

INDIVIDUAL PASSING

Player	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	TD	Int.
Nathan King	108	58	787	8	11
Cason White	3	2	20	1	0
Totals:	111	60	807	9	11

INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING

Player	PC	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Joseph Bandy	22	267	12.1	1
Noel Grajeda	18	260	14.4	3
Landon Martin	11	168	15.3	4
Adam Bandy	4	20	5.0	0
Colby Ingram	2	46	23.0	0
Nathan Haile	1	23	23.0	0
Tyson Neill	1	15	15.0	0
Charlie Saiz	1	8	8.0	1
Totals:	60	807	13.6	9

KICKOFF RETURNS

Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.
Joseph Bandy	15	279	18.6
Adam Bandy	5	54	10.8
Cason White	3	25	8.3
Nathan Haile	1	8	8.0
Totals	24	366	15.3

PUNT RETURNS

Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.
Joseph Bandy	17	138	8.2

INTERCEPTION RETURNS

Player	No.	Yds.	Long.
Joseph Bandy	6	101	65*
Nathan King	2	33	25
Cason White	2	41	35
Adrian Cruz	1	5	5
Landon Martin	1	5	5
Abel Santiago	1	0	0
Totals:	24	366	15.3

*Touchdown

INDIVIDUAL TACKLES

Josh Burleson 81, Cason White 77; Landon Martin 75; Daniel Wiseman 53; Joseph Bandy 52; Adrian Cruz 51; Noel Grajeda 43; Daniel Rosales 43; Jesse Allen 41; Charlie Saiz 29; Matthew Mata 26; Frank Dominguez 23; Nathan Haile 20; Adam Bandy 20; Nathan King 17; Justin Boyd, 11; Abel Santiago 10; Dustin Campbell 8; Luis Arguelles 8; Matthew Rangel 7; Eric Rubio 7; Kyle Wiseman 5; Tyson Neill 5; Oswaldo Almaguer 3; Colby Ingram 2, Zach Barrett 1.

TACKLES FOR LOSS

Josh Burleson 14; Daniel Wiseman 9; Adrian Cruz 9; Noel Grajeda 8; Matthew Mata 7; Landon Martin 6; Jesse Allen 4; Frank Dominguez 4; Cason White 2; Luis Arguelles 2; Charlie Saiz, Matthew Rangel, Oswaldo Almaguer, 1 each.

QB SACKS

Josh Burleson 5; Landon Martin 4, Daniel Wiseman 4; Adrian Cruz 3; Noel Grajeda 3; Matthew Mata 3; Daniel Rosales 2, Jesse Allen 2, Frank Dominguez 2; Charlie Saiz, Matthew Rangel, 1 each.

FUMBLE RECOVERIES

Landon Martin 4, Matthew Mata 4; Josh Burleson 3; Daniel Wiseman 2, Joseph Bandy 2, Jesse Allen 2, Nathan King 2; Daniel Rosales, Charlie Saiz, Nathan Haile, Justin Boyd, 1 each.

INDIVIDUAL PUNTING

Player	No.	Yds	Avg.
Trent Cook	42	1289	30.7

TEAM STATISTICS, 12 Games

FHS		OPP.
187	First Downs	95
3222	Net Yards Rushing	614
268.5	Rushing Yds/Game	51.2
805	Net Yards Passing	725
67.1	Passing Yds/Game	60.4
4027	Total Net Yards	1339
335.6	Tot. Net Yards/Game	111.6
24-366	Interception, Ret. Yds	4-20
21-9	Fumbles, Lost	24-17
77-641	Penalties, Yards	45-328.

SCORING BY QUARTER

FHS	105	105	77	95--382 (31.8/game)
Opps	25	41	22	25--113 (9.4/game)



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Squaws Stand 3-1 After Four Games

The Squaws' varsity started its season with a road game against always-tough Nazareth and suffered a 68-50 loss.

But the team has bounced back for three wins, over Floydada, 38-26; Lockney 61-37, and Tulia, 64-43.

Crystal Morton scored 15 and Kayla Smiley 13 for the Squaws at Nazareth.

At Floydada, the Squaws pulled away from a 16-13 halftime lead as Miss Smiley sank four baskets and Miss

Morton three, to take a 30-13 lead. Friona held the 'Winds scoreless in the third quarter, and won, 38-26.

Miss Smiley scored 14 and Miss Morton nine to pace the Squaws.

The team solved its sputtering offense here on November 23, whacking Lockney, 61-37. Trailing 8-7 after a quarter, Jamille Hand paced Friona with nine points in the middle quarters, as the team improved to a 23-15 halftime lead and 39-27

after three.

Miss Hand tallied 14, Miss Smiley 13, Crystal Dow 12 and Audra King ten to pace the scoring.

On Tuesday, November 30, the team got out of the blocks fast, riding the scoring of Crystal Morton to an 18-12 first quarter lead. Miss Hand contributed three from the field, and the team's defense played well. Friona coasted to a 30-18 halftime lead.

Miss Dow's 16-point second half and Miss Smiley's 12 helped Friona rack up the win. Miss Dow led Friona with 18 points, Miss Smiley had 16, Miss Hand 11 and Miss Morton 10.

NAZ 68, SQUAWS 50
Audra King 1-1*-2-7;
Crystal Morton 7-1-15;
V'Laura Wilcox 1*-0-3;
Valerie Bandy 0-0-0; Kayla Smiley 6-1-13; Jamille Hand 3-2-8; Crystal Dow 2-0-4; Kristie Jack 0-0-0.

SQUAWS 38, Floydada 26
Morton 3-1*-0-9; Wilcox 1-0-2; Smiley 7-0-14; Hand 1-3-5; Dow 2-0-4; Mandy Daniel 1-0-2.

SQUAWS 61, Lockney 37
King 3-1-1-10; Morton 2-2-6; Wilcox 1-0-2; Smiley 6-1-13; Hand 6-2-14; Dow 5-2-12; Jack 1-0-2; Daniel 0-2-2.

SQUAWS 64, Tulia 43
King 1*-2-5; Morton 2-1*-3-10; Wilcox 0-4-4; Smiley 8-0-16; Hand 4-3-11; Dow 8-2-18. *3-point baskets

This Week

Other schools entered in the tournament are, girls: Bovina, Plainview JV, Farwell, Hart, Sudan, Amarillo San Jacinto.

Boys teams are: Hart, Farwell, Amarillo San Jacinto, Canyon, Happy, Nazareth, Bovina and Sudan.

The Sudan (1A) girls team and the Farwell (2A) girls team are both state-ranked in their classifications.

7th-8th Girls Basketball

Friona junior high girls have opened their 1999-2000 basketball season under the direction of coaches Kim Hofferichter and Lisa Reed.

Coach Hofferichter's 7th grade girls lost to Shallowater 34-11. Katy Welch had 5 points, Misty Adams had 4 and Trisha Winebrinner 2.

The 7th girls then defeated Lubbock Roosevelt 35-19. Scorers were Trisha Winebrinner 11; Misty Adams 10; Katy Welch 6; Andrea Gerles 5; Kristen Butman, Jennifer Cardenas and Chance Barrett 2.

