



SALES TAX HOLIDAY



SHOPPERS can take advantage of the Texas Tax Free Holiday this weekend. August 1-3 sales taxes are waived for back-to-school shoppers on selected items. Sylvia Ingram, owner of Ingram's in Friona, will participate in the tax-free weekend with a summer clothing sale.

Comptroller Announces 2003 Sales Tax Holiday

(Austin)--Shoppers can stock up on clothes and shoes without paying sales tax August 1-3, Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn announced.

"I love the Sales Tax Holiday. It's the one time where hard-working Texas families get to keep more of their dollars in their pockets for their families priorities. The fifth annual Sales Tax Holiday will be held the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday of August," Strayhorn said. "During the Sales Tax Holiday most clothes and shoes priced under \$100 are exempt from state and local sales taxes."

Strayhorn estimates Texans will save \$43.8 million in sales tax, including \$34.6 million in state sales tax and \$9.2 million in local sales taxes.

Examples of items that can be purchased tax-free August 1-3 include kids' clothes and school uniforms, adults' clothes and work uniforms, shoes, tennis shoes, sleepwear and underclothes for the entire family, as long as the items are priced under \$100 each.

Strayhorn has repeatedly called on the Legislature to add backpacks, school supplies and safety gear for Texas children to the Tax Exempt list; they have failed to do so.

Items that cannot be purchased tax-free include handbags, wallets, jewelry, accessories, athletic shoes and sport apparel that are not normally street wear, backpacks and school supplies.

Since the first Sales Tax Holiday in 1999, the annual three-day event has saved Texans an estimated \$150.2 million in sales tax, including \$118.5 million in state sales tax and \$31.7 million in local sales tax.

"During these tough economic times, I believe Texas families will once again take full advantage of this well-deserved tax break to make their dollars go farther," Strayhorn said.

For more information about the Sales Tax Holiday, including a list of tax-exempt and non-exempt items, visit the Comptroller's Web site at:

http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxpubs/tx96_237_2_03.html#holiday

FHS Readies For New School Year

FHS Principal Lori Zingerman announced this week that Friona High School students may start picking up their schedules at the FHS office. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

New student registration for high school students will be August 4th and August 5th. Please bring social security card, birth certificate and shot records.

Freshman students and parents are invited to an orientation at the high school on August 11th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

St. Teresa de Jesus Jamaica August 3rd

St. Teresa de Jesus will be hosting their annual Jamaica, Sunday, August 3rd from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall parking lot.

This years Jamaica will feature live music performed by Animacion, Grupo Cadena, Othro Orollo, Corazon Salva, Rebecca Cavazos, Patrulleros de Durango and Inmortal.

Also featured will be great food and games. Come on out and sample the Carnita, Tripas, Fajita, Gorditas, Chili Relleno, Hamburgers, Barbacoa, Sweet Corn, Shrimp Cocktail, Aguas Frescas, Snowcones and Ice Cold Drinks. The games this year will include Horseshoe Toss, Bingo, Carnival Games, Jumpers, Train Rides, Volleyball Tournament and Basketball Toss.

Raffle tickets are available for \$5.00 each.

The community is invited to come out and enjoy the festivities.

Friona Chief Resigns, Accepts Tulia Position

BY RON CARR

In another shakeup at the Friona Police Department, Friona Police Chief Scott Given tendered his resignation on Monday. The effective date is August 15.

Given's letter to City Manager Terri Johnson read in part, "I have accepted a position with another city...I would like to thank the City of Friona for the opportunity of working for such a great city. It has been a pleasure to work here for the last five years and I wish the city continued success in the future."

While the resignation letter did not specify where Given was going, he said that he has accepted a position as a lieutenant with the Tulia Police Department. He said one motivation was

an increase in pay, plus the Tulia Police Department has a tuition reimbursement plan. Given said he hopes to continue his education at WTAMU toward earning his bachelor's and master's degrees.

He is the second city employee to migrate to Tulia. Veteran city manager Paula Wilson took the Tulia city manager job last March. Given's hiring at Tulia, however, was done by the Tulia police chief. Wilson said she had no knowledge of Given's hiring in Tulia until after the fact.

Given's departure is the fourth shakeup in recent months at the Friona PD. In April, Sgt. Joe Herrera was killed in a tragic vehicle wreck while assisting in a chase.

Two weeks ago, Lt. Jerry Morris was put on paid administrative leave over an alleged assault on a Hereford man that occurred at the police station. City manager Johnson said this week that Texas Ranger Martin Hood was due to complete his investigation but Lt. Morris remained on leave as of last Monday.

The senior police dispatcher, Donice Jones, gave up her position after 20+ years to move to city hall as the water utility clerk, among other duties. Her first official day at the city was last Monday.

Given came to Friona five years ago from Monahans. He served as a police lieutenant and was hired as police chief when then-chief Randy Geries was elected Parmer County Sheriff.

Another Hub Wreck, Two Truckers Injured

The Hub Intersection, where Highway 86 and Highway 214 meet, 8 miles south of Friona, added another accident to its history Tuesday afternoon.

The notorious intersection has claimed lives over the years and seen countless accidents. North and south traffic on 214 has the right of way with a blinking yellow light, while Highway 86, east and west bound traffic, is supposed to stop for the blinking red signal.

Tuesday, about 3 p.m., an eastbound tanker truck ran the red signal and collided with a southbound semi-trailer full of hay. The hay truck crossed 214, went onto the grass, downed a power line and came to rest in a small grove of trees near the backyard of the residence

Chief Leon Saddler and Bovina City Manager Ernest Terry.

Terry said the hay truck driver appeared to have a puncture wound to the head and the tanker driver was skinned up pretty bad.

Firemen had to wait until Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative workers arrived at the scene because of the downed power line across the hay truck.

Transmatic Wrecker Service of Clovis was called to the site to remove the remains of both trucks. DPS Trooper Trey Ellis investigated the accident. Off duty DPS officer Joel Rejino happened to be working on a tractor near the southwest corner of the intersection and witnessed the accident. He assisted with the investigation.

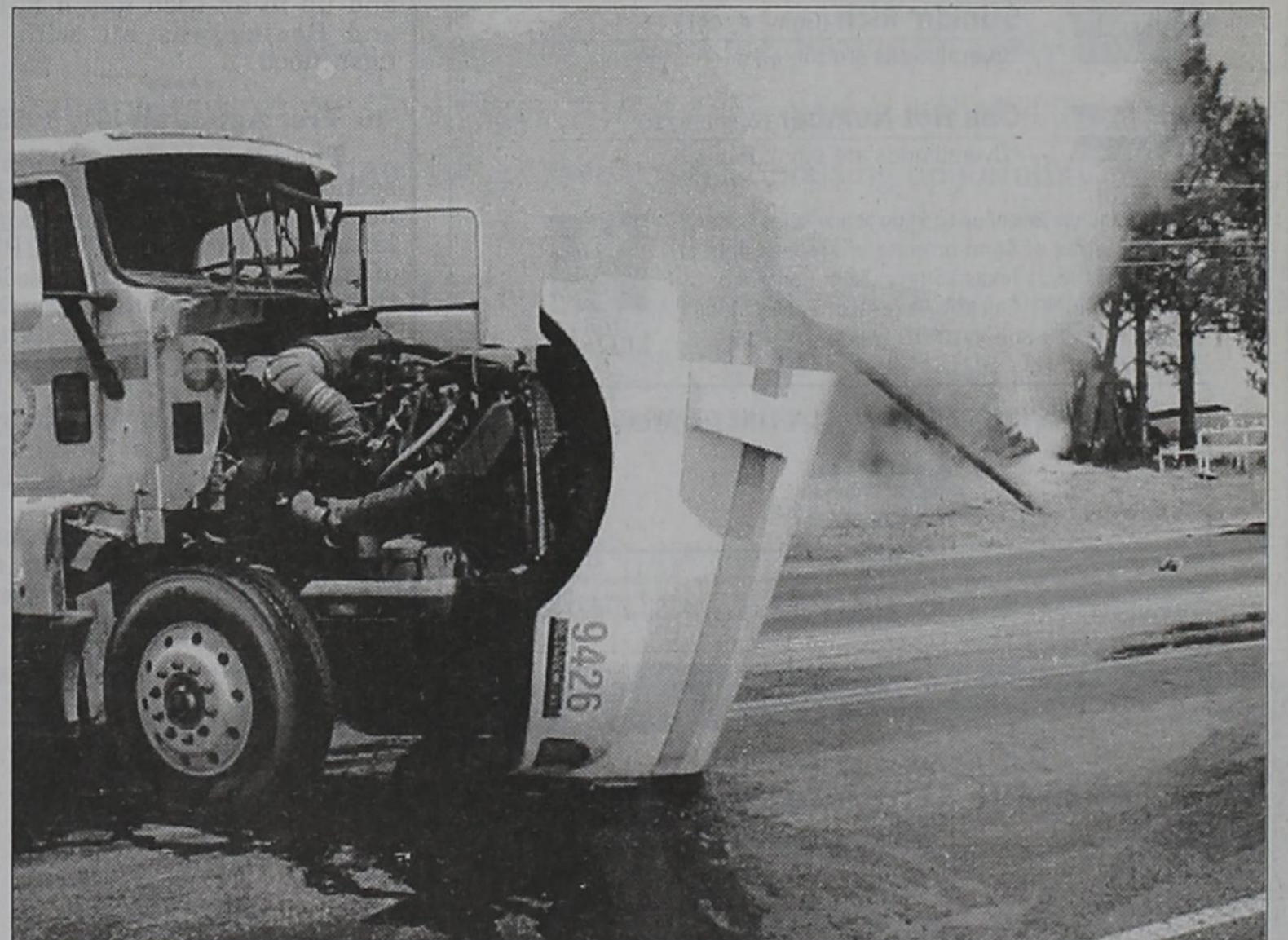
on the southeast corner of the intersection.

The tanker jackknifed and ended up blocking northbound traffic on 214. The tanker trailer swung around and was facing west. The semi-trailer loaded with hay broke open during the impact and the hay caught on fire.

The two drivers suffered unknown injuries. One was taken to Muleshoe by Bovina EMS. The other was transported by Friona EMS. Their injuries were not believed life threatening. The tanker driver was ejected from his cab and was on the pavement underneath the trailer.

Friona and Bovina EMS and volunteer firemen and Parmer County Sheriff's deputies converged on the scene. Among the first to arrive were Bovina Police

HUB WRECK



DEBRIS and smoke littered the Hub Intersection Tuesday afternoon. A wreck involving a semi-trailer loaded with hay and an empty tanker truck sent two truckers to area hospitals. The hay truck can be seen smoldering in the background in top photo. Bovina & Friona first responders directed traffic and battled the resulting fire. DPS Trooper Joel Rejino and Bovina Police Chief Leon Saddler look over the tanker cab.

ron carr photos

Friona/Bovina Papers Combined This Week!

This is a test. Tell us what you think.

Today's issues of the Friona Star and Bovina Blade have been combined in one paper. Except for the front page, the rest of the pages are the same.

Here at the newspaper we are experimenting with different graphic techniques and newspaper formats. You are our guinea pigs and we appreciate you.

With the expanded edition, readers in both the Friona and Bovina areas should benefit from the expanded coverage.

Our goal is to promote and support events in Parmer County and offer our readers a broader view of people and places. We think bringing citizens of Friona and Bovina and Parmer County closer together will benefit everyone in the long run. Thanks for your continued support!

Friona Flashbacks

...from the files of The Friona Star

75 Yrs. Ago--Aug 10, 1928
Mrs. E.L. James of Alva, Oklahoma, arrived here last week to visit her daughter, Mrs. L.R. Dilger.

J.M. Osborn and family will depart Sunday for Hope, Arkansas, for a few weeks vacation.

Earl Drake, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.O. Drake, made a very genial host to a number of his friends Tuesday afternoon from two to six o'clock, when he celebrated in honor of his eleventh birthday.

55 Yrs. Ago--Aug 6, 1948
Mrs. C.D. Carter had as her guests this week her daughters and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Martin of Lamar, Colorado, Mr. and Mrs. Boots Deathridge, Gay and Iavon, Mrs. Carol Dean Dunn and Donna Kay.

Mrs. Alma Klien, who has been living with her daughter, Mrs. Hebbings, for the past year and a half, left this week to visit her children at Houston, Edna, and Corpus Christi. Her son-in-law, Fred Schnieder, who has been visiting his daughters, Mrs. A.E. Taylor, and a son of Lubbock, also returned with her.

50 Yrs. Ago--Aug 6, 1953
Fire of undetermined origin gutted most of a rent house on the Hadley Reeve farm one mile west of Friona about 2 o'clock yesterday morning.

Funeral services for Ben T. Galloway, 75, will be conducted at the Friona Methodist Church, Friday morning at 9 o'clock. Six people were

hospitalized early tonight after a head-on auto collision just west of the Hub store.

Mrs. Allen Stewart and children left Tuesday morning for Big Spring where the children will remain with their grandparents while Mrs. Stewart drives on to California where her husband is attending a gemology school.

45 Yrs. Ago--July 31, 1958
Glen Stiles has been returned to his home after major surgery in the Dimmitt hospital a few weeks ago and is reported to be improving.

Mrs. Walter Edwards returned from the Muleshoe Hospital the first of the week after having major surgery over a week ago.

Mrs. Jael Williams and daughter, Sanya, arrived in Friona at noon today by train. They came from Germany to New York, where they were met by Bianka Wilhelm, Monday.

35 Yrs. Ago--Aug 1, 1968
Gary Brown, vice president and agriculturist of Friona State Bank, was among 510 bankers who attended the 1968 session of the Southwestern Graduate School of Banking, July 14-27, on the SMU campus in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Agee and children, Dean and Krystal, returned home this week after spending their vacation in New Mexico and Arizona. They spent some time at the Palisades, Red River, Salt River Canyon and Ruidoso.

30 Yrs. Ago--July 29, 1973

Funeral services for Mrs. Thelma Lee Ford, 61, who died at 10:15 p.m. Monday in Parmer County Community Hospital, were conducted at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in the First United Methodist Church in Friona.

Houseguests in the Jack Hamil home at 1507 Columbia this week have been her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H.B. Rose of Phoenix, Arizona and Hamil's father, David A. Hamil of Alexandria, Virginia.

25 Yrs. Ago--Aug 13, 1978

Friona Little League received a pair of district championship banners during the past week, proclaiming the titles won by the Major and Senior League teams, both of which advanced to the sectional tournament.

A reception honoring Mr. and Mrs. Roy Melugin of Clovis, on their 50th wedding anniversary will be held Sunday, August 13 from 2-4 p.m. Hosting the event will be their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Melugin, Jr. and their daughters, Annella and Cynthia, and friends, Mr. and Mrs. Harlon Beasley of Clovis.

20 Yrs. Ago--Aug 21, 1983

Two Friona families will be hosts to exchange students in the Youth for Understanding program during the year. Ludwig Steinhäusel from Hagen, West Germany, will be living with the George Frye family. Masayo Okomoto of Osaka, Japan, will be living with the Robert Neelley family.

Eldred Brown of Friona has been elected chairman of the organization known as Rural Friends during a caucus of the group in connection with the August 1-3 annual meeting of Texas Electric Cooperatives in Fort Worth.

15 Yrs. Ago--Aug 13, 1988

Cliff Stephens, new Friona High School Principal, says he is looking forward to the beginning of school. Stephens comes to Friona from Midland Greenwood High School.

The City of Friona had to be content with small amounts of moisture during the past week, while parts of the area had spotted showers and up to an inch and a half, and Bovina was hit with a flash flood.

10 Yrs. Ago--July 31, 1993

The Bovina to Friona section of U.S. Highway 60 is nearing completion as a four-laned facility, and TDHPT official Rhea Bradley said that the department hopes to open the road to four-lane traffic during the coming week.

