



Excel Worker's Severed Hand Is Re-Attached

Doctors at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock reattached the left hand of an Excel worker Monday night.

Joshua Gulley, 18, of Clovis, was working second shift at the Friona plant when the accident occurred at 6 p.m. Monday, July 9.

Gulley, employed at Excel for one month, was working in the fabrication area when his left hand was severed by a band saw.

Friona EMS personnel rushed the young worker to Parmer County Community Hospital where doctors work-ed to stabilize his condition. He was then flown by LifeStar helicopter to Metho-dist Hospital in Lubbock, where doctors reattached his hand. At press time, reports on Mr. Gulley's condition indicated that he was making satisfactory progress.

Excel spokesman Mark Klein, of Wichita, Kansas, said that production at the plant was stopped for one-half hour following the accident and counseling was provided for several employees that witnessed the incident.



County Without John Deere--First Since 1930s

Parmer County's John Deere dealer, Texas Equipment Company, will close its doors on Saturday, July 14.

Texas Equipment, headquartered in Seminole, had been operating John Deere dealerships in Friona, Hereford, Dimmitt, Amarillo and Plains. The Plains location will also close.

Since Texas Equipment has been operating under Chapter 11 bankruptcy, the fate of the other locations will be determined in 60 days, a spokesman said.

A representative of Deere and Co.'s Dallas division office said that Deere had no comments on the Friona location due to the bankruptcy proceedings, but verified the closure of the local dealer.

The John Deere location, west of Friona, covers 12 acres and several buildings. There are no present plans to reopen the dealership at this time.

It will be the first time

Temp Hits 102 Here Thursday

Temps in the area have been right at 100 degrees for the past seven days. The high for the year came Thurs., when it reached 102. It was 100 degrees Wednesday, making three times above the century mark.

Here are the week's marks: Fri., July 6: 95-67; Sat., July 7: 97-68; Sun., July 8: 99-66; Mon., July 9: 97-67; Tues., July 10: 97-66; Wed., July 11: 100-67; Thurs., July 12: 102-73. No precipitation for July.

AN EDITORIAL

Bank Lauded For Sponsoring Seniors

For the past four or five years, several customers of Friona State Bank, particularly the older ones, have enjoyed belonging to a club made up of senior citizens, for the purpose of going as a group to anything from a musical production in the area to vacation tours, such as the one just concluded to the Canadian Rockies area.

The group has also taken part in a Christmas party during the holiday season, and enjoyed game days during the year. Marca Herring volunteered to pose as "Mother Hen" to this group of folks, and has served as the organizer of some very enjoyable tours and events, which most of the members might never have been able to experience otherwise.

Forty residents of the area returned Monday evening from the trip to Canada, which was proclaimed "the best yet" by most of those making the trip.

What an excellent way for the bank to reward some of their longtime customers, by allowing Marca to direct this program, and take much of the "hassle" of travelling--the planning, the reservations, etc.--off the shoulders of those participating in the program.

From this corner, it appears that Friona State Bank has achieved a major public relations "coup" through the sponsorship of these senior activities.

And--it appears that the community as a whole has received some favorable attention due to the activities of the group. At least twice to our knowledge, this group has been complimented by either their tour guide, or people in restaurants, etc., where they have visited.

Both in Canada, and last fall in New England, the group was told that they were a "breath of fresh air," due to the respect with which they treat each other, especially after several days of being confined on a tour bus together.

"You are like a large family. You remind me of my own family, and I think you are to be congratulated for this," our Canadian tour director, Daniel Boghen, told us this past week.

We love and appreciate our seniors, Marca Lynn for her dedication, and Friona State Bank for its sponsorship. This has definitely been a "win-win" situation for everyone involved.

Friona Gets Area H.P. RC&D Office

The USDA's Natural Resource Conservation Service has announced that the High Plains Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Area office will be located in Friona.

The office will be housed in the building vacated by the NRCS field office and the Parmer County Soil & Water Conservation District located at 1306 West Ninth Street in Friona.

Thomas Reed has been

appointed coordinator of the High Plains RC&D Area and will begin full time duties on July 16. The High Plains RC&D Area consists of sixteen counties in the extreme Northern and Western portions of the Texas Panhandle. These counties include Dallam, Sherman, Hansford, Hartley, Moore, Hutchinson, Oldham, Potter, Carson, Deaf Smith, Randall, Armstrong, Parmer, Castro and Swisher.

RC&D Areas are federally funded projects of the Natural Resources Conservation Service and are designed to assist the RC&D Council in accomplishing environmental and community development type projects in the Area it serves.

For more information, you may contact the High Plains RC&D office at 1306 West Ninth Street, Friona, Texas, 79035, (806) 250-2020.



SENIORS TOUR....A group of the Frionans who took a tour in Canada is shown during a visit at the Olympic Village near Calgary, from the 1988 Winter Olympics. From the left are Bill Ellis, Ralph Shirley, Donita Martin, Joyce Veazey and Nancy Norwood.

OUR NEIGHBORS north of the 49th parallel were in several US news reports recently, stating that we in this country know almost nothing about Canada or its citizens, whereas they get all the news from here and know a great deal about the "States," our people, our politics and our country as a whole.

My Turn
by Carol Ellis



Friona folks are certainly on the cutting edge! About two weeks after the above report hit the news media, forty local citizens packed their bags and headed to Alberta, Canada just to have a look around. Well, okay, that's a stretch... but we did enjoy our recent week long tour of the Canadian Rockies, where it was much cooler than it is here in the Texas Panhandle, but the weather is just about as unpredictable there as here. The old adage "If you don't like the weather, just stick around for a few minutes and it'll change," could really be applied in Alberta.

In fact, we discovered many similarities between our two countries. For instance, as we traveled through the plains area just east of the mountains, we saw a large flat expanse with farms and cattle ranches. We began to wonder if we had indeed left Texas at all. The two major cities of Alberta are great rivals... Calgary and Edmonton, both built by the oil industry. The refineries in that area supply all of the oil needs for the entire expanse of Canada. Immediately I thought of our rival Texas cities of Midland and Odessa; though Calgary and Edmonton are much larger in population than our two Texas oil towns.

One major difference that we noticed was, there are no large advertising billboards clustered along the highways. We were quite impressed and enjoyed the beauty of traveling along without garish billboards blocking our view of the land.

Tourism is getting to be a major industry in Canada. We met a lot of tourists from the States, as well as many from other countries; primarily Europeans and Asians. When you ask a person where they are from, they usually give you the name of their country; Germany, UK, France, Japan, etc. But when you ask a Texan where he's from he always says "I'm from Texas." Most people were able to single out members of our Texas tour group by our twangy accents and guys wearing boots. Makes ya' proud, don't it!

I noticed that we had about two hours more daylight time each day in Alberta. By the same token, I presume their winter days are a good bit shorter than ours. Our tour guide mentioned that the growing season is quite short, so they have to concentrate on crops that mature quickly. Canola is one of their major crops and the fields are very pretty.

We spent a couple of nights in a little Western-style town called Jasper, with a population about the same as Friona. It was established by the railroad coming through in the early 1900s at almost the same time as our little towns here in Parmer County. Same deal... settled because of the railroad coming through. We felt right at home!

In the nicer Canadian restaurants, pricing of small meals for children went like this: "Children 6 through 12 pay their age. Those under age 6 eat free." Seems fair! Also, the little sign that you put on your hotel room door knob said "Privacy Please" which I thought was a bit more polite than our rather cranky-sounding "Do Not Disturb" signs.

One major difference which was noted by several members of our tour group... the crossword puzzles in the Canadian newspapers are MUCH harder than ours.



CANADIAN TOUR GROUP...Forty area people took a tour of Alberta, Canada last week. They posed for their group photo in front of the Athabasca Glacier (that's not a painted backdrop). Kneeling in front are bus driver Lori Sheid and tour guide Daniel Boghen. Seated (l-r) are: Tillie Miller, Winifred Hurst, Carol Ellis, Ruth Tucker, Nola Vestal, Joyce Norwood, Valoris Osborn, Joyce Veazey (standing), Allo Reeve, Norma Thompson, Ruth Miller, Nona Martin and Reba Buske. Second row: Pat and Lawrence Martin, Andy Hurst, Bill Ellis, Ted Tucker, Billy Joe Mercer, W. B. Norwood, Nancy Norwood, Pat Fleming, Dave Thompson, Stella Shirley, Clarence Martin, Ralph Shirley and W.D. Buske. Back row: Peggy Higgins, Mary Lou Gooch, Lois Norwood, Lewis and Elizabeth Gore, Tommy Mercer, Katherine Smith, Marca Herring, Jimmy Norwood, Howard Fleming, Donita Martin, Doris and Van Eddy.