The 7th girls also defeated Lubbock Cooper 46-25. High scorer was Katy Welch at 17. Others were Misty Adams 12; Trisha Winebrinner 11; Andrea Gerles 4; and Maegan Ingram 2.

Coach Reed's 8th grade girls also had an opening loss to Shallowater 44-19. Scorers were V'Lesha Wilcox 11; R. J. Barrett 4; Ashley Smiley and Haleigh Herbert 2.

They defeated Lubbock Roosevelt by 27-16 as V'Lesha Wilcox had 15 points; R. J. Barrett 10; and Ashley Smiley 2.

In a close contest, the 8th graders lost to Lubbock Cooper 20-17. Scoring were V'Lesha Wilcox 6; Ashley Smiley 5; R. J. Barrett 4; and Melissa Vasquez 2.

Frosh Squaws Win Last Two Cage Contests

The freshman Squaws bounced back from an opening loss to Shallowater to win their next two games.

The team fell to Shallowater, 49-30, as Veronica Torres scored 11 for Friona.

The Friona girls downed Roosevelt, 31-19 in their second game, as Amy Murphree scored 10. They edged Cooper, 41-40, as Miss Murphree scored 21 to take scoring honors.

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FRIONA ACTION...Basketball season is in full swing. Left, Tyson Neill (22) grabs a rebound against Lockney. Right, Squaw post Jamille Hand mixes it up at the Chieftain gym.

Chiefs Top 'Horns, Lose To Hornets

The Chieftain varsity basketballers won their first game of the season, 51-36 over Lockney's Longhorns, just three days and a couple of practices after Friona's extended football season.

The Chiefs pulled away from a 7-7 first quarter, as Nathan King had a hot hand with four baskets, and Matthew Mata made the team's first three-pointer of the season, for a 24-15 halftime lead.

The teams played about even in the third, which ended with Friona holding a 37-30 lead.

But senior Tyson Neill warmed up with three baskets and a free throw, and Mata chipped in five points to seal the win.

Neill's 16, King's 14 and Mata's ten points paced the offense.

Tulia came to town this past Tuesday and made off with a 45-28 win. The Hornets' all-stater, Mikey Martin, did not suit up.

CHIEFS 51, Lockney 36
Nathan King 7-0-14;
Matthew Mata 3-1*-1-10;
Tyson Neill 7-2-16; Landon Martin 1-0-2; Zack Barrett 1-1-3; Cason White 3-0-6.
Tulia 45, CHIEFS 28
King 2*-0-6; Neill 5-5-15;
Bandy 0-1-1; Martin 0-0-0;
White 2*-0-6.
*3-point baskets.



LEAVIN' 'EM BEHIND...Chieftain junior Cason White leaves the Lockney defense behind on a fast break layup.

Friona BB Tournament

The Friona Invitational Basketball Tournament is being held December 2-4 at Friona gym. The boys and girls tournament began Thursday morning with a game between the Amarillo San Jacinto and Canyon boys.

Thursday night games pitted the Squaws against Sudan and Friona's Chieftains against the Bovina Mustangs.

Friday boys games are at

11 a.m.; 2 p.m.; 5 p.m.; and 8 p.m.

Friday girls games are at 9:30 a.m.; 12:30 p.m.; 3:30 p.m.; and 6:30 p.m.

Saturday games are: Boys, 9:30 a.m.; 12:30 p.m.; 2 p.m.; 5 p.m.; and 8 p.m.; Girls, 11 a.m.; 3:30 p.m.; and 6:30 p.m.

The championships will be on Saturday with the girls finals at 6:30 p.m. and the boys championship at 8 p.m.

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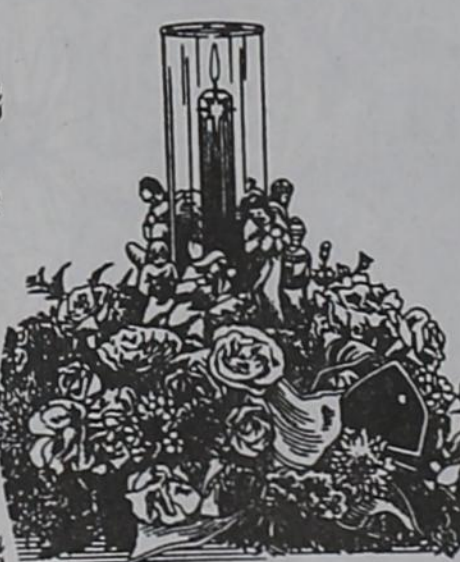
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Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by flooding, hail and wind, are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Farwell, Thomas S. Taylor, said today.

Farmer County is one of eight in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the flooding, hail and winds.

Thomas S. Taylor said farmers may be eligible for loan of up to 80 per cent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75 per cent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 per cent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan, Thomas S. Taylor said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until July 3, 2000, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season," Thomas S. Taylor said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farms who are U.S. citizens and farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizens hold a majority interest.

The FSA office in Farwell is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Out Here By Ron Carr 'Let The Countdown Begin'

It is millennium month! This is the last December we will ever spend in the 1900s and it promises to be the most bizarre month of all time up 'till now.

As we creep ever closer to December 31, 1999, the crescendo of Y2K wailers will increase. The frenzy and panic of the doomsayers among the great unwashed will build.

Every cuckoo and wacko on earth will feel free to offer their opinions whether we want them or not. And we don't. Or at least I don't.

I predict some wild and crazy things are going to happen at the stroke of midnight as the last seconds of 1999 disappear but they won't be because of Y2K. It will be because the idiots of the world are rehearsing as we speak to make sure dire predictions come true.

As the December days pass, a large segment of mankind will get increasingly crazier. There is no way to predict what manner of manmade mayhem will occur at midnight 2000.

I have avoided writing much about Y2K and the millennium this year. In fact this might be the first time I have used the word "millennium" in a column.

It is a word that has been overused by the media. People speak of "the millenium" as though when the day dawns on Saturday, January 1, 2000, all of life's little problems will be gone.

We are crossing the bridge into the millennium. We are going forward together into the new millennium where all children will be better educated and cared for, where we have an opportunity to make a new start together and let the federal government provide rules and regulations for every facet of our daily lives.

Oh yes, we will all be better off in the new millennium as we leave behind the racism, prejudice, and hatred of the 1900s! Let us join hands and hug a tree and plant a seed and rejoice in the newness of our lives.

Had enough? I thought so! You can look forward to preachers and politicians and motivational folks from all walks of life "millenniuming" you to death in the next few weeks.

But not me. After this column, I only have three more 1999 column opportunities and I promise not to mention the word millennium again between now and January 1.

I cannot leave the 1900s and head for the wonderful new millennium without saying a few words about the impeached, dishonored, self-centered, deceitful liar president of America, Billy Jeff Clinton and his soon to be ex-wife Hill Rod.

I could not help but note a picture in a newspaper during the Thanksgiving holidays of a big Tom Turkey in Washington, D. C. In the picture were the turkey, a couple of other fellows and Billy Jeff.