A love fund for Oney Brady has been established by friends at Friona State Bank.

Mrs. Brady, a longtime Friona resident, has been a cancer patient for two weeks in an Amarillo hospital.

5 Yrs. Ago--July 31, 1998

The Friona Division of Excel Corp. recently observed its 30th birthday, and a number of their friends and business associates are taking the opportunity to wish them "Happy Birthday" in this special edition of the Friona Star.

2003 District II 4-H Results

The 2003 District II 4-H Record Book Contest results: Junior I, Clothing & Textiles, 1st place, Michelle Wauson; Junior I, Swine, 3rd place, Abby Johnson; Junior II, Veterinary Science, 3rd place, Dan Patterson; Junior II, Photography, 4th place, Sarah Herington; Junior II, Swine, 2nd place, Drew Johnson; Senior, Veterinary Science, 2nd place, Keith Hunt; Senior, Entomology, 1st place, Alisha Wauson; Senior, Food & Nutrition, 3rd place, Kary Mathys.

Happy Birthday Friona!

Week of August 3-August 9 August 3...Ray Gonzales, Connie Johnson, Valerie Brockman Greene, Petty Stowers, Retta Schueler, Norbert Schueler, Jason Wells, Wendy Harris.

August 4...Ashley Smiley, Shannon Grissom, Rosa Reyes, Quint Ellis.

August 5...Lilah Gaye Gee, Michelle Stevens, Amber Drager, Ruby Stone, Earlene McCreary, Kirk Frye, Lori Woods, Cindy Adams, Lindsey S. Bowyer.

August 6...Charlotte Paiz, Mary Lou Castaneda, Paul Mohr.

August 7...Sarah Widner, Wayne Case, Jared Beard, Dusty Fleming, Jud Sims, Vicky Pipes.

August 8...Jason Vaughn, Oscar Eastep, Richard Ellis, Julie Warren, Jenny Hamilton, Judy Cummings, Kim Herring, Jeffrey Krauel.

Aug. 9...Rickey Rector, Cheryl Weatherly, Ricky Roden, Cole Pena.

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

When you see names which should have been removed from our birthday listings (moved away, names that have changed, deceased, etc.) call the newspaper and let someone know. Thank you.

Eighty-Seven Mile Treasure Hunt Canyon to Abernathy

West Texas' first annual 87-mile long shop'n'drive on Highway 87 takes center lane Saturday, August 9th. 87 on 87 runs through seven cities, Canyon, Happy, Tulia, Kress, Plainview, Hale Center, and Abernathy.

Each city will have a destination point that shoppers can drive through and treasure hunt from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., where they can expect to find art, collectibles, crafts, jewelry, and bargains. It is a MEGA

shopping spree. The destination for Canyon is the Square located on 4th Avenue. The local businesses are offering great bargains and vendors will be setup around the courthouse.

87 on 87 is the first of its kind in this region and is expected to draw traffic from all over the area. Shoppers can spend all day treasure hunting in seven cities rather than just their neighborhood. Each participating city will have a map to point shoppers to their next destination.

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Courthouse Notes

The Parmer County clerk's office last week recorded these warranty deeds: Mary Craghead, Jesko Bernard - MJD Farms Inc., 216.4 AC S7 Doud & Keffer.

END OF GAME NOTICE

These games will be closing on August 30, 2003. You have until February 26, 2004, to redeem any winning tickets for these games.

-  **Break The Bank** (Game #286)
*Overall odds are 1 in 4.94
-  **\$30,000 Grand Prize!** (Game #288)
*Overall odds are 1 in 4.37
-  **Easy 8's** (Game #344)
*Overall odds are 1 in 4.73
-  **Roses & Riches** (Game #346)
*Overall odds are 1 in 4.69
-  **Stinkin' Rich** (Game #355)
*Overall odds are 1 in 4.76
-  **One Hot Number** (Game #720)
*Overall odds are 1 in 3.06

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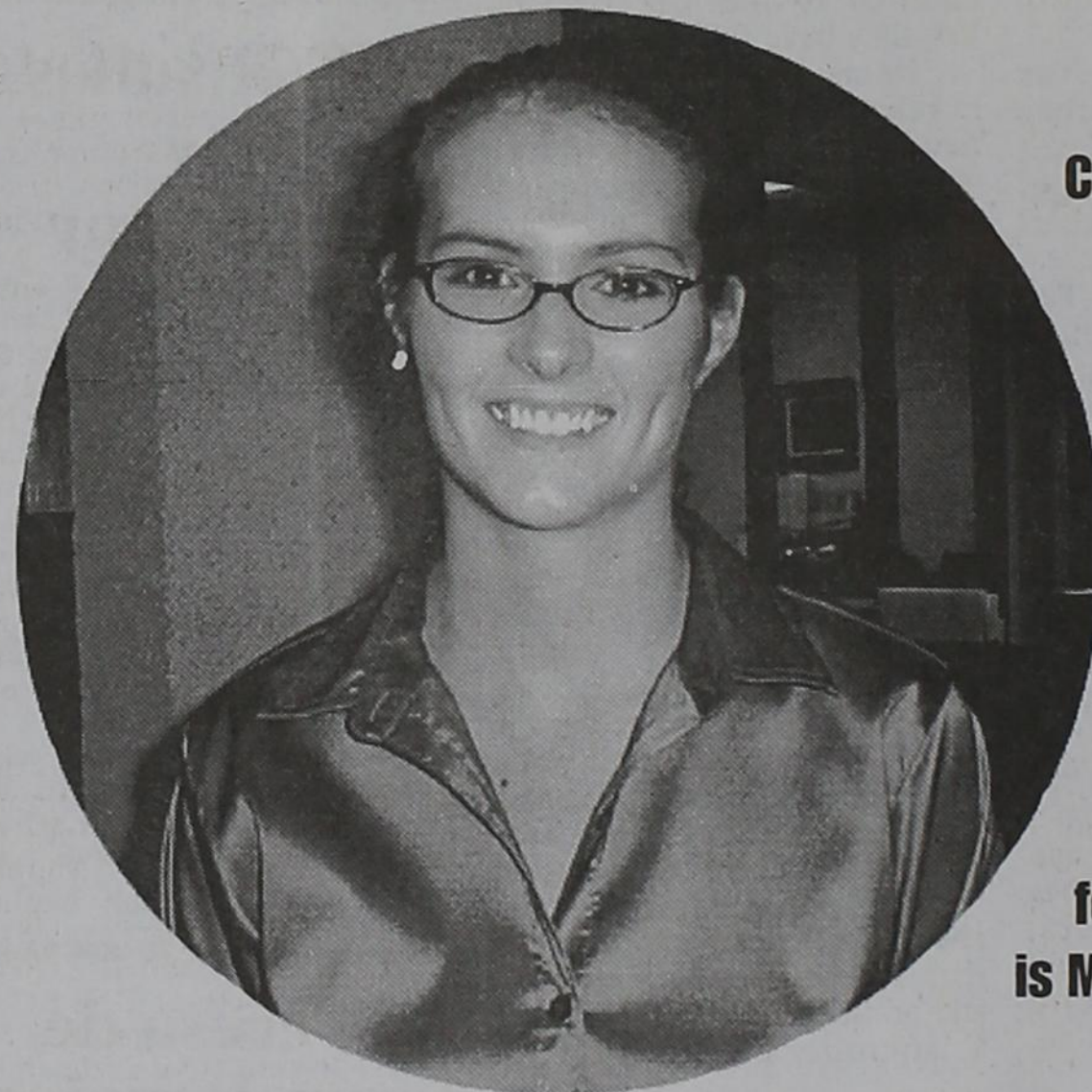
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- Sandwiches
11AM - 1:30 PM

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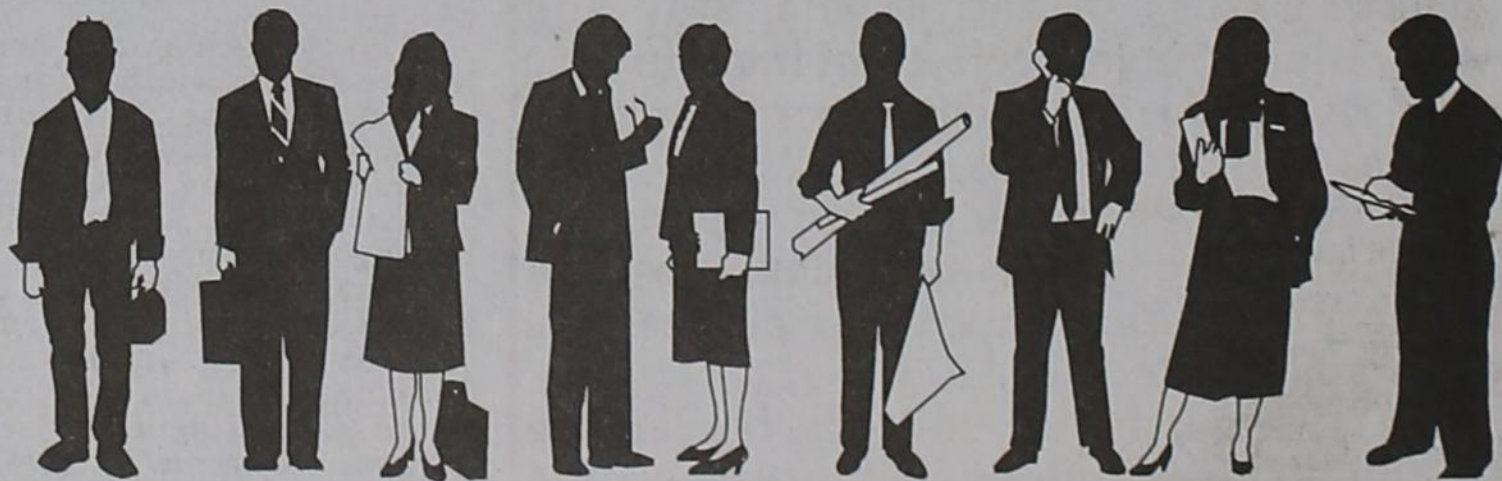
Friona State Bank invites you to come by and meet our newest employees...



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County Calendar

Formerly Around Town

TASP Set at WTAMU

Students who need to take the TASP may do so at WTAMU on one of the following test dates: July 30, 1:00 p.m., August 15, 8:00 a.m. or August 22, 8:00 a.m.. Remember students must wait 90 days between testing times. Students must pre-register three days prior to me preferred test date. Registration forms are available in the Friona High School office.

Jesus For Children Day August 1st

First Baptist Church of Friona invites children ages 7 to 11 to "Jesus For Children Day", Friday, August 1st from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.. There will be puppets, movies, popcorn and fun. Bring a friend!

Hereford 10-K Run August 2nd

The Greg Black Memorial 10-K Run will be held August 2, 2003. It will start at 8 a.m. at the Hereford YMCA at 500 E. 15th St.. Entry fee is \$12.00 in advance per person and \$15.00 on the day of the race. All entrants registered and paid by July 25th will receive a free running cap. Contact: ace Director, Hereford YMCA, 500 E. 15th Street, Hereford, Texas 79045. Forms can be picked up at the Chamber.

Bovina FBC Centennial Aug. 2-3

The First Baptist Church of Bovina will hold a Centennial Celebration Aug. 2-3. The Saturday program and Sunday services will include former pastors, interim pastors and music leaders. All are invited to come out and help First Baptist celebrate 100 years in Bovina.

St. Teresa's Annual Jamaica Aug. 3

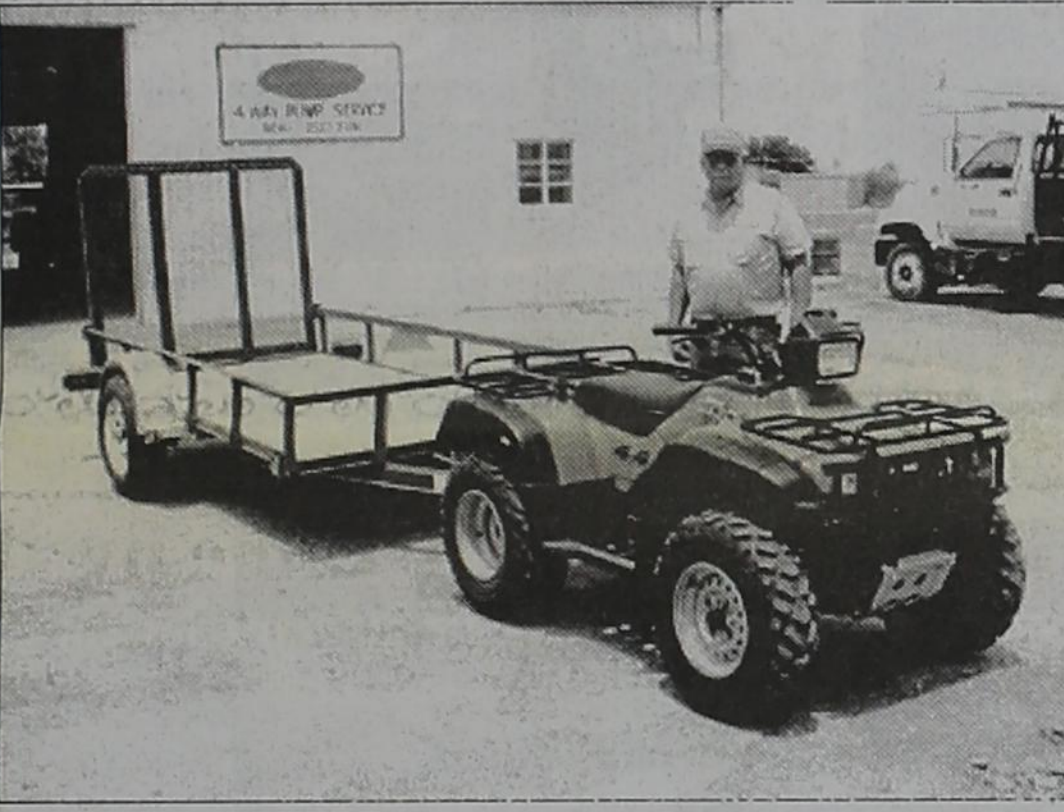
St. Teresa's Church will be hosting the Annual Jamaica in the Parish Hall parking lot, Sunday, August 3rd, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The community is invited to come out and enjoy the activities.

Mexican Pile On Lunch Fundraiser Set

The Calvary Baptist Church will be hosting the J.P. Sims Memorial Scholarship Fund Raiser Meal, Sunday, August 3, from 12 Noon to 1:30 p.m. This years meal will be Mexican Pile On Lunch. The cost for the meal is on a donation basis. Whatever you can give is appreciated. All proceeds will go to the scholarship fund.

Friona Heritage Museum Will Open August 2nd

The Friona Heritage Museum, located in the "Old Congregational Church", will now be open every Saturday from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., beginning this Saturday, August 2, 2003.



YOU CAN WIN THIS.....Friona Fire Chief Jim Taylor shows off the 2003 Honda 4x4 and trailer that will be given away September 20 at city park during the Maize Days activities. Donations for the drawing are \$10 per ticket and are available from any Friona volunteer fireman. Proceeds from this annual drawing benefits the Friona volunteer fire department.

ron carr photo

Parmer Stock Show Dinner Scheduled

The Parmer County Stock Show Dinner is an annual event that helps support and raise money for the Parmer County Junior Livestock Show and Sales. The 2003 Parmer County Stock Show Fund Raiser Dinner is scheduled for August 23, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Farwell Community Center.

The meal is prepared by the "World Renowned" Joe Allen's Steak House of Abilene, Texas. Each community in the county sells

tickets, however, only a total of 200 tickets will be sold and two persons may attend on each ticket. The cost of each ticket is \$100.00.

