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Local Seniors & Guests Back From Branson Trip

Tired and happy, 43 local and area residents, arrived back in Friona Sunday evening from a six-day trip to enjoy the sights and shows in Branson, Missouri. The trip was again sponsored by Friona State Bank and its active "gang" of senior citizens.

The tour group was fortunate to again acquire the services of their favorite bus driver, Chuck Cosper of Amarillo Trailways Tours.

After arriving at Branson on Tuesday evening, December 4, they all got checked in, had supper, and then Chuck whisked them away for a relaxing drive through the Festival of Lights.

Among some of the shows and theaters they enjoyed were: Yakov Smirnoff, Shoji Tabuchi, McGuffey's, Mel Tillis, the Classics, Mickey Gilley, the Imax Theater, Dixie Stampede, the Rockettes

Christmas show at the Grand Palace, Jennifer, Pierce Arrow Theater and the Presleys. They also had a big time while on board the Branson Belle Showboat.

Friona residents who went on the trip were: Jean Terry, Opal Strickland, Nola Faye Vestal, Ted and Ruth Tucker, Mildred Mingus, Mildred Agee, Judy Cummings, Marlene Drake, Donita Martin, Ruth Miller, Valoris Osborn, Katherine Smith, Meryle and Olive Massie, and Don and Kay Huckabee.

Also, Gene and Mildred Welch, Mary Lou Taylor, Gerry Taylor, John Baca, Bob Naylor, Dale Widner, Frances

Parvin, Delton and Betty Lewellen, Ira and Bessie Holt, Glenna Holt, Opal Baxter, Mary Rose Brito, Jerry and Lucy Beth Hinkle, and group organizer "Fearless Leader" Marca Lynn Herring.

Out-of-town folks who accompanied the Friona group were: Irene Mullins of Hereford, Wayne and Liz Jesko of Lazbuddie, Helen Noyes of Hereford, Jewel Seigrist of Sayre, Oklahoma (sister of Opal Baxter), Toby and Reba Brito of Dimmitt, and Rory Brito of Odessa (Toby and Rory are sons of Mary Rose and the late Gene Brito who went on several previous trips with this group).

Christmas Reminders To Readers Of The Friona ☆

Next week's issue of the newspaper will be the annual

special Christmas edition with greetings and good wishes from all the local and area businesses, plus letters to Santa Claus from the little ones.

Please be advised that next week's issue is also the last issue for 2001. The Star traditionally does not publish a paper during the week between Christmas and New Year's in order to give the staff some extra time to be with their families during the holiday season. If you need to get something in the paper between now and the end of the year, be sure to get it in early next week.

Also, as you gather with your family over the holidays, remember to get photos of those little kiddos; children, grandchildren, etc. for the Star's Valentine Brag Page coming up in just a couple of months.

One more note regarding photos: Many of you now have digital cameras and/or scanners for your computers. Please do not bring in pictures that you have scanned at home. The paper will need to have your original picture or the disk.



BRANSON TRIO--John Baca, FSB official Marca Herring, and Dale Widner paused for a photo while on the Branson Belle Showboat last week. They were among the large group of Friona folks who toured Branson, Missouri last week. Marca serves as trip coordinator for the group.

Local Folks Witness December T'Storm!

The local area experienced something many of us "oldtimers" couldn't remember seeing, at least a long time: a December thunderstorm, lightning and all.

At about 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, a fast-moving weather front moved across the area from west to east. The front stretched from the Oklahoma panhandle to beyond the South Plains, but wasn't very "wide."

The sky became almost as dark as night by 4:45, and the front was accompanied by a small amount of sleet. The temperature dropped from its high of 59 into the upper 30s in about 30 minutes.

The moisture amounted to only .15 inches.

The week's temps: Thursday, December 6: 63-34; Friday, December 7: 60-29; Saturday, December 8: 47-25; Sunday, December 9: 47-25; Monday, December 10: 57-24; Tuesday, December 11: 59-22; Wednesday, Dec. 12: 44-23.

A Letter From Santa Claus

Dear Families of North America,

I regret to inform you that effective immediately, I will no longer be able to serve the Southern United States on Christmas Eve. Due to the overwhelming population of the earth, my contract was renegotiated by North American Fairies and Elves Local #209.

I now serve only certain areas of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois Wisconsin and Michigan. As part of the new and better contract, I also get longer breaks for milk and cookies, so keep that in mind.

However, I am certain that your children will be in good hands with your local replacement who happens to be my third cousin twice removed, Bubba Claus. His side of the family is from the South Pole. He shares my goal of delivering toys to all the good boys and girls. However, I thought you would like to know that there are a few differences between us.

1. There is no danger of the Grinch stealing your presents from Bubba Claus. He has a gun rack on his sleigh and a bumper sticker that reads, "These toys insured by Smith and Wesson."

2. Instead of milk and cookies, Bubba Claus prefers that children leave an RC Cola and pork rinds or a moon pie on the fireplace and Bubba doesn't smoke a pipe. He dips a little snuff though, so please have an empty spit can handy.

3. Bubba Claus' sleigh is pulled by floppy-eared flyin' coon hounds instead of reindeer. I made the mistake of loaning him a couple of my reindeer one time, and Blitzen's head now overlooks Bubba's fireplace.

4. You won't hear "On Comet, on Cupid, on Donner and Blitzen..." when Bubba Claus arrives. Instead, you'll hear, "On Earnhardt, on Gordon, on Martin and Labonte. On Rudd, on Jarrett, on Elliott and Petty."

5. "Ho, ho, ho!" has been replaced by "Yee Haw!" And you are also likely to hear Bubba's elves respond, "I her'd dat!"

6. As required by Southern highway laws, Bubba Claus' sleigh does have a Yosemite Sam safety triangle on the back with the words "Back off." The last I heard it also had other decorations such as the Ford logo with lights that race through the letters.

7. The usual Christmas movie classics such as "Miracle on 34th Street" and "It's a Wonderful Life" will not be shown in your negotiated viewing area. Instead, you'll see "Boss Hog Saves Christmas" and "Smokey and the Bandit IV" featuring Burt Reynolds as Bubba Claus and dozens of state police cars crashing into each other.

8. Bubba Claus doesn't wear a belt. If I were you, I'd make sure the wife and kids turn the other way when he bends over to put the presents under the tree.

9. And finally, lovely Christmas songs have been sung about me, like "Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer" and "Santa Claus Is Coming To Town." This year songs about Bubba Claus will be played on all the AM radio stations in the South. Those song titles will include Mark Chesnutt's "Bubba Claus Shot the Jukebox;" Cledus T. Judd's "All I Want for Christmas Is The Dixie Chicks," and Johnny Paycheck's "If You Don't Like Bubba Claus, Bug Off," and "I'm Gettin' Rocks In My Stockings 'Cause I've Been Real Bad."

Sincerely Yours, Santa Claus
Member, North American Fairies and Elves Local #209
Letters TO Santa Claus will be published in next week's special Christmas Edition of this paper.

Ferguson Is JP Position Candidate

Fred Ferguson has authorized the Friona Star to announce his candidacy for Justice of the Peace, precinct JP-1.

Ferguson was born and raised in Friona. He is a graduate of Friona High School, and is a veteran of the Vietnam War.

Fred has been a co-owner and operator of Lakeside Parts and Machine for 26 years. He also does volunteer work as the Emergency



FRED FERGUSON

Management Co-ordinator of Parmer County. He was appointed to this position in 1998 by Judge Bonnie Clayton.

Ferguson's wife Shirley has been employed at Friona State Bank for the last 35 years. They have two children: Gary of Amarillo and Kristy Grenko of Friona. They also have four grandchildren.

"I would consider it an honor to serve the citizens of Friona and the surrounding community if I am elected. I ask for your support and your vote in the Republican Primary in March of 2002," Ferguson said.

Holl's husband Lynn Read is a Parmer County native.

Bonnie Clayton Seeks Re-Election

Bonnie Clayton has authorized the Friona Star/Bovina Blade to announce that she will be a candidate for re-election as Parmer County Judge, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in March of 2002.

Mrs. Clayton has a year remaining on her third term of office.

"I consider it an honor and a privilege to have served as county judge of Parmer

County, and will continue to do my utmost to serve the residents of the county to the best of my abilities," Mrs. Clayton said.

Mrs. Clayton is the mother of a daughter, Holli Read, a speech therapist of Lubbock, and a son Chad Clayton of Dallas. She also has two grand-daughters, Kennedy, who is four, and Chloe, 18 months, of Dallas.



WELCOMING the new owners at Big Ticket Video during their grand opening ribbon cutting were Chamber of Commerce representatives, l-r, Suzanne Bunker, Deidre Osborn, Laura Field, Bill Ellis, new owners Dee and Jody Lewellen, Mabelle Hunt, Clint Hurst, Katherine Goddard and Wendy Carthel.

Meat Theft Arrest Made Wednesday

Acting on a tip, the Parmer County Sheriff's Department launched an investigation several weeks ago into alleged theft of meat from the Excel Friona plant.

On Wednesday evening, December 12, the Sheriff's office, assisted by the Friona Police Department, initiated a search warrant at a Friona residence.

