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Alzheimer's disease seminar set April 11

The Alzheimer's Association of Amarillo will present an Alzheimer's disease information seminar Monday April 11 at 1:15 p.m. at the senior citizen's Friendship House, 1410 Washington.

Roy Puente, regional director of the Alzheimer's Association will speak about issues surrounding Alzheimer's disease, dementia, coping with Alzheimer's, and recent updates on the disease. The primary goal is to inform the community about the disease process and how patients and caregivers can best equip themselves to manage effectively.

Plans will be shared on a new Alzheimer's support group proposed for the Friona area. The seminar will follow the regular Monday senior citizen meal at the senior center. The public is invited.

Cemetery clean-up day set for April 19

Tuesday April 19 has been designated as clean-up day at the Friona Cemetery. Volunteers are asked to meet at the cemetery at 5 p.m. and to bring hoes, rakes, weed-eaters, and plastic bags for trash.

The Cemetery Association reminds everyone of the city's rule concerning flowers at gravesites. Old, faded, or torn flowers will be removed and destroyed on the April 19 clean-up day. If you have flowers or ornaments at the cemetery that you really want to keep, remove them before April 19.

Come out and help get the cemetery beautiful for spring.

Bi-Wize to host Dr. Malouf Abraham

Bi-Wize Health Mart in Friona will host Malouf Abraham, Jr., M.D., on April 22 from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. He will discuss allergies, answer questions and explain why his natural allergy relief formula, Allernon, works for so many allergy sufferers.

Dr. Abraham, 65, is a well known, highly respected physician in West Texas with regular radio programs, television appearances and in-store presentations focused on mind, body, spirit - the key ingredients, he says, to living a balanced life.



Chamber events calendar

The Friona Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture is planning several community activities in the months ahead. You can help by volunteering and participating.

The Women's Luncheon & Fashion Show will be held Saturday April 16 at 11:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall of First Baptist Church. Ingram's will provide the fashion show. Everyone is encouraged to bring a salad and a friend.

Clean-up Friona Week is April 16-23. The city will provide a roll-off box at 8th & Jackson St. all week for discarding items. They ask that you please be sure you put discarded items in the roll-off box, not on the ground. This week is also National Volunteer Week, April 17-23, a good time to volunteer in the Clean Up Friona Week.

A candidate's forum is tentatively planned for May 2. Time and location to be advised. This will be a public meeting forum to meet the seven candidates for the Friona school board election.

A city-wide garage sale is planned for Saturday May 7. This year garage sale participants can choose to have their sale at home in their own garage or rent a table at the community center. A map will be produced with garage sale locations around the city. The cost is \$10 to be included on the map or to rent a table at the community center. Persons listing on the map will be allowed to include 2-3 sale items. More information is available from the Chamber at 250-3491.

School calendar debate goes on

Legislation aimed at creating a post-Labor Day to June 7 school calendar for Texas public schools seems to be just what Texans ordered. According to a recent on-line survey sponsored by the School Start Date Task Force formed by the state Comptroller Carol Keeton Strayhorn, Texans support a later school start date, fewer holidays during the school year and an end date in late May or early June.

Over 42,000 responses to the poll were logged. Over half of the respondents identified themselves as teachers. Twenty-nine percent of respondents identified themselves as parents.

The school calendar parameters detailed in House Bill 2 would require school districts to slightly reduce the number of holidays offered during the course of the school year. However, this condensed calendar would provide ample days for school districts to offer a Thanksgiving vacation, two weeks for Christmas vacation, and a full week for Spring Break. The calendar is very similar to the school calendar used successfully by states boasting the top academic programs in the nation.

Economic analysis shows the numerous short holidays and the early to mid-August school start dates are costing Texans \$790 million annually. Proponents of starting school later say this money could be used to increase teacher salaries, provide additional services to school children or provide earlier academic intervention programs to our at-risk students.

"The biggest complaint about the proposed school calendar is it infringes on administrators' local control," said Tina Bruno, executive di-



rector of Texans for a Traditional School Year. "When you are spending taxpayer dollars you should be more worried about fiscal responsibility than you are at retaining some perceived power."

Legislative sponsors of the new school calendar proposal say the move could save districts about \$90 million in non-instructional costs. It would allow Texas businesses to increase summer revenues and collect more sales tax dollars to help better fund public education in the future without

imposing higher taxes on Texans.

In a letter to the School Task Force members, TEXAN Power president, Luis de la Garza, explained that it not only takes more energy to keep a classroom full of children at a constant 75 degrees, but the cost of electricity per kilowatt hour is greater in August than in September, May, or June.

School officials with Tulsa, Oklahoma Public Schools say a similar change in calendar saved the school district \$500,000 which they used to

hire additional teachers.

Bruno said regardless of the school calendar, children receive services from the school district for 180 days. She added that it is much easier for parents to find child care for children during the summer months that will provide educational experiences not offered in the classroom, than it is during holidays piecemealed throughout the school year.

"Parents are demanding fiscal responsibility from our school districts," said Bruno.

"We want to see our tax dollars helping our students - not increasing revenue of the local electric company."

(Texans for a Traditional School Year is a non-profit, grass roots coalition of parents, teachers, administrators, and businesses concerned about the negative impact the early August school start date and the year-round school calendar have on our children, families, and teachers. To learn how to join the fight, go to www.traditionalschoolyear.org or call 210-479-3106.)

Resident receives top Dale Carnegie honor

BY RON CARR

The recipe for perpetual ignorance is a very simple and effective one: be satisfied with your opinions and content with your knowledge.

Elbert Hubbard

The Dale Carnegie self improvement course was started in 1912 by Dale Carnegie, a salesman and aspiring actor who traveled to New York and began teaching communications classes to adults at the YMCA. Today Dale Carnegie & Associates is a worldwide network of over 3,000 instructors and offices in more than 70 countries.

Friona resident Rick Carr, a salesman for Becknell Whole-

sale Co. of Lubbock, was chosen as tops in his class of thirty-seven after a 12-week Dale Carnegie course held in Amarillo.

Carr received the Highest Award of Achievement plaque which represents the most prestigious award in the course, a tradition that dates to 1912.

The course is held over a 12-week period, one night a week for four hours. Topics covered include foundation for success, remembering names, setting goals, making your ideas clear, and demonstrating leadership. Carr's employer, Becknell Wholesale, is underwriting the cost of the course for its sales staff.

As a result of his success in the course, Carr was asked to help with future Dale Carnegie courses as a Graduate Assistant instructor.

Carr's Becknell sales territory covers the Texas Panhandle, Oklahoma Panhandle, Southwestern Kansas, and Eastern Colorado. He has been with Becknell, a farm and industrial supplies company, for seven years. Prior to joining Becknell, Carr spent over 17 years as parts manager at Parmer County Implement Company in Friona.

Pat Sasser of Amarillo, Dale Carnegie training sponsor, is a second-generation Carnegie official. His father, also Pat Sasser, started the Dale Carnegie courses in Amarillo.

After awarding Carr the official plaque, Sasser gave him a copy of another Dale Carnegie seminar roster. This one was

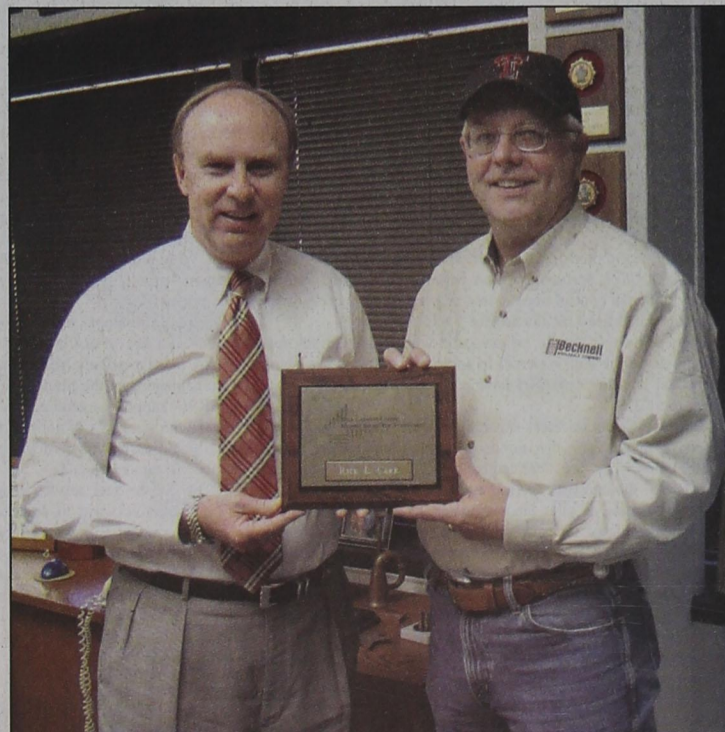
held at Friona Country Club from March to June, 1971 and organized by his father.

Some of the recognizable names from that 1971 Dale Carnegie course roster are Leon

Coffey, John Allen, Wesley Barnett, W. D. Buske, Mike Chaney, Jim Dixon, George Frye, Zora Gaede, Bernie Gowens, Lois Norwood, Jon Mack Roden, Harold Taylor, Bob

Wyly, and Gene Zachary.

For information about future Dale Carnegie courses in this area contact Pat Sasser at 806-355-5033 or email pat_sasser@dale-carnegie.com.



FRIONA resident Rick Carr, right, received the Highest Award of Achievement honor after completion of his recent 12-week Dale Carnegie course. The recipient is chosen by the members of the class. Presenting Carr his plaque is Pat Sasser of the Dale Carnegie Training office in Amarillo.

ron carr photo



OUT HERE

by Ron Carr

Surfing the death channels

Thank goodness for the Final Four basketball games the past few days. How about the Baylor Lady Bears as NCAA national champions.

The basketball games gave some of us the chance to watch something besides constant death. I have hereby renamed the Fox News channel 'the death channel'. A few years ago my kids called it the Chandra Levy channel.

Starting back with the tsunami, the school shooting in Minnesota, through the agonizing ordeal of Terri Schiavo, followed by the totally nonstop coverage of the Pope's death, they have pretty much wrung me dry of emotion.

Enough already. We took a ringside seat at the deathbeds of both Mrs. Schiavo and the Pope. Hanging out waiting for them to die on live TV. To fill time until death actually came along, they interviewed friends, family members, and complete strangers who usually said dumb things: "Your daughter Terri is finally dead so how are

you feeling right now?"

The family of Terri Schiavo asked the protesters to go home Easter Sunday. They wouldn't leave. They hung out waving signs that had such warm words as "murderers" printed on them. They got into shouting and shoving matches with each other, all in the name of respecting the family. It was a sad spectacle.