This is a great event and an excellent way to show support for the youth of Parmer County. If you would like to purchase tickets or help with the dinner contact Gary Patterson, Farwell; Jody Lewellen, Friona; Ed Terry, Lazbuddie; Al Kerby, Bovina; or Cody G. Hill, Parmer Co. Extension Agent.



Out Here

by ron carr

She stole a salt and pepper shaker set. I can't figure out why. More about it later.

By now you know that my mother has sold her house out in the country and is moving into town. If you didn't know, this is your official notice.

She sold the home where she and Harry had lived for 33 years, and bought "the Loflin house" at Etta and 9th Place. Soon as they get through with new paint and carpet, she'll be paying a water and sewer bill for the first time.

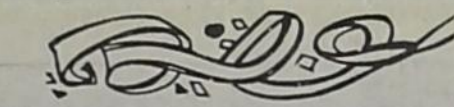
The house out on Highway 60 holds a lot of family memories for us kids, grandkids and now great-grandkids. It has been the only constant for those 33 years, through marriages, divorces, births and deaths.

We always gathered at Neenaw and Papaw's house. Thanksgiving, Christmas and whenever else we could make it out there.

In preparation for the move, mother had a moving/garage sale. I love garage sales. Observing a garage sale is about as close to discovering the meaning of life as we will ever get.

First off, the flyers we posted said the sale was Friday & Saturday at 8 a.m. and don't come early. Two different families stopped by Thursday evening. We ran them off.

Mother taught me long ago that stuff at a garage sale is picked over by noon of the first day so if you don't get there by then, forget it. But, this same mother full of wisdom, scheduled her sale from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday. So much for the picked over theory. (I put 3 p.m. on the flyers, not 5.)



Top of Texas Senior Star Search Update

The final performance of the Top of Texas Senior Star Search, Hilltop Senior Citizens Association, will be Friday, August 8, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Amarillo Civic Center North Exhibition Hall-A.

Admission is \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children under 12.

For additional information contact Rita Hutcherson or Ruby Person at 1-800-376-9511.

Regional Alfalfa Workshop Set

Alfalfa production is the focus of a half-day regional workshop scheduled in Littlefield, Thursday, August 7, 2003. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. at the Lamb Co. Ag. Expo Center on U.S. 385, two blocks north of U.S. 84.

The program, organized by Texas Cooperative Extension, begins at 8:30 a.m. and will conclude at 1:00 p.m.

Target counties include Deaf Smith, Randall, Parmer, Castro, Swisher, Bailey, Lamb, Hale, Floyd, Cochran, Hockley, Lubbock, and Crosby. Topics will include variety selection, fertility, irrigation, weed control, and entomology. A field visit will review insect scouting techniques and discuss insects present in the field.

In addition dairy and custom hay industry personnel will share observations on achieving desired hay quality. All participants will receive a book of alfalfa publications from Extension, Alfalfa Council, etc.

As lunch will be provided, pre-registration is recommended one day in advance by calling Kent Lewis, Lamb Co. Extension Agent at (806) 385-4222 (extension 9). A \$10.00 registration fee will cover the cost of materials. 2.5 CEUs (1.0 in IPM) will be provided.

Additional alfalfa workshops will also be conducted in Lamesa, August 12 and in Dalhart, August 13, 2003.

"The Meaning of Life!"

Several people that came to the garage sale found stuff that mother had bought at their garage sales. Over the years, mother has probably cycled a million dollars worth of stuff through her house and out the garage. Buy some stuff, sell some stuff, buy some more stuff. The circle of life continues.

I even paid fifty cents for a banana slicer. It is still in its original package, never opened. It is yellow plastic, shaped like a banana, except flat and slotted for easy cutting.

To me bananas are one of the easiest fruits to eat. Or slice. Oranges and apples have to be cut, peeled, cored, and stemmed. They are a lot of trouble. Bananas aren't.

Peel 'em, slice 'em with a kitchen knife, ready to eat. No muss, no fuss. A banana slicer must be good if you need to slice a few hundred bananas. It is one of those kitchen gadgets that are 'more trouble than they are worth.'

Plus, there were no instructions on the package. Just a picture of a delicious looking banana split. My brother Rick said you put it on top of a banana and push down. So who needs instructions when you have a brother like Rick.

Mother had an old wooden baby high chair priced at \$4. She had bought it at a garage sale in Hereford but never finished it. Several people looked at it and offered less than \$4 but mother wouldn't take less.

So Rick and I bought the

high chair. We paid mother \$4 for it, then gave it to the next young couple that came along. High chair problem solved.

Garage sales have a short shelf life. Me and Rick don't think anybody should leave a garage sale empty handed.

We observed one lady who fulfilled that philosophy. She stole a salt and pepper shaker set. Rick and I were standing out on the driveway and watched the whole caper unfold. The answer to why could unlock the meaning of life.

The garage was crowded. There was a line at the card table that held the cash box. This lady was in line, clutching the salt and pepper shaker. It was a small, crystal glass set. The kind with the chrome, screw on, tops. Worth about fifty cents.

Out on the driveway was a large pipe clothes rack, packed with clothes for sale. The lady left the payout line and rummaged through the hanging clothes. She slid hangers back and forth, the salt and pepper shaker gripped in one hand, plainly visible.

Rick and I were no more than 10 feet away, betting what her next move would be. After a minute of looking through the hangers, she strolled out to her car and left, salt and pepper shaker and all.

The question is unanswered: why steal?; if you are going to steal, why steal a worthless salt and pepper shaker?; under what circumstances would you need a shaker set so bad you had to steal one?

Is it the thrill of the steal, or were her kids starving for salt and pepper? Was she planning to come back and pay? Or did she go to the other garage sales in town that day and steal items too?

Me and my brother Rick didn't chase after her. For a fifty cent shaker set? No. We would have bought it for her if she had asked.

I still can't figure out why she stole them but I don't know the meaning of life either. What I do know is that mom is moving to town and me and my brother Rick may have had our last garage sale.

And that's cool!



RESTING after the garage sale are, l-r, my sister Gena Rogers, my niece Amy Rogers, my mom Hannah Lookingbill, and friends Tommy Hamilton and Jean Hamilton. See my column for the meaning of life.

ron carr photo

Ad Deadline For Friona Star & Bovina Blade

5 P.M. Tuesday

The deadline for advertising, articles, engagement and wedding announcements, or any other copy, is 5 p.m. each Tuesday to guarantee being included in the next newspaper.

For information call 250-2211. Thank you for your support!

PROCLAMATION

By Executive Order of the Honorable Galen Hromas, Mayor of the City of Bovina, it is proclaimed:

WHEREAS, April 2003 marks the thirty-fifth anniversary of the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, which included Title VII, the Fair Housing Law, for guaranteed equal housing opportunity for all citizen; and

WHEREAS, Fair housing is consistent with the principal of equality and justice for all, providing the challenge to combat discrimination, and to broaden the protection of the beliefs upon which our nation was founded; and

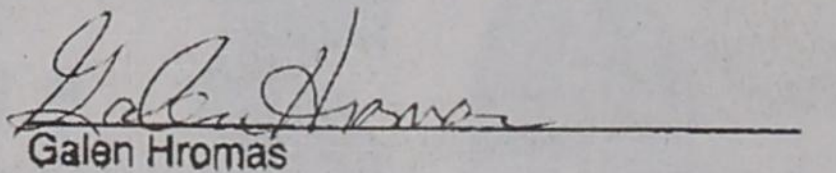
WHEREAS, This month provides an opportunity for all Americans to rededicate themselves to the principals of free choice and to reacquire themselves with the rights and responsibilities that are theirs under the Fair Housing Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Galen Hromas, Mayor of the City of Bovina, do hereby proclaim August 2003 as:

FAIR HOUSING MONTH IN THE CITY OF BOVINA and urge my fellow citizens to join me in reaffirming the obligation and commitment to fair housing opportunities for all people.

Let all within the reach of this proclamation heed its directive.

By his Honor the Mayor of the City of Bovina, Texas.


Galen Hromas

7-10-03
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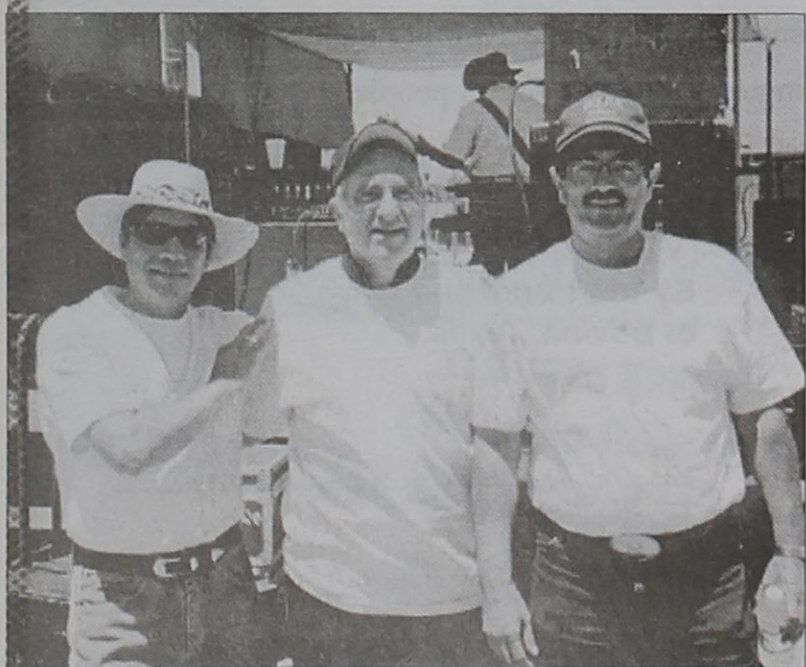
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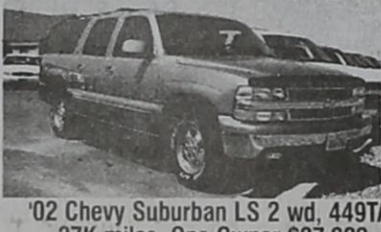
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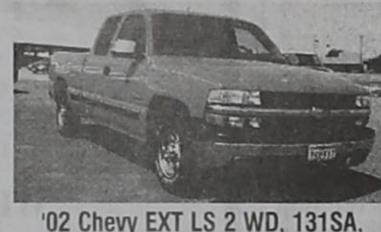
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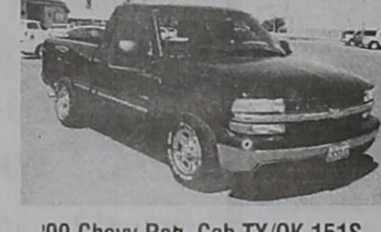
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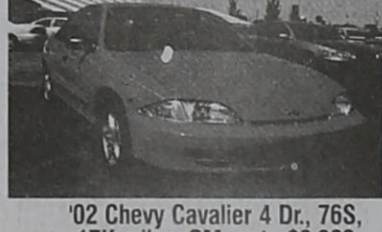
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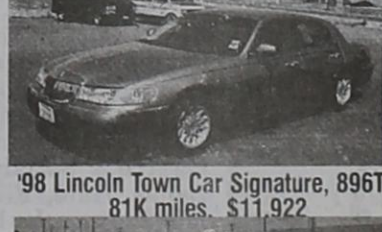
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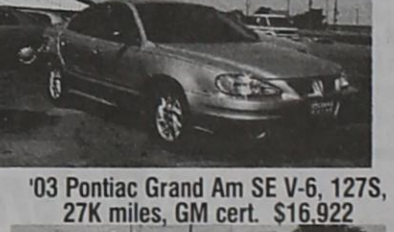
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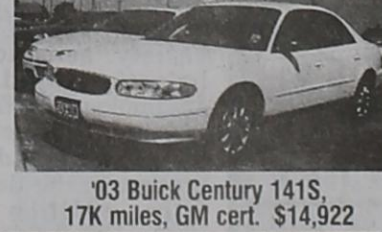
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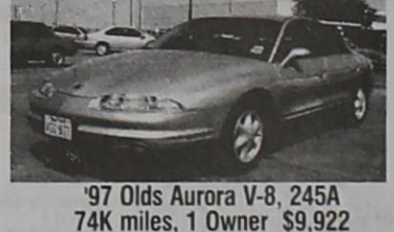
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Bovina Reflections

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

Happy Birthday Bovina!

Birthdays for the week of August 3, 2003.

August 3-Mac Glasscock, Sklya Cockerham, Michael Jansen

August 5-Amber Drager
 August 6-Nadine Paine, Mary Lou Castaneda, Destiny Cruz

August 7-Veda McKay, Leigh Burleson, Marsha Jarecki James

August 8-Celeste Olvera, Tamara Nicole Stormes
 August 9-Kelly McClaran, Bryan Gist

Add friends or relatives to our permanent birthday list by calling 251-1523.

If names appear that should be deleted or changed due to death, marriage, moved away, etc., please let us know also so we can take them off or make corrections.

45 Yrs. Ago--July 23, 1958
 Mrs. Jack Jeter, Mrs. Virgie Adams and Mrs. Doris Lawlis of the Woman's Missionary Union of the First Baptist Church are attending a WMU encampment at Glorietta Baptist Assembly in New Mexico.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Boyd last week were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brawley of Glen Rose. They are Mrs. Boyd's parents.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Bedford Caldwell was the site of a chicken fry Saturday night of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Pesch attended the Hughes Aaron reunion in Amarillo Sunday at Thompson Park.

40 Yrs. Ago--July 25, 1963
 Neil Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Moore, was injured Thursday afternoon when he fell from the car in an attempt to catch the garage door and close it.

Miss Jeanie Ivy, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Ivy, received a severe cut on Friday afternoon in an accident at Bovina Dairy Freeze.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ware and children and Mr. and Mrs. Erith Hawkins and boys visited Mr. and Mrs. Dick Martin and Kenda in Odessa over the weekend.

35 Yrs. Ago--July 24, 1968
 Chuck Stallings, airplane spray pilot of Bovina, escaped serious injury Wednesday afternoon of last week when his plane crashed three miles north of Pleasant Hill.

Two representatives of the Bovina Volunteer Fire Department are in College Station this week attending the 39th annual Texas Firemen's Training School.

John H. Aldridge, 63, a Parmer County resident for the past 62 years and a prominent Farwell lawyer for many years, passed away at Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona early Sunday morning following a heart attack.

30 Yrs. Ago--July 25, 1973
 Bryan Fillpot of Bovina competed in the regional AAU track meet at Waco Saturday in the 440-yard intermediate class.

25 Yrs. Ago--July 26, 1978
 Parmer County farmers--especially cotton farmers--are facing serious, if not critical losses, from the chemical 2,4-D which has inadvertently invaded their fields, producing elongated leaves and prognosis of deformed bolls if the blight continues.

The Bovina All-Stars won their first game against the North Randall County All-Stars by a score of 8-7. Richard Shepard was the winning pitcher for the Bovina team.

Mike Read and Jim Rhodes, attended the 50th anniversary convention of the Texas Future Farmers of America in San Antonio. Read was awarded the Lone Star Farmer Degree.

20 Yrs. Ago--July 27, 1983
 Two hogs were allegedly slaughtered and stolen from Lawrence Widner's farm last week. Three men were arrested and charged in the theft incident.

Gateway Produce has reopened for the summer on a limited basis.

It was stated that there are approximately 450 acres of potatoes in the Bovina area this year.

Debbie Ulibarri, the former Debbie Whitecotton, was a spring graduate from Texas Tech University. Her parents are Billy and Paula Whitecotton.

Roy Lee and Dorothy Stowers hosted the Radford family reunion over the weekend with about 40 members present. It was the first time in 30 years that the family had been together.

15 Yrs. Ago--July 27, 1988
 The corn crop in Parmer County is looking better than it has been in years, thanks to better-than-average summer rainfall.

