

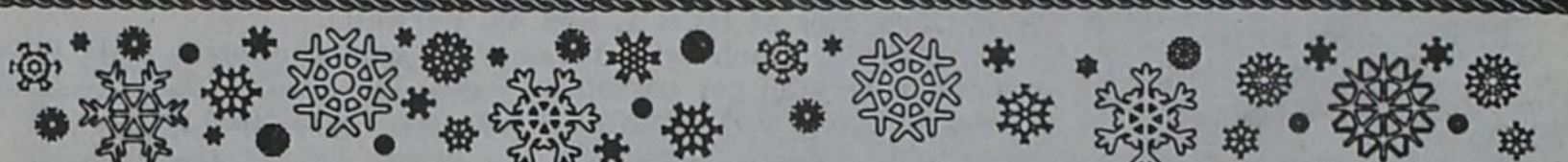
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Honor Our
Local Veterans
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Veterans Will Be Honored

All Parmer County veterans and their families will be honored at a Veterans' Breakfast on Saturday, November 11.

Serving will be from 6:30-9 a.m. at Veteran's Hall, Sixth and Euclid, Friona.



WEEK 10 WINNER...Doug Johnson, right, was the weekly winner in the Week 10 football contest. Jeff Steelman of First Bank presents the top prize to Doug. First Bank is a football contest sponsor.

Johnson's One Miss Earns First Place In Week Ten

The last few contests have been pretty easy for serious contestants. Most of the misses in Week 10 were in high school games as Olton and Lazbuddie both lost.

Most everyone seemed to favor the New York Jets too but Denver held on to win.

The tie-breaker was another puny Cowboy showing, Dallas 13, Eagles 16.

Two contestants picked 13 out of 14 correct. Doug Johnson missed the Olton-Morton game and Eufemia Torres of Muleshoe missed the Detroit-Miami game.

Using the tie-breaker, Doug Johnson grabbed the first place cash of \$20 with his guess of Dallas 13, Eagles 23, only 7 points off. Torres won second place of \$10.

Seven contestants picked 12 of 14 and tied for the third place playoff. Both Roy

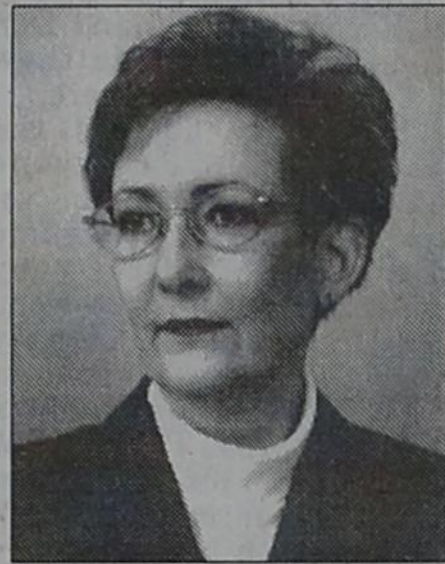
Lee Stowers and Aubrey Parson were 12 points off the tie-breaker and we have awarded each of them \$5.

Others at 12 correct and their points off the tie-breaker were: Jerry Roach (15); Frances Johnson (16); Liz Torres (16); Kay Venable (18); Jessica Stowers (21).

There is now a two-way tie for the point total grand prize of \$150 with three contests to go. Aubrey Parson and Eufemia Torres share the lead at 99 points. Francisco Torres is two back at 97.

The standings are elsewhere in today's paper. Anything can happen the rest of the way, especially as contestants try to find underdog winners to improve their positions.

Thanks for playing the contest. Good luck and good pickin'!



BOBBIE PIERSON

County Voters Favor Bush/Cheney By 82.8%

Parmer County voters went along with the trend of regional and state voters on Tuesday. Actually, the George W. Bush/Dick Cheney ticket was favored in Parmer County by 82.8 per cent of the voters.

Across the region, Bush received 75 per cent of the votes, while his margin statewide was just below 60%.

