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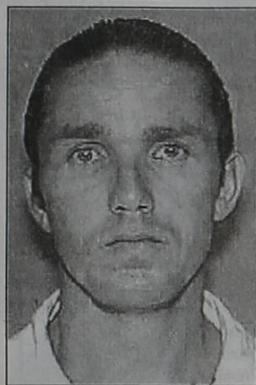
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Hostage Crisis Ends With Gunman Dead

BY RON CARR

Sunday afternoon. He was killed in a white pickup. the bathroom window at the home Place in Friona by a Lubbock SWAT Team marksman.



Robby Lynn Vaughn

It was an unlikely place to die but a predictable ending to the turbulent, unpredictable life of the 37-year-old Muleshoe man. Vaughn, wanted on probation violation warrants, shot at DPS Trooper Eustacio Galvan in Hale County about 4 p.m. Saturday, March 20, during a traffic stop attempt. The trooper fired back and gave chase. In Swisher County Trooper Galvan wrecked his patrol unit and Vaughn escaped in the Mitsubishi Galant, now with a shattered rear window. (Trooper Galvan has since been

released from a Plainview hospital.) A DPS air and ground manhunt was launched. Area law enforcement agencies were notified that Vaughn might be headed to either Lubbock or Muleshoe. A girlfriend riding with Vaughn had bailed out of the car early in the chase and contacted law enforcement officers soon after.

Parmer County Sheriff Randy Geries and some of his deputies along with several local DPS Troopers began a patrol of south Parmer County and the Lazbuddie area near Muleshoe. Bailey County law enforcement was also on the lookout for Vaughn.

He showed up in the county sometime around dark in a white Chevy Tahoe that he had apparently stolen in the Tulia area. He

A single shot fired from a roof left the Tahoe behind some cedars tered the foyer of the residence ended the 24-hour rampage and at the barn of Dee and Connie and had voice contact with Vaughn the life of Robby Lynn Vaughn Willard southeast of Hub and took who remained in the basement with

of a Baptist preacher on W. 9th still scouring the countryside, for syringes and morphine. In ad-Vaughn stole a Mercury Sable, a minivan, and a GMC pickup in with him but had lost his syringes. quick succession. He made his way into Friona in the minivan where enough morphine to kill himself.) he confiscated the pickup.

on the city outskirts headed west tal. He entered the residence inside and gave chase. For some reason Vaughn circled behind the Case Dealership on west Highway 60 and headed back into Friona. Led by Sgt. Joe Lopez, the Friona officers pursued Vaughn, who fired 6-8 shots from his Glock pistol at them as they re-entered the city limits. Lopez's cruiser was hit on the rear passenger side fender.

The chase wound around on various streets including Grand, 7th and 8th before Vaughn stopped the truck on 8th street in the front yard of the Gary Hand residence. He bailed out with weapons in hand, into the alley between 8th and 9th Place. Two houses down he entered the backyard of the First Baptist Church parsonage where Rev. Mark Stovall, wife Debbie and daughter Hannah were relaxing and doing laundry after returning home that day from a spring break vacation.

Vaughn burst in the back door dose. where Hannah, a Friona high school freshman, was folding clothes in the utility room. Mark and Debbie were at the kitchen table working a puzzle when he heard the commotion and went to investigate. Mark said he asked Vaughn, "What do you want and how can we help you?"

Vaughn told the family he would not hurt them, ordered them into the basement, and told Mark Stovall to call 911. "He told me to call the police and tell them he would not hurt us and the police should back away."

Friona police, Sheriff's deputies, and DPS Troopers had arrived by then and surrounded the house. Within about 10 minutes, at the parents' urging, Vaughn let the daughter go.

Parmer County Sheriff Randy Geries established phone contact and began to negotiate the release of Debbie Stovall. Geries also en-

the Stovalls. Vaughn agreed to re-From that point, with officers lease Debbie Stovall in exchange dition to his guns, he had drugs (He told Mark Stovall he wanted

Geries brought syringes and Friona police spotted the truck morphine procured from the hospithe front door, Vaughn let Debbie Stovall come up from the basement and bring the syringes back to him, then she was released to Geries and the officers. According to official estimates her release took place within the first 1-2 hours of the standoff.

During Geries' entry into the foyer of the home, DPS trooper Trey Ellis was positioned in the garage and other officers had strategic locations around the house.

Mark Stovall said he and Vaughn remained in the basement where they talked to Geries on and off until about 1 a.m. Stovall said Vaughn's demeanor alternated between remorse and sorrow during which they prayed and he cried, to extreme and obscene anger toward all police and law enforcement. He told Stovall he blamed the police for the death of one of his brothers who had died of a drug over-

(Continued on page 5)



K. Gurley Is Write-In For Co. Attorney

Friona attorney Kathryn Gurley has announced as a write-in candidate for Parmer County Attorney in the November 9 national elec-

To be certified as a write-in candidate Mrs. Gurley needed at least 50 signatures on a petition. That was accomplished this week and she has turned in the petition for certification.

"I just thought the people of Parmer County should have a choice," she said. "Farwell has been in charge for too long. If I had known Charles (Aycock) was not going to run I would have signed on as a candidate in the primary election."

Long time County Attorney Charles Aycock announced as a candidate in the last primary election and was listed on the ballot along with Jeff Actkinson who was serving as assistant county attorney and had purchased Aycock's law practice a couple of years ago.

Aycock accepted an appointment from Gov. Rick Perry to serve on the Pardons and Parole Board so he withdrew from the primary election leaving Actkinson unop-

president of the Friona School Board and is the city attorney for the City of Bovina.



SWAT TEAM marksmen take a rooftop position as officials prepare to end the standoff in Friona Sunday, March 21. ron carr photo



PARMER COUNTY Sheriff Randy Geries and Friona Police Chief Royce Goodson conduct a press conference after the fatal standoff ended Sunday. ron carr photo

FHS Senior Steak Dinner On April 4

The Friona High School senior class of 2004 is holding their 'Senior Steak Dinner' on Sunday, April 4, 2004 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Friona Jr. High Cafeteria.

You can purchase advance tickets from any FHS senior or buy tickets at the door. Advance tickets are \$9.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children. At the door tickets will be \$10.00 for adults and \$8.00 for children. The dinner will include steak, baked potato, salad, rolls, homemade dessert, and drink Take-outs will be available.

Carol Ellis In Panhandle Press Hall of Fame

Carol Ellis will become the sixth woman inducted into the Panhandle Press Association's Hall of Fame. She will be honored along with three others at the Hall of Fame induction dinner Friday evening, March 26, during the PPA annual convention at the Ambassador Hotel

in Amarillo. Bill Ellis received similar honors three years ago. Bill and Carol will be just the second husband-wife publishing team to be honored by the press association which has been in existence since the early part of

last century. Carol will be the 27th person inducted in the PPA's "living journalist" category. Bill was the 21st "living journalist" inductee.

She has worked at the Muleshoe Journal, Lubbock Avalanche-Journal, and of course was co-owner and co-



CAROL ELLIS

publisher of the Friona Star/ Bovina Blade for over 40 years. Carol has done virtually ev-

erything there is to do while serving as a "low paid" co-publisher with Bill. She particularly enjoyed doing advertising layout and has won several awards in the layout competition from the Panhandle Press Assn, West Texas Press Assn, and Texas Press Assn.

In addition her artistic touch played a major part in several awards the paper received in the Special Edition category. Her best contribution was her "My Turn" column which she wrote for 20 years on a rotation with Bill's column.

Congratulations to Carol on the recognition received from her peers in the newspaper industry and her well-deserved spot in the Panhandle Press Association Hall of Fame.



Plans are currently underway for the Heritage Society's annual Spring Luncheons in the Depot. Tickets will be on sale soon at the Chamber of Commerce office for the four luncheons to be held during the month of April. Dates this year are April 8, 15, 22, and 29, always on Thursday.

Seating is limited to ticket-holders only. These tickets always go pretty fast, so call the Chamber at 250-3491 right away to reserve your place for one of the luncheons at \$12.00 per

Hint...April is "Secretaries' Month" and quite a few of the bosses around town give luncheon tickets to their office ladies as a token of appreciation for their good work.

"Jewels of Friona" has been chosen as the theme for the four April luncheons, featuring arts and crafts made by several talented local people. There will also be musical entertainment for each luncheon. The displays, entertainment and menu for the luncheons are always most inter-

These four luncheon events comprise the Heritage Society's major charity fund-raising for the year. This non-profit organization over-sees the maintenance and ongoing renovation of the historic old Santa Fe Depot Building in the center of the Friona City Park.

The Depot is available to rent for any type of civic function. Contact Lois Norwood at 250-3209.

Gurley is currently serving as



OUT HERE

by Ron Carr

He Had One Last Chance!

Debbie and Mark Stovall be- tattooed, high-on-drugs, stranger in lieve that it was God's plan for Robby Lynn Vaughn to spend the final hours of his life at their house.

"We believe God led him here," Debbie said. We were standing in their front yard on 9th Place Monday morning. She and Mark and Hannah were walking around doing nothing in particular. Picking and there. They couldn't stay inside the house for very long. The Hannah," she said. tear gas still lingered and after a burn would set in again.

Spring Cleaning Could Cost You!

gets out of the truck for two reasons: lunch and if the truck is on fire.

dumpster are always still there after the truck has gone? Why is that?

doesn't go in their truck. And the city does not pick it up either.

thoughts: replace that old TV or love seat.

neat or the trash police will be by to see you.

We are kidding, of course, to make a point: have you noticed the

The nice BFI drivers do not get out of the truck to toss the old water

large articles you drag out to the alley and put beside the trash

heater or coffee table you left leaning on the dumpster. They don't get

out of the truck to pick up your trash. If it isn't in the dumpster it

like painting, planting, and remodeling. Spring weather brings shopping

rules. If you leave stuff on the ground beside a dumpster and the city of

ticket. The fine in Judge Eddie Mays' municipal court can be up to \$500. And you folks who live outside the city limits are not allowed to haul

your trash into town and put it in a dumpster. If you are spotted you

dumpster either. Such as paint, oil, appliances, furniture items, or heavy

construction materials. The city maintains a roll-off box at the city barn

And don't forget to wave at the nice BFI driver! He'll be in the truck.

Friona can trace it to you, they can issue you a citation, just like a traffic

We thought it would be appropriate to remind you of a few trash

Editorial

your house, with guns in each hand ordering you to the basement, they did what a church family would do. They tried to help.

"God sent him to our house," the preacher's wife said. "He needed one more chance to hear the truth." She got out of the house within the first hour. "He up a bit of left over debris here said I could go and Mark told me he needed me to go and be with

couple of minutes eye and throat Mark Stovall and Robby Lynn Vaughn sat and knelt and prayed The Stovalls had an opportu- and talked together in the confines nity to witness to Robby Lynn of the small basement. Mark expe-Vaughn during his fatal visit to rienced fear and trembling. Mark their house. After the initial terror said "At one point Robby looked of suddenly finding a longhaired, at me and said, 'do you always

shake like that preacher?"

The Reverend sat by while with it." Robby injected drugs and comguns. "He handed me the pistol once." Mark said. "I figured it was check." It was empty.

told him that after he got out of prayed together. "He got down on prison he had stayed straight for his knees and I laid hands on him During the next 3-4 hours, Rev. a job and a nice girlfriend. "Then and asked for forgiveness. He the needle took over again" he wanted me to talk to his mother told Mark. "He said he had been and girlfriend." dealing and shooting methamphetamine steadily for the last year."

judged," he said, "whether it was police said the money was prob-The driver of the BFI waste disposal truck that empties your dumpster standing before God." He told him didn't belong to him. "God's judgment is harsh and everlasting. You could do worse than ings now. "It is closure for us that going back to prison."

ers see their best advice and counsel being ignored to some extent. But preachers preach and teach. The Stovalls believe Robby needed It is spring and handymen everywhere will be tackling spring projects to hear the truth: "we make choices way is the right choice. He is a enough. loving and just God."

said, "he made the choice and defi- to heaven or hell. Some joke that nitely paid the consequences." he finally let Rev. Mark go be-Over time, no doubt preachers be- cause he was tired of all the come accustomed to their messages preaching. can also get a potential \$500 fine. On second thought, the city could being ignored.