LADY BULL V'Leshia Wilcox, center, is on the way to Lafayette, Louisiana, for the national AAU 14 & under basketball finals. She is the daughter of Terry and Varla Wilcox and a future Friona Squaw.

Letter To The Editor

Mr. Bill Ellis
Friona Star
916 Main, Friona, TX 79035
Dear Bill:

Thanks for the front page story about Parmer County school districts receiving the benefits from TIF assessments, and your kind words about WTRT/WT Services in the July 6 edition.

Tonya Gober, FISD curriculum director, very graciously called this week to give me the updated figures on FISD's E-rate discounts through June 30 of this year. I hadn't crunched these new numbers for my article in our July newsletter.

According to Mrs. Gober, FISD has now received \$157,000 in E-rate discounts since the program began in Friona in January of 1999.

It is gratifying to see that FISD is taking full advantage of both the E-rate discount savings to taxpayers, and TIF grants.

You folks put out a great paper.

Best regards, Jim Steiert, WTRT Public Relations

Editor's note: Thanks for your kind remarks. I need to give credit where credit is due, since Carol and I were gone to Canada when last week's edition of the Star was put together.

Managing Editor Ron Carr was responsible for digging out the article from your monthly newsletter, and steering it toward the front pages of the Star and Blade. By the way, I'll return your compliment. You do a terrific job in publishing the monthly newsletter for West Texas Rural Telephone and W.T. Services.

Since we're in the publishing business (and Carol and I have also published a national newsletter for Ellis family researchers), we recognize a good job when we see one!

We appreciate the great relationship we have always had with WTRT and W.T. Services!

Around Town

Bible School at St. Teresa's

Vacation Bible School will be held at St. Teresa's Catholic Church Jul 23-27 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. There will be a class for 3-year-olds, also Pre-K thru 5th grade. If anyone is interested in helping or for more information call Francis Huckins at 250-5491. All area children are invited to attend.

Ex-gang member to speak at youth rally

The Friona Ministerial Alliance will sponsor a youth rally Fri, Jul 20, & Sat, Jul 21, 7 p.m. both nights at the junior high school auditorium. All junior high and high school youth are invited. J.J. Ramirez, from Bryan, Texas, is an ex-gang member who has started a ministry to youth and speaks in schools and churches all over.

Hub cowboy fellowship Jul 28

The kick-off event of the Hub Cowboy Fellowship will be Sat, Jul 28, at the Hub Community Center. Dinner and entertainment at 6 p.m. Worship at 7 p.m. Speaker will be Steve Friskup from Canyon.

BSA Hospice volunteer training

"The Hospice Approach to Living with Dying" is the theme of BSA Hospice's volunteer training and community education class starting Mon, Jul 16, and continuing through Sat, Jul 28. The class is designed for adults who are interested in becoming a hospice volunteer, want to learn more about hospice care or desire personal growth and enrichment. The class will meet on Mon and Wed, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Sat, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for two consecutive weeks. Classes are at the Hospice Facility, 600 No. Tyler St. For more info, call 806-212-8715.

Jazz in Amarillo Jul 21

On Sat, Jul 21, at 7 p.m. at Amarillo's Dilla Villa, a jazz trio from San Francisco will perform jazz piano with upright bass and drums. Also appearing at Jazz01 will be Amarillo's own "Known for the Tone" and "The Martinis." Jazz under the stars tickets are available to charge by phone at 806-378-3096. More info at jazz01.com.

3-on-3 streetball in Amarillo

Tipoff for the 2001 Streetball Challenge is scheduled for Sat, Jul 28 and Sun, Jul 29, in downtown Amarillo. The tournament is open to male and female players ages 8 and up. Teams will be grouped into divisions with teams of similar height, age and playing ability. Entry fee, \$92 a team. Entry deadline Jul 25, 5 p.m. T-shirts and prizes. Slam dunk and 3-point contests. For more info or to request an entry form, contact Kids, Inc. at 376-5936.

Seminar for women cancer patients

Look Good-Feel Better, a public service program dedicated to teaching women cancer patients beauty techniques to help restore their appearance and self-image during cancer treatment. The next meeting is Sat, Jul 21, 1-3 p.m. at the American Cancer Society, 3915 Bell in Amarillo. For more info or to RSVP, call 806-353-4306 or 800-ACS-2345.

Brown bag book sale Amarillo

The Amarillo Public Library is holding a Brown Bag Book Sale Fri, Jul 20 through Sun, Jul 22 in the Central Library basement, 4th & Buchanan. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fri & Sat, & 2-6 p.m. Sun. For more info call 378-3051.

We need news for Around Town

It's summer. School's out. People travel. News is scarce. We need items for the Around Town column all the time, but especially in the summer. If your group or organization is planning an event, or if you have news you think is appropriate for Around Town bring it by the office, or call us at 250-2211, fax us at 250-5127, or write us at P.O. Box 789, Friona, 79035. Remember us for news this summer.

Friona Flashbacks

...from the files of The Friona Star

75 YRS AGO-JUL 23 1926

We are informed by Dr. D. H. Meade that his plans are practically matured for the installing of a hatchery at his home in the north part of town. He plans for a 4,000 egg incubator and expects to have it ready to place baby chicks on the market by the first of the coming year.

65 YRS AGO-JUL 24 1936

A head-on collision, which occurred on Highway 33 somewhere between Black and Summerfield Sunday afternoon, came near ending the lives of seven Friona people and three youths of the Black community. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Galloway and baby daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lewis of Friona and Mrs. Charles Luna and daughter of Dallas were enroute to Canyon, when hit by a car driven by a young man whose name is not available. None were seriously hurt.

60 YRS AGO-JUL 25 1941

The members of the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society, and the City of Canyon will inaugurate a Victory Campaign, for the completion of the proposed addition to the present building, which now houses the Panhandle-Plains Museum. The museum has sponsored a drive to have bricks donated for the construction of the addition, and to date, a total of 175,000 bricks have been received. Friona has been invited to participate in the campaign.

55 YRS AGO-JUL 19 1946

Margaret Staats, 13-year-old Summerfield girl, who was critically injured on July 6 when a gun was accidentally discharged, is reported to be recovering satisfactorily in Dallas' Baylor Hospital, and will probably be released from the hospital within a few days. Miss Staats underwent an operation to remove a .22 caliber bullet from her spinal column.

50 YRS AGO-JUL 19 1951

Water users will have an opportunity, August 9, to say whether they think the State Board of Water Engineers should create an underground water conservation district in the Panhandle-South Plains.

The Allen Stewart family and the B. W. Turner family are vacationing together in Colorado this week. Mrs. Roy Miller is operating the jewelry store in the absence of the owners.

45 YRS AGO-JUL 19 1956

Contract for Friona Wheat Growers' new 1,000,000 bushel expansion has been awarded to Chalmers and Borton Construction Company of Hutchinson, Kansas, it was announced this week. Construction will begin in the near future. The addition will be built along the Santa Fe track in a westerly direction.

White-Warsaw Earns Degree

Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, has announced the names of students who received their degrees for the spring semester in May.

Violet L. White-Warsaw was among the degree recipients. She received her Juris Doctor, Law Degree from the university's law school.

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40 YRS AGO-JUL 20 1961

Plans for Friona's Country Club building have been completed, and within the next week, the board of directors will start seeking bids on the structure. The proposed clubhouse, on which bids will be sought, will be constructed of brick veneer. Overall dimensions will be 41x82 feet and will include a 41x82 foot social room, pro shop, cloak room, kitchen, and rest rooms.

35 YRS AGO-JUL 21 1966

Cecil Maddox of Whiteface has been employed as head boys basketball coach at Friona, it was announced this week. Maddox replaces John Anglin, holder of the position the past two years. Maddox will also be a math instructor at Friona High School.

30 YRS AGO-JUL 22 1971

Howard McLean, 37, is the new general manager of Missouri Beef Packers' Friona plant. McLean replaced Dave LaFleur, who became company president on July 1, and has moved to MBP's Amarillo office.

25 YRS AGO-JUL 18 1976

For the second straight year, residents of the Friona Independent School District will feel the sting of a tax increase, due to the new Public School Financing Law (HB 1116). The tax increase will be 20 cents per \$100 evaluation, making the tax rate \$1.75 per \$100.

Mid-year figures released this week by Friona State Bank indicates that the community is in a healthy condition. According to the quarterly statement published by the bank, its depositors had on deposit as of June 30, 1976, a total of \$23,147,000. This represented an increase of \$2,304,000, or 11 per cent, from the same date a year earlier.

20 YRS AGO-JUL 26 1981

Residents of the area sweltered somewhat this week, with several days of 100-degree or near 100-degree heat, and from all appearances, they might expect a couple more days before the string is broken.

