

Border Banter

- Mike Pomper

Farwell, New Mexico?

Here we go again. About a dozen years ago, a New Mexico legislator pushed for his state to regain a narrow strip of Texas land (including the Farwell area).

That push got nowhere although the state legislature approved a memo backing it.

Now, a state senator, Shannon Robinson, D-Albuquerque, has proposed giving the attorney general's office \$100,000 to pursue the land claim.

Talk about a waste of money. If the New Mexico government approves such a proposal, it shows that the state has money to throw away.

The Tribune carried the info back in 1991 noting that an Act of Congress approved the current New Mexico-Texas boundary, and that's what it would take to change it.

That aint gonna happen.

Texas has more clout than New Mexico. And we are talking pure politics here. End of story.

I know that longtime residents all know the story, but here's a quick wrapup for newcomers.

In the mid 1850s, a surveyor goofed and set the Texas-New Mexico border a couple of miles to the west of what it should have been.

But in order for New Mexico to get statehood in 1912, it had to give up the claim. It did.

So Texas kept about 600,000 acres.

But every now and then, the issue rears its head again when a politician wants to make some noise.

I take that back. I think it's a great idea. In fact, I think New Mexico should raise taxes and spend millions and millions of dollars on the project.

I'm sure President Bush, former Texas governor, would sign it into law.

(Yes...I'm joking...)

The Associated Press reports that New Mexico's four major health insurance companies say they plan to hike health care premiums up to 15 percent this year.

So watch for more businesses to put more of the cost on its employees, who can ill afford it. And look for large numbers of folks to continue dropping their health insurance, as has been the case across the U.S.

The article explained how costs are going up nationwide. But the article never points out what our political leaders are doing about the problem that has crippled our economy.

What a surprise. (I'm being cynical...)

When the New Mexico All-District teams are announced, the Texico Lady Wolverines will have one girl on 1st team All-District and the Texico Wolverines will have 3 boys named 1st team All-District.

Why? Lady Wolverines' Coach Sean Wootton ex-



U.S. Army Cpl. Jaren Phelps is stationed at Ft. Hood, Texas.



Cesar Sarinana has been in the U.S. Marine Corps for 3 1/2 years.

He recently was called to the Middle East for the possible war with Iraq.

Cesar is the son of Ana Cardoza and Victor Sarinana. He graduated from Farwell High School in 1997.

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We salute our military

The Tribune is publishing photos of local servicemen and women, along with information about them.

If you have any photos and info, please stop by the



Norwood performs here

Country artist Daron Norwood performed for Farwell students on March 5. The assemblies featured his latest music video, "In God We Trust", hit songs he has written and recorded, impersonations of famous singers, and fun songs with students, faculty and Supt. Larry Gregory participating. Norwood also tells the story of how his dreams were derailed by alcohol and drugs, and how, with the help of God, his wife and his family, he turned his life around.

Local posts still open

There were no more filings last week for the local Texas elections.

The filing deadline is March 19.

As of Monday, here's how the ballots look:

Farwell City

All three incumbents, Mayor Jimmie Mace and councilmen Joe Stanton and Tim Kasel, have filed for re-election. They have no opponents.

Farwell School Board

Four persons have signed up for the three posts on the ballot: Randy Mitchell, Nancy Chasteen and incumbents Roberta

Howard and Mike Woods. Lazbuddie School Board

With three seats on the ballot, only two incumbents have signed up: Daniel Schacher and Donnie Coker. Tommie Martin is the other incumbent.

Farwell Hospital District Board

Five posts are on the ballot. Signed up so far are incumbents Jack Kirkland, Tom Nichols, Tim Cooper and Greg Actkinson. The other incumbent is Mike Ratke.

New jail approved

The Parmer County Commissioners on Monday voted unanimously to build a new jail and for the method to finance it.

They authorized issuing Certificates of Obligation over a 20-year period for \$3.2 million at 4.75 percent interest.

Investing in these bonds were three Parmer County banks: First National Bank of Hereford's Friona Banking Center, \$1,350,000; the Farwell Banking Center of Muleshoe State Bank, \$1,100,000; and the First Bank of Muleshoe branch in Bovina, \$750,000.

As part of the financial agreement, and in order to pay for the bonds, a separate ad valorem tax has been created for Parmer County homeowners: 6 cents per \$100 assessed valuation.

That 6-cent figure is based on the current tax base. The number can go up or down depending on the tax base each year during the 20-year period.

The overall "deal" is expected to culminate in mid-April.

Parmer County also has about \$500,000 available for the jail project. If it's not needed after bids are received, it can be used to pay off the debt service early.

There was no public opposition to the jail. A petition had been needed to prevent the financial method used. The "deadline" for that petition was before the Monday

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Parmer County 911 issues to be reviewed by outside agency

The Parmer County Commissioners on Monday voted unanimously to ask the Commission on State Emergency Communications (CSEC) to review the 911 situation involving the death of Skip Magby, of Lazbuddie, and any other appropriate issues involving 911 in Parmer County.

The decision came after the commissioners met with Pamela Nielsen, Panhandle 911 Network director, and other area 911 folks.

Last week, Ms. Nielsen wrote a letter to the CSEC executive director, Paul Mallet, asking for a neutral party such as the CSEC to review the actions taken during the Magby situation. Mallet, headquartered in Austin, has agreed to this request.

After Elvis Powell, the county commissioner for the Lazbuddie area, discussed other recent incidents, the commissioners' motion broadened Ms. Nielsen's request to include the 911 overview.

Lazbuddie area folks have been upset over a series of recent incidents. Other area emergency agencies were called to their area before the Lazbuddie EMS and fire departments were called on three occasions, according to Doyle Weir, Lazbuddie EMS director.

Ms. Nielsen said she was unaware of these other incidents until the Monday meeting.

During the meeting, two of the incidents were put this way: a mistake may have been made by the Muleshoe dispatcher; in another, the substitute dispatcher in Friona may have erred.

One of the 911 problems in Parmer County is that all such landline calls are routed to the Friona dispatcher except for those with a "965" exchange -- they go to Muleshoe. The "965" exchange covers part of Lazbuddie. And if a Farwell resident uses a cell phone, the call is routed to Clovis.

Another difficulty involves using cell phones. Under the 911 system, if a landline phone is used, even if the person hangs up quickly, it shows where the call came from. That's not the case with cell phones.

During the Magby situation, the callers hung up four times before information was given out. Both cell and landline phones were used, with calls going to Friona and Muleshoe dispatchers.

Also speaking at the meeting was State Line Tribune Publisher Mike Pomper, who backed the need to have an outside agency review 911 operations in the county and say whether improvements are called for.

Ms. Nielsen brought the 911 tape from the Magby situation and played it for the county commissioners. After listening to it, county commissioner Ed Corn (Farwell area) said he felt the Friona dispatcher did all she could and that 911 was doing a good job in Parmer County. County Judge Bonnie Clayton-Heald agreed.

Ms. Nielsen presented a written timeline on the calls made during the Magby situation.

Powell said there was some disagreement between the timeline caught on tape and the times kept by the Lazbuddie officials.