The caption said simply, "Turkey Is Pardoned." I couldn't help but wonder which turkey in the picture they were referring to. See how crazy this Y2K stuff will make you sometimes?

Billy Jeff is a lame duck with only one year left in the most glamorous job in the universe. When his term is finally over (hallelujah yes it will be) he will be a mid-50s playboy stuck with a frumpy wife in a house in New York that he doesn't really want.

He does not care about you, or your well-being, or the education of your children or the long term care of your

grandparents. He cares about Billy Jeff Clinton. Period.

He doesn't really care whether Hillary runs for the Senate or not. I think he wishes she wouldn't. Billy Jeff does not like to be overshadowed.

My prediction is that Billy Jeff Clinton will never go away. President or not, he will never go away so you Clinton lovers should be grateful that your hero will grace your lives until you die. Or he does. That's what you have to look forward to.

Sorry about the cynicism but I haven't said anything about politics for a while. I

SWCD Supports Producers In Protecting Rangeland

Directors representing Texas' 216 Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) at their 59th annual meeting on Tuesday put their support behind agricultural producers in the Texas Panhandle who want some type of regulated control of the black-tailed prairie dog population.

"That large concentrations of these animals can compete with livestock or damage cultivated crops cannot be questioned," said Eddie Harlan of Skellytown, member of the Hutchinson SWCD. "Therefore it is very important that an effective and comprehensive plan for controlling these animals be devised," he said.

Prairie dogs are somewhat large, ground-dwelling squirrels now found mainly in the Panhandle of Texas. They live in colonies or "towns" that vary in size from a few animals to thousands of individuals. Prairie dogs favor short-grass prairies to build their homes, which are

feel better now.

I don't worry so much about Y2K. I'm not stocking up on bottled water and canned goods. I will probably be sorry.

Holding true to tradition, we will not publish a paper the last week of this year. There will not be a December 31 issue.

If our computers do not crash and if our cars will start, we will be back to work and publish our first new millennium newspaper on January 7, 2000.

In the meantime there are three more columns to write to finish off the 90s. I hope you all are not too busy worrying to read them.

composed of a system of burrows 7-10 centimeters in diameter stretching 2-5 meters below the ground.

Prairie dogs construct crater-like mounds, often 30 centimeters high, of packed soil around the entrance to their burrows to protect the burrows from floods and to serve as lookout posts. Their primary food sources are low-growing grasses and weeds.

During the meeting SWCD directors voted in favor of a resolution sponsored by the Hutchinson SWCD that seeks to form a plan of action with appropriate state and federal agencies for controlling the animals and for making sure they are not considered as a candidate for the endangered species list.

Approximately 600 SWCD directors representing the state's 216 SWCDs and other conservation leaders attended the 59th Annual State Meeting of District Directors held October 18-20 in Lubbock.

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Husband, Mr. Epifanio Vanegas
Sons, Pedro Vanegas and Derrek Vanegas
Daughters, Leonor Fuentes, Estella Ortiz, Mary Trujillo and Juanita Gonzales

THANK YOU

We would like to thank all the people who came by, brought food, sent cards or flowers or just kept us in their prayers during the loss of our precious mother, wife and grandmother. There are no words to express the heartfelt gratitude that we feel. Especially for all the ladies who volunteered their time to take our mother to her treatments in Lubbock. You are truly very special people! Our family is very blessed knowing that our little mother was surrounded by all the love and support you showed her and us during her illness and during our time of grief. A very special thanks goes out to all the ladies who prepared the wonderful meal for our family at the church the day of the funeral and to those who brought refreshments to the Rhea Community Center after the services. Also, to Bro. Gary Morgan and Bro. Manny Longoria for the beautiful services they provided and to everyone who helped in the services. God Bless You All!

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FRIONA/BOVINA DEVOTIONAL PAGE

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MOSES AND PLAGUES OF EGYPT

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AND MOSES SPEAKS TO THE LORD, WITH A HEAVY HEART.

HAST THOU, THEN, COME TO PLAGUE ME ONCE AGAIN—I WILL NOT LET THE PEOPLE GO!

RISE, NOW, AND SEE THE SALVATION OF THE LORD! GO UNTO PHARAOH, THOU AND THY BROTHER AARON, AND SPEAK, AND DO ALL I HAVE COMMANDED OF THEE, AND I WILL YET DELIVER THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT!

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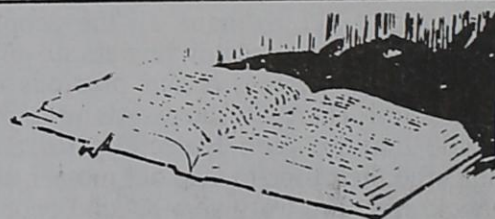
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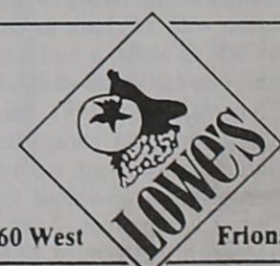
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BALANCED WAGE MEASURE

The ancient Greek scholar and physician Hippocrates advised beginning doctors to first "...do no harm." The same advice should hold true for Congress, particularly when considering legislation that has the potential to affect the U.S. economy.

We are enjoying a strong economy today, the envy of the world, and we want to ensure it remains strong. So when Congress began debating a measure to increase the federal minimum wage, it was important to me that the legislation we approve should be balanced: providing a raise for working people, but tax relief for small businesses and the self-employed as well.

Whatever we do, we don't want to stop the success of today's small business operators. The number of small businesses in the United States is up 49 percent in the last 15 years; three-quarters of all new jobs in our country are created by small business.

The minimum wage measure under consideration would provide hourly employees a raise of \$1 over three years, which should not shock the economy or farmers and ranchers concerned about containing costs.

There are ways to ease the impact of raising the minimum wage. The legislation Congress has under consideration includes tax cuts to help small businesses offset the additional costs.

One provision changes the tax rules for small businesses when they invest in business equipment, increasing the maximum dollar amount they may deduct from \$19,000 (this year) to \$30,000, and putting that increase into effect earlier, in 2001.

The measure also would provide employers with a permanent work opportunity tax credit to encourage job creation, extending a tax credit of up to \$2,400 for wages paid to new employees hired from welfare. This is a wonderful way to encourage formerly down-and-out people to become contributing members of society.

Another provision of this "balancing act" repeals the "temporary" federal unemployment surtax imposed in 1976 and extended through 2001. This will reduce the federal unemployment tax small businesses pay from 0.8 percent to 0.6 percent.

Our plan allows the self-employed to deduct 100 percent of their health-care and health insurance costs, the same percentage allowed employers who provide health insurance for their workers. Some people have major medical bills but no insurance. It is only fair to allow them to deduct the cost of buying insurance, or to deduct their medical expenses if they don't have employer-provided insurance.

The measure also includes an important provision that I originally introduced: the Bonus Incentive Act. This would allow employers to pay performance or incentive bonuses to their employees without being forced to go back and recalculate their pay. Right now the law makes it relatively easy for employers to give their salaried employees bonuses, but forces them to recalculate an entire year's worth of overtime if they want to give a bonus to their hourly employees. This discourages employers from rewarding their hourly workers the same way they reward those paid a salary.