Funeral services for Edward "Eas" Spring, 72, of Friona, were conducted Monday in the Sixth Street Church of Christ in Friona.

15 YRS AGO-AUG 2 1986

A movement by local citizens to protest the new tax evaluations still had not resulted in any "formal" action at the Star's press time this week, although there continued to be strong opposition to the tax evaluations by homeowners.

A young ex-Friona resident, Larry White, 25, was critically injured Monday evening while riding his bicycle along the curve on

West Highway 60.

10 YRS AGO-AUG 3 1991

Benny Pryor, a Friona teacher for 29 years, was honored Wednesday during the awards program of the Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas convention in Amarillo.

The \$11 million expansion project at Excel should send a clear message to the Friona community that Excel is here to stay, according to Terry Wilkerson, plant manager, at the Friona Lions Club meeting Thursday evening.

The month of July ended with an official 4.26 inches of rain, most falling the weekend of July 13-14.

5 YRS AGO-JUL 13, 1996

The city of Friona measured .85 inches of rain during the past week. Added to the .11 on July 3, the month's total stands at .96 inch.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Mr. Ellis:

Pat Turner brought me a copy of your beautiful editorial this morning.

What a glorious tribute to a magnificent person (my mother).

The minister at the memorial service talked about the parable of the talents, and how well she used the life she was given. She used that parable often in raising us.

Should you ever have time for coffee or lunch during a visit to Amarillo, I would love to meet you in person.

Friona is definitely richer for an editor with your visionary compassion.

Sincerely,
Mary Emeny
Amarillo, TX. 79105

Dear Bill:

Thanks so much for the Friona Star "info" you sent via Peggy Monroe. I will use

it in my teaching unit about cities and towns.

I know I am in for a challenge, but missions is where my heart is, in part because of a mother who believed so strongly in them! I know I can count on your prayers!

God Bless,

Jacquelyn Franklin
(Editor's note: Jacquelyn (Magness) is a native of Friona, who has joined a group which is teaching English in China this summer. She is in the community of Heze, in the province of Shandong, after arriving in Beijing. She cannot instigate the mention of Christianity, unless the children ask her questions about it. This is something Jacquelyn has always wanted to do. We sent several issues of the Friona Star, which included a Maize Days issue, and an Excel special edition, to show our cattle industry.)

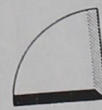
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HI-JINKS AT HI-PRO....Legends are made of cherry pies. Left, V'Lesha Wilcox looks on as Betty Smith delivers her pie to Bill Stovell's kisser. Right, the three share a laugh. The Legend of the \$200 cherry pie is born.

Legend Of The \$200 Cherry Pie

BY RON CARR

It started as a bake sale fundraiser and soon became the stuff that small town legends are made of.

V'Lesha Wilcox, daughter of Terry and Varla Wilcox, is a member of the West Texas Lady Bulls, a 14-&-under girls AAU basketball team.

The Lady Bulls won the regional AAU tournament in Amarillo which qualified them for the National Tournament in Lafayette, Louisiana, July 20-28.

But it takes money to travel to an out-of-state tournament for 10 days. Hence, the bake sale to raise money for the trip.

This is where fact and legend become intertwined to make the story even better.

V'Lesha was working hard. She would bake pies, cookies, cakes, etc., and take them out to sell them. One of her best stops was Hi-Pro where mom, Varla, works.

On this particular day V'Lesha had a cherry cheesecake pie as part of her goodies for sale. The Hi-Pro employees were mulling the price of the pie when, the legend goes, Eldon Reeb said he would give \$50 to see somebody hit Bill Stovell in the face with it.

Bill is a 30-year Hi-Pro veteran. He is general manager of Hi-Pro Animal Health. (In fact yesterday, July 12, Hi-Pro employees threw a hamburger lunch surprise party to celebrate Bill's 30th Hi-Pro anniversary.)

Anyway, Eldon Reeb's comment about giving \$50 to see Stovell hit with the pie



A CRUSTY VETERAN, Bill Stovell and the crusty remains of the legendary pie.

caught on. Other employees started waving money. "Count me in, too!" they shouted. Pie-in-the-face pledges soon totaled \$200, not a bad price for V'Lesha's cherry cheesecake confection.

They said, "Bill, you wouldn't deprive this young girl of the opportunity to go to a national basketball tournament, would you?"

Displaying the compassion and caring that has endeared him to millions, and even got him elected Friona's Man-of-the-Year in 2000, Stovell accepted the challenge.

The employees quickly selected Hi-Pro receptionist Betty Smith to smash the pie in his face. Actually, the legend says that Betty really, really, wanted to do it in the first place.

They all gathered on the

front lawn at Hi-Pro. The money was collected. Stovell stuck his face out. The entire incident was over in a matter of seconds.

Most of the red cherries were still stuck to Stovell's face when he drove home to clean up. His wife Marilyn wasn't expecting him at the door at 9 a.m.

She opened the door to find a vaguely familiar man standing there with dried red cherry stuff looking a lot like blood all over his face.

She screamed. He laughed. The legend doesn't say exactly what happened next and we probably couldn't print it in a family newspaper anyway.

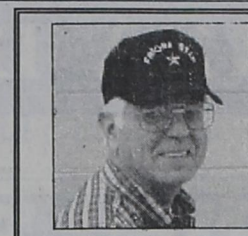
The pictures with this story should prove at least part of the legend is true.

Good luck to V'Lesha and her teammates and thanks to the nice folks at Hi-Pro for providing the stuff that small town legends are made of.

BSA Grief Group Sets Meeting

BSA Hospice presents Grief Education and a Support Group for adults who have experienced the death of a loved one. This program is offered free of charge to residents of Amarillo and surrounding communities, as well as to families who have been served by BSA Hospice.

Attendees can choose from either afternoon or evening group sessions. Each group will meet for six consecutive weeks. The evening group begins Monday, July 23 - August 27, from 7:00 p.m. to



Out Here

by Ron Carr

"No To W's Faith-Based Initiative"

We don't have "inner cities" out here in Parmer County. As folks say in rural America, if you blink you miss Bootleg, Lazbuddie and Rhea.

If you watch national news at all, you know most politicians plead for more money and more help for America's "inner cities."

I'm not sure why it is the responsibility of folks who live in wide open spaces to send tax dollars to national politicians so they can give it to crooked local politicians in the over-crowded inner cities.

The term inner city is never used in a positive way. When politicians preach about the inner cities, they talk about gangs, poor people, crumbling schools and crime. In other words, America's inner cities are the pits.

The only gardens tended in inner cities grow marijuana (to hear the politicians tell it). Luxury cars and big houses belong to drug dealers (and crooked politicians). The only entertainment for poor families in the inner city is going to church on Sunday and praying for a better life (or more government money).

Instead of champagne they drink cheap Mogen David 20/20 wine, "Mad Dog 20/20" to inner city street people. Instead of toys, inner city kids play with old tires

and empty boxes. Politicians say that inner city single moms who have six kids with at least five different men can't afford to work and pay day care, much less send the kids to school every day.

The politicians don't seem to think that this single mom should bear any responsibility for the predicament she is in. I guess when you are poor to start with and can't go to the movies, having kids is something to pass the time.

Now comes President George W. Bush with his faith-based initiative.

W thinks the federal government should take a big hunk of your tax dollars and give it to religious groups and churches so they can feed a higher quality of vegetable soup to poor homeless folks.

W thinks religious groups that are already helping the poor, the drug addict and homeless alcoholic, should be encouraged to do more for them.

He says churches can do a better job of improving people's lives than the federal government can. Amen to that. The only problem is, W is about the only person in America in favor of his faith-based initiatives.

Most churches are throwing a fit. Not because they don't need money to put a little more meat in the soup. They say government money brings government rules.

They say they don't want to bring their soup kitchens up to government standards. They say they don't want big brother watching their every move. Saving a lost soul sometimes requires a brand of tough love that might not meet government approval.

Like every other organization or business in America today, religious groups are not anxious to have federal

lawsuits filed against them because they accidentally mentioned Jesus to a hungry Muslim.

Government money breeds fraud. Big hunks of government money begets bigger hunks of corruption, enriching local politicians and leaving hungry people mostly still hungry.

George W's faith based initiative doesn't have a snow-ball's chance in Hades of passing the House and Senate. Even if it does, religious groups are not obligated to grab at the government grubstake.

There are so many people bashing W's faith-based idea, if I were him I would go on national TV and announce that there would be no more government money available to religious groups.

I would look straight at the camera and tell the church leaders, "I thought it was a good idea, but if you don't want help, fine. The idea is canceled. Now I need to get back to work for the American people."