County commissioner Kirk Frye (Friona area) suggested that after the CSEC finishes its inquiry, a public meeting be held. Lazbuddie School was suggested as the site.

State to look into Highway 108 problem

New Mexico highway supervisor Bob Kurtz told the Tribune on Monday that he will check into complaints dealing with the recent speed limit changes on Highway 108 (the Pleasant Hill highway) at the rear of Texico Schools.

The Tribune contacted him because of complaints it has received of the speed limit going from 55 mph to 45 mph to 15 mph in a very short span of seconds.

Kurtz said there had been numerous requests over the years to lower the speed limit along that portion. The most recent limit was 45 mph.

He said Texico police asked him to evaluate the highway for a school zone limit.

The state evaluates a roadway for speed limits by clocking 100 vehicles going each way over a 2-hour period. The road conditions and accident history are then studied to determine speed limit needs.

The state also looks at the size of buildings along the roadway and the number of children in the area to make a determination.

The new speed limit signs are in place and say "when children are present." Texico Police Chief Kelley Brophy said this means from about 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. mt when school is in session.

Brophy also is unsatisfied with the way the state has marked the highway speed limits

After talking with the Tribune, Kurtz said it sounded like the reduction zone was too close together and that he would send someone to Texico to take a look at the problem.

"It sounds like we need to move the distance between reductions further apart," he said.

Kurtz also was asked about the possibility of placing flashing lights to alert the school zone. He said the zone currently doesn't qualify for flashing lights, but after further study into the road usage, it is possible for flashers to be put into place.

Meanwhile, Brophy also is working on the problem.

He said the state recently has given Texico electronic billboards, and he plans to place them

votes.

The 49-bed facility is expected to be completed this year. Five new corrections posts will be created within the sheriff's department.

A key reason the commissioners moved ahead with this project now was the low interest rate. Their financial consultant gave them a list of seven comparable bond sales since December for Texas entities. Interest rates ranged from 4.8505 percent to 5.4916 percent.

The current jail does not meet state standards and the county has received seven variances over the years to keep it open.

Zone cotton producers vote to continue eradication

Cotton producers in the Northwest Plains Eradication Zone have voted to continue eradication in the zone.

Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation said more than 83 percent of the voters favored its continuation.

Parmer County is part of the Northwest Plains Zone.

Eradication in the zone started in 1999 and is on the verge of eliminating boll weevils from the area's cotton fields, as pheromone trap catches

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Obituaries

Jerry Moncayo

Services for Jerry Ray Garcia Moncayo, 12, a Texico Elementary School 6th grader, were held Monday at Steed-Todd Funeral Home in Clovis. Burial was in Texico Cemetery.

He died Friday at Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

He was born June 9, 1990, in Clovis, to Frank and Elida Moncayo Jr.

Surviving are his parents; a sister, Jessica Garcia, of Texico; grandparents Frank and Frances Moncayo, of Texico; his great-great-grandmother, Maria Juarez, of San Antonio.

Pallbearers were Andreas Romero, Ricky and Raymond Moncayo, Frank Lucero, Ricky Lopez and Ramiro Gutierrez.

Fern Christian

Graveside services for Fern M. Christian, 89, of Farwell, were held on Saturday at Sunset Terrace Cemetery with Gene

Vote

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have fallen to the point where only an average of 9 weevils were caught for every 10,000 traps inspected during the 2002 growing season.

This represents a decrease in the zone's weevil populations of more than 99 percent.

"We were real pleased with the way the vote turned out," said John Saylor, the zone's representative on the Foundation board of directors. "It just reaffirms that what we are doing is right and everyone is committed to finishing the program."

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DeeDee Pomper, vice president
Texas Press Association

Charles Christian officiating.

She died March 6.

She was born Dec. 31, 1913, in Boerne, Texas, to Wister and Cora Gaines. She married Everette Christian on Aug. 25, 1930, in Fredrick, Okla.

She moved to Oklahoma Lane while in high school and farmed there until 1957, when she moved to Farwell. She was a homemaker and member of Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband; 4 brothers; 4 sisters; a daughter, Bobbie McFarland, and 2 grandchildren.

Surviving are 5 daughters, Billie Kittrell, of Lawndale, Calif.; LaVerna Johnson, of Costa Mesa, Calif.; Bernice Norton, of White Deer; Barbara Clancy, of Clovis, and Belva Bowers, of Farwell; 17 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild.

The family suggests memorials to the Farwell Education Foundation, % Farwell High School.

Reva Brachwitz

Services for Reva Brachwitz, 54, of Clovis, were held on Wednesday

at Calvary Tabernacle in Clovis with Lawrence Thompson officiating. Burial was in Mission Garden of Memories.

She died Saturday at University Medical Center in Albuquerque.

She was born Nov. 22, 1948, in Wheeler, Texas, to William and Dorothy Cochran.

Surviving are her mother, of Clovis; a son, Francis Selman, of Clovis; a daughter, Debra Selman, of Clovis; 3 sisters, Rita Guss and Kathy Cochran, both of Clovis; and Brenda Johnson, of Amarillo; 4 brothers, David Cochran, of Farwell; Larry Cochran, of Gallup, N.M.; Jerry Cochran, of Campbellhill, Ill., and Troy Cochran, of Kerman, Calif.; and 3 grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Aaron and Robert Johnson, Wayne Newcomb, and Kevin, Gene and Chad Cochran.

Arnold Hromas

Services for Arnold Hromas, 85, of Bovina, were held on Tuesday at First Baptist Church of Bovina with the Revs. Aaron Reed and Gene Hawkins officiating. Burial was in Bovina Cemetery.

He died Sunday in Bovina. He was born Oct. 9,

1917, in Moran, Texas.

He moved to Parmer County in 1919. He married Amy Donaldson on Aug. 9, 1939, in Oklahoma Lane. He was a former member of the Bovina school board.

Surviving are his wife; 2 sons, Brad and Galen, both of Bovina; a daughter, Charlotte Willburn, of Hereford; 7 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by 2 sisters, Evelyn Skaggs and Ernestine Lovell.

Texico Police Report

Here is the weekly report from Texico Police Chief Kelley Brophy:

A super blitz is planned this month. That means road blocks to check on DWI, seat belts, driver's licenses, etc.

On March 8, Albert Doolittle, 69, of Texico, was arrested on a charge of furnishing alcohol to a minor.

EMS Report

Farwell's ambulance was called to 200 9th St. on March 4 for a stroke victim.



Labuddie's top spellers

The annual Labuddie School spelling bee was held March 3. Junior bee winners were Kayle Jesko, 1st; Darin Ivy, 2nd; Todd Nichols, 3rd; and Savannah Sain, alternate. Senior bee winners were Darin Ivy, 1st; Brittney Schacher, 2nd; Kayle Jesko, 3rd; and alternate Bryce Haney. Other participants were Jarrod Jesko, Emily Agee, Colton Weaver, Jordan Hernandez, Kinzi Schacher, Brock Steinbock, Ryan Mason, Leticia Mendoza, Mari Beliz, Francisco Tafoya and Amanda Hefner.

Courthouse Notes

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

Nelda Loyd - Mattison Adams, NE/4 S27, NW/4 Doud & Keefer.