The Pope was no doubt a great man as evidenced by three days of 24-hour coverage on all news channels of his death, his life, his death, his life, etc. etc. Millions of people are converging on Rome for his Friday funeral, including President George W. Bush and entourage. Pilgrims, as they are often called, are standing in line for up to 10 hours to pass by the Pope's body and snap a quick picture on their camera phones. I find that spectacle to be ironic and quite frankly irreverent.

At first the summary of the Pope's life was positive and spotlighted his great accom-

plishments. He was the main reason Poland overcame communism they say. He went to Jerusalem and apologized to the Jews for not helping them more when they were being exterminated during World War II. The plaudits went on and on.

No mention was made, that I heard, of the child molestation coverups that have been plaguing the church the last few years and the money paid out to victims which bankrupted several dioceses.

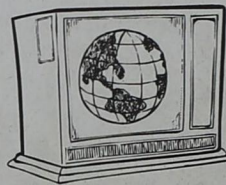
I predict that in the next few weeks the news commentary will turn more negative and writers will be digging up situations where the Pope was maybe not the great hero in all cases. Some in the Catholic hierarchy are already muttering that they hope the new Pope will make changes in the church that John Paul II refused to consider.

The Schiavo and Pope death coverage was way too much for the average person. There, I said it, now you don't have to. Not only did politicians meddle

in the Schiavo case, the TV news media did their share of meddling. You have a family that you don't even know arguing with each other over what should be personal matters and the media is urging you to take sides. I didn't take sides except I do feel sorry for Michael Schiavo.

I didn't watch more than 30 minutes of the Pope coverage. For three days I surfed over to the Fox News channel and if I saw Pope news I kept surfing. By doing that I got to watch some good basketball games, catch up on some old movies, and check out some of the newest TV commercials.

How about those new Spam singles. You might want to try them.



CAPITOL COMMENT
U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON



Border Patrol helps guard against terrorist infiltration from the south

Something ominous is happening on our southern borders. For years, we have faced masses of poor workers illegally entering our country in search of jobs, as well as a smaller number of more dangerous narcotics smugglers. But today, we have evidence that the same terrorists who killed 3,000 Americans on September 11, 2001, are now infiltrating the United States through our southern border.

Suspected al-Qaeda sleeper agent Mohammed Junaid Babar has told investigators of a scheme to smuggle terrorists across the Mexican border. Babar is tied to a terror plot to carry out bombings and assassinations in London. Along the Mexican border there have been stories of suspicious items picked up by local residents, including Muslim prayer rugs and notebooks written in both Arabic and Spanish.

We have also seen numerous reports of Middle Eastern males, speaking Arabic or Farsi, who have been caught crossing the American border with Mexico. Adnan Shukrijumah, a top al-Qaeda operative whom the FBI wants for questioning, met with alien smugglers in Mexico and Honduras in 2004 and was seeking ways to bring al-Qaeda members into the United States. Recently, Mahmoud Youssef Kourani, who was smuggled into our country from Mexico in 2001, was sentenced to five years in prison for helping the jihadist terror group Hezbollah.

They continue trying to penetrate the United States because they want to attack us in our homeland. Time Magazine recently reported that Osama Bin Laden has personally urged his Iraqi-based lieutenant, Abu Mousab Al-Zarqawi, to attack America itself and that Al-Zarqawi believes terrorists can bribe and buy their way through Mexico and into the U.S.

Al-Zarqawi and his fellow terrorists are banking on the fact that they can slip across our border with Mexico by walking through the desert or wading across the Rio Grande. They have changed their tactics because entry through official border crossings has become more difficult thanks to new passports, more visa controls, and an increase in computer identity checks instituted as part of the War on Terror.

The terrorists are counting on southern border policy and an overworked and undermanned Border Patrol to allow them to slip into our country. Under present regulations, the Border Patrol automatically turns back Mexicans caught at the border, but detains non-Mexicans for deportation hearings. The majority are released pending their court hearings, which allows them to easily disappear into the general population. The Border Patrol reports it released 5,775 of Other Than Mexican (OTM) illegal immigrants in 2002; by 2004, that number soared to 30,075. Those who are released are assigned a court date for a deportation but the no-show rate for these court meetings is as high as 90 percent. We are not sure how many of those who are released are from countries with known jihadist organizations such as al-Qaeda.

Clearly recognizing our serious border vulnerability, Congress passed the Intelligence Reform bill last year, which authorized an increase of 10,000 new border patrol agents over five years. Additionally, it included provisions to add 8,000 detention beds and 800 additional interior investigators to bolster border security. Unfortunately, the draft budget only allocated enough to cover 210 agents, 143 investigators and 1,920 beds.

Since 2001, 1,300 agents have been added to the force, but this number is still not sufficient to patrol the 6,900 miles of borders with Canada and Mexico. Texas alone shares a 1,254-mile border with Mexico.

To give our Border Patrol more help, I introduced and passed an amendment to the Senate Budget Resolution to provide sufficient funds for the 2,000 new border patrol agents. This will bring this year's number of new border patrol agents to the number required by the Intelligence Reform bill passed by Congress in December. My amendment provides \$352 million for new agents. Instead of creating new spending, the funds would be transferred from the \$33 billion set aside for international affairs.

President Bush, Mexican President Vicente Fox and Prime Minister Paul Martin held a summit on March 23 at which they announced establishment of the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America (SPP). Their goal is to provide for better regional security as well as prosperity by developing compatible systems for screening passengers, goods and cargo.

While I welcome the assistance of Canada and Mexico, America's security depends upon our own government. I will continue efforts to ensure our Border Patrol has sufficient resources to do its job.

Texas rural water war escalates

Rural water monopoly charges are all wet

By SUSAN COMBS

Where can a person operate a legal monopoly over everyone for miles around, and the people subject to the monopoly don't know about it, and once they find out, there's nothing they can do about it? Right here in Texas.

By law, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) may grant any individual or company the exclusive right to provide water and sewer service to a specific area. All it takes is an approved application, a \$100 fee, and a county map marked to outline the proposed area of service, and to show that the land isn't already served.

This exclusive, government-issued service right (or legal monopoly) comes in the form of a certificate, called a CCN. This stands for "Certificate of Convenience and Necessity". But the "convenience" and "necessity" of CCNs is the subject of fierce debate.

CCNs have existed since the 1970s. At the time of their creation, the need for CCNs was real. While city residents obtain water and sewer service from a public utility, most rural and suburban landowners relied on drilling wells and installing septic tanks. In growing rural areas, landowners needed the efficiencies of a city water and sewer utility in the absence of a city. So, the Legislature enacted laws to allow private service providers to act like a public utility. Thus the CCNs were born.

For unserved areas, the granting of these private CCNs opened the door to more cost-effective, regionalized water service. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality regulates private CCN holders just like public utilities, to ensure similar service and price controls.

With the guarantee of customers without competition through a CCN, rural water suppliers have been able to build the necessary infrastructure to deliver services. In many cases, CCNs have accomplished their intended purpose.

But sometimes the convenience of the CCN seems greater to the CCN holder than to the "served" landowner. CCNs cover vast areas.

Until recently, mailed notice to landowners covered by a proposed CCN was not required. Permission of the affected landowners is never acquired. And once a landowner is included in a CCN, there's almost no getting out of it - or at least, not without paying a hefty price.

One developer paid \$3.7 million to "compensate" the water supply corporation, just to remove its 1,500 acres from the CCN. Yet the CCN holder hadn't spent a dime to serve the landowner.

Critics of CCN also cite abuses of the government-issued monopoly. Some CCN holders control huge amounts of land without demonstrating the need for service by affected landowners.

One tiny community asked for about 60,000 acres to be covered in a CCN. Fortunately, their entire wish was not granted, but they obtained control nonetheless of over 20,000 acres - with no demonstrated need for the service.

Others acquire CCNs for private gain, without having any real ability to serve the land covered. In addition, landowners wishing to sell their land to developers have problems because the land is subject to a CCN.

Cities use CCNs on areas outside their jurisdiction to control new development. In the minds of some landowners, these private monopolies are "convenient" and "necessary" to only one person - the one with the monopoly.

And, of course, if your land is on top of an aquifer and you have water available for sale, your only customer is going to be the holder of the CCN who may not wish to compensate you the same as would another entity, leaving your property right substantially undervalued. The escalating issued of landowner control and claimed abuses have turned up the heat on this issue.

Last year, the Greater Houston Builders Association filed a "petition for rulemaking" to TCEQ requesting changes to the agency's rules governing CCNs. As a result, TCEQ is now considering changes to its rules and is requiring CCN applicants to mail notice of their application to affected landowners.

Legislation is pending that would revise CCN laws. While CCNs can be useful, they can also be abusive, and it is hoped that, with changes to state laws and TCEQ rules, CCNs will become more "convenient and necessary" for everyone.

(Susan Combs is the Texas Agriculture Commissioner. Her email address is susan.combs@agr.state.tx.us)

Texas must end rural water monopoly

By LEAHMON BRYANT

The Texas Rural Water Association, a statewide trade association whose membership provides water service to 2.5 million customers in rural Texas, takes exception to public comments made by Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs. Combs has recently been stumping the state attacking rural water utilities by claiming that they have abused their state granted monopoly powers.

TRWA President Leahmon Bryant said, "Commissioner Combs is wrong to politicize and thereby polarize the debate over how to best regulate water and sewer utility services in the rapidly urbanizing areas of our state. Commissioner Combs has decided to attack the rural and farming communities she has been elected to represent in favor of Houston developers who create their own monopolies for providing water and sewer service in the form of municipal utility districts."

The dispute between the rural and urban water interests began last fall when the Greater Houston Builders Association petitioned the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to deregulate water and sewer utilities in Texas by eliminating the state issued legal monopolies called certificates of convenience and necessity. A CCN is the exclusive right granted to a retail public utility to provide water and sewer service to a specific geographic area. The TCEQ has the authority to revoke a CCN if a utility is not providing continuous and adequate service.

Bryant said, "Contrary to statements made by Ms. Combs, a CCN does not infringe on private property rights and does not impose any additional burdens on a landowner. In most cases a CCN enhances the value of property because the landowner has access to a dependable and adequate supply of clean, safe drinking water. Without CCN's many citizens in the rural areas of our state would be left without potable and affordable water service."

GHBA targeted rural water utilities when they discovered that the current CCN law prevents private developers from creating their own government bond financed water and sewer service in an area where a rural water utility has a CCN. The Houston developers solicited the help of Combs, who wrote a letter of support urging the TCEQ to adopt the GHBA petition. The TCEQ created a stakeholders group in an effort to resolve this dispute, but the group is not expected to issue a recommendation until later this year. In the meantime, the Texas Legislature is considering several bills addressing this issue.