While the warrant was in relation to the meat theft, officers got a bonus when two occupants at the residence were also charged with possession of marijuana.

Charged with felony theft of meat from Excel was Sheon Anthony Polk, 22. He was also charged with the marijuana possession. His bond was set at \$5,800 and at press time he remained in the Parmer County jail.

Carl Polk, 60, was not implicated in the meat theft but was arrested at the residence for marijuana possession.

Sheriff Randy Geries said other suspects in the Excel theft ring were being investigated. Polk and others were allegedly stealing the meat from trucks and the final processing area at the Excel location and selling most of it.

One theft incident was valued at \$2,800. The final tally has not yet been completed. Several boxes of meat were discovered during the search.

Assisting in the search and arrests were Sheriff Geries, Chief Deputy Mike Howard, deputies Wayne Gruben and Andy Stormes, Friona Police Sergeant Joe Herrera and Officer Eric Chandler.

Chieftain Band Members Earn All-Regional

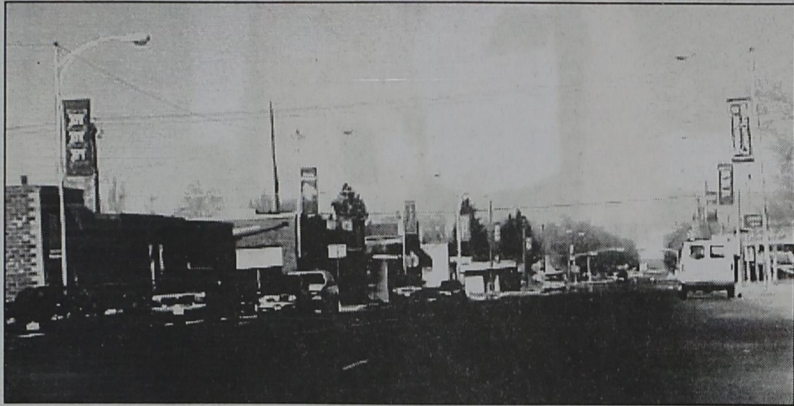
Region I All Region band auditions were held at Panhandle on December 3. Friona Chieftain Band members participated in the auditions and received several positions in the band.

Students awarded a position in the Symphonic Band are: Porfirio Cardenas, clarinet; Paula Gonzales and Ramey Alaniz, bass clarinet; Riley Rector, trumpet; Roy Loya, trombone; Joey Dominguez, baritone; Jacob Dominguez (1st chair) and Lorenzo

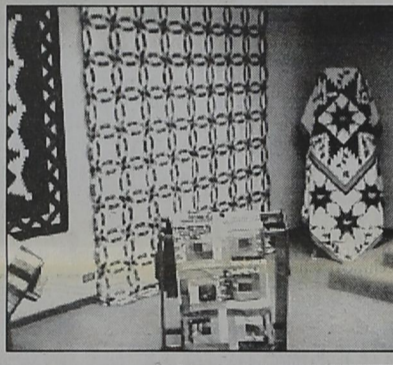
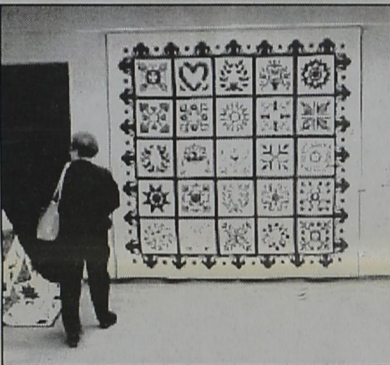
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TWILIGHT means Christmas lights come on to brighten the Friona evenings with Season's Greetings and Happy Holidays. The Herring residence on 5th Street glows at sunset. ron carr photos



MAIN STREET U.S.A. is alive and well right here in Friona. Once again Jon Hendrickson of Excel Energy (SPS) has installed the Christmas decorations along Main. Thanks Jon! And Merry Christmas to everybody!



WARM AND COLORFUL...The community room at Friona State Bank had a lot of warmth this week as various colorful quilts were put on display. The smaller quilts, lower right, will be sent to children in China.

Around Town

Children's program at First Baptist

A children's Christmas program, "Once Upon A Time In Bethlehem" will be presented Sun, Dec 16 at 6:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church. Everyone is invited to attend. Refreshments will follow the program.

Singles New Year's eve dinner dance

The Singles Ministry of Paramount Terrace Christian church is having an area-wide Singles New Year's Eve dinner and dance at the Amarillo Civic Center Grand Plaza on December 31. Hours are 7 p.m. to midnight. Dress is church attire or semi-formal. Tickets are \$20 per person which includes a guest speaker, dinner and dance. Deadline for ticket purchase is Dec 22. The dinner and dance will be an alcohol and smoke-free environment. More info and tickets by calling Penny Lawlis or Mike Nuthman at 806-353-6615.

Fire Department receives grant

The Friona Volunteer Fire Department received a grant of \$13,500 from the Don and Sybil Harrington Foundation of Amarillo. The money is to be used for a self-contained breathing apparatus.

Local man injured in industrial accident

John Taylor, co-owner of 4-Way Pump in Friona, lost two fingers on his right hand in a lathe accident at the company's shop on Monday, December 10. Taylor was working with the lathe when his right hand glove became entangled and mangled his little finger and ring finger. He was transported to BSA Hospital in Amarillo by Friona EMS personnel. Doctors were not able to reattach his fingers. He has been released from the hospital and is now back home.

10 cows killed at Wilsey Switch

DPS Trooper Trey Ellis was called out about 3 a.m. Tuesday to a 3-vehicle accident at Wilsey Switch west of Bovina on Highway 60. Cattle belonging to Todd Ware of Bovina were on the highway and were hit by a Lubbock Avalanche Journal delivery van, a Wal-Mart truck and another vehicle. Damage to the vehicles was extensive and Trooper Ellis said 10 cows were killed.



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AT AGE 91

Maurine Dunn's Services Held Here December 8

Funeral services for Maurine Dunn, 91, were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, December 8 at Friona's First Baptist Church.

Mark Stovall, pastor, officiated at the services. Burial was in Friona Cemetery under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Mrs. Dunn died Wednesday, December 5 at Prairie Acres Nursing Home.

Born March 3, 1910 in Duncan, Oklahoma, she had been a resident of Friona 56 years, moving here from Marlow, Oklahoma in 1944. She married Caycee Dunn, Sr. on May 4, 1930 in Marlow, Oklahoma. They lived there before moving to San Francisco, California in 1942.

She was a member of First Baptist Church in Friona since 1944. She and her late husband owned and operated a cafe in Friona and she taught piano and tap dance lessons.

Having attended Oklahoma College for Women at Chickasha, Oklahoma, two years, and in 1963, she attended West Texas State University in Canyon. She was a first grade teacher from 1962-1978.

She was preceded in death by her husband on

March 24, 1963, her parents, Harris and Cecil Gatlin, and a grandson, Stan Smith in April 1990.

When she was five years, her parents moved to the Gatlin family farm so her grandparents could move to town. Her mother was determined that she would not attend a country school, so Maurine boarded with her maternal grandmother, aunts and great-grandparents during the week and on weekends, went home to the farm.

She was fortunate to know her great-grandparents and passed down many wonderful family stories that

she heard sitting at her great-grandmother Sampson's knee.

Survivors include three children, Harris and Wanda Dunn of Clovis, New Mexico, Kathryn Smith of Lubbock and Cayce and Becky Dunn of Aurora, Colorado; four grandchildren, Deanna Dunn of Bradford, Massachusetts, Ted and Vicky Parker of Lubbock, Derek Dunn of Tucson, Arizona and Jennie Dunn of Aurora, Colorado, and three great-grandchildren.

Also surviving are a sister, Margaret Cummings of Lawton, Oklahoma and one brother, Hugh Gatlin of Marlow, Oklahoma.



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Farmers, Ranchers Are Urged To Address Operating Needs

Low prices, tight markets and reduced yields due to extreme climatic conditions will squeeze profit margins for some producers to the point where funding needed to produce next year's crop will be difficult to obtain.

As a result, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) announced the availability of operating loans for eligible farmers to secure next spring's planting needs. The November interest rate is five per cent.

FSA provides low interest loans to qualified farmers unable to obtain credit from commercial sources. An operating loan may be issued directly from FSA or in the form of a guaranteed loan secured by the government but funded by a conventional agriculture lender.

"The basis of our loan program is to provide temporary credit to those who can demonstrate both need and repayment ability," said Thomas S. Taylor, farm loan manager. "Our goal is to help farmers show that they will be able to obtain credit from private lenders when they are financially able."

Operating loans are used to purchase supplies and inputs for farming enterprises. Input items may include seed, fertilizer, livestock, feed and equipment. Financing may also be used to pay for minor improvements to buildings and to refinance debt under certain conditions.

"Credit is usually extended to established farmers who have suffered financial setbacks because of economic downturns or natural disasters," said Thomas S. Taylor. "Farmers who do not qualify for conventional loans because of insufficient net worth are also eligible for the program."