They said, "We know now he There are also items that you are not supposed to put inside the lied to us about everything. He said he wouldn't hurt our house and he wouldn't steal. But he did. to dispose of heavier furniture or appliances. Police your alley. Keep it He went through our jewelry, took Mark's watch and passport and our checkbook. He gathered our

stuff together like he was leaving

At one point Sunday, Vaughn plained that the needle was too did go out to the garage in an big. At one point they talked about effort to leave in the family car but police blocked him in.

Debbie said, "He had a thouempty but I was too scared to sand opportunities that night to give up, to make the right choice." In another confession, Vaughn In the basement Mark said they two years. Clean, sober, even had and prayed for his soul. He cried

As Rev. Stovall left the house, Robby Vaughn gave him a roll of Before moving to Friona, Mark money, \$500 he said, and asked had spent several years in prison the preacher to see that his girlministry. He was familiar with the friend got it. Later the next day he prison atmosphere where Vaughn gave the money to the police. One had spent 10 years of his life. "I of Vaughn's recent crimes was forgtold him he was going to be ery. He had forged checks. The by the authority here on earth, or ably gotten with forged checks and

I asked Debbie about their feelhe is dead," she told me. "We did I'm sure that every week preach- our best to talk to him. Now that he is dead we don't have to go to trial, to be witnesses, or to see him face-to-face again."

I guess, in the end, we all need to feel like we did our best. But and pay the consequences. God's often even our best is not good

In the end no one knows "After we left the house," she whether Robby Lynn Vaughn went

Maybe so. We'll never know.



Letters to the Editor

Dear Friona Star:

In 1746, Benjamin Franklin wrote in Poor Richard's Almanac, "When the well runs dry, then we know the worth of water!" We, as a nation, still face the challenge of conserving our limited surface and ground water resources more than 250 years later.

In September 1951, area residents and the state legislature created the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 to conserve, preserve, and protect the ground water resources of the Ogallala and other aquifers within its boundaries. We are indebted to A.L. Black and other early water leaders in our region for their foresight and vision.

As stated in your March 11, 2004 front-page column, the water district worked with producers in the 1960s and 1970s to halt irrigation tailwater waste. V-notch weirs were set out to measure tailwater losses as it flooded county roadside ditches. Flood gauges and signs converting inches of water to gallons of water per minute were also posted so. that producers could see exactly how much water was wasted as tailwater. One of the water district's first "tailwater return pit" test sites was on the Mabry farm one mile south of the Hub community. Today, the district receives very few tailwater complaints.

The state legislature and local elected officials have repeatedly states that "ground water conservation districts are the preferred method of ground water management in Texas." We encourage our constituents' input and comments as our district directors, county secretaries, county committee members, and staff, strive to meet this directive.

Many water conservation challenges and opportunities exist today in our region. Our agricultural producers have done a good job in improving their application efficiencies through adoption of new irrigation technologies, such as center pivots and subsurface drip irrigation. The High Plains Water District is working with the urban sector to make changes in daily water use habits that can help extend the life of our surface and ground water supplies. For the past several years, students at Friona Elementary School have participated in the Learning To Be Water Wise water conservation education program sponsored by the water district.

Our agency believes that water conservation is best accomplished through public education. We invite your readers to contact the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District's Lubbock office at (806) 762-0181 or visit our website (www.hpwd.com) for agricultural and urban water conservation information.

Sincerely, Jim Conkwright, Manager

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Coming April 1

Friona State Bank will have a new web page. Watch for changes and (we hope you'll agree) improvement. Next week we'll tell you more.

Internet Banking

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Browser - a software application used to locate and display web pages, such as Microsoft Internet Explorer and Netscape Navigator

Click - tap, or press and release quickly on a mouse button usually the left button. Sometimes you'll right click but left click is normally used.

Homepage - the main, front of first page of a website, typically has an index or table of contents.

Link - a word or picture that can be clicked to explore more

Log-On - a procedure for making a computer or network recognize you so that you can begin a computer session, using, normally some form of your name and a password.

On-Line - using the Internet

Scroll - move the mouse so that the arrow moves throughout the document

URL - stands for "uniform resource locator", but it means a web address, Friona State Bank's URL is frionastatebank.com

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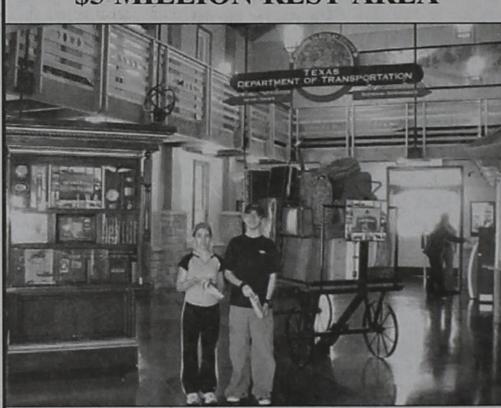
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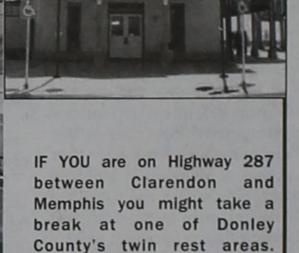
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his kids took a break there on their way to Childress. ron carr photos



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Parmer County Receives Sales Tax For March '04

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton was \$21,489. Strayhorn sent March sales tax payments of \$206.1 million to Texas March 2004 tax receipts, Bovina cities, up 9.3 percent compared to March 2003. Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$17.4 million, up 4.1 percent compared to one year ago. Calendar year-toare 6.5 percent higher than last

March 2003, the tax payment total county.

Comparing March 2003 to

was down -2.98%, Farwell was up 11.40%, and Friona was up 61.27%, accounting for the overall increase in monthly tax revenue of 36.83%.

For the year 2004, Parmer date, county sales tax allocations County cities have received a total of \$103,158 compared to \$88,650 for the same period last year. For Parmer County's March 2004 the year, Bovina tax revenue is payment totaled \$29,403, broken down -8.80%, Farwell is up 14.43%, down as Bovina \$4,817; Farwell and Friona is up 24.66%, for an \$4,608; and Friona \$19,979. In overall increase of 16.36% for the

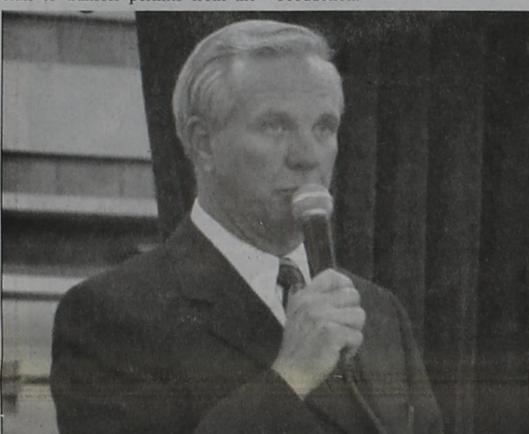
Cargill Crop Acquires Wingate Creek Mine

quisition of Wingate Creek Mine from Nu-Gulf-Wingate Holdings, LLC, an affiliate of Credit Agricole Indosuez. Located in Florida's Manatee County, the 7,500-acre Wingate Creek Mine contains deposits of phosphate rock that can cultural uses.

working with Manatee County officials to transfer permits from the Production.

Cargill Crop Nutrition announced previous owner to Cargill. The phostoday that it has completed its ac- phate rock mined at Wingate Creek will be processed at one of Cargill Crop Nutrition's processing facilities near Bartow, Florida.

"We look forward to working with Manatee County, and building on our long record of safe, productive and environmentally be mined and processed for agri- sound phosphate mining practices,' said Steve Pinney, a Cargill senior Cargill Crop Nutrition is now vice president who is the business unit leader for Cargill Phosphate

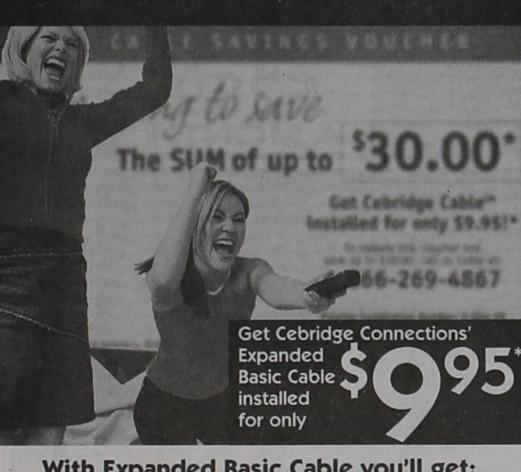


PRESIDENT and General Manager Steve Louder presided at the DSEC annual meeting. ron carr photos



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Around Town

Spencer Shower postponed

The wedding shower for Logan Spencer and Tirina Swartout originally planned for Sunday, April 4 has been cancelled and will be held at

Ladies Spring Luncheon

The 2004 Ladies Spring Luncheon will be Saturday, April 3 at 11:30 a.m. in the Friona High School Cafeteria. A fashion show by Ingram's will be presented. Bring a salad or dessert and a friend! Sponsored by Friona Chamber of Commerce Women's Division.

Life Action Ministries Revival Crusade Set

Life Action, a ministry dedicated to living and teaching practical, daily application of the Word of God, is coming to Friona, March 28, to hold a two-week Revival crusade.

Through a series of evening services and seminars at First Baptist Church the Live Action team will present thought provoking messages and music which will direct your focus to the practical truths of the Word of God. The crusade will begin on Sunday, March 28 at 10:40 a.m. and will continue each weekday evening at 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. This crusade will feature instructional preaching, family seminars, music and children's programs. The focus of the crusade is on the greatest need in America today, practical steps on how to daily live by the biblical values and principles upon which this country was founded.

Included in this two-week crusade are nightly musical presentations by the nationally recognized Life Action Singers. In addition, each crusade includes family seminars; young adult seminars; an informal discussion time for teenagers; a youth seminar called "Master Control"; Dynamite Club, for boys and girls in grades 2-6; and Happiness Club, a sparky group of 4 and 5 -year-olds and first graders.

BSA Hospice offers grief education

BSA Hospice offers grief education and group support for adults who are experiencing grief due to the death of a child. A new group, pm. Beginning April 1, 2004.

The group will meet for six consecutive weeks. Facilitator for the group is Paula Bencini, LPC. Meetings will be held in the Den in the participants wait approximately 3 months after a death before attending. Registration is requested. For more information call 806-212-8028 or toll lege. free 1-800-315-6209.

FUMC revival coming soon

Letinii. **CCC Nursing Program One** Of Top Three In New Mexico

Graduate nursing students at rable to anywhere in the world." Clovis Community College have achieved a 100% pass rate on the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN and NCLEX-PN) for the second consecutive year.

The CCC Nursing Program is one of only three in New Mexico to have reached this milestone. Robin Jones, Nursing Program Director at CCC, attributes the success of the program to the high quality of the nursing students and to the dedication and enthusiasm of the nursing faculty and staff.

In addition to setting the standard for academic success, the CCC nursing program has admitted an additional 28 students over and above the basic 40 usually accepted into the program. This class size expansion is in response to the demand for nurses in the community.

The CCC nursing program has an area presence in that classes are offered as far away as Raton through the Interactive Television Program.

While in clinical training to become Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses, students provide free services to the community in area hospitals, nursing homes, psychiatric, and respite care facilities. Nursing students are also involved in community services programs such as the Peanut Valley Festival, Flu Shot Clinic, and the Health Fair.

Jones is quick to praise the students that choose nursing as a career path, "Nursing is a time honored and noble profession. These students exemplify the very best of that tradition. We are pleased to provide the community with a standard of nursing care that is compa-



with Bishop Dan Solomon. The schedule will be Sunday, 11 a.m. worship service and 7 p.m. evening service, Monday & Tuesday, 7 p.m. evening service each night.