Larry Powell et al - Jackie Roberts, L17-19, B6 Farwell.

Friona Industries - Kody Kimbrough et al, L17-18, B63 Friona.

Charles Bradshaw et al - M J D Farms, E/2 S9 Doud & Keefer.

Lucille Stowers - Larry Stowers et al, NW/4 S24, T6S R3E.

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

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plained that the way district rules are the 1st place team gets 4 members on 1st team All-District.

And it continues: The 2nd place team gets 3, the 3rd place team gets 2 and the 4th place team gets 1.

The Lady Wolverines finished 4th in district, thus getting 1 player named 1st team All-District. And the Wolverines, by finishing 2nd, get 3 on its 1st team All-District.

I don't know if you read the funny article in the Feb. 20 Tribune noting that Farwell will likely close its dog pound within two years.

To recap, the state has okayed new rules basically wiping out dog pounds in small communities.

New rules include having water, electricity, sanitary storm sewer, refrigerator, washrooms with sinks for employees; heating and air conditioning in certain facilities, moisture-free cages, management of the facility by a licensed vet or trained person, etc., etc.

The first thought that struck me was that if I were a homeless person, say, in Dallas or Houston, I would go to my local dog pound and say, "Woof, woof."

Well ... the animals will have it better than people.

What a society we live in. And we wonder why we are having severe economic troubles.

Once again, where there was no problem yesterday; now we have a major problem today.

And it was caused by the Texas Department of Health.

Let's hear it for the bureaucrats!

No, I'm not an animal hater. But I do view myself as pragmatic. And these new rules will cause chaos in small communities throughout Texas.

Foremost it means higher costs. Higher taxes.

This is yet another example of what I have been railing about for years: how ancillary taxes are killing us.

From Teresa Mesman: I competed in the New Mexico state bowling tournament recently with my teammates from Clovis' Wednesday Morning Coffee League.

We bowl at Mainline Bowl and we have a great time. Our team is sponsored by Schaap Dairy in Portales. My doubles teammate is Tammi O'Rear and we're sponsored by Leal's Mexican Restaurant in Clovis.

The tournament this year is being held the entire month of March in Santa Fe and Espanola. The bowling alleys being used are two of the nicest facilities I have ever competed in. Both are non-smoking facilities and they're very modern, clean and well run.

The bowling alleys are examples of high tech, modern technology and equipment. And believe me, I saw some women that were walking, talking and bowling examples of high tech this past weekend. Bowling is life for these women. They don't mess around.

My teammates and I arrived for our first series of doubles and singles competition. We took our places and, as I was placing my ball on the return rack, a very small, thin woman came up to me and wanted to shake my hand.

"Hello, I'm Shana from Albuquerque and I bowl Nationals," she firmly stated.

I stuttered, "hello, I'm Teresa from..."

"Is that your only ball?" she interrupted, zeroing in on my scratched, chipped and grease marred ball.

"Yes, it's an oldie but a goody," I laughed.

"It's pink. It's bright pink," she stated.

"Yep, but I can sure see it when it's going down the lane," I mused.

She was not amused.

She then proceeded to unload three bowling balls onto her ball return.

She saw me eyeing her collection of balls that were of various colors.

"I've got a ball for every type of throw and spare setup," she

bragged. "One for my double spin jackhammer, one for my sidewinder and one for my centripetal torque rail rider."

I swallowed hard trying not to laugh. This woman was only about 4 1/2 foot tall and weighed, maybe 100 pounds. I knew I could take her.

"Gee, I just try to throw the ball straight and not fall down," I replied.

Her teammates arrived shortly and unloaded their equipment. These women were serious bowlers. They had bowling bags with rollers, much like a suitcase. They had powders, resin, and rosin bags, team pins, patches and a sponsor banner that they hung up along the wall.

They began stretching and dressing themselves in armor like equipment. Wrist braces, knee braces, finger splints and, I swear, one was putting on a weight belt.

I began to worry that I had forgotten to wear my lucky socks and underwear and that I was totally unprepared for full body contact tackle bowling.

The teams that were on our lanes arrived and one of the ladies had a bowling ball that was clear acrylic with a skull inside. She and her teammate had a team motto of "Heads Are Gonna Roll

With Every Strike!"

My head began to hurt and I began to get a crick in my neck at that very moment.

My confidence soared however when a young man stopped to comment on the bowling shirts that my teammate Tammi and I were wearing.

"Oh man are those cool shirts!" he gushed. "Women who wear the tribal thorns are mighty warriors and are extremely powerful!"

Do what? Tribal thorns? Mighty warriors?

"Did he just say we were powerful?" Tammi asked as she looked down to make sure she hadn't broken a nail.

I glanced to make sure the other women were watching as I did my best "Xena Warrior Princess" yell.

The tournament began and I couldn't help but watch "Ms. Shana that bowls Nationals" to check her form, techniques and concentration.

The lady with the skull ball turned out to be a really nice gal from Santa Fe and everyone really did like our bowling shirts. A few even commented on how festive my bright pink bowling ball was.

Shana didn't do so well. She didn't down enough protein shakes or something during the

warm-ups and she couldn't control the triple action reverse angle spin of her second ball.

I thought maybe it was because she was so magnetized or polarized from all the pins, braces and equipment she was wearing because she kept pulling to the left.

I knew I could take her! Tammi and I are going to keep our bowling shirts

and we'll continue to represent Leal's Mexican Restaurant in Clovis at tournaments throughout the area. We're considering asking for our very own sponsor banner and rolling bowling bags.

I've also come up with our very own motto: "We're the Leal's Hot Mamas - Bowling Like There Ain't No Tamale!"

The Latest

Rick Beard will speak at the Hub Cowboy Fellowship at 7 p.m. on March 18 at the Hub Community Center.

Kingswood Methodist Praise Team, of Clovis, will provide music.

All are invited to the non-denominational meeting.

Friena city manager Paula Wilson has taken the post of city manager at Tulia, effective April 1.

She has been Friena city manager for 11 years.

West Texas gas prices have gone up just under

50 percent. It may not be reflected in your April bills, but it's time to conserve.

The cover page for the latest AARP "Bulletin" is headlined

"Collapse Of Our Health Care System."

Folks, I'm tired of writing about it. Nobody cares.

The folks who ran the recent auction to benefit the Texico and Farwell chapters are seeking one of the silent auction winners, Tina Rogers.

If you know how to contact her, please call Cheryl Whitener at 482-3801.

Meet Farwell's Class of 2015



Jonathan Vega, a Farwell kindergarten, is the son of Maria Vega and Oscar Cordero. His birthday is Nov. 29. He has a sister, Jacqueline.

Grandparents are Felix Vega, Patricia Vega & Javiet Vega.

He likes to play Nintendo. His favorite foods are hamburgers, hot dogs and pizza.

His favorite color is red.

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LIVE CATTLE: Short term trends are still pointing down, but a close back above \$75.50 would turn the April contract back higher. Odds still favor that the August contract has probably seen its low. A move back below \$73.80 would project back towards the \$72.75 area, but this market has strong support at \$73.80 and this level may hold. Still look for a low due in late April?