Friona's biggest voting box, Precinct 101, gave Bush-Cheney 83.2 per cent of its votes, 431-84. Precinct 202, Friona Community Center, went even higher, with 91.2 per cent, 124-11.

In Bovina, where Demos have always come forth, Bush-Cheney's margin was "only" 67.4 per cent, 211 votes to 98.

County totals showed the Bush-Cheney ticket winning, 2272 votes to 447, or 82.8 per cent. Ralph Nader of the "Green party," managed 15 votes.

In the race for Parmer County Tax Assessor-Collector, Bobbie Pierson won out over Teresa Ancira, 1518 (56.5 per cent) to 1171 (43.5



A HINT OF THE SEASON fell on Bovina on Tuesday, November 7, causing some hazards on election day. School was dismissed at 1 p.m.

Christmas Bazaar Set Nov. 17-18

The Parmer County Christmas Bazaar will be held Friday, November 17 and Saturday, November 18 in the Friona Community Center.

The bazaar will be open for viewing on Friday, November 17 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Public viewing will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until 4 p.m. on Saturday, November 18.

There is no admission fee. The bazaar is sponsored by the Parmer County Christmas Bazaar committee.

Wolverines Shut Down Mustangs 42-0, Sudan Ends Season Tonight

It would be fair to say that Bovina's coaches and players are looking forward to the opening of basketball season on Tuesday night.

But first, the Mustangs do battle in their last game of the season against Sudan

Public Report On School Bd. Agenda Mon.

The Bovina ISD Board of Trustees will hold their regular monthly meeting on Monday, November 13, at 7 p.m. in the School Administration Building.

Highlighting the agenda will be a public report on the Academic Excellence Indicator System and a public hearing concerning the district and campus ratings from the Texas Education Agency.

Bovina High School and Bovina Elementary School received Recognized ratings from TEA earlier this year. Bovina ISD and Bovina Middle School each received Acceptable ratings.

Information about the ratings and the AEIS system will be presented and discussed at the meeting.

tonight. The game will be dedicated as senior Parents Night and close out a disappointing season for the Mustangs.

Last Friday, the powerful Springlake Earth Wolverines trounced the Mustangs 42-0 to improve to 4-0 and claim the District 3-1A title.

The Mustangs managed only 5 first downs and 62 yards rushing. They were shut out in passing yards, failing on 6 attempts. They fall to 1-9, 0-4 on the season.

On Tuesday, November 14, the Mustangs and Fillies host Morton for the opening game of the 2000-01 basketball season.

Early Snow Halts Cotton Harvest

An early snow hit the area Tuesday and Wednesday, once again halting cotton harvest, and bringing the first freeze of the season at 18 degrees November 8. Moisture for the week has amounted to 1.13 inches; .59 inch Nov. 4-5 and .60 Nov. 7-8.

The voting turnout was no doubt affected somewhat, based on the big early vote.

YE EDITOR AND wife (the Good Old Girl) have been political "junkies" most of our married lives. In our business, you have to have a little more than a passing interest in politics.

But what happened Tuesday almost defies belief. The liberal national media likes to tell their audience how to vote.

This is no big secret if you are as much as a semi-regular viewer of the evening news.

According to the "Big Three" TV networks prior to Tuesday, you might as well have stayed home on election day if you had in mind voting for the George W. Bush-Dick Cheney ticket.

Only as it neared election day did the commentators admit that Bush-Cheney MIGHT win a few states. Tom Brokaw even stated that Bush might have had a one per cent overall lead.

Usually on election night, I have my yellow pad, my TV remote control, and I'm in a "do not disturb" mode. I have to admit that in a lot of elections, whichever candidate I was supporting may have already admitted defeat prior to the 10 o'clock news.

Tuesday's election, however, was more than a little bit different. True to form, the networks got involved in the decision-making, "calling" the state of Florida very early for Al Gore.

Meantime, Bush-Cheney had large leads in both Ohio and Wisconsin, but these vital states were not "called" for the GOP candidates for another couple of hours. That was another momentum-breaker.