Funeral services for Herman Wallace Grissom, 65, of Farwell, a former resident, were held at the First Baptist Church in Farwell.

Workmen were busy at the Bovina School as central heating and refrigerated air conditioning is being installed this week.

Funeral services were held for John Gee, former Bovina resident for many years, who owned and operated Gee's Cleaners.

10 Yrs. Ago--July 31, 1993
 The Bovina Independent School District received a clean bill of health recently from the Texas Education Agency as a follow-up to the on-site review conducted by the T.E.A. last spring at the school.

The Bovina I.S.D. will remain accredited, and there will be no restrictions placed on the school, other than recommendations which the school is already implementing.

5 Yrs. Ago--July 31, 1998
 The Friona Division of Excel Corp. recently observed its 30th birthday, and a number of their friends and business associates are taking the opportunity to wish them "Happy Birthday" in this special edition of the Friona Star.

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Thursday, August 14, 2003

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For diabetics who qualify, Medicare covers one pair of diabetic shoes a year. A diabetic may choose from a variety of mens' and womens' therapeutic shoes.

If you are diabetic and unable to attend this shoe fair, please call (806) 777-0910 to schedule a fitting in your home.

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Beth Weatherly & Jacob Lopez Exchange Vows in Lubbock

Beth Weatherly of Lubbock and Jacob Lopez of Irving exchanged wedding vows on Friday, July 25, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lubbock County Courthouse Gazebo.

Mack McCarter of Shreveport-Bossier Community Revival in Shreveport, Louisiana officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Weatherly of Lubbock and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Coffey, former Friona residents.

The groom is the son of Jose Lopez and Maria Zamora, both of Hereford.

Brook Weatherly of Lubbock, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Mary Frances Weatherly, sister-in-law of the bride, and Bailey Wilbanks, niece of the bride, both of Lubbock.

Joe Lopez, U.S. Air Force, served his brother as best man. Groomsmen were Michael Medina of Lubbock and Pepe De La Cruz of Hereford, both cousins of the groom as well as Ben Weatherly of Lubbock, brother of the bride, and Jeremy Lopez of Hereford, brother of the groom.

Samantha Harper, cousin of the bride and daughter of Chuck and Kelli Harper of Arlington, was the flower girl. Marty Carnahan, nephew of the groom and son of Martin and Jessica Carnahan of Hereford, was the ringbearer.

Music was provided by DJ, Music to the Maxx, Lubbock. Shellye Graves of Tulsa, friend of the bride was the vocalist and the principal selections were "Your Grace Still Amazes Me" and "The Prayer".

The gazebo was decorated with bouquets of white stock, fuji mums, lilies, and tree fern in pewter floral stands.

As the bride was presented in marriage by her father, Bill Weatherly, she wore an elegant a-line gown of white organza with sheer organza

framing the strapless neckline, embellished with delicate floral lace, bugle beads, seed beads and iridescent sequins. The same stunning lace created the waistline and hem edges. Her veil was a halo of beads and sequins and she wore a single strand of pearls. Her hand-tied bouquet featured white hydrangeas and greenery.

The bridal attendants wore periwinkle linen jacket dresses with delicate embroidery and carried hand-tied bouquets of white stock.

The dance/reception was held at the Watson Building in Lubbock. The tables were decorated with mirror centerpieces topped with white tea lights and white stock in crystal cylinder vases.

Shellye Graves of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Johnna Rogers of College Station, Erin Candler of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Angela Green of Hondo, all friends of the bride, assisted with the reception.

The bride's cake was strawberry layers topped with fresh white roses. Chocolate cake with a basketweave design, topped with chocolate dipped strawberries, was served from the groom's table.

Both cakes were made by Maria Rodriguez of Friona, family friend of the bride.

Following a honeymoon to Cozumel, the couple will make their home in Irving, Texas.

The bride is a graduate of Hereford High School, earned a bachelor's from Texas A&M, and a master's from Wayland Baptist University. She taught fifth and sixth grade math/social studies in Lorenzo last year and will be employed by Irving ISD in the fall.

The groom is also a Hereford High School graduate, and earned a bachelor's/master's from San Angelo State University. He is employed as an auditor with KPMG in Dallas.

Curry County Fair Set For Aug. 11-16th

It's fair time again in Clovis. It's time to load up those freshly canned pickles, secret recipe cookies, hand-made quilts, backyard roses, painted landscapes, prized animals and drive to the 2003 Curry County Fair.

The fair offers a wide variety of competitive exhibit areas for county residents and it's easy to enter. Residents may pick up a fair catalog and necessary entry forms at the Extension Office, 818 Main, Clovis, New Mexico. Entry forms and fees must be returned to the Extension Office by 5 p.m., August 1st.

For information and tickets contact the Curry County Fair Office at 505-762-8827 or currycountyfair.com

Golden Spread Coin Club Show Aug. 16 & 17

The Golden Spread Coin Club will sponsor its annual collector's show and sale on Saturday and Sunday, August 16 and 17, 2003 in the Regency Room of the Amarillo Civic Center. Show times are Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission to the show is free.

Over 75 dealers tables will feature items including coins, gold, silver, jewelry, stamps, knives, antique glassware and collectibles. Dealers from New Mexico, Oklahoma, Colorado, California, and Texas will be represented at the show.

Free hourly door prizes will be given away both days of the show. In addition, a drawing for a \$20 Saint Gauden's gold coin will be held Sunday, August 17 at 5:00 p.m. Tickets for the Saint Gauden's gold coin will be available at the door for a donation to the club (tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5).

For table or additional information, please contact Ted Winton at 352-8281 or Nela Runkle at 355-1702.

A portion of the proceeds from the show will be donated to the West Texas AMU scholarship fund.

The Golden Spread Coin Club is a non-profit organization whose main purpose is to promote the knowledge of coins and the hobby of numismatics to the general public.



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Caribbean Chefs Learn Texas BBQ Techniques

The approximately 17 million travelers bound for Caribbean islands each year will have increased opportunities to enjoy the quality and flavor of U.S. beef, thanks to beef checkoff activities conducted by the U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF) and the Texas Beef Council (TBC).

USMEF and TBC July 14-18 trained six executive chefs from six Caribbean resort hotels on Texas beef barbecue preparation in Austin, Fort Worth and the Texas Panhandle. Islands represented included Antigua, the Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, the Cayman Islands and Jamaica.

Barbecue know-how is becoming a popular Texas export in 2003 as hotels in every international market ask USMEF for unique menu ideas. These hotels seek a competitive advantage in attracting tourists during a time of worldwide political turmoil and economic downturn.

USMEF is responding to that request by showing foreign foodservice operators how to profit from low-cost, high value beef brisket and back ribs—two cuts that can be prepared to tender perfection through Texas barbecue techniques.

"I've been working with USMEF for the last five years," said Dennis McIntosh, executive chef of the Ritz Carlton in Montego Bay, Jamaica. "We're always looking for profitable cuts on menus. The beef checkoff has helped us realize that under-utilized cuts like brisket and back ribs have cost benefits. At the same time, they are full of flavor and equally tender to other cuts when they are cooked properly."

Instead of mesquite, Caribbean chefs will use wood from the pimento tree, which produces allspice. And instead of typical Texas landscape, the backdrop will be the blue water of tropical beaches and resort swimming pools. But the essence of Texas barbecue will remain the same.

"Texas barbecue has a visual and aromatic effect that is unequalled," McIntosh said. "As a chef, we can take advantage of those sights and smells for our guests by cold smoking the meat to infuse flavor, then finishing it in our kitchens. It offers us great flexibility."

Cold smoking is another term for indirectly cooking beef over coals. The process allows beef to absorb the smoked flavor, yet it must be finished in an oven to reach the proper internal temperature for consumption.

The visiting chefs also were interested in how Texas cuisine applies to other high-value beef cuts for the grill. These cuts included the coulotte (cap of the top sirloin butt), skirt steak and top blade.

There's no doubt that beef sales to the Caribbean islands have been hurt by the worldwide slump in tourism, McIntosh said. USMEF figures show U.S. beef sales to the islands have dropped 17 percent from January through May. Yet McIntosh sees signs of a quick recovery with the tools he learned in Texas.

"Texas barbecue using U.S. brisket and other cuts gives us an opportunity to keep our customers coming back," he said. "Jamaica alone gets about 1.5 million tourists per year, and Texas barbecue will help us create a situation where they want to return to Montego Bay."

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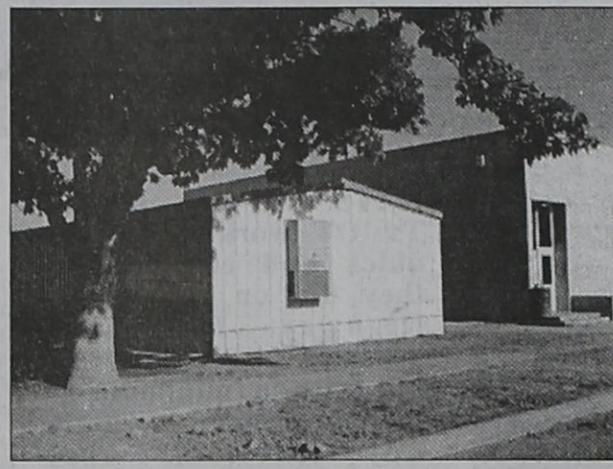
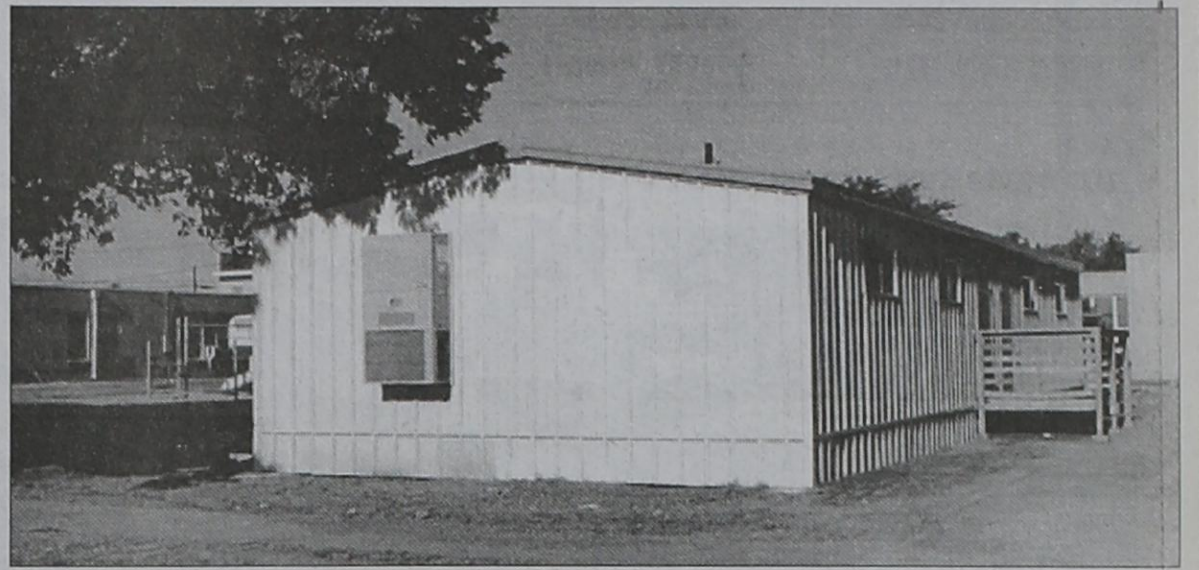
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FOOTBALL CAMP



FOOTBALL SEASON is just around the corner as official 2-a-day practices start Monday, August 4. Here, Friona assistant coaches Jimmy Arias, top, and Jeff Isom, left, work with the youngsters during the recent Chieftain Football Camp. ron carr photos

NEW CLASSROOM



THIS temporary classroom will soon be humming with elementary students as school is set to begin August 18. The building was moved in and installed this summer next to the Friona junior high cafeteria on Euclid. ron carr photos

K. Smiley Attends Symposium In Washington, D.C.

Each summer, Austin College Professor of Political Science and International Studies, Shelton Williams, leads a two-week symposium in Washington, D.C., "American Foreign Policy in Transition," where Austin College students learn directly from the sources who make policy.

Kayla Smiley, a Friona High School graduate and the daughter of Mitchell and Kim Smiley of Friona, is one of the Austin College participants for this year's event, held July 27 through August 7.

Symposium participants come from around the world to hear economists, analysts, journalists, government officials, and educators provide insight on the state of politics around the globe. In addition to visits to the Pentagon for a briefing on peacekeeping and to the National Security Council briefing on current events, some of the scheduled symposium sessions include: Barry Lowenkron, State Department, Acting Director of the Policy Planning Staff, "How U.S. Foreign Policy is Made"; Col. Ken Allard, Military Analyst, MSNBC, "What We Have Learned Militarily in Afghanistan and Iraq"; and Robin Meyer, State Department, Deputy Director, Syria, Jordan and Lebanon, "Women and Careers in Foreign Policy".

Students have the opportunity to interact with speakers and experts from the Center for Strategic International Studies and the School for the Advancement of International Studies (SAIS). Examining United States policies with students from around the world adds perspectives that past participants consider invaluable to the experience.

"This is a critical time in United States foreign policy. This year's symposium



KAYLA SMILEY

participants will meet some of the central figures, both inside and outside the government, in the ongoing controversies. We expect the 23rd summer symposium to be one of the best. In addition to 25 Austin College students, there will be forty other participants representing eight different countries."

Kayla's dad, Mitchell Smiley, said that after this 10-day symposium, she would be classified as a senior at Austin College. Kayla earned 30 hours of college credits taking advanced courses at Friona High School. She also has two years of basketball eligibility remaining.

Austin College, affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (USA), is an independent, liberal arts college of 1,300 students located 60 miles north of Dallas in Sherman, Texas. Chartered in November, 1849, it is the oldest college in Texas under original charter and name, as recognized by the State Historical Survey Committee.



STEVE BARTLEY

FRIONA's new police officer is Steve Bartley. Steve is a former Parmer County Deputy. He comes back to Friona from the Crosby County Sheriff's Department.



Lamb, Goat & Swine Projects

Validation programs for lambs, goats and barrows is upcoming for 2004 shows. Ear tags for lamb, goat and swine projects may be ordered from now until the deadline date. All tags must be ordered as a county group. This includes both 4-H and FFA. Money will be due at the time of placing your order. If you are going to show lambs, goats or barrows in 2004 you must place your ear tag order (no limit) by the deadline dates. Contact your local Ag Teacher or the County Extension office with your orders.

Lamb Program:

Deadline to order ear tags - August 20, 2003
Cost - \$7.00 per lamb
Validation dates - October, 2003
Location - Friona Barn

Swine Program:

Deadline to order ear tags - August 20, 2003
Cost - \$7.00 per barrow
Validation dates - November, 2003
Location - Friona Barn

Goat Program:

Deadline to order ear tags - August 20, 2003
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Validation dates - October, 2003
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Highway Workers



HATS OFF to all the TxDOT workers for the quick and efficient job they did on resurfacing Highway 60. They accomplished a long hot job with a minimum of inconvenience to highway travelers. They don't often get credit for the job they do so here is a **BIG PAT ON THE BACK** for a job well done. ron carr photos

One-A-Chord In Concert on August 3rd

The Christian singing ensemble One-A-Chord from Memphis, Texas will be in concert Sunday evening August 3, 2003, 6:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Friona.

The ensemble members are Ray Batson, Kelley Gardenhire, LaMoss Lambert, and Regina Springer, all of Memphis. The four members will be joined by a former member, Dusty Hansard, now residing in Friona.

One-A-Chord carries the Gospel of Christ throughout the area with Contemporary Christian, Inspirational, and Southern Gospel music ----- a mixture that will please all ages. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.