Bottom line here is that my provision would make it much easier for employers to pay all their employees well earned bonuses. There is no reason to have a long, complicated set of regulations for businesses to plow through before they can give their employees a bonus.

Taken as a whole, I believe the legislation is a fair approach that benefits workers and employers alike. Small businesses, which create so many of the new jobs in our economy, get tax relief to balance their higher payroll. We want to keep that job-generating machine going strong.

I would like to hear what you think about this legislation. Please write my office with your comments. Our address is:

Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison
284 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510
Attention: Minimum wage

Area Production Credit Associations Merged

The Plainview and Amarillo Production Credit Associations, two prominent farm credit institutions providing credit service to over 1300 farmers, ranchers and agri-businesses in the Panhandle and South Plains, have merged.

The merger, as approved by their stockholder-borrowers, became effective in October. Carroll Haygood, the Association president, said, "We are fortunate to serve this highly productive and diversified lending territory which makes a major contribution to the agricultural economy of Texas and the nation."

Geographically, Panhandle-Plains PCA serves a 20-county chartered territory in the western two-thirds of the Panhandle and upper South Plains covering 20,000 square miles. The Association has \$146 million in assets.

"We believe our stockholders will benefit from combining the strengths of these organizations that includes a \$30 million capital position," said Troy Christian of Farwell, Plainview PCA's Board Chairman and the new Board Chairman of Panhandle-Plains PCA.

Mike McLain of Gruver, Amarillo PCA's Board Chairman and now Vice-Chairman of Panhandle-Plains PCA reports the merger met the board's philosophy of combining two strong Associations with a contiguous territory while maintaining the regional identity of this significant agriculture production area. He added, "we will still know our Stockholders and have a good understanding of their needs."

Panhandle-Plains PCA is headquartered in Amarillo with regional credit offices in both Amarillo and Plainview. Other credit offices are located in Dimmitt, Dumas, Floydada, Friona, Muleshoe, Olton and Tulia. Doug Reinart at Plainview is Senior Vice President in charge of the South Plains lending operation.

Total ag sales in Parmer County, according to the 1997 Census of Agriculture was \$550,904,000. The 20-county Panhandle-Plains PCA lending territory boasts total

agricultural sales of over \$5 billion, which is 37.4% of all Texas counties.

The Panhandle-Plains PCA active loan volume of almost \$141 million is the largest in the state among PCA offices.

In addition to Board Chairman Troy Christian, other directors of Panhandle-Plains PCA for the Plainview Region are Dennis Anthony, Friona; Earl Harkins, Hereford; Dwight Teeple, Lockney; and Joe Stokes, Hale Center.

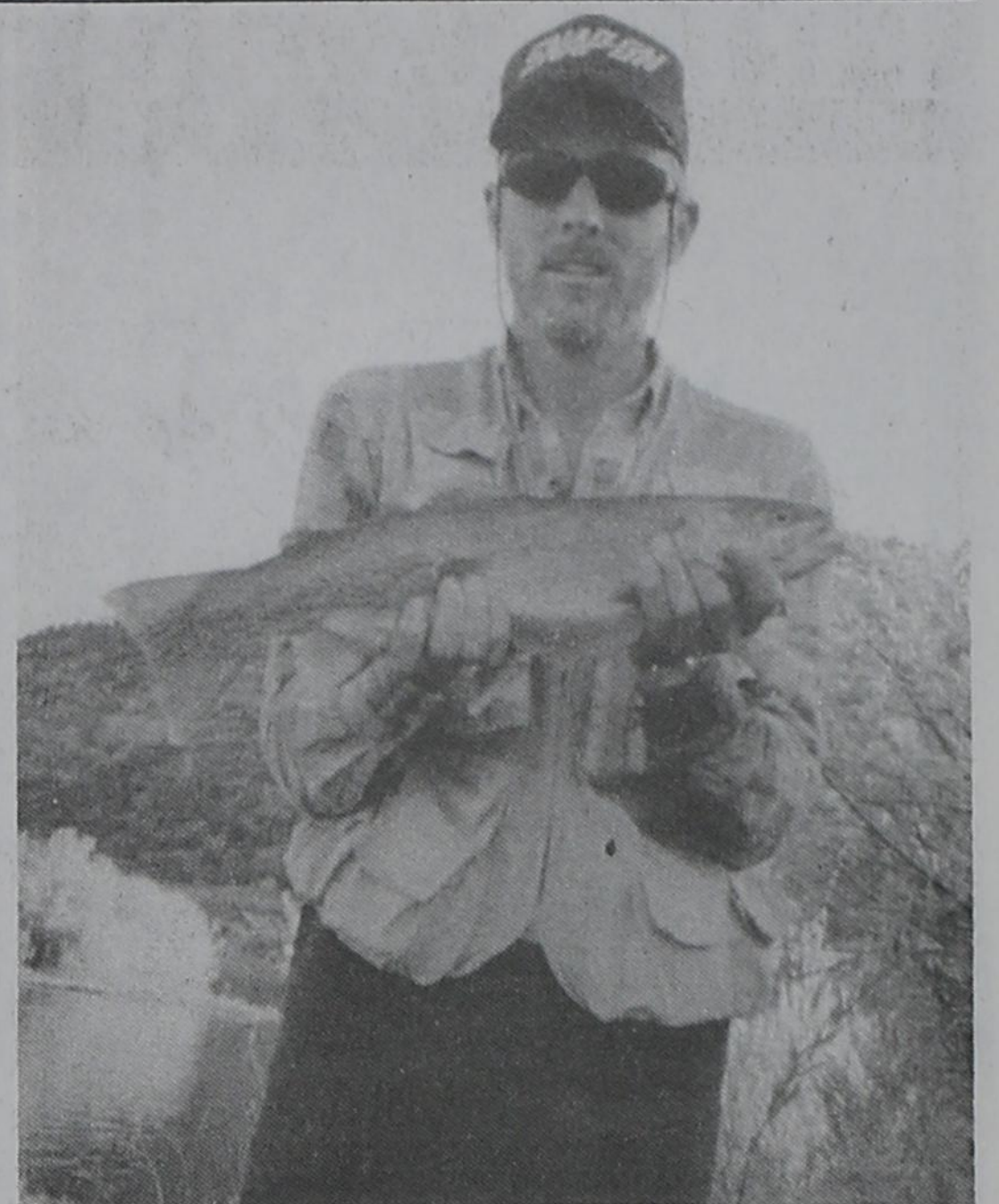
Currently the Friona office serves 177 stockholder/borrowers in Parmer County and surrounding areas. Robert Jones, Vice President, Cliff Daniel, Assistant Vice President and Mary Ford who handles the accounting duties, are all longtime Plainview PCA employees. They look forward to continued service to farmers and ranchers of Parmer County.

