



**CHIEFTAIN CATCHER** Charley Saiz anticipates a pitch in the Friday, March 16, game against Olton at Chieftain Field. On the overcast day, the wind chill felt like near zero as seen by the bundled up Olton fans in the bleachers. The Chieftains fell behind in the first inning but won the game 16-6 on the 10-run rule. The Chiefs host Abernathy Tuesday, March 27, at 5 p.m. ron carr photo

## CITY'S POPULATION

### Not Quite 4,000-- But Still Growing!

Like Lubbock, Friona will just have to wait another ten years to hit the population mark some leaders thought it had made. But local residents can take heart in the fact that at least the city continued to show growth from the previous census.

Friona's official census count for the year 2000 was 3,854--146 people shy of the 4,000 mark.

However, the gain for Friona over the 1990 total (3,688) was 166, or a 4.5 percent increase.

Of a total of 55 area cities and towns with population between 400 and 25,000 in the South Plains area surveyed from census figures, Friona was one of the 22 cities which showed a population increase. The other 33 cities had losses.

"I guess we're pleased. Given the fact that most cities and towns in this area went down in population, any growth is better than a loss," said Kathryn Goddard, executive V.P. for the Chamber of Commerce. Friona's cattle-related industries, such as Excel, Hi-Pro Feeds and the feed yards are given a lot of credit in keeping Friona's population base steady.

Neighboring Bovina may have raised some eyebrows, since the new census figures showed that the town had grown by 325 folks since the 1990 census, to a new total of 1,874. Bovina's rate of increase, 20.9 percent, was the largest of any area town whose population was 1,000 or more.

Dimmitt's population dropped slightly, from 4,408 to 4,375, a 0.7 percent drop from the city's 1990 total.

Muleshoe's population was not included in our source's records, but recent estimates put the Bailey County seat's (continued on page 6)

## Candidates Named For Local May 5 Elections

There were three openings for the city council and only three candidates filed so there will not be a city council election on May 5.

The terms of Mark Osborn, Mark Neill and John Gurley are expiring and only Osborn filed for re-election.

Joining Osborn on the council ballot were former councilman Jim Atwell and newcomer Terry Sharrock.

Osborn, Atwell and

**BULLETIN**  
"The Crucible," Friona High School's one-act play, advances to the area round, after district competition, hosted by FHS on Thursday.

## Friona's One Act Play: The Crucible

District One Act Play competition was held at Friona High School on Thursday, March 22.

Friona's Thespians will present *The Crucible*, by Arthur Miller, as this year's selection. The troupe gave a performance for local residents last Monday, March 19.

The cast of *The Crucible* are: Andrew Merrell, Rev. Parris; Jena Grimsley, Betty Parris; Katherine Johnston, Abigail Williams; Mandy Geries, Susanna Walcott;

Sharrock will become members of the city council after the May 5 election date.

The school board saw two terms expiring this year, but both incumbents, Kathryn Gurley and Danny Black, filed for re-election.

They will be joined by Rickey Rector as a third candidate for the school board. There will be an election for school board on May 5.

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## IN INTERVIEW

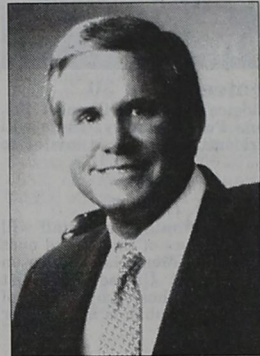
# Combest Discusses Refunds, Energy \$\$

Congressman Larry Combest discussed President Bush's proposed income tax plan, as well as energy costs affecting farmers, and the hoof and mouth disease problem in England in a telephone "conference call" interview this week with a few members of the press in his 19th Congressional District. Publisher Bill Ellis was involved in the discussion.

"The disaster bill that we wrote last year plainly stated that high energy costs would qualify farmers for assistance, as well as crop losses. I expect that the higher energy costs may also cause other things the farmers need to increase in prices, such as fertilizer," the congressman said.

The congressman said that he expects a bill to be introduced in congress to help farm producers who experience high energy costs.

Combest, who is chairman of the House of Representatives' Agriculture Committee, said his committee is working to develop a new farm bill. His



LARRY COMBEST

committee is in the process of reviewing the information collected at hearings around the country last year from farmers and farm organizations.

Combest said he would like to see a new bill passed this year, but due to the fact that information is still being collected, that may not be possible.

"I do think that whatever

program the legislature passes will have a better fate when it reaches the president than those we previously sent to Mr. Clinton," Combest said.

Responding to a question by Ellis, the congressman said that it "will definitely be more enjoyable" having a president not only in your own party, but from your Congressional district.

Cong. Combest said that federal officials are monitoring the hoof and mouth disease, as well as the "mad cow disease," which is now plaguing Great Britain.

"We need to be very, very careful to keep these diseases out of our country. We have not had a case of hoof and mouth disease in the U.S. since 1928," Combest stated.

The USDA has been instructed to take whatever steps are necessary to make sure that contaminated meat does not enter this country, Combest said. Among the steps the USDA is taking are inspections at ports of entry and at airports. Those who visit countries involved will

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## VFW Chicken Dinner April 8

The famous, finger-lickin', fried chicken of the local VFW vets and auxiliary will be served on Sunday, April 8 at Veterans Hall, 6th & Euclid in Friona.

Serving time will be 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Takeouts will be available. Cost is \$6 adults and \$3 for children under 12 years. Fried chicken, creamed potatoes, white gravy, green beans, salad, homemade desserts, bread and drink are on the menu.

Eating chicken with your fingers is allowed. Napkins and toothpicks are free. Bring the family!!

## Annual Meeting Set By D. Smith Electric

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative members will receive capital credit refunds from the remainder of 1989 and a portion of 1990 totaling \$1,000,000 (one million dollars) at the Cooperative's annual meeting and dinner Tuesday, March 27. The meeting begins at 5 p.m. in the Hereford Bull Barn.

A fish, chicken and beef dinner will be served. Mike Bishop and Sweet 'N' Sassy will provide the entertainment following the meal.

A short business meeting to elect two directors will follow Bishop's first performance. Position one candidates are incumbent Vick Christian and nominee Jerry Roach. Position Two candidates are incumbent Jerry Roberts and nominee Jared Blankenship.

Another highlight of the evening's activities will be drawings for attendance prizes totaling more than one thousand dollars. A color television set will be awarded as the grand prize.

Mike Bishop and Sweet 'N' Sassy will be making their first appearance at Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative's annual meeting. The group has enjoyed tremendous success for the past two

decades and they have shared the spotlight with nationally known entertainers on stages throughout the United States.

Their act ultimately defines the word entertainment. The audience will enjoy strong vocals, rich harmonies and a variety of musical styles which include classic country, nostalgic rock-n-roll of the 50s and 60s, Rhythm & Blues, gospel and patriotic music. In addition to great music, the on-stage banter of Mike and his wife Dale (Sweet 'N' Sassy) is reminiscent of Lucy and Ricky Ricardo.

Mike and Dale are joined by a group of multi-talented, "hand picked" musicians who perform on over a dozen instruments collectively and are each experienced entertainers in their own right.

Mike Bishop and Sweet 'N' Sassy and the band are known as one of the hardest working show bands on the road today. They travel more than 80,000 miles per year and have entertained hundreds of thousands of people in almost every type of venue from state, county and regional fairs to cruise ships and casinos.

## Teacher/Author Headlines Chamber Fete

Keith Ingram will be the speaker at the 45th annual Friona Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

Ingram is a teacher at Marshall Junior High in Clovis and the author of *Surprise, Teachers Come From The Human Race!* He has been owner of Ingram Oil and Phillips 66 Diamond Shamrock, a multi-state oil and gas business for two decades.