Instead, he's running around trying to convince us that faith-based initiatives are authorized by the Declaration of Independence. He's attending church block parties and playing touch football with inner city kids and delivering speeches near the Liberty Bell.

It's all a touchy-feely George W., out to convert America to his brand of Christianity. He's quoting Martin L. King, the Old Testament, and Presidents Lincoln and Coolidge.

He's grinning and joking. None of it is working. After his round of faith based speeches, he went to Kennebunkport, Maine for a long weekend.

Far away from the nearest inner city.

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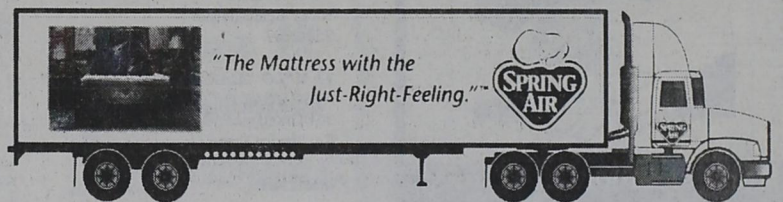


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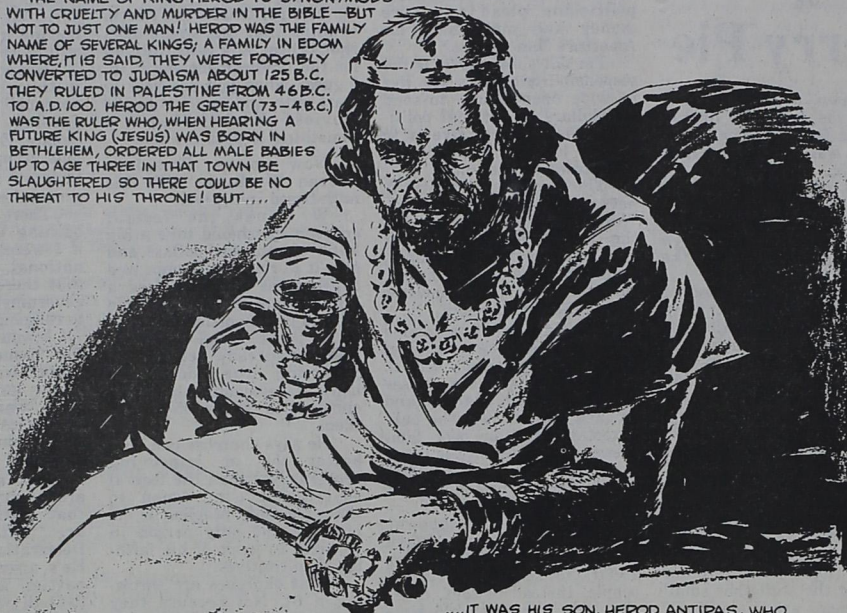
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Facts About The **BIBLE** BY JOHN LEHTI

THE VILLAINOUS NAME OF HEROD!

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Courtney Carthel, Andrew Burgoon Are United In Church Ceremony



SUSAN RAE HUCKABEE and WAYNE HENDERSON...Donald and Kay Huckabee of Friona announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Susan Rae, to Wayne Henderson. He is the son of Dwain and Shirley Henderson of Silverton, Texas. The couple will exchange wedding vows Saturday, July 28 at 7 p.m. in Calvary Baptist Church. A reception and dance will follow at the home of D.C. and Margie Herring. The bride-elect is a graduate of Friona High School and Amarillo Junior College and is employed by Rehabvisions as an occupational therapy assistant. The prospective bridegroom graduated from Silverton High School and West Texas A&M University and is employed by Rochester ISD as the athletic director/head football coach. All family and friends are encouraged to attend the ceremony and/or dance.

Friona Grad Wins G-News Hall of Honor Scholarship

Matthew White of Friona was one of five area students awarded the 2001 Amarillo Globe-News Hall of Honor Scholarships.

The \$1,000 scholarships are awarded to one graduating senior from each of five size category high schools in the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles, eastern New Mexico and southwest Kansas.

Each school nominates a student based on scholarship, leadership, character and service, with the nomination including letters of reference and an essay by the student on the "value of education."

White won in the "three star" school category for schools with 337 to 844 students.

The scholarship selection committee included representatives from Amarillo and Canyon independent school districts, the Region 16 Education Service Center and the Amarillo Globe-News.

Matthew was the 2001 FHS salutatorian, active in student council, National Honor Society, one-act play, science club, math club, Spanish club, band, track and tennis.

He plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in biology. He is the son of Michael and Tammie White.

The other four Amarillo Globe-News scholarship winners were Kacie Schlegel of Shamrock; Nathan Reyes of Canadian; Kyle Artho of Hereford; and Rebecca Mathews of Tascosa.

Courtney Ann Carthel and Andrew Burgoon, both residents of Canyon, exchanged wedding vows Saturday, June 2 at 2 p.m.

The ceremony was conducted in the Paramount Christian Church, Amarillo, by Bob Shepard, pastor of the University Church of Christ, Canyon.

Parents of the couple are Donny and Cindy Carthel of Friona and Bob and Connie Burgoon of Canyon.

The altar of the church was decorated with three fifteen branch candelabras decorated with string smilax draped with white tulle. Two fifteen branch spiral candelabras flanked the altar setting. Two large arrangements of the bride's chosen flowers stood on column pedestals. A three piece granite balustrade completed the area.

Pews were marked with white satin ribbon and string smilax.

John and Amy Duncan, brother-in-law and sister of the groom, sang "In This Very Room" and "I Will Be Here."

As the bride was escorted to the altar and presented in marriage by her father, she was attired in a formal length gown of white Dulcinea satin in a princess style with a dramatic sweetheart front and back neckline. The sleeveless bodice was adorned in alencon lace and was hand-beaded with pearls, sequins and petite bugle beads. The hemline and semi-cathedral length train were accented with the hand-beaded lace.

Her two tiered veil of bridal illusion was accented with pearls attached to a tiara of rhinestones and pearls.

She carried a cascade bouquet of Akito roses, white lilies, white hydrangea and white lisianthus tied with white satin ribbon.

Following bridal tradition, the bride carried a handkerchief that had been carried in her family's weddings for five generations, her mother Cindy Carthel, Grandmother Elizabeth Phillips Williams, Great-Grandmother Pat Yearly, great-great-grandmother and one aunt, Penny Phillips.

Her gown was new. She borrowed pearl earrings from her mother and wore the traditional blue garter. Katy Weatherly of Friona was the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Sarah Butler of Amarillo, future sister-in-law of the bride, Sarah Baldrige of Raton, New Mexico, and Mary Frances Cass of Lubbock.

Ron Green of Dallas served as the best man. Groomsmen were Colby Carthel of Friona, brother of the bride, Ed Carrol of Canyon and Bill Thompson of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Serving as ushers were Jim Bob Burgoon of Lubbock, brother of the groom, Bill Burgoon of Canyon, brother of the groom, John Duncan of Ruidoso, New Mexico, brother-in-law of the groom, Andy Carthel of Friona, Kade Carthel of Gruver, Texas and Justin Carthel of Gruver, cousins of the bride.

Candles were lit by Molly and Hannah Carthel of Friona, cousins of the bride and daughters of Davy and Kathy Carthel; Jared Burgoon of Lubbock, nephew of the groom and son of Jim Bob and Betty Burgoon, and Riley Burgoon of Canyon, nephew of the groom and son of Bill and Susan Burgoon.

Raina Duncan of Ruidoso, New Mexico, niece of the groom and daughter of John and Amy Duncan, served as the flower girl. Caitlin Carthel of Dalhart, niece of the bride and daughter of Doug and Traci Carthel, was the honorary flower girl.

Brady Parker of Canyon, son of Glen and Brandi Parker, was the ring bearer. Josh Duncan of Ruidoso, New Mexico, nephew of the groom and son of John and Amy Duncan was the honorary ring bearer.

The feminine attendants wore formal length gowns of ice blue bridal satin. The sleeveless gowns featured princess necklines and criss-crossed straps in the backs. They carried clutches of lilies, gerber daisies and ambiance roses tied with sheer ice blue ribbon.

Penny Phillips of Amarillo, aunt of the bride, Susan Burgoon of Canyon, sister-in-law of the groom, and Betty Burgoon of Lubbock, sister-in-law of the groom, presided at the guest registry.

Riley Burgoon, nephew of the groom and son of Bill and Susan Burgoon, and Will Welling, cousin of the bride and son of Deana Welling of Canyon and Martin Welling of Amarillo, presented wedding programs.