According to Bryant, Combs' portrayal of all rural water systems as abusing their monopoly powers is an insult to the vast majority of hard working men and women who are running these systems. While Bryant acknowledges there have been some abuses, he said those abuses have been greatly exaggerated. With few exceptions, TRWA's 700 member utilities do a great job providing clean, safe water service at fair and reasonable prices.

"As a professional trade association, we do not condone the actions of a few of our members who abuse their CCN authority. TRWA is aggressively seeking a legislative fix to prevent this from happening in the future," Bryant said.

TRWA supports amending the current CCN law in an effort to reshape the state's CCN policies for the benefit of rural communities, high density urban developers, and most especially landowners, Bryant explained.

"The debate over service areas should be focused on exploring constructive ways to preserve the integrity and viability of rural water suppliers, while allowing Houston developers to create their municipal utility districts in the urbanizing areas of our state in a fair and responsible manner. Our association welcomes constructive leadership from Commissioner Combs and others on this important issue," Bryant said.

Bryant is general manager of the Caddo Basin Special Utility District in Greenville, Texas.

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Retired teachers elect new officers March 1

The Parmer County Retired Teachers and School Personnel Association met Tuesday, March 1 in the community room of Friona State Bank. The meeting opened with an invocation and the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

President Anne Corn introduced her grandson, Clayton Corn, who entertained the group with a number of musical selections. Clayton, who was born and raised in Parmer County, is a professional musician and is currently touring the country as a member of the Phil Vassar Band. He stated that as a mem-

ber of the band he has performed in every state except South Carolina and Hawaii. In the past, he has performed with such noted musicians as Lee Greenwood, Waylon Jennings, and Willie Nelson, among others. He currently owns a home in Austin, but commutes to recording sessions in Nashville.

Officers for the coming year were elected. The new officers are: President-Anne Corn, First Vice President-Sharon White, Second Vice President-Sandra Randall, Secretary-Bobby Wied, and Treasurer-Valoris Osborn. The state organization en-



CLAYTON CORN

courages its members to work to improve their communities by volunteering their service whenever and wherever the need arises. Betty Jarboe coordinates these efforts on the local level. She reported that in the past year Parmer County retired teachers had performed 4,661 hours of volunteer service to their communities.

Congratulations were offered to one of the members, Baker Duggins, who recently celebrated his 80th birthday. On this happy note the meeting adjourned to refreshments provided by Nancy Edelman.



THE WEST TEXAS A&M University contingent that attended both the Rocky Mountain Chapter of Sports Medicine in Denver, Colorado, and the Texas ASCM in Fort Worth includes, from left, Gabe Goodwin of Friona, Matt Laurent of Canadian, Dr. Michael Meyers, J'Lond Jarecki of Friona, and Zane Logan of Hale Center.

Around Town

Cowboy poetry breakfast Saturday April 9

A Cowboy Poetry Breakfast is planned for Saturday morning April 9 and will feature Charolyn Gouldy, Ivan Cates, and Marianne Logan at the Big Texan, starting at 8 a.m. Other members of the Southwest Cowboy Poets Association will follow in an open mic session with cowboy/girl poetry, singers, musicians and tale-tellers. If you are interested in preserving the cowboy spirit and Southwest heritage and traditions, you will thoroughly enjoy the monthly Cowboy Poetry Breakfasts. Bring a carload.

Benefit to aid Bovina fire victim

The Bovina Methodist Church will sponsor a Stuffed Potato lunch with the proceeds going to fire victim Julia Salinas. The lunch will be Sunday, April 10 from noon until 1:30 p.m. at the Bovina EMS Building, 109 N. 3rd Street in Bovina. There will be a \$5 charge per plate donation. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy the great stuffed potatoes.

Fellowship of Christian women to meet

The Fellowship of Christian Women will meet Tuesday, April 12 at 7 p.m. at the Calvary Baptist Church at 1500 North Cleveland. A program will be presented with refreshments and a rousing game of Bunko will follow. Invite all your friends and come fellowship with the women of Friona.

City park depot open house April 17

The Community Heritage Society invites everyone in the area to help celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Depot in the City Park at an Open House and Reception in the Depot on April 17, from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Men's prayer breakfast set for April 20

A men's prayer breakfast is set for Wednesday April 20 at 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. at the Calvary Baptist Church at 1500 North Cleveland. Invite your friends and come fellowship with the men of Friona.

Lazbuddie 3 on 3 shootout Apr 22-23

The Lazbuddie senior parents of Class of 2005 will present a 3 on 3

shootout festival April 22-23 at the Lazbuddie high school gym. Entry fee per 4 member team is \$50. There will be elementary, junior high, high school, adult, co-ed (2 men, 2 women), and over 40 divisions. April 15 is the entry deadline. For additional information contact Lazbuddie high school 806-965-2152 or Debbie Weir 965-2302 or Sarah Black 265-3861.

Exciting literary event planned for library

Authors Louise George, Delbert Trew & Gail Dayton will be coming to Friona Sunday, April 24 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the FHS Auditorium. Delightful Literary Baskets, prepared and donated by several groups and individuals, will be raffled at the Friends of the Library Annual Meeting in addition to the program. Support your local public library.

AC youth theater production

The Amarillo College Lamplight Youth Theatre Company will present their final production of the 2004-05 season with the popular musical Guys and Dolls. The shows will be May 6-7 at 7:30 p.m. and May 8 at 2:30 p.m. The cast will showcase the talents of 40 young students ranging in age from 8-18. The shows will be in Ordway Hall at the corner of 22nd & Washington in Amarillo. For more information or to purchase tickets call Cyndie or Megan at 371-5353, or visit their website www.amarillo.tv/lamplight.

Fine arts show in Clovis seeks entries

The 2nd Annual Spring Student Fine Arts Show sponsored by Pintores Art League will be held Friday and Saturday, May 6 and 7 at the MAIN ARTeri Gallery located at 311 N. Main Street (new location), in Clovis, New Mexico. Doors will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. both days.

All art students under instruction, whether Jr. High, High School, College, or Adult, may enter. Entries will be accepted on Wednesday, May 4 at the MAIN ARTeri from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Works must be dry, matted if on paper, wired and ready to hang or show. Vance McSwain from Amarillo will serve as Judge. Awards will be announced on Saturday, May 7 at 6 p.m.

Pintores is also now accepting applications for their Art Scholarship. For brochures, entry fees, scholarship application forms, and more information, stop by the MAIN ARTeri or call 742-3122

Local WT students earn sports medicine notice

A contingent representing West Texas A&M University's Department of Sports and Exercise Sciences (SES) did not go unnoticed at a couple of recent meetings of the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM).

Dr. Michael Meyers, head of WTAMU's Department of SES, was voted in as president elect while attending the Texas ACSM, March 4-5 in Fort Worth, and Dr. Brenda Reeves, assistant professor of SES, was nominated to serve on the Texas ACSM Board of Directors.

Meanwhile, Zane Logan, a junior SES major from Hale Center, garnered the Outstanding Undergraduate Research Award at the Rocky Mountain ACSM, February 25-26 in Colorado

Springs, Colorado. It marks the second consecutive year that a West Texas A&M student has won the undergraduate award at the Rocky Mountain ACSM. Also at the Colorado event, Meyers was recognized with the Mentor Award for the second straight year for his work with Logan.

Other WTAMU students who attended both ACSM events are Gabe Goodwin, a graduate student in SES from Friona; J'Lond Jarecki, a junior SES major from Friona; and Matt Laurent, a graduate student in SES from Canadian and last year's recipient of the Outstanding Undergraduate Research Award at the Rocky Mountain ACSM.

Each student at the competitions presented a poster.



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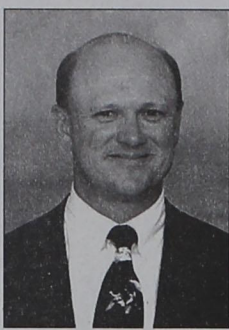
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D. Buske chairman of real estate tour group

Former Friona resident Dave Buske is associated with Orr & Associates Real Estate in Burleson, Tx. Buske has recently been elected as chairman of the 2005 Burleson Area Tour Group. As chairperson he is responsible for procuring, scheduling, and coordination of sponsors for the weekly homes tour and breakfast and the annual Realtor awards banquet and scholarship fund.

Buske, a Friona high school graduate is the son of Reba and W. D. Buske of Friona. He was formerly associated with Hi-Pro Feeds as a salesman before joining the real estate profession.

He is a member of the



DAVE BUSKE

Greater Fort Worth Association of Realtors, Texas Association of Realtors, National

Association of Realtors, Burleson Lions Club, and the Burleson Area Chamber of Commerce where he serves as an ambassador. He is also a Meals on Wheels volunteer. Dave and his wife Bobi live in Burleson and attend First United Methodist Church. In his spare time he enjoys golf.

According to an announcement in the Fort Worth Star

Telegram, Buske has consistently achieved a multi-million dollar production status in his real estate career. "Mr. Buske has proven his requisite knowledge, experience, and expertise in today's real estate market," the article stated.

Dave Buske can be reached at 817-295-5291, 817-980-9436, or visit his web site at www.DaveBuske.com.

Mercer to attend presidential classroom in Washington DC

Taylor Mercer of Coppell, Texas, granddaughter of Joe and Tommie Mercer of Friona, will attend the Presidential Classroom program July 9-16 in Washington, D.C.

Presidential Classroom is a civic program which provides high school juniors and seniors access to leaders who shape America's public policy. Participants represent more than 30 countries. It is a week long program where students interact with members of Congress, military officials, top business leaders and journalists.

Students will conduct a summit meeting to debate international issues with peers from around the world. They will also visit the White House



TAYLOR MERCER

by special invitation, the U.S. Capitol, the Department of State and Arlington National Cemetery. Taylor is the daughter of Tim and Cari Mercer.

Cargill union gives 23 scholarships

The United Food & Commercial Workers Local 540, a union at Cargill Meat Solutions in Friona, involves itself in many service projects for the community and for the employees and their beneficiaries at Cargill.

One of their annual projects is the awarding of scholarships to Cargill employees and/or their dependents. Union steward Casey Williams said the \$400 per student is paid direct to the college or university the student attends. In this area West Texas A&M University, Amarillo College, or Clovis Community College are popular choices for students.

This year, UFCW Local 540 gave \$400 each to 23 students in the Clovis, Friona, Here-

ford, and Bovina areas. The students receiving scholarships are:

Adriana Aguillar, Hugo Aguillon, Ramiro Alaniz, Jr., Lisa Alaniz, Laura Aguijo, Easter Cano, Chantel Davila, Indira Garay, Eranady Lara, Crystal Mascarenas, Jennifer Mascarenas, Georgina Nunez, and Daniela Nunez.