PCSWCD TAKING TREE ORDERS...The Parmer County Soil and Water Conservation District is now taking orders for windbreak tree seedlings. The 2001-2002 tree program is a repeat of the past several years where the tree saplings are ordered from the Texas Forest Service. All varieties are grown for this area and climate. Larger trees are available from two other sources. Parmer County will offer more than 30 varieties of shrubs, hardwoods and evergreen trees. These trees, when used in two or more rows as a windbreak, will provide cover for wildlife and shelter to homes and livestock as well as protect roads from wind and snow. Orders will be taken through mid-March, but early orders are recommended to ensure variety selection. To place an order or for more information, call Priscilla Nicolas at the NRCS/USDA office at our new location, 109 Third, Farwell, (806)481-3311, Ext. 3.

Scholarship Application Forms Available In Jan.

Application forms for academic scholarships to be awarded by West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative during 2002 should be available by mid-January.

WTRT will mark its sixth straight year to award scholarships funded through unclaimed capital credit checks.

Applicants must be high school seniors who will graduate in the spring of 2002, have completed high school or have received their GED. Seniors graduating in May and college-minded individuals whose parents or guardians are WTRT members, or who are WTRT members themselves, are eligible to apply.

Applicants, their parents or guardians must have residences served by telephone prefixes 225, 258, 265, 276, 289, 357, 578 or 825. All others are ineligible. Schools in Hereford, Friona, Farwell, Lazbuddie, Dimmitt, Adrian and Vega could have students eligible to apply.

Application forms will be supplied by the Cooperative to counselor's offices in Dimmitt, Friona, Farwell, Lazbuddie and Vega.

Students in the Hereford school district and post-high school applicants will need to pick up applications at the WTRT business office on South Highway 385, Hereford. Forms may also be picked up at Hereford by applicants from any of the

above listed school districts. Two letters of recommendation should accompany an application. In the event that the student is a graduating senior, one letter must be from a teacher, principal or counselor from the high school the student is attending or recently attended.

If the applicant has been out of high school for a number of years or is currently enrolled in a college or trade school, a letter from a college or vocational instructor is acceptable. Full rules of the program are provided with application forms.

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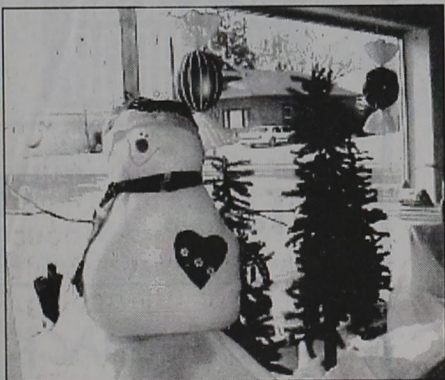
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IN ANOTHER ASPECT OF HOSPITALITY A MAN'S WEALTH WAS MEASURED BY THE NUMBER OF GUESTS ENTERTAINED. NEHEMIAH, GOVERNOR OF JERUSALEM, ENTERTAINED 150 MEN AT A SITTING! KING AHAB AND JEZEBEL FED 800 PRIESTS OF BAAL DAILY (UNTIL ELISHA SLAUGHTERED THEM!). FOR SOLOMON'S FEASTS AT HIS COURT, ONE DAY'S PROVISIONS INCLUDED "...10 FAT OXEN, 20 CATTLE, 100 SHEEP, HARTS AND ROEBUCKS, FALLOWDEER AND FATTED FOWL." (1 KINGS 4:22FF). IT WAS A MATTER OF PRIDE FOR KINGS, NOBLES, AND ALL WEALTHY MEN TO PROCLAIM HOW MANY PEOPLE THEY FED AND ENTERTAINED. BUT FOR SHEER NUMBERS JESUS OUTDID THEM ALL—WELL, DIDN'T HE FEED THE FIVE THOUSAND?
(MATT. 14:14-21)


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HEMMED IN....The Chiefs corner a Highland Park Hornet under the basket. Shown are, l-r, Andy Carthel (30), Adam Bandy (23), Nathan Haile (3) and Heath Gammon (00). The Chiefs beat the Hornets 75-25. ron carr photos

Squaws Win District Opener Over Owlettes

The varsity Squaws won three of their four games since our last issue, including a 57-30 win over Hale Center this past Tuesday in the team's district-opener. The week's action left the team with a 7-5 season and 1-0 district record.

At the Highland Park tournament, the Squaws were runners-up. They defeated Hart, 53-38 in the first round.

Amy Murphree had nine points by halftime, as the Squaws had a 25-16. She came back with ten points in the third quarter, and was matched by Ashley Smiley as Friona hiked its lead to 45-26. Miss Murphree led the game scoring with 25 and Miss Smiley had 13.

The Squaws drew the hometown Lady Hornets in the second round, and finally subdued Highland Park, 43-33.

The two teams were tied, 7-all after the first quarter. Holley Hand and Jacy Grimsley picked up the tempo in the second quarter, and Friona went to halftime leading, 18-13.

A low-scoring third quarter left Friona with only a 24-22 lead after three. But Miss Murphree saved her best 'till the last. The Squaws made HP foul in the late going, and Amy toed the foul line ten times and made nine of them. In the final quarter, Friona turned 10 HP fouls into 13 points. Three members of the Lady Bulldogs' team fouled out.

Miss Murphree led the team with 16 points, 14 of which were free throws.

In the finals, Friona drew Canyon's junior varsity. Most times when a varsity meets another town's JV, it's a mismatch. But after all, Canyon's varsity girls are the favorites each year to win state. Their JV team might win a lot of district titles.

The Lady Eagle JV held the Squaws off, 25-23 for the tournament title. Canyon led all the way: 8-3, 14-8, 21-16 and 25-23. Friona outscored the Canyon team 15-11 in the second half, but couldn't quite nab the win.

Miss Murphree's 17 points led the scoring.

In Tuesday's district opener vs Hale Center, the Squaws did something they hadn't so far this season—they got off to a good start!

Mandy Daniel did a good job of going to the basket, and scored eight first-quarter baskets to pace a 17-6 lead. She and teammate Trisha

SQUAWS 53, HHS 38
Jacyn Grimsley 1*-0-1-4; Lindsay North 0-1-1; Ashley Smiley 6-1-13; Amy Murphree 9-1*-4-25; Holley Hand 1*-0-3; Trisha Winebrinner 3-1-7.

SQUAWS 43, HP 33
Grimsley 1-1*-3-8; Smiley 1-0-2; Murphree 1-14-16; Hand 3-1-7; Winebrinner 1-1-3; VLesha Wilcox 2-3-7.

Can.JV 25 SQUAWS 23
Grimsley 0-0-0; Murphree 3-1*-8-17; Hand 1-2-4; Daniel 1-0-2.

SQUAWS 57, HC 30
Grimsley 2-1-5; Mandy Geries 0-2-2; Smiley 3-3-9; Murphree 2-1*-4-11; Hand 1-4-6; Daniel 4-1*-0-11; Winebrinner 4-1*-0-11; Wilcox 1-0-2.



DEFENSE...Blocking out an Owlette are Amy Murphree (25), Ashley Smiley (23) and Trisha Winebrinner (10).

Winebrinner each had three-point baskets, as Friona took a 33-6 halftime lead. Reserves saw considerable action in the second half, and

held the 27-point margin as the final buzzer sounded. Misses Murphree, Daniel and Winebrinner tied for scoring honors, all scoring 11 points.

JV Squaws Stand 8-4, Win Trophy

The junior varsity Squaws won the consolation championship at the Tulia tournament last weekend. The team returned home to trounce Hale Center, 49-27 on Tuesday.

The team played Nazareth in the first round at Tulia. Friona held a lead of 10-9 after one quarter, but Nazareth grabbed a 25-19 halftime lead and held on for a 46-42 win. Katy Welch led the scoring with 15.

The Squaws bounced back on Friday to trounce Hart, 42-19, leading all the way. R.J. Barrett's 12 points paced the scoring.

In the trophy game against Springlake-Earth, the Squaws waltzed to a 63-17 win, clicking on all cylinders. Miss Welch scored 19 points; Melissa Vasquez and Miss Barrett ten apiece.

Against Hale Center

Tuesday, the Squaws raced to a 19-3 first quarter lead and coasted to the win. Barrett and Vasquez each scored ten points and Welch added nine.

Naz. 46, SQUAW JV 42

Andrea Geries 2-1-5; Melissa Vasquez 2-1*-1-8; Katy Welch 4-1*-4-15; Misty Adams 2-0-4; Laura Mata 1-1-3; R.J. Barrett 2-1*-1-8.

SQUAW JV 42, HHA 19

Geries 3-0-6; Haleigh Herbert 2-0-4; Crystal Vega 1-0-2; Katy Welch 3*-0-0-9; Adams 3-1-7; Mata 1-0-2; Barrett 3-2*-0-12.

SQUAW JV 63 S-E 17

Geries 3-0-6; Vasquez 5-0-10; Herbert 2-0-4; Vega 1-0-2; Welch 6-2*-1-19; Adams 3-0-10.