Kayla Burgoon, niece of the groom and daughter of Jim Bob and Betty Burgoon, and Anna Welling, cousin of the bride and daughter of Deana Welling of Canyon and Martin Welling of Amarillo, handed out satin roses that were filled with bird seed.

The reception was held at the church. A combination of greenery, tulle and miniature lights were draped throughout the room. Small heart shaped individual topais, adorned with miniature lights, were used on the guest tables.

The bride's table was centered with the bridal bouquet. The wedding cake featured four tiers each decorated with greenery and fresh flower arrangements. Punch was served from a silver punch bowl belonging to the bride's grandmother, Ann Carthel of Friona. Decorated with various tablecloths, the top cloth, which was an embroidered cutwork cloth, belonged to the bride's grandmother, Liz Williams.

A multi-tiered latticed chocolate cake accented the groom's table. The cake was topped with dipped fresh strawberries. Coffee was served from a silver coffee service belonging to the groom's mother. An ice blue damask cloth covered the table. A white lattice background complimented both tables.

A fruit sculpture consisted of various seasonal and tropical fruits. The fruit table



Mrs. Andrew Burgoon

was covered with a linen cloth with hand tatted ribbon insertion that belonged to the bride's great-great-grandmother.

Members of the houseparty were of Cheryl Weatherly, Teto Milner, Linda Welch and Brenda Patterson, all of Friona, and Sandra Coleman of Canyon.

Servers included KiKi Carthel of Fort Worth, a cousin of the bride, Julie Goddard of Houston, Jenny Riethmayer of Friona, Kristi Meyer of Dallas, Amy Chauveaux and Sandi Cantu, both of Canyon.

REHEARSAL DINNER

The rehearsal dinner was

hosted by the groom's parents in the Fellowship Hall of the University Church of Christ in Canyon.

A barbecue meal with all the trimmings was served. The tables were decorated in a school house theme with books and school supplies as centerpieces.

A bridal luncheon honoring the bride was held on June 1 at Unlimited For You in Amarillo. The luncheon was hosted by the bride's grandmother, Elizabeth Williams and Penny Phillips, her aunt. All guests shared memories of their friendships with Courtney.

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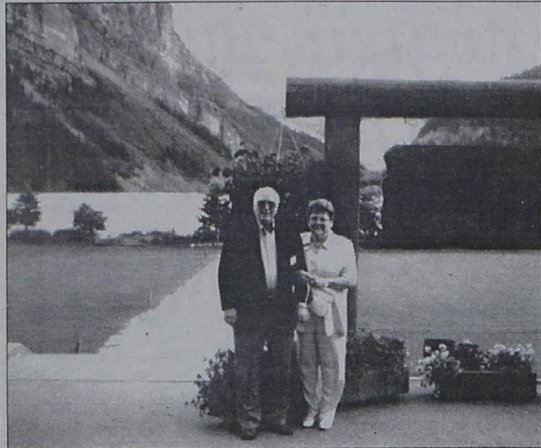
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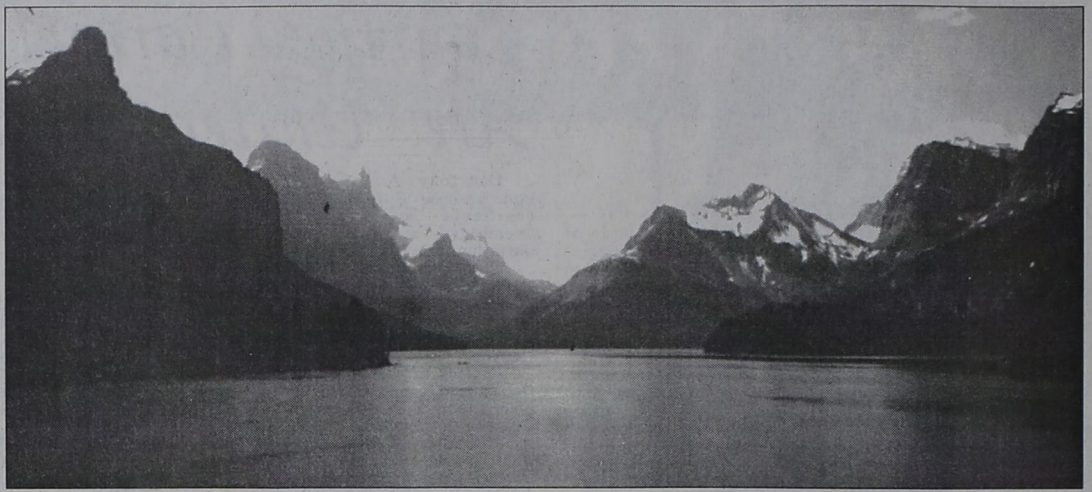
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AFTER DINNER...Andy and Winifred Hurst paused on the shore of Lake Louise after a fine meal in the Victoria Room at Chateau Lake Louise.



TRANQUIL SCENE...Maline Lake in Jasper National Park, Canada, was the first of several breathtakingly beautiful lakes which were visited last week by the Friona State Bank senior tour group.

BANK-SPONSORED EVENT

Local Group Enjoys Seeing Sights In Canadian Rockies

by BILL ELLIS

Forty Friona area residents returned this past Monday evening following an eight-day tour sponsored by Friona State Bank for its customers. The tour included four fantastic days in the Canadian Rocky Mountains, known to be some of the world's most beautiful mountains.

The group was treated to a breath-taking cruise on Lake Maligne, a white-water rafting trip covering ten miles on the Athabasca River, and photo "ops" at several magnificent waterfalls, including the Athabasca Falls, the Bow Falls, and the Maligne Falls.

Also, the group enjoyed a visit to the Columbia Ice Fields, which is close to the "province line" separating Alberta and British Columbia. Members of the local group were able to get off the special "snow buses" (which cost \$750,000 each!) and set foot on the Columbia Glacier, which is 1,000 feet deep, and to sample freshly-melted glacier water, which was very cold, pure, and good-tasting.

The Columbia Ice Fields straddle the Continental Divide, and it was explained that water melting from the glacier can go not two, but three directions: to the Pacific, Atlantic and Arctic oceans!

Tragically, a nine-year-old Japanese boy had died the day prior to the Frionans' visit, after falling into a 30-foot deep crevice in an unsupervised stop near the foot of the glacier. It took workers five hours to locate the boy, who had died of hypothermia by the time he was reached.

Daniel Boghen, a very knowledgeable tour guide representing Collette Vacations, gave an interesting historical narration giving backgrounds

on scores of stunning mountains in both Jasper National Park and Banff National Park.

Everyone on the tour fell in love with Boghen, an ultra-mature 31-year-old French Canadian, and native of Quebec.

Also included was an afternoon and evening at the Chateau Lake Louise, the group enjoyed stops at Peyto Lake and the awesome Valley of the Ten Peaks. At the Chateau, the guests enjoyed dinner at the Victoria Dining Room which seats 800, and required advance reservations according to times for their tables.

The drive from Jasper to Lake Louise gave the tourists a ride down the awesome Icefields Parkway, a seemingly endless succession of scenic wonders of bursting waterfalls, rushing rivers, glacial peaks, imposing cliffs and snow-capped mountain ranges, even though it was July on the calendar.

The local delegation was treated to several stops which featured pristine, deep blue lakes, most of which were fed by melting glaciers, as were Lake Maligne and the Athabasca Lake and River. Their guides told the rafters that the rushing water on the Athabasca River was part of the glacier 17 hours earlier, which explained why the water, of which all the riders experienced feeling several samples, was ice-cold.

Most members of the group enjoyed a sightseeing gondola ride up Lake Louise Mountain, which afforded spectacular views of the lake, glaciers and peaks of the Continental Divide.

While in the Banff area, tour members enjoyed opportunities to shop in this city of 8,000 which is totally supported by tourist dollars. Many of the group enjoyed optional events such as a helicopter ride, where they

got a bird's-eye view of the area's mountains and lakes.

During the trip, the group saw and photographed elk, deer and mountain goats. Some members of the group also saw a mother grizzly bear with two cubs, while on the gondola ride.

Earlier in the trip, the Friona delegation stopped at the West Edmonton Mall in Alberta's capital city. The Edmonton Mall houses more than 800 stores, a professional-size skating rink, the world's largest indoor water park, an amusement park and an 18-hole miniature golf course. Sections of the mall are themed after such places as Paris, New Orleans and England.

On their return to Calgary, those on the tour bus spent their lunch hour on Sunday at the Olympic Village, about 40 miles outside of Calgary, which hosted the 1988 Winter Olympics. They were reminded of the unseasonable warm spell that threatened to ruin the winter sports, before cold weather returned, just in the nick of time.

Capping off the group's tour was attendance at the 79th Calgary Stampede, the world's largest rodeo. The local folks had reservations for a buffet dinner in the Stampede pavilion, as well as reserved seats on the second of the seven-level covered grandstands.