Santiago Completes Course

Marine Private Juan Santiago, son of Juan and Arminda Santiago of Friona, recently completed the Motor Vehicle Operator Course at Marine Corps Detachment, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Santiago acquired the specialty skills and technical ability necessary to operate light and medium tactical wheeled vehicles during various field and convoy operations. Santiago spent more than 1,800 hours of classroom instruction and practical application learning how to drive designated courses on and off road. He also conducted vehicle recoveries and inspections, simulated driving vehicles under blackout conditions and learned how to prepare operator, maintenance and accident forms.

He is a 1997 graduate of Friona High School.



THIS ONE DIDN'T GET AWAY....Rev. Gary Morgan, pastor of Bovina's First Baptist Church, proudly holds his five-pound, 21-inch Rainbow Trout that he caught while on a fishing expedition with Jack Patterson on the San Juan River in New Mexico in October. Jack said they caught several fish, most of which were returned to the river, including this big one!

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BREEZY SEASON GREETINGS...Friona's Main Street is festooned with new Christmas banners this year thanks to donations of local citizens and organizations. SPS employee Jon Hendrickson is shown attaching one of the many banners while SPS manager Danny Fiel directs traffic below.

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

You And I Make The Difference

By LEON TALLEY

The person that you are makes the difference in the type of community in which we live. Your disposition, your attitude, your dependability, all these things add up to the kind of world we live in.

What would our community be like if everyone was just like you? Would this be a good place to live or would you rather live someplace else?

If every other person was the same kind of neighbor that you are, what kind of a neighbor would they be? If everyone else had the same morals that you have, would you want to live here in Friona?

Now, I certainly realize that none of us is perfect. We all have a lot of "growing" to do. But I am saying that if you don't like the way things are around Friona, first of all check out what kind of a person you are.

I'm a collector of sorts, of sayings. I want to share a few with you that I think reflect what I'm trying to say in this article. Someone penned these words. The author is unknown. "All I Really Need To Know I Learned From Noah's Ark"

- "Always live a righteous life--even if you're the only one: it will be noticed."
- "Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark."
- "Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone might ask you to do something REALLY big."
- "Don't listen to critics--do what has to be done."
- "Listen to what God tells you--your life depends upon it."
- "Put action to your faith. Noah could have believed God, yet still drowned if he hadn't built the ark."
- "Finish what you start."
- "Speed isn't always an advantage. The cheetahs were on board, but so were the snails."
- "If God is with you, no matter how bleak it looks, there's always a rainbow at the end."
- "Remember that the ark was built by amateurs and

the Titanic was built by professionals."

"Remember that the woodpeckers INSIDE can be a bigger threat than the storm OUTSIDE."

"When God has brought you safely through the storm, don't forget to praise and thank Him."

If you're going to be a better person, there are certain phrases that perhaps you should avoid as well. Like: "I heard," "They say," "Everyone knows that," "Isn't it awful," "Of course I don't believe this, but," "I think it's perfectly terrible," "Just between you and me," "Don't breathe this to a soul," "You can take it for what it's worth," and "This couldn't possibly be true."

We can all make this community a better place in which to live. It all depends upon me and you.

I hope that you have a great Christmas season and may God bless you. T. Leon Talley

Band Boosters Appreciate Support

The Chieftain Band Boosters would like to Thank everyone that participated in the Annual Mexican Meal in support of our Band. All proceeds raised will go directly to the Band in the form of Uniforms, or any other Band equipment deemed necessary and felt that the Band Boosters can help.

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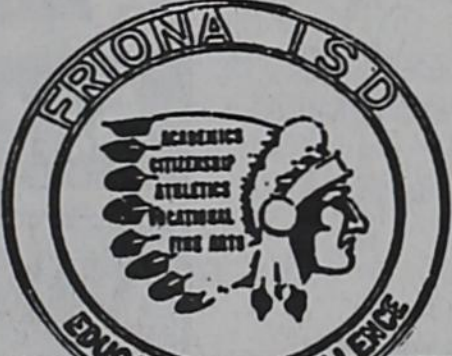
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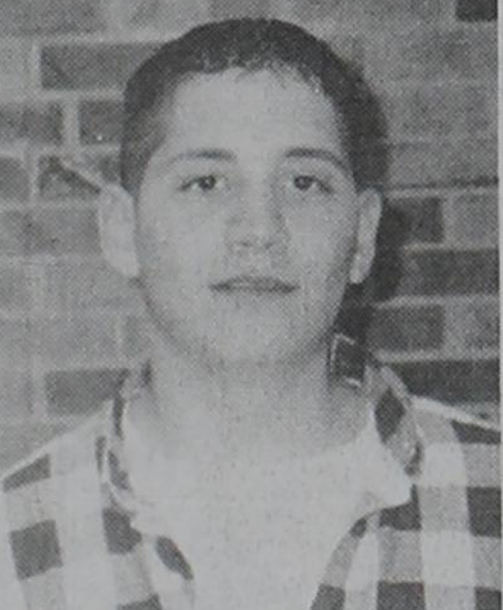
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Friona I.S.D. Calendar of Events December, 1999

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 FHS Var. Basketball Tournament Var. B & G BB - H 9 th Girls - Hereford Tournament JV B & G Muleshoe Tournament	3 4 th , 5 th , 6 th Gr. Drug Awareness Assembly Speech Team at Amarillo High Friona Var. Basketball Tournament	4 Speech Team at Amarillo High Friona, Muleshoe and Hereford Basketball Tournaments
5	6 Srs. - Herf Jones Order Graduation Announcements. 7 th 6 th & 9 th BB vs. Littlefield B-T G-H	7 Science Club Traveling Chem. Show 10:00 - 11:00 Var. & JV. B & G vs. Farwell - H	8	9 HS Band Christmas Program 7:00 p.m. Var. B & G Basketball Tournament - Farwell 9 th B & G - Tulia BB Tournament	10 Var B & G Basketball Tournament at Farwell 9 th B & G Basketball Tournament at Tulia Herf Jones pick-up Invitation Orders. (Srs.)	11 BB Tournaments Var. at Farwell 9 th at Tulia
12	13 7 th 8 th & 9 th Boys BB - At Tulia 7 th 8 th & 9 th Girls BB at Friona	14 JV. & Var. vs. Whiteface - There	15	16 Jr. High Band Concert 7:00	17 Var. & JV. BB vs. Dimmitt - Here Sem. Exams Jr. High HS Zero Hour Semester Exam	18
19	20 Primary Music Program 9:00 a.m. JH Staff Party Sem. Exams	21 2 nd & 3 rd grade Christmas Program a.m. Homeroom Parties p.m. Primary-Dismissal 1:30 Parties 12:30 2-12- Grades Dismissed at 2:00 p.m. End of 3 rd Six Weeks Sem. Exams	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 CAPROCK	29 BASKETBALL Var. Boys & Girls	30 TOURNAMENT	31 Var. & JV BB vs. Hart - There	



EDUARDO MATA
Eduardo Mata Is Marketing Ed. Student

By EDUARDO MATA

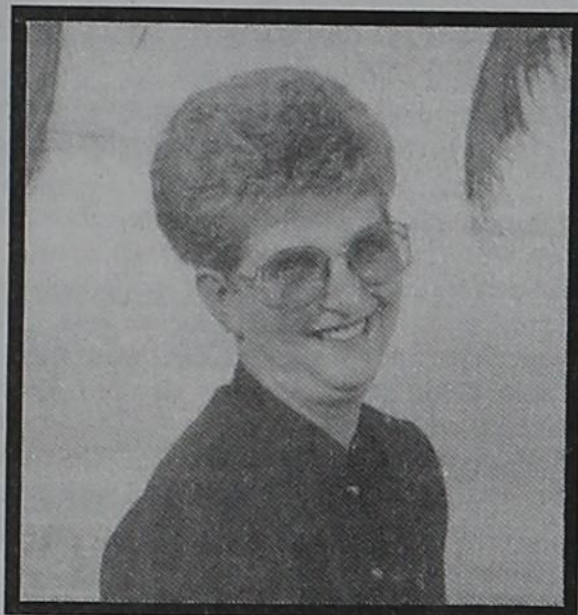
I am the seventeen year old son of Jose and Carmen Mata and a senior currently in the Marketing Program.