SQUAW JV 49 HC 27

Geries 1-0-2; Vasquez 3-4-10; Herbert 1-0-2; Vega 2-0-4; Welch 3-1*-0-9; Adams 3-1-7; Mata 1-3-5; Barrett 5-0-10. *3-point baskets



LOOKING FOR A TEAMMATE is Ashley Smiley (23). Other Squaws are Trisha Winebrinner (10), Lindsay North, and Mandy Geries (11). The Squaws beat Hale Center, are 1-0 in district. ron carr photo

WIN THREE OF FOUR

Chieftain Cagers: Gaining Experience

The varsity Chieftains' basketballers are gaining experience in their conversion from football. The team won three of their four games since our last report. The team made it to the finals of Amarillo Highland Park's tournament last weekend, and then opened district play here Tuesday with a lopsided 75-25 win over Hale Center.

In the tournament opener, the Chieftains scored a hard-fought 56-55 win over Hart. Friona trailed, 10-15 and 21-28 (halftime) to Hart's Longhorns.

Friona came back strong in the second half. Adam Bandy scored nine points in the third quarter, as the Chieftains tied the score at 41-all.

In the fourth quarter, both Bandy and fellow junior Nathan Haile sank three-point baskets, and scored 12 points between them as the Chiefs snared the win. Bandy led the scoring with 25 points, with Haile a strong runnerup with 21.

In their second round game, the team scored another tight win, over

longtime rival Amarillo River Road, 68-63.

Once again, Friona trailed, 10-16 and 26-30 (halftime), before getting their act together in the second half. Haile came out with a vengeance, scoring six baskets in the third quarter, one from three-point range as the Chieftains outscored the Wildcats, 22-9, taking a 48-39 lead.

Friona again had a good fourth quarter. Haile collected nine more points, and Bandy six, as Friona advanced in the tourney. Haile sizzled with 32 points, Bandy added 15, and Chris Wiseman 13 to pace the Chieftains, who evened their season record at 4-4.

In the final round, the Chiefs ran into a buzz-saw, and fell to class A Claude, 61-28. The team trailed, 6-14, 13-33 and 17-49, never able to establish much offense.

Bandy was Friona's only player in double figures with 13. Haile was held to his lowest point total of the season, six.

Hosting Highland Park on Tuesday, the Chieftains got back on the "win" track in their district opener. Haile had a nine-point opening quarter, pacing Friona to an 11-9 lead after a quarter.

Bandy warmed up in the second quarter, canning six baskets and a free shot, 13

points in all, as Friona stretched its lead to 30-18 by halftime.

The team's offensive success continued in the second half. Bandy scored three baskets; Brock Field and Heath Gammon and made three-point baskets as Friona pushed its lead to 56-20.

Coach Hayden Merket gave his bench players a lot of time in the second half and the team still outscored the Hornets, 19-5 in the final quarter.

Bandy was hot with 23 points, and Haile had 15 for the Chiefs, now 5-5 and 1-0.

CHIEFS 56 Hart 55

Nathan Haile 7-2*-1-21; Chris Wiseman 1-0-2; Adam Bandy 10-1*-2-25; Andy Carthel 1-2-4; Heath Gammon 1-1*-0-5.

CHIEFS 68, R.R. 63

Haile 12-1*-5-32; Wiseman 6-1-13; Brock Field 1-0-2; Bandy 5-1*-2-15; Dustin Thompson 1-3-5; Gammon 0-1-1.

CHS 61 CHIEFS 28

N. Haile 3-0-6; C. Wiseman 0-1-1; Bandy 5-1*-3-13; Marc Haile 1-0-2; Gammon 1*-0-3.

CHIEFS 75, H.P. 25

N. Haile 5-1*-2-15; C. Wiseman 2-1-5; Field 1-1*-1-6; Bandy 11-1-23; Carthel 4-0-8; Thompson 3-0-6; M. Haile 2-2-6; Gammon 1-1*-1-6. *3-point baskets.

Younger Teams Improve

JV Chiefs Play Close

The JV Chieftains played some close games during the past week, even if the outcome could have been a bit more favorable.

At the Tulia tournament, the team fell to potent Nazareth, 55-32 on Thursday. Chance Hutson scored 10 for the young Chieftains.

On Friday, the game went to the wire before the Tulia team edged Friona, 30-27. Ricky Dickson scored eight and Hutson seven.

The team downed Boys Ranch, 56-53 in overtime for seventh place. Dickson scored three of Friona's seven points in OT to salvage the trophy.

In their district game Tuesday, Hale Center made off with another close game, 32-28. Hutson's seven points paced Friona.

9th Girls Win Pair

The ninth grade Squaws won a pair of games this week. The team whacked Farwell, 39-18, led by Murphree's 14 points.

The team outscored Bovina's JV on Friday, 45-36. K. Butman scored 14, and Murphree 13.

9th Boys Roll, 68-15

The ninth grade Chiefs whacked Olton here Monday, 68-15. Jesus Nava scored 12 points, Rivas scored ten and Matt Gammon nine. Chad Hutson and D. Mendez had eight.

Olton Tops 7-8th Boys

The eighth grade Braves fell to Olton, 35-30, in spite of Pedro Ramos' 16 points.

The seventh grade boys dropped their game at Olton, 41-22. Phillip Saiz had five and Sergio Bustos six.

The teams continue to improve, say coaches Cumpston and Arias.

Meet Friona's Class of 2014

Destiny Sandoval is a kindergartner at Friona Schools.

Her parents are Robert & Kathy Sandoval. Her sisters are Heather & Amelia Rose. Her grandparents are Amelia & Epifanio Soltero and Rose Sandoval.

Her favorite activities are playing, singing and dancing.

Her favorite foods are pizza and macaroni seashells and her favorite color is pink.

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Chamber's Christmas Promotion Underway

The Friona Chamber of Commerce announces that their "Ho! Ho! Home for the Holidays" promotion for the 2001 Christmas season kicked off on Thursday, November 15, with 18 local merchants participating.

Shoppers can register for

prizes worth a grand total of at least \$700.00 when they shop with those giving the Friona Bucks.

A drawing will be held on December 18 at each participating business for \$25.00 in Friona Bucks which can only be spent at that business.

In addition, all of the registration tickets will be combined for at least three grand prizes of \$100 in Friona Bucks. These can be spent at any of the participating businesses.

Taking part in the 2001 promotion are An Added Touch, Bi-Wize Drug, Lowe's Marketplace, Big Ticket Video, Friona Star.

Also, W.T. Services, Town and Country, Malouf's, Hardin Tasty Cream, J. & K. Hardware, Los Arcos Restaurant and Hi-Pro Feeds & Animal Health.

Also, A-1 Service Center, Sugar Shack, Ingram's Dept. Store, Ivy Cottage Flowers & Gifts, Kendrick Oil and Western Chevrolet.

The promotion is sponsored by the Retail Development Committee of the Friona Chamber of Commerce. The promotion encourages everyone to shop in Friona for Christmas.

"This year, more than ever before, it is vital for us to support our local merchants as much as possible," said a representative of the Chamber committee.

FHS Band Members...

(Continued from Page 1)

Villa, tuba. Honored with positions in the Concert Band are: Stephenie Jones (1st chair) and Jisela Torres, clarinet; Isaas Romero, Mark Hernandez and David Davila, trumpet; Adrian Delgadillo, baritone.

The Chieftain Band also had five students and one alternate qualify for the Area auditions for selection to the All State Band. They are: Porfirio Cardenas, clarinet; Paula Gonzales, bass clarinet; Ramey Alaniz, bass clarinet alternate; Riley Rector, trumpet; Jacob Dominguez and Lorenzo Villa, tuba.

Band director Tim Youree said, "Congratulations to all of these students who represented the Chieftain Band at the Region Band auditions."



A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL--This touring group of Friona and area seniors spent most of last week being entertained in Branson, Missouri. They viewed 14 star-studded Christmas shows and took in various other tourist attractions. These folks are now planning their next trip which will be a tour of the southern states in Spring 2002. The senior trips are sponsored by Friona State Bank.

Shop At Ho-Ho-Home And Win Friona Bucks!

Lazbuddie Students Are 7th In State FFA

The Lazbuddie FFA Chapter won the Area I Public Relations Contest and placed seventh in state competition. Lazbuddie FFA competed in the State Leadership Development Events (LDE) Contest on December 1 at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville.

Lazbuddie FFA was among 200 teams to compete in the Public Relations Contest at the state level and competed against the nine other area team winners at the state level. The Public Relations Contest consists of a presentation to an adult audience promoting agricultural education and the FFA, followed by a question and answer exchange.

9th Girls Continue Winning

The ninth grade Squaws won both of their games since our last report, to run their season record to 8-4.

In their recent games, the team beat Farwell, 39-18, and Bovina, 45-36. Brenda Murphree scored 14 points to pace the Farwell win. Miss Murphree scored 13 and Miss Cardenas 14 in their game against Bovina.

The previous week, the team played in the Muleshoe tournament, and came out with two wins and a trophy. Their scores were 52-26 over Abernathy. (Ramos scored 21 points). The girls also beat the Hereford freshman girls, 45-43. Murphree scored 13, Ramos 12 and Meaghan Ingram 10 to pace Friona.