ONE-A-CHORD members, Ray Batson, Kelley Gardenhire, LaMoss Lambert, Regina Springer, and former member Dusty Hansard.

Friona J.V. and Freshman 2003 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 16	Panhandle (Scrimmage)	Dick Bivins	10:00 A.M.
Aug. 21	Sanford Fritch/River Road	Here	4:00
Aug. 28	Dimmitt	There	6:00
Sept. 4	Tulia	There	6:00
Sept. 11	Post	Here	6:00
Sept. 18	Muleshoe	There	6:00
Sept. 25	Dalhart	Here	6:00
Oct. 2	OPEN		
Oct. 9	Floydada	Here	6:00
Oct. 16	Olton	There	6:00
Oct. 23	Hale Center	Here	6:00
Oct. 30	Lockney	Here	6:00
Nov. 6	Abernathy	There	6:00

Friona Braves 7th/8th 2003 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Sept. 11	Post	There	5:00/6:15
Sept. 18	Muleshoe	Here	5:00/6:15
Sept. 25	Dalhart	There	5:00/6:15
Oct. 2	Dimmitt	7th Here	5:00
		8th Here	5:00
Oct. 9	Floydada	There	5:00/6:15
Oct. 16	Olton	Here	5:00/6:15
Oct. 23	Hale Center	There	5:00/6:15
Oct. 30	Lockney	There	5:00/6:15
Nov. 6	Abernathy	Here	5:00/6:15

City Manager Reminds Us To Keep Yards Clean

Most of us take personal pride in our yards, homes and surrounding areas. That's why we really hate to see the vacant lot (or alley) across from us grown up in weeds, collecting trash and becoming a real eye sore. The City of Friona would like to take this opportunity to let you know that there are remedies for these

situations. The City Code of Ordinances prohibits growth or accumulation of weeds and rubbish on any lot or premise in the city. Weeds or grass growing to 12 inches or more will be deemed unsightly and unsanitary. The owner will be notified by mail to remedy the situation. In the event the owner fails to correct the condition within ten (10)

days, the city may do the work as necessary. The City of Friona will then bill the owner not only the expense of the clean up but also an administrative fee of \$35 plus sales tax. Please keep YOUR lots and yards clean and report any that need attention to Roger Fields, Code Enforcement Officer, City Hall, 250-2761.

PUBLIC NOTICE
BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
SPECIAL ELECTION
SEPTEMBER 13, 2003

PROPOSITION 1 (HJR 68, Section 1)

HJR 68, Section 1 would authorize the Veterans' Land Board to use excess receipts in the Veterans' Land and Veterans' Housing Assistance funds for payment of revenue bonds, and use excess assets in those funds to provide veterans homes.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the Veterans' Land Board to use assets in certain veterans' land and veterans' housing assistance funds to provide veterans homes for the aged or infirm and to make principal, interest, and bond enhancement payments on revenue bonds."

PROPOSITION 2 (HJR 51)

HJR 51 would expand from six months to two years the period in which the former owner of a mineral interest that was sold for unpaid property taxes may buy back the mineral interest.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to establish a two-year period for the redemption of a mineral interest sold for unpaid ad valorem taxes at a tax sale."

PROPOSITION 3 (HJR 55)

HJR 55 would authorize the legislature to exempt from taxation land owned by a religious organization that is leased for use as a school or that will be used to expand or construct a place of religious worship that yields no revenue.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation property owned by a religious organization that is leased for use as a school or that is owned with the intent of expanding or constructing a religious facility."

PROPOSITION 4 (SJR 30)

SJR 30 would authorize the legislature to allow conservation and reclamation districts to use taxes to develop and finance certain parks and recreation facilities. Also, the amendment would authorize the legislature to allow local elections for the issuance of bonds to improve and maintain parks and recreational facilities in the Tarrant Regional Water District or a conservation and reclamation district located in whole or in part in Bastrop, Bexar, Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Montgomery, Tarrant, Travis, Waller or Williamson County.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to the provision of parks and recreational facilities by certain conservation and reclamation districts."

PROPOSITION 5 (SJR 25)

SJR 25 would authorize the legislature to exempt from all property taxes certain tangible personal property, which could include a travel trailer not substantially affixed to real estate and not used as a residential dwelling.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation travel trailers not held or used for the production of income."

PROPOSITION 6 (HJR 23)

HJR 23 would authorize a qualified homeowner to refinance a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage loan.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment permitting refinancing of a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage."

PROPOSITION 7 (HJR 44)

HJR 44 would reduce the number of persons who make up the jury in a district court criminal misdemeanor case from twelve to six.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to permit a six-person jury in a district court misdemeanor trial."

PROPOSITION 8 (HJR 62)

HJR 62 would authorize the legislature to permit a person to assume office without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office and the election is required by the Texas Constitution. This proposition applies to state and local political subdivisions, whereas Proposition 18 applies only to local political subdivisions.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a person to take office without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office."

PROPOSITION 9 (HJR 68, Section 2)

HJR 68, Section 2 would redefine the com-

position of the permanent and available school funds by requiring during the next two fiscal years, and authorizing thereafter, annual distributions to the available school fund of a percentage of any increase in the value of the permanent school fund's total investment assets.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to the use of income and appreciation of the permanent school fund."

PROPOSITION 10 (HJR 61)

HJR 61 would authorize municipalities to donate surplus fire-fighting equipment, supplies, or materials to the Texas Forest Service, which would be authorized to distribute based on need the equipment to rural volunteer fire departments.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing municipalities to donate surplus fire-fighting equipment or supplies for the benefit of rural volunteer fire departments."

PROPOSITION 11 (HJR 85)

HJR 85 would authorize the legislature to regulate the operation of wineries in Texas, regardless of whether a winery is located in an area in which the sale of wine has been authorized by local option election.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "A constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to enact laws authorizing and governing the operation of wineries in this state."

PROPOSITION 12 (HJR 3)

HJR 3 would immediately authorize the Legislature to limit non-economic damages assessed against a provider of medical or health care and, after January 1, 2005, to limit awards in all other types of cases.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment concerning civil lawsuits against doctors and health care providers, and other actions, authorizing the legislature to determine limitations on non-economic damages."

PROPOSITION 13 (HJR 16)

HJR 16 would authorize a county, city, town, and junior college district to freeze property taxes on a residential homestead of a person who is disabled or aged 65 or older.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to permit counties, cities and towns, and junior college districts to establish an ad valorem tax freeze on residence homesteads of the disabled and of the elderly and their spouses."

PROPOSITION 14 (HJR 28)

HJR 28 would authorize the Texas Department of Transportation to issue

notes or borrow money to fund highway improvement projects. The terms of the notes or loans may not exceed two years. The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for authorization of the issuing of notes or the borrowing of money on a short-term basis by a state transportation agency for transportation-related projects, and the issuance of bonds and other public securities secured by the state highway fund."

PROPOSITION 15 (HJR 54)

HJR 54 would prohibit a local retirement system and the political subdivision that finances the retirement system from reducing or otherwise impairing certain accrued benefits under the local retirement system.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The Constitutional amendment providing that certain benefits under certain local public retirement systems may not be reduced or impaired."

PROPOSITION 16 (SJR 42)

SJR 42 would amend the Texas Constitution to allow home equity lines of credit and allow refinancing of a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage loan.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing a home equity line of credit, providing for administrative interpretation of home equity lending law, and otherwise relating to the making, refinancing, repayment, and enforcement of home equity loans."

PROPOSITION 17 (HJR 21)

HJR 21 would prohibit an increase in school property taxes on residence homesteads of disabled persons.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to prohibit an increase in the total amount of school district ad valorem taxes that may be imposed on the residence homestead of a disabled person."

PROPOSITION 18 (HJR 59)

HJR 59 would authorize the legislature to permit a person to assume an office of a political subdivision without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office and the election is required by the Texas Constitution. This proposition applies only to local political subdivisions, whereas Proposition 8 applies to state and local political subdivisions.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a person to assume an office of a political subdivision without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office."

PROPOSITION 19 (SJR 45)

SJR 45 would repeal the legislature's

authority to create rural fire prevention districts. Effective September 1, 2003, all existing rural fire prevention districts will convert to emergency services districts.

PROPOSITION 20 (SJR 55)

SJR 55 would authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds in a total amount not to exceed \$250 million that will be used to provide loans for economic development projects that benefit defense-related communities in Texas.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds or notes not to exceed \$.50 million payable from the general revenues of the state to provide loans to defense-related communities, that will be repaid by the defense-related community, for economic development projects, including projects that enhance the military value of military installations."

PROPOSITION 21 (SJR 19)

SJR 19 would authorize current and retired faculty members of a public institution of higher education to receive compensation for service as a member of the governing body of a water district.

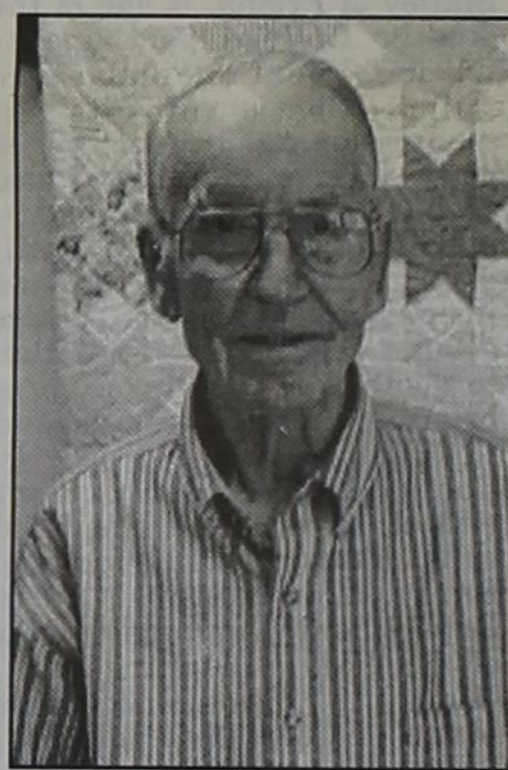
The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to permit a current or retired faculty member of a public college or university to receive compensation for service on the governing body of a water district."

PROPOSITION 22 (HJR 84)

HJR 84 would authorize the appointment of a temporary replacement officer to serve on behalf of a state, district, or local public officer who is called into active military duty for longer than 30 days.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the appointment of a temporary replacement officer to fill a vacancy created when a public officer enters active duty in the United States armed forces."

Estos son los informes explicatorios sobre las enmiendas propuestas a la constitución que aparecerán en la boleta el 13 de septiembre de 2003. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podrá obtener una gratis llamando al 1/800/252/8683 o escribiendo al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, TX 78711.



MYRON G. HART

Myron Hart Services Held In Lubbock

Funeral services for Myron G. Hart, 87, of Lubbock were held on Wednesday, July 23, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. at Resthaven's Mausoleum Chapel with Rev. Paul Jantzen officiating. Burial followed at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Myron was born February 4, 1916 in Chaseley, North Dakota to the late Ed and Bertha Hart. Myron died Saturday July 19, 2003 in Friona.

He married Viola Jean Hart on May 20, 1949 in Hot Springs, New Mexico. She preceded him in death in 1988.

Mr. Hart served his country in the U.S. Army before and during WWII. He was an independent truck driver and a member of Trinity Church in Lubbock. After retiring, Myron enjoyed being able to travel.

Survivors include a step-daughter Celestine Wilson; brothers and sisters, Orval Hart, Clayton Hart, Garry Hart, Warren Hart, Fern Flanders, Gladys Daniels, LaVern Melinski, Arliss Koehler, Jean King, and Kay Brackin; a stepgrandson John M. Wilson; and two great-stepgrandsons, Eddie and Jack Wilson.

The family suggests memorials be made to Prairie Acres Nursing Home at 201 E. 15th, Friona, Texas 79035.

Cotton News

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Cotton Market Weekly

A Service Provided by Plains Cotton Cooperative Association

July 25, 2003

For the first time in seven consecutive sessions, cotton futures on the New York Cotton Exchange settled sharply higher on Thursday in response to a strong weekly export sales report. Scale-up buying, along with managed fund buying and bullish options strategies, also made appearances.

Traders had expected strong numbers in USDA's export report; however, the week's figures still were impressive to market observers. All of the department's figures were of interest to traders, but it was new crop sales that were said by one trader to be "surprising to most."

For the week ended July 17, net sales of 124,000 bales were made for delivery in the 2003-04 marketing year that begins on Aug. 1, and China was the top buyer. Meanwhile, net upland sales of 150,000 bales of current crop cotton were 29 percent higher than the previous week and 98 percent higher than the four-week average.

As anticipated, export shipments were strong which traders said was a result of textile mills taking advantage of the highest Step 2 payment of the season. The payment rate is expected to decrease at the beginning of the new marketing year. Export shipments of 310,000 bales for the week represented a 35 percent increase from the prior week and 28 percent better than the four-week average.

Meanwhile, business on the physical market was slow this week. Traders said mills have been reluctant to buy at the recent high prices, but the fall in the market this week should have attracted buyers. In addition, the U.S. dollar has slipped back into its "weaker mode" and the phenomenon makes U.S. cotton more attractive to foreign buyers.

Less interest also was evident on the spot cotton scene as online sales by Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas producers decreased in the five trading days ending July 24. Just 1,520 bales were sold compared to the previous week when 5,069 bales

changed hands. Prices received by producers selling their cotton online ranged from 48.28 to 52.48 cents per pound versus the previous week's 49.78 to 51.65 cents per pound range.

In other news, the U.S. cotton crop is showing some improvement. USDA's latest crop progress report showed 55 percent of the nation's crop was in good to excellent condition while 14 percent of the crop was in poor to very poor condition as of July 10.

Cotton planted in the key High Plains region of Texas has made a comeback, but the late start caused by adverse spring weather may be tough to overcome, according to local analysts. It is estimated that more than one million acres of cotton were destroyed and not replanted when several bouts of damaging winds and rain swept the area.

Currently, a substantial amount of acreage is just beginning to bloom, and some fields may not get to that point until the first or second week of August.

"Once we hit Aug. 20 in Lubbock, it's hard to get a boll to mature before the season runs out," an analyst said. "Normally, harvest is in full swing by Oct. 20. This year, harvest may not begin for some of the late planted fields until November."

The main problem for late-planted cotton is that yields could suffer. The potential yield begins to decline rapidly for cotton planted after June 1 in the northern counties of Texas and after June 10 in the southern region of the High Plains, the analyst explained.

As of July 13, only 54 percent of Texas cotton was squaring compared to 76 percent at the same time last year.

"We have been seeing very good growth in the last 10 days thanks to hot temperatures," another analyst said. "Many of the damaged fields are recovering. Some fields, however, are beginning to wilt. We are going to need more rainfall to keep these late crops on track."

Hedging Against Lower 2003 CC Payments Topic for August 5-6 TCE Workshops

Lubbock, July 25, 2003 By Shawn Wade
Producers across the Cotton Belt are taking a closer look at the direction cotton prices are heading and wondering whether or not the 2003-crop counter-cyclical payment rate could start dropping.

The possibility of a lower counter-cyclical payment rate for the 2003-crop creates the potential for another economic hit to growers already facing either a total loss of production in 2003 or severely reduced crop prospects. The High Plains region suffered widespread damage due to cool temperatures, hail, and high winds brought to the High Plains region in May and June.

To help growers, who may be needing a full 2003 counter-cyclical payment to make ends meet, the Texas Cooperative Extension (TCE) service and Plains Cotton Growers (PCG) have worked to put together a program specifically aimed at education growers about how they can offset an income loss if the 2003 counter-cyclical payment is less than the maximum rate.

The program will help growers identify and take advantage of market opportunities that can offset possible decreases in counter-cyclical payment rates.