Also, Judith Ponce, Edward Ramirez, Bobby Raymod, Juan Roldan, Laura Rosas, Eulogio Ruiz, Fidelfa Saucedo, Armando Saucedo, Maria Vega, and Somchit Vongrasamy.



CCC presents The Tweaksters

Clovis Community College's Cultural Arts Series and Plains Regional Medical Center present *The Tweaksters*. Dubbed the Blue Man Group without paint, this two person performing group will dazzle you with skillful feats of strength and balance, glow-in-the-dark illusions and even ping-pong air raids. This pulse-quickening adventure will keep you oohing and aahing and will delight audiences of all ages.

The performance will be held at Marshall Auditorium, April 17 at 4 p.m. Stop by CCC's cashiers' windows or call 505-769-4132 to purchase tickets. Tickets are going fast!

This project is made possible in part by New Mexico Arts, a division of the Office of Cultural Affairs, and the National Endowment for the Arts. Sponsored in part by CCC Student Government.

We appreciate the docs



A RECEPTION was held last Thursday at Parmer County Hospital for Doctor Appreciation Day. Above, l-r, Dr. Bob Alexander, Dr. Jon Mack Roden, Cathey Hammon, NPA, Dr. Felipe Jubay, and Dr. Jeff Dickson. Right, Cathey and Dr. A share a laugh.

dana d jameson photos

Courthouse Notes

The Parmer County Clerk's Office recorded the following warranty deeds from March 16, 2005 to March 30, 2005.

Looney Howard Reagan Estate, McMeans June Gay, Looney Craton Douglas, Looney Rodger D., Cabe James E., and Cabe Marceela Lynn - Cockerham James Wesley, and Cockerham Charolette, W/2 OF SW/4 S30 T6S R3E.

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Gregory Claud Jr. and Gregory Sandra Jo - FA Farm Partnership, S68 BLK H THOMAS KELLY.

Gregory Claud Jr. and Gregory Sandra Jo - Adams Mattison, Adams Monica M., Weaver Gerald A., Weaver Donna Gail, W/2 S31 BLK H THOMAS KELLY; E/2 S31 BLK H THOMAS KELLY.

Gregory Claud Jr. and Gregory Sandra Jo - Lepard Russell, S/2 S83 BLK H THOMAS KELLY.

Hutchins Lee and Hutchins Gloria - Farwell Abstract Company Inc., L11-16 B30 FARWELL.

Bermea Raul - De La Torre Luis and De La Torre Victoria, L3 B59 BOVINA.

Culvahouse Alice I. Nelson and Culvahouse B.R. - Fortenberry Donald H., N197.94 AC S10 BLK E.

Parra Abraham - Torrez Jesus Parra, L27-28 B32 FARWELL.

Anderson Richard Jr. - Cay AK Coral Trust, Degroot Kathleen R., and Degroot E.J., .99 AC S21 T7S R2E; S21 T7S R2E; 2AC S21 T7 R2E; 2.49 AC S21 T7S R2E; 2.82 AC S21 T7S R2E.

Buske W.D. and Buske Reba - Wright Jason, S15 CHARLES E HARDING

Aycock Charles F. and Aycock Margaret - Koehn James Michael and Koehn Donna Jean, W10 AC L13 S32 T9S R1E.

Huckert Anna Katherine Estate - Jossander John, SEE RECORD. Medical Center Inc. - Bovina Clinic Inc., L1-2 B99 BOVINA.

Williams Glenn Dale - Vega Jose N. and Vega Ursula, L5-6 B51 FRIONA.

Fulcher Ginger - Moralez Rafael Dominic, L6-10 B64 BOVINA.

Box Stanford Brian, Box Kenneth Darren, Keyley Laura D. Anne Box, and Box Jason Ray - Box Jason Ray and Box Ronda Raye, S160 AC OF W445.45 AC S17 T14S R3E.

Sheriff's Report

April 1, Jose L. Torres, 19, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police and charged with assault, pending County Court.

April 2, Juan Porras, 19, of Clovis, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with possession of marijuana-less than 2 ounces, pending County Court.

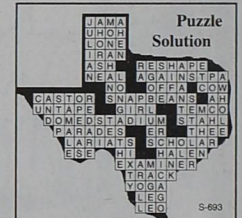
April 3, Richard Izaguirre, 32, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police and charged with DWI-3rd or more, pending Grand Jury.

CCC hosts Prairiedoggapalooza

Clovis Community College is hosting its 4th Annual Prairiedoggapalooza on Saturday, April 23. The all day festival includes a 5k run/walk at 8 a.m., a Senior Stroll at 9 a.m. and the music festival from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. A flea market will also be on campus that day. Bands from all over the state will be performing in the music festival. They include: The Envy, U-Fiasko, Arisem Parith, Andy Mason and Brackston Taylor, TOC, Painting Your Own..., Sarz, FeverDream, Social Blindspot, Twerp, Nunchuk, Hit by a Bus, and The Same Difference. Also performing are the SCA and Rhythm Cartel, a stomp group.

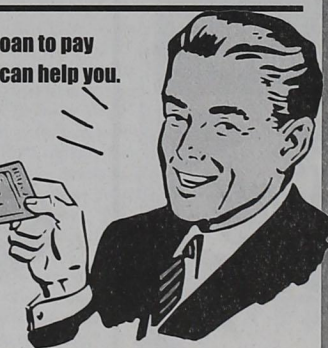
All events are free except for the 5k run/walk (\$5 for students, \$7 for non-students, and \$10 the day of the race). The music festival will include local bands as well as four bands from Albuquerque. The event is family friendly, so bring the kids out to play in the inflatable.

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Gabriel Gomez

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Gabriel likes to play with friends, ride his bike, and read books. His favorite food is pizza and his favorite color is blue.

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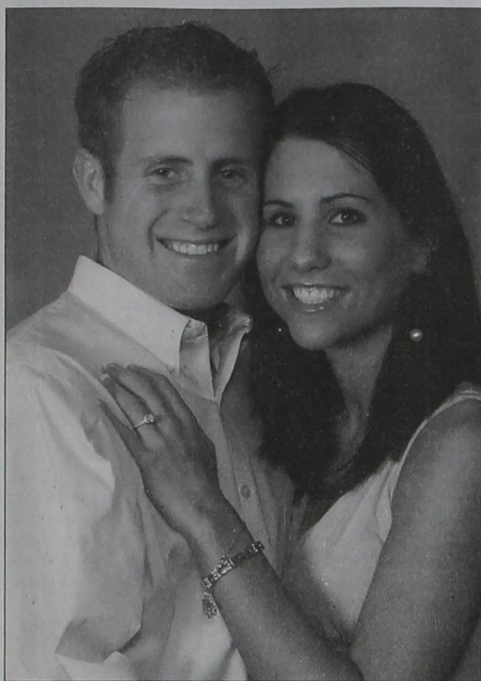
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Mullins & Burleson to wed in Weatherford



JOSHUA BURLESON & LYNSIE MULLINS

Greg and Janet Burleson, of Friona, and Kenlee and Donti Dennis, and Barry Mullins, of Weatherford, proudly announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Joshua Ryan Burleson and Lyndsie Blair Mullins.

Josh graduated from Friona High School in 2001 and received his Bachelor of Administration degree in Accounting from Texas Tech University in May 2004. He is currently finishing his Master of Business in Accounting and will graduate in May 2005.

Lyndsie is a 2001 graduate of Weatherford High School and received her Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Accounting from Texas Tech University in August 2004. She is currently finishing her Master of Business degree in Accounting and will graduate in May 2005. Lyndsie will be employed by PricewaterhouseCooper beginning in August.

The couple will be united in marriage on July 9, 2005, at The Texas Star Ranch in Weatherford.



LACYE OSBORN & HARVEY RATLIFF

Osborn & Ratliff will exchange vows in June

Ann Whitley Osborn, of Friona, announces the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Lacye Ann Osborn, to Harvey Locke Ratliff, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey L. Ratliff, Jr., of Amarillo.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Friona High School, Texas

Christian University, Texas A&M University, and Texas Woman's University. She has a doctorate in nutrition and teaches continuing education courses around the country.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Tascosa High School in Amarillo and West

Texas State University. He is President and Broker of Locke Properties, Inc., a residential property management company in Dallas, Texas.

The couple will exchange vows on Saturday, June 11, 2005 at the First Presbyterian Church in Fort Worth, Texas.

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The Friona Star invites all area ministers to submit articles for publication on our church page. Please keep your message 250-300 words on the topic of your choice. Deadline is Tuesday at 5 pm. We look forward to hearing from you!

THINK ABOUT THIS

Nothing is more important than truth

By T. LEON TALLEY, Sixth Street Church of Christ

I once read about a young man who was left with a large inheritance. The stipulation was that the money could only be spent for schooling. When he died at age 78 he was still attending classes. He had earned eleven degrees in a wide variety of subjects; medicine, law, business, economics, accounting, engineering, and others. Do you suppose he ever had time to put into practice what he had learned? With so much time to study, I wonder if he ever looked at God's word.

Life is a continual educational process. Everyday we learn things that we didn't know yesterday. The greatest education

a person can get is in God's word. A person isn't truly educated if he does not know the Bible or God's will for his life.

Some people, just like the man I mentioned, are always learning, but they're not learning what is most important. Paul described such people in II Timothy 3:7. He said they're "always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth".

I'm convinced that if the truth would be learned and followed, all else would fall into place. That's why we must "buy the truth and sell it not". (Prov. 23:23).

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My Life Story

By MARIAN ROYCE KREIG

Every month, a resident of Prairie Acres Nursing Home or Friona Heritage Estates, writes a story about his/her life's history for the home's newsletter, "The Prairie Times", for printing in this issue. This month we feature Marian Royce Kreig.

Marian was born March 19, 1936 in Hobart, Oklahoma to Ross and Aylene Lomenick. She has a twin brother, Melvin Lomenick, who lives in Hereford. An older brother, Neal Lomenick, passed away in 1990.

After living in Oklahoma for a few years, they moved to Amarillo for a short time and then to Hereford.

Marian went to school and graduated from Hereford High School in 1954. After graduation, she went to work for Blanton Butane as a bookkeeper.

In 1955, she met Walter L. Kreig, who was born on September 5, 1927. They were married on April 6, 1957, and made their home in Hereford.

They have two children. David was born January 20, 1958 and lives in Hereford. He is married and has two daughters and three grandchildren. Benjamin (Benny) was born July 1, 1961 and lives in Amarillo. He has two daughters and one son.

Marian quit work and was a full time mother and wife after David was born. She was very active in the kids' school, boy scouts, and other activities. She worked hard to make a loving home for her family and always enjoyed having visitors in their home.