The team's only tournament loss was 47-33 to Hale Center. Brenda Murphree scored nine, and Ramos eight to pace the Squaws.

The team is in action this weekend, in the Friona Junior Varsity and Freshmen tournament.

Go out to the local gymnasiums this weekend and see some good basketball being played by our future Squaws!

Make it a "Book" Xmas!

*Devil's Rope--Gerald McCathern's newest--but it's going fast!

*New supply of "Black Sunday." Your grandkids need to see the photos in this one.

**"18 Miles From Earth" by Wayne Bristow.

*A few copies of "Dry Bones" and "Quarantine" by McCathern.

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Meet Friona's Class of 2014



Brian Anthony Garcia is a kindergartner at Friona Schools.

His mother is Nancy Almaguer. His sister is Alexa. His grandmother is Andrea Hernandez.

He likes to play with legos.

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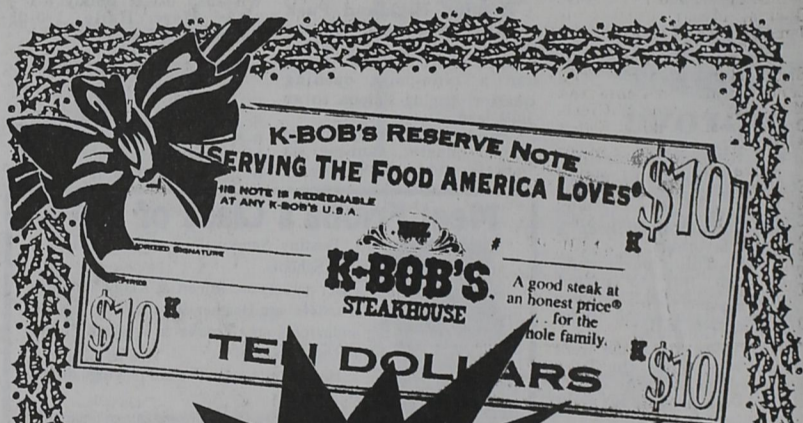
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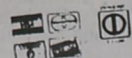


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SPECIAL DISPLAY....These Norman Rockwell figurines, owned by Julia Fairchild, drew a lot of interest at Saturday's auction. The special collection featured 100 figurines and each one was in mint condition.

Happy Birthday Friona Folks....

WEEK OF DECEMBER 16-22

Friona residents observing their birthdays next week include:

December 16--Michael Stanberry, Gerald Floyd, Lisa Guerra, Megan Carr, Gloria Jamerson, Travis Stewart.

December 17--Joe Tagle, Elthie Hand, Robert Garza, Lance Goen, Jim Schlenker, Mary Joyce Barnett, Gloria Drake, Jason Hankins, Esther Alexander.

December 18--Debbie Stevens, Wade Procter, Brittany Anthony, Michael Craig Scott, Antonio Martinez, Hal Ratcliff, Bud Rainey, Pam Rector, Trey Widner, Morgan Leal, Billy Dean Baxter, Crystal Morton.

December 19--Wes Drake, Jason Rector, Paige Osborn,

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December 20--Harletta Carthel, Mika Schneider, Rocky Nichols, Deloris McNeely, Alec Gordon, Movelda Fortenberry.

December 21--Robert Sandoval.

December 22--Sabrina Clark, Jane Houlette, Chris Haile.

When you see names which should be removed from our birthday list (moved away, names changed, deceased, etc.), call the newspaper and let someone know. Thank you. If you or someone in your family has a birthday coming up soon, please call the Friona Star office at 250-2211 and report it.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES

Grain Suppliers Company LLC has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for issuance of Air Quality Permit No. 49798 which would authorize construction of a new Grain Terminal Elevator located at County Road 17 and Highway 60 near Friona, Parmer County, Texas. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper.

A Todas Las Personas Y Entidades Interesadas:

Grain Suppliers Company LLC se ha registrado con la Comision de Conservacion de Recursos Naturales de Tejas para autorizar un permiso de Calidad de Aire Num. 49798 el cual autorizara la construccion de una nueva terminal de elevador de semilla en COUNTY ROAD 17 AND HIGHWAY 60 cerca de la ciudad de FRIONA, condado de PARMER, en el estado de TEJAS. Informacion adicional sobre esta solicitud puede encontrarse en la seccion de avisos de esta publicacion.

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 3 BR, 1-3/4 baths, n. side, neat and clean.....\$56,900
 3 BR, 2 bath brick, basement, 2 car.....SOLD.....\$80,000
 2 BR, 1 bath, c/p, brick, near HS, good location, corner lot.....\$43,900
 Upstairs & downstairs apartment complex...SOLD...\$23,900...\$21,900
 4 BR, 2-3/4 baths, 2 storages with garage, corner lot.....SOLD...\$85,000
 2 BR, 2 baths, metal siding, double carport.....SOLD.....\$39,500
 2 BR, 1 bath, fireplace, fenced, good street.....\$27,900
 3 BR, 2 bath, 2 car, brick, with metal, moving.....SOLD.....\$55,000
 2 BR, 1 bath, newly re-done and nice.....\$27,000
 2 BR, 1 bath, newly redone, corner lot, fenced.....SOLD.....\$25,000
 188 acres, excellent water, flat, 1 well, 1200' tile.....\$188,000
 2 BR, 1 bath, woodburning stove, HUD.....SOLD.....\$20,000
 Country home with acreage, near Clay's Corner.....SOLD.....\$39,900
 Office bldg., brick, new heat/air, 1600 sq. ft., 2-1/2 BA, corner...\$33,900
 2 BR, 1 bath, cute home, good neighborhood.....SOLD.....\$33,000
 2 BR, 1-3/4 baths, 2 car garage, refrigerated A/C.....\$60,000
 2 BR, 1 bath, 1 car, brick, good starter home.....\$37,000
 3 BR, 2 bath, brick, basement, metal shop.....\$85,000
 residence only.....\$65,000
 3 BR, 2-3/4 baths, 2 car, 2 living + off. apt..... SOLD.....\$79,900
 2 BR, 1 bath, nice and clean, storage.....SOLD.....\$31,800
 3 BR, 1-3/4 bath, 2 car garage, large corner lot, new paint.....\$48,000
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 Sincerely,
 The Emiliana Martinez Family

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HOUSE FOR RENT...4 miles east of Hub. Call 265-3502 or 265-7949. F-tfnc-11/2

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 F-4tc-11/30-12/7-12/14-12/21

Shag drivers wanted. One year truck driving experience and CDL preferred but not required. Contact Kar Services 806-295-3003. F&B Tfn

POLITICAL CALENDAR
 The following have authorized the Friona Star/Bovina Blade to announce their candidacy for political office, subject to the party primaries in March, 2002:

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY
County Treasurer:
 Altha Herington
County Commissioner,
 Pct. 4:
 Elvis Powell
Justice of the Peace,
 JP-1:
 Virgil Phipps
 Shara Lookingbill
 Fred Ferguson
DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY
County Judge:
 Bonnie Clayton (I)
County Commissioner,
 Pct. 2:
 Tom Ware (I)
Justice of the Peace,
 JP-2:
 Vi Hutto (I)
 (I) Incumbents.

Production Positions Available
 Now accepting applications for production positions at Hi-Pro Feeds. Company insurance, 401k, paid holidays. Must pass drug screening. Apply in person at Hi-Pro Feeds.
 F&B-tfnc-8/10

Farwell Feed Yard seeking assistant manager. 1-1/2 miles south of Farwell on NM/TX state line. Apply in person.
 F&B-tfnc-10/26

HELP WANTED...Nursery worker at Bovina's First Baptist Church. Every Sunday a.m. and p.m. and special events. Please call 251-1632 for an interview.
 F&B-3tc-12/7-12/14-12/21

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FOR SALE...3 BR home, oversized garage, separate apartment, 1301 Columbia in Friona. Call (806)359-1657.
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WANT TO LEASE...Wheat pasture, Floyd, (806) 359-1657 or 295-3702.
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WANTED...1/2 section or less farmland SE of Friona to rent or buy. Contact Mark Gammon at 265-3391.
 F&B-4tp-11/30-12/7-12/14-12/21

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 HOLLY CAMPBELL Res.: (806)250-2584
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NEW LISTING--Commercial property-Hwy 60.....\$240,000
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 NEW LISTING--Commercial property, great location.....\$97,500
 NEW LISTING--WESTERN ADDN 3br 1bath sgl garage...\$55,900
 NEW LISTING--Cute 2BR 1bath new sewer.....contract pending
 NEW LISTING--CORNER LOT 3BR 1bath storage bldg....\$35,900
 NEW LISTING--check it out 3br 1bath fireplace-new roof...\$39,900
 NEW LISTING--Lots of space 4BR 2bath.....contract pending
 WHAT A DEAL 3br 2bath central heat/air.....SOLD
 MUST SEE--Family Home in Western Addition 3br 2bath...\$90,000
 PERFECT STARTER 3br 2bath fireplace new roof\$57,000
 MOVE RIGHT IN--upgrades & extras 3br 2bath.....contract pending
 PERFECT STARTER--3BR 2bath fireplace, central heat/air...\$58,900
 ROOMY & RELAXING 3 br 2-1/2 bath, fireplace corner lot...\$85,000
 UPGRADES GALORE--Must see 4/2.....contract pending
 PRICE REDUCED--3 bdr./1-1/2 baths, corner.....contract pending
 PRICE REDUCED 3 bdr., 2 bath brick, central heat and air...\$59,000
 GREAT INVESTMENT--House w/2 apts--good rent property...\$45,000
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 PRICE REDUCED--3 bdr., 2 bath, on corner lot, roomy.....\$59,000
 Great Starter Home, 2 bdr., steel siding, in Bovina.....\$23,900