He brings business experience as well as education experience to his presentation. He was elected to the Clovis Board of Education in 1987 and while serving on the board began and completed his education degree.

He is the first person in New Mexico history to earn an education degree while serving on a board of education.

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many perspectives to us in his presentation--oil marketer; teacher; national finals winner at Daytona, Riverside and Road America for Porsche and Corvette; civilian jet fighter pilot by initiation of the US Air Force; and downhill bicycle racer.

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Attendees at the Cham-

ber of Commerce Banquet on April 9 are in for a special treat. K-Bob's will cater a prime rib meal and our outstanding citizens will be honored.

Tickets are available at the Chamber Office or from any Chamber board member. Advance tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for students. Tickets at the door will be \$17 and \$14.

but he disagrees with the reactive nature of the book. Someone else is moving the cheese and the characters go looking for it. He says it would be better to be the person in charge of moving the cheese, rather than to allow your very existence to depend upon being a cheese finder.

Being a nosy newspaper lady, my first reaction to the parable was to ask the time-honored "Five Ws." Who moved the cheese? What was the purpose? When did this happen? Why was it moved? Where did they put it? I believe that being well-informed is the key to staying on your toes and alert to any changes that might occur and be ready for them.

There have been a lot of changes in the newspaper business in the many years since we first printed off a little school "newspaper" on a purple-ink mimeograph machine. I'll bet there have been a lot of changes in your business, too, whether it be in agriculture, insurance, building, automotive, education, food, clothing, real estate, banking, health care, or what have you.

Technology of the past few years has brought about the most astounding changes in our lives; some for the better, some worse. Much of this technology locks us into being way too dependant on utility power. That's scary. Our very lives are plugged into the wall by an electric cord. If someone pulls the plug, you have an awfully lot of little Hems and Haws scurrying around in the dark looking for their lost cheese. California comes to mind.

The "Good Old Days" are fun to look back on with nostalgia. But how good were they really? Would you prefer riding from one place to another at 70 miles per hour in your comfy SUV, or riding around at two mph in a buggy while staring at a horse's back side? Talk about air pollution!

Stay in touch with what is happening around you (who, what, when, where, why). Be prepared for change and don't let the world pass you by.

Hey, look! I moved this piece of cheese to the bottom of the page. Do you like it here any better?

## My Turn

By Carol Ellis



when they come along. Characters in the parable are two little mice, "Sniff" and "Scurry" and two little people, "Hem" and "Haw." The little people are about the size of mice but act in many ways like regular size modern day human beings.

Life is pretty simple for Sniff and Scurry. When someone moves their cheese, they just head out into the maze and start searching for more. Hem and Haw, being people, react a little differently. They keep returning to the place where the cheese was first located, hoping someone will show up with a new pile of cheese for them. Eventually, Haw realizes that lack of action is causing a negative effect on their well-being. He begins to laugh off their lethargy and he thinks "If you don't change, you can become extinct." Once Haw decided that it was time for action, things began to look up. He headed out into the maze and eventually located a new supply of cheese. But, having learned from their past mistakes, Haw remained alert for new changes which might be coming in the future.

Don Taylor says he likes the idea of being prepared to confront change when it happens,

**WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, WHY?** There is a neat little book currently at the top of the best-seller list entitled "Who Moved My Cheese?" by Dr. Spencer Johnson. Don Taylor, who writes the *Amarillo Globe-News* business column "Minding Your Own Business," discussed the premise of this book in his column last Sunday. Our "Number One Son" Stan gave us a copy of "Cheese" for Christmas, so I had already read it and was quite interested in Don's take on the book.

"Cheese" is synonymous with Change. The book is simply a parable about the changes that confront us in life, or rather the way we confront, or fail to confront, inevitable changes





CHIEFTAIN COACH Jeff Isom is huddled up against the wind chill during the Olton game. ron carr photo

## Around Town

### Genealogical society meet Mar 30

The Parmer County Genealogical Society will meet Fri, Mar 30, at 10 a.m. at the Friona Public Library. There will be a show and tell of small heirlooms. Everyone is invited to attend.

### Hospice memorial service Apr 5

Crown of Texas Hospice families, volunteers and staff will gather to celebrate the memories and lives of their loved ones at the ninth annual Celebration of Life Memorial Service on Thursday, April 5, 6 p.m. Polk Street United Methodist Church Chapel in Amarillo. A reception, hosted by Crown of Texas Hospice volunteers will follow. The public is invited. For more information call 372-7696.

### Crisis Center needs volunteers

Women's & Children's Crisis Center (formerly the Rape Crisis Center) will be providing a domestic violence and sexual assault program beginning Mar 26. Persons interested in becoming a volunteer or those simply wanting to become aware of the existing problems in our community call the crisis center office in Hereford at 806-363-6727 and ask for Linda or Mary. The Women's & Children's Crisis Center serves Parmer, Deaf Smith, Castro and Oldham counties.

### Senior steak dinner Apr 1

The FHS 2001 senior class will hold its steak dinner fundraiser on Sun, Apr 1, at the junior high cafeteria. Serving begins at 11:30 a.m. Takeouts available. Steak, baked potato, salad, dessert, drink. Tickets in advance are \$7 adult, \$5 kids 10 and under. Tickets at the door will be \$8 and \$6. See any senior for advance tickets.

### Spring luncheons at the Depot

The Community Heritage Society will again be sponsoring four Spring luncheons on Apr 5, 12, 19, and 26 at 12 noon in the Old Santa Fe Depot in city park. Call Lois Norwood for reservations at 250-3209 or the Chamber office at 250-3491.

### VFW chicken dinner Apr 8

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### SPC job fair Apr 10

Prospective employers from around the So. Plains will participate in So. Plains College's annual job fair Apr 10. The job fair is open to any current or former SPC student and is scheduled from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Sundown Room in SPC's student center. For more info call Lynn Whitfield beginning Mar 19 at 894-9611, ext. 2365.

### Seniors supper Mar 31

Friona's senior citizens will have their monthly supper on Saturday, Mar 31, at 5 p.m. at Friendship House.

### High school to dismiss early

Friona High School will dismiss at 12 Noon on Mon, Mar 26, and Thu, Mar 29, because of District UIL competition which will be held at the school.

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# Friona Flashbacks

...from the files of The Friona Star

### 70 Yrs Ago--Mar. 20, 1931

Maurer's Ready-to-Wear is the only store of its kind in the Friona trade territory. This is a modern store, with fixtures and furnishings which was attractive to the eye of visitors. They carry a complete line of ladies' dresses, coats, hats, shoes, stockings, lingerie and accessories. They also have a men's department. In addition to the ready-to-wear, Mr. Maurer operates the Maurer Machinery Company, dealers in Rock Island and Minneapolis-Moline tractors and farm machinery.

### 65 Yrs Ago--Mar. 20, 1936

On Sunday night as F.A. Spring and Dan Ethridge were returning to Friona from Lubbock, they were met in the neighborhood of the Jesko School by the severe dust storm which swept over this locality that night. The dense wall of dust came upon them so suddenly that before their car could be stopped, it had taken to the barbit. Spring walked about a mile until he came to a farm house and secured aid in getting the car back on the road. The group in the car waited at the farm home until the worst of the dust storm had passed.

### 60 Yrs Ago--Mar. 21, 1941

Dr. R. J. McReynolds, who was mentioned in these columns last week as the medical doctor who was located here permanently for the practice of medicine, arrived Monday afternoon with a portion of his office equipment, and he opened his office Tuesday morning for regular practice.