I am employed at Lowe's and supervised by David B. and Jaime M. Working at Lowe's will help me learn about business and how to deal with people.

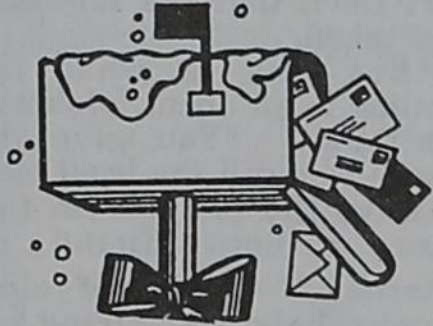
Being in the Marketing Program will help now and at later times by showing me how to be responsible and careful at the work place. At this time I would like to thank Mr. Field and the managers at Lowe's for giving me the chance to work and to be in the Marketing Program.



LINING UP on defense for an inbounds play are Squaws Crystal Dow (35) and Valerie Bandy. The Squaws entered the Friona tournament this week sporting a 3-1 record.
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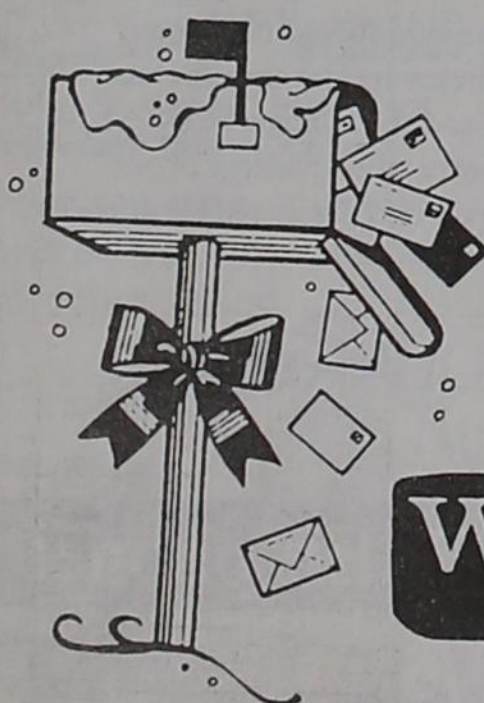
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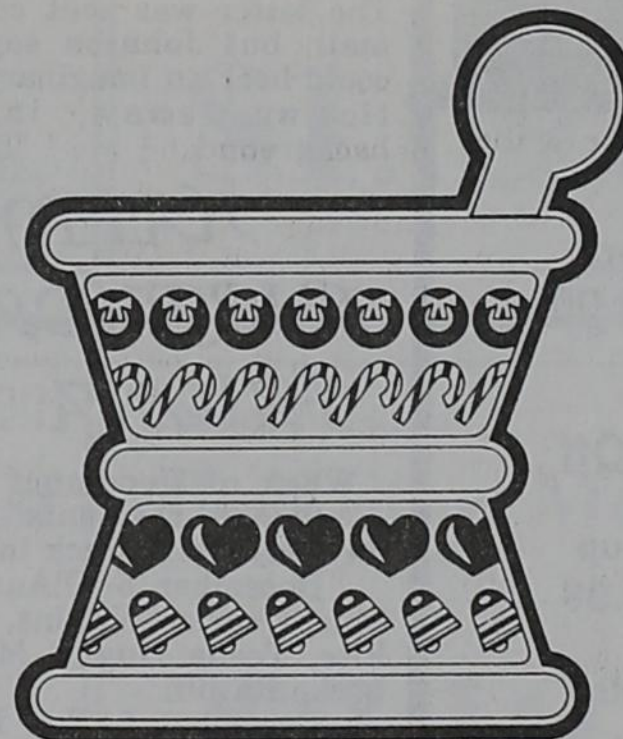
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Cody Lovvorn is a kindergartener at Friona Schools.

His parents are Steve and Donna Lovvorn. He has two sisters, Brandi and Ashley Lovvorn, and one brother, Ty Lovvorn. Grandparents are Jack and Luise Martin and Velma and M.D. Lovvorn.

He likes swimming, playing with his brother, going to the lake, and playing with his Playstation.

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Hotline Lawyer Helps Woman Get Refund

Maria Johnson, one of the lawyers who staffs the Legal Hotline for Older Texans, remembers the caller well. "She sounded frail," Johnson says, recalling their first encounter. Johnson eventually learned that the woman was partially blind and had just come home from a stay in the hospital when a vacuum cleaner salesman had come to the door.

"The salesman left with a check for \$1,600," Johnson says. "He'd even taken the old woman's Dirt Devil!"

The problem was this: the woman had succumbed to the salesman's pitch, but once he was gone, she realized she didn't want the new vacuum cleaner after all. But the check had been cashed and all of the calls that the woman and her friends made to the company asking that the money be returned were unsuccessful.

Could the hotline help? "We can't actually represent the people who call the Hotline," Johnson says. "I sent her consumer information and at one point I even called the customer service office at the vacuum cleaner company myself."

But to no avail. Reluctantly, Johnson prepared to close the woman's file. Then Johnson saw an article in the *Wall Street Journal*, which she reads every day. "It was a front page story about the tactics used by the same vacuum cleaner company. But it mentioned some sort of golden age clause which allowed people over age 65 to change their minds about a purchase and get a refund."

The time period for the refund was a year, and Johnson noted that ten months had already elapsed since the elderly caller had first written the check. Johnson called the woman immediately and also enlisted a friend of the woman to help draft a letter to the vacuum company. "The friend didn't get the *Wall Street Journal*," Johnson laughs, "but her dentist did. She ran down to the dentist's office to get this additional ammunition. The letter was sent certified mail, but Johnson says she could hear an imaginary clock ticking away in the background."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FRIONA...

Week of December 5-11
Friona residents having birthdays next week include:
December 5--D'Aun Watkins, Charles Wilkins, Ruthie Fite, Teena Hughes, Matthew Locke Ratliff.

December 6--Tim Mercer, Mike Taylor, Sherri Wilkerson, Alicia Rando, Clifton Cole, Allison Jones.

December 7--Carla Sue Scott, Lauri Rector, Melissa Cano, Melanie London, D-Lynn Carr, Hortencia Bermea, Brenda Busch.