They were able to enjoy the famous chuckwagon races as well as the evening Grandstand Show, which was concluded with a 30-minute fireworks extravaganza comparable to those held on July 4th in Washington, D.C. and Boston.

Dining is always a highlight of any vacation trip, and those making the Canadian trip were not disappointed. Beef was available at most of the

meals, and the Western Canadian cooks didn't disappoint their guests on the way they cooked their meat.

Many of us were surprised to learn that the province of Alberta is very similar to the Texas Panhandle, in regard to having a large agricultural segment, including cattle, where Alberta is Canada's leading cattle producer. A large packing plant is located near Calgary. Alberta only became a province in 1905, which makes it about the same age as Friona.

Those attending were Nancy and Jimmy Norwood, Ruth and Teddy Tucker, Joyce Veazey, Donita Martin, Stella and Ralph Shirley, Nona and Clarence Martin, Patsy and Lawrence Martin, Nola F. Vestal, Ruth Miller, Elizabeth and Lewis Gore, Joyce and W. B. Norwood, Tommie and Billy Joe Mercer.

Also, Lois Norwood, Mary Lou Gooch, Winifred and Andy Hurst, Reba and W.D. Buske, Carol and Bill Ellis, Doris and Van Eddy, Tillie Miller, Peggy Higgins, Norma and Dave Thompson, Allo Reeve, Katherine Smith, Pat and Howard Fleming, Valoris Osborn and Marca Herring.

Thanks, Friona State Bank, for sponsoring such an enjoyable trip for your customers. We only wish that more of our friends could have made the trip, because it provided memories for a lifetime.

---Photos from the Canadian trip on this page and the next are by Carol Ellis, except for the raft pictures.



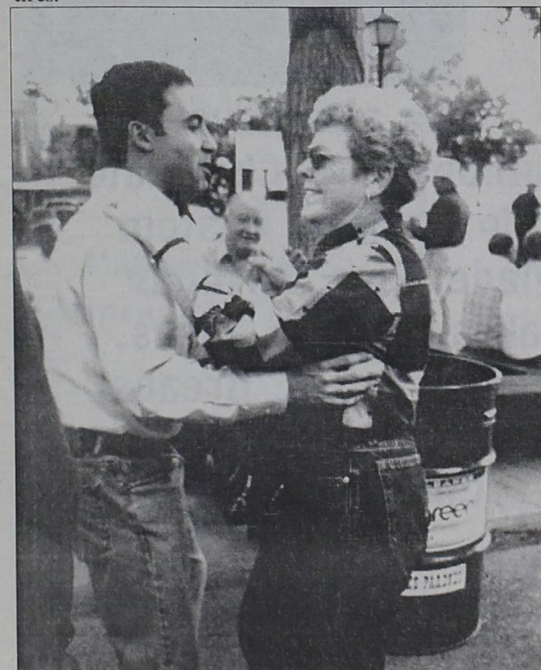
GONDOLA RIDE...Nola Vestal, Ruth Miller, Tommie and Billy Joe Mercer, boarded the ski lift at Lake Louise to catch an aerial view from the mountain top.



ON THE GLACIER...Dave and Norma Thompson step gingerly onto the Athabasca Glacier during a tour of the Columbia Ice Fields.



THE SNOW COACH...The local group rode up to the glacier on the Snow Coach. Check out the size of those tires.



DANCE LESSON...While the group waited to go into the Calgary Stampede, music filled the air. So Joyce Veazey took this opportunity to teach the French-Canadian tour guide Daniel Boghen how to do the "Texas Two-Step."



NEARING THE END of their ten-mile white-water rafting trip, Friona's "second boat" waves at the camera. In the center front is our terrific tour guide, Daniel Boghen, then l-r, counter-clockwise, are W.D. and Reba Buske, Dave and Norma Thompson, Katherine Smith, Ted and Ruth Tucker, Allo Reeve, Howard and Pat Fleming, Joyce and W.B. Norwood, Valoris Osborn, the guide, Andy and Winifred Hurst (now of Lubbock), Marca Herring, Stella and Ralph Shirley. Only two couples were smart enough to take a nap at the lodge and miss a good soaking: Nona and Clarence Martin, and Tommie and Billy Joe Mercer. A photo cost as much as the rafting, but who wouldn't buy one?



Friona News

By BECKY LONDON

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London/Truax family reunion was held in the home of Jerry and Raye Jene London July 6, 7, and 8.

Friday evening the family had a Mexican Fiesta with all the trimmings and decorations.

Saturday was the big day. An all day affair of food, games, lots of visiting and catching up and picture taking.

Sunday morning the family members enjoyed a brunch before they returned to their homes.

There were thirty-six family members present with lots of good memories and times shared.

Out-of-town guests were Luke and Jeanie Cleveland and granddaughter, Lindsey Straron of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Larry and Margaret Truax of Deming, New Mexico; Tracy, Teryn, Lyndee and T.C. Stuart of Santa Fe, New Mexico; Beverly Robertson of Buffalo, Oklahoma; Chris and Dee LaPorte, Don, Chris and Adam Day and Shawn Day, all of Dallas.

Also, Dean and June London, Jack London, Courtney Clark, John Anthony Levario (nephew of John and M'Lynda Jarecki), all of Amarillo; and Justin and M'Kell Jeter of Canyon.

Local folks were John, M'Lynda, J'Lond Jarecki; Alice Allen; Micah, Melanie, Oran and Jessie London; and Henry, Paula and Betsy Clark.

Friona State Bank took 41 members of their Seniors Club to Canada last week. They flew out of Amarillo in the wee hours of Monday morning for Dallas where they had a long layover.

Jinni (Landrum) Konis, niece of Jim Dixon, was sent to the Amarillo airport to see the bank's group off. She is married to artist Ben Konis and he went also. Jinni is a local girl and lots of aspiring artists from Friona have taken classes with and bought pictures from Ben.

At the Dallas airport Dave Thompson's daughter, Jeannie Thompson, a lawyer in Dallas and former Frionan, stopped by the airport to visit with the Friona folks and said hello to everyone.

On the way back from Canada the following Monday, the Friona seniors stopped in Dallas again. They were greeted by members of Allo Reeve's family. It was reported that her son Max Reeve was a wonderful help to the tired travelers. He assisted them in getting the passengers and their things to their correct gate for the flight home.

Other Reeve family members were Kirk Banfield (Allo's granddaughter, Julie's husband) and two children, Parker and Taryn and another great-granddaughter, Macy Reeve.

Allo's granddaughter,

Jamie Epperson and her husband, Casey, flew into the Dallas airport during the Frionans' lay-over. The couple had been to Las Vegas for a week and were returning to their home in Graham. The family had a nice time visiting in the airport with Allo and the other Friona people.

While on the trip, the tour members were complimented on their behavior. The guides said the group treated one another like family. This wasn't the first time they have been told that on one of these trips. *Friona folks are just like that!*

Sharon and Ted White were treated to a surprise 35th wedding anniversary party at Hereford Country Club June 30.

Their children and their spouses, Elaine and Brent Harmon of Arlington and Bill and Jeri Lynn White of Friona hosted the event. Sharon's brother and sister-in-law, Floyd and Betty Reeve were also beneficial in making all the plans.

Sharon and Ted were asked to meet the family at the country club for dinner and were surprised by all the other guests. Items from their home were used for decoration--wedding photo, the topper from their wedding cake and knife they used to cut their cake.

Guests at the party were Bill and Jeri Lynn's son, Hadley and the Reeve's daughter, Becky; Sharon's mother and aunt, Fay Reeve of Friona and Sue Morgan of Perryton.

Also, Ted's brother's and sisters-in-law, Jim and Queta White of Ft. Townsend, Oklahoma and Max and Gale White of Lubbock and their two children, Jeremy and Amy; Ted's sister and brother-in-law, Marie and Virgil Houlette of Flower Mound; and Ted's father, L.R. White of Friona.

Also, Troy and Veca White, Owen and Melody Drake, Roseanne and Charles Ray, all of Friona and Russell and Gloria Mason of Lorenzo.

Gene and Dorothy Ellis were also surprised with a party at the Friendship House Sunday, July 1. Their children helped the couple celebrate their 80th birthdays. Gene's birthday was June 20 and hers was June 28.

Their sons and daughter-in-laws hosted the event. They are Mike and Vandra Ellis of Shallowater, Randy and Leanne Ellis and daughter Lanie of Eldorado,

Dave Bender Buried In Bovina Jul 9

David "Dave" Bender, 93, died Friday, July 6, 2001 at Shattuck Nursing Home in Shattuck, Oklahoma.