### 50 Yrs Ago--Mar. 22, 1951

Friona's crack farm skill demonstration team traveled over 700 miles carrying several pigs and a bale of hay to take first place in the Chapter Farmer division of the state leadership contests for the second straight year. Members of the team were Keith Brock, M.C. Osborn, J. Vonne Fulks, Ralph Reed and Jack Redfern.

### 45 Yrs Ago--Mar. 23, 1956

The recent dust storms in Parmer County have taken their toll in wheat damage, according to Agricultural Agent Joe Jones, who pointed out that reports from scattered sections of the county indicate that here and there some farmers have had their wheat blown out.

### 40 Yrs Ago--Mar. 23, 1961

A postmaster appointment that didn't materialize after it had been announced had Frionans shaking their heads in wonderment this week. Roy

V. Miller, who received word last week that he was to be installed as acting postmaster, received another letter Friday that revoked the first order. In investigating the incident, this writer learned that several Frionans had been asked to write letters to postal authorities asking that Mrs. Roy Clements receive the appointment.

### 35 Yrs Ago--Mar. 24, 1966

Junior Martinez, son of Mrs. Norma Martinez of Friona, was serving aboard the destroyer USS Mason last Wednesday when the vessel picked up the United States' two latest astronauts. Martinez, who was employed at Gib's Cleaners prior to enlisting in the U.S. Navy, has been in the service about three years.

### 30 Yrs Ago--Mar. 25, 1971

Parmer County Community Hospital has received its heart monitoring machinery which was financed primarily through last year's Project Christmas Card fund drive. The machine, which is a sophisticated piece of equipment, was installed during the past week, and hospital personnel were instructed as to its use.

### 25 Yrs Ago--Mar. 21, 1976

The annual all-sports banquet for Friona High School will be held Tuesday, March 23 at the Community Center. Speaker will be Steve Sloan, "boy wonder" head coach at Texas Tech University.

Marion Clark, Conservation Technician, received a 30-year safe driving award from Herb Evans, SCS District Conservationist of Friona.

A meeting of all persons interested in paving the road to Friona Cemetery has been called for Friday, March 26 at the Friona State Bank's Community Room. Glen

Herring, chairman of the committee appointed to study the feasibility of paving a route to the cemetery, says there is a good possibility of getting a road paved.

### 20 Yrs Ago--Mar. 22, 1981

The Friona area was still "picking up" late in the week from a severe wind and dust storm on Tuesday, March 17. The area's first duster of 1981 brought winds which were clocked at 85-90 miles per hour in the area.

The contract was awarded this week for the scheduled remodeling of Friona Elementary and Junior High School, as a result of last year's \$1.4 million bond issue. General contract was awarded to Wiley Hicks, Jr. of Amarillo. Hicks had the low bid of seven bidders in the amount of \$1,088,233.

### 15 Yrs Ago--Mar. 23, 1986

Mendan Dixon and Sonia

Lafuente were named Mr. and Miss. FHS in the "Who's Who" elections held this week at Friona High School.

Harold Taylor was accorded a special honor at the Chamber of Commerce Banquet this week when he was named "The Pipes of Friona."

### 10 Yrs Ago--Mar. 23, 1991

Accountant Bernie Gowens was honored recently by Brown, Graham and Company for 30 years service with the company.

One Friday afternoon, March 15, the Chieftain baseball team downed the Morton Indians 13-2 as Cody Simmons fired a no-hitter for the Chiefs.

### 5 Yrs Ago--Mar. 25, 1996

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<b>Smaller cities</b>				
Abernathy	2,839	2,720	up 119	4.3
Amherst	791	742	up 49	6.6
Andrews	9,652	10,678	down 1,026	-9.6
Anton	1,200	1,212	down 12	-0.9
Aspermont	1,021	1,214	down 193	-15.8
Big Spring	25,233	23,093	up 2,140	9.2
Bovina	1,874	1,549	up 325	20.9
Brownfield	9,488	9,560	down 72	-0.7
Crosbyton	1,874	2,026	down 152	-7.5
Denver City	3,985	5,145	down 1,160	-22.5
Dickens	332	322	up 10	3.1
Dimmitt	4,375	4,408	down 33	-0.7
Earth	1,109	1,228	down 119	-9.6
Floydada	3,676	3,896	down 220	-5.6
Friona	3,854	3,688	up 166	4.5
Hale Center	2,263	2,067	up 196	9.4
Happy	647	588	up 59	10.0
Hart	1,198	1,221	down 23	-1.8
Hereford	14,597	14,745	down 148	-1.0
Jayton	513	608	down 95	-15.6
Kress	826	739	up 87	11.7
Lamesa	9,952	10,809	down 857	-7.9
Levelland	12,866	13,986	down 1,120	-8.0
Littlefield	6,507	6,489	up 18	0.2
Lockney	2,056	2,207	down 151	-6.8
Lorenzo	1,327	1,208	up 119	9.2
Matador	740	790	down 50	-6.8
Meadow	658	547	up 111	20.2
Morton	2,249	2,597	down 348	-13.4
Nazareth	356	293	up 63	21.5
New Home	320	175	up 145	82.8
O'Donnell	1,011	1,102	down 91	-8.2
Paducah	1,498	1,788	down 290	-16.2
Petersburg	1,262	1,292	down 30	-2.3
Plains	1,450	1,422	up 28	1.9
Plainview	22,336	21,700	up 636	2.9
Post	3,708	3,768	down 60	-1.5
Quitaque	432	513	down 81	-15.7
Ralls	2,252	2,172	up 80	3.6
Roby	673	616	up 57	9.2
Roscoe	1,378	1,446	down 68	-4.7
Rotan	1,611	1,913	down 302	-15.7
Seagraves	2,334	2,398	down 64	-2.6
Seminole	5,910	6,342	down 432	-6.8
Silverton	771	779	down 8	-1.0
Smyer	480	442	up 38	8.5
Snyder	10,783	12,195	own 1,412	-11.5
Spur	1,088	1,300	down 212	-16.3
Sudan	1,039	983	up 56	5.6
Sundown	1,505	1,759	down 254	-14.4
Sweetwater	11,415	11,967	down 552	-4.6
Tahoka	2,910	2,868	up 42	1.4
Tulia	5,117	4,699	up 418	8.8
Turkey	494	507	down 13	-2.5
Wilson	532	568	down 36	-6.3
<b>Larger cities</b>				
Abilene	115,930	106,654	up 9,276	8.7
Amarillo	173,627	157,615	up 16,012	10.1
Lubbock	199,564	186,206	up 13,358	7.1
Midland	94,996	89,443	up 5,553	6.2
Odessa	90,943	89,699	up 1,244	1.3

**B. Redwine Makes Tour**

Brice Redwine of Lazbuddie and other students in a wildlife management class at South Plains College, Levelland, had a first hand look at wildlife on an educational tour this week of the Welder Wildlife Foundation, the University of Texas Marine Science Institute and the Port Aransas National Wildlife Refuge.

The Welder Wildlife Foundation is a private ranch near Sinton, Texas, that funds graduate student biological research, according to David Etheredge, assistant professor of biology at SPC and tour sponsor.

As part of the Marine Science Institute project, the students took a trip on a research boat, the Katy, into Corpus Christi Bay and dropped nets in a catch-and-release project collecting fish, squid, mud crabs and aquatic organisms that live on the bottom of the bay.

"A research biologist will go with us; the students were able to see a diversity of organisms," said Etheredge. "This is an excellent way for the students to get a hands-on look at wildlife." They also stopped at the Port Aransas National Wildlife Refuge.

Additional instructors going on the trip were Leanna Smith, assistant professor of biology; Joel McKinney, professor of biology; and Dr. Laura Graves, associate professor of history and government.