In 1973, she went back to work as a bookkeeper for The La Plata Insurance Agency until 1979.

Marian was always there for her parents as they aged. Her mother was diagnosed with leukemia in the early 70s. Upon her death in 1979, she cared for her father until his death in 1987.

Marian is a member of the First Baptist Church in Hereford and was involved in many church activities.



Notes from a friend...

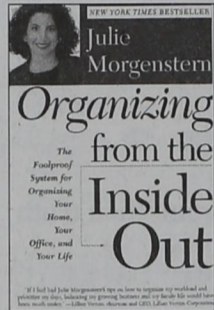
Organizing from the Inside Out

The Foolproof System for Organizing Your Home, Your Office, and Your Life

by Julie Morgenstern

Reviewed by: Sherry Walker Zehner

From Julie Morgenstern, I have learned that I suffer from the "Yo-Yo Organizing Syndrome". She describes this as making a vain attempt to get organized by buying books, clipping magazine articles, and spending a small fortune on every container that hits the shelves. Sometimes it works for a while, but soon the clutter is back and "chaos is reigning once more". She compares it to



Yo-Yo dieting. Both at home and in my classroom, I have often wondered if there really are bad fairies who come in the middle of the night and hide stuff. But, there is hope on the horizon! Whether you are "mildly or wildly" disorganized, Julie can teach you how to win the war against clutter!

In the first chapter, she covers misconceptions of organizing vs. facts. She suggests three steps in cleaning up the clutter: analyze, strategize, and attack. In chapter two, she describes what causes clutter. Some of us surround ourselves with a lot

of "stuff". This book explores the reasons why. Is it fear of failure, fear of success, a need to retreat, or just sentimental attachment?

In this book, Julie shares the secrets of her system, which she uses in her work as a professional organizer. She gives examples of techniques she has used with various clients based on individual goals, personal habits, and psychological needs. Most interesting is "secret weapon #1". Every organization solution she has developed is designed on the model of a kindergarten classroom because it is "simple and effective, works every time, and it represents the essence of being ORGANIZED FROM THE INSIDE OUT." Her attack approach is to remember the word "SPACE": (Sort, Purge, Assign a home, Containerize, and Equalize). She offers a no-brainer toss list, a sample filing system, advice on how to avoid common pitfalls, and how to apply all this at home or at the office. She can even help you organize your time.

Julie freely admits that she was once a slob and the first thing she ever organized was her baby's diaper bag! So, whatever your organization problem, large or small, you can find the answers in this book. Now that I am armed with Julie's weapons for the war against clutter, I plan to start my spring cleaning and be ready for the city-wide garage sale on May 7! See you there!!!



LELA MAE GEORGE & her painting she donated to Prairie Acres. dana d. jameson photo

Resident donates painting

Lela Mae George, a resident at Prairie Acres Nursing Home, has donated a painting she painted in 1981 to the nursing home.

She said in 1981 she decided to take art lessons in Missouri. "There were seventeen students in our class and we were all painting the same picture and this was my first big picture."

The class was from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day with an hour off for lunch and she said it took them three days to complete the painting.

"Before it was completed I started feeling a little nervous because the instructor was standing behind me," Lela Mae said. The instructor told the

class to put their brushes down and take a look at Lela Mae's picture and tell her where she was from.

Lela Mae says the class looked and looked but couldn't figure it out. The instructor picked up a yard stick and pointed to the men in the boat who were wearing western shirts and cowboy hats. The instructor said it was clear as day Lela Mae was from Texas.

Mrs. George said, "I appreciate everything that has been done for me while I've been living at Prairie Acres and I believe I speak for everyone else here. It's very obvious to me that the staff here care for the elderly."



PRAIRIE ACRES Resident of the Month, Helen Potts & Employee of the Month, Cecelia Schueler. dana d jameson photo

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KAMBREE DAVILA

Varsity track competes in Muleshoe Relays

By DANA D. JAMESON

The Friona High School Varsity track teams had a beautiful day to run track on Friday, April 1 in Muleshoe.

The girls' placed 5th overall with a total of 58 points. Trisha Winebrinner placed third in the shot put with a distance of 33' 6 1/2"; Karla Padilla placed 2nd in the 400m run with a time of 1:04.75; Emmie Crutchfield place first in the 1600m run with a time of 5:46.37; and the 1600m relay team placed 3rd with a time of 4:26.16.

The boys' team placed 6th with 48 overall points.

Chris Carrillo placed 1st in the shot put with a distance of 43' 10 1/2"; David Davila placed 3rd in the 800m run with a time of 2:11.76; and Willy Castillo placed 2nd in the 300m hurdles with a time of 42.67.

The varsity track teams will compete in the Dimmitt track meet Thursday April 7.



DAVID DAVILA



RYAN SCHWAB

1600 relay places 2nd at Muleshoe

By DANA D. JAMESON

The Friona high school JV boys track team competed at the Muleshoe Relays Friday April 1 and placed 6th with a team score of 62 points.

Phillip Saiz placed 4th in the 110m hurdles with a time of 18.6 and 1st in the 330m hurdles with a time of 45.11; the 1600m-relay team of Ryan Geries, Ryan Schwab, Sawyer Reed and Daniel Vasquez placed 2nd with a time of 3:53.06.

"We had some of our best individual and relay performances of the year," said Coach Rex Cumpton. "Times and distances are improving."

Dillon Welch placed first in the discus with a distance of 109'; Schwab placed 3rd in the high jump with a height of 5'6" and 2nd in the triple jump with a distance of 38'8"; and Derek Davila placed 2nd in the shot put with a throw of 37'10".

The JV boys will compete in Dimmitt Thursday April 7.



JON Nava gets the out at first.

Chiefs fall to Longhorns, 12-6

By DANA D. JAMESON

Tuesday April 5 was a typical spring Texas day, the cold wind blew hard with gusts over 50 mph, rain fell at an angle and dirt blew in from all parts of the county. The parents and players got to experience all the weather could offer as the Friona Chiefs took on the Lockney Longhorns at Chieftain field.

The Longhorns struck first with a run in the first inning. The Chiefs had a big come back in the fifth with Kelby Monroe hitting a shot up the middle to bring Hayden Patton home. Lockney's pitcher then walked Jon Nava and Ramon Salcido. Nava made it home on a double by Jacob Hoon. Hoon stole home to add one more run to the total. Sean Lookingbill hit a short shot to the pitchers mound and got on at first and went on to add another run tying the score 5-5.

With a rainbow appearing in the east the Longhorns came back in the fifth inning with five runs to pull ahead of the Chiefs 10-6. The Longhorns were not finished, they added on three more runs in the seventh to make the final 13-6. Monroe, Nava, Hoon and Lookingbill each had one RBI.

The Chiefs will host the Tulia Hornets on Tuesday April 12 at 5 p.m.



BLAIR SMILEY

Mustangs edge Chiefs, 6-5

By DANA D. JAMESON

The Chiefs baseball squad traveled to Olton Saturday April 2 to face the Mustangs on a beautiful sunny day.

Olton struck first with runs in the first and second inning leading the Chiefs 2-0. The Chiefs came back with two runs in the third.

Hayden Patton tied the game at 5-5 with a three run homer over the left field fence in the fourth inning. But Olton came back in the sixth to win 6-5.

Pitcher Jon Nava had four

strikeouts and Patton had two in the three innings they each pitched.

Patton, Tolby Wilcox, Ramon Salcido and Sean Lookingbill each had one stolen base.

The Chiefs will host the Lockney Longhorns Tuesday, April 5 at 5 p.m. at the Chieftain baseball diamond. The Dimmitt JV Bobcats will be in town on Friday, April 8 to face the Chiefs. Come on down to the ballpark and cheer on the Chiefs!



KELBY Monroe holds the runner on at second base.



JACOB Hoon tags a Longhorn out at second base.

Cold, wet relays for J.H. track at Muleshoe meet

By DANA D. JAMESON

The Friona Junior High 7th & 8th grade boys and girls track had a miserable day for a meet Thursday March 31 but still managed to place in several competitions before the meet was cancelled due to weather.

The 7th grade boys finished in 4th place with a total of 50 points.

The 400m-relay team of Steven Mendoza, Stetson Reed, Oscar Reyes and Marquese Saenz placed 1st with a time of 56.47; Jesus Sarabia placed 6th in the 800m run with a time of 3:08.89; Matthew Stanberry placed 5th in the shot put with

a distance of 27'9 1/2".

In the 110m high hurdles Jose Ramirez placed 5th with a time of 23.34 and Raul Dominguez placed 6th with a time of 26.43; Saenz placed 2nd in the triple jump with a distance of 32'2"; Sarabia placed 2nd in the 2400m run with a time of 10:08.75; Stanberry placed 2nd in the discus with a distance of 86'11".

The 7th grade girls finished in third place with a total of 64 points.

Yesenia Rojas placed 2nd in the high jump with a height of 4'; Monica Saenz placed 2nd in

the 2400m run with a time of 10:56.63; Diana Bolivar placed 1st in the discus with a distance of 73'7".

The 400m-relay team placed 3rd with a team of 1:03.52; Paige Herbert placed 6th in the 800m run with a time of 3:29.10.

In the shot put competition Yesenia Ortiz placed 3rd with a distance of 23' 2 3/4"; Ilsy Vital placed 4th with a distance of 22' 8" and Diana Bolivar placed 5th with a distance of 22'3 1/2"; Yesenia Rojas placed 3rd in the long jump with a distance of 12'4"; and in the 100m hurdles Lacy Lookingbill placed 3rd with a time of 21.20 and Bolivar placed 6th with a time of 22.20.

The 8th grade boys placed 5th

with a total of 24 points.

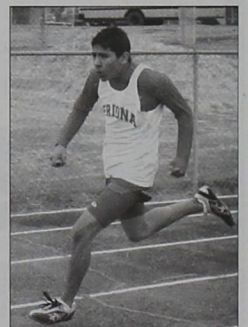
The 400m relay team of Irving Huerta, Andy Bentley, Raul Licerio and Justin Dominguez placed 4th with a time of 54.83; Andy Bentley placed 5th in the pole vault with a height of 7'6"; and in the 110m high hurdles Justin Echavarria placed 2nd with a time of 19.84, Dominguez placed 3rd with a time of 20.43 and Victor Guerrero placed 5th with a time of 20.51.

The 8th grade girls finished in 3rd with a total of 52 points.