Graveside services were held Monday, July 9, 2001, at 2 p.m. at Bovina Cemetery under direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home. Pastor James Shires of the Seventh Day Adventist Church of Shattuck officiated.

Mr. Bender was born May 22, 1908, in Ellis County, Oklahoma. He was a Seventh Day Adventist and a World War II veteran.

He lived in the Shattuck, Oklahoma, area most of his life. He moved to the Friona-Bovina area for several years. He farmed and ranched in the Shattuck and Friona and Bovina areas. He moved back to Oklahoma in the late '50s and worked for the Santa Fe Railroad for a number of years in Higgins, Oklahoma. He retired from the railroad and remained in Shattuck.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Adam and Carl Bender and four sisters; Emily Griffith, Hilda Kretz, Esther Bender and Mary Pote.

Survivors include a daughter, Patsy Zachary of Woodward, Oklahoma; two sisters, Evelyn Bender of Higgins, Oklahoma and Genevieve Ezell of Bovina; and two grandchildren, Joe Zachary of Lubbock and Pattie Calk of Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Kansas and son Lonnie Ellis of Friona.

Gene's two sisters, Leona Menton and Leota Langston, who live in an assisted living facility in Lubbock came for the event.

Also visiting was Dorothy's brother and sister-in-law, Marion and Ruthie Fite of Lubbock; her sister and niece, Alta Hutto and Twyla Lusk of Clovis, New Mexico; sister-in-law, Loraine Fite of Wildorado and Dorothy's niece and her husband, Joanne and Dean Butler of Amarillo.

After the family had lunch at the Friendship House local friends came for a reception. The Ellises were really surprised.

The Friona Star received a note from James and Verna McNeely of Marietta, Oklahoma. It reads:

"We enjoyed the weekend with Brian, Linda and Cara Evans of Friona, Joseph, Deanna and Kallie of Longgrove, Oklahoma. It came a good rain Friday night, but it didn't drown the grasshoppers.

Paul and Patsy Wyly, and her mom and dad, came by a few weeks ago. We were surprised to see them. They had been camped out at Kingston, Oklahoma.

Reggie and Brenda McNeely came for the 4th. We had a nice time. We went to Lebanon to the fireworks. Seems like when the children come they have some little jobs to do for us.

I think we have some good children. We have been blessed with family and friends."

One of the couples who went on the Bank-sponsored Canadian tour were former longtime residents Winifred and Andy Hurst, who have been living in Lubbock the last few years. The Hursts operated a Department Store on Main Street for a number of years, was a partner in the

International-Harvester dealership, and later in real estate.

The Ellises said they were able to join the Hursts for dinner at the Victoria Room at the Chateau Lake Louise, and it was a great dinner.

The Hurst's son, Rick, surprised them by paying their way on the trip. What a nice surprise!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Week of July 15-21 Friona residents observing their birthdays next week include:

July 15--Doris Adams, Christian Drager, Wyona Martin, Janet Hand, Alice Alvarez, Ross Paiz, Misty Cole Bugg, Weston Bowden.

July 16--A.L. Black, Ab Hendley, Kevin Turner, Jay Claborn, Trina Cole, Penny Mars, Maurice Garza, Matt Whiteley.

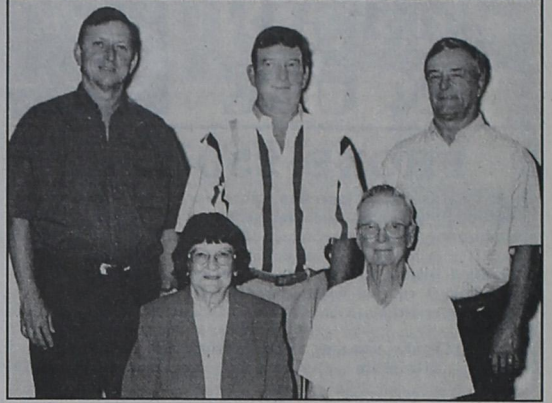
July 17--Dallas Bass, Lauren Buske, Helen Potts, Ophelia Florez, Julia Fairchild, Mark Neill, Tom Shelton, Brandon Chrisman, Amber Fant, Jacob Rios, Bill Caudill, Don Max Vars, Beatriz DeLeon, Kevin Steen, Dallas Reber.

July 18--Joy Bauer, Ronnie White, Brent Loflin, Mark Tucker, Terri Outland, Robert Gonzales, Joshua Jameson.

July 19--Joe Kyle Reeve, Mike Gowens, Karen Harrelson, Delinda Carr, Dana Jameson, Amy Renae Veggeberg.

July 20--Danny Stevens, Mary Ralph Jones, Dee Clark, Bryanna Jameson White, Maggie Harris, Chance Lewellen.

July 21--Lisa McLellan, Mark Bavousett, Gaines A. Butman, Scott Ready, Jennifer Reed, Alene Jennikerson, Brent Gatlin, Guy Patterson, Elton Turley, Austin Schlenker, Miranda Frye.



ELISES FETED...Dorothy and Eugene Ellis, seated, were surprised recently with a birthday celebration hosted by their children. Their sons are (l-r) Randy, Lonnie and Mike.



REEVES VISIT...Allo Reeve stands with son Max, who met her and her senior group at the D-FW Airport Monday to assist them in making their connection. Also shown are Kirk Banfield, her grandson-in-law, holding Taryn, with Macy Reeve holding Parker Banfield.

Texas Heat Wins Ladies Loop Title

The Texas Heat team closed strong in the last week of the Friona Women's Softball League, to claim the title with an impressive 9-1 league record.

Sponsored by the Friona Star, the Heat downed the Red Hots, the only team to beat them this season, 6-3 on July 2, and then won a doubleheader on July third, to claim the loop championship.

In their last week, Texas Heat downed Just Do It, 14-3, as Denise Carrea and Teresa Serna each scored three runs. Rosalinda Serna and Stephanie Ancira each scored twice.

On July 3, the team downed Just Do It, in a good game, 8-5. The Heat scored five runs in their half of the first inning, by Diane White, Teresa Ancira, Roalinda Serna, Kathy Cabezula and Nancy Davis. During the rally, Kathy Cabezula socked a home run.

On July 9, the Texas Heat completed their season with a 23-4 win over the Friona Angels. The Friona Star team erupted for 14 runs in the third inning. Thirteen of 14 consecutive batters scored in one stretch, as the team completed its successful season.

Home runs were hit by Denise Carreon, Teresa Serna and Rebecca Raymond, giving their team a quick 5-0 lead in the first inning.

TX. HEAT 14, JDI 3
Rosalinda Serna 3-2; Diana Perez 3-1; Denise Carreon 3-3; K. Cabezula 3-1; Teresa Serna 3-3; Nancy Davis 3-0; Toni Serekines 3-0; Becca Raymond 2-1; Mary Ann Ramos 2-0; Stefanie Ancira 2-2; Diane White 2-1

TX. HEAT 8, JDI 5
R. Serna 3-1; Perez 3-1; White 3-2; T. Serna 3-1; Kathy Cabezula 3-2; Davis 2-1; Denise Carreon 2-0; Raymond 2-0-0; Mary Ann Ramos 1-0-0; S. Ancira 2-0.

TX. HEAT 23, ANGELS 4
R. Serna 4-4; D. Perez 4-1; Carreon 3-3; T. Serna 3-2; Cabezula 3-2; Davis 3-1; Gerekines 3-2; Raymond 3-1; Ramos 3-2; Ancira 3-2; White 3-3.



WAITING IN LINE...To go into the Calgary Stampede during their trip to Alberta are from left to right: Clarence and Nona Martin, Ralph and Stella Shirley, Tommie and Billy Joe Mercer, and Elizabeth Gore. Lewis Gore was off snapping more prize-winning photos.



FRIONA RAFTERS...Half of the local group to try white-water rafting in Canada are shown: near side, l-r: Carol Ellis, Bill Ellis, Tillie Miller, Peggy Higgins, Nola Vestal, Lewis Gore, Elizabeth Gore, Nancy Norwood, Jimmy Norwood. Far side: Mary Lou Gooch, Lois Norwood, Joyce Veazey, Donita Martin, Ruth Miller, Van Eddy, Doris Eddy, Lawrence Martin and Pat Martin. Our guide, Jim, kept us in stitches with his comical banter. Believe it or not: The photo was taken as the rafters sailed under a bridge at the end of their run. By the time this group had exited the raft, a representative of the raft trip company had a copy of the photo to show, and was taking orders. Is this a computerized world or what?