PRESIDING OVER the WRTT annual stockholders meeting were, left, Byron Boyd, attorney for the cooperative and, right, Floyd Schueler, director from the Parmer exchange and president of the Board of Directors.



**Meeting On Alternative Crops Set In Muleshoe**

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service (TAEX) has announced an Alternative Crops production meeting for Parmer and Bailey counties.

The meeting will be held at the Bailey County Coliseum on Wednesday, March 28, at 9 a.m.

TAEX agronomists will discuss sorghum production, seeding rate, and irrigation; herbicides and weed control; and sunflower, including a discussion of common concerns in sunflower production and how to solve them.

Industry representatives will be available to answer questions on sunflower pricing, delivery and hybrids. Also, newly available sesame contracts and production will

**Saturday Rain Adds To Total**

Last Saturday's rainfall measured .48, falling lightly over a period of time. This brings the March rainfall to 2.42 inches, and that for the calendar year to 4.91 inches. At this point in '00, the total was 1.88, all coming in mid-March.

Temps ranged from a low of 32 Sunday to 79 on Wednesday, highest since Oct., '00.



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IT IS RECORDED THAT JESUS, ON HIS WAY FROM BETHANY TO JERUSALEM, AND BEING HUNGRY, STOPPED TO PICK FRUIT FROM A FIG TREE (MARK 11:12-14). BUT, ALTHOUGH THE TREE WAS IN LEAF, THERE WERE NO FIGS AND JESUS SAID, HEREAFTER, NO MAN WOULD EVER EAT FRUIT FROM THAT TREE! SOME AUTHORITIES SAY JESUS, FOLLOWING THE ORIENTAL CUSTOM OF HOLY MEN, PUT A CURSE ON THE TREE, FROM DISAPPOINTMENT AT NOT FINDING FRUIT. OTHER AUTHORITIES STATE THAT, BECAUSE THE TREE WAS IN LEAF AND THEREFORE SHOULD HAVE HAD FIGS, JESUS WAS POINTING OUT THAT, WHEN ONE OUTWARDLY SHOWS A GOOD CHARACTER WITHOUT THE FRUITS THEREOF, HE IS A HYPOCRITE, OF NO VALUE TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD, BUT....



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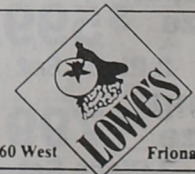


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**BASEBALL**

# Road Games Sting FHS In District Play

The Chieftain baseball team opened district play on March 15, playing three games in six days. Two of the games were on the road, and as it turned out, the Chiefs won only one of the games, and it was their district home opener.

Friona their first district game at Lockney last Thursday, 14-4. Lockney broke out to a 5-0 lead in the

first inning and hiked it to 9-1 after two, as the game went only five innings due to the ten-run rule.

Friona managed only six hits. Ty Grimsley was singled out as the game's MVP (most valuable player) by Coach Mike Fair. Grimsley had two hits in two times at bat, scoring once and driving in a run.

The Chieftains re-

discovered their hitting eyes, and took advantage of Olton's generosity. The Mustangs created four errors, and their pitchers gave up four walks.

Friona took the lead in the second inning, scoring five runs without a single hit. Zach Barrett and Matthew Mata walked. With two out, Chris Wiseman struck out, but advanced when the ball got away from the catcher.

Kyle Grimsley hit a ball that got away from the right fielder, with two runs scoring. Olton's third baseman committed a pair of throwing errors, allowing two more runs to score. Friona had taken a 5-2 lead.

After Olton scored four runs, Friona came up with a six-run third inning. Ty Grimsley walked and Charley Saiz socked a triple. Wiseman walked, Kyle Grimsley had an RBI single, Nathan Haile did likewise, and Josh Burleson placed two runners with a double.

In the fourth inning, Mata led with a double. Ty Grimsley, Saiz, Wiseman and Kyle Grimsley all reached base and came around to score, as Friona hiked its lead to 15-4.

Olton prolonged the game with two runs in the top of the fifth for a 15-6 score. Saiz led off Friona's sixth with a hit. Kyle Grimsley singled Saiz to second, Haile made a sacrifice bunt, and Burleson singled to score Saiz and end the game on the ten-run rule, 16-6.

Saiz was singled out by Coach Fair as the MVP, thanks to his triple, two hits, three runs and two RBIs.

At Floydada Tuesday, Friona was off to a 5-0 lead. The Chieftains' first four batters all singled, and all came around to score.

Friona then led, 6-3 after four innings, but Floydada scored a controversial run in the bottom of the seventh to claim a 10-9 win.

**FHS 16, OHS 6**

Nathan Haile, cf 5-2-1; Josh Burleson, 2b 5-1-2; Joey Dominguez, 1b 4-0-0; Zach Barrett 4-1-0; Matt Mata, p 4-2-1; Ty Grimsley, 3b 4-2-0; Charley Saiz 4-3-2; Chris Wiseman 4-3-1; Ky Grimsley 3-2-1; Dario Hernandez 1-0-1. WP--Mata. 3B--Saiz; 2B--Burleson, Mata.

OHS 121 020--6  
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**Winds 10, FHS 9**

Haile, c 4-2-2; K. Grimsley, 3b 4-1-1; Barrett, ss 4-3-2; Burleson, 2b 4-1-2; Mata, cf 4-1-1; Dominguez, 1b 4-0-0; Saiz, lf 4-0-0; T. Grimsley, p 3-0-0; Hernandez, rf 2-1-2; Marc Haile, p 1-0-1.  
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## Larry Combest...

(Continued from Page 1) also have to be disinfected upon re-entering the country.

Asked by one of the publishers if he thought the disease epidemic in England might be a result of terrorists, Combest admitted that this was a possibility. Having served on the House Intelligence Committee, Combest stated that bioterrorism is a definite threat.

The congressman said that the epidemic will be a "terrible expense" for British farmers. He added that

neighboring Canada is as concerned as the U.S. leaders are, if not more so.

Regarding Pres. Bush's proposed tax reduction, Combest said: "We finally have a president who is interested in REDUCING taxes rather than RAISING them."

"Bush's plan will completely fund all programs, such as Social Security and Medicare, which are locked in and protected. There would still be a 'trillion dollar' surplus," Combest said.

He added that Bush compares the tax overpayment like an electric bill, which a customer had paid. "If your utility bill is overpaid, you either get a refund, or the amount is credited to your next bill. The 'electric company' doesn't keep your money and use it for something else. I don't know why there is such a stigma among Democrats, that if they have a tax overage, they want to start a new program," he said.

The president's program would give every person who pays taxes some relief. It also would eliminate the "death penalty" (estate taxes) and "marriage penalty" from the tax structure.

"I am happy the House passed the bill, and am hopeful that the senate will pass it as nearly close to the president's program as possible," he concluded.



CAST MEMBERS of The Crucible, include, l-r, Jacy Grimsley, Katherine Thompson, Trevor Fields, Jena Grimsley, Andrew Merrell, Aaron Hendrickson, Mandy Gerles, Sara Widner and Katherine Johnston. ron carr photo

## Girls' Track Abbreviated

Mother Nature threw a kink in last weekend's track meet at Lockney.

With the temp at 32 degrees and a southeast wind at 20 mph, the 10 to 15-degree wind chill and threatening conditions prompted meet officials to cancel Saturday's events.

Those events held Friday were counted, and Friday's preliminary events were used to determine a few other event winners.

Amy Murphree was a double winner for the Squaws, winning the shot put at 30-11-1/2, and the discus with a throw of 114-3.

VLaura Wilcox won first place in the 300-meter hurdles with a 49.59 time.

Gena Grimsley placed second in the 400-meter dash at 67.0. Kayla Smiley was second in the discus with a 92-4 throw, and placed fourth in the shot put at 27-3/4.