Good Friday Easter luncheon April 9

A Good Friday Easter luncheon will be sponsored by the Friona Ministerial Alliance on Friday, April 9 from 12 noon until 1 p.m. at the First Baptist Church and the community of Friona is invited. This will be a meatless lunch. The program will be "Fasting" by Julia Alexander, "Almsgiving" by Father Ed Sweeney and prayer by Steve Patterson.

Easter morning service April 11

Calvary Baptist Church at 1500 North Cleveland will host Easter activities on Sunday, April 11. Morning worship will be held at 8 a.m. with music and the observance of the Lord's Supper. At 9:15 a city wide pancake breakfast will be served. A city wide egg hunt will be held at 10 a.m. and is open to all the children of the community.

Breast Cancer Screening Clinic

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Parmer County Hospital, 1307 Cleveland Ave., in Friona on April 16, 2004.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only.

Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

BSA Hospice offers training

Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice will be presenting volunteer training and community education classes called "The Hospice Approach to "Grieving the Loss of a Child" will meet Thursday evening 7 p.m. to 8:30 Living with Dying". This is a class for anyone interested in becoming a hospice volunteer, learning more about hospice care and/or desiring personal growth and enrichment. Training is free of charge. There will be eight class sessions April 5 thru April 29, 2004, Monday and Thursday BSA Hospice facility located at 600 North Tyler in Amarillo. Meetings are morning from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the BSA Hospice Den, 600 N. Tyler, opened to the public and are free of charge. It is recommended that Amarillo. To register call Stacie Boyer at BSA Hospice, (806)-212-8715 or (800) 315-6209. 24 Contact hours/2.4 CEU's awarded by Amarillo Col-

Relay for Life info

The Parmer County Relay for Life has been scheduled for June 11 this Friona United Methodist Church will be hosting a revival April 4-6 year. Times will be different than last year. The event will begin at 7 p.m., and end at 1 a.m.

> There will be many ways to be involved in the Relay for Life. More information will follow in the weeks ahead but it is important to organizers to get teams together as soon as possible. So start thinking "Cancer Research" and "Relay for Life". If you have any questions, call Jyl Grimsley at 250-5700 or Suzanne Bunker at 250-8055.

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TINA THE CLOWN was in town last week. She visited the Friona Public Library and entertained about 30 kids during the morning. Here she is with Meagan, Ashton, and Taryn LaBrue who were visiting from Kansas with their grandparents John and Debra Baxter. Tina was promoting the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus which will present two performances Tuesday, March 30, on the grounds of the Friona Community Center. See the circus ad in today's issue for more information. courtesy photo

18th Annual 'Don't Mess With Texas Trash-Off' Set

Lubbock District Adopt-a-Highway groups will hit the highways next weekend to clean up Texas roadways as part of the 18th Annual Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off, one of the nation's largest singleday cleanups. More than 500 district volunteers from 17 West Texas counties, will join thousands of other volunteers making up the 1,300 Adopt-a-Highway groups that will be picking up trash all across the

Last year, one million pounds of trash was picked up by more than 70,000 Adopt-a-Highway and Keep Texas Beautiful volunteers across Texas, making it one of the most successful years in Trash-Off his-

"The annual Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off brings people across the state together to clean up our roadsides and take pride in Texas," said Penny Mason, Lubbock District Public Information Officer and Adopta-Highway coordinator.

In the Lubbock District, more than 300 volunteers from 23 groups collected almost 500 bags of litter at the 2003 event.

"This year's event is even larger," said Mason. "The response this year shows that citizens are genuinely concerned with beautifying the state and their local communities."

Since 1994, volunteers have picked up more than 14 million tons of trash on Texas highways, according to Doris Howdeshell, Director of the Travel Division for the Texas Department of Transportation, the organization that runs the state litter prevention campaign. "This equals 1,417 pounds for every man, woman

and child in Texas," she said. Kyle Frazier, President of Keep Texas Beautiful, the grassroots arm of Don't Mess with Texas, agrees. "In order to bring together the volunteers who will take to the highways during this year's roadside collection, every organization in every community plays a vital role. The goal is to heighten the visibility of the event to make this year the biggest and best yet."

Adopt-a-Highway groups in Parmer County are: 101 Excel Corporation, Herman Berngen, 806-291-4040 and 116 High Plains Dairy, Harry DeWit, 806-265-3310.

For more information or to find out how to participate, visit www.dontmesswithtexas.org or contact Penny Mason at 806-748-4337 or pmason@dot.state.tx.us.

Softball Tournament To Be Held In April

Plans are underway for a Softball Tournament to be held April 24 and 25, 2004.

The tournament will consist of ten women's and ten men's teams. The registration fee is \$150.00

per team. Contact the Chamber Office at 250-3491 for more information.

Chamber of Commerce Calendar of Events

Following is the Friona Chamber of Commerce Calendar of Events for April 2004.

April 3, Ladies Spring Luncheon, 11:30, High School Cafeteria; April 7, Board Meeting, 12:00 Noon, Chamber Office;

April 8, 15, 22 & 29, Heritage Society, Jewels of Friona, 12:00 Noon at the Depot;

April 17, City Wide Garage Sale, 8:00 a.m., Community Center; April 24 - 25, Softball Tournament, Women's and Men's Teams. You can still purchase the cookbook, What's Cooking, A Taste of Friona, by the Women's Division, for \$10.00 each, at the Chamber Office.

For further information regarding any of these events or the cookbooks, please call the Chamber Office at 250-3491.

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Hostage Crisis Ends

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Vaughn said he was framed by Lubbock police in the January 31, 1989 incident in which he was shot by an undercover officer after threatening an officer with a gun. For that offense Vaughn went to prison for 10-12 years and told Rev. Stovall he would never go back to prison. He later admittd to Stovall that he had fired at the mained on standby at Parmer front windows with a mattress and police.

About 1 a.m. he told Stovall that he could leave. Stovall said, "I told him I was concerned about him but that the police wanted me to leave and the Bible says we should obey the higher authorities. I called the police outside and said I was coming out, then I left."

By Sunday morning, the Lubbock SWAT team, the DPS SWAT team from Austin, and troopers and law enforcement from around the Panhandle were in town, manning

positions throughout the neighborhood. Lubbock's SWAT team took over operational control from the Amarillo SWAT team that had arrived during the night. Lubbock brought in their armored SWAT personnel carrier and battering ram. Also, Lubbock authorities ordered the Aerocare helicopter which re-County Hospital.

Friona volunteer firemen were also mobilized and were standing by throughout the day.

The decision was made to use an attic wall. tear gas to effect an end to the siege. Authorities had repeatedly tried to convince Vaughn to surrender. About 2 p.m. Sunday SWAT team personnel were in place on the side and the back of the residence. The Lubbock "tank" took a position in the front yard. At one

point Vaughn raised the garage door and entered the garage as though he was going to drive the Stovall's car away. The "tank" blocked the garage and he re-

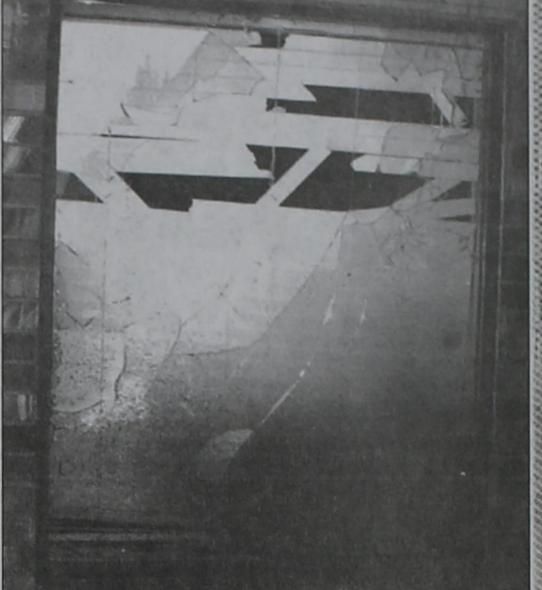
Tear gas was fired into the resi- stantly. dence from the back and side windows. Vaughn had barricaded the trundle bed. He ripped the tops of Friona EMS personnel and a kitchen cabinet off to cover others. At one point, he tore a hole in a bedroom ceiling and got into the attic, firing several shots through

A small bathroom window was his final attempt to escape the tear gas. He had broken several windows in the house. He broke the bathroom window and fired a shotgun in the direction of an officer. He retreated, then appeared at the window again with a rifle. When

he leaned out the second time, Lubbock police officer Scott Weems, positioned on the roof of a house behind the Stovall residence, fired a single shot from his .308 sniper rifle killing Vaughn in-

Texas Rangers, DPS, and other law enforcement related personnel, remained at the scene throughout the night. Vaughn had constructed a few crude amateur booby traps in the residence. A bomb squad from Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis secured the scene.

Vaughn was pronounced dead by Justice of the Peace Valton Howard at 3 p.m. His body was sent to Lubbock for autopsy, transported by Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona, and was then cremated. Interment will be at Mulehoe. No funeral services were scheduled.



A REAR WINDOW broken by tear gas canisters

Local Notes From The Standoff!

In a time of crisis like Friona endured this weekend, small incidents often go unnoticed or otherwise unreported. Many in the community come together to assist and do what they can to help. Here are a few such items.

* The Town & Country fed the troops. Beginning at about 2:30 a.m. Sunday, the cooks prepared about 100 breakfast burritos. Then at noon they served up about 60 hamburgers and 12 jumbo pizzas which were delivered to the firemen and law enforcement personnel at the scene.

* Cpl. Jim Holmes, a K-9 officer with the Lubbock Police Department, was here with his German Shepherd, Thor, as a part of the Lubbock contingent. Cpl. Holmes is the brother of Dana Jameson, production manager at the Friona Star.

* The command post for the standoff was set up in the garage at the residence of Mike and Betty Chaney at the west end of 9th Place. The Chaneys had their grandkids visiting and left Sunday morning to take them to Wichita Falls. They left their house in the care of local law enforcement who praised them for their cooperation in the use of their house and garage.

* Lowe's Grocery Store which is near the scene, elected to close on Sunday. Most of the press conferences given by Chief Goodson and Sheriff Geries were held on the Lowe's parking lot.

* WT Services technicians were at work all night assisting police with communications. Long distance and computer internet service to the residence were blocked out so Vaughn could not talk or email friends and comrades.

* The Amarillo TV stations news reports implied that the Amarillo SWAT team negotiated the release of the hostage Stovall family. They didn't. The daughter and Mrs. Stovall were released before the Amarillo SWAT team arrived. Their release is thanks mostly to Sheriff Randy Geries who negotiated with Vaughn. Mark Stovall was told he could leave by Vaughn.

* Sunday night, Sheriff's deputies arrested the brother of standoff victim Robby Vaughn. Larry Vaughn, 55, was arrested on outstanding warrants from Lubbock after deputies stopped to assist a motorist having car trouble just outside Friona.

* Mike Martin of A-1 Service Center was busy with his wrecker during the wee hours Sunday. Mike picked up the five stolen vehicles that Vaughn left behind during his rampage. The cars were released to their owners on Monday after police checked them for evidence.

* As Mark Stovall left his residence after being released about 1 a.m., Vaughn told him not to worry he wouldn't mess up the house. Then in the next 12 hours he trashed it. Rev. Stovall told friends that when Vaughn was killed he was wearing his (Stovall's) good watch and one of his wife Debbie's necklaces. The jewelry and other items in the Stovall's bedroom had been ransacked.

* Chuck Teague and Matt Osborn, Friona firemen, were outfitted with their air tanks and full uniforms, standing by to go into the house in case the tear gas started a fire. It didn't happen but Chuck, Matt, and the entire Friona Fire Department are to be commended for being

prepared and standing by for many hours. * DPS troopers from Canyon, Amarillo, Clarendon, Pampa, McLean, Dalhart, Hereford, Austin, and Parmer County were counted on the weekend and we might have left out some. If so, sorry. Special kudos to Sheriff Randy Geries and veteran Trooper Trey Ellis who were on duty from the initial chase until the Sunday afternoon conclusion without a

break or sleep. *Friona Police Chief Royce Goodson was in the Ft. Worth area picking up his mother-in-law to bring her out for a visit when the incident began. He cut his stay short and raced back, arriving in Friona about 4 a.m. Sunday. Chief Goodson had high compliments for the various law enforcement agencies that converged on Friona. He said there was never a disagreement over authority or procedure and the entire operation was smooth. While the Lubbock SWAT team was in charge of the operation, Goodson was consulted and briefed on every phase he said.