December 8--Shayla Lincoln, Liberty Jane Wilkerson, Jesse Estrada Jr., D.L. Osborn.

December 9--Bill White.
December 10--Kelli Coffey, Jason Grant Berend, Marsha Lewis, Ross Roden, Don Ready, Connie King, Kenneth Wilkerson.

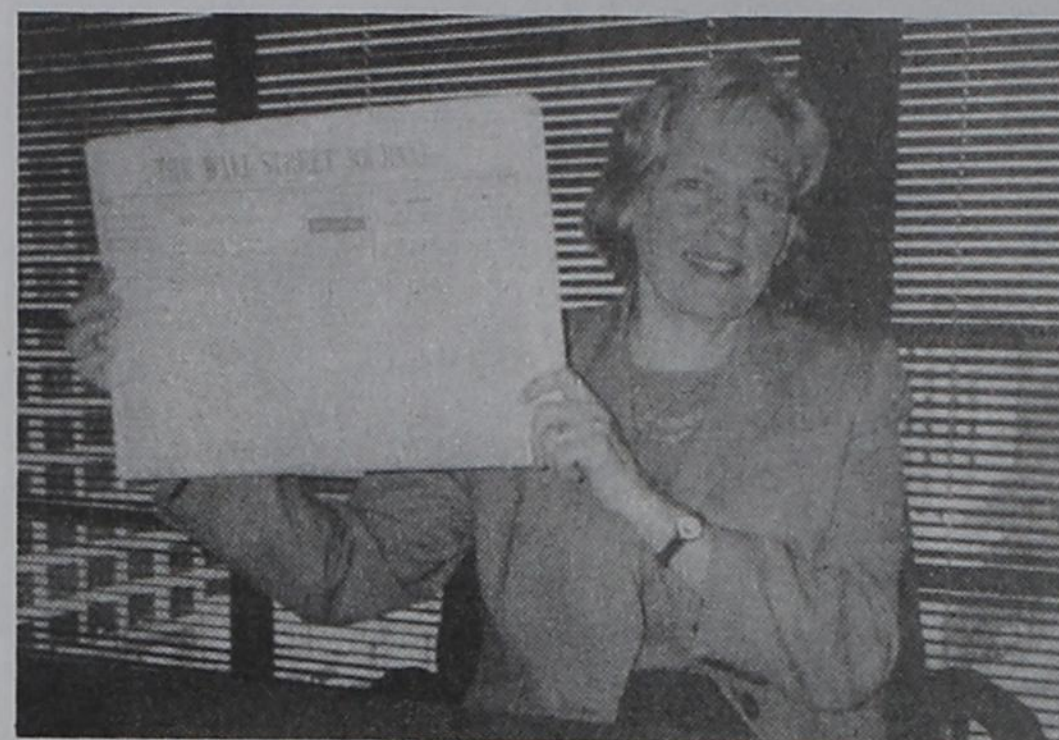
December 11--Christopher J. Hamil, Leigh Neelley Boatman, Lindsey Neill, Libby Procter, M'Linda Jarecki, Jeff Chaney, Darby Drummond.

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

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 noon in order to list their names)

Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo: Tammi Spencer (knee surgery).
Parmer Co. Community Hospital: Jessie Gore.



MARIA JOHNSON

The result? Just under the wire, "The caller got a refund from the company for the full \$1,600," Johnson says, grinning with satisfaction. She doesn't know whether the company ever returned the Dirt Devil that the salesman had taken.

"But this is what the Hotline is all about," Johnson continues. "You give the people who call the legal tools to solve the problem--in this case, without hiring an attorney." A lot of older people balk at hiring an attorney, Johnson says, either because they can't afford it or they're embarrassed by the problem or they just don't want the hassle of a lawsuit. "But they have rights," Johnson says, "and the attorneys here want to preserve their rights."

The Legal Hotline for Older Texans can be reached at 1-800-622-2520. Its primary mission is to serve low-income clients over the age of 60. The Hotline is funded through grants from the Texas Department on Aging and the Texas Equal Access to Justice Foundation.

Summerlins Have A Boy

Kelvin and Leola Summerlin are the parents of a baby boy born November 19 at Hereford Regional Medical Center.

Named Francisco Genaro, the new arrival weighed eight pounds, one ounce and was twenty-two inches long.

He has an older brother, Issac Redden, three years old.

Grandparents are Ray and Frances Gonzales of Friona and Geraldine Summerlin of Tarboro, North Carolina.

Great-grandparents are Genaro and Maria Gonzales of Friona and Guadalupe Alvarado of Raymondville, Texas.

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Whether it's racquet sports, baseball, or bicycle riding, safety eyewear can score big. Discuss your needs with your eye care professional.

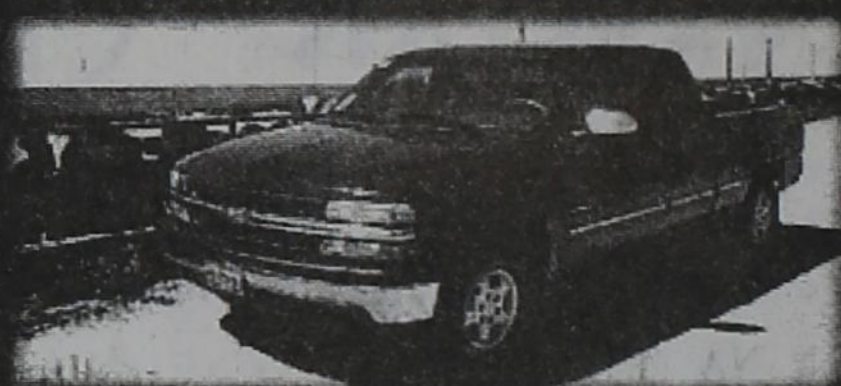
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High Plains Water District, NRCS Begin Pre-Plant Moisture Survey

Personnel from the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 and United States Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) are now collecting data for the 2000 pre-plant soil moisture survey. The annual survey is conducted to determine general pre-plant soil moisture availability and deficit trends within the 15-county High Plains Water District service area. Information gathered during the survey enables producers to conserve ground water by applying only what is needed to bring the five-foot root zone soil profile to field capacity during pre-plant irrigation.

Three teams are now collecting pre-plant soil moisture data. USDA-NRCS Soil Scientist Gerald Crenwelge and Engineer

Technician Terry Bridges are working in Armstrong, Deaf Smith, Parmer, Potter and Randall counties. Engineer Technician Glenn Blackmon and Agriculturist Scott Orr are working in Castro, Floyd, Hale, Lamb and Lubbock counties. Engineer Technician Arnold Husky and Agriculturist Becky Britten are collecting data in Bailey, Cochran, Crosby, Hockley and Lynn counties.

"We begin data collection in November each year to avoid as much bad weather as possible," said Carver. "Also, we want to finish the survey before producers begin irrigating winter crops."

Weather permitting, the data collection for the 2000 pre-plant soil moisture survey should be completed by the end of December.