Kristie Jack placed fifth in the 100-meter dash.

The Squaws hope to see more action this Friday and Saturday at Hereford.

## Kid's Inc. Board Meet March 26

The Friona Kid's Inc. baseball board meeting will be held at 9 p.m. on Monday, March 26, at the Friona State Bank Community Room.

All board members are urged to be present. Tryouts for this year's Kid's Inc. season are tentatively scheduled for April 21.

Boys and girls from age 5 to 16 are eligible.

## Chief Calls For Good Season

BY SCOTT ROBINSON

Good news is hard to find these days. The economy seems to be slowing. The stock market is on the decline. And, nobody can seem to win the big prize on that "Millionaire" show.

But, there is good news on the horizon. The local weather expert, Chief Weldon Crim, has made his yearly forecast. "A little above average spring," said the Chief after reading the smoke signals on March 22. "That is indicated by the north-northeast wind."

The Chief has been forecasting the local spring weather for almost twenty years. His "fire burning" ritual is performed by stacking wood in a teepee formation and setting fire to it just before sunrise. The direction the wind blows the smoke at sunrise forecasts the spring weather.

The fire burning tradition was started in the Crim family by Taylor Crim, Weldon's grandfather. Taylor spent time with the Indians in the El Paso area when he was young and he learned several rituals during that time. One of the rituals was the "burning" which he started performing in 1910.

Taylor's eldest son, J.W., carried on the tradition beginning in 1923. J.W. performed the burnings for over fifty years during which time he became known as the "Parmer County Weather Prophet." Three years after J.W. passed away, his youngest son, Weldon, picked up the tradition.

Crim claims that his forecasts are accurate about 80 percent of the time and he was on the mark with last year's forecast of a wet spring.

This year's forecast is welcome news for the area. "Wheat farmers should have a good crop this year," said the Chief. "A wet winter combined with a good spring should make for favorable conditions."

Next time you see the Chief, be sure to thank him for the good news.



MATA DELIVERS...Chieftain senior Matthew Mata delivers a pitch in last Friday's cold win over Olton. Mata survived a shaky start to win his first district game, 16-6. (ron carr photo)

## Limited Action For Varsity, JV Boys

The Friona Chieftain varsity boys track team finished third in the weather shortened Lockney Relays March 16-17.

Coach Dudley Kelm reported that inclement weather forced the cancellation of the running finals so preliminary times were used to determine the placing in running events.

The 800 meter dash, 1600 meter run and 1600 meter relay were not contested.

Chieftain results  
Shot Put: Cody Grimsley,

39' 10 1/2", 4th place.

Discus: Dustin Thompson, 114' 3", 3rd; Brian Wiseman, 114' 1", 4th.

Triple Jump: Adam Bandy, 40' 9 1/2", 3rd. Long Jump: Adam Bandy, 20' 5", 2nd. High Jump: Adam Bandy, 5' 10", 4th.

3200m Run: Andy Vega, 11:44.30, 6th.

110m Hurdles: Nathan Haile, 15.84, 2nd. 300m Hurdles: Andy Carthel, 44.21, 4th.

400m Dash: Adam Bandy, 56.43, 4th.

Junior varsity results at Lockney were:

Pole Vault: Daniel Mullins, 11', 1st place.

400m Dash: Trevor Fields, 59.81, 2nd. Shot Put: Gabe Rivas, 33' 4", 4th; A. Flores, 32' 2" 5th; C. Carrera, 30' 2", 6th.

Discus: Adrian Flores, 103', 1st place; Isaac Arzola, 89', 5th.

Long Jump: Trevor Fields, 17' 1 1/2" 3rd.

The next competition for the Chieftains will be March 24 when the varsity goes to San Angelo for the San Angelo Relays. The JV will be at Hereford March 23-24 at the Whiteface Relays.



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# Friona News

By BECKY LONDON

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Wyona and Dee Clark's daughter and son-in-law, Gay and Nathan Chrisman of Plainview were in town visiting last weekend with their children Shelly and Brandon.

Saturday the Clarks' son and daughter-in-law, Rondee and Tonda Clark of Friona and their children Kevin, Heather and Steven also joined the family for a visit. Steven, a freshman, was home visiting on his Spring Break from Midwestern University at Wichita Falls.

Christeene Mann reported that Joe is home and doing better after a brief stay in the Veterans Hospital in Amarillo last week. Joe returned home Saturday after having surgery earlier in the week.

M.C. and Ann Osborn had their granddaughter, Reagan Ralston, 4, of Fort Worth last week. She attends the day care at the Baptist Seminary and it was closed due to Spring Break.

Ann said Reagan had fun visiting with her Friona cousins.

Reagan's mom, Nikki, met the Osborns at Sweetwater Saturday to take her back home.

John Hand spent a few days at Parmer County Community Hospital last week. His wife Billie said he is up and around now and even got out Wednesday when the weather was so pretty.

Marlene Drake had a house full of family over the weekend. Her granddaughter Lacey Drake and friend David from Albuquerque came to Friona for a visit on the weekend.

Saturday lots of family gathered in Marlene's home for a pile-on dinner. Guests included her sister-in-law, Luella Drake; Luella's daughter, Erma Brown; Erma's daughter and son-in-law, Sherry and Brett Whitten and their two children from Bovina; Erma's daughter and son-in-law, Jana and David Barnett and their children; Erma's sister and brother-in-law, Betty and

## Population.....

(Continued from Page 1)  
total at around 4,200, which would be a drop of approximately 600 from that city's 1990 population. This would mean Friona gained about 760 people over our neighboring city.

Littlefield's population changed by only 18 in the ten-year period, a gain to 6,507. Hereford dropped by 148, to 14,597. Plainview had a modest gain of 2.9 per cent to 22,336, and Denver City, down in the oil patch, had the largest decline, -22.5 per cent, from 5,145 to 3,985. This is a testament to the decline in the oil industry in that area.

Floyd Reeve.

Also, Marlene's sons and daughters-in-law, Owen and Melody Drake, Larry and Judy Drake of Stratford and Bobby Drake of Greenville and his friend Rhonda Hathcox of Sulphur Springs; and Marlene's sister and brother-in-law, Alva Dean and Bob Bedgood.

The count from folks using the Friendship House from June 2000 through February 2001 stands at 7,614. That's people who have attended weekly lunches on Monday and Thursday, Saturday ice cream socials, chili suppers and other neat events held there often. We are so glad that building is getting used!

Carolyn and Kevin Wiseman got away from Friona for a few days last week to fish at Lake Brownwood. Carolyn's parents, Gertrude and Curtis Murphree had already been fishing for a few days when the Wiseman couple arrived.

The Wisemans' children, Brian, a Friona High School student and Kyle, a student at W.T. in Canyon enjoyed fishing too.

Carolyn's brother and sister-in-law, Danny and Linda Murphree and sons David and Trent, formerly of Friona and now of Plainview were also there.

Curtis' brother and sister-in-law, Ray and Jean Murphree, also former Frionians, joined the family for a day of fishing. Ray and Jean used to own the Texaco station in Friona years ago. Their daughter and son-in-law, Ginger and David Smiser of San Antonio were also there. (And, they are subscribers to the Star-Hello, folks!)

The Wisemans and their families enjoyed the full lake, green scenery and fishing. They had a fish fry and big brisket dinner on two different nights for all the guests.

Carolyn said they all took their campers and stayed at Kirkland Dock. She told the story of how the late Earl Chester, longtime owner of Chester, Gin here, used to take all the cotton farmers who did business with him to fish at Lake Brownwood, and how all of Friona got to where they would go there to fish. There were times Earl would take 100 men to fish!