Corinne Hinton placed 6th in the triple jump with a jump of 26' 11"; the 400m relays placed 4th with a time of 1:04.67; Palacios placed 2nd in the 800m run with a time of 3:17.72. In

the discus Berend placed 1st with a distance of 70'6" and Meza placed 3rd with a distance of 68' Widner placed 3rd in the 100m hurdles with a time of 19.65; Sandoval placed 3rd in the long jump with a distance of 13' 6 1/2"; Palacios placed 3rd in the 2400m run with a time of 11:04.94; and Meza placed 4th in the shot put with a distance of 26'1".

The junior high track teams will compete in Dimmitt Friday April 8.



JUSTIN DOMINGUEZ



8th GRADER Brittany Berend launches the shot.



YESENIA ROJAS & STEPHANIE AGUIRRE



MELISSA GALLEGO

New use for cotton: saving lives

By BETSY BLANEY

Cotton, the fabric of your life, could soon have the potential to save it.

Scientists at Texas Tech University's Institute of Environmental and Human Health, on Monday, unveiled a new composite cotton fabric they say will protect against biological and chemical agents. The fabric, developed with the U.S. Department of Defense in mind, also brings a fresh market to cotton farmers in West Texas, the nation's largest producing region. "We are the first to bring cotton into the national defense arena," said Seshadri Ramkumar, the researcher at the institute who developed the fabric. "This is a big thing."

The nonwoven fabric is "exactly" the type the defense department placed in its decontamination and science technology strategy, he said. A thin piece of carbon is encased on either side by the nonwoven cotton. The fabric can be used as a wipe to remove dangerous contaminants from a variety of surfaces, including human skin and intricate equipment on fighter planes. The fabric is lightweight, soft, flexible and able to be draped over unusually shaped objects.

The material neutralizes and absorbs toxic chemicals used in chemical warfare and pesticides. Another use could be the inner lining of a protective suit.

"This is a win-win day for Texas Tech," said U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer, R-Lubbock, who attended a news conference announcing the technology and its licensing to a Texas company. "It's a win-win day for the American people."

Now, the military uses a cloth made from carbon, which leaves skin and other surfaces dirty. The fabric passed tests for bacteria, yeast, fungus and mold, but has not been tested

for anthrax and other potentially deadly biological agents. But enzymes specifically targeting a particular agent can be applied. "Once it has been tested for nerve agents, sure it can save lives," Ramkumar said.

Cotton watchers in West Texas said the fabric presents an exciting avenue for area producers. "It's an opportunity to add value to our locally grown fiber and add a new income source to our area economy," said Roger Haldenby, a spokesman for the Plains Cotton Growers, which serves a 41-county region.

In recent days, the university licensed a Waco-based company, Hobbs Bonded Fibers, to market the fabric. Carey Hobbs, the company's chief executive officer, said negotiations with government officials could begin within a couple of months.

"This is something that could be very meaningful and contribute to the country's mission right now," Hobbs said. "This is an opportunity you look for your whole business life."

Texas Cotton Association convention set April 27-29

The Texas Cotton Association's 94th Annual Convention has been scheduled for April 27-29 at the OMNI Austin Hotel Downtown. All cotton industry representatives are invited to attend.

Featured at this year's TCA Convention will be the Honorable Charles Stenholm, who will be addressing "The Politics of Cotton" during the Convention's general session on Friday, April 29.

Also on tap will be a special Open Session on Thursday morning, April 28 featuring National Cotton Council General Counsel and Trade Policy Consultant Bill Gillon of Memphis, Tennessee. Gillon will report on the FY2006 Budget process, the WTO Doha Round agricultural negotiations, the Central American Free Trade Agreement and discuss the recent WTO Appellate Body ruling on the Brazil Cotton case.

Additional information and registration information for the TCA Convention can be found on the organizations website at www.tca-cotton.org.

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FREE options and hedging workshop April 12

For the second year the New York Board of Trade, Cotton Incorporated and Plains Cotton Growers are hosting a free "Hedging with Options for Cotton Producers: Beginner and Intermediate Workshop" that is designed to help producers develop and sharpen their cotton marketing skills.

This year's workshop will be held on Tuesday, April 12, at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Towers, located at 801 Avenue Q in Lubbock. The workshop will run from 8 a.m. through 5 p.m. Lunch will be provided to all workshop participants.

Workshop topics include: "Why are options on cotton futures critical to your business?"; "What can options do for you and how?"; "Actionable hedging strategies"; and presentation of a 2005 Market Outlook by Texas Cooperative Extension Economist Dr. John Robinson of College Station.

For information about the conference, contact Tim Barry at the New York Board of Trade (212-748-4096), Jeanne Reeves at Cotton Incorporated (919-678-2370), or Shawn Wade at Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. (806-792-4904).

Registration is required for the conference and participants can register by telephone or email. Telephone registrations can be directed to Raquel Allen (212-748-4094), Kay Wriedt (919-678-2271), or Julie Wheeler (806-792-4904).

Email registrations should be sent to one of the following addresses: rallen@nybot.com at the New York Board of Trade, or kwriedt@cottoninc.com at Cotton Incorporated.



Nutritionists and dietitians experience cattle ranching

Twenty of the state's top dietitians and nutrition thought leaders experienced ranching from a personal level in a first-of-its-kind program hosted by the Texas Beef Council March 23-25 in the Texas Panhandle.

The three-day event included scientific sessions, chef demonstrations and beef industry presentations that emphasized beef's culinary and nutritional strengths. The beef checkoff hopes the dietitians will return home with new information to use in advising consumers about beef's nutritional benefits as well as a renewed appreciation for individuals and families who produce beef on America's ranches.

"The beef industry is committed to providing a wholesome, nutritious food and to communicating accurate information about beef's nutritional qualities and role in a healthful diet," said Dr. Shalene McNeill, TBC's senior nutrition communications manager. "The Texas

beef checkoff hosted this meeting to communicate this commitment to 20 of Texas' top registered dietitian thought leaders."

The meeting, titled "The Ranch: An Insider's View of the Beef Industry", included visits to the historic JA Ranch at Clarendon. Jay O'Brien of Amarillo, managing partner in the JA's cattle and ranch operations and vice chairman of the Cattlemen's Beef Board, provided a backgrounder on the beef industry. The participants also visited Randall County Feedyard, a division of Friona Industries, located near Amarillo, and the Texas Cattle Feeders Association headquarters in Amarillo. In addition, the participants interacted in seminars that discussed beef's nutritional profile and examined emerging nutrition research.

Chef Richard Chamberlain of Dallas, co-author of a lean beef cookbook expected to be published this fall with the American Dietetic Association, demonstrated new ways of preparing healthful, nutrient-rich beef. The participants also enjoyed beef dinners prepared by chuckwagon cook Tom Perini of Buffalo Gap and local culinary celebrity Becky McKinley, in the homes of Texas Panhandle ranching families.

TBC's program is part of the Texas beef checkoff's ongoing efforts to keep the state's dietitians informed of changing nutritional information concerning beef. This latest seminar will help the beef industry get its message across in multiple ways.

"The information the dietitians received will enhance their confidence in beef," she said. "This confidence will help them reinforce beef's positive nutrition contributions to their peers, motivate them to recommend beef to their clients, and remind them to bring up beef's benefits when they talk to media."


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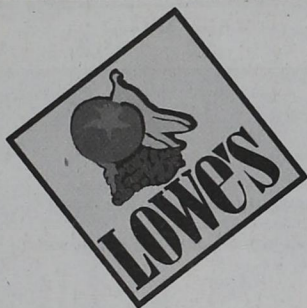
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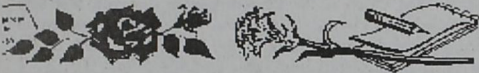
Church services for T.C. Wiseman, 75, of Clovis, formerly of Bovina and Sudan, were held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5, 2005 at First Baptist Church in Sudan with Barry Wiseman officiating. Burial followed in Sudan Cemetery with arrangements by Ellis Funeral Home of Sudan.

Mr. Wiseman died on Sunday, April 3, 2005 in the Northwest Texas Healthcare System in Amarillo. He was born April 18, 1929 in Sudan to Charles and Mable Whitmire Wiseman.

T.C. attended the Sudan Public School where he was raised. He was a farmer and a member of the First Baptist Church of Bovina. He moved from Bovina to Clovis in 1985. He enjoyed playing golf at the Clovis Municipal Golf Course where he was employed in the Pro Shop.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Paula Shaw in 2004.

Survivors include three sons, Steve Wiseman of Denver, Colorado, Larry Wiseman and wife Shirley of San Antonio, and Michael Wiseman and wife Maria of Houston; one daughter, Stephanie White and husband Clayton of Amarillo; two sisters, Charlene Griffin of Lubbock, and Frances Sisco and husband Leroy of South Lake, Texas; one brother, Buddy Wiseman and wife Betty of Friona; three grandchildren, Aaron Wiseman of Midland, Breanna Wiseman of San Antonio, and Zachary Wiseman of Houston.



Billie "Nana" Pelton

Billie "Nana" Pelton, 68, of Amarillo, passed away on April 2, 2005. A celebration of her life was held at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5, 2005 at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, with Pastor Rusty Dickerson officiating. Burial followed in Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Memorial Park Funeral Home in Amarillo.

Billie was born January 5, 1937 in Beaver, Oklahoma and raised by H.T. Parson and wife, Lillian. She attended school in Cross Plains and the Pioneer Community.

She married Gilbert Pelton on February 5, 1959 in Abilene, Texas. They later moved to Amarillo in 1964.

She worked at Mayco Laundry from 1992 until the present. She enjoyed bowling in the leagues at Western Bowl from 1978 until the present.

Billie took great pride in her family and was the "Bestest NaNa ever!" to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Billie touched and enriched many lives; anyone who knew her was blessed. She was a member of Paramount Baptist Church.

The family would like to thank some very special friends, Janis and Donnie Barnett.

She was preceded in death by both parents, her husband Gilbert, and one sister Alice Champion.



BILLIE PELTON

Survivors include her life companion, John Kelly of Amarillo; three sons, Keith Pelton and wife Angela of Amarillo, David Rogers of Sarasota, Florida, and Jack Rogers of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; three daughters, Beverly Boggs and husband Brian of Amarillo, Dianna Cleavinger and husband Tommy of Dimmitt, and Teresa Blankinship and husband Dwayne of Amarillo; two sisters, Helen Guyn and husband Steve of Rockwell, Texas, and Carol Neill of Manahans, Texas; two brothers, Homer Parson and wife Helen of Cross Plains, Texas, and Jimmy Parson of Bovina, Texas; 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to Life Gift, 1200 Wallace Boulevard, Amarillo, TX 79106, or to the Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Boulevard, Amarillo, TX 79106.

Irene Hand Lotspeich

Funeral services for Irene Hand Lotspeich, 81, of Friona, were held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 2, 2005 at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witness in Friona, with Phil White of Friona, and Charles Green of Muleshoe, officiating. Burial followed in the Friona Cemetery by Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Mrs. Lotspeich died on Wednesday, March 30, 2005 at Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona. She was born on December 23, 1923.