TCE economists Dr. Carl Anderson, Dr. Jackie Smith and TCE Risk Management specialist Jay Yates will be covering a variety of topics including an overview of how the counter-cyclical program works within the framework of the current farm program, determining the most effective strategies to hedging against a possible drop in counter-cyclical payment rates, and figuring out when the best opportunities exist for implementing a hedging strategy.

CC Payment Primer
As the price received by growers approaches 52 cents per pound the potential for a reduction in the counter-cyclical payment rate increases.

Current farm law allows for counter-cyclical payments when effective price for a covered commodity is less than the target price. The effective price is equal to the sum of (1) the higher of the national average market price during the 12-month marketing year for the commodity or the national average loan rate, and (2) the payment rate for the direct decoupled payments for the commodity.

The payment rate for counter-cyclical payments is equal to the difference between the target price and the effective price for the commodity.

Smith notes that the volatile nature of the current cotton market there are still opportunities for growers to be proactive in their efforts and to protect themselves against a drop in the 2003 counter-cyclical payment rate.

The trick, he explains, is in having the information necessary to formulate a workable plan that can be put in place as soon as the market provides the opportunity to act. Helping growers understand what their options are and how they can develop a workable plan, he says, is the reason for holding workshops.

The Counter-cyclical Payment Workshops will be held at three locations around the High Plains on August 5 and 6. Times and location for the workshop nearest you are:

August 5 9:00 a.m.-Plainview, Ollie Liner Center
2:00 p.m.-Muleshoe, Bailey County Coliseum

August 6 9:00 a.m.-Brownfield, Terry County Livestock Barn (2 miles north of Brownfield on FM 137)

Advance registration is not required to attend the workshops. Anyone interested in obtaining additional information may contact Dr. Jackie Smith or Jay Yates at the Lubbock Research and Extension Center at 806-746-6101.

PCG Approves FY03-04 Operating Budget

LUBBOCK, July 18, 2003 By Shawn Wade
Members of the Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., Board of Directors came together Wednesday, July 16 for the organization's first meeting of the 2003-2004 fiscal year. Topping the agenda for the PCG Directors was approval of an operating budget for the organization's new fiscal year, which began July 1.

The PCG Board unanimously approved an operating budget totaling \$609,085.33 to see the organization through the next budget cycle.

In other business, the PCG Board discussed the status of the current special legislative session being conducted in Austin to work on the Congressional redistricting issue. Brandon Lipps, special assistant to Lubbock Senator Robert Duncan, Chair of the Texas Senate's Jurisprudence Committee, reported on the status of the debate in the Senate and the House.

PCG Board members unanimously approved a resolution opposing any change to current Congressional boundaries.

In other business, the PCG Board elected members to the 2003-2004 Nominating Committee and heard reports on the status of the implementation effort for the 2001-2002 Crop Disaster Program. They also identified additional issues for PCG to work on over the next 6-12 months.

Among the items the Board expressed interest in were cottonseed and technology pricing, herbicide performance, trade, assisting in development of a risk management product for cotton gins, cotton trading rules, and development of a pilot program for a Cost of Production insurance product.

The PCG Board also authorized Mark Williams to act as the PCG's representative at the upcoming Cotton Incorporated/Cotton Board caucuses in Corpus Christi, July 31.

The caucus meeting coincides with meetings of the Texas Cotton Producers (TCP) organization and the American Cotton Producers (ACP). The ACP is the cotton producer arm of the National Cotton Council and is led by current PCG President Mark Williams. TCP is comprised of the nine regional cotton producer organizations within Texas.

One of PCG's important industry activities is the identification and promotion of cotton producers who are interested in filling leadership positions within the cotton industry. The Cotton Incorporated/Cotton Board caucus is the culmination of those activities.



"Management of Late Cotton in 2003" Guide Available From TCE & PCG Websites

LUBBOCK, July 18, 2003 By Shawn Wade
Dr. Randy Boman, High Plains Cotton Specialist for the Texas Cooperative Extension (TCE) service, has published an update to the agency's late cotton management guidelines in a new publication titled, "Management of Late Cotton in 2003".

The publication is available from the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center Lubbock's website at: http://lubbock.tamu.edu/focus/july_16/Images/ManagementOfLateCotton.pdf

The publication is also viewable in html format on the PCG website at: <http://www.plainscotton.org/ManageLate03.html>

Highlights of the publication include information on: assessing a late crop's yield and quality potential; encouraging earliness through different management strategies; and addressing the challenges involved in insect management in late cotton.

Texas Producers Visit Mid-South July 26-31

LUBBOCK, July 25, 2003 By Shawn Wade
Cotton Farmers from across the Southwest production region leave July 26 to participate in the 2003 Producer Information Exchange Mid-South Tour.

This year's Southwest Region participants will tour operations across the Mid-South over the next week, returning home July 31.

Tour stops include locations in West Monroe, Louisiana, Portland, Arkansas, Greenville, Mississippi, and Tribbett, Mississippi.

The Producer Information Exchange Tour is sponsored by FMC Corporation and fosters the exchange of information and the creation of friendships among producers throughout the Cotton Belt.



CITY councilman Mark Osborn, wife Diedre and daughter Amy joined the Friona cemetery cleanup.

Friona I.S.D.



2003-2004

First Semester - 85 Days

1st Six Weeks - Aug. 18 - Sept. 30 31 Days
2nd Six Weeks - Oct. 1 - Nov. 5 25 Days
3rd Six Weeks - Nov. 6 - Dec. 19 29 Days

Second Semester - 95 Days

4th Six Weeks - Jan. 6 - Feb. 13 29 Days
5th Six Weeks - Feb. 17 - April 8 33 Days
6th Six Weeks - April 13 - May 27 33 Days

T - TAKS & SDA A TEST

Feb 24th Gr. 4 Writing TAKS
Gr. 4 Writing SDA A
Gr. 4 Spanish Writing TAKS
Gr. 7 Writing TAKS
Gr. 7 Writing SDA A
Gr. 9 Reading TAKS

March 3rd Gr. 10 Eng. Lang. Arts TAKS
Gr. 11 Eng. Lang. Arts TAKS
Gr. 3 Reading TAKS

April 27th Gr. 3 Spanish Reading TAKS
Gr. 3-8 Mathematics TAKS
Gr. 3-6 Spanish Math TAKS
Gr. 3-8 Mathematics TAKS
Gr. 10 Social Studies TAKS
Gr. 11 Mathematics TAKS

April 28th Gr. 4-8 Reading TAKS
Gr. 3-8 Reading SDA A
Gr. 4-6 Spanish Reading TAKS
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Gr. 11 Science TAKS

April 29th Gr. 5 Science TAKS
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WD/SD

August 11 - 15 Staff Development
January 5, 2004 Work Day
May 28, 2004 Work Day

H-Holidays

September 1, 2003 January 1 & 2, 2004
October 13, 2003 January 5, 2004 Students Only
November 27 & 28, 2003 February 16, 2004
December 1, 2003 March 15 - 19, 2004
December 22-31, 2003 April 9 & 12, 2004

GR-Graduation

May 28, 2004

1st Day of a Six Weeks

May 28, 2004

Last Day of a Six Weeks

May 28, 2004

BW - Bad Weather

April 12, 2004 First bad weather day. Holiday
If not used for bad weather
May 28, 2004 If a second day is used, this will
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GOVERNOR VISITS....Lions District Governor Jack King of Amarillo made one of his first "official visits" since he took office on July 1, to the Friona Evening Lions Club last Thursday, July 24. President of the club, Katherine Woodard, introduced the "Lion King."



CITY KIDS Megan Carr and her cousin Caleb Rogers were visiting Friona this summer and got to feed a bottle to Bob the calf. The calf is owned by Jeremy Campbell and is an orphan that has to be fed with a bottle for now.
ron carr photos

David Ring To Speak on August 3rd

Nationally known evangelist, inspirational speaker and humorist, David Ring, will speak at the Hereford Church of the Nazarene at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 3, 2003. Hereford and the surrounding communities are invited to attend.

Ring was born with cerebral palsy in Jonesboro, Arkansas in 1953, the youngest child of a Baptist minister. His early life gave him a strong Christian foundation, but the loss of his father in 1964 and then losing his mother only four years later, threw him into a period of extreme loneliness and depression.

For some time he was handed from one family member to another, drifting away from God, his faith, school and family.

A heart changing event in 1970 provided Ring with the impetus to turn back to God and return to school. He graduated from high school after being named class vice president and manager of the football, basketball and tennis teams. Ring entered the ministry in 1971 and full-time evangelism in 1973.

Ring speaks of the power of Jesus Christ which has helped him overcome extreme physical and emotional obstacles to become a messenger of the gospel.

He graduated from William Jewell Baptist College in 1976. He uses his wit and humor to encourage others to overcome the obstacles in their lives.

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(II Tim 3:16-17)

Have a great week! (TLT)

Friona Chieftain Football 2003 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 16	Panhandle (Scrimmage)	Dick Bivins	10:00 A.M.
Aug. 21	Sanford Fritch/River Road	Here	6:00
Aug. 29	Dimmitt	Here	7:30
Sept. 5	Tulia	Here	7:30
Sept. 12	Post	There	7:30
Sept. 19	Muleshoe^	Here	7:30
Sept. 27	Dalhart	There	2:00
Oct. 3	OPEN		
Oct. 10	Floydada*	There	7:30
Oct. 17	Olton*	Here	7:30
Oct. 24	Hale Center*	There	7:30
Oct. 31	Lockney*	There	7:30
Nov. 7	Abernathy**	Here	7:30

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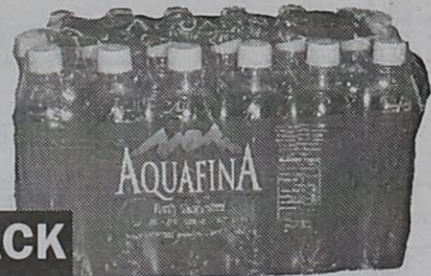
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From August WTRT Co-Op Connection.

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To set up spam filtering of your e-mail, go to the WTRT home page and click on ManageMyAccount at the top middle area of the page.

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When the customer account manager screen appears, click on the spam filter box located on the left side of the screen. You will then be prompted to select spam filter on, and to select your desired priority level. WTRT technicians say a setting of normal or medium will work fine for most folks, without filtering out desirable e-mail. Customers have the option of a low or high

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Should you feel that e-mail you desire to see is being wiped out by the spam filter, you have a means of checking. Filtered spam is normally present on the server for 30 days, then automatically deleted by the system.

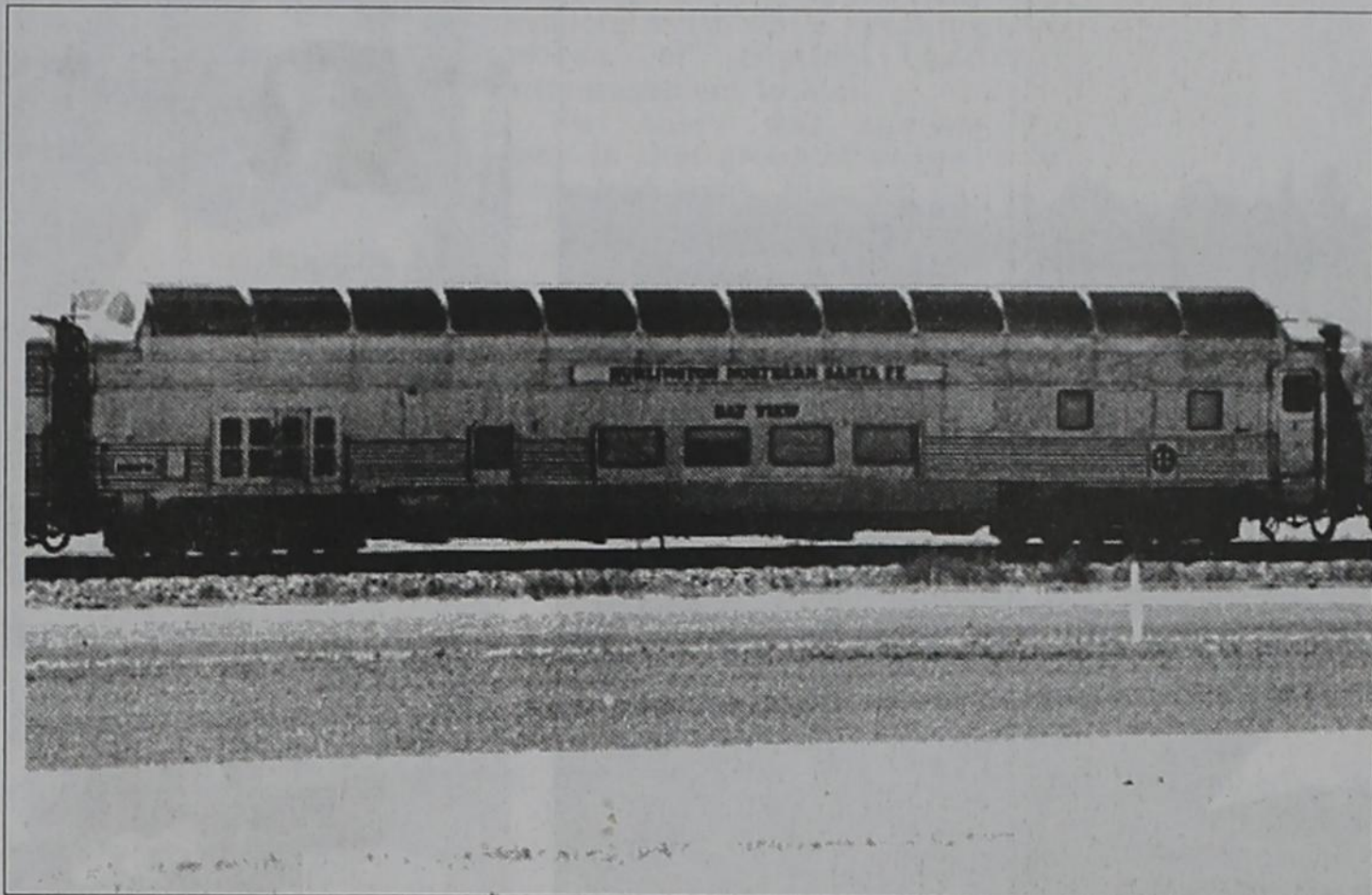
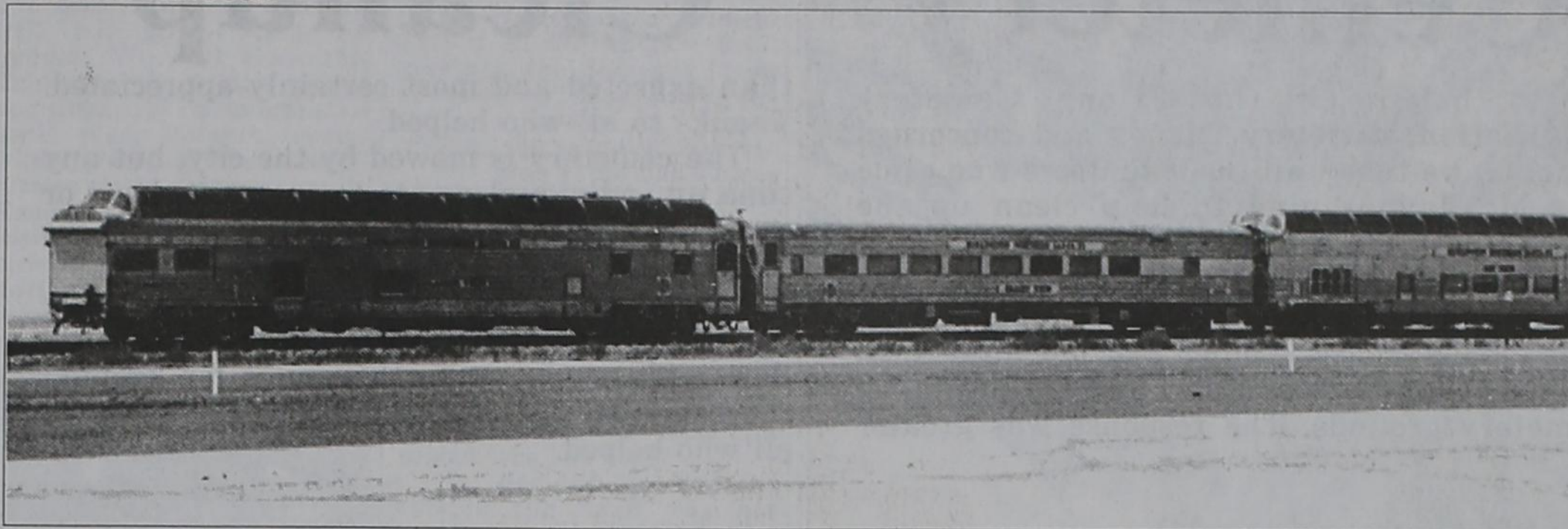
You can check your filtered-out spam mail by going to the WTRT home page and double clicking on the webmail at the top left side of the page. Enter your user name and password, again omitting the @wtrt.net portion of your e-mail address, and typing in lower case. Click OK when ready.

When the Webmail page appears on the screen, click the View Mailbox drop down box on the right side of the screen and click spam.

Spam mail that was filtered out will then appear, allowing you to select any items to read or open up.

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PASSING THROUGH



OUR roving camera caught an unusual county site as railroad passenger cars rolled through. The cars were named Bay View, Glacier View & Valley View and we don't know where they were bound for. Probably California to hook up with Amtrak. It was a nice change of pace from the freight trains.

ron carr photos

Immunization Clinic Schedule Given

Immunization clinics offering the vaccines that give protection against childhood diseases are scheduled for August 2003 in Friona and Bovina.

The clinic in Bovina will be August 18, 2003 in the Bovina School from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

The clinic in Friona will be August 15, 2003 at 616 Euclid from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

All times are subject to change or cancellation due to weather or scheduling conflicts.

Parmer Co. Receives Sales Tax For July

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn sent the July monthly sales tax payments to Texas cities and counties.

Parmer County's July payment totaled \$26,703, broken down as Bovina \$4,664; Farwell \$4,442; and Friona \$17,597. In July, 2002, the tax payment was \$23,046, an increase of 15.86%. However, that number by itself is misleading.

Comparing July, 2003 to July, 2002 tax receipts,

Bovina was up 166.65%, Farwell was up 27.30% and Friona was down -1.18%, accounting for the overall increase in monthly tax revenue.

For the year 2003, Parmer County cities have received a total of \$200,646 compared to \$175,124 for the same period last year. For the year, Bovina tax revenue is up 141.61%; Farwell is up 17.33%; and Friona is down -1.71%.

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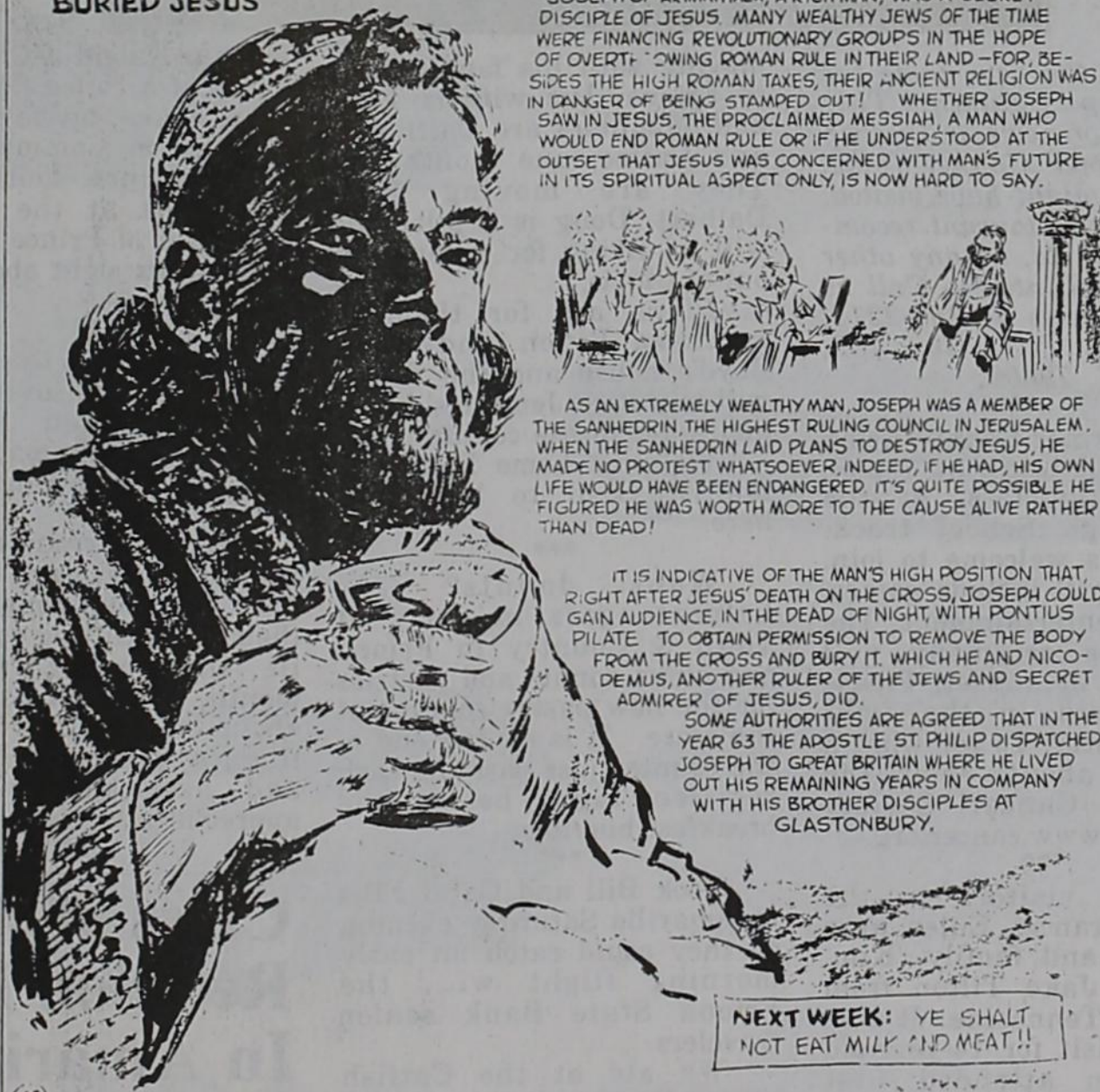
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Facts About The BIBLE BY JOHN LEHTI

THE MAN WHO BURIED JESUS



JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA, A RICH MAN, WAS A SECRET DISCIPLE OF JESUS. MANY WEALTHY JEWS OF THE TIME WERE FINANCING REVOLUTIONARY GROUPS IN THE HOPE OF OVERTHROWING ROMAN RULE IN THEIR LAND - FOR, BESIDES THE HIGH ROMAN TAXES, THEIR ANCIENT RELIGION WAS IN DANGER OF BEING STAMPED OUT! WHETHER JOSEPH SAW IN JESUS, THE PROCLAIMED MESSIAH, A MAN WHO WOULD END ROMAN RULE OR IF HE UNDERSTOOD AT THE OUTSET THAT JESUS WAS CONCERNED WITH MAN'S FUTURE IN ITS SPIRITUAL ASPECT ONLY, IS NOW HARD TO SAY.



AS AN EXTREMELY WEALTHY MAN, JOSEPH WAS A MEMBER OF THE SANHEDRIN, THE HIGHEST RULING COUNCIL IN JERUSALEM. WHEN THE SANHEDRIN LAID PLANS TO DESTROY JESUS, HE MADE NO PROTEST WHATSOEVER, INDEED, IF HE HAD, HIS OWN LIFE WOULD HAVE BEEN ENDANGERED. IT'S QUITE POSSIBLE HE FIGURED HE WAS WORTH MORE TO THE CAUSE ALIVE RATHER THAN DEAD!

IT IS INDICATIVE OF THE MAN'S HIGH POSITION THAT, RIGHT AFTER JESUS' DEATH ON THE CROSS, JOSEPH COULD GAIN AUDIENCE, IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT, WITH PONTIUS PILATE TO OBTAIN PERMISSION TO REMOVE THE BODY FROM THE CROSS AND BURY IT, WHICH HE AND NICODEMUS, ANOTHER RULER OF THE JEWS AND SECRET ADMIRER OF JESUS, DID. SOME AUTHORITIES ARE AGREED THAT IN THE YEAR 63 THE APOSTLE ST. PHILIP DISPATCHED JOSEPH TO GREAT BRITAIN WHERE HE LIVED OUT HIS REMAINING YEARS IN COMPANY WITH HIS BROTHER DISCIPLES AT GLASTONBURY.

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Cemetery Cleanup

On behalf of the Friona Cemetery Association, cemetery friends and concerned citizens, we thank all the volunteers who came out Monday evening to help clean up the cemetery.

The effort was a great success as people brought weedeaters, hoes, rakes and shovels and elbow grease. Young and old alike took part in the effort to clean and maintain the cemetery grounds. The response was greater

than expected and most certainly appreciated. Thanks to all who helped.

The cemetery is mowed by the city, but any time an individual wants to spend an hour or so with a weedeater, trimming areas where mowers can't reach, please do so.

The Cemetery Association is developing guidelines governing cemetery maintenance, flower placement and other rules for keeping the cemetery looking good. Thanks again to all who helped.



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The Sun Sets on the Monday Workday at the Friona Cemetery



Holly Campbell



Richard Samarron



Mary Johnston, Sharon White & Clydie Black



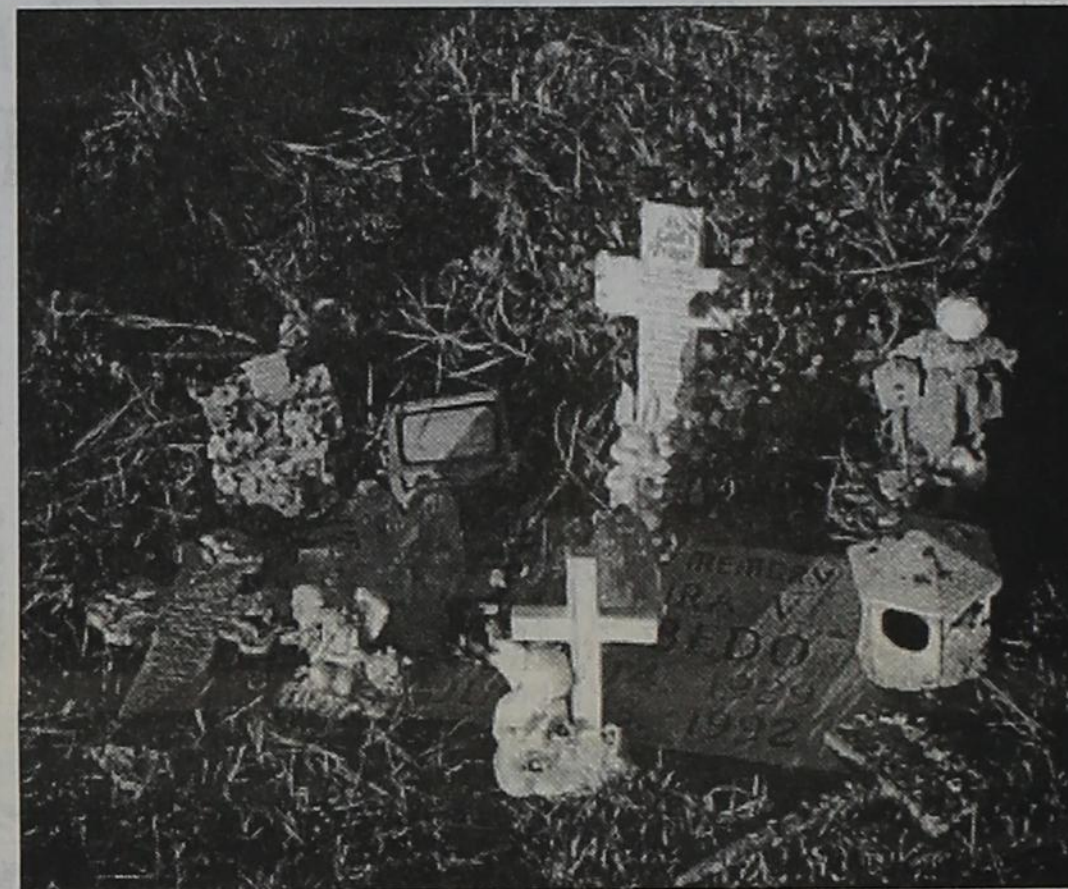
John Fred White, Cemetery Association President, Trims Grass at Monday's Workday



Alex Gurley & Methodist Youth Minister Tommy Seawright



Many Volunteers Came Out To Help



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• DUMMY ROPING CONTEST
• GOAT BRANDING

1:00 P.M. - SLAB COLGATE COUNTRY SHOWDOWN

7:00 P.M. - 8:15 P.M. - JAKE LOPEZ CENTER
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SQUARE DANCING THURSDAY 6 - 8 P.M.

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People & Places

This is the new name for our Gossip Column. This feature is for news and gossip about Parmer County folks, places you might have visited, shopping or restaurant recommendations, etc. or any other stuff of local interest. Call us with your news at 250-2211, or mail to P.O. Box 789, Friona, TX, 79009.

The Parmer County Relay for Life will begin at 7 p.m. Friday, August 8, at the Friona High School track. Everyone is welcome to join. Activities will include games, food, and entertainment. The Luminarias ceremony will take place at sunset. Please plan to join in the fight against cancer. To see what a Relay is about, visit the American Cancer Society website at www.cancer.org.

Recent visitors in the home of Frances Euler were her niece and family, Kim, Russ and Jake Tilton from Memphis, Tennessee. It was the first visit for 14-year-old Jake. Kim attended first grade in Friona and is the daughter of the late Ed Young, Frances' brother.

Ed worked for Bernie Gowen and was a CPA. Kim's mother Betty lives in Memphis. Russ is a policeman in Friona, also lives in Memphis with her husband and children Maggie, 19, Abby & Ben, 7, and stepson Lew, 21.

The Friona High School Class of 1978 recently had a 25-year reunion in Amarillo. Classmates gathered at the Country Barn for a barbecue dinner and visiting. More about the reunion is in a story elsewhere in today's paper.

We have learned that Doug Carthel, brother of Don and son of Bill, will be

moving with his family back to Friona. His wife is Traci and daughters are Caitlin, 3, and Caille, one month old. They are moving from Dalhart. Doug is a pilot and will be flying for a company out of Clovis.

Plans are for them to purchase Byron and Carol Boyd's house and the Boyd's will buy Rick Jennings' house and move to the country. Welcome home Doug and family. Glad to have you here.

Want donuts? Joe Lafuente goes in early at Town & Country in Friona and cooks donuts and pastries for the new pastry counter at the store. It is on the end of the counter just past the cash register, right beside the breakfast burritos.

Took Bill and Carol Ellis to Amarillo Saturday evening so they could catch an early morning flight with the Friona State Bank senior travelers.

We ate at the Catfish Shack. Nice old laid back spot with lots of 50s & 60s memorabilia on the walls, including Buddy Holly and Elvis. Our friendly waitress had a T-shirt that read "Reel Men Eat More Fish."

We gorged on fried catfish, stuffed jalapenos, red beans, baked potatoes, corn, spinach, tartar sauce, iced tea and topped it off with key lime pie with pecan crust. The crust is worth the price. Deborah does the cooking.

Head to Amarillo, take the Western exit, turn left toward I-40, then right on Paramount (near Michael's). About two blocks on your right. Catfish Shack. If you like seafood and moderate prices, you'll like it.

With my 12-year-old Megan visiting, we stopped off at Kaleid-A-Scoops in Clovis. The ice cream parlor offers single or double dips, waffle cones or cups and

serves a Kaleid-A-Chill which is sort of a coffee flavored ice cream shake, my favorite.

It is on Commerce Way, just off Prince, south of 21st. Turn west at the stoplight just south of Prince and 21st. It's on your right about half a block.

Sympathy to Dorothy Stowers of Bovina. Her brother passed away in Beaver, Oklahoma, after a long battle with cancer.

The Samarron brothers in Friona, Richard and Jose, still need sponsor donations for their weightlifting competition in Oklahoma City next month. They tell us they are about \$600 short of funds to finance the trip. Donations and assistance would be appreciated.

Class of '78 Reunion Held In Amarillo

The Friona High School Class of 1978 recently had a 25 year reunion in Amarillo. Classmates gathered at the Country Barn for a barbeque dinner and visiting. Though it was a sparse crowd, those in attendance had a great time!

Class members in attendance were Ted Lindeman of Crown Point, New Mexico; Kathy (Martin) Stone of Slaton; Mark Edelman of Austin; Robin (Zetzsche) Crunclenton of San Antonio; Rick Jackson, Perry Church and John Spring of Canyon; Brian Gore and Jeff Whiteside of Amarillo, as well as Jody Lewellen, Terry Sharrock and Barbara (Rhodes) Grimsley of Friona.

The group will be meeting again for the 30 year reunion planned in Friona during the Maize Days celebration. Those who were unable to attend were missed!!!! We hope to see everyone in five years!!

Veterans Health Care Funding Slaughtered in Rush for Pork

By RONALD F. CONLEY
On July 15, the U.S. House of Representatives broke faith with our nation's veterans by removing \$1.8 billion from the VA medical appropriations bill it had agreed to in April.

At a time when our nation is engaged in a worldwide war on terrorism, and 200,000 veterans from previous wars are still standing in line for medical care, the Congress of the United States decided that funding 1,000 pork barrel projects was more important than ensuring that veterans receive timely, quality health care. Where in the name of God are their priorities?

We have money to pay for a statue of the Roman god Vulcan in Birmingham, Alabama. We have money to pay for a bike trail in North Dakota. We have money to fund a Nevada helicopter company that performs Elvis impersonator weddings. And yet we have neither the heart nor the will to ensure that all United States veterans receive the medical care they earned and we owe them. This is outrageous and I can not believe the American people will stand for this.

During the past year, I've visited more than 60 VA hospitals. Last month I visited a military hospital in Germany that was receiving three plane loads of wounded veterans a day. Last week I visited several hundred more wounded soldiers at Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, DC. I have never met such patriotic, dedicated and committed young men.

To a man, each wanted to be back in Iraq with his buddies, with his unit. One young man from Micronesia, who had lost both legs and an arm, was just staring at the ceiling, obviously wondering how he would be able to cope with living. Another young man from Pennsylvania wasn't staring at anything. He was blind. One leg had been amputated and his arm mangled. Another had his leg crushed by a tank.

Each of them, like thousands of their brothers and sisters in previous wars, was passing through Walter Reed on their way, eventually, to a VA hospital, joining those in the long, long line waiting for care because the system is desperately underfunded.

I suggest that Congress make a point of visiting Walter Reed and the local VA hospitals in Washington ----- they're right up the street from where they voted yesterday to decimate the VA medical budget. These men and women are not merely numbers; they're not merely statistics. They are the human toll taken by war, and we owe them first priority in any budget decision made on behalf of the American people.

The inevitable result of Congress ignoring its duty and breaking its promise will be deprivation for those who have paid the price for freedom. I can't help but wonder what is happening to the moral fiber of our country when those we have elected turn their backs on the bravest of the brave.

In 2004, the United States will be dedicating a memorial to the 16 million men and women who fought in World War II. We already have memorials for the 15 million who fought in Korea and Vietnam. Today, we have soldiers in more than 130 countries waging a war on terrorism whose end is not yet in sight.

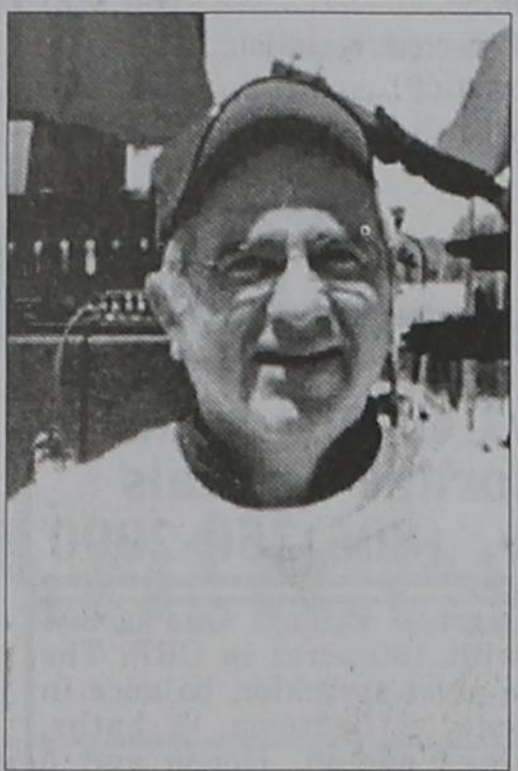
During the past 60 years, nearly every family in America has sent one or more of their sons and daughters to fight somewhere in defense of freedom. Don't you think that the very least we owe them is adequate medical care provided in a timely manner?

No community is untouched by war. Somewhere in your neighborhood there flies a Blue Star Banner, or Gold Star Banner, signifying a sacrifice made by a family on the altar of freedom. Do you think that these families ----- do you think that these Americans ----- will stand idly

by while Congress refuses to fully care for those who bore the battle?

I don't think so. America will not accept this VA budget. We will take this fight directly to the people and there will be no armistice until every veteran, everywhere, receives the medical care so richly deserved.

Ronald F. Conley is national commander of the 2.8-million member American Legion, the nation's largest veterans organization.



FATHER KEN KELLER is the new priest serving the St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina. He is filling in for Father Juan Carlos who is on a temporary leave of absence.

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Soldier's Story

Submitted by CLARE BLANCO
At Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington D.C., recently, the Sergeant Major of the Army, Jack Tilley, was with a group of people visiting the wounded soldiers.

He saw a Special Forces soldier who had lost his right hand and suffered severe wounds of his face and side of his body. The SMA wanted to honor him and show him respect without offending, but what can you say or do in such a situation that will encourage and uplift? How do you shake the right hand of a soldier who has none?

He decided to act as though the hand was not missing and gripped the soldier's wrist while speaking words of comfort and encouragement to him.

But there was another man in that group of visitors who had even brought his wife with him to visit the wounded, who knew exactly what to do.

This man reverently took the soldier's stump of a hand in both of his hands, bowed at the bedside and prayed for him. When he finished the prayer he stood up, bent over the soldier and kissed him on the head and told him that he loved him.

What a powerful expression of love for one of our wounded heroes! And what a beautiful Christ-like example! What kind of a man would do such a thing?

It was the wounded man's Commander-in-Chief, George W. Bush; President of the United States.

This story was told by the SMA at a Soldiers Breakfast in Red Arsenal, Alabama, and recorded by Chaplain James Henderson, stationed there.



CYNTHIA, LEILANI MALIAH, AND ABEL ESCOBEDO

Abel & Cynthia Escobedo Welcome First Baby Girl

Abel and Cynthia Escobedo, of Friona, are the new, proud parents of a baby girl.

The Escobedos named the new addition to their family Leilani Maliah, a hawaiian name meaning "heavenly".

Leilani Maliah was born on June 30, 2003 at 1:06 a.m. and weighed seven pounds, eight ounces and was 20 inches long. She was delivered by Dr. Alexander at the Plains Regional

Medical Center in Clovis. Her proud grandparents are Javier and Delia Arpero of Friona, Kathy Finely of Amarillo, and Marcos Escobedo of Dumas.

Her great-grandmother, Eva Silva, of Friona, is the first generation, Delia is the second, Cynthia is the third, and now Leilani is the fourth generation.

Abel and Cynthia are Friona High School graduates.

Harrington Breast Cancer Center 101 Has A New Look!

AMARILLO--In an attempt to better serve our patients, The Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has revamped the Breast Cancer 101 support group. Breast Cancer 101 is a support group for women who are currently receiving treatment for breast cancer. What was formerly a monthly support group is now a four part cancer education series with a different topic discussed every week. The series repeats the same topics each month. The August schedule is:
August 4th - 4:30-5:30 p.m. Breast Cancer Overview and Surgical Options
August 11th - 4:30-5:30 p.m. Chemotherapy and Radiation Therapy for Breast Cancer
August 18th - 5:30-7:00 p.m. "Women In Touch" Support Group - (Different topic each month)
August 25th - 5:30-6:30 p.m. Body Image and Sexuality (spouses invited)
All classes meet in the Harrington Cancer Center Amphitheatre. For more information, contact Nancy Rudolph, Breast Health Nurse Navigator at (806) 359-4673, ext. 173.





FOUR GENERATIONS: EVA SILVA, DELIA ARPERO, CYNTHIA ESCOBEDO, AND LEILANI MALIAH.

TAB Responds to Criticism Of TDI's Proposed Prompt Pay

The Texas Association of Business (TAB) today responded to criticism aimed at the Texas Department of Insurance's proposed rules on prompt pay. "With all due respect to the Texas House members who are distributing a letter claiming these proposed rules will 'gut the legislation', I must sincerely disagree with their assessment", said Bill Hammond, President and CEO of TAB.

The Texas Association of Business believes that this legislation clearly states that verification is in effect a guarantee of payment, and therefore it is certainly correct to allow insurance carriers, on behalf of Texas employers, a reasonable amount of time to verify coverage.

"The department should be commended for taking a balanced approach to the rule making process," Hammond said. "TDI has allowed all interested parties to participate in the discussions and has provided a fair process for all. If the provider community is successful in amending these equitable rules, there is no doubt that health care costs will increase even further because insurance companies will be forced to agree to pay, sight-unseen, all future medical claims, with no limit on the services provided nor the amount billed for those services."


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Edward Jones Ranked Highest In National Study

Edward Jones is among the best advocates for its customers, according to a recently released national research study of U.S. financial-services firms.

Edward Jones, the highest-ranking brokerage named on the list, placed second in the customer advocacy ranking released July 9 by Forrester Research, an independent research company that identifies and analyzes trends in technology and their impact on business.

The "Winning the Changing Financial Consumer" study found that "customer advocacy (was) touted as (the) primary attribute in driving retention and satisfaction of financial consumers." In the report, customer advocacy is defined as offering products and services "that are best for the customer, not just for the firm's bottom line."

"Doing what's right for the customer is our guiding principle," said John W. Bachman, managing partner of Edward Jones. "We deliver one-on-one service to serious, long-term, individual investors to help them achieve their financial goals."

Edward Jones does not offer aggressive investment products like options, commodities or penny stocks, nor does the firm sell its own line of proprietary products. The report praises Edward Jones for imposing "strict discipline on transactions like margin and options trading."

Forrester Research since 1997 surveyed nearly one million U.S. consumers to identify their primary provider of investment products and then asked a variety of questions to assess how well they trusted their firm.

Three factors distinguish the financial-services firms that fall into the leader category, according to the report. "A cohesive company culture plays an important role in how a firm is graded on the customer advocacy scale. Firms that have grown organically, rather than through acquisitions, are better able to maintain a unified culture and are thus seen as more effective customer advocates."

Tracing its roots to 1871, Edward Jones is a private partnership owned by its associates. Its more than 9,000 investment representatives in the U.S., and through its affiliates in Canada and the United Kingdom, provide face-to-face personal service by discussing their clients' individual investment needs on a one-on-one basis. The firm's strong culture and values of putting the client first, respecting history, values and culture and working in partnership to achieve results enable its associates to focus clearly on its objective of serving the individual investor.

"Secondly, firms that do business with many consumers directly receive higher marks for customer advocacy," the report continues. "Those firms that rely on brokers and agents should invest heavily in training, so that customers are offered products and guidance that serves their best interests."

Firms that rely on technology to serve their clients' best interests score high on the customer advocacy scale as well, the report said.

Recognized by Training Magazine for its extensive training program, Edward Jones spends three percent of its payroll on associate training. "Edward Jones, for example, spends more on training its investment reps than any other firm in the industry," the Forrester report said. The firm invests between \$75,000 and \$100,000 in training its new investment representatives. Additionally, Computer World magazine for the last two years identified Edward Jones as one of the Best Places to Work for Information Technology professionals. And for the second consecutive year, Edward Jones received the No. 1 ranking by Fortune magazine in its annual listing of the "100 Best Companies to Work For" in America. The Hereford Edward Jones investment representatives are Kevin Knight at 117 E. 4th Street and Tom Edwards at 508 S. 25 Mile Avenue.



GREG HAZELWOOD is new to the Friona coaching staff. He moves to Friona from Indiana but has coached in the Panhandle before and attended WTAMU. He will coach 7th grade boys football and basketball, serve as an assistant varsity football coach and assistant varsity baseball coach. Welcome to Chieftain Country Greg.

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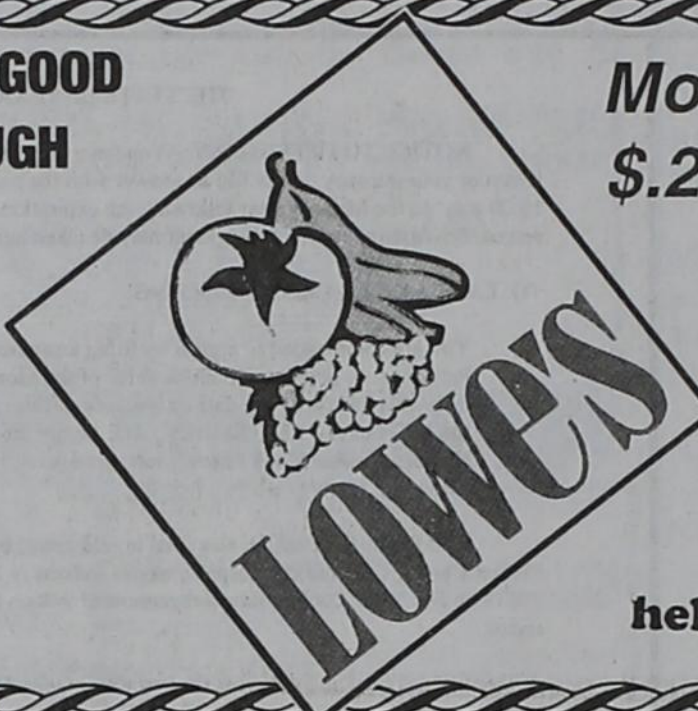
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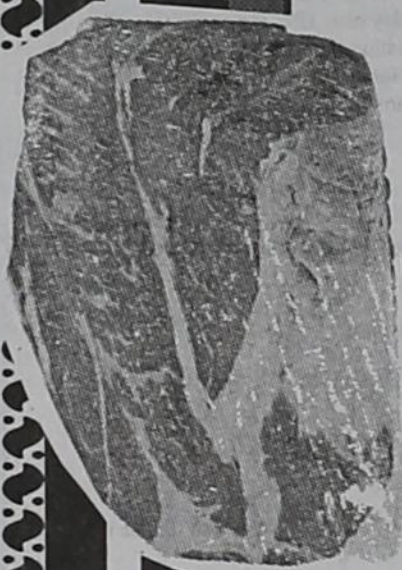


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