FEEDER CATTLE: Short term trends are also lower in this market as well? A close above \$76.50 would turn the April contract back higher. Odds favor a low at anytime over the next week or so. Pressure has come from cattle coming off wheat pasture and most analysts believe that this pressure will be over very soon? Major support at \$75.00 needs to hold prices together.

CORN: Short term trends are higher and buyers have continued to support prices. This market stalled out at some short term resistance around \$2.40, but a close above this level could easily push prices back up towards the \$2.50 level. Estimates for this year are projected to be an all time record, but there will be lots of weather to contend with between now and harvest?

SOYBEANS: Prices remain in a long term sideways range which should be positive over the long term. Short term trends are down at this time, but a close above \$5.70 basis the nearby May contract would turn trend back higher. The market needs to close above \$5.90 basis the long term charts in order to see another shot back up?

WHEAT: The July KC Wheat charts turned short term charts down this week, mostly from improved weather conditions in many dry areas. Although there is still some short term support between \$3.22-3.25, the negative week makes a rally look less probable at this time? Weather remains extremely cold in the Northern Plains and could be a threat if it begins to move south?

COTTON: Trends are still pointing higher. The delivery specifications which damaged basis the May contract added another 8-9 cent premium over the March contract. The \$52.50 level had held prices basis long term charts until now. The technical break above this level has opened the door to see \$65-68 sometime over the next few months? Demand has been difficult to peg?

\$ REWARD \$ CRIME OF THE MONTH

On the morning of November 27, 2000, the Bovina Branch of the 1st Bank of Muleshoe was robbed at gunpoint. An undisclosed amount of cash was stolen. The suspects were last seen driving a dark colored van. The Parmer County Crime Stoppers will pay a reward of up to **\$1,000.00** for information leading to the arrest and indictment of the person or persons responsible and *you don't have to give your name!* In addition, the Bovina Bank is offering a reward of an additional **\$1,000.00**

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Gober sets Farwell record in triple jump

Nikki Gober set a Farwell school record last week in the triple jump, jumping 32'10 1/2".

Farwell's boy tracksters took 3rd place in the Springlake-Earth Meet last week, scoring 71 points. Placings were:

400 relay - Farwell, 1st, 46.83, Logan McFarland, Robbie Tabb, Matthew Edwards, Cale Stevenson.

800 relay -- Farwell, 3rd, 1:42.14, McFarland, Justin Ware, Edwards, Mitchell.

1600 run -- Tate Nichols, 2nd, 82.04.

1600 relay -- Farwell, 2nd, 3:46.85, Stevenson, Tabb, Mitchell, McFarland.

Discus -- Jose Cabello, 4th, 119'5.

Shot put - Cabello, 1st, 45'7.

800 run -- Fabian Reyes, 6th, 2:19.65.

In the JV competition, Tyler Myers took 5th place in the discus with a throw of 92'10.

The Farwell Lady Blue tracksters finished 4th at Springlake-Earth. Placing were:

3200 run -- Kyra Christian, 5th, 4:30.

400 relay - Farwell, 2nd, 53.76, Chelsea Meyer, Khallie Foster, Hailey Grimes, Nikki Gober.

800 relay - Farwell, 2nd, 1:56.47, Meyer, Foster, Grimes, Gober.

1600 run - Selene Delgado, 6th, 6:59; Kary Mathys, 7th, 7:03.

1600 relay - Farwell, 4rd, 4:35.58, Gober, Sandra Saenz, Kyra Christian, Grimes.

Long jump - Gober, 2nd, 14'11 1/2; Micah Christian, 5th, 14'5.

Triple jump -- Gober, 2nd, 32'10 1/2

Restaurant to open in Farwell

Farwell is about to get a new restaurant -- "Tom's BBQ & More".

The restaurant is expected to open on Saturday (or next week at the latest) in the former Lindop building across the highway from Farwell Hardware (4th Street). The address is 308 Ave. A.

At first, it will be open from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. After they get a handle on the traffic flow, the hours may change.

The owner is Ramona Martinez, and the manager is her husband, Mario.

Martinez attended Farwell Schools.

It will be mostly take-out, but there will be seating for those who wish to dine there.

The restaurant will offer brisket, hot links, sausage, chili rellanos and sandwiches.

They also may cater events in the future.

White takes 1st in county spelling bee junior division

Farwell School spelling bee results have been announced.

Farwell Junior High's Nathan King placed 2nd in the senior division of the county spelling bee.

Farwell Elementary pupil Ray White placed 1st in the junior division of the county spelling bee.

Farwell Elementary School results were: Ray White, 1st; Nikki Gholston, 2nd; Landry Actkinson, 3rd; and Tory Davis, 4th.

Farwell Junior High results were: Ambur Dryer, 1st; Nathan King, 2nd; J.R. Mathys, 3rd; and Emilio Loera, 4th.



Cookbooks made

Karen Barnes and Eva Dean Stephens look at the new Farwell 1st Baptist Church cookbook, with over 800 recipes. It goes on sale March 23 for \$13. Call Mrs. Stephens, 825-3856; Susan Johnson, 481-9505; or Darlene McManigal, 481-3202 to order one.

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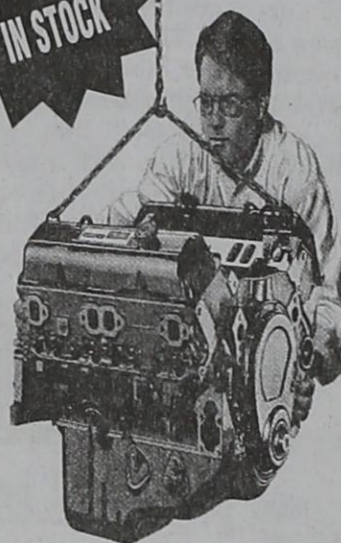
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- ★ ALL MEMBERS URGED TO ATTEND.



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The Latest

Both Texico and Farwell schools will have Spring Break next week -- no school.

The Border Town Days Committee will have its first meeting of the year on April 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Texico Fire Hall.

Normally, the committee meets the first Monday of April, but had to postpone it a week due to some members' busy schedule.

All folks interested in serving on this committee are urged to come.

Officers will be picked, along with a theme for this year's BTD, and Honorary Parade Marshals named.

BTD is always the last Saturday in July.

Some folks in Lazbuddie planning a garage sale got a shock last week:

Someone broke into the house and stole the garage sale items.

Lazbuddie School's lunch menus for next week:

Monday - steak patty

Farwell league slates baseball signups

It's time to register for baseball season with the Farwell Little League.

All children attending the Farwell Schools or who live within the Farwell School District between the ages of 5 and 12 are eligible to play on T-Ball, Minor and Major League teams.

An early sign-up will be held on March 14 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the foyer at Farwell Elementary School.

Registration is \$20 for the season. This fee includes a uniform and ballcap.

New players need to bring a copy of their birth certificate to the registration. (No originals please!) Returning players must verify that a copy of their birth certificate is held by the Farwell Little League.