FRIONA firemen standing by to assist.





SWAT OFFICERS patrol the street

A Fugitive's Odyssey

Give Me Your Keys

BY RON CARR

dropped off his stolen Chevy Her husband had their Suburban Tahoe at the Dee Willard barn Sat- and she told him about the "older urday night, he drove away in model GMC pickup" out by the Willard's "older model pickup." At curb. the time, Sheriff's deputies and DPS troopers were tightening the circle in their search. He left Willard's pickup at the Milloy residence on East Highway 86 near Hub, entered the house armed and demanded the keys to a Mercury Sable.

edged closer to Friona. Next stop, the home of Doyce and Mary Joyce Barnett on County Road M about a mile east of Highway 214. Mary Joyce was ironing a shirt and Doyce was watching a basketball game when Robby Vaughn opened their sliding glass door and stepped inside, guns in hand, demanding the keys to a vehicle.

He told the couple that he had shot at some cops and he wouldn't hurt them, just wanted their minivan. They went to the garage. Doyce gave him the keys. He told them "I'm going to die tonight." Doyce asked at that point, "Then have you made things right with your Maker?" Vaughn said, "I've asked for forgiveness," then drove away. He asked them to wait a couple of with a gunman in the living room. minutes before they called 911.

Inside, Mary Joyce said she finished ironing the shirt while Doyce called the police. Mary Joyce was a passenger in a fatal car accident on February 20 and Vaughn stole their vehicle on March 20. She said she was going to try and take it easy on the 20th from now on. Mary Joyce and Doyce are long time members of First Baptist Church in Friona, whose pastor Mark Stovall & family would end up being Vaughn's hostages before the night was over.

A short time later Vaughn had made his way into the city limits of Friona in the Barnett van. On Lela Street, Michelle Irons was at home with her 3 children ages 9, 6, and 15 months. She was in the bathroom giving the little one a bath when someone "sat down on the doorbell" as she described it. Thinking it was her husband James who was expected home anytime, her older daughter went to the door. Vaughn pushed his way in,

guns in hand. Hearing the daughter's screams she confronted Vaughn who assured her he would not harm her or the children. "I would kill myself before I would hurt a kid," he told her. Her garage door was closed. He told her he was a drug addict

After fugitive Robby Vaughn on the run and needed a vehicle.

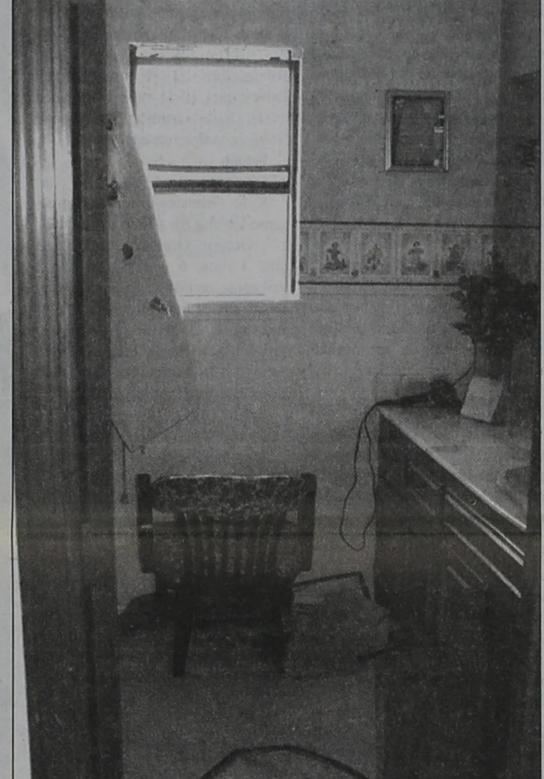
She gave him the keys and promised to wait 30 minutes to call police if he would just go. First, he made her go out and drive the van into her garage and close the garage door while he stayed inside with the kids. Then he left.

At the end of the block (Lela is Still eluding police, Vaughn a one-block street) James Irons turned the corner in the Suburban just as his pickup pulled up. He stopped. Vaughn stopped, got out of the pickup with a gun, told Irons that he was stealing his truck but that his family was okay. Irons rushed home, his wife had called 911, and the Friona police intercepted Vaughn and the black GMC pickup a few minutes later.

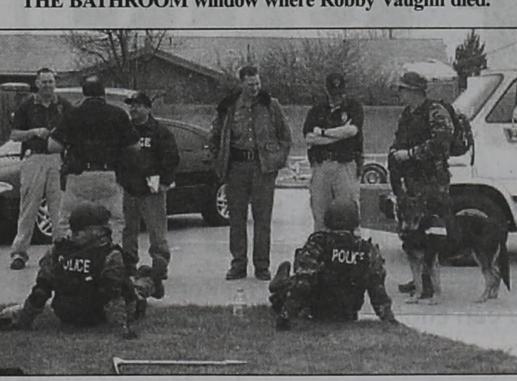
Later, Vaughn bailed out of the truck about 3 blocks from the Irons residence, took the Stovalls hostage, and the rest of the saga is

And in another ironic twist: as Vaughn rang the Irons doorbell and came in the house, Michelle Irons said her phone started ringing but of course she couldn't answer it Later, she listened to the message.

It was her grandfather calling from Hart. He had been listening to his scanner and wanted to warn her to lock her doors and stay inside because the police were after a fugitive who was on the run and might be headed for Friona.



THE BATHROOM window where Robby Vaughn died.



POLICE relax near the command center.

ron carr photos



THE LUBBOCK SWAT team armored vehicle used in the assault to end Sunday's standoff.



EMERGENCY VEHICLES line 8th St. above. Right, damage inside the Stovall home.

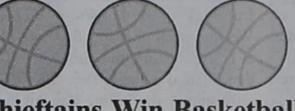


THE FRIONA GLOBETROTTERS team members are, back row, I-r, Coach Jeff Dickson, Matthew Stanberry, Clayton Smiley, Duncan Welch, and Coach Thomas Reed; front row, I-r, Jeremy Alaniz, Stetson Reed, and Joey Dickson. Not pictured is Jordan Kelley.

Globetrotters End With a Perfect Record

The Friona Globetrotters com- Nazareth 29-22 for the Out of Town peted in the Hereford YMCA 5th and 6th grade division basketball 8-0 record. The Trotters defeated

Championship and then beat the top Hereford team in the tournaleague and finished with a perfect ment finals 42-34. The Trotters are on tour in Elida this week.



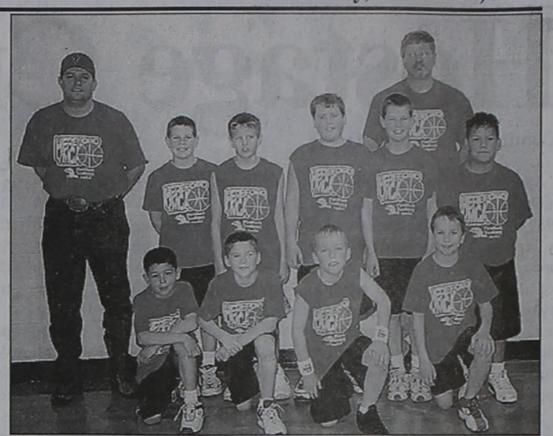
Chieftains Win Basketball Championships

The Friona Chieftains won the outsiders and overall champion- Gabriel Avalos, Colby Cheney, ships, Saturday, March 6, in the YMCA Youth Basketball League for DeWitt, Caleb Monroe, and Ryan third and fourth grade boys.

Nazareth Swifts 25-15 for the outsiders championship and then edged the Hereford Dawgs in overtime, 22-18, to win the overall title.

Chieftain team members are Weston Wyly, Dillon Kelley, Jake DeWitt, all of Friona; Kolten Mor-The Chieftains defeated the ris and Todd Nichols, both of Lazbuddie; and Andrew Marufo of

The Chieftain's coaches are Dean Sasser and Alan Monroe.



FRIONA CHIEFTAIN BASKETBALL coaches, back row, lr, Dean Sasser and Alan Monroe; team members, middle row, I-r, Jake DeWitt, Caleb Monroe, Todd Nichols, Ryan DeWitt, and Andrew Marufo; front row, I-r, Gabriel Avalos, Colby Cheney, Weston Wyly, and Kolton Morris. Not pictured is Dillon Kelley.

Chieftain Baseball Update

"We need to make routine plays ing pitcher with two strike outs. good weather and practice."

the truth. The weather has not been cooperating this season. Baseball also has to compete with track, one act play and any number of other time consuming activities. But the team has managed to play some good games.

Friona J.V Borger J.V. 23

and play better defense," said Caleb Miller finished the game with Coach Mike Fair. "Everything can 3 strike outs. Highlights of the and will be taken care of with some game were Antonio Monreal 1 for 3 with a double and a stolen base. Coach Fair couldn't be closer to Caesar Prieto also stood out with 1 for 2 with a single, a RBI, a walk RBI. Tolby Wilcox was 1 for 2 with and a stolen base.

> Friona J.V. Caprock J.V. 10

Derek Fairweather pitched for the struggling junior varsity against Caprock J.V. Antonio Monreal went 1 for 2 with a double and an RBI. Stephen Campbell went 1 for Sean Lookingbill was the start- 2 with a single and an RBI. Cody

Jamerson was 1 for 3 with a single. Friona J.V. Hereford J.V. 4

Antonio Monreal was 1 for 3 with a single and a run scored. Caleb Miller was 1 for 1 with an a stolen base. Phillip Saiz had a stolen base. Sean Lookingbill pitched a good game.

In Varsity baseball action

Friona Borger 10

Jacob Hoon was the starting pitcher. He gave up 1 hit, 3 runs, 1 walk, and had 2 strike outs and faced 11 batters. Jonathan Nava then took over after 2 innings 7 hits, 3 runs, 1 walk. Kyle Grimsley as the third pitcher finished the game. Brock Field and Steffan Busch scored the 2 runs. Juan Hernandez had a stolen base.

> Friona Morton

Friona was tied 3-3 with Morton after the first inning. Morton came back in the fourth inning with 4 runs. Pitchers for the game were Fairweather. Lookingbill gave up 4 hits, 4 runs, and had 2 strike outs against 14 batters. Fairweather surrendered 2 hits, 4 runs, 1 walk, 2 strikeouts against 10 batters. Brock Field (2-2), Steffan Busch (1-1), Juan Monreal (0-1) had stolen bases. Patton 2 and Nava 1.

Muleshoe

Jacob Hoon pitched a good game with but Muleshoe still came out on top. Hoon gave up 5 hits, 5 runs, 2 walks, and had 6 strikeouts against 27 batters. Brock Field (1-2), Steffan Busch (1-1), Juan Hernandez (1-1) and Derek Fairweather (0-1) each had stolen bases. Kyle Grimsley and Jacob Hoon scored a run each.

Friona **Dimmitt**

Kyle Grimsley pitched a great game leading the Chieftains to their 1st victory. Grimsley gave up 3 hits, 4 runs, 6 walks, and had 2 strikeouts against 23 batters. Steffan Busch (0-1), Juan Hernandez (2-2) and Jacob Hoon (1-1) each had stolen bases. Brock Field, Hayden Patton, Juan Hernandez and Jacob Hoon had hits that led to the win.