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 New Listing...2 BR, 1 bath, metal siding.....\$39,000
 New Listing...In Bovina, 4 BR, 2 baths, 3 car garage...\$59,900
 New Listing...3 BR, 2 Baths, 2 car, metal fence, nice...\$64,900
 3 BR, 2 Baths, L-R, large carport. Reduced \$59,900...\$65,000
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 *Devil's Rope--Gerald McCathern's newest--but it's going fast!
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 **"18 Miles From Earth" by Wayne Bristow.
 *A few copies of "Dry Bones" and "Quarantine" by McCathern.
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KAMBRI WHITE, four year old daughter of Sam and Beth White of Lamesa, recently participated in the 2-5 year old division of the Premiere Holiday Pageant on December 1. She was named the overall Holiday Supreme Queen, overall runnerup Best Contestant and third runnerup Grand Supreme Queen.

Junior High Students Compete At Plainview

Friona Junior High students competed in U.I.L. contests November 13 in Plainview. Abernathy placed first in the meet with Friona coming in second.

Students placing in the meet included:
SIXTH GRADE
Number sense-1. Ryan Gerles; 4. Gerald Padilla. Music memory--(team) 2. Morgan Anthony, Miranda Frye, Deidra Johnston, Eric North and Edlyn Romero. Mathematics--2. Miranda Frye. Spelling--1. Lauren Hughs; 3. Erin Austin; 4. Emily Allen. Maps, graphs and charts--3. Sawyer Reed; 6. Jesus Tafoya. Dictionary skills--1. Alonzo Rojas; 2. Michelle Martin. Ready writing--4. Sawyer Reed.

Dictionary skills--5. Connie Amezua. Calculators--5. Tolby Wilcox. Science--3. Caleb Miller; 5. Stephen Campbell. Maps, graphs and charts--3. Courtney Adams.
EIGHTH GRADE
Listening skills--3. Claudia Candanedo. Oral reading--5. Molly Carthel; 6. Dollie Lookingbill. Spelling--2. Morgan Leal; 4. Hannah Stovall. Science II--2. Fabian Dominguez; 5. Alberto Ceniceros. Ready writing--2. Fabian Dominguez; 5. Natasha Lafuente. Mathematics--2. Daisy Delgadillo; 4. Lindsey Neill; number sense--2. Antonio Monreal; 5. Nora Castanon; 6. Ben Santiago.

LEGAL NOTICE

CORRECTED CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF IRA BURKE HAND

You and each of you are hereby cited, required and commanded to appear before the County Court of Parmer County, Texas, to be held in the county court room in the courthouse of said county in the city of Farwell, Parmer County, Texas, such appearance to be at or before ten o'clock a.m. of the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from the date of service, exclusive of the day of such service, which day and date of service shall be the date of publication of this newspaper bears, and which appearance can at such time on such Monday, which will be the 10th day of December, 2001, by filing written answer to the application hereinafter mentioned, contesting same, should they or any of them desire to do so, which application will, at such 10 o'clock hour and such place be acted on, said application having been filed by Danny Hand in said court on the 16th day of November, 2001, and now pending there, in a proceeding on the probate docket of said court, styled APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP the file number of which application and the docket number of which proceedings is 2497, the nature of such application being for APPLICATION FOR LETTERS OF INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION.

If this citation is not served within 90 days after date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Witness, Colleen Stover, clerk of the county court of Parmer county.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in the City of Farwell this 16th day of November, 2001.

Colleen Stover Clerk of County Court of Parmer County, Texas F-11c-12/14

TEXAS NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION COMMISSION



NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT

PROPOSED AIR QUALITY PERMIT NO. 49798

APPLICATION Grain Suppliers Company LLC, P.O. Box 817, Friona, Texas, 79035, has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for issuance of Air Quality Permit No. 49798 which would authorize construction of a new Grain Terminal Elevator located at County Road 17 and Highway 60 near Friona, Parmer County, Texas.

This application was submitted to the TNRCC on November 21, 2001. The application is available for viewing and copying at the TNRCC central office, the TNRCC Amarillo regional office, and the Friona Public Library, 109 West Seventh, Friona, Parmer County, Texas. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Amarillo regional office of the TNRCC.

The TNRCC executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING You may submit public comments, a request for a public meeting, or request a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TNRCC will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. The deadline to submit public comments is 30 days after newspaper notice is published. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material or significant public comments.

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application may be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

If only comments are received on the application, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application.

If a hearing request is timely filed, the executive director will complete the technical review, issue a preliminary decision on the application, and a Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments.

After the final deadline for public comments following any required Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for this application.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in

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state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 30 days from this notice, the executive director may approve the application. If no hearing request is received within this 30-day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided. A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "(I/we) request a contested case hearing"; (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or an association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing, and the interests which the group or association seeks to protect, must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 30 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address below.

If a hearing request is timely filed, additional notice may be provided. Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the TNRCC Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written request to the TNRCC Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

INFORMATION Written public comments or requests for a public meeting or contested case hearing should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TNRCC can be found at www.tnrcc.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from Grain Suppliers Company LLC at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Ken Rude at (806)250-3839.

AVISO DE RECIBO DE SOLICITUD E INTENTO DE OBTENER UN PERMISO DE CALIDAD DE AIRE



PERMISO PROPUESTO NUM. 49798

SOLICITUD. GRAIN SUP-

PLIERS COMPANY LLC, P.O. BOX 817, FRIONA, TEXAS, 79035, se ha registrado con la Comision de Conservacion de Recursos Naturales de Tejas para autorizar un Permiso de Calidad de Aire Num. 49798, el cual autorizara la construccion de una nueva terminal de elevador de semilla en COUNTY ROAD 17 AND HIGHWAY 60 cerca de la ciudad de FRIONA, condado de PARMER, en el estado de TEJAS. La instalacion propuesta va a emitir los siguientes contaminantes atmosfericos: sustancia particula (incluyendo sustancia particula menos de 10 microns en diametro).

Esta solicitud fue sometida al TNRCC el 21 de Noviembre de 2001. La solicitud esta disponible para revisarse y copiarse en la Oficina Central del TNRCC, en la Oficina Regional en Amarillo, Tejas, y en Friona Public Library, 109 West Seventh, Friona, Condado de Parmer, Tejas. El archivo del cumplimiento de las leyes de la instalacion, si existe, estara disponible para el publico en la Oficina Regional del TNRCC en Amarillo, Tejas.

El director ejecutivo del TNRCC ha determinado que la solicitud se halla administrativamente completa y conducira un analisis tecnico de la solicitud.

COMENTARIOS PUBLICOS /JUNTA PUBLICA Usted puede someter comentarios publicos, solicitar una junta publica, o solicitar una audiencia en controversia sobre esta solicitud a la Oficina del Chief Clerk en la direccion a continuacion. El TNRCC considerara todos los comentarios publicos en el desarrollo de una decision final sobre esta solicitud. El plazo limite para someter sus comentarios es 30 dias despues de la publicacion de este aviso. Despues del plazo limite para los comentarios publicos, el director ejecutivo preparara una respuesta a todos los comentarios publicos relevantes y materiales o de otro modo significativos.

El proposito de una junta publica es para proveer la oportunidad de someter comentarios, o hacer preguntas sobre la solicitud. Una junta publica sobre la solicitud se llevara a cabo si el director ejecutivo determina que existe un grado significativo de interes publico en la solicitud o si la solicita un legislador local. Una junta publica no es considerada una audiencia en controversia.

Si solo se reciben comentarios sobre esta solicitud, la respuesta a los comentarios, junto con un aviso de la decision del director ejecutivo sobre la solicitud, sera enviada por correo a todos aquellos que hallan sometido comentarios o solicitado que se les incluyera en la lista de correo para esta solicitud.

Si la peticion para una audiencia en controversia es sometida a tiempo, el director ejecutivo completara el analisis tecnico, emitira una decision preliminar sobre la solicitud y un Aviso de Solicitud y Decision Preliminar sera entonces publicado y enviado por correo a todos los que esten en la lista de correo para esta solicitud. El aviso tendra la fecha final para someter comentarios publicos.

Despues del plazo final para someter comentarios publicos subsecuentes a cualquier Aviso de Solicitud y Decision Preliminar, el director ejecutivo considerara los comentarios y preparara una respuesta a todos los comentarios publicos relevantes y materiales, o significativos. Si se reciben comentarios, la respuesta a los comentarios, junto con la decision del director ejecutivo sobre la solicitud, seran entonces enviadas por correo a todos aquellos que hallan sometido comentarios publicos o que esten en la lista de correo sobre esta solicitud.