Carol and I were watching Fox News, which sometimes is not quite as biased. But even Fox went along with the Florida decision. What we couldn't understand was that when the networks showed the "raw" votes for Florida, Gore was firmly in second place, and didn't make it real tight until late.

By now, you know the rest: After pressure from the Bush campaign, the networks took Florida out of the Gore column, and back in the "undecided" column.

By then, with the polls being open on the West Coast for two hours after the networks' first proclamation, I understand that those making calls to get out the vote for Bush threw in the towels and went home early.

Later of course, the TV guys gave Florida to Bush, and even proclaimed that he was the president-elect. . . for an hour or so. Gore conceded to Bush, then later un-conceded. Luckily, Ye Ed had gone to bed by then, or my fluctuating blood pressure couldn't have stood it.

Methinks millions of people across the USA are distracted and stressed out-in addition to the candidates, their families and staffs-and it won't end until the outcome is finalized. This is worse than a Super Bowl in overtime, with teams only able to play a set of downs every few hours, stretching into 3-4 days.

This "playing God" by the networks may have cost Bush the election, if in fact it has not. I get so fed-up with the TV news commentators. I wish they had to run for their jobs, so we could vote them out. What ever happened to "equal time???"

We have known for some time that in order for the Republican candidates to win a national election, they have to run against the media in addition to their opponents on the ballot. Yet we condemn Russia's state-controlled TV!

Bull Town Bulletins

By Bill Ellis



Local Churches Offer Special Holiday Service

Bovina's First Baptist Church and First United Methodist Churches are once again combining their congregations for the annual community Thanksgiving service.

First Baptist will host the special service Sunday evening, November 19 at 7 p.m. First United Methodist Church pastor Don McNeerlin will bring the message to the congregation.

A special offering for the Community Benevolence Fund will be taken. The

Community Benevolence Fund benefits people in emergency situations such as heat being cut-off, life saving prescriptions for a sudden illness and gas and food for travelers who are stranded.

"There is a lot of poverty in Bovina. There are a lot of people in need here. This fund used primarily for emergency situations and we have seen many people in need this year in Bovina," said Gary Morgan, pastor of First Baptist Church.

As of November 9, 2000

13,551

bales of cotton had been ginned in Parmer County.

Bovina Blade Survey

Rhea Group To Sponsor Free Barbecue, Auction

The Rhea-Hollene Volunteer Fire Department is sponsoring a free barbecue and a fund-raising auction at 7 p.m. (CT) on Saturday, November 18.

Organizers ask that you donate a craft, baked good or any other dust collecting item to be auctioned. The proceeds from the auction will go toward the department's

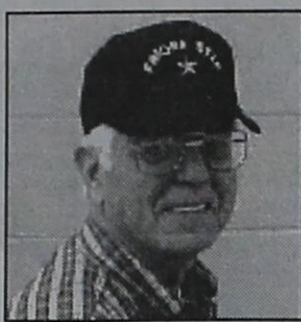
truck upkeep and to complete a 2,000 gallon tanker in the works.

The barbecue will be catered by Ernie's BBQ and Larry Potts will serve as auctioneer.

"Come join the fun," organizers comment. For more information, call Glen at 295-3682, Randy at 295-3571 or Floyd at 295-3696.



SNOW IN THE PARK...Bovina's city park was covered in white as snow fell over Parmer County last Tuesday. Estimates were that Bovina received about 4 inches of snow, disrupting election day and cotton harvest, but the moisture was appreciated.



Out Here

By RON CARR

"Oh No, I Meant To Poke Gore!"

Damn! Don't you imagine that is what both Al Gore and Dubya said when they realized the deadlock? Nothing like a good damn to vent some anger.

A lot of small town newspaper columnists like me and Bill had to scramble for a topic for this week's column. Damn! I was all set to write about the next president no matter who it was, but there wasn't one by the time we went to press.

Even if they name Dubya as the winner, that great American, Al Gore, and his band of merry lawyers will protest so we won't know the identity of the next President for a long time.

How could that happen? Only in America. Carol Ellis says if Gore wins, Texas should secede from the United States. I nominate Willie Nelson to lead us.

What a great time for column writers and high school civics teachers. Presenting: "The Constitution Live and in Color." Millions of people are yelling to do away with the Electoral College. Most of them do not even know how the number of electoral votes are computed, much less the real purpose of electoral votes as defined in the Constitution (remember that document?)

I've discovered that the louder people yell about specific issues, the less they tend to know about the issue itself. It is a theory I have proven more than once.

What a great time in America.

Queen Hill Rod was elected to the United States Senate representing New York. No big surprise. What happened to the aggressive "New York media" that was going to really rip Hill Rod during the campaign?

Course Hill Rod won her first elective office. If Dubya becomes President, Hill Rod will run for President in 2004 in spite of the fact she promised New Yorkers she would serve the entire six years. If Al Gore wins, she will run in 2008.

She is the first presidential spouse elected to Congress. Senate Republicans are saying they will treat her really cold and mean and not give her any committee assignments, etc. I'll be

watching but I expect the Republicans to "weenee out" in their treatment of Hill Rod.

Elsewhere, Senator Chuck Robb of Virginia was defeated after 12 years in the Senate by Republican George Allen. Chuck is Lyndon Johnson's son-in-law and Allen is the son of former Redskins coach George Allen.

Senator William Roth of Delaware was defeated. If you have a Roth IRA then you know him. It is named after him.

Senator Roth was trying for his sixth term in the Senate but his age, 79, became a factor they say. He stumbled twice in public. Heck, I stumble twice between my recliner and the icebox.

Because they thought he was an old nincompoop, they voted him out. Strom Thurmond will soon be 98 years-old. He is still a Senator. Roth should file an age discrimination suit against the Delaware voters.

A dead man in Missouri was voted in for Senator. His widow assured Missourians she could do the job just as well so they voted in the dead guy. Pity poor Republican Senator John Ashcroft who was running against the dead guy.

He couldn't say that the widow was not qualified. That would be mean. He couldn't say, "my opponent's dead, vote for me." That would be mean too. One national news report said it is against the Federal election law for a dead person to be elected.

Under impeached president Billy Jeff Clinton and his administration, rules of law and the Constitution don't matter much anyhow. You are about to find that out in Florida.

Vice President Al Gore addressed the media yesterday about his precarious position. He said that for more than 200 years the nation had survived because it is a nation that has followed the rule of law.

He didn't mention "no controlling legal authority", fundraising from foreigners, and lying under oath. The rule of law is good when it suits the Democrats' selfish purposes.

And so the next four

years of U.S. history is in the hands of some little old transplanted New York geezers who took their meager income and bought condos in Palm Beach, Florida. Palm Beach county is not exactly a pocket of poverty. Rush Limbaugh lives in Palm Beach county.

But the little old condo commandoes got confused and as one lady put it, "I poked Buchanan and I meant to poke Gore." They said this, of course, after Bush was declared winner at 2:30 a.m.

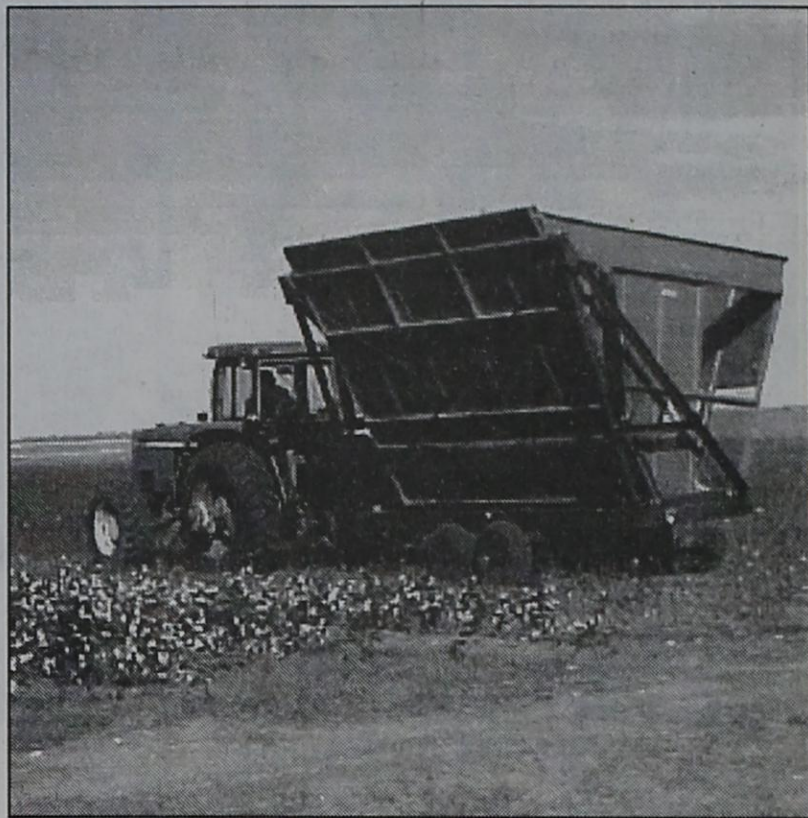
But do not worry. The Reverend Jesse Jackson is on the scene. America's number

one racial divider will no doubt fight to the death to prevent Dubya from appointing any Supreme Court justices, therefore protecting us all from further repression.

He disparages Justices Clarence Thomas and Antonin Scalia as racist judges in spite of the fact that both of them were approved by the Democrats. Scalia was approved 98-0 by the Senate.

Maybe by next week a president will be declared but I wouldn't count on it. Ain't politics great?

Have your people get in touch with my people and we'll do lunch. Go Big Red!



COTTON FARMERS were making progress as fields began to dry from recent rains. Then 4-5 inches of snow Tuesday halted the cotton harvest and added to concerns of area farmers.

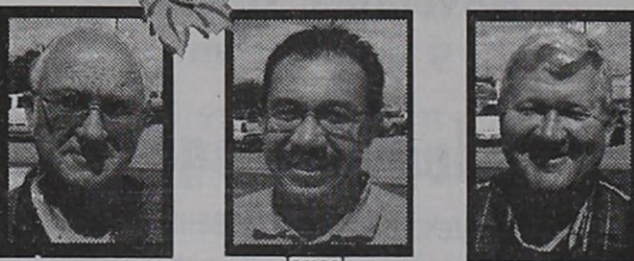
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MARIA GONZALES

Prairie Acres Resident Submits Her Life Story

Every month a resident of Prairie Acres Nursing Home submits a story about his/her life's history to be submitted in the home's newsletter, "The Prairie Times," and for printing in this issue. This week we feature Maria Cortez Gonzales.

Written by Daughter Elva and Husband Genaro

Maria Cortez Gonzales was born October 13, 1916 in Florencio Lacatecas, Mexico. Her parents were Rafael and Leonjina Cortez. She had two sisters and two brothers, Petra, Vicenta, Jose and Paz. She helped her mother with the other children. She had no schooling and school was hardly talked about during the Revolutionary War. Her parents passed away a year later.

Maria had to start working somewhere and went to work for a lady as a maid. The family she worked for happened to be her future-in-laws, the parents of Genaro Gonzales.

A year after working for this family, Maria and Genaro married. They had six children: Ray, Amelia, Carolina, Herlinda, Sergio and one who passed away.

The children were all born in Mexico. The family lived there until 1949 and then came to the United States. Several years later they had four more children: Elva, Rafael, Lupe and Genaro, Jr., while living in South Texas.

They moved to Friona in 1955. While the children attended school, Maria worked at the potato shed and worked there eleven years. She became a housewife and helped raise her granddaughter, Leonor, Amelia's daughter.

Maria and Genaro went to Dallas in 1996 to get their citizenship. She enjoyed working in her garden and her flower bed. Later Maria began having health problems and needed assistance. She now lives at Prairie Acres.

Irrigation Technology Workshop Set Nov. 27

Practical irrigation management and technology innovation will top the agenda in Amarillo at a one-day irrigation workshop on November 27 at the Ambassador Hotel, 3100 I-40 West.

Experts will provide the latest research information and technology updates to participating agricultural producers, irrigation and industry professionals and crop advisors. Organizers for the event are the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District and Texas Agricultural Irrigation Association.

Early registration is recommended. The cost for attending is \$25, if received before November 17. On-site registration costs \$35. The registration fee covers breaks, lunch and a complimentary one-year membership in Texas Agricultural Irrigation Association.

The event begins with registration and poster displays at 8 a.m., followed by the opening session at 8:30 a.m. Topics include agronomic aspects of irrigation manage-

ment and scheduling, pumping costs, systems maintenance, management and trouble-shooting issues, chemigation, water quality protection, an irrigation research update and current water issues of interest.

The program is pre-approved for seven Continuing Education Units (CEUs) applicable to irrigation association certification. Certified crop advisers can earn seven and one-quarter CEUs. Texas Department of Agriculture licensed pesticide applicators can earn three general CEUs, and New Mexico Department of Agriculture licensed pesticide applicators can earn two general CEUs.

For more information on the workshop topics, contact Dana Porter (806) 746-4022, e-mail: d-porter@tamu.edu, or visit the Texas Agricultural Research and Extension Center Lubbock website (<http://lubbock.tamu.edu>) for a detailed agenda.

To register for the workshop, telephone Kimberly Lutrick, TAIA executive assistant, at (806) 298-2920; fax (806)298-2873; or e-mail sklutrick@door.net.

Former Local Man Has New Computer Business

Mike Prather, former Bovinan, is opening a new business specifically for rural areas. Harvest Moon Solutions is a computer service company created to help individuals, farms, cities, schools, churches-anyone who has a computer.

Mike grew up in Lamesa and worked in Bovina for seven and a half years. It is because of his experience living in smaller communities that Mike is opening this new business.

"In the beginning we are providing service for Bovina and Friona and the other communities in Parmer County. We plan to bring big city expertise to computer

users in the country," Prather said.

Harvest Moon Solutions will offer a broad range of computer services. These will include Web Page creation, hardware and software upgrades, custom-built computer systems, home and small business networking and even personal computer training.

For the last year Mike has been working as the Network Administrator for an Internet development company in Lubbock. He holds A+ certification in hardware and software and is a Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE).

Currently, Harvest Moon Solutions is serving Parmer County from its base in Lubbock. You can contact Mike or his staff at Harvest Moon Solutions by calling 806-474-0415, be sending email at mike@harvestmoonsolutions.com, or by visiting their Web Site at www.harvestmoonsolutions.com.



EVA BRAND

Eva Brand Is Buried

Funeral services for Bessie (Eva) Brand, 87, were conducted Wednesday at First Baptist Church of Friona, with Rev. Gary Morgan of Bovina and Rev. Don Boren officiating.

Burial was in Friona Cemetery, under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Mrs. Brand passed away Sunday, November 5, 2000.

She was born July 10, 1913, in Alvarado, Texas. She moved to Bovina with her parents in 1928, from Plainview. She moved to Friona in 1935. She married John Henry "Johnny" Brand November 14, 1931, in Clovis, N.M.

Mrs. Brand was a member of Friona's First Baptist Church and was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband on March 17, 1999. She was also preceded in death by her parents, Henry Lloyd in 1953 and Etna Lloyd in 1969 and also by a sister, Opal Lloyd in 1981.

Also preceding her in death were three brothers, Bill Smith in 1962, Hubbard Smith in 1936 and Odom Smith in 1988.

Survivors include her daughter, Eva Katherine Brand, and 32 nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Doyce Barnett, Danny Black, Jerry Hinkle, Randy Gerles, Delton Lewellen and George Frye.

Honorary pallbearers were Sam Mears, John Baker, Raymond Cook, Roy Miller, Richard Perkins, Harold Taylor and Charley Morrison.

Angus Assn. Recognizes Breeders

Gardiner & Lust & Dodd, Lazbuddie, ranked as sixth largest in registering the most Angus beef cattle in Texas, having recorded 210 head of Angus with the American Angus Association during fiscal year 2000, which ended September 30, according to Richard L. Spader, associate executive vice president.

Angus breeders across the nation in 2000 registered 271,222 head of Angus cattle compared to 260,907 in fiscal 1999. This is an increase of nearly four per cent from a year ago.

"Angus registrations for 2000 were the largest in 25 years," Spader said. "This increase reinforces the demand for Angus genetics in commercial herds as producers are more aware of end product quality and its effect on their bottom line."

The American Angus Association, headquartered in St. Joseph, Missouri, was founded in 1883. It is the largest beef registry association in the world in terms of both annual registrations and active members.



HONORED FOR NOVEMBER at Prairie Acres were resident-of-the-month Charlise Eubank, left, and Prairie Acres employee-of-the-month Carmen Putman.

Regional Water Plan Group Drafts Task For Second Phase Of Project

Response to public comments about the initially prepared Llano Estacado Regional Water Plan and the development of a series of tasks to be included in the next phase of the regional water planning effort are among discussion items at the November 15 Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group meeting.

The 10 a.m. meeting is open to the public and will be held at the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 office, 2930 Avenue Q in Lubbock.

"As required by Senate Bill 1 (1997), the Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group members conducted a September 26 public hearing to receive comments on the initially prepared draft water plan," said A. Wayne Wyatt, chairman. "The Planning Group will review comments from the public hearing, feedback received during the

comment period, and suggestions from the Texas Water Development Board at Austin (TWDB). The Planning Group may consider amending the initially prepared plan based on the comments received," he said.

Even though the initially prepared plan is completed, Wyatt said work will soon start on the second phase of the regional water planning effort which begins in 2001.

Each of the 16 regional water planning groups submitted a list of policy recommendations to the TWDB. The TWDB combined all the policy recommendations into a single package. A majority of the planning groups agreed on several water management strategies needing to be implemented.

Some of these strategies include: support of underground water conservation districts as the preferred method of ground water management in Texas; better

basic ground water data for use in the next planning cycle; additional ground water modeling for each major and minor aquifer in the state.

Also more research and demonstration projects; development of desalinization projects; support of agricultural research designed to develop drought resistant crop varieties; development of a statewide water conservation education program; and state support/funding to implement the strategies identified in the planning effort.

The Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group is expected to submit the final version of the plan to the TWDB by January 15, 2001. The TWDB then has until January 2002 to incorporate the plan, along with those from the 15 other regional water planning groups in the state, into a comprehensive state water plan.



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Facts About The **BIBLE** BY JOHN LEHTI



THE NEAR-EAST'S BALANCE OF POWER IS OF WORLD-WIDE CONCERN TODAY. EGYPT AND ISRAEL FENCE, DIPLOMATICALLY, EACH HOPING TO GAIN A MORE STRATEGIC POSITION. TO THE NORTH, SYRIA, LEBANON, AND TO THE EAST, JORDAN—NOT TO MENTION OTHER ARAB COALITIONS—ALL WATCH NERVOUSLY, MAKING THEIR OWN ALLIANCES AGAINST THE DAY WHEN TOTAL WAR MAY STILL BREAK OUT... AND SCHOLARS OF ANCIENT HISTORY SMILE RUEFULLY, SHAKING THEIR HEADS—NOTHING'S CHANGED IN 2,500 YEARS! THE SAME POLITICAL SITUATIONS, THE SAME COUNTRIES, SAME PLANS!

ISAIAH THE PROPHET (CIRCA 780-700 B.C.), IN TEMPESTUOUS ANCIENT TIMES, PREACHED RELIANCE ON GOD, ADVISING AGAINST POLITICAL ALLIANCE WITH NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. SO SINCERE WAS HE, THAT HE STRIPPED AND, FOR THREE YEARS, WALKED ABOUT BAREFOOTED, WEARING ONLY A LOIN CLOTH TO POINT UP HOW BAD OFF EVERYONE WAS GOING TO BE IF THEY DIDN'T HEED HIS WORDS! BUT THE KINGDOM OF JUDAH WAS IN A VERY DANGEROUS SITUATION.....



... IN THE NORTH, SYRIA AND ISRAEL (SEPARATE FROM THE KINGDOM OF JUDAH AND JERUSALEM) HAD FORMED AN ALLIANCE AGAINST THE THREAT OF A TERRIBLE FOE TO THE EAST, ASSYRIA—THEN AT ITS HEIGHT AS A CONQUERING NATION, LOOTING AND DESPOLING ALL KINGDOMS IN ITS PATH TO WORLD POWER! SYRIA AND ISRAEL INTENDED TO ATTACK JUDAH FOR NOT JOINING THEM BUT, BEFORE THEY COULD, THEY WERE CONQUERED BY ASSYRIA, WHOSE KING, SENNACHERIB, THEN FOCUSED ON JERUSALEM, DEMANDING ITS TOTAL SURRENDER! KING HEZEKIAH SOUGHT ISAIAH'S ADVICE—WHEN HE WAS IN TROUBLE, THEN AND THEN ONLY, DID HE TURN TO GOD AND THE PROPHETS—WHEN EVERYTHING WAS FINE, HEZEKIAH DID AS HE DARN WELL PLEASED! ISAIAH TOLD HEZEKIAH TO ACT LIKE A REAL KING, FOR ONCE, AND DEFY ASSYRIA! A HARD THING TO DO WHEN, ALL AROUND HIM, KINGDOMS WERE TOPPLING LIKE TEN-PINS. SO HEZEKIAH STRIPPED HIS TREASURY OF ITS GOLD AND SILVER TO GIVE TO SENNACHERIB, HOPING HE'D GO AWAY! AT THIS TIME, EGYPT TO THE SOUTHWEST, FEARING FOR ITS OWN SAFETY, GOT INTO THE FIGHT AND, EVEN AS ISAIAH SHOUTED DEFIANCE FROM JERUSALEM'S WALLS, SENNACHERIB, WITH NEWS OF A SERIOUS REVOLT IN HIS OWN COUNTRY, HIS ARMY DECIMATED BY SOME SUDDEN PLAGUE OF ILLNESS WHICH KILLED THOUSANDS OF HIS TROOPS OVERNIGHT, LEFT FOR HOME! INSTEAD OF GOING TO THE TEMPLE TO THANK GOD, THE PEOPLE OF JERUSALEM CELEBRATED IN A SERIES OF WILD ORGIES! ISAIAH'S WORDS FAIRLY DRIPPED SARCASM, AS HE WATCHED, "EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY," SAID HE, "FOR TOMORROW," CAME HIS DIRE PREDICTION, "WE DIE!" ISAIAH SAW WHAT THE FUTURE HELD FOR A PEOPLE WHO TURNED TO RIOTOUS REVELS AT THE SLIGHTEST EXCUSE—AND HE WAS RIGHT! IN LESS THAN TWENTY-FIVE YEARS, NEBUCHADNEZZAR WAS TO COME OUT OF THE EAST AND END FOREVER "THE POWER AND THE GLORY THAT WAS JERUSALEM."

NEXT WEEK: SIX-HUNDRED 'LEFTIES'!

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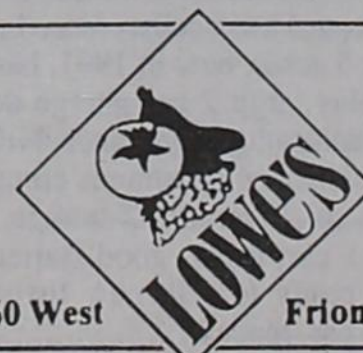
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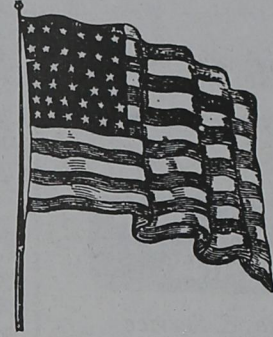


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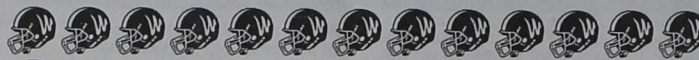
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