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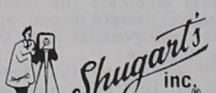
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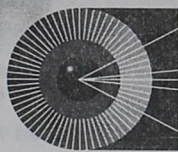
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March 26-Ken Stowers, Tara Shae Rector, Delia Roth, Morgan Barnett, Bryan Blake Stover, Joni Lyn Johnson.

March 27-Billy Sanders, Randy Allen, Keven Clark, Jon Goddard, C.B. Eddins, Macy Diana Reeve, VLesha Wilcox, Tony Tasillo.

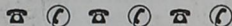
March 28--Robert Osborn, Gaylene Sunderlin, Noela Reed, Alan Clark, Dean Butler, Joel Van Valkenburg, Kay O'Brian, Geri Taylor, Kaleb Steen.

March 29--Ryan Potts, Lisa Neill, Ryan Paul Brookfield, Loy McLellan, Briar Barnett, Stephanie Soto, Stephanie Torres.

March 30--Jana Barnett, Leonard Coffey, T.J. Reed, Vernon Roberts, Annette Loflin, Margie Bridges, Feller Hughs.

March 31--Trisha Duff, Wayne A. Jones, Kathy Boeckman Steen, Kelly Wied Mann, Jeremy Lane Schueler.

If you or someone in your family has a birthday coming up soon, call the Friona Star office at 250-2211.

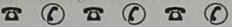


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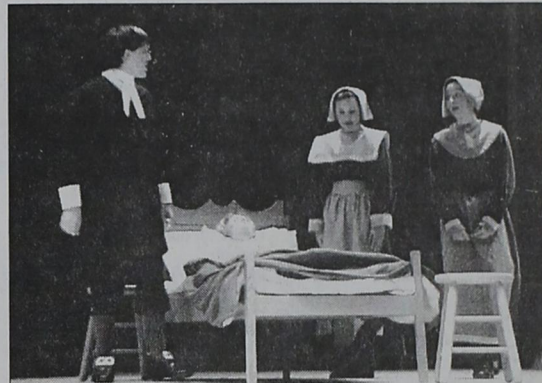
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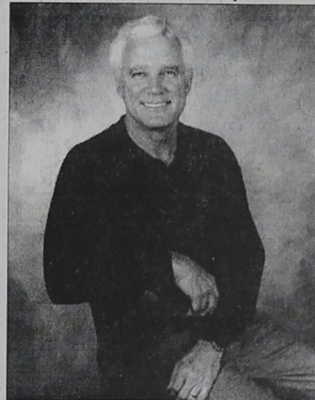


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## Gospel Meeting

March 25-28, 2001



Guest Speaker: Terry Brown, Abilene  
**Schedule of Services**

Sunday: 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. Noon Luncheon & 2:00 p.m.  
Monday-Wednesday: 11:30 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.

### TOPICS

- Sunday Morning Bible Class - The Lost Boy
- Sunday Morning Worship - "Don't Interrupt Me!"
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NEW LISTING....2 BR, 1-3/4 baths, 2 car garage, refri. A/C.....\$60,000  
NEW LISTING....2 BR, 1 bath, newly redone, corner lot, fenced.....\$25,000  
New Listing....3 BR, 1 bath, HUD, fireplace, lg. storage.. SOLD.....\$32,000  
NEW LISTING....2 BR, 2 baths, metal siding, double carport.....\$39,500  
NEW LISTING....2 BR, 1 bath, cute home, good neighborhood.....\$33,000  
NEW LISTING....2 BR, 1 bath, fireplace, fenced, good street.....\$27,900  
New Listing....5 BR, 2 BA, sunroom, basement, carport, lg. lot.....\$58,000  
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2 BR, 2 bath, 2 car, stg., lg. lot w/basement.....SOLD.....\$76,800  
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3 BR, 1 bath, ready to sell, new listing.....\$35,000  
2 BR, 3 bath, stucco, RV storage, Bovina.....\$49,900  
3 BR, 2 bath, 2 car, brick, with metal, moving.....\$55,000  
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3 BR, 1-3/4 BA, brick, large lot, 2 family areas, fenced.. SOLD.....\$54,900  
2 BR, 1 bath, c/p, brick, near HS, good location, corner lot.....\$43,900  
3 BR, 1-1/2 baths, 2 car garage, corner lot + eff., metal siding.....\$40,000  
4637 ac., 3/4 BR, 1-1/2 ba, 2 carport, edge of town.....SOLD.....\$48,000  
2 BR, 1 bath, 1 car, brick, good starter home.....\$37,000  
Country home, 5 acres, new in 1991, basement, with 2 car garage, large shop plus large 2 car garage det.....\$195,000  
Small office/studio with 1/2 bath to be moved.....\$5,000  
4 BR, 2-3/4 baths, 2 storages with garage, corner lot.....\$85,000  
3 BR, 2-3/4 baths, 2 car, 2 living, corner lot + eff. apt. NICE.....\$92,500  
Upstairs & downstairs apartment complex.....\$23,900  
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3 BR, 1 bath, 1 car, fenced.....SOLD.....\$28,000

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**HOUSE FOR SALE....Great location, 1305 West 6th. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 living areas, workshop with cellar, \$59,000. Call 295-3859. F-tfnc-3/16**

### PROPERTY FOR SALE

**NOTICE**  
Friona Wheat Growers, Inc. will accept sealed bids on their fertilizer plant south of Friona. This property includes 10.068 acres, 1-50' X 100' barn, 1-40' X 75' office & shop, 2-30,000 gallon storage tanks, above ground concrete wall liquid containment area, 45' X 10' scale w/digital monitor and printer, 5 hp Speedaire air compressor and a coates tire machine. Property appraised at \$147,500. Bids should be in the office of Friona Wheat Growers, Inc. by 6:00 P.M. Monday, April 9th. The Board of Directors of Friona Wheat Growers, Inc. has the right to accept or reject any and all bids. This property and buildings may be inspected by contacting the offices of Friona Wheat Growers, Inc. at 806-250-3211. F&B-2tc-3/23-3/30

**FOR SALE IN BOVINA....** 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 living areas, double car garage, fireplace, fenced yard, \$67,500. Call 251-1262. B-tfnc-10/6

**for sale**  
Two bedroom farm house to be moved. Also, couch, G.E. electric oven, G.E. dishwasher, double sink with disposal. Call 806-251-5123 B&F 2/9 tfnc

**FOR SALE**  
3 bedroom, 2 bath house with garage near school. Lots of storage and built-ins. 302 7th Street, Bovina. Call Jim Russell, Spearman, (806)659-3664. F&B-tfnc-7/14

### LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE**

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF PARMER

By virtue of Orders of Sale issued out of the Judicial District Court of PARMER County in the following cases on the 1st day of March, 2001, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell at 2:30 P.M. on the 3RD DAY OF APRIL, 2001, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the OFFICIAL door of the Courthouse of said PARMER County, in the City of FARWELL, Texas, the following described property located in PARMER County, to-wit:

Cause No. 8478 BOVINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VS OVALLE JULIAN & IRENE

All of Lots 3, 4 and 5, of Block 56, of the Original Town of Bovina, Parmer County, Texas

Levied on the 2nd day of March, 2001 as the property of said Defendants to satisfy the judgments rendered in the above styled and numbered causes, plus all taxes, penalties, interest, and attorney fees accrued to the date of sale and all costs recoverable by law in favor of CITY OF BOVINA, BOVINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, PARMER COUNTY AND PARMER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 2ND DAY OF MARCH, 2001.

Randy Gerles  
Sheriff, PARMER County, Texas  
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B-3tc-3/16-3/23-3/30

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\*NEW LISTING 3BR, 1bath on 1 acre, near town.....\$43,900  
\*NEW LISTING 3BR 2bath, brick, priced under appraisal.....\$61,900  
\*Two 50-ft. LOTS on Main by school.....Reduced.....\$8,000  
\*NEEDS SOME WORK--3BR 1bath 2-story.....\$23,450  
\*Great starter home, 2BR, steel siding, in Bovina.....\$23,900  
\*REMODELED 2BR 1bath stucco home.....\$26,800  
\*Owner Says Sell!-7000+ sq ft bldg near Main & school.....\$30,000  
\*TWO BEDROOM country home-5 acres 5 mi. from town.....\$32,000  
\*Large porch 3br-2bath-1cp-recent remodel.....\$37,500  
\*3BR, 1BATH brick-SELLER will pay closing costs.....\$55,900  
\*Fireplace, basement 3BR, 2bath brick.....SOLD  
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We think you will find it very worthwhile, and very simple to comply with.  
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# Play Resumes In Youth Basketball

Games picked up again this week in the Friona Youth Basketball Program. There had been a break in the season's activities due to spring break.

Results of this week's games follows:  
**ELEMENTARY GYM**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 19**  
 Belles 13, Lady Lakers 8  
 B--Joanna Casiano 4; Laura Casiano 7; Staci Fairweather 2. LL--Halie

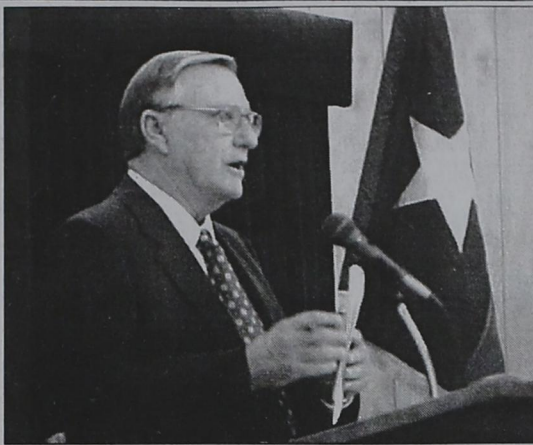
Merket 4; Heather Sandoval 4.  
**Spurs 10, Pacers 6**  
 S--Stetson Reed 6; Justin Echevarria 2; Juan Mendez 2. P--Ariel Garcia 2; John O'Brian 2; Tyler Shields 2.  
**Lady Pacers 8, Lady Raiders 7**  
 LP--Brittney Mercado 2; Lucy Mendez 6. LR--Ashley Trevino 2; Jessica Delgadillo 2; Megan Hoon 1; Breanna Valenzuela 2.

## D. Procter Stationed In Hawaii

Darran W. Procter has arrived for duty at Schofield Barracks, Oahu, Hawaii. Procter is a network switching systems operator-maintainer assigned to the 125th Signal.

He is the son of Dewayne D. and Cheryl K. Procter of Friona. His wife, Tania, is the daughter of Randy G. and Wilma S. Sargent of Killeen, Texas.

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**JUNIOR HIGH GYM**  
**Queens 14, Lady Lakers 14**  
 Q--Elizabeth Quintana 4; Lucretia Field 2; Krista Graham 6; Meghan Hendrickson 2. LL--Miranda Frye 1; Courtney Adams 13.  
**Pacers 21, Spurs 18**  
 P--Ryan Gerles 6; Dillon Welch 6; Hector Sanchez 6; Tolby Wilcox 3. S--Jared Boyd 3; Cassidy Gilliam 2; Sawyer Reed 7; Jesus Tafoya 2; Brett Field 4.  
**Belles 19, Lady Pacers 0**  
 B--Cassandra Ramos 2; Kathy Anthony 2; Leslee Avalos 2; Sandra Godoy 10; Misty Molina 1; Briana Wright 2.



**GOOD NEWS** and door prizes were the order of the day at West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative's annual stockholder meeting Tuesday, March 20 at the Bull Barn in Hereford. Tom Hyer, WTRT manager, is shown giving a business report. The cooperative fed an estimated 735 people during the evening, a crowd that exceeded last year. ron carr photo

# YOUR EYES

## Age-Related Macular Degeneration

A large number of people over the age of 60 suffer from age-related macular degeneration (AMD). The condition gradually destroys sharp, central vision needed for clearly seeing objects and for daily tasks such as reading. In the middle of the retina is a tiny area called the macula, consisting of millions of light-sensing cells that help produce central vision. Most people get dry AMD--when an area of the retina becomes diseased and the light-sensing cells in the macula break down. Fewer people get wet AMD, but it accounts for 90 per cent of the blindness attributed to the disease. In wet AMD, new blood vessels leak blood under the macula. There are neither symptoms nor pain in the early stages of the disease.



At the present time, no treatments exist or dry AMD. However, eye care professionals can treat some forms of wet AMD with laser surgery. If you are 60 or older, or have dry AMD, have your vision care specialist thoroughly examine your eyes through dilation at least once a year.

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## Financial Focus

### Diversification Is Best Defense Against Volatility

If you're an experienced investor--or even if you're not--then you're well aware that the stock market is volatile. On a daily, monthly and yearly basis, stock prices move up and down. They always have--and they always will. Is there anything you can do to protect yourself against this volatility?

In a word, yes. There are two courses of action you can follow to shield yourself from some of the effects of stock market ups and downs. First, take a long-term view of your investments. Don't buy stocks with the hope of "getting rich quick"--it won't happen. Instead, be prepared to hold high-quality stocks for many years. Over time, stock market volatility tends to even out, so it's important to put time on your side.

The second step you can take to protect yourself against volatility is to diversify. The need for diversification has been made especially clear in recent months, as we've seen dramatic changes in the fortunes of technology stocks. Many Internet stocks, for example, have risen to unprecedented levels, only to plummet. In fact, technology stocks--which have attracted a lot of investors' attention in the past few years--are more volatile, in general, than the old-line blue chip stocks, which have been the staples of the stock market for decades.

It's this industry-specific volatility that you need to protect yourself against--and you can do that by diversifying your portfolio. Without question, it can be risky to concentrate a large portion of your investment dollars in just a few stocks, or in only one or two sectors. If these stocks or sectors go into a prolonged downturn, your portfolio could be hit hard--and it may take a long time to recover.

But by spreading your investment dollars among a variety of sectors, you can protect yourself against downturns that affect just one or two areas. Furthermore, by investing in several different segments, you simply have a better chance of landing stocks that are on the rise.

How many stocks do you need to own before you can say your portfolio is truly diversified? There's no one right answer, because everyone has different goals and investment preferences. As you construct your portfolio, your investment representative can help you determine what combination of investments can help you achieve your objectives.

So, the next time you pick up your newspaper and read the financial pages, don't get too upset if you see that stock prices have fallen. On the other hand, don't get too excited if you find that prices have gone up. Instead, take the positive and negative movements in stride. If you take a long-term perspective, and you maintain a diversified portfolio, you'll be in a good position to handle whatever the market sends your way.

Remember, the best investors don't overreact to short-term news--because they're not investing for today or next week. The really successful investors are those who are looking ahead many years in the future--and that's where you should be looking as well.

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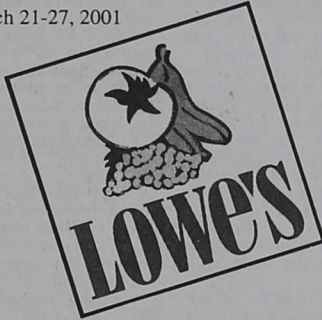
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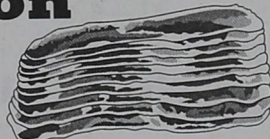
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**Bacon**



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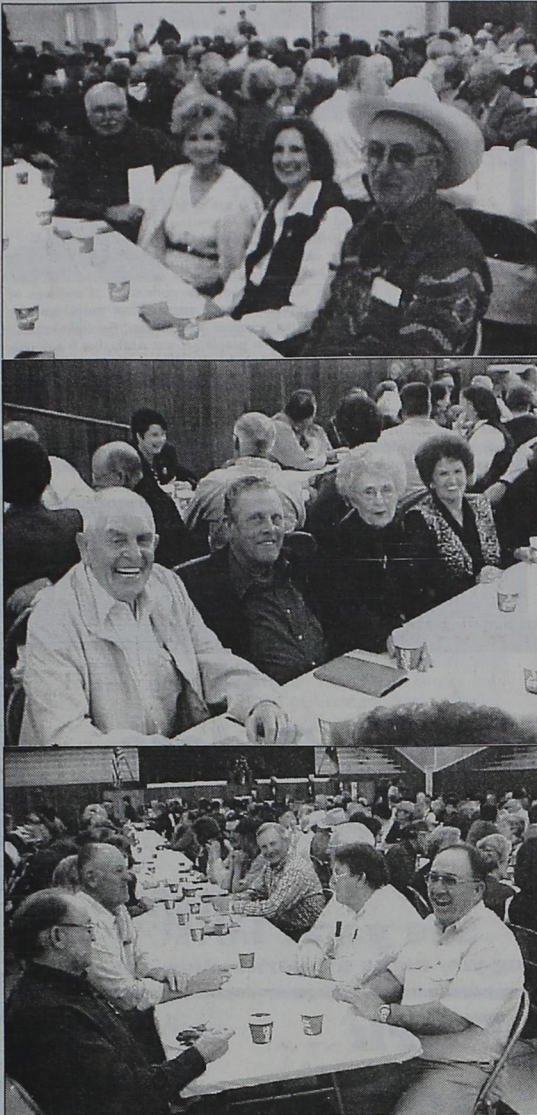


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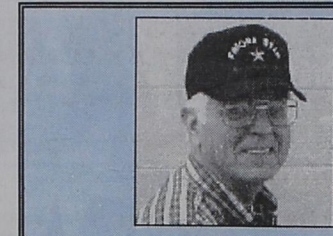


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ENJOYING THE WRTT annual meeting were, top, the Sorleys & Bartletts of Bovina, center, the Pattersons & McCains of Bovina, bottom, Bud Rainey, right, enjoys a laugh with a contingent of Friona folks including George Frye, Floyd Reeve & Clarence Monroe.



# Out Here

By RON CARR

"Spelling Is A Good Thing!"

I still remember the word I missed in a Hillsboro Junior High spelling bee. It would be about 50 years ago now.

During all my school years, I was above average in subjects like English, reading, spelling, and writing themes. (Do kids have to write themes these days?)

In anything related to math, algebra, woodworking, or civics, I stunk. In fact, I did so bad in algebra that I didn't even have to take geometry or calculus. Guess the teachers figured I would just be taking up classroom space that some smart kid could use.

I never owned a slide rule or took a drafting course. Multiplication tables were no problem. I breezed those. Anything more advanced than add and subtract was beyond my comprehension.

Memorizing poetry was one of my stronger suits. I had lead roles in the junior and senior plays. In fact I broke my ankle in my next-to-last varsity basketball game and they postponed the senior play until I could walk without crutches.

Look in any of my high school annuals. You may find my picture on the math club page.

I took great pride in my reading and spelling ability. I really wanted to win the school spelling bee that day we gathered in the third floor junior high auditorium.

My classmates were dropping out one-by-one and I was breezing every word that came my way. I was showing them that big ears and horn-rimmed glasses were not a career impediment.

I gave a big grin and began to spell, basking in my own good luck for drawing such an easy word. I didn't hesitate: P-E-R-S-O-N-N-E-L-L. Before I could slap myself on the back, she told me to sit down.

It rains on the end. Because of that day I have always remembered the word and have never misspelled it since. Over the years the mere mention of the word "personnel" brought back instant memories of that long ago youthful disappointment.

I think spelling bees affect most people that way. Any kid who was really serious about winning a spelling bee can tell you what word they missed and the correct spelling.

My 12-year-old son Zachary is a bright young fellow. Unlike me, he is excellent in math. He is a straight A student (for now). He likes pursuit games like Trivial Pursuit. Giving an incorrect answer drives him nuts.

Last year he missed a word in the first round of his school spelling bee. The word was "almond". When they gave him the word he knew how to spell it but got so excited he started out, "A-W...L-M-O-N-D."

You can't start over in a spelling bee. If you say a wrong letter, you sit down. When he said the "W" he knew it was wrong and was so frustrated he started crying.

Next time you see Zach, ask him what that word was he missed in the spelling bee. I'm pretty sure he will remember it 50 years from now.

I sat in at the Parmer County Spelling Bee a few

weeks ago. The County Bee doesn't draw a crowd like an athletic event. Too bad. The kids in the bee feel the same kind of pressure.

Kevin Wiseman, junior high principal, is in charge of the county bee. Teena Hughs is the moderator. She gives out the words, pronounces them and gives definitions if asked for.

Various teachers from throughout the county form the three judge panel. They tape record the kids and their spellings in case of any dispute.

The 15 kids took the stage, took a number, then came to the microphone to give their name, grade and school. (Note to teachers: teach the kids how to speak slowly and distinctly. Many of the bee kids could not be understood during this introduction.)

I know it is not nice to laugh during a spelling bee and I didn't. But I wanted to. These little guys are so serious and sometimes their spelling of a word is just funny.

One spelled badminton as "b-a-d-m-i-t-t-e-n." Another turned foreleg into "fo-u-r-l-e-g-g." Benign became just like it sounded: "b-e-n-i-n-e."

The kids could ask Mrs. Hughs for a definition, which was often only a delaying tactic because they didn't know how to spell it and needed time to think.

One boy asked for a definition of corral. Another needed a definition for comedian. There were words like regenerative and stentorian which didn't clear up much even after a definition. Both those words were missed.

Mrs. Hughs gave the word antennae. The pronun-

ciation was "antinnny." After some frowning, the girl spelled it "antiny". When the bee was over, I asked Mrs. Hughs about the pronunciation and she showed me in the official bee book. Sure enough they had it as "ant-in-ee." I would have missed it too.

Samuel Billingsley is an eighth grader from Farwell. A serious studious young man, he won the county bee and will advance to the regional bee in Canyon next month.

Mr. Wiseman said Samuel had been winning bees since he won a junior bee in the third grade. Good luck Samuel. I'll be interested in your success in Canyon.

Parents can do no better than to get their youngsters interested in the spelling competition. Misspelling a word is not a bad thing.

Not even trying. That's a bad thing!

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A grant writing workshop will be held in Amarillo April 10-12 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Texas A&M Research Center. The 3-day workshop is being sponsored by the High Plains Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Council and the Region 16 Servc Center.

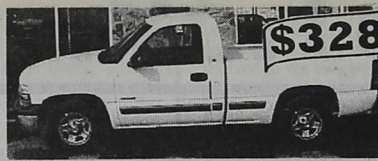
Ron Ayer of the Governor's Office State Grant Writing Team will be the instructor. The cost of attending the course is \$80.

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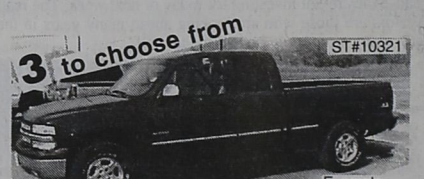


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