OPORTUNIDAD PARA UNA AUDIENCIA EN CONTROVERSIA Usted puede peticionar una audiencia en controversia. Una audiencia en controversia es un proceso legal semejante a un juicio civil en una corte de distrito estatal. En el caso de que una peticion por escrito para una audiencia en controversia sea

sometida dentro de 30 dias despues de la publicacion de este aviso, el director ejecutivo podra aprobar la solicitud. Si no se reciben peticiones para una audiencia en controversia dentro de este periodo de 30 dias, no habra mas oportunidad para peticionar una audiencia en controversia. Una audiencia en controversia solo se otorgara basada en asuntos en controversia que sean relevantes y materiales a la decision de los Comisionados sobre la solicitud. Ademias, la Comision solo concedera una audiencia en controversia en esos asuntos que fueron presentados durante el periodo de los comentarios publicos y que no se retiraron.

Una persona que pueda ser afectada por las emisiones de contaminantes atmosfericos de la instalacion tiene derecho a peticionar una audiencia en controversia. Para solicitar una audiencia en controversia, usted debera proporcionar lo siguiente: (1) su nombre (o, para un grupo o asociacion, un representante oficial), direccion postal, numero de telefono durante el dia, y numero de fax, si hay; (2) el nombre del solicitante y el numero de permiso; (3) la oracion en ingles "(I/we request a contested case hearing)"; (4) una descripcion especifica de como le perjudicaria la solicitud y las emisiones atmosfericas de una manera que no es comun con los miembros del publico en general; (5) la localizacion y distancia de su propiedad en relacion a la instalacion; y (6) una descripcion de como usted usa la propiedad que pudiera ser afectada por la instalacion. Si la peticion es hecha por un grupo o asociaciones, el o la miembro o miembros que tienen derecho a pedir una audiencia en controversia y los intereses que el grupo o asociacion quieran proteger deberan tambien ser identificados. Usted tambien podra someter sus propuestas de ajustes a la solicitud o permiso que puedan satisfacer sus preocupaciones. Peticiones para una audiencia en controversia deberan someterse por escrito dentro de 30 dias despues de la publicacion de este aviso a la Oficina del Chief Clerk, en la direccion a continuacion.

Si una peticion para una audiencia en controversia es recibida a tiempo, aviso adicional sera dado. Despues de que se cierren todos los periodos aplicables de comentarios y peticiones, el director ejecutivo mandara la solicitud y todas las peticiones de audiencia en controversia a los Comisionados del TNRCC para su consideracion en su itinerario. Si se concede una audiencia en controversia, el objeto de la audiencia en controversia sera limitado a los asuntos de hecho en disputa relevantes y materiales a la calidad del aire, que hayan surgido durante el periodo de comentarios. Asuntos como el valor de la propiedad, ruido, seguridad de trafico, y zonas municipales estan fuera de lo que la Oficina tiene la jurisdiccion de considerar en este proceso.

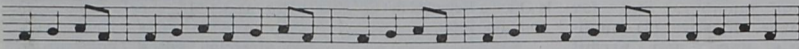
LISTA DE CORREO Usted puede solicitar que se le ponga en una lista de correo para recibir informacion adicional de esta solicitud solicitando a la Oficina del Chief Clerk en la direccion a continuacion.

INFORMACION Comentarios publicos por escrito, peticiones para una junta publica o peticiones para una audiencia en controversia deberan someterse a la Oficina del Chief Clerk, MC-105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Tejas 78711-3087. Para mas informacion sobre esta solicitud o el proceso de permisos, por favor llame a la Oficina de Asistencia Publica, gratis, al 1-800-687-4040. Informacion general sobre el TNRCC se puede encontrar en el www.tnrcc.state.tx.us.

Mas informacion tambien puede obtenerse de Grain Suppliers Company LLC en la direccion escrita anteriormente o llamando al señor Ken Rude en el (806)250-3839.



THESE TALENTED MUSICIANS are part of the group that qualified for All Region Band honors. Several Chieftain Band members will continue on to Area competition to tryout for the All State Band. See story on page one. Pictured from the brass section, back, l-r, Roy Loya, Riley Rector, Mark Hernandez, Isaac Romero, David Davila. Front, l-r, Joey Dominguez, Adrian Delgadillo, Jacob Dominguez, Lorenzo Villa. ron carr photos



THE WOODWINDS get to tryout too. These talented woodwind band students made the All Region Band. Several will be trying out for All State. See story on page one. They are, l-r, Paula Gonzales, Porfirio Cardenas, Jisella Torres, Stephanie Jones and Ramey Alaniz.

News From Prairie Acres, Friona Heritage Estates

Honors for the month of December go to Virginia Smith, resident; Betty Jarboe, quilt; and employee Jerri Taylor. New residents at Prairie Acres are Bertie Layman and Lorenza Ramos.

Residents who will celebrate a birthday in December include Dorothy Smith, Wanda Hart, Darrell Buske, John Hadley, Thelma Jones and Bertram Jack.

On November 12 Friona High School honored local veterans. A couple of residents attended the program.

On November 13 Craig Hearn of Houston, who was in town for First Baptist Church's revival services, played his saxophone and sang for the residents and staff.

Tuesday, December 18 at 6:30 p.m. is the day set for the Christmas party. Everyone is asked to bring at least one gift for their family member to go under the tree. Santa will make an appearance and guests are asked to bring a snack tray for the fellowship that will follow.

A New Year's Eve party will be held Monday, December 31 at 3 p.m.

Family Victory Church brought the 4 o'clock Sunday worship service Sunday, December 2. Nazarene Church of Hereford will entertain Sunday, December 9 and Friona's First United Methodist will bring the service that day. St. Teresa's Catholic Church will host the worship service Sunday, December 16. Bovina's First United Methodist Church will bring the message December 23 and Friona's First Baptist Church will have the service December 30.

"Thank You's" go out to Cleta Bohning for the silk flowers; Friona Girl Scouts for the decorations; Mrs. Ricketts for the yarn; Nazarene Church of Hereford for entertaining; Julia Leake for the flower vases; Friona 4-H for the fall wreaths.

Also, Fern Edwards for the lap robes; John Dixon for cookies and Mike Wall for

popcorn and cokes for the staff. A special thank you to Craig Hearn of Houston for coming in and playing the saxophone.

Residents who passed away in November included Marvin Childers, Jessie Gore, Harry Lookingbill, Ector Watson, Claudia Adams, Edgar Walters and Lorenza Ramos.

The following donations were made to the Love Fund: L.C. Caroland; Clarence and Peggy Monroe; Marvin Childers; Buddy and Betty Wiseman; Lewis Field; Nelda Herring; Russel Rainey; Buddy and Betty Wiseman, Clarence and Wynona Martin; Willie Robinson; Floyd and Eva Lou Rector; Burke Hand; Clarence and Wynona Martin.

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A funny piece was found in The Prairie Times this month titled, "Articles found in Country Newspapers".

Here is what was found. Chain saw for sale. Only used once. Call 555-2625. Ask for Lefty; Someone shot a dog in the west end... A lady was shot and the bullet is in her yet...; The mayor's wife had her gall bladder removed and a new washer was installed; Someone stole all the commodes from the police station. They have nothing to go on; Wanted: Single lady with tractor for serious relationship. Please send picture of the tractor.



JEREMY H. SMITH graduated from the Recruit Naval Training Command Center in Great Lakes, Illinois on November 29. He is stationed in Pensacola, Florida on the Natte Naval Base, where he is training to be an aviation technician. Jeremy is the 20 year old son of Larry and Debra Williams and is a 2000 graduate of Friona High School.

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*The Star does not publish a paper during the week between Christmas and New Year, in order to give our staff some time off with their families for the holidays.

*If you need to get something in the paper between now and the end of the year, be sure to get it in early next week. The deadline will be Tuesday at 4 p.m.

*There is still time to give a gift subscription of the Friona Star for Christmas...the gift that keeps on giving for a whole year.

*Remember...we have several new books available for those last minute Christmas gifts.

"Black Sunday" has been re-ordered and should be here in plenty of time.

Also, "Devil's Rope," the new western book by Gerald McCathern...plenty on hand, plus we still have a few of his other two books, "Dry Bones" and "Quarantine."

We have a new shipment just in of Wayne Bristow's "18 Miles From Earth" as well as his two new CDs, "Freedom" and "There Will Always Be Cowboys."

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Elementary Lunch Menu

Week of Dec. 17-21

MONDAY--Swiss steak, rice, rolls, barbecue sandwich, combo sub, carrots, green beans, pears, cottage cheese, salad, yogurt, gelatin with fruit and milk.

TUESDAY--chicken fajitas, tacos, chicken patty sandwich, corn, pinto beans, fruit cocktail, salad, yogurt, orange-pineapple salad and milk.

WEDNESDAY--meat and cheese nachos, hamburger, tacos, Spanish rice, ranch style beans, lettuce and tomato salad, pears, cottage cheese, red gelatin, yogurt and milk.