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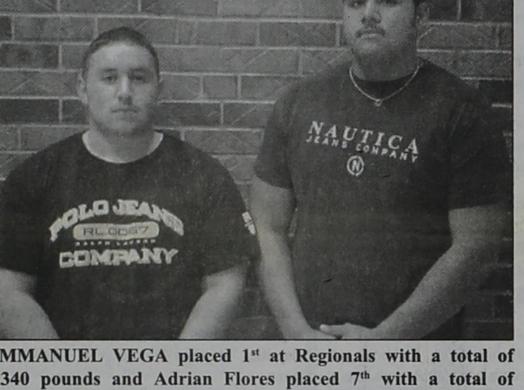
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Friona vs. Dimmitt

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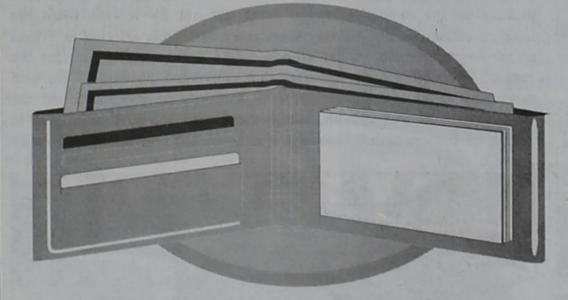




EMMANUEL VEGA placed 1st at Regionals with a total of 1,340 pounds and Adrian Flores placed 7th with a total of 1,185 pounds. Emmanuel will compete at the state meet in Field hit a triple. Houston on Saturday, March 27th, 2004.

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FRIONA FLASHBACKS

75 Yrs. Ago March 22, 1929

We can now truthfully state that Friona has at least one factory, and a very much worthwhile factory at that. T.F. Browning, who has been here for the past several months superintending the building and operation of the Friona Gin Company's plant, has also installed a large hammer type feed mill which is driven by a powerful steam engine. The mill is capable of taking any kind of feed stuff in any form in which it may be taken from the farm and converting almost instantly into the very finest of feed for any and all kinds of stock.

65 Yrs. Ago March 24, 1939

The program committee of the Friona Chamber of Commerce has announced a banquet, to be held in the basement of the Congregational Church next Tuesday night. Mr. and Mrs. Cal Farley of Amarillo will be the speaker for the evening.

60 Yrs. Ago March 17, 1944

The Friona Squaws came out with second place honors in the state basketball tournament last week when they swept through all competition until they reached the Aquila Cougarettes, who emerged victorious with a score of 20-13. (Editor's note: This trip to the state "McKamie League" tournament in Waco was the first of five consecutive trips to the state meet for the Squaws under coaches R.L. Bates and Maurice Norman.)

55 Yrs. Ago March 18, 1949

An open meeting to discuss construction of 140 miles of paved Farm-To-Market roads in Parmer County will be held in the American Legion Hall of Bovina March 18 at 8 p.m. The meeting has been called by the county commissioners to discuss desires of the people regarding a network of paved highways in the county.

40 Yrs. Ago March 19, 1964

The Friona Squaws brought home the long sought state basketball championship last weekend, downing Mineral Wells, 63-49 and Clear Creek, 50-45 in the finals. Charlotte Nettles and Glenda McClellan were named to the allstate team. Other members of Coach Baker Duggins' team included Teto Jennings, Linda Davis, Merylene Massie, Shirley Phipps, Janet Rushing, Wessie Hand, Carolyn Herring, Sheryl Long, Rose Ann Greeson, Lois Moyer, Carol Struve and Sharon Dean.

35 Yrs. Ago March 20, 1969

Mr. and Mrs. John Hamilton and daughters, Cheryl and Debra, of Goldsboro, North Carolina, arrived Monday evening for a visit in the Levi McCormick.

homes of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hamilton and other Friona relatives and friends.

30 Yrs. Ago March 24, 1974

Friona High School's band received Division I ratings in concert performances and sight-reading competition held Wednesday at

25 Yrs. Ago March 25, 1979

Friona telephone customers will be able to dial all of their own long distance calls-even operator assisted calls such as collect, third number billing, credit card and person-to-person beginning Friday, March 30.

20 Yrs. Ago April 1, 1984

Machinery has been busily engaged moving dirt at the Millard Warehouse plant site on the eastern edge of Friona. Plant officials are shooting for a September completion of the \$3 million facil-

15 Yrs. Ago March 25, 1989

Cody Burney won the high jump at the "Mulekicker Relays" at Muleshoe last Saturday, setting a new meet record in the process with a jump of 6-4.

10 Yrs. Ago March 26, 1994

The Friona Chamber of Commerce honored its outstanding citizens at a banquet last Saturday. Wendell Gresham was named "Man of the Year"; Edith Johnson "Woman of the Year"; Alfred Beavers "Employee of the Year"; Jeffie Talley "Teacher of the Year"; Teresa Taylor and Jon Goddard, "Outstanding Young People."

5 Yrs. Ago March 26, 1999

The Texas Department of Agriculture announced this week that cotton producers in the Northwest Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone have voted to establish a boll weevil eradication program in the fivecounty zone.

4-Her's Compete In Houston Show

Parmer County 4-Her's placing in the Houston Stock Show were: Ryan DeLeon, Champion Poland; Jennifer DeLeon, 3rd Place Cross; Suzanne Aragon, 5th Place Spot; Bretton Stancell, 13th Place Hamp; Caitlyn Stancell, 24th Place York; Caleb Christian, 25th Place York; Drew Stancell, 29th Place Duroc; Ryan Mason, 29th Place Hamp.

Also exhibiting in Houston were: Colton Christian, Ray White, Dan Patterson, Zachary Stancell, Abby Johnson, Russell Schilling, Jordan Mason, Matt Billingsley, Samuel Billingsley, Abriel Terrones, and

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Apr. 2-Daniel Gowens, Monte Rule, Olive Massie

Apr. 3-Charla Chesher, Rusty Ridley, Micole Stokes, Alex Ferguson, Montessa Moore, Glendel Jones, Aaron Osborn

If you or someone in your family has a birthday coming up or see a name that should be removed (name change, death, move, etc.), please call the Friona Star office at 250-2211. Thank you.

by Agriculture Commissioner SUSAN COMBS

Got risk? If you're a business owner, of course you do. With any business venture there is an element of risk; it's one of the first principles taught in Business 101. A new series of risk management workshops is being launched this spring to guide and inform cattle producers—the ultimate agricultural business leaders.

The Texas cattle industry is widely known for its quality and high levels of production, with nearly half of the agricultural cash receipts in the state coming from beef cattle production. While there are a number of strategies to help cattle producers, many producers are in the dark when it comes to the details.

The upcoming workshops, funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Risk Management Agency, will highlight some of the many tools available to producers. Sessions will include information on prices, strategic planning, state and federal programs, country-of-origin labeling, drought management and valueadded marketing, to name a few.

Providing tools for our cattle producers is more important than ever as the country deals with the aftermath of discovery of a single Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy case in Washington. In the cattle business, risk management involves being proactive and prepared for shifts in the industry, severe

Risk Management Conference Offers **Strategies For Texas Cattle Producers**

Agriculture Commissioner Susan events are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Combs announced that the Texas Department of Agriculture is Extension, the U.S. Department of Agency and the Texas and Southto offer conferences in April and Alpine on May 26. May to help producers manage

take place at Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. St. in Wichita Falls on April 7. Registration is \$20, and participants may register at the door. The

The conferences, called "Got Risk?" will also be held in six other tion on prices, strategic planning, partnering with Texas Cooperative major beef production areas of the state and federal programs, counstate including Hallettesville on Agriculture's Risk Management April 20, Abilene on April 28, Sulfur Springs on May 11, Waco on western Cattle Raisers Association May 18, Palestine on May 19, and

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"Providing tools for our cattle producers is more important than "These workshops are a great ever," Combs said. "Risk management involves being proactive and the ultimate leaders in our agricul- prepared for shifts in the industry, many other situations that can be challenging."

For more information, please call West, in Amarillo on April 5 and at 'number of programs and strategies the Texas Department of Ray Clymer Exhibit Hall, 1000 Fifth available to help cattle producers Agriculture's Rural Economic Dekeep their operations moving for- velopment Division at 1-800-TELL-TDA visit id

Excel Honors Employees For Service



THE HEREFORD COUNTRY CLUB was the site of Excel-Friona's 4th Annual Service Award Banquet. The event was held on Saturday, March 6. Out of 35 employees that have worked for Excel 25 years or more, 27 were present. In addition to dinner, the employees were presented with an Excel jacket and their spouses also received a gift. Also present at the banquet were Excel plant manager Steve Thompson, coordinator Rick White, banquet speaker Lee Hill, and recognition committee members Diamond Perez and Stefanie Ancira. Excel-Friona service award honorees are, front, l-r, Taurino Jaquez, Vickie Mendiola, Sommung Nance, Selso Maldonado, Jesse Ramirez, and Hector Campos; 2nd row, I-r, Tommy Arguello, Toddy Padilla, Isidro Galvan, Ricardo Hernandez, Guadalupe Raymond, Pedro Carrasco, Ronnie Bonney, Andres Vega, Sotero Pena, and Remedios Estrada; 3rd row, I-r, Alfredo Ramirez, Mario Barela, Jesus Lugo, Ponciano Alfaro, Jesus Campos, Juan Camargo, Antonio Flores, Felipe Sanchez, and Tiburcio Viernes. courtesy photo

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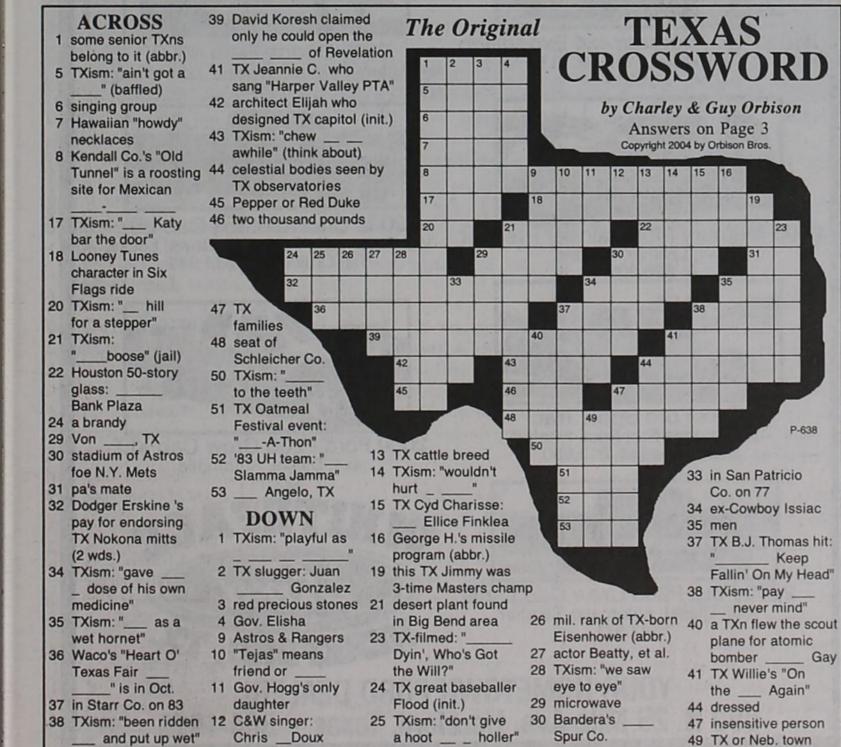
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Sheriff's Report

March 19, Jaysun Lowery, 18, of Friona, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol on DPS warrants, paid fines and released.

March 21, Roxanne Mireles, 20, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police and charged with assault, pending County Court.

March 21, Cindy Mireles, 23, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police and charged with assault, pending County Court.

March 22, Larry Vaughn, 48, of Muleshoe, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office on a Lubbock County warrant, pending transport.

In 287th District Court on March 9, with Judge Gordon Green presid-

George Castillo, 20, of Friona, charged with possession of a controlled substance (cocaine), was sentenced to four years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice; deferred for four years; \$278 court costs; \$1,500 fine; \$150 restitution; 240 hours of community service; obtain substance abuse counseling; and 60 days confinement in Parmer County Jail as a condition of community supervision.

Carrie Lee Thompson, 24, of Oklahoma City, charged with possession of marijuana, was sentenced to eight years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice; deferred for eight years; \$278 court costs; \$2,000 fine; \$350 attorney fees; \$140 restitution; 160 hours of community service; and obtain substance abuse counseling.

James Kenneth Wilkerson, 55, of Friona, charged with subsequent DWI, was sentenced to six years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice; probated for six years; \$303 court costs; \$1,500 fine; 320 hours of community service; obtain substance abuse counseling; and confinement in a substance abuse felony punishment facility as a condition of community supervision.