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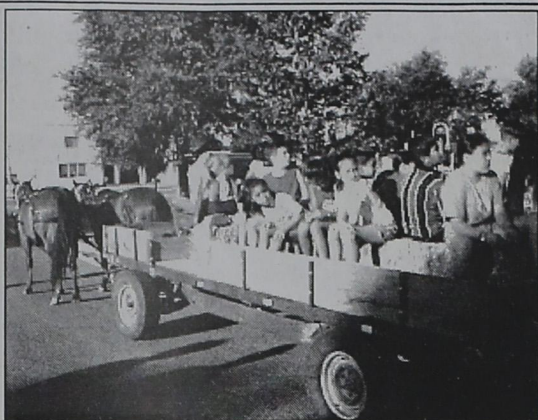
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Financial Focus

No Time To Be On Investment "Sidelines"

Disappointing investment results in 2000 may be sending some people out of the market and onto the "sidelines"--where they'll wait for things "to get better" before jumping back in. But is it a good idea to take a timeout from investing? Not really.

If you're investing for the long term, you always have to be looking into the future--far beyond today's headlines. And no matter what the market as a whole is doing, you can always find areas that offer strong potential for growth. Plus, when the market is down, you may be able to pick up high-quality stocks at good prices.

Furthermore, by staying invested, you won't miss out on any market upturns. Remember, the market can rise just as quickly as it can fall. If you're off to the side, just watching, you could be left behind quickly when the market takes off. And there's ample historical evidence that it could do just that; over long periods of time, stocks have typically trended up, overcoming the down years and bear markets.

Still, there's no question that the market's performance in 2000 was shaky enough to give even experienced investors a case of the jitters. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 6.2 percent for the year--its worst year since 1981 and its first losing year since 1990. But the Dow's slide was dwarfed by the drop in the technology-based Nasdaq composite index, which tumbled 39.3 percent for the year--its worst year ever.

If you do want to stay in the market, but you don't want to be unnecessarily victimized by drops of these magnitudes, what can you do? Your most important defense is diversification--the distribution of your investment dollars over a variety of asset classes, including income, growth, growth-and-income, aggressive growth, cash and cash equivalents. Diversification can help protect you against downturns affecting just one or two market sectors. And, because you're exposed to a wide range of investments, you'll increase the likelihood that, at any given time, some parts of your portfolio will do well.

Your individual asset allocation mix will depend on several factors, including your risk tolerance, age, objectives and financial resources. A qualified financial professional can help you determine the combination of investments that's right for your situation. Once you've established the asset allocation mix for your portfolio, you'll need to monitor it, and make adjustments as you encounter changes in your life. For instance, as you move closer to retirement, and you've achieved some of your important goals--college for your kids, a paid-off house, etc.--then you may want to alter your asset allocation mix somewhat, possibly moving a certain percentage of your portfolio out of the "growth" area and into "income."

Even with a carefully prepared allocation plan, there's no guarantee that you will avoid losses, especially in the short term. But if you've chosen high-quality investments, and you have the patience to stick with them over the long term, you should do a lot better in the market than out of it.

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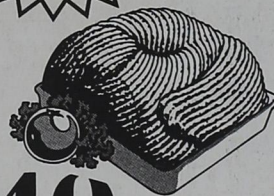
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She was born June 29, 1960, in Portland, Oregon. She moved to Clovis in 1993 and married Christopher Paul Young on September 18, 1993. She was a member of St. John's Baptist Church.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 10, 2001, at 2 p.m. at St. John's Baptist Church in Clovis, Rev. Joe Callahan officiating. Burial was in Lawn Haven Memorial Gardens in Clovis under direction of Muffley Funeral Home.

Survivors include her husband, of the home; two sons, Nicholas and Jeremiah Cabrera, both of Clovis; one daughter, Sara Salomon of Hereford; parents, Juan and Maria Tijerina of Hereford; five brothers, Carlos, David, Danny and Juan Tijerina, Jr., all of Hereford, and Armando Tijerina of Liberal, Kansas; three sisters, Anna Bell Cabrera of San Marcos, Texas, and Lorretta Martinez and Eva Zepeda, both of Hereford; and two grandchildren.

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TEXAS Co. Member Has Ties In Friona

One company member with family ties in the Friona area brightens the Pioneer Amphitheatre in the spirit of TEXAS. He will contribute his talents to the 36th Anniversary Season of TEXAS, an outdoor drama set in the majestic Palo Duro Canyon near Amarillo. Since 1966, the musical drama has amazed a worldwide audience through song, dance and drama.

Justin Grimsley is joining TEXAS as a sound technician. He is a junior mass communication major at West Texas A&M University. He served as technical director for the Miss Friona Pageant for four years and is currently on the staff of KWTS-FM.

Grimsley was named the National Champion by the National Broadcasting Society for audio commercial production and can be heard as "the voice of WTAMU" on various radio and television commercials for the university.

He is the son of Jayson and Jyl Grimsley of Friona.

TEXAS, a drama written by author Paul Green, is a tale of the joys, triumphs and challenges of early Texas Panhandle settlers to the area. The musical takes the audience through the area's development of open prairie land to the building of the railroad, while adding a little romance and charm along the way.

TEXAS is set in Palo Duro Canyon, which offers the perfect backdrop for the musical drama. The canyon walls surrounding the theatre offer a first hand view into the settlers' lives.

As the Official Play of the proud state of Texas, it runs from June 7 to August 19. Cost of tickets for children, under the age of 12 ranges from \$4 to \$23 and adult tickets range from \$8 to \$23. Discounts are also available for groups of 20 or more.



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TEXAS is shown nightly except Wednesdays, all performances begin at 8:30 p.m. along with Cattle Call barbeque served nightly at 6 p.m.

For more information about TEXAS, call (806)655-2181 or mail to TEXAS, Box 268, Canyon, Texas, 79015, or visit us at www.texasmusicaldrama.com.

Sales Tax Holiday Set For Aug. 3-5

Just in time for back-to-school shopping, many clothes and shoes can be purchased tax-free August 3-5, during Texas' third annual Sales Tax Holiday, Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander announced.

"On the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday of August, no state or local sales tax will be charged on most clothing and footwear priced under \$100," Comptroller Rylander said. "The Sales Tax Holiday provides much-needed tax relief for hard-working Texas families and lets them stretch their budgets a little farther as they shop for school clothes for the kids and work clothes for mom and dad."

This year, the Sales Tax Holiday is expected to save Texans \$31.2 million in state sales tax and \$8.4 million in local sales taxes. Cities have the option to not waive local sales tax during the tax holiday, but no community has opted out of the event this year.

The rules for the 2001 Sales Tax Holiday are the same as in previous years. They include:

Most children's and adults' clothing and footwear priced under \$100 are exempt from sales taxes. Customers may purchase as many tax-exempt items as they wish. Clothing and footwear used primarily for athletics or protective wear, such as golf cleats or football pads are not tax exempt. However, tennis shoes, baseball caps, jogging suits and other athletic clothes that are commonly worn on the street are eligible for the tax exemption.

Accessories, jewelry, watches, handbags, wallets and briefcases are not tax-exempt.

Items previously placed on layaway may be redeemed tax-free during the Sales Tax Holiday, and items placed on layaway during the Sales Tax Holiday may be redeemed tax-free later. School supplies and backpacks are not tax exempt.

Earlier this year, I asked

the Legislature to expand the list of tax-exempt items to include backpacks, school supplies, sewing supplies and safety gear such as bicycle helmets and car safety seats," Comptroller Rylander said. "I also proposed expanding the tax holiday to five days to avoid the three-day traffic jam."

"However, the Legislature did not make the Sales Tax Holiday a priority, and the proposal died. Next session, I will again urge the Legislature to make Texas families and the Sales Tax Holiday expansion a top priority," Comptroller Rylander said.

During the first two Sales Tax Holidays in 1999 and 2000, Texans saved an estimated \$69.6 million, including \$54.8 million in state sales tax and \$14.8 million in local sales taxes.

For more information about the Sales Tax Holiday and a list of tax-exempt and nonexempt items, see the Comptroller's Web site at www.window.state.tx.us or call the tax assistance hotline at 1-800-252-5555.

Museum To Have Story Time

On July 14, the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum will present stories about the people, places, and things of our Panhandle-Plains region in the Lone Star State. Story Time will take place the second Saturday of the month, except December and January. The half-hour programs, which begin at 2:30 p.m. on the second floor next to the TJ Babb Wagon Collection, are included with museum admission.

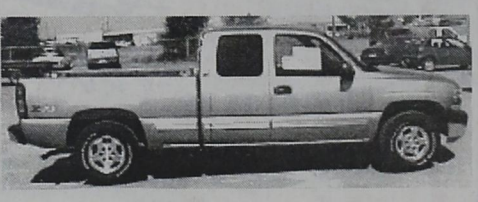
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