The league also needs volunteers to coach teams. Any parents, grandparents, friends and family interested in coaching a team should contact Jack Kirkland at 481-3321, Richard Carpenter at 225-4055 or Greg Atkinson at 481-3327 or 481-3299.

Sheriff's Report

Here is the weekly report from Parmer County sheriff Randy Geries:

On March 7, Daniel Ponce, 21, of Bovina, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of assault. The case is pending in county court.

On March 7, Antonio Gonzalez, 17, of Friona, was arrested by Friona police on a charge of possession of marijuana under 2 oz. The case is

pending in county court.

On March 8, Josefina Alonzo Coffey, 55, of Bovina, was arrested by Friona police on a charge of DWI 2nd. The case is pending in county court.

On March 6, Sarah Padron, 21, of Friona, was arrested by Friona police on a charge of having no driver's license. The case is pending in county court.

(pk-1), pizza, subs.
Tuesday - burritos (pk-1), fiesta pile-on.
Wednesday - chicken spaghetti, corn dogs (pk-1), hot pockets.
Thursday - sack lunches (high school UIL district meet).
Friday - special.

Terri Nichols has been named campaign chairman for Parmer County for Randy Neugebauer, a GOP candidate for the Congressional post being vacated by Larry Combest in May.

Mrs. Nichols, of Farwell, is a member of Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church and ESA So-

rority.

A special note if you plan to sell mail or "care packages" to servicemen: You cannot use "any Service member" anymore due to terrorist risks.
Packages and letters must be specifically addressed to a military member.



Graduates

Shasta Rael, daughter of David and Gloria Rael, of Clovis, received her bachelor's degree in psychology in December from Eastern New Mexico University. She plans to attend graduate school and pursue a career as a psychiatrist.

Marriage Licenses

The Parmer County clerk's office issued marriage licenses last week to:

Ronald Wright and Leslie Bronniman, and Rafael Ordaz and Alma Morales.

Fire Calls

Farwell firemen were called on March 1 to a house fire at 203 5th St.

On March 11, they went to a grass fire outside the city.

Farwell Convalescent Center Is Honoring Resident Gertrude Shipp

100th Birthday Party Sunday, March 16th 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Wolverines fall in regional

The Texico Wolverines' basketball season came to an end on Friday in the first round of regional action in Albuquerque.

The Wolverines finished the campaign with a strong 18-9 record.

They were knocked out of the state tournament by the state's No. 1 ranked team, the Hope Christian Huskies, which was at 24-1 after its victory. Hope Christian won, 85-50.

Texico played Hope Christian strong the first half, only trailing 32-26 at the half.

But the Huskies came on strong in the second half, outscoring the Wolverines, 53-24.

Scoring for Texico were:

Adrian Loera, 20; Braden Vaughan, 8; Johnny Rivera, 1; Mark Peabody, 5; Logan Brown, 1; Jesse Serrano, 2; Bryce Bailey, 3; and Landon Johnson, 10.

Coach Richard Luscombe said the Wolverines played well the second half, but Hope Christian pulled away in the second half.

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Said child was born the 3rd day of November, 1998, in Clovis, Curry County, New Mexico.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at office in Farwell, Parmer County, Texas, on March 10, 2003.

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Sandra Warren, District Clerk
287th Judicial District Court
Parmer County, Texas

Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Bobbie Ann McFarland, deceased, were issued on March 3, 2003, in Cause No. 2563, pending in the County Court of Parmer County, Texas, to Lonnie Christian McFarland.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o Kathryn H. Gurley
Attorney at Law
701 Main Street
P.O. Box 729
Friona, Texas 79035

Dated the 3rd day of March, 2003.

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Kings & Queens



The Farwell Convalescent Center's Valentine's Day King and Queen were William Crenshaw and Joan Butterfield. They are pictured with Auxiliary member Katherine White.



Special Care Unit's King and Queen were William Locknane and Lucille Wills. They are pictured with Auxiliary member Liz Kaltwasser.



Staff King and Queen were Tim Taylor and Debbie Galvan.



Hug Day winners were, from left, Paul Gunnell, 1st runnerup; Albert Stidham, 1st; Auxiliary member Mary Mesman; and Lourdes Sena, 1st.

Farwell boys' golfers take 1st

The Farwell High School boys' golf team placed 1st in the Meadowbrook Golf Invitational in Lubbock Monday. Tate Nichols won 1st place individually. Team scores were: "A" team -- Johnny Lavin, 89; Tate Nichols, 79; Grant Gregory, 107; Colton Sudderth, 91; Ty Gast, 90. "B" team -- Jason Sudderth, 83; Jeremie Chandler, 85; Ryan McClaran, 97; Colby Norton, 107.

School girls' team tied for 4th at the tournament. Scores were: Mindy Roberts, 109; Tara Achterberg, 116; Amanda Barnes, 119; Michah Christian, 126; Bailey Warren, 143; and medalist Kristen Garcia, 119.

'Stephanie's' to move to Texico

Stephanie Cullison announced that she is moving her Stephanie's Sterling & Stitches business from 710 Ave. A in Farwell to the Ruby's Antiques building, 316 Wheeler Ave., in Texico. The move takes place on March 18. Stephanie's will be located upstairs in the

building, adjacent to Gallery Fifteen.

Also, sharing space with Stephanie's will be "Abby's," a gift shop to be operated by Pam Monk.

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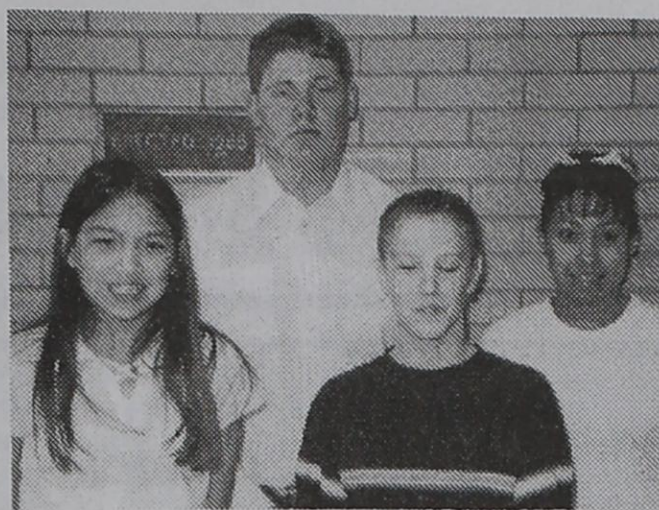
Lazbuddie recognizes Students of the Month

Lazbuddie Students of the Month for January have been announced.

Brady Mimms, 18, is the son of Clay and Reta Mimms. His birthday is Oct. 24. His favorite movie line is "Are you going to pull those pistols of whistle 'Dixie'?" With \$1 million, he would buy a ranch. His favorites include hamburgers with fries, a horse and a trip to Taos. His fear factor is being left without a horse.

Miriam Hernandez, 18, is the daughter of Ramon and Carmella Hernandez. Her birthday is Jan. 27. Her favorite movie line is "Dude, face your fear." With \$1 million, she would share with everyone. Her favorites are all CD's, a hamburger and fries, dogs, rubies and a visit to Hawaii. Her fear factor is heights.