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I am certain by the time this is negotiators attempted to persuade Vaughn to give up and walk out of printed in the Friona Star that the citizens of our community have listened to all of the news and the would end without harm to anyone. However, Vaughn refused to rumors concerning the shooting listen to the negotiators and conthat occurred in the community Sunday afternoon. I am going to tinued to limit his contact with attempt to share things with the them. The Amarillo and Lubbock community and to clarify all ac-Police Department negotiators

First, I would like to inform our officer that assisted with this tragic Sunday, officers of the Lubbock event performed with courage and Police Department SWAT and ofcertainly showed the greatest of ficers of the Department of Public professionalism. I cannot begin to Safety SWAT began inserting a express how impressed I was with non-lethal gas into the residence the cooperation from other law enin an effort to force Vaughn outside. Vaughn began breaking winforcement agencies assisting the dows out on the residence and at Friona Police Department with this one point leaned out of a window

worked tirelessly in an attempt to

and fired a shotgun at officers. A few minutes later Vaughn Department of Public Safety, the again leaned out of a window, holding a rifle, and at that time an officer on the Lubbock SWAT Team Muleshoe Police Department, the received authorization to use force to end the incident. The Lubbock Police Department Officer fired one shot from a rooftop that fatally

wounded Robby Vaughn. This was certainly a tragic incident that took place in our commu-On Saturday evening, the Friona nity, but as a Law Enforcement Professional, I consider the outcalls in reference to the suspect, come successful simply because the Robby Lynn Vaughn, stealing two Stovall's were not injured, no innovehicles at gunpoint. A few min- cent bystander was injured, and utes later Sergeant Joe Lopez ob- no law enforcement officer was inserved Vaughn driving one of the jured. Our suspect, Robby Vaughn, stolen vehicles in Friona and atleft officers no other choice but to tempted to stop him. Vaughn re- take the actions that were taken fused to stop for Sergeant Lopez against him. Robby Vaughn could and began to flee with Sergeant have made the decision at any time Lopez and other officers in pursuit. to walk out of the residence and During the pursuit Vaughn fired at turn himself in to law enforcement the officers and one of the rounds officials, but he chose to not only struck the patrol vehicle driven by sacrifice his life but attempted to

take the lives of several others.

A member of the news media the house so that the incident asked me about our victims in this tragic event and my response was simple, the Stovall family had God on their side. There is no doubt that Robby Vaughn could have, at anytime, injured any or all of the members of the Stovall family, however, God was certainly in their end the incident without using corner during their time of need. I have talked to Mark Stovall sev-At approximately 1:30 p.m. on eral times since this incident and I am amazed at the strength of his faith. Our community now must embrace the Stovall family and supgenuinely care about them.

> first moved to Friona a few months ago, Mark was one of the first to greet us and offer his friendship and support. I remember that meethim and his faith in God. I also remember that he made a friend for

The community of Friona a blessing from God.

should be proud if it's emergency personnel. The Friona police officers, communications personnel, and fire department personnel all performed admirably. The Friona police officers involved showed remarkable courage, skills and professionalism during an event where they v ry well could have lost their lives. The Friona Fire Department worked tirelessly through the day, on Sunday, helping law enforcement with blocking roads and ensuring that officers had food, water, and other necessities.

I was told by other law enforceport them in every way that we ment agencies, assisting with the can and let them know that we incident, that they had never been treated as well as they had in I know that when my wife and I Friona. What a great compliment to our community and our emergency personnel.

We now have this incident behind us and must get on with our ing and how impressed I was with lives; however, this incident should be a lesson to us all. We should never take things for granted and life, in me, because he brought me we must understand that each day a pecan pie that was simply deli- we are allowed to get out of bed and continue with our lives, is truly



THE GARAGE of the Chaney residence was used as a command post during the tragic standoff in Friona last Sunday. courtesy photo

Yulissa likes to write. She likes all foods and all

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exited the vehicle, entered the home of Mark and Debra Stovall, and took the family hostage. Officers Yulissa is a kindergarten student at Friona of the Friona Police Department immediately began to block off that area of the neighborhood and

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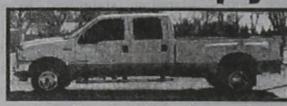
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PLAY BALL! Caprock Cattle Feeders' community enrichment committee donated \$7,500 to the City of Bovina to help pay for the replacement of lights on the Bovina Little League baseball field. The lights should be in place before the small ones take to the diamond this summer. Presenting the big check at Bovina City Hall are Caprock employees, I-r, Matt McClennan, Lonnie Busch, Bea Prather, Wayne Hargrove, Lalo Brito, Jose Rubio, and Jayson Floyd. courtesy photo



The Carson Boys from Bovina at the DSEC annual meeting in Hereford.



DRAWING for the DSEC door prizes was Jeanette Acker along with DSEC 30-year employee Larry McNutt.

Bovina Reflections

45 Yrs, Ago March 25, 1959

Janice Richard, Bovina Fillies' all-state forward, is a member of Dowell's Dolls, Amarillo AAU basketball team.

> 40 Yrs. Ago March 25, 1964

garet Caldwell were entered in the National Federation of Music Festival Saturday at Lubbock.

> 35 Yrs. Ago April 2, 1969

Linda Riley threw the discus to second place at the Idalou girl's track and field meet Saturday.

30 Yrs. Ago

and Pump Company was formally

April 3, 1974 A change in the ownership and management of Birkelback Machine announced this week by Kenneth the Deaf Smith Electric Coopera-Cary, new manager of the com- tive March 18 in Hereford.

> 25 Yrs. Ago April 4, 1979

The Bovina High School Thespians traveled to Farwell last week and came home with the first place Several students of Mrs. Mar- trophy in the one-act play divi-

> 20 Yrs. Ago March 28, 1984

Postmaster, Gene Ezell has retired. He had served as postmaster locally since 1947, and prior to that his father, Roy Ezell, was postmaster here.

> 15 Yrs. Ago March 29, 1989

Wendol Christian and Jerry Roberts were re-elected to the board of directors at the annual meeting of

10 Yrs. Ago March 26, 1994

"Jump Rope for the Heart" in the event sponsored by the American Heart Association, Courtney Jamerson collected the most donations, totaling \$125. Courtney received a medallion for collecting the most money. Courtney is the daughter of Ricky and D'Lynn Jamerson and she is in the third

> 5 Yrs. Ago March 26, 1999

Les and Rose McCain, of Bovina, were the grand prizewinners at the West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative annual meeting. The prize was for 200 pounds of

Happy **Birthday** Bovina

March 28 thru April 3, 2004. Mar. 28-Matthew James Guest, Charolette Cockerham, Juanda Murphy

Mar. 29-Grace Stormes

Mar. 30-Jimmie Cockerham, D'Anne Baker, Andrea Villarreal

Mar. 31-Leah Mason, Kim Rundell Apr. 1-Chuck Gilbreath, Stan Miller, Evangelina Casas, Dale Gober, Rusty Venable

Apr. 2-Kristi Steelman Apr. 3-Ted Blair, Roel Robledo, Pat

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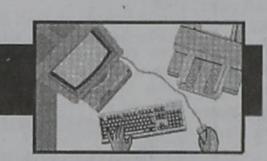
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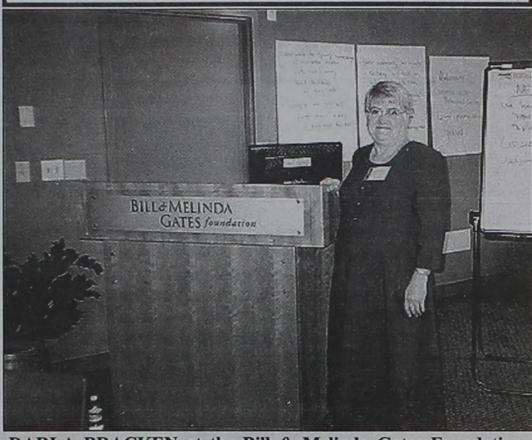
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LIBRARY CORNER by Darla Bracken



DARLA BRACKEN at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

one of those attending the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation [GF] "Sustaining Public Access Computing in Rural Libraries" workshop in Seattle, Washington on February 23rd.

The GF asked each state librarian to name three attendees from their state who were among the libraries which had received personal computers for public access through their U.S. Library Program. Our library qualified for and received two computers, one English and one Spanish of Bovina (also as part of a library in October 2000.

Many other libraries in the Panalso, including: Booker, Canadian partial, Canyon, Childress, Claude, Dimmitt, Dumas and Sunray branch, Hereford, Higgins, McLean, Pampa (including a 10 PC lab), Panhandle partial, Perryton, Quitaque, Shamrock, Spearman, Stratford, Tulia, Vega, and Wellington.

in rural public library settings during the five-year program—in 10,915 buildings and trained 62,000 staff members. Their goal was: 'If you can get to the library, you can get to the Internet.'

Many of these libraries were in very rural, very poor communities and being able to sustain the access immediately became an issue. It was to that end that they sponsored the workshop in Seattle-to get these people together to share experiences how to do this.

Bill Gates recognized the value of national organizations. a public library to its community as the information center and the librarian as the traditional facilitator for lifelong learning.

ward, but we must stay connected. In an information-driven world, we cannot afford to fall behind. In hard economic tomes, public libraries are got his start at the public library?) more vital than ever because they are for the common good of all our opening session was Anna Quindlen, citizens.

own sets of issues with their budget deficits and cuts. The two groups met separately and then together to identify problems and possible solutions. At my table alone, Maryland, Georgia, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas were represented. I rode to the meeting with Pennsylvania and Connecticut. Awesome!

An advocacy workshop was held at the end of the day with professional facilitators to help us develop strategies for reaching out to the powers that be: "Communicate, Colyour local library".

of 34 years, Rex, accompany me for this once-in-a-lifetime experience. We

As many of you faithful readers were blessed with an unheard of of the Friona Star now know, I was three days of sunshine in Seattle while you at home had a nine inch snowfall (twice blessed).

> We made it to the top of the Space Needle (built for the 1962 World's Fair and refurbished for the Millennium). It was quite a view we could see to Canada. But it paled in comparison to the one from 31,000 feet-it was also my first flight on a commercial airliner. My very first flight was at our very own Benger Air Park courtesy of pilot, Jim Zehner program). Also, awesome!

We visited the Pike's Place Fish handle received Gates computers Market and downtown Seattle. There were pigs up there like our Quarter horse longhorn statues for fundraisers around here. In fact, the fanciest one I saw was in our hotel lobby—a black and white jeweled beauty with a cut-glass necklace.

The hotel was just east of the setting for the movie "Sleepless in In all, the GF placed 47,200 PCs Seattle". One night a beautiful, golden crescent moon hung just above the far hillside aglow with cascading manmade lights from the buildings located across Lake Union. The Space Needle, also within site of our hotel, was completely illuminated at night and even more beautiful in its own special way.

The GF planned their workshop (and paid for extra days) so that we might attend the 10th Annual National Conference of the Public Library Association, a division of the and to brainstorm for ideas on just American Library Association [ALA] and paid our dues in each of these

PLA gave an award to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for their U.S. Library Program. William Gates, Sr. accepted the award on We have taken giant steps for- behalf of the foundation. He was a very insightful, inspiring speaker telling of Bill Jr.'s days as a summer reading club participant. (Think he

The keynote speaker for the author of several works of fiction State library personnel face their and also a writer for Newsweek magazine. She was quite articulate in expressing her lifelong love of reading and sharing insights into what it is like to see your own thoughts and words in print.

All in all, I felt very blessed. Blessed to be in a community that recognizes the value of having a public library and supports it to the extent that you do. I appreciate the kind words from each of you—I was so touched by your caring and your

For those of you whom I have laborate, Coordinate, & Advocate for not yet seen in person, this story is for you-my public. It was my honor I was proud to have my husband to represent "y'all" to library colleagues from every state.



DARLA BRACKEN at the Space Needle in Seattle, WA.

