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Football contest is under way!

The annual fall past-time -- the Area Merchants Football Contest -- begins its 40th season today. The entry blank is on the back of this newspaper issue; more entry blanks are available at the Tribune office, 404 3rd St.

In order to have a strong chance at the grand prize, it's vitally important to enter every week. So be sure to fill out your entry blank and get it to the Tribune office by 5 p.m. Friday (today). Entries sent by mail must be postmarked by that time, also.

And, remember, we do take your ballots over the phone. Area farmers really appreciate this service. Just call 481-3681 with your picks -- before 5 p.m.

The top prize for the winner of the 12-week contest will again get two tickets to see the Dallas Cowboys, the team which has dominated the 1990s pro-football world, winning a trio of Super Bowls. This year, the winner gets to watch the 'Pokes first hand as they take on the Philadelphia Eagles at Texas Stadium on Dec. 20.

The grand prize winner also gets \$50 in cash, a night's lodging for two at the Radisson Hotel, game day breakfast, transfers to and from the game, and other goodies.

And the reason the Tribune is able to offer this contest, plus the weekly cash prizes of \$15 for first place and \$7.50 for second place, is due to the following sponsors:

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The 1997 winner was Steve Foster. Other past winners have been Sheryl Taylor, Larry Gregory, Hal Helton, Brett Curtis, Joannah Gartin, Charles Dannheim, Bunk Phillips, Maxine Williams, Ken Horn, Jerry Dee Owen, Gay Goettsch, Thelma Alexander, A.D. Kirk, Dodie Actkinson, Greg Har-

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Border Banter

By Mike Pomper

Contest is a family affair

It's here again -- the 40th issue of the Area Merchants Football Contest.

Please, please, please don't forget to turn in your entry today (Friday), either at our office, through the mail or over the phone.

I know a lot of folks get busy, but it's okay to take a moment and have some fun. We really appreciate it when everyone eligible enters our contest.

You have no idea the number of folks I run into each football contest season who say something like this: "Damn it! I missed the first week...forgot about it. Sure wish I hadn't..."

The package we offer the overall winner is for America's Team, the rejuvenated Dallas Cowboys to host division rivals, the Philadelphia Eagles, on Dec. 20 at Texas Stadium in Irving.

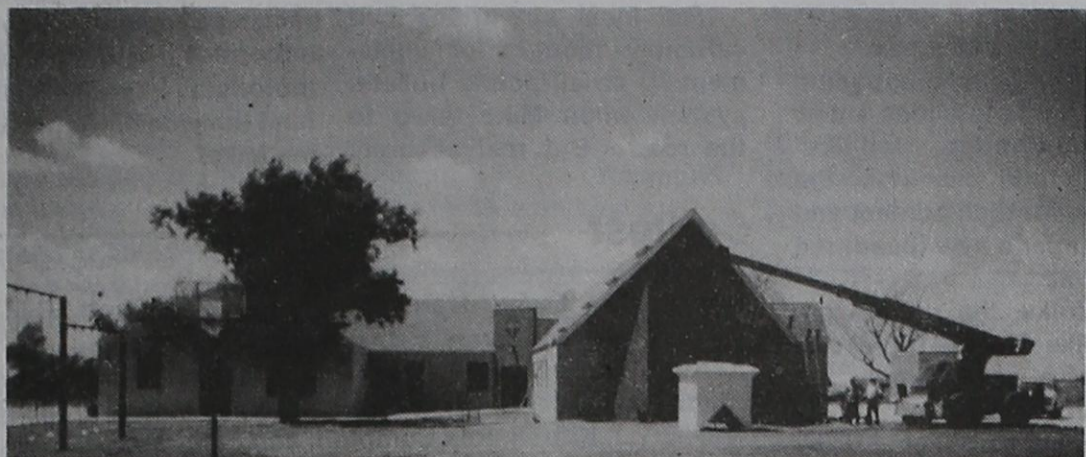
The Tribune buys a very good package and if you ask any recent winners, like Steve Foster or Sheryl Taylor, I guarantee they will tell you that they had a ball.

And we give weekly cash prizes that don't hurt, either.

But the thing I really enjoy about our contest is that it's a family affair.

A large number of families participate each year. What parents tell me is that it's lots of fun to sit around the dinner table at night and discuss, with their children, who will pick which teams.

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Lift High The Cross!

Workers completed the raising of a new steeple atop St. John Lutheran Church of Lariat last Friday.

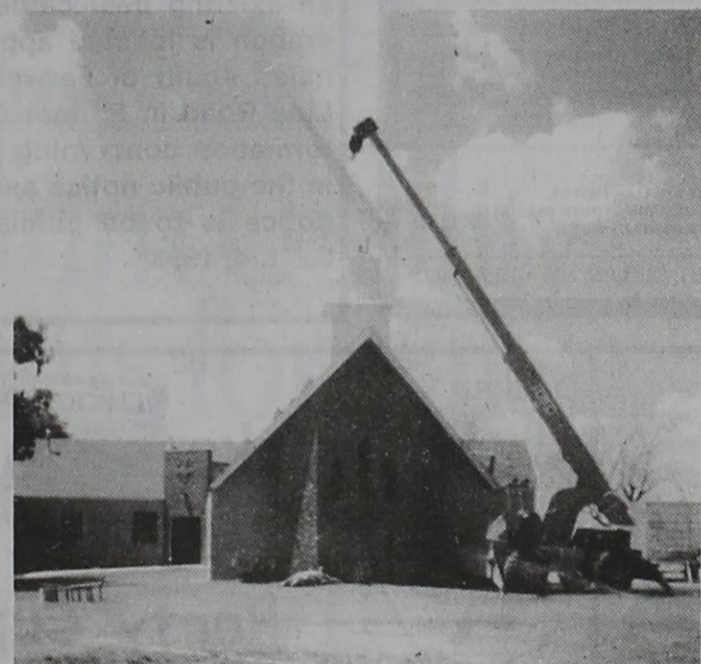
The steeple comes as a part of the memorial contributions made in memory of Lauren Paige Ratke, infant daughter of Mike and Donna Ratke of Farwell. Lauren passed away on Oct. 24, 1994.

"I have been asked what motivated us to put a steeple on the church building," said Mike Ratke. "The top of the steeple is adorned with a cross - an empty cross symbolizing Christ's ascension from the death he suffered for all mankind. As we look to the empty cross, let us be reminded of God's gift to us; the gift of eternal life in Heaven through His only Son, Jesus Christ. When one sees the empty cross, we pray that they will pause for just a moment to thank God for the gracious gift He gave us through the death and resurrection of Jesus."

The cross was brought to Lariat from Jacksonville, Texas, by George Nichols and Carlos Arrias. Chuck Stallings loaned the crane for the raising of the steeple. Steve Meeks installed the steeple. Many thanks go to these people for their help.

The Ratke's waited to bring the steeple to Lariat due to the church roof needing repair and re-shingling. Upon the completion of the job, the steeple was brought for installation.

"Lauren was truly a gift to us, although it was a short time. We have nothing but thanks and gratitude for the friends and family that contributed to the church building fund in her memory. It is with much praise and thanksgiving that we provide the steeple and the cross to the glory of the greatest gift we've all been given in our lives...and that's Jesus Christ," said Ratke.



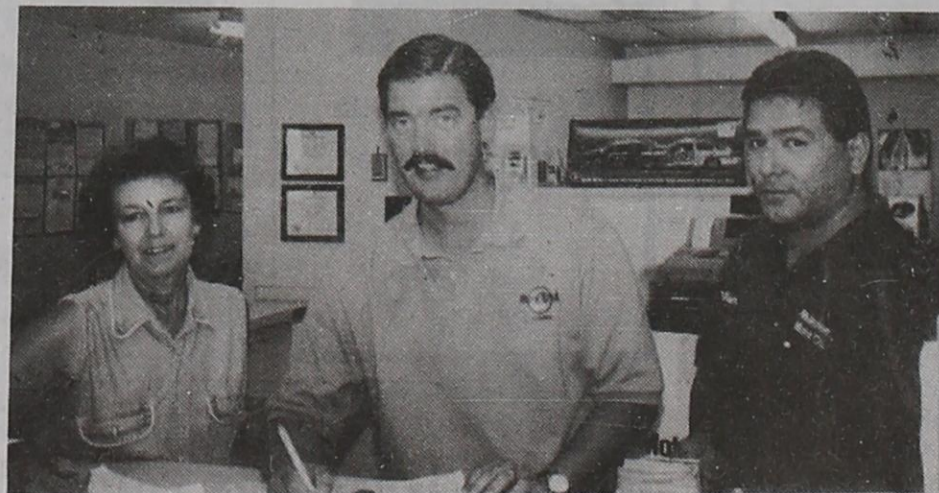
The signatures are finally on the dotted line and the lawsuit filed against the Farwell Schools over its drug testing program has been settled.

The case began in January 1997 when Donnie and Mary Gustin, on behalf of their son, Charlie, then a Farwell High School senior, filed suit against the drug testing program. At the beginning of that school year, Farwell Schools put in a mandatory drug-testing program for students who participate in extra-curricular activities.

That mandatory drug-testing program will continue.

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Drug-testing suit against Farwell Schools settled



Football contest time

Getting ready for this year's football contest are the folks over at Muleshoe Motor Co. -- they are one of the contest sponsors. Muleshoe Motor Co. is also one of the many businesses whose employees participate in the fun contest, to see who has the best gridiron acumen! Pictured are, from left, Loyce Metcalf, Lary Hooten and William Orozco.

**Banter**

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It's a great way for moms, dads and their kids to interact. And, remember, there is no cost involved. It's not gambling. But it's a great game that families can play together.

Of course, families are not just the only groups which play. There's a whole bunch of businesses, ranging from Clovis to Lazbuddie to Muleshoe, which play, too.

Our contest is open to everyone. The idea is to provide a fun time for our area residents. We aim to please!

**A few important notes:**

-- The deadline each week is 5 p.m. on Friday. That's when you have to get your entries to us, either in person at the Tribune office, by phone or by mail (State Line Tribune,

P.O. Box 255, Farwell, TX 79325) with a Friday postmark.

-- You don't have to be a football genius to play. The idea is to have fun. And forget about the supposed superiority of males in picking winners. We've learned over the years that women win just as often.

-- Just because you may be a newcomer to the contest doesn't mean it's a disadvantage. Lazbuddie's Steve Foster was the overall champion last year -- and it was the first time he had played.

-- You don't have to play every week to enjoy the fun. We give the weekly cash prizes. But if you want a shot at the Dallas trip, you must try not to miss any weeks.

-- You don't have to post big numbers each week to win. Most champions average just over 8 games right a week, out of 12.

Doesn't sound very difficult, does it?

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Lately, I've been mentioning some of the great civic improvements in the Twin City. Here's another one:

Last winter, heavy snows wiped out the Sharp Dragline building on 9th Street in Farwell.

Owner Butch Sharp has replaced it with a beautiful new facility.

Way to go, Butch!

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Reminder: The squirrels who inhabit the Parmer County courthouse lawn in Farwell need pecans.

Can you help?

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This week marks the 14th anniversary of the purchase of the State Line Tribune by Judy and I from John and Joanne Getz.

It's a time when we need to humbly give thanks to the community for accepting us into this area, and to the local businesses for supporting our little paper.

I know the Tribune is just a tiny weekly. But I do feel that it's important for a community, like the Twin Cities, to have its own newspaper to help give it an identity.

We hope we have given something back to the community during our tenure here so far. Life is a two-way

street.

So, thank you, Texico-Farwell. We appreciate you.

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I watched part of the Texas A&M -- Florida State football game the other day. I was very proud of the Aggies.

Did you notice that when they showed the complete starting lineups, every Aggie starter was from the state of Texas?

The Seminole starters were from all over the country. Basically, the contest was between Texas and the rest of the nation.

I know, the highly ranked Seminoles won. Darn it. But I don't have much respect for the Florida and Florida State football powerhouses.

They are two of the top "party schools" in the country. I don't know what their academic standards are; I assume they have some.

I have no doubt that you have to have a high school degree before you can enter the Florida schools.

Yes, the Florida schools will win a lot of football games. But I don't have a lot

**Stewart named**

Bobby Jack Stewart is the new music director at the First Baptist Church of Farwell.

of respect for a school which is more well-known for its party label and football prowess than for its academics.

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From Teresa Mesman:

Great things are happening here in the Twin Cities - new businesses, crisp "fall-like" mornings and evenings, the Tribune's football contest and Mike Pomper's new (used) red car.

Yes, folks, the rumors are true. Mike is now the proud owner of a candy apple red Chevrolet.

You may be asking, "Why is this fact so newsworthy?"

Road safety of the citizens of the area is the key issue of this newflash, or more simply put: we can all see Mike coming now!

This new car may not make Mike any more aware of the friendly folks that wave and honk at him (at least that's what we tell him they're doing), but at least motorists on the highways and byways can see the "Farwell Flame" and pull off to safety.

We begged Bobby Jack Stewart at Bender's Chevrolet to throw in a bright orange whip flag that we could attach to the bumper of his car to add to the visibility, but he thought that might be going a little overboard.

But if you'll notice, the bright wax job on his car does

throw a glare that is akin to the mirror in the sunlight helps in seeing him coming.

The local authorities had seriously thought of implementing an all points bulletin system when Mike takes to the road. But rest assured,

that won't be necessary now that Mike has the "Farwell Flame."

We secretly installed a tracking system that alerts all authorities and concerned motorists when he gets behind the wheel! Happy motor-ing Mike!

**Contest**

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grove, Dee Owen, Doris Herington, Ruth Scott, C.L. Mahaney, Mrs. Roy Everett, Cheryl Scott, Roy King.

Also, Terry Craft, Becky Taylor, Willie Roberts, Jerry Rodam, Dale Sikes, Erlene Porter, Rusty McFarland, Sam Gonzales, T.J. Kittrell, Rex Cumpston, and Pam Carpenter.

Rules for the 1998 contest will be the same as in the past. A person must be at least 12 years old to enter. Entrants must choose 12 teams they think will win the selected games.

Games will be divided by high school, college and professional ranks. In case of a tie game, unless the tie was predicted by the entrant, that game will not be counted.

Each entrant must remember to pick a tie-breaker score, a very important feature of the contest since many weekly winners (and overall winners) have been determined by the tie-breakers.

Each week's scoring is tabulated and kept on record at the Tribune office. The standings are posted each Monday and may be seen during regular business hours.

**Obituaries**

**Pauline Sasser**

Services for Pauline Williams Sasser, 80, of Clovis, were Aug. 28 at Central Baptist Church in Clovis with the Revs. Billy Hines and Doug Brooks officiating.

Burial was in Lawn Haven Memorial Gardens. She died Aug. 26 at Clovis hospital.

She was born June 30, 1918, in Hendricks, Okla. She moved to Clovis in 1938. She was a member of Central Baptist Church. She taught Sunday school for 20 years.

She married Modrel "Mott" Williams and they opened Mott's Venetian Blinds in 1945. He died in 1966.

She married Duffy Sasser in 1972.

She was a charter member of the Pilot Club of Clovis, and was active in the Christian Women's Club.

Surviving are her husband; 2 daughters, Nancy Gressett, of Clovis, and Linda Gerles, of Farwell; 2 step-sons, Tony Sasser, of Stamford, Conn., and James Sasser, of Santa Fe; a sister, Josephine Cox, of Clovis; 12 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Randy Gerles, Steve Gerles, Mike Andersen, Mark Andersen, Max Onsdale and Shawn Ard.

Honorary pallbearers were Jim Hughes, Dr. Obadias Ferrari, Jim Price, Don Price, Bob Snipes, Dale Schuartz and Dr. David Stalker.

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Monday - no school.  
Tuesday - chalupas, LT salad, corn, cinnamon crispy cookie, applesauce, milk.  
Wednesday - pizza, tossed salad, green beans, fruit cup, milk.  
Thursday - sub sandwich, lettuce leaf, slice tomatoes, pickles, chips, rice krispy treat, fruit, milk.  
Friday - cheeseburger, LTOP, french fries, cherry cobbler, milk.

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Monday - no school.  
Tuesday - chalupas with salsa, jalapenas, LT salad, corn, fruit, milk.  
Wednesday - country steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, fruit, hot rolls, milk.  
Thursday - hamburger on bun, tater wedges, lettuce, pickles, poke cake, milk.  
Friday - pizza, french fries, carrot sticks, cookies, milk.

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**To All Interested Persons And Parties**

AzTX Cattle Co., Ltd. (Farwell Feedyard) has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for amendment of Water Quality Permit No. 01665 and issuance of Air Quality Permit No. 38294 in Parmer County. These permits will authorize the expansion and operation of an existing beef cattle feeding operation. The operation is located approximately one and one-half miles south of Farwell, on the east side of State Line Road in Parmer County, Texas. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper. This notice is to be published on Aug. 28, 1998, and Sept. 4, 1998.

# 3 directors re-elected

The biggest crowd in memory to ever attend an annual meeting of the Bailey County Electric Cooperative Association was present at the Bailey County Coliseum in Muleshoe on Tuesday night. For its 60th anniversary, the co-op changed the format for the meetings:

— Instead of having it in the spring and having conflicts with school activities, they moved the meeting date to September.

— They shortened the business part of the meeting.

— They featured entertainment — the Flying J Wranglers, from Ruidoso, led by Farwell High graduate James Hobbs.

More than 400 members and guests attended.

All three directors up for re-election won:

District 4 -- Jerry Nichols over Brent Nelson.

District 5 -- Nelson Carlisle over Bill Dolle.

District 6 -- Raymond Lewis over Dennis Lemons.

Co-op CEO Duane Lloyd gave a short talk, with an emphasis on the upcoming state deregulations involving electrical utilities. But he called it "more regulations."

Lloyd said the co-op "doesn't oppose deregulations as long as it benefits ALL our consumers."

He said the cooperative will have community meetings throughout its area later this year to let folks know of what the state legislature may do.

If certain bills pass the state legislature, Lloyd predicted "we will have a struggle on our hands."

What will happen is that national firms will vie with local cooperatives for electrical business.

The problem is that the big firms will go after the high-dollar consumers, offering cut-rate deals.

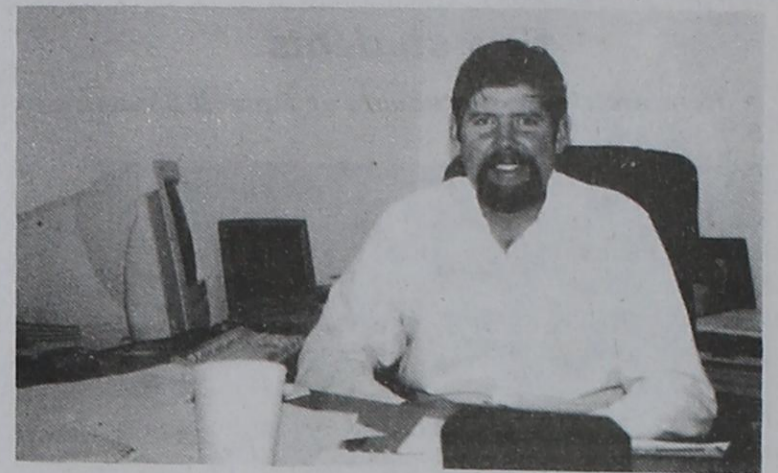
This would leave local cooperatives with a lower base of consumers, creating financial stress.

Bailey County Cooperative was begun on Aug. 30, 1938, and served 362 members.

Today, the cooperative has over 2,700 miles of line, serves over 1,800 members and has a plant investment of almost \$32 million.

There are 36 cooperative employees.

Bailey County is also a member of Golden Spread Electric. This 11-member cooperative is building a generating station in Denver City to help reduce the cost of electricity incurred during peak usage times.



## New office opens

Rusty Smallwood, general manager of Kelly Green Seeds, checks out his new office his company has opened at 802 Ave. A in Farwell.

## Upcoming Sports

- Thursday, Sept. 3
  - Farwell JV at Petersburg, 6 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 4
  - Farwell varsity hosts Petersburg, 7:30 p.m.
  - Texico varsity hosts Dexter, 7:30 p.m. mst
  - Lazbuddie varsity hosts New Home, 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 5
  - Texico Junior High hosts scrimmage against Gattis, 10 a.m. mst
  - Farwell cross country runners at Brownfield, 8:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 8
  - Texico volleyballers host Floyd, 5 p.m. mst.
- Thursday, Sept. 10
  - Texico volleyballers host Logan, 5:30 p.m. mst
  - Farwell Junior High hosts Marshall, 4:30 p.m.
  - Farwell JV hosts Marshall 8th grade.
  - Lazbuddie JV hosts Meadow, 6:30 p.m.
  - Lazbuddie Junior High plays at Meadow, 5 p.m.



## Promoted

Larry Garrison, of the Texico Marshal's Office, has been promoted to corporal by Marshal Kelley Brophy.



## Start of the year

Texico School counselor Janice Jenkins is ultra-busy at the start of a new school year.

## Steers dominate scrimmage

The Farwell Steers wiped out Whiteface in a scrimmage last Friday there, 11 scores to 1.

Coach Brent Terry said Whiteface wasn't that bad, and boasted an offensive line weighing about 250 pounds per man.

Farwell played well, thanks to its quickness.


Terry cited Ryan Roberts, tight end and defensive end, and Clint Corn, backup quarterback, tight end and defensive end, for their play.

The Steers open the season against Petersburg at home tonight (Friday).

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### New students

Here are the new students at Farwell Elementary School:



In back from left, Kristie Fuller, Kari Schilling, Ricky Burns, Matt Banres; in front, Bobbie Jo Fuller, Karli Schilling, Elisa Smith.



In back are Selene Delgado, Miriam Delgado, Erica Nañez, Yvette Nañez, Edgar Chacon; in front are Brenda Delgado, Ariel Nañez, Cesar Chacon.



In back are Chance Jacobs, Kyle Cooper, Sabrina Daniel, Regina Prucey, Brittany Prucey, Cynthia Villegas. In front are Dustin Jacobs, Ean Guthals, Mariah Brooks, Kaylin Smallwood, Lizeth Chacon, Angelina Prucey.



### New students

New students at Farwell Junior High are, back row from left, Dulce Nicolas, Chris James, Amanda Barnes and Logan Clemmer; front row, Byron Hardage, Chris Culver and Todd James.

## Stephens teaching in Barrow, Alaska

by Teresa Mesman

Kaci Stephens, daughter of Eva Dean and Darrell Stephens of Farwell, is exploring a whole new world in teaching this year in Barrow, Alaska.

She was teaching in the Dallas area last year and was impressed by the experiences shared by her team teacher who had spent a few years teaching in Alaska.

She went through the application process and received her Alaskan teaching certification. She's now been in Barrow since Aug. 7 and is teaching middle school mathematics.

According to her mother, Eva Dean Stephens, Kaci is really enjoying the school system and describes the region as a "whole new world."

"It is the tundra region of Alaska, so it's not the mountain ranges, glaciers and lakes that you see in the most common pictures of Alaska," said Eva Dean. "Barrow is a whaling village on the Arctic Ocean with a population of about 4,500 people and it's the administrative district for the North Slope

Independent School District. This district covers 88,000 square miles!"

Kaci will experience a winter like none she has ever experienced before. With very little sunlight during the winter months, different lighting and miles and miles of snow, she's preparing her clothing and supplies for the harsh months ahead. All supplies, mail and equipment must be flown into Barrow because of its remote location.

Kaci has been quite impressed with the school system in Barrow. She made comment to her mother that they (the schools) are very progressive and have all the latest technologies and equipment. The majority of the population are Eskimo and they are very diligent about their school work and have a great desire for learning.

She plans on teaching in Barrow for at least one year and, according to her mother, "will play the future by ear!"

Let's just hope those ears don't get too cold in that awesome Alaskan winter weather! Stay warm Kaci!

### Area sorority breakfast held

Members of Alpha Rho Lambda chapter of Beta Sigma Phi joined Clovis chapters for the annual Clovis Area Beginning Day breakfast.

More than 50 ladies en-

joyed breakfast and fellowship.

Lynne Mahaney and Peggy Goettsch were among the door prize winners.

Kendale Burch and Ann Liethen also participated.

### Police Report

Here is the weekly report from Farwell Police Chief Roy McGaa:

On Aug. 8, a vehicle was burglarized in the 400 block of Avenue D.

On Aug. 9, shots were fired near a home in the 200 block of Avenue G.

On Aug. 29, an aggravated sexual assault was reported involving a Farwell juvenile girl. McGaa said an adult male is a suspect in the case, which is under investigation.

On Aug. 31, a vehicle in the 300 block of 7th Street was burglarized.

On Aug. 31, a complaint was received from a Muleshoe man who said a Farwell man had stolen something from him.

The summer of "98" is winding down, the kids are back in school, Labor Day is at hand.

Labor Day is that last long weekend before cold weather sets in.

Time for a great family weekend!  
Time to get a few chores done around the house!

Electricity is there, ready to go to work for you - in an instant!

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Don't forget to use electricity safely, for your future and ours.



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## Notice of Vote on Tax Rate

The FARWELL I.S.D.

conducted a public hearing

on a proposal

to increase the total tax revenues

of the

FARWELL I.S.D.

by 4.71 percent

on September 1, 1998 at 7:00 PM.

The Farwell I S D Board of Directors

is scheduled to vote

on the tax rate that will result in

that tax increase

at a public meeting to be held

on September 15, 1998, at 7:00 PM

at Farwell I S D Boardroom.

## Notice of Vote on Tax Rate

The PARMER COUNTY

conducted a public hearing

on a proposal

to increase the total tax revenues

of the

PARMER COUNTY

by 8.01 percent

on September 2, 1998 at 10:00 AM.

The Parmer County Commissioners

is scheduled to vote

on the tax rate that will result in

that tax increase

at a public meeting to be held

on September 14, 1998, at 1:30 PM

at Parmer County Commissioners Boardroom.

**The Latest**

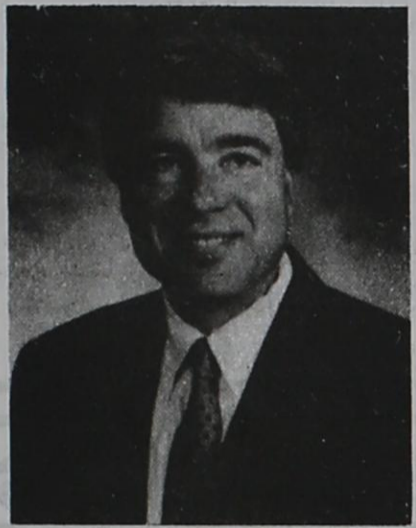
Here's an important change to make to your Farwell football schedule.

Due to a misunderstanding, the Nazareth game on Sept. 18 will be played in Farwell at W.M. Roberts Stadium.

This means that Farwell will have seven home games this year -- but only three home games in 1999.

Tammie McIntosh, of Texico, has received an Associate of Applied Science Degree in word processing at Clovis Community College.

And Justin Mahaney, of Farwell, has received a Certificate of Completion in Air Conditioning, Heating and Re-



Gene Sheets

**Sheets named superintendent**

Gene Sheets, a native of Farwell, has been named Superintendent of the Hamilton Independent School District.

Sheets had been serving as superintendent of the Class 1-A Headley ISD and was formerly a principal of the Abilene Christian Schools. Prior to his administrative positions, he operated a professional janitorial service in Abilene and worked as a teacher in the Abilene ISD.

Sheets earned a bachelor of science in Education and a master's degree in Mid-Management from Abilene Christian University. He also received his superintendent's certification from ACU.

He and his wife Melody have three children - Brandon, 20, a junior at ACU; Holli, 16 and Lane, 12.

Gene is the son of Harry and Mina Sheets of Farwell and Alta Burkhalter of Amarillo.

frigeration at CCC.

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The Lubbock newspaper has reported that two truck drivers died last Friday when their pickup collided with a train at Summerfield, the northern edge of Parmer County.

The report said the victims were Charles Stevens, 28, of Hereford, and Arthur Sears, 29, of Friona.

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Pastor Dick and Arlene Greenthamer of Farwell, were on vacation last week in Tucson, Ariz. They visited their daughter and son-in-law Elizabeth and John Schultz and their grandchildren.

The Greenthamer's will be retiring in October and will be moving to Tucson.

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A small black puppy was found in the 300 block of 3rd Street in Farwell. Call 762-6102 for more information.

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The Parmer County Commissioners held a special meeting Wednesday for a public hearing on the proposed tax rate.

The only comments made by folks at the hearing were complimentary of the job the commissioners are doing.

The proposed tax rate is .3919 cents per \$100 assessed valuation, up from .3732 cents this year.

The commissioners will approve the budget and formally set the tax rate at 1:30 p.m. on Sept. 14.

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The Lazbuddie 4-H Club will meet the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

The Farwell 4-H Club will

meet on the last Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Farwell Community Center.

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The Parmer County 4-H awards banquet has been switched to the Lazbuddie school cafeteria.

It will start at 7 p.m. on Sept. 15 with author Nancy Robinson Masters, of Abilene, as speaker.

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Harold Doshier, who has friends and family in this area, has a new address:

Lakeside Rehab Center, Room 6, 4306 24th St., Lubbock, TX 79410. Phone: 793-2555.

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Did you start to take cover Tuesday morning in Farwell as the warning sirens went off around 11?

The button for the siren was pushed by mistake in the sheriff's office.

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An Air Force F-16C jet fighter crashed at 9:13 a.m. mst on Tuesday about 30 miles southwest of Ft. Sumner. The aircraft was from Cannon Air Force Base.

The jet was on a routine training mission.

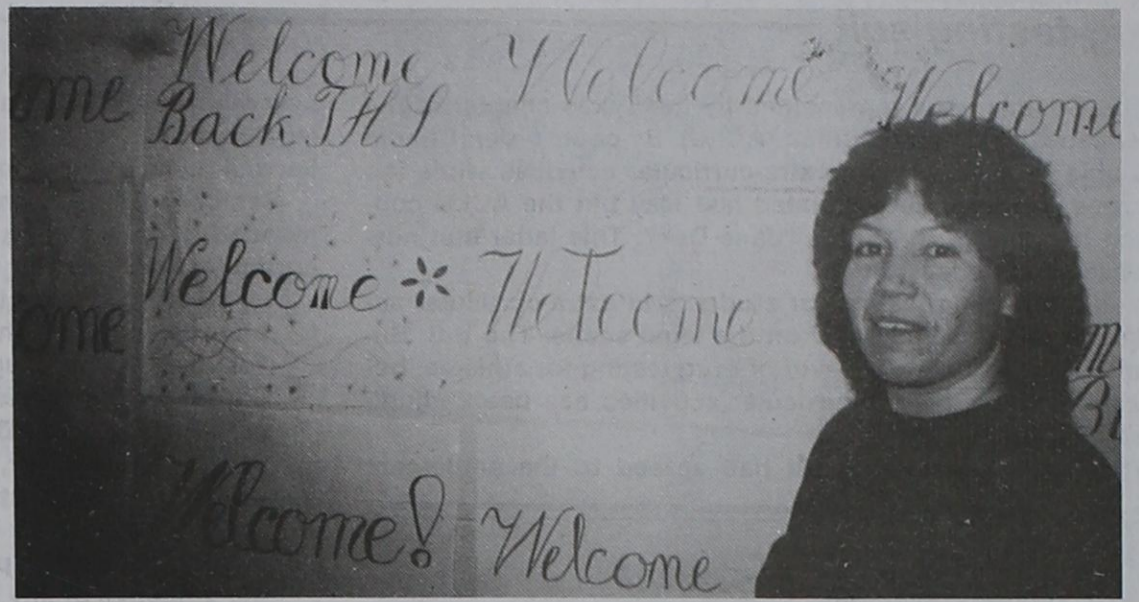
**Courthouse Notes**

The following warranty deeds were filed in Parmer County last week:

Severo Valadez - Francisco Perez - Lots 8-20, Blk. 11, Bovina.

Dalton K. Caffey - City of Friona - A 1.136 acre out of NE 1/4, Sec. 20, T1N;R4E.

City of Friona - Dalton K. Caffey - A 2.544 acres out of NE 1/4 Sec. 20, T1N;R4E.



Welcome!

Hope Castillo, an employee at Texico High School, stands alongside a big welcome sign in the school hallway for the students.

**Marriage Licenses**

The following marriage licenses were filed in Parmer County last week:

Thomas Kelly Leal and Brenda Aguilar; Ricky Rando and Charity D. Dickinson; Luis Humberto Robles, Jr. and Romelio Navarette, Benjamin Barron and Mary Helen Vargas.

**Fire Calls**

The Farwell ambulance was called out two times.

On Aug. 25, it transported a person from the Farwell Clinic to Clovis hospital.

On Aug. 29, it was sent to 908 5th St. but no transport was made.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

The Texico City Council will conduct a public hearing at Texico City Hall on September 8, 1998 at 6:00 p.m. This will be the final hearing for the Community Development Block Grant project.

**Meet Texico's Class of 2011**



Kristian Fipps is a Texico kindergarten. Her birthday is July 30.