Bryce Haney is the son of Greg and Nedda Haney. His birthday is June 2. With \$1 million, he would buy stuff for himself and his friends. His favorites are "Linkin



Lazbuddie Students of the Month are Brianna Sanchez, Brady Mimms, Bryce Haney and Miriam Hernandez.

Park Reanimation", spaghetti with meatballs, a white tiger, Chris Tucker, sapphires and a visit to Australia. His fear factor is spiders.

Brianna Sanchez is the daughter of Jr. and Chandra Sanchez. Her birthday is Jan. 15. Her favorite movie line is "don't spend your life not knowing what you could have done." With \$1 million, she would buy a Mustang convertible. Her favorites are Rick Springfield, "Jessie's Girl", macaroni and cheese, cheetahs, Julia Roberts, garnets and a vacation spot in Hawaii. Her fear factor is riding in an airplane.

Deaf Smith Electric Co-op plans annual meeting

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative members will receive capital credit refunds from 1990 and a portion of 1991 totaling \$1 million at the co-op's annual meeting and dinner starting at 5 p.m. on March 25 at the Hereford Bull Barn.

A fish, chicken and beef dinner will be served. The Flying J Wranglers, of Ruidoso, headed by Farwell High grad James Hobbs, will provide entertainment following the meal.

A short business meeting to elect three directors will precede the Flying J Wranglers performance. Candidates are:

Position 1 -- Incumbent Clark Andrews and nominee L. Dee Taylor.

Position 2 -- Incumbent Clarence Martin and nominee David Carthel.

Position 3 -- Incumbent Donald Wright and nominee Mark Cluck.

Another highlight of the evening will be drawings for prizes totaling more than \$1,000.

The Flying J Wranglers will be making their second appearance at the Deaf Smith meeting. They have enjoyed tremendous success the past two decades, performing at the Grand Ol' Opry in Nashville, and representing the state of New Mexico at one of Japan's largest cultural festivals.

Lazbuddie School lists its top academicians

Here's the Lazbuddie School honor rolls for the 4th six weeks:

All A's

2nd grade - Chandler Barnes, Andrew Branham, Karina Galaviz, Kolten Morris, Denise Sanchez, Shea Scott.

3rd grade - Emily Agee, Todd Nichols.

4th grade - Jordan Hernandez, Colton Weaver.

5th grade - Dylan Haney, Kayle Jesko, Kinzi Schacher.

6th grade - Jacob Schacher, Brock Steinbock, Chase Timms.

7th grade - Chelsea Nichols, Brittney Schacher.

8th grade - Amberlee Steinbock.

11th grade - Shonnah Black, Katy Loudder, Robby Martin, Shawndee Nichols, Michelle Scott, Stephen Thomas.

12th grade -Dustin Bartlett, Andy Martin, Brady Mimms, Tobin Redwine.

A-B

2nd grade - Keena Diaz, Jessica Estrada, Victor Godinez, Colten Ingram, Seth Russell, Ross Steinbock, Jared Timms.

3rd grade - Paola Estrada, Jarrod Jesko, Jordan Mason, Kylie McGehee, Justin Schacher.

4th grade - Tanner Beasley, Willy Dyck, Joseline Garcia, Lakota Goe, Arthur Gomez, Rodrigo Mata, Lacy Russell.

5th grade - Lydia Campos, Geovanni Garcia, Darin Ivy, Logan Mason, Frankie Rodriguez, Rhett Sain, Riley Smith, Tyler Steinbock, Monica Vera.

6th grade - Richie Aguilar, Bart Guillen, Arturo Lucio, Leticia Mendoza, Brittany Sexton, Cassie Steinbock, Ra-Jon Thorn.

7th grade - Laura Beliz, Regina Mata, Brianna Sanchez, Rochelle Smith, Dakota Williams.

8th grade - Erica Derma, Amanda Harris, Kyra Kimbrough, Stephanie Williams.

9th grade - Daniel Hefner, Dakota Pitcock.

10th grade - Chris DeLeon, Mandy Haney, Ana Hernandez, Brett Mimms, Kayla Parham, Adam Pierce, Melanie Winders.

11th grade - Violet Aguilar, Thomas Garcia, Kelli Harris, Miriam Hernandez, Kera Lewandowski, Raul Mata, Bethenie Sanchez, Sterling Via, Kolby Wilkerson.

12th grade - Brittany Brakebill, Michelle Puckett.

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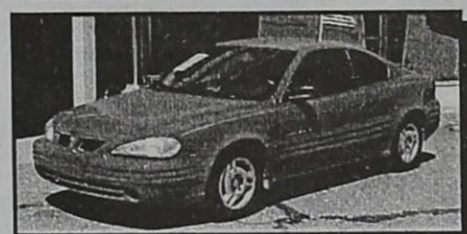
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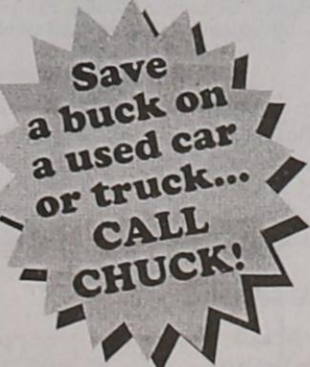
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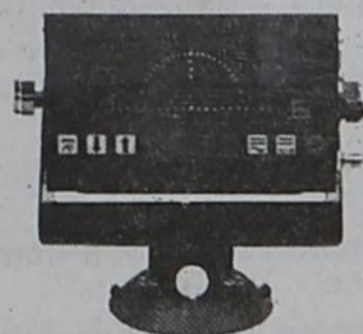
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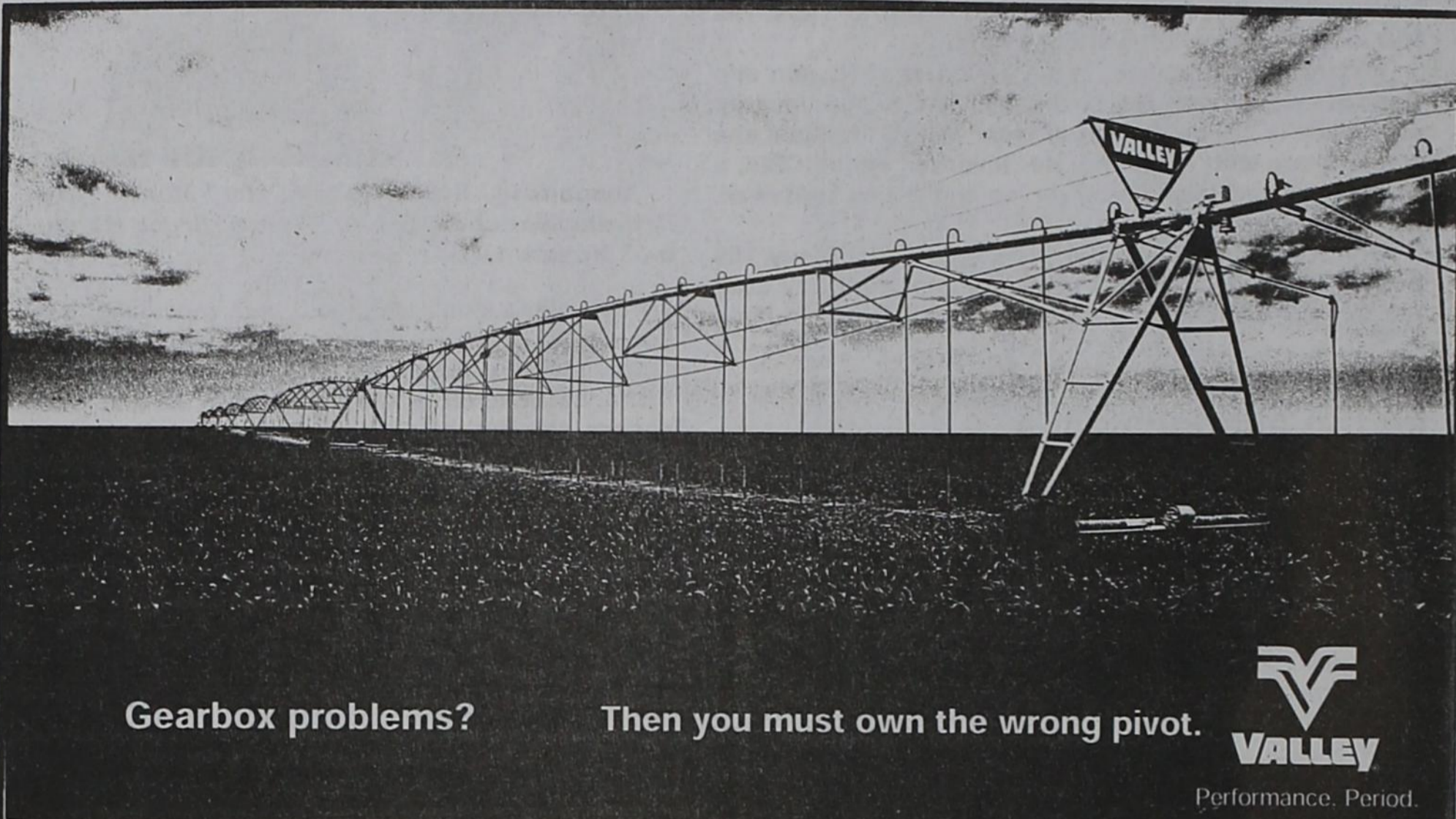
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County jurors to report