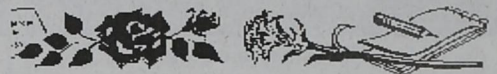
She was a Parmer County resident since 1926, moving here from Freedom, Oklahoma. Irene married L.J. Lotspeich on June 27, 1958 in Ventura, California. She was a member of the Jehovah Witness Congregation, in Friona, and a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, L.J. Lotspeich of Friona;



IRENE LOTSPEICH

one son, Bobby Dale Shirley of Darrington, Washington; one daughter, Brenda Gale Rancourt of Chewelah, Washington; one brother, John Hand of Friona; nine grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.



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Sabrina is a kindergarten student at Friona Schools. Her parents are Tony and Myrna Barraza. She has three sisters, Yvonne, Yvette, and Emily.

Sabrina likes to jump on the trampoline, and play house with Barbies. Her favorite color is pink.

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75 Yrs. Ago
April 4, 1930

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55 Yrs. Ago
March 31, 1950

Bert Neelley, former advertising and assistant manager of the Hereford Brand, has purchased the Friona Star and will assume duties as publisher and editor effective Saturday, April 1. A former news editor of the Tulia Herald, Neelley and his wife have two sons, Robert, seven, and Richard, three.

45 Yrs. Ago
March 31, 1960

For the first time since 1949, John (Indian) Crim of Lazbuddie, acknowledged scion of weather forecasters in Parmer County, has predicted a good year. His annual forecast, made at sunrise March 22, found the wind blowing gently from the north by northwest. He expects 1960 to be a good bit like 1949, which was the last year High Plains farmers made good dryland crops.

25 Yrs. Ago
April 16, 1980

Bovina Supermarket and Family Center will observe their eighth anniversary in business with an anniversary sale.

20 Yrs. Ago
April 10, 1985

Mindy Neal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Neal, won the long jump, with a meet record effort of 16-1 1/2 Saturday at the District Track Meet.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

April 10, 2005-April 16, 2005

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Apr. 15-Jay Potts, Brad Stover, Joe Zachary, Christian Hanes, Cari Hand, Kevin Veggeberg, Anna Murphree, Justin Bridges

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday, April 3rd Senior Steak Dinner @ JH Cafe.				1 JH Cheerleaders Auditions 3:00 WT Judging Contest Foreign Language Festival @ Levelland JV B., Var. G & B Track @ Muleshoe	2 JV Baseball @ Olton 1:30 SPCHEA Tennis Tournament @ Levelland
4 District Tennis @ Plainview	5 5th Math TAKS Test JH RPTE Testing Area OEP @ WTAMU Baseball vs. Lockney - H @ 5:00 District Tennis @ Plainview	6 JH Spring Pictures @ 8:10 JH RPTE Testing Band Concert and Sight Reading Contest @ Boys Ranch	7 State FCCLA JH RPTE Testing All Boys Golf @ Olton All Girls Golf @ Floydada JV B & V. G&B Track @ Dimmitt	8 End of 5th Six Weeks 2nd Grade Field Trip JH Track @ Dimmitt State FCCLA JV BB vs. Dimmitt @ 5:00 - H	9 ACT Test
11 Kindergarten Pre-Registration 8:30-3:00 Boys Golf @ Friona Girls Golf @ Friona	12 Kindergarten Pre-Registration 8:30-3:00 Baseball vs. Tulia - H @ 5:00	13 Kindergarten - Pre-Registration 8:30-3:00 No School for Primary & Elementary Parent Conference Day Report Cards Home Choir UIL Concert and Sight Reading Contest @ WTAMU	14 Kindergarten - Pre-Registration 8:30-3:00 JV B & Var. B&G District Track @ Lockney	15 Kindergarten Pre-Registration 8:30-3:00	16 Texas Tech Judging BB @ Floydada - 5:00 JH District Track @ Dimmitt
18 Head Start Pre-Registration First Baptist Church Senior Banquet @ 7:00 TAKS Science 8th Only	19 Head Start Pre-Registration 3rd & 4th TAKS Math Test TAKS 10th Gr. Math Test English Exit Test TAKS Math Test 6-7-8	20 Head Start Pre-Registration 4th TAKS Reading Test 3rd & 5th Retest TAKS Reading Math TAKS Exit TAKS Reading Test 6-7-8	21 Head Start Pre-Registration 5th TAKS Science Test Social Studies TAKS Exit Math Retest 9th TAKS Social Studies 8th Only	22 Head Start Pre-Registration TAKS 10th Exit Science & Retest HS Regional UIL Academics JV BB vs. Olton @ 5:00 - H	23 Regional UIL Academics
25 1st Grade TPRI Testing Methodist Senior Banquet 7:00	26 1st Grade TPRI Testing JV Baseball @ Lockney 5:00	27 1st Grade TPRI Testing Regional Tennis @ Abilene	28 1st Grade TPRI Testing Regional Tennis @ Abilene	29 1st Grade TPRI Testing 6th Field Day 7th Band to Floydada Regional Track @ Abilene Early Dismissal 1:30 ECE- 1st 2:00 2nd-12th	30 6th Grade Band to Floydada Regional Track @ Abilene
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ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC MEETINGS FOR PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)
 The Texas Department of Transportation is having a series of meetings to encourage public input on the proposed 2006-2008 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Public comment is invited regarding improvements to the rural transportation system in the 17 county Lubbock District. A copy of the Rural TIP is available at the Lubbock District Office and all county maintenance offices for public review.
 The following meetings are scheduled:
 1. Date: April 12, 2005
 Time: 7:00 p.m.
 Place: Farmer County Courthouse
 401 3rd Street, District Courtroom 2nd Floor
 Farwell, Texas
 2. Date: April 14, 2005
 Time: 7:00 p.m.
 Place: Crosby County Courthouse
 201 West Aspen, 2nd Floor
 Crosbyton, Texas
 3. Date: April 19, 2005
 Time: 7:00 p.m.
 Place: Gaines County Courthouse
 101 South Main
 Seminole, Texas
 Written comments will be accepted until April 29, 2005. Comment forms and copies of the TIP may be obtained at local offices of the Texas Department of Transportation. For more information, call 806-748-4431.
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A Nazareth runner slides into second base.



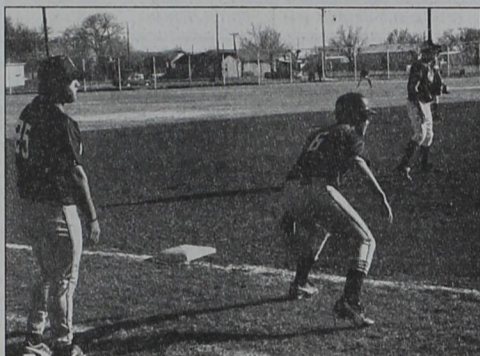
A MUSTANG batter is hit by a pitch.



COACH Guevara (25) and Coach Arias (10) encourage the team.



COACH Hector Guevara (25) holds a conference on the mound.



TAKING a lead off third.

THE BOVINA Mustangs played their first baseball game, this year, last Friday at home. The field looks good with new fencing, backstop, and dugouts. It was the first high school baseball game in Bovina in over 10 years as the Mustangs started the program up again this year. The 'Stangs hosted the Nazareth Swifts in a district game and lost 13-1.

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STARTING pitcher Mike Ortiz throws a fastball

ATMOS energy

NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN ENVIRONS GAS RATES

On February 25, 2005, Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos" or the "Company") filed a Statement of Intent with the Railroad Commission of Texas (the "Commission") to increase its gas rates in the unincorporated area ("Environs") surrounding the Cities of West Texas Service Area (the "Cities"). This proposed increase in gas rates willing to apply to customers residing inside the city limits of the West Texas Service Area.

In its filing, the Company proposes to change its Environs base rates and service charge tariffs to the same level as those current rates previously approved by the Cities for customers inside the city limits. The service charge rates have been in effect inside the city limits since April 10, 2003 and the base rates have been in effect inside the city limits since May 1, 2004. The Company proposes to change the Environs rates effective April 1, 2005. The Commission may suspend the proposed effective date for up to 150 days.

The proposed changes will affect all classes of Environs tariff customers, including Residential, Commercial, Industrial, State Institution, and Public Authority customers. The Company's Air Conditioning Customers, who currently take service under a separate tariff, will instead be served under the Residential tariff. There are approximately 17,306 Atmos Environs tariff customers (15,071 Residential, 1,916 Commercial, 182 Small Industrial, 16 State Institution, and 121 Public Authority). The proposed changes in Environs base rates are expected to increase the Company's annual revenues by approximately \$440,274. The Company also proposes to implement and apply a new Weather Normalization Adjustment clause to the bills of customers in weather-sensitive classes (Residential, Commercial, State Institution, and Public Authority).

The typical monthly residential customer bill (assuming consumption of 6 Mcf) and the typical monthly commercial customer bill (assuming consumption of 30 Mcf) will be affected as follows by these changes:

	Current Bill (1)	Proposed Bill (1)	Difference
Residential Customer using 6 Mcf:	\$13.99	\$15.12	\$1.13
Commercial Customer using 30 Mcf:	\$43.05	\$43.10	\$0.05

(1) (a) Includes average PGA of \$4.96 per Mcf as of December 31, 2003.

Atmos estimates that the proposed changes to its nonrecurring charges will increase its Other Revenues in the Environs by approximately \$30,377 annually. The proposed changes are as follows:

Description	Current Charge	Proposed Charge	Increase
DURING BUSINESS HOURS:			
Turn on new service (with meter set)	\$23.50	\$32.00	\$8.50
Turn on service (shut-in test required)	\$19.00	\$23.50	\$4.50
Description			
DURING BUSINESS HOURS (cont'd):			
Turn on service (meter read only required)	\$10.50	\$15.00	\$4.50
Miscellaneous service calls	\$10.50	\$11.25	\$0.75
Reconnect delinquent service or Service temporarily off at customer's request	\$29.50	\$37.50	\$8.00
Dishonored Check Charge	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
AFTER BUSINESS HOURS:			
Turn on new service (with meter set)	\$35.25	\$48.00	\$12.75
Turn on service (shut-in test required)	\$28.50	\$35.25	\$6.75
Turn on service (meter read only required)	\$15.75	\$22.50	\$6.75
Miscellaneous service calls	\$15.75	\$16.88	\$1.13
Reconnect delinquent service or Service temporarily off at customer's request	\$39.00	\$56.25	\$17.25

The various changes in base rates and nonrecurring charges proposed by Atmos would increase the Company's total revenues in the Environs by approximately \$470,651 on an annual basis, or 9.7%. The proposed change in revenues is a "major change" under state law. The new Environs rates will not exceed 115% of the average of all rates for similar services in all municipalities served by Atmos Energy within the same county.