THURSDAY--Frito pie, pepperoni pizza, chili cheese dogs, ranch style beans, salad, peaches, cottage cheese, assorted gelatin, yogurt and milk.

FRIDAY--turkey, dressing, rolls, mashed potatoes, fruit cocktail, sugar cookie and milk.



THESE YOUNG LADIES added to the festive atmosphere at Friona State Bank's annual Christmas tea this week. They are, l-r, McKenzie, Justin and Evan Davis, daughters of Dirk and Pam Davis.

Kayla Wyly Inducted In Alpha Chi

West Texas A&M University's Texas Zeta Chapter of Alpha Chi National Honor Society inducted 122 students in a ceremony on November 4.

Kayla Wyly, a junior speech communications major, was among the inductees. She is the daughter of Criss and Karen Wyly.

Membership in Alpha Chi is by invitation only and is limited to juniors and seniors with an overall grade point average of 3.5 or higher who rank in the top ten per cent of their class.

The purpose of West Texas A&M University's Alpha Chi Honor Society is to recognize students who have maintained a high level of scholarship, according to Dr. Duane J. Rosa, Alpha Chi faculty sponsor and director of planning and analysis at WTAMU.

YOUR EYES

The Gene Linked To Macular Degeneration

Macular degeneration is an untreatable disease that affects 25 million people worldwide. Age-related macular degeneration, most common in the elderly, causes fuzziness, shadows or other distortions in the center of vision while leaving peripheral vision intact. The condition can also strike in adolescence, commonly called Stargardt's disease. Scientists at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation have now identified a gene called ELOVL4 that they believe is behind these forms of macular degeneration. The pattern of degeneration is similar in both diseases. A waste builds up in cells within the eye and causes the degeneration of the light-sensing cells in both conditions.



The researchers found that severe macular degeneration occurred at a young age when they significantly damaged the gene. Damaging it to a lesser extent caused a much higher level of age-related macular degeneration than found in the general population. Once researchers know more about the genes that predispose people to macular degeneration, they will be able to perform a simple test long before the disease strikes the patient's eyes as well as develop a drug for those individuals who already have the illness. This is not the first gene isolated for macular degeneration. Scientists hope that all genes associated with the disease will be determined within the next five years. A similar amount of time will be required to develop the drugs for intervention.

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Financial Focus

How to Move Your 401(k) to an IRA

When the day comes for you to change jobs, you may have to decide what to do with your 401(k). By making the right choice, you can save yourself hassles, aggravation--and money.

You actually have several options for dealing with your 401(k). You could, of course, cash it out, but you'd have to pay income taxes on the proceeds, plus a possible 10 per cent early withdrawal penalty. You also may be able to move your 401(k) money to your new employer's plan, if the plan allows it. Or, you may even be able to keep your money in your former employer's plan, although you won't be able to make any more contributions.

However, if you're like most people, you'll move your 401(k) funds to an IRA. In that case, you'll have to decide how you want to make the move: via an "indirect rollover" or a "direct rollover."

If you go the indirect rollover route, you'll receive your 401(k) money in a check, made out to you. To avoid paying any taxes and penalties, you must move these funds to an IRA within 60 days of getting the check.

So far, so good. But the check you get for your 401(k) will be for only 80 per cent of your account balance. The IRS takes the other 20 per cent to cover any possible income taxes you may owe on your distribution. And you must dip into your savings to come up with the missing 20 per cent to complete the rollover within 60 days. If you don't, the 20 per cent will be taxable to you. And if you're younger than 59-1/2, you also may have to pay the 10 per cent early withdrawal penalty.

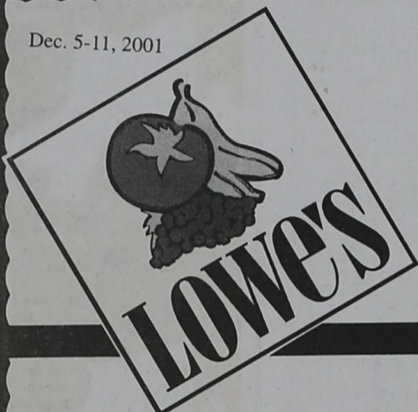
If you do pay the 20 per cent yourself, you will get it back as a refund, as long as you owe no additional income taxes for the year. But in the meantime, you've been greatly inconvenienced.

You can avoid these problems by selecting the "direct rollover" method of moving your 401(k) money to an IRA. When you close your 401(k), nothing will be withheld, so you won't have to worry about paying taxes or raiding your other investments to come up with the missing 20 per cent. In fact, with a direct rollover, you'll never see your 401(k) money; it moves from your old plan to your IRA.

You also can choose to move the money to a separate IRA, called a "rollover IRA." If you have money in a rollover IRA, you can eventually transfer it to a new employer's 401(k) plan, if the new plan accepts funds from previous plans. But if you place your old 401(k) money in a pre-existing IRA, you'll never be able to put these 401(k) funds in a new employer's plan.

Before making any moves with your 401(k), see your tax adviser--and then take action. The window of opportunity for making the right moves is only open for a short while--so go through it while you can.

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Out Here

by Ron Carr

"With Us or Against Us?"

"Ahab, the Arab, king of the burning sands."

Or is it king of the desert sands? I can't remember the words to the old Ahab the Arab song. I guess if we sang it today though it would be insensitive to our robe-wearing, dictatorial royal family Arab prince friends. Dubya has said (over and over) that other countries are either with us or against us! That doesn't leave much wiggle room for foreign governments, especially the ones that didn't like us anyway.

I subscribe to a newsletter called The Hightower Lowdown. Jim Hightower is the former Texas agriculture secretary and a liberal pundit that hangs out with the likes of Molly Ivins. They are Democrats. I like to read liberal stuff. It is sort of like spying on the enemy.

But the November issue of Hightower's Lowdown had some interesting info about our "friends" in Saudi Arabia. Do you think the U. S. will punish the Saudis for their link to terrorism? Not as long as you need a full tank of gas and Quaker State 10W30 every 3000 miles.

A long time ago there was a country called Arabia. In 1932, Abdul-Aziz ibn Saud, King Saud as he became known, carved out some territory from Arabia and established a totalitarian monarchy in the desert.

He might turn out to be the luckiest man that ever lived. The sandhills that King Saud took over had one quarter of the world's oil underneath it.

The U. S., under direction of President Franklin Roosevelt, took over the Saudi oil patch. To get it out of the ground and into our American gas tanks, FDR established ARAMCO (the Arab American Oil Company), a consortium of the

Saudi kingdom and Exxon, Mobil, Chevron and Texaco.

In 1945, FDR struck a deal with King Saud. The royal family provides the crude and the U. S. provides protection. In 2001 that is still the deal.

The Saudi family has grown since to include more than 6,000 princes (women aren't counted). The Saudis have no parliament, no free speech (they outlaw all political debate), no political parties and no right of assembly. They too oppress women and behead those who dissent against Islam.

The royal family and their business cronies grab all the oil royalties. They have palaces, chauffeured limos, private jets and U. S. educations.

Many of the royals drink whiskey, gamble, consort with prostitutes, and other carnal pleasures forbidden by strict Islamic law. Ordinary Saudi citizens would have their hands chopped off for the same activities.

Millions of Saudi's citizens live in poverty and hate the royal family. And America for coddling them. America cannot afford to have the Saudi rabble take over the kingdom, so the U.S.A. has spent trillions on military protection to prevent both internal and external threats to the royal regime.

Osama bin Laden is one of those disgruntled Saudi Arabian citizens that want to overthrow the King and his family. The fact that America has troops on Saudi soil increases the anger and makes the monarchy even more unpopular.

Fast forward to 1995. The Binladin Group, Osama's family, bought a \$2 million ownership share in the Carlyle Group. Former president George Bush is a principal in the Carlyle Group. So are former Defense

Secretary Frank Carlucci and former Treasury Secretary James Baker.

The Carlyle Group is the nation's 11th largest military contractor, according to the Hightower Lowdown. Among its contracts is one to build the missile-launch systems currently in use on our ships firing at Afghanistan.

The Carlyle Group also owns BioPort Corp. which has a monopoly on making anthrax vaccine in the U.S.

In October the Carlyle Group reluctantly parted company with the Binladin Group. Wouldn't look good, don't you know, for the elder Bush to be making millions with the family of America's most wanted murderer.

Now here is the with us or against us part. Khaled bin Mahfouz, who controls Saudi Arabia's largest bank, was caught with others in 1999 funneling millions into Osama bin Laden's bank accounts. Mahfouz is also an investor in the Carlyle Group.

Newsweek magazine reports that the Saudi government directly funds two charities that finance bin Laden. But Dubya left those two charities off the most wanted list of terrorist support groups "to avoid embarrassing the Saudi government."

Mr. Hightower says "so far Bush and Company aren't waging a war against terrorists, but a war against terrorists who have no oil."

He says "Dubya looks into the cameras and tells the world they have to choose sides--for us or against us--then winks at the Saudis, assuring them that a little war won't get in the way of the smooth flow of business."

As this war on terrorism goes on, let's see if the kings and princes in the land of Ahab the Arab will feel the wrath of Dubya. I doubt it.

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