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Martha Villarreal, Jose Herrera, Gabriel Arzate, Lorena Hernandez, Max Steinbock, Marca Morris, Wesley Weems, Celia Tafoya, Deirdre Osborn, Deborah Harling, Lourdes Nieto, Hector Montelongo, Lester Norton, Robbin Richardson, Charles Myers Jr., Tessa Rodriguez, Beth Davila, Darla McBroom, Monica Bermea, Joe Barksdale.

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Texico School Board okays resignation policy

The Texico School Board on Tuesday approved a resignation policy.

Once a staffer submits his resignation to a principal, it's binding; it cannot be retracted.

But the school board has the right to refuse it.

In other business, the board:

-- Appointed officers: Bruce Mayfield, president; Ted Richardson, vice president; and Randy Cain, secretary.

-- Welcomed new board member Jim Pena.

-- Changed the school calendar for 2003-2004 to move spring break to the week of March 22 (this is for next school year).

-- Heard that the FFA auction went well, with about \$10,600 raised for the Texico and Farwell chapters.

-- Head that student en-

Speed

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with appropriate messages on Highway 108 near the school to help alert motorists of the decreasing speeds.

Brophy also said that four speeding tickets recently have been given to motorists speeding on Craig Street. The speed limit there is 30 miles per hour.

Some folks are taking Craig Street as a way of bypassing the Highway 108 situation in back of Texico Schools.

Puckett trial set

In 287th District Court on Tuesday, a jury trial was set for Ronnie Puckett, 48, of Lazbuddie, for May 28.

The time was made after Judge Gordon Green conferred with Puckett's attorney.

On Aug. 6, 2002, Puckett was indicted on drug sales and manufacturing charges. The case involved a Lazbuddie marijuana processing facility.

Last June, Judge Green ordered that the Lazbuddie land, a half section, be forfeited to the state.

The case was heard by a state appeals court on Feb. 4, but no decision is known yet.

rollment was up to 530. But because this total has come late in the year, there likely will still be a reduction in force.

School officials and board members discussed this and any decisions will need to be finalized soon because the budget for next year must be sent to Santa Fe in mid-April.

-- Other problems on the horizon include needing an extra school bus. The state has said no to financing it, and To & From Bus Co. is using their spare bus. The extra bus is needed for the extra students coming from the new housing complex on the south side of town. About 100 people are living there now.

-- Bids are going out on the elementary school and educational complex roofs.

-- The three school principals were rehired: Wayne Anderson, Buddy Little and Rick Stanley for 2003-2004.

-- The legislature has passed some bills that won't go into effect unless the governor signs them. They include having students pass a test in order to go to the next grade (like Texas); more authority for principals; and a tiered salary schedule for teachers.

Yerger dies

Word has been received of the death on Monday of Walter Yerger, of Decatur, Texas.

He is a former Parmer County sheriff and Friona resident.

It's a Boy

Mr. and Mrs. Brandon Koehn announce the birth of a son, Tyler Wade.

He was born March 10 and weighed 8 lbs., 5 oz.

Grandparents are Dale and Donna Unruh, of Lazbuddie, and Jim and Donna Koehn, of Farwell.

Chief Brophy working on stray cat ordinance for Texico residents

The Texico City Council on Tuesday discussed the stray cat problem. Police Chief Kelley Brophy is working on putting together an ordinance to try to end the situation.

Councilwoman Sharon Askew said she recently counted about 25 cats near the old motel. They gather there about 5 p.m. for a resident who feeds them.

Brophy said there are about five places in Texico where that happens about the same time. He wants an ordinance whereby folks who feed strays can be cited.

Another problem is that the city has no animal control officer.

In other business, the council:

-- Appointed Brent Queener to the cemetery board, replacing Laurie Goforth.

Cemetery Board official Margie Crooks reported on the work begun to improve the cemetery. They are working on a cemetery map and hope to identify individual plots, especially those in need of care.

Plans call for a sign to be placed at the cemetery. Also, the board would like to have all graves marked. And they want to remove excess caliche dirt from the area.

The cemetery board is still seeking someone to do mowing at the cemetery. If interested, please contact City Clerk Teresa Harth at 482-3314.

-- Heard Fire Chief Lewis Cooper report on the Ute Lake project. He said the cost is estimated at \$212 million, with from \$10 to \$12 million yearly for operating costs. Right now, the group is seeking to find the cost per 1,000 gallons in order to see if the communities involved, like Texico, can afford it.

-- Heard councilman Oran Jay Autrey put on the next agenda two topics: street repairs and patching; and summer help for the swimming pool.

-- Was told that city inspector Terry Martin has given Angelica's Mexican Food Restaurant, located at the flea market, six months to get up to code. So the council okayed the business registration for Angelica's.

-- Okayed funds for EMS training.