Water District and USDA-NRCS personnel use troxler neutron moisture meters to gather data at more than 300 permanently-installed soil moisture monitoring sites within the Water District. Readings are taken at six-inch intervals throughout the five-foot root zone profile by lowering the neutron probe into a previously-installed aluminum access tube.

Soil moisture monitoring sites are selected according to soil type, local crops grown and the saturated thickness of the Ogallala Aquifer, which indicates potential water well yields. Each site represents typical dryland or irrigated farming practices in the area where the site is selected.

Data collected is used to construct maps illustrating the amount of soil moisture available for plant use within the root zone soil profile and the amount of water needed to bring the soil profile to field capacity.

These maps, as well as the results of the 2000 pre-plant soil moisture survey, will be distributed to area news media and published in the Water District's monthly newsletter, the Cross Section, prior to the pre-plant irrigation season.

"We expect the northern portion of the Water District service area to be wetter than normal when we begin our pre-plant soil moisture survey."

This area received from two to six inches of rainfall at the end of the 1999 crop season. The top two to three feet of the soil profile should be fairly wet," said Carver.

He added that rainfall was scattered across the southern portion of the Water District service area at the end of the crop season. "We should find drier conditions in that area because the crops were maturing and using quite a bit of water," said Carver.

Additional information about the 2000 pre-plant soil moisture survey is available from the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock, TX 79405-1499, or by calling (806) 762-0181. The Water District's web site address is www.hpwd.com, and its e-mail addresses are hpwd@hpwd.com and info@hpwd.com.

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Veronica Mireles is a kindergartener at Friona Schools.

Her parents are Fred and Estella Mireles. She has two brothers, Jose and Miguel Mireles. Her grandparent is Isabel Mireles.

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Friona Scoops

By SCOOTER RUSSELL

(Editor's note: Scooter Russell, longtime columnist for the Bovina Blade, favored us this week with a column of "visits", etc.)

Patsy Talley has had lots of friends and family visiting during the holidays.

Her brother and family, Jim and Norma Robason of Hope, Arkansas and their daughter, Robin Carter and her daughter, Lauren, were with her.

Eighteen people enjoyed lunch with her on Saturday and they were: Dub and Virginia Cleveland, Nancy and Jim Norwood, Gerald and Barbara Barnett, Madge Crow, Lillian Jones, Jerry London, Jewel Robason, all of Friona, and Sue Inmon and her granddaughter, Brianne, of Hereford.

On Thanksgiving day Patsy's son and his family were with her. They are Rex and Karen and son Cameron Talley of Lubbock; Harold and Bette Garst of Lubbock, Mary and Jennie Cato of Lubbock, Marney Reed of Lubbock and Patsy's mother, Jewell Robason of Friona.

Saturday after Thanksgiving, visitors in the Talley home were Edith Harrall of Tulia, Malcom and Faye Harrall of Roswell, New Mexico, Max Wayne Harrell of Fayetteville, Arkansas, Robert Harrall, Levelland, Lillian Jones of Friona and Jewell Robason of Friona.

These were all some of Patsy's relatives. After lunch that day, Dub Cleveland of Friona dropped by for a visit.

On Sunday, Patsy's mother, Jewell, and Patsy's nephew and family were with them and they are Roger and Diane Jones and children, Jill, and Justin.

She said this week she had been having a good time with her sister, Lila Wall of San Angelo, who came Sunday and left on Thursday of this week.

Last week was a busy time for Judy Cummings. She had company for Thanksgiving and also had funerals for two relatives.

On Tuesday before Thanksgiving, Judy's aunt, Ina Rae Cates of Lubbock passed away and funeral services were held for her in Lubbock.

On Thanksgiving Day, her son and family were with Judy. They are Scott and Donna Cummings of Lubbock and their son Kyle and his wife, Mandy, and their son Zack of Lubbock.

On Friday, Judy's uncle, James Barefield passed away and funeral services were held for him.

Visitors during Thanksgiving at the Jack Patterson home were their daughter, Sandy Blacksten and her son and family, Donnie and Kerri Shamblin and son Clay of Amarillo.

Donnie works for United Super Market and Kerry teaches first grade. The family had a good visit and they spent two nights before returning to Amarillo.

Dr. Paul and June Spring had their children and grandchildren visiting over Thanksgiving. Their daughter, Susie, was with them and their son, John and Christie Spring and their three sons from Canyon.

Susie has been here for some time, helping her parents during their health problems. "We are doing much better, though," June told us.

John and Christie and their family also visited with Christie's parents, the Buddy Wisemans of Friona.

Roy and Eva Miller enjoyed Thanksgiving with relatives. Their son, Roy and Glenda Miller came from San Marcos. Their granddaughter, Dolla and Rick Powell came from Wichita Falls. A daughter Jan Miller and Mara Miller came from White Rock, New Mexico.

On Wednesday evening, eighteen of them had a family party. Those were daughter, Donna and Sam Mears and son Clint from Friona. Granddaughter, Sarah and Randy Gerles of Friona and their four, children, Mandy, Andrea, Amy, and Ryan were also with the family.

The family went to Sunray on Friday and had a get together in a big barn with fifty people attending. Family members among the group were those who own the barn, daughter Linda and Clyde Tims and their daughter, Evelyn and Bobby Hill and their three children, Alissa, Aubra, and Leslie.

Others there were grandson David and Cheryl Tims of Sunray; granddaughter, Sally Hayes and her three children, Selenda, Sam and Cole; daughter Mary Lou and Dale Glass of McClean and their daughter, Sherry Kramar and her two daughters, Rachel and Sandi of Skellytown. Also, granddaughter, Angela and Roddy Burrus and their two children, Holly and Ryan of Clear Lake, which is near Houston.

Lilah Gay Gee spent Thanksgiving in Ruidoso with daughter, Linda and Owen Houston of Lubbock and they

were joined by Lila's son Jay Houston of Albuquerque, New Mexico and they said they had beautiful weather.

B.K. and Janet Buske had Thanksgiving company. They hosted Philip and Phila May Weatherly from Crested Butte, Colorado.

Park, and Tracey Weatherly, their children, of Canyon were also present, along with children.

Lilah and Don Vars from Canyon also joined the group on Thanksgiving.

Janet's parents Armstrong and Ruth Kerr of San Antonio are building a new home in the Hill Country near San Antonio. When the new house is ready for Christmas, it will be quite a change for Janet's father.

The couple has been living in the same house that Armstrong was born in early this century. And, they are building the new house at the age of 86 and 82.

Friona Star editor Ron Carr had more folks at his house than normal recently. Megan and Zach of Wichita Falls spent the entire week before Thanksgiving, and Ron's older children, Kirsten of Dallas and Casey of Denton came for Thanksgiving.

"There was a little more competition for the remote control while they were here," Ron said.

The Carrs had Thanksgiving dinner with his mother, Hannah and stepfather, Harry Lookingbill of the Black community.

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Tony Gama is a kindergartener at Friona Schools.

His parents are Martin and Modesta Gama. He has three brothers, Ivan, Noel and Martin Jr. Gama. Grandparents are Samuel and Basileides Gama.

He likes jugar baseball.

His favorite food is macaroni and cheese o papitas. His favorite color is rojo.

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