LEGAL **NOTICES**



On February 10, 2004, Valor Telecommunications of Texas, LP (Valor) filed its Second Amended Application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to establish surcharges to recover lost revenues and incurred costs associated with Expanded Local Calling Service (ELCS) routes implemented from February 1, 1996 through December 31, 2002 between Valor's Texas telephone exchanges and, in many instances, the exchanges of other local telephone companies. The Second Amended Application was filed pursuant to the Commission's Substantive Rule § 26.221 titled "Applications to Establish or Increase Expanded Local Calling Service Surcharges."

ELCS expands the local calling scope of a telephone exchange to include one or more additional telephone exchanges if customers in a petitioning exchange approve by ballot the payment of an ELCS fee in lieu of long distance charges. Costs and lost revenues associated with Valor's surcharge application are those not recovered through existing ELCS fees.

In the Second Amended Application, Valor proposes to implement monthly ELCS surcharges for five years beginning on the date the Commission issues a final order on Valor's request. The Commission can establish an ELCS surcharge for any duration. ELCS surcharges apply in addition to monthly ELCS fees.

Valor proposes the following monthly ELCS surcharges per residential line: \$.86 in Year 1, \$.85 in Year 2, \$.03 in Year 3, \$.02 in Year 4, \$.01 in Year 5. Valor proposes the following monthly ELCS surcharges per business line: \$1.72 in Year 1, \$1.70 in Year 2, \$.06 in Year 3, \$.04 in Year 4, \$.02 in Year 5.

Valor is currently billing interim ELCS surcharges approved by the Commission, including an interim ELCS surcharge of \$.65 per month per residential line and an interim ELCS surcharge of \$1.30 per month per business line. If rates below the level of the interim surcharges are ultimately approved by the Commission, Valor may be required by the Commission to refund all or part of the interim surcharges. If Valor's Second Amended Application is approved, the net annual effect on

Valor's Year 1 revenues will be zero since the requested surcharges are designed to replace lost revenues and to reimburse Valor for increases in costs associated with the provision of ELCS. The estimated total lost revenues and increased costs Valor seeks to recover through this proceeding is \$3,867,372 in Year 1, 3,791,870 in Year 2, \$133,831 in Year 3, \$89,220 in Year 4, and \$44,610 in

If you have questions about the proposed surcharges or would like further information, please call Valor at 1-877-520-5220

The Commission assigned Docket No. 27363 to this proceeding. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas as soon as possible, and no later than April 21, 2004, the intervention deadline. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, PO Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearingimpaired and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136.

AVISO

El 10 de Febrero de 2004, VALOR Telecommunicaciones de Texas, LP (VALOR) sometió una solicitud a La Comisión Pública de Servicios de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas) para establecer sobrecargos para recuperar las ganancias perdidas y los costos incrementados relacionados del Servicio Expandido de Llamadas Locales (Expanded Local Calling Service - ELCS) entre los despachos centrales de teléfono de VALOR de Texas y en muchas instancias, despachos de otras companías locales de teléfono. La Segunda Enmendacion de Applicacion se sometió basada en la Regla 26.221 de La Comisión titulada, "Solicitudes para Establecer o Incrementar los Sobrecargos de Servicio Expandido de Llamadas

ELCS extiende el alcance de llamadas locales para incluir uno o más despachos de teléfono adicionales, si los clientes de un despacho hacen una petición de cambio que es aprobada por voto para pagar un cargo de ELCS en lugar de sobrecargos de larga distancia. Los costos y ganancias perdidas relacionadas con los sobrecargos de la solicitud de VALOR no son recuperables a través de la cuota del

En la Segunda Enmendación de Applicación, VALOR propóne implementar un cargo mensual por cinco años commensando el dia que la Comicion sumete el orden finál, por la solicitación de Valor. La Commissión puede establisar sobrecargos ELCS for cualquier duración. Sobrecargos ELCS see applicarán arriba de los cargos mensuales ELCS.

Valor háce proposito de los siguientes sobrecargos mensuales por cada linea residental: \$.86 en Año 1; \$.85 en Año 2; \$.03 en Año 3; \$.02 en Año 4; y \$.01 en Año 5. Valor háce proposito de los siguientes sobrecargos mensuales por cada linea comercial: \$1.72 en Año 1, \$1.70 en Año 2; \$.06 en Año 3; \$.04 en Año 4, y \$.02 en Año 5.

Corrientemente, Valor esta cobrando sobrecargos ELCS interines aprobados por la Comisión, incluyendo un interin sobrecargo de \$.65 por mes por cada linea residencial, y un interin sobrecargo de \$1.30 por mes por cada linea comercial. Si tasas bajo de los sobrecargos interines serán ultimamente aprobadas por la Comisión, es posíble que Valor estará disponible a reembolsar todo o parte de los

Si la Segunda Enmendación de Applicación de Valor esta aprobada, el effecto neta annual de tasas para Valor en Año 1 serán cero desde que los sobrecargos solicitados son apuntados a reemplazar tasas y a reembolsar a Valor por los gastos aumentados y associados con la provision de ELCS. El estimado total de tasas perdidas y cargos aumentados que Valor trata de recuperár sobre este procedimiento es \$3,867,372 en Año 1; \$3,791,870 en Año 2; \$133,831 en Año 3; \$89,220 en Año 4, y \$44,610 en Año 5.

Si usted tiene alguna pregunta acerca de los sobrecargos propositados, o si necesita más información, por favor llame a VALOR al 1-877-520-5220.

La Comisión de Servicios Públicos ha asignado el Proyecto No. 27363 a este procedimiento. Las personas que deseen intervenir o comentar en o sobre estos procedimientos deben notificar La Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas tan pronto como sea posible y no más tarde del dia 21 de Abril, 2004, fecha límite de la intervención. Para intervenir o para más información, escriba a La Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas), 1701 N. Congress Avenue, PO Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. También puede solicitar más información llamando a La Comisión de Servicios Públicos al (512) 936-7120 o al (888) 782-8477. Personas con impedimentos de hablar o del sentido de oir con teléfonos de textos (TTY) pueden comunicarse con La Comisión al (512) 936-7136.

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TO: ISMAEL LEAL, GREETING:

You are commanded to appear by filing an answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten oclock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday the 26th day of APRIL, 2004 before the Honorable Judge Valton Howard, Justice of the Peace Court, Precinct 1, Parmer County, Texas at Friona, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, by Albert Ricketts, agent for Parmer County Community Hospital, whose address is 1307 Cleveland, Friona, Texas 79035 on February 18, 2004, in this case numbered 448 on the docket of said court, and

> Parmer County Community Hospital ISMAEL LEAL

The nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Outstanding hospital bills and is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law

Issued and given under my hand and seal of the said court, at my office in Friona, Parmer County, Texas, on March 9, 2004.

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TO: JESSE L. KING, GREETING:

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Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, by Albert Ricketts, agent for Parmer County Community Hospital, whose address is 1307 Cleveland, Friona, Texas 79035 on February 18, 2004, in this case numbered 445 on the docket of said court, and

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TO: DUSTIN JESKO, GREETING:

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Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, by Albert Ricketts, agent for Parmer County Community Hospital, whose address is 1307 Cleveland, Friona, Texas 79035 on February 18, 2004, in this case numbered 444 on the docket of said court, and

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TO: MARCUS LISCANO, GREETING: You are commanded to appear by filing an

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Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, by Albert Ricketts, agent for Parmer County Community Hospital, whose address is 1307 Cleveland, Friona, Texas 79035 on February 18, 2004, in this

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case numbered 449 on the docket of said court, and

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TO: OMAR MALDONADO, GREETING:

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Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, by Albert Ricketts, agent for Parmer County Community Hospital, whose address is 1307 Cleveland, Friona, Texas 79035 on February 18, 2004, in this case numbered 452 on the docket of said court, and

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TO: RHONDA MARLER, GREETING:

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Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, by Albert Ricketts, agent for Parmer County Community Hospital, whose address is 1307 Cleveland, Friona, Texas 79035 on February 18, 2004, in this case numbered 454 on the docket of said court, and

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TO: JOSE A. MOLINA, GREETING:

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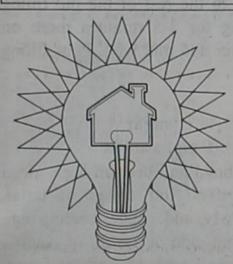
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A copy of the bid specifications is on file at the County Judge's Office. The equipment to be considered for trade-in is one (1) 1999 Caterpillar 140H Serial No. 2ZK04068, Precinct #1. Any questions concerning the trade-in should be directed to Commissioner Kirk Frye at 806/250-3713 or 806/265-7514. The other equipment considered for trade-in is one (1) Caterpillar 140H Serial No. 2ZK00887, Precinct #2. Any questions concerning this trade-in should be directed to Commissioner Tom Ware at 806/251-1193 or 806/225-7082. The other equipment considered for trade-in is one (1) Caterpillar 140H Serial No. 2ZK04401, Precinct #4. Any questions concerning this trade-in should be directed to Commissioner Elvis Powell at 806/965-2316 or 806/946-7200.

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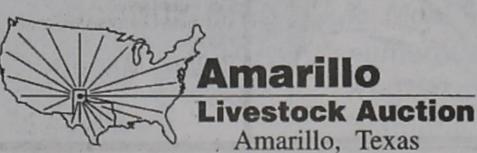
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Alta Hudson

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died Saturday, March 20, 2004 at a She lived in Hereford for more than nursing home in Hereford, Texas.

Funeral services were held Avenue Baptist Church. Wednesday, March 24, 2004 at 2:00 of Hereford.

Plains, Texas in 1943.

Alta married I.C. (Dugan)

Alta Hudson, 79, of Hereford, Hudson on May 29, 1943 in Plains. 40 years and was a member of the

Survivors include her husband, p.m. at the Avenue Baptist Church I.C. (Dugan) Hudson of Hereford; in Hereford with Rev. Jim Bulin, three sons, O.C. Hudson of Berkepastor, officiating. Burial followed ley, California, Walter Hudson of in West Park Cemetery under the Friona, Texas, and Stan Hudson of direction of Rix Funeral Directors Brownfield, Texas; two daughters Lorraina Hudson and Katie She was born March 23, 1924 to Hudson, both of Amarillo, Texas; Ocie and Maggie May Weems one brother, Nelson Rieger of Rieger in Rotan, Texas. She gradu- Mount Pleasant, Texas; and one ated from Plains High School in sister, Zelda Kendrick of Mansfield, Texas.



GRANDPA, SO MANY IMAGES COME TO MIND WHENEVER I SPEAK YOUR NAME IT SEEMS WITH OUT YOU IN MY LIFE THINGS HAVE NEVER BEEN THE SAME.

WHAT HAPPENED TO THOSE LAZY DAYS WHEN I WAS JUST A CHILD WHEN MY LIFE WAS CONSUMED IN YOU IN YOUR LOVE, AND IN YOUR SMILE.

WHAT HAPPENED TO ALL THOSE TIMES WHEN I ALWAYS LOOKED TO YOU, NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENED IN MY LIFE YOU COULD MAKE MY GRAY SKIES BLUE.

GRANDPA, SOME DAYS I HEAR YOUR VOICE AND TURN TO SEE YOUR FACE, YET IN MY TURNING JT SEEMS THE SOUND HAS BEEN ERASED.

OH, GRANDPA IF I COULD TURN BACK TIME AND ONCE MORE HEAR YOUR VOICE I'D TELL YOU THAT OUT OF ALL THE GRANDPAS YOU WOULD STILL BE MY CHOICE.

> PLEASE ALWAYS KNOW I LOVE YOU AND NO ONE CAN TAKE YOUR PLACE. YEARS MAY COME AND GO YOUR MEMORY WILL NEVER BE ERASED.

TODAY JESUS, AS YOU ARE LISTENING IN YOUR HOME ABOVE WOULD YOU GO AND FIND MY GRANDPA AND GIVE HIM ALL MY LOVE.

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Where Souls Draw Nigh

by Connie Campbell Bratcher

In the darkest night there shines a light, and all who look shall see, The radiant glow that fills the soul, and sets the captive free. In the deepest valley there's a mountain peak for all to gaze upon. It lifts the spirit, giving grace and hope, until the battle's won. In sickness there's a great physician whose touch can make us whole, And all who come to Him for healing are cleansed within the soul. In sorrow there's a comforter who loves beyond compare.

He's touched with our infirmities, our burdens all to bear. In poverty there's abundant wealth that this world cannot measure. No one there goes hungry, who feeds on heavenly treasure. Thank God for the Light in darkness, and for the mountain high. Thank Him for the valley deep, where souls to Him draw night

GRANNY'S PRUNE CAKE

Mace Cochran submitted by Bonnie Clayton Heald Thursday, Man

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Dale Schueler, Don

1/4 tsp. salt

1 c. stewed prunes, chopped 1 c. chopped pecans

1 c. buttermilk

1 tsp. vanilla

1 tsp. allspice Beat sugar and Crisco until creamy. Add eggs one at a time. Sift flour, soda, allspice, and salt together. Add flour mixture alternately to the creamed mixture with buttermilk. Add the prunes, pecans and vanilla. Beat well. Bake in a 9 x 13 prepared pan at 350 degrees for 35-45 minutes. Or 3 heart shaped pans at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes.

Icing

1½ c. sugar

1 c. Crisco

1 tsp. soda

3 eggs

2 c. flour

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3/4 c. chopped pecans (opt.) ½ c. melted butter 1 c. sugar

34 c. cream or half & half 1 tsp. vanilla Bring to a rolling boil over low heat, all ingredients except vanilla. Boil 10 minutes, until thick, stirring often. Remove from heat and add vanilla. Pour over warm cake, if using 9 x 13 pan. Cool,

stack, and ice if using heart shaped pans. MAMA'S LEMON MERINGUE PIE

Anna Lee Englant submitted by Mary Rose Pattterson

Pie Filling

1½ c. sugar

1 baked pie shell 1/2 c. flour or 3 T. cornstarch

1½ c. water

½ c. lemon juice 1 T. butter or margarine

3 eggs (separated & beaten lightly)

Separate egg yolks from egg whites, saving the egg whites for later use. Mix dry ingredients together well; add water and lemon juice, mixing well. Cook at med. heat on stove top, stirring constantly until thickened. Once pie filling begins to boil and thicken, take a small amount of the hot filling and add to egg yolk and quickly stir to prevent egg from cooking in lumps. Once egg yolk has been warmed properly, add to the rest of the pie filling and stir very well. Continue cooking for 3-5 minutes more on stovetop, stirring constantly. Add butter and mix well. Pour filling into baked pie shell and set aside.

Meringue

3 egg whites 1 tsp. cream of tartar

½ c. sugar

1 tsp. vanilla

Place egg whites in a chilled mixing bowl and beat on high speed till egg whites start to become fluffy. Add cream of tartar, continue beating at high speed; slowly add sugar, beating egg white mixture until stiff peaks form; add a touch of vanilla flavoring. Top pie filling baked pie shell with cooked meringue. This will prevent the meringue from shrinking when you bake it. Bake pie at 300 degrees until meringue is lightly brown. Parts of the meringue may still be white, and that is ok!

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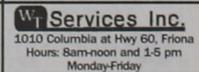
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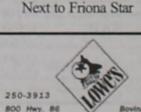
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The 66th Deaf Smith Electric Co-drawings for door prizes gave away operative annual meeting served over many items, including a 20" TV and 1,650 plates of hens, fins, hush puppies, and fried chicken.

The meeting Tuesday, March 23 at Hereford's Bull Barn drew about 200 more people this year than last according to member services manager Tommie Weemes. Capital Credits from 1991 were distributed to coop members in the amount of \$1,500,000.

A rousing round of songs by The Florida Boys kept the crowd clapping and singing along.

Vick Christian and Jerry Roberts were re-elected to the co-op board of directors. And the crowd favorite,



HAMMING IT UP at the Co-op meeting are Dee Clark and Bud Rainey. ron carr photos



LINING UP for the Hens and Fins buffet at the Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative meeting are l-r, Raymond Hamilton, Dale Schueler, Donna Schueler and Pam Hamilton.



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Hereford Bull Barn Hereford, Texas

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Do Your Homework To Select **Best Cotton Varieties In 2004**

by Tim W. McAlavy

Selecting productive cotton varieties is not an easy task—especially on the Texas High Plains, an area where weather can literally "make or break" a crop. A Texas Cooperative Extension cotton agronomist advises producers to do their homework by comparing several characteristics among many different varieties, and then keying these characteristics to typical growing conditions.

"We can't control our growing environment from year to year, but we can select the varieties we plant based on positive traits," said Randy Boman, Extension cotton agronomist. "It is very important to select and plant varieties that fit your farm-varieties with the genetic potential to

achieve good lint quality and total yield.

"The 2003 crop year in the Texas High Plains was a challenging one. In spite of the weather, many producers achieved record yields on their farms. Many others had a tough year. June weather destroyed more than one million acres, mostly from the best irrigated land. Early dryland crop prospects declined due to record low rainfall in July and August," Boman said. "Additional hail in September and October damaged a substantial amount of acres. 2003 was one of our driest years on record. It was also another year of above-normal heat unit accumulation and favorable harvest conditions on the High Plains. This weather favored many of the longer-season, open-boll type cottons that have gained popularity in recent years."

The 2003 crop totaled about 2.4 million bales. As a whole, the crop had excellent color and leaf grades, low bark percentage, and the highest average staple length since 1996. The average strength was also very high, he said. About 61 percent of the crop had a 34 or longer staple

length, which was the highest seen since 1997.

"At the same time, 2003 was unfortunately another high-micronaire year. Our micronaire averaged 4.4, which tied for the highest micronaire value on record. Only the 2001 crop had equivalent micronaire value. About 18 percent of the 2003 crop had high micronaire, which was just below the 19 percent observed in 2001," Boman said. "High micronaire combined with short staple length can result in substantial discounts, based on the Commodity Credit Corporation loan chart."

"Fortunately, 2004 looks promising due to outstanding winter precipitation. Additional new varieties and technologies are on the way that can help producers boost their profitability. Look for new varieties from several seed companies in 2004. Bollgard II will be available in several new varieties, as well as several new Liberty Link herbicide-tolerant varieties."

Even so, growers should not plant fence-row to fence-row with one type of cotton, he added.

County Extension agents can advise growers on variety of performance in local field trials. The Plains Cotton Improvement Program's (PCIP) replicated large-plot systems variety trials, sponsored by Plains Cotton Growers and Cotton Inc., also contain good baseline information that can help growers evaluate and compare potential field performance,

"The variety trials conducted by John Gannaway, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station cotton breeder, at Lubbock and many other High Plains sites are another good source of comparison information. Gannaway's performance trials provide the only unbiased information on large numbers of varieties sold on the High Plains, particularly new ones such as Liberty Link and Bollgard II," Boman said. "It is best to consider multi-year and multi-site performance averages when they are available. At the same time, there are many new varieties appearing on the scene that have not undergone multi-year university testing."

Yield potential is probably the single most important agronomic trait in producers' minds, but they should also give significant consideration to lint quality.

"We sell pounds of lint, but the value of each pound is a function of fiber quality—so these two characteristics are closely linked to profitability. But we also want to consider adaptability," Boman said. "Many long-season picker cottons may be better adapted to areas with longer growing seasons, but some of these varieties have produced record yields and quality on the Plains, due to the extremely warm September weather in recent years."

"Growers who made record yields with those varieties had abovenormal heat accumulation. They also terminated irrigation and applied harvest aids (defoliants/desiccants) in a timely fashion, and they got their crop out of the field early."

Even when growers can catch a "run of good weather", they should not leave open-boll picker cottons in the field until a freeze conditions the plants for harvest. Unacceptable pre-harvest lint loss is likely to result, the agronomist said.

"On the other hand, storm-proof stripper varieties are more suited to our harvesting conditions and they are more likely to survive damaging weather at harvest without considerable lint loss," Boman said. "Check the storm-proofness on your potential planting list. If you do choose an open-boll picker variety, plan and budget ahead for a good harvest aid program that will let you achieve an early harvest."

"Don't be caught with lots of lint in the field, but no chance to harvest due to inclement weather."

The value of transgenic varieties is another consideration. Growers

should consider varieties bred for herbicide tolerance, and-or insect resistance—such as Roundup Ready, BXN, Liberty Link, Bollgard, and Bollgard II—only if this technology is a bargain compared to typical traditional weed or insect control costs for a specific field, he said.

"The jury is still out on the value of Bollgard and Bollgard II in the High Plains, because our bollworm and budworm pressure is generally light. However, based on 2003 southern High Plains research, Bollgard II had 75% less bollworm damage when compared to Bollgard. Pink bollworms may be a significant problem in 2004 in some areas, and Bt technology works exceptionally well on that pest," Boman said. "At the same time, the inherent agronomic performance of some Bollgard+Roundup Ready 'stacked gene' varieties may simply be better than some Roundup Ready cottons-even though both have the same genetic background."

Resistance to diseases such as verticillium or fusarium wilt, bacterial blight and root-knot nematodes is a valuable trait for most of the High Plains. Regardless of how they prioritize agronomic traits and qualities, growers should strive for diversity when selecting cotton varieties, the agronomist said.

"Don't plant the entire farm to only one variety," Boman said. "Matching varieties and transgenic technologies to specific fields will help you spread your production risk. It is simply good management."

Growers can obtain a copy of Gannaway's 2003 Cotton Performance Tests in the High Plains and Trans-Pecos Areas of Texas, and Extension's Systems Agronomic and Economic Evaluation of Transgenic and Conventional Cotton Varieties in the Texas High Plains, from their county Extension agent or from the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Lubbock. These and other crop production publications, including a brief article on the new Liberty Link system, are also available on the Internet at: http://lubbock.tamu.edu.

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PCG Ready To Hold 47th Annual Meeting - April 1

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By Shawn Wade

Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. has finalized its speaker line-up for the organization's 47th Annual Meeting, Thursday, April 1, 2004 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. The PCG Annual Meeting is being held in conjunction with the Texas Cotton Ginner's Association Trade Show and Convention April 1-2.

Headlining this year's program is Lt. Governor David Dewhurst who has been invited to update the PCG membership about key legislative issues in Texas. To date, Lt. Gov. Dewhurst has been unable to confirm his participation due to the possibility of a special legislative session on school finance reform. Should Mr. Dewhurst be unable to attend, Senator Robert Duncan of Lubbock has agreed to participate.

In addition to Lt. Governor Dewhurst, PCG's 2004 speaker line-up will also include: Dr. Gary Adams, Vice President of Economics and Policy Analysis for the National Cotton Council from Memphis, Tennessee; Mark Messura, Vice President-Strategic Planning for Cotton Incorpo-Cotton Council Chairman from Colorado City, Texas.

In order to accommodate an expanded program, this year's PCG Annual Meeting will begin 30 minutes earlier than usual. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. and the program will start promptly at 8:30 a.m. in the Banquet Hall of the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

Dr. Gary Adams joined the National Cotton Council in 2002 and is responsible for preparing economic outlooks for global cotton markets and analyzing the potential impacts of farm and trade policies as they relate to the U.S. cotton industry. Prior to joining the Council, Gary spent 13 years with the Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute (FAPRI), located at the University of Missouri.

Dr. Adams has been asked to update the PCG membership on the status of key international trade issues including the ongoing challenge of the U.S. cotton program by Brazil through the World Trade Organization. Dr. Adams will also briefly update producers on the current market situation.

Mr. Messura will be reporting on the many activities of Cotton Incorporated designed to increase demand and use of U.S. cotton domestically and around the world. In his role as Vice President of Strategic Planning, Mr. Messura is involved in the identification of potential markets and the development of programs aimed to address those markets to the benefit of the U.S. cotton producer.

The PCG program will also include comments from outgoing PCG President Mark Williams of Farwell and reports from PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett and Plains Cotton Improvement Committee Chairman dale Swinburn of Tulia.

Following the Annual Meeting, the PCG Board of Directors will hold rated from Carey, North Carolina; and Mr. Woody Anderson, National its April Board Meeting and elect the organization's 2004-05 officer