-- Continued the prisoner housing pact with Clovis.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Boyd "Skip" Magby Jr., deceased, were issued on March 5, 2003, in Cause No. 2561, pending in the County Court of Parmer County, Texas, to Deborah June Magby.

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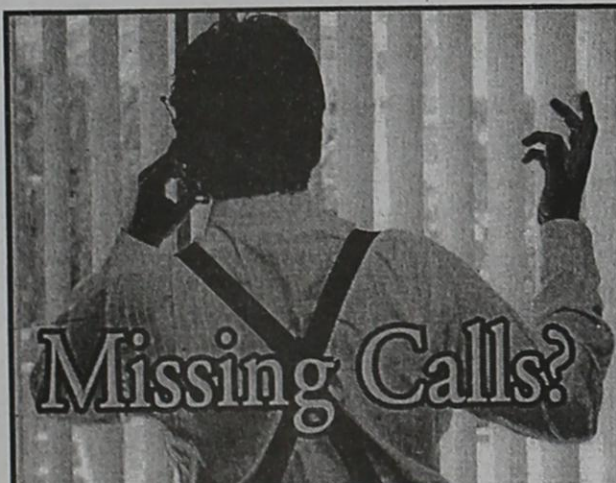
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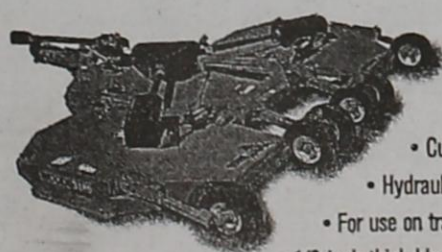
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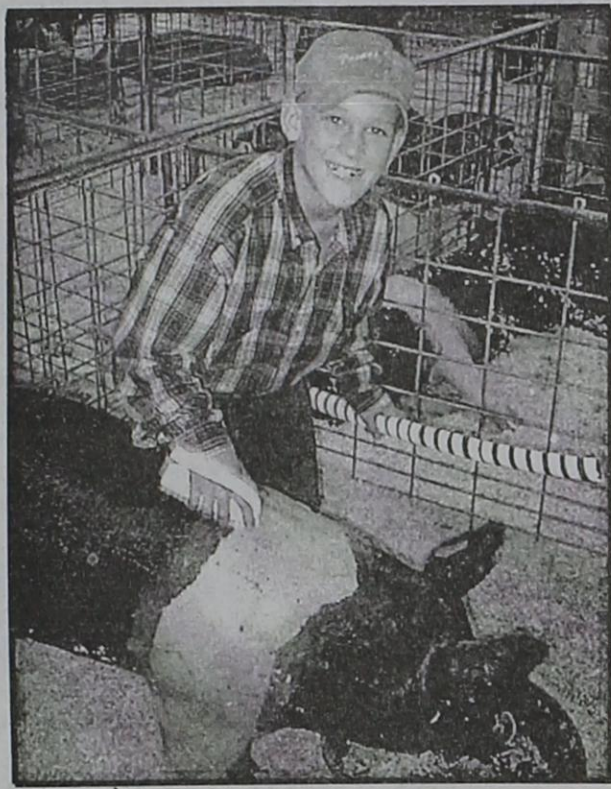


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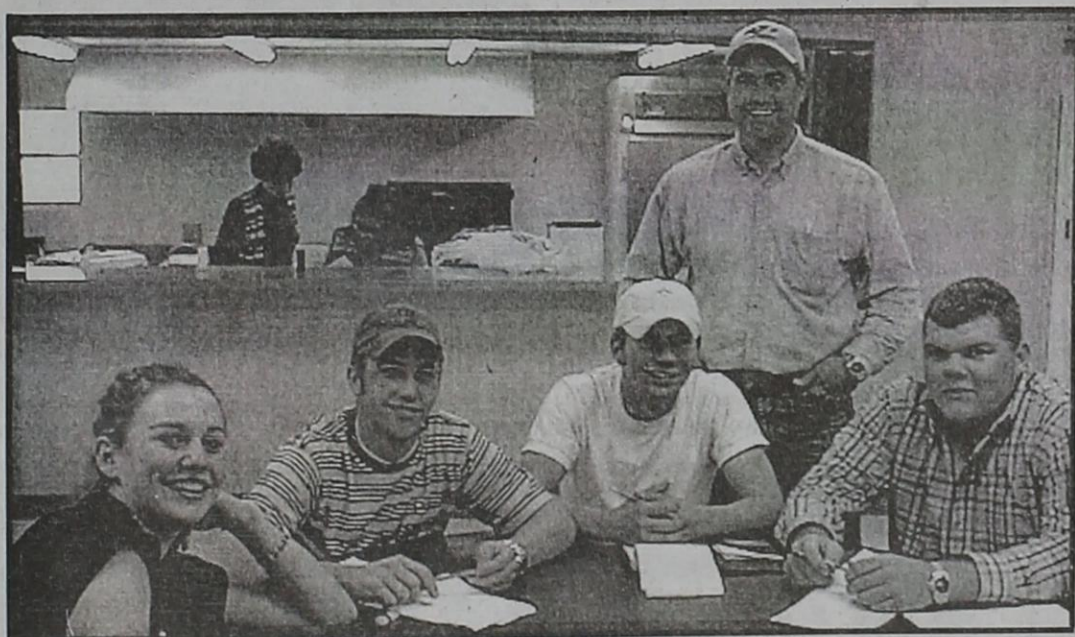
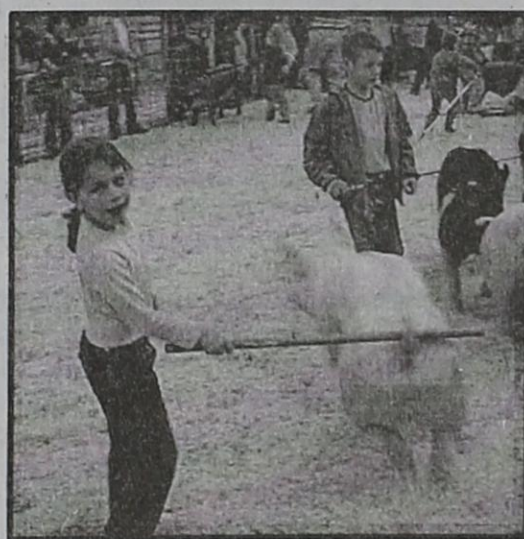
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National Ag Week gives us all a chance to say "Thank You" for a job well done, To all the agriculturalists in the land - perhaps you even know one.

An agriculturalist is, in fact, a scientist, well taught and with the proper tools at hand. You see an agriculturalist is a specialist at living off the land.

There's the segment known as "Farmers" who grow all the foods we know. They carefully calculate crops and harvests and plant a prayer in every row.

Those who deal with beef and pork and things along the "meats" branch, are the proud segment of the industry providing grade A choices from the ranch.

Another branch of the industry provides milk, so fresh and white. It's the dairy farmer, whose job goes on through morning, noon and night.

Thankless jobs these people have for responsibilities so great. Stop a moment at your next meal and remember who puts the food upon your plate!

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