Affected individuals may review a copy of the proposed filing during normal business hours (9 am until 5 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays) at 1) the local offices of Atmos in its West Texas Division; 2) Atmos' Lubbock office, located at 5110 80th Street; or 3) the Railroad Commission.

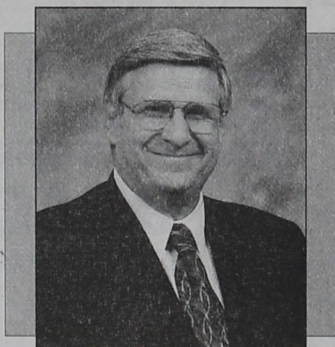
Customers affected by the proposed Environs rate changes may file written comments or protests with:

Docket Services Section
 Legal Division (Re: Docket No. 9573)
 Railroad Commission of Texas
 P.O. Box 12967
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GOSPEL MEETING

April 10-13

Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 2:00, Daily 11:30 & 7:30
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Larry Suttle, Speaker

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Sun. p.m. (2:00) "How to Break Sin's Grip"
 Monday Evening (7:30) "Do You Mean It?"
 Tuesday Evening (7:30) "Remember Who You Are"
 Wednesday Evening (7:30) "Don't Count On The Lottery!"
 LUNCHEON DEVOTIONALS (11:30-12:30)
 Monday "For Open Doors"

Tuesday "That We Proclaim The Message of Christ"
 Wednesday "That We Will Not Let Setbacks Stand In Our Way"

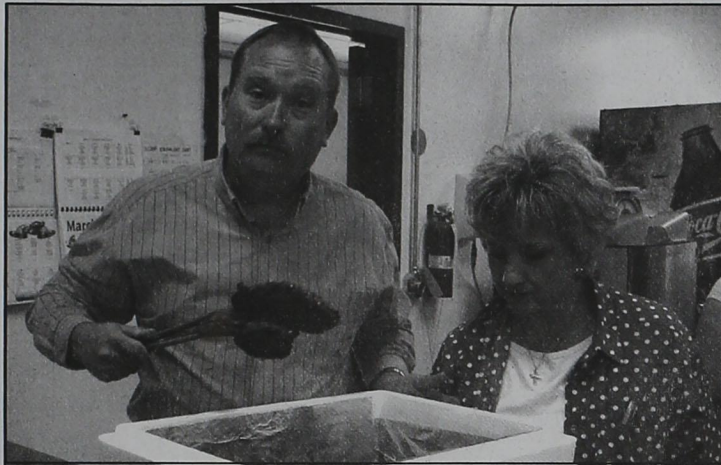
Everyone Is Cordially Invited To Attend

The Senior Steak Dinner

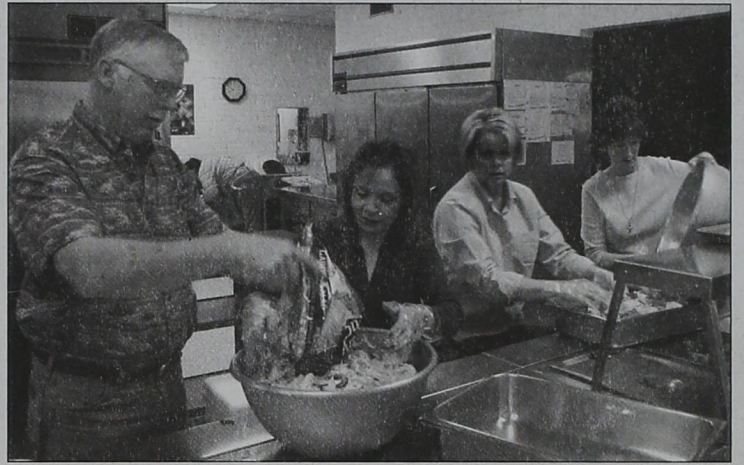


SENIORS, l-r, Chad Hutson, Tyler Jameson, Andrea Gerries, Ramey Alaniz, and Jacob Hoon stand ready to hand out desserts.

COOKING out back on the big grills were, left photo, l-r, Eldon Reeb, Bill Stovell, Jerry Butman and at right, Jim Taylor and John Taylor fired up the 4-Way Pump Service grill.



SENIOR parents Randy Gerries and Linda Welch stock up on steaks and get ready for the crowd.



PARENTS, l-r, John Ingram, Lisa Alaniz, Cindy Butman, and Beverly Ingram toss the salad and get their serving line ready. ron carr photos

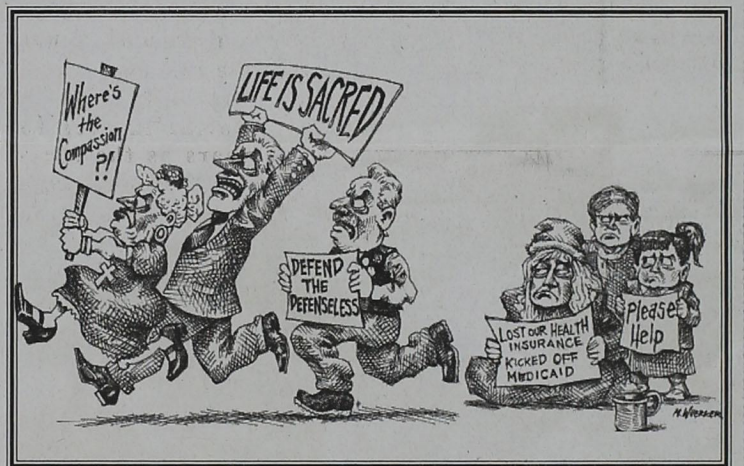
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- *Apple Walnut Salad--Lettuce, Sun-dried tomatoes, Walnuts, Apples & Balsamic vinaigrette
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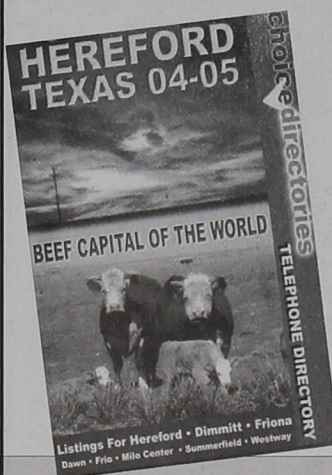
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- 9 mold again
- 16 actress Patricia of TX-based "Hud"
- 18 "24 slogan: "Me for Ma -- And I Ain't Got a Darn Thing"
- 21 TXism: "a shy dog don't get biscuits"
- 22 TXism: "it's all water"
- 23 TXism: "duck's back to him"
- 23 TXism: "puncher"
- 24 old laxative: "oil"
- 30 they're in a pod (2 wds.)
- 34 "ha!"
- 35 remove masking?
- 36 TXism: "muchacha"
- 37 "T" of former TX corp. LTV
- 39 Astrodome (2 wds.)
- 43 TX Dan Rather colleague Lesley events after Cowboy Super Bowl wins
- 45 TXism: "rip"
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- 47 lassos
- 49 TXism: "book smart"

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- 1 TX's famous blue-bonnet painter Onderdonk
- 2 TXism: "throw some leather on"
- 3 in Ward Co. on I-20
- 4 TXism: "active as a fox in house"
- 9 this Andrews was 1st fatality of TX Revolution (init.)
- 10 TX Janis Joplin song
- 11 TXism: "we're out of the woods"
- 12 TXism: "lutin" (snooty)
- 13 TXism: "short as eyebrow"
- 14 Gov. Smith ('69-'73)
- 15 "and so forth" (abbr.)
- 17 TXism: "Texas-Oklahoma border"
- 19 illegal hunter
- 20 TXism: "pasel" (lot)
- 24 this Chase was Gov. George W's education dir. (init.)
- 25 TX Audie Murphy film: "To Hell Back"
- 26 "whoa"
- 27 rolled in cornmeal and cornhusk
- 28 TXism: "horse" (westerns)
- 29 issue another challenge?
- 31 TX Willie's "Farm I" ('85)
- 32 with "mate," an ape
- 33 early TXn
- 38 TX rodeo king Larry
- 40 "Star Wars" defense (abbr.)
- 41 TXns like it iced
- 42 TX Ernie Banks: "Cub"
- 48 show of 43-across: "Minutes"
- 50 TX singer Thompson
- 51 Grand Opry
- 56 "on" (run of good luck)
- 57 "Gutierrez-Expedition" (1813)

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Sgt. Dario Hernandez back from Iraq again

(Editor's note: The Friona Star received an email from Marine Sgt. Dario Hernandez that he has returned home to his base in San Diego, California after a second tour in Iraq. Dario is the son of Carmella Hernandez of Friona and his wife is the former Dianna Trado of Friona. Here is the text of the email we received from Sgt. Hernandez.)

"Hey Ron, how are you doing? Just wanted to let you know that I am back. The 1st Battalion 7th Marines redeployed to Iraq on August 25. I was on a little base on the Syrian border in a town called Husaybah. There was lots of smuggling of weapons and lots of insurgent activity going on there. We were so close to Syria you could spit and hit the Syrian side.

While there I was part of a combined action anti-armor team (caat), meaning we rode around in Hummers with heavy machine guns mounted on them. We patrolled the city and conducted over 230 missions. I was a vehicle commander for one of the Hummers which put me in charge of the other four Marines in my vehicle.

I was injured when my vehicle came in contact with an improvised explosive device. I sustained minor injuries to the ribs. After a few weeks recovering I was able to return back to my platoon and continue my job as vehicle commander. A purple heart is pending.



SGT. Dario Hernandez is met by wife Dianna on his return from a 2nd tour of duty in Iraq.



SGT. Hernandez's combined action anti-armor team (caat) in Iraq near the Syrian border.

Also while there I was combat meritoriously promoted to Sergeant. We were there 7 months and I have now spent a total of 15 1/2 months in Iraq. This time around was a totally different story than the first time around. Our unit is set to redeploy to Iraq sometime in early 2006."

Our thanks to Sgt. Hernandez for bringing us up to date and our sincere thanks to him and all our military for the sacrifices they make so we can be free. If you would like to say hello to Sgt. Hernandez and let him know how you appreciate soldiers like him, his email address is dariohernandez_8@hotmail.com.



MARINE Cpl. Lockhart, left, and Sgt. Dario Hernandez getting ready to go on another mission. courtesy photos



TAKING a hamburger break are Chieftain baseball players, l-r, Stephen Campbell, Sean Lookingbill, Jared Boyd (top), Jon Nava, and Tolby Wilcox.
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Friona Country Club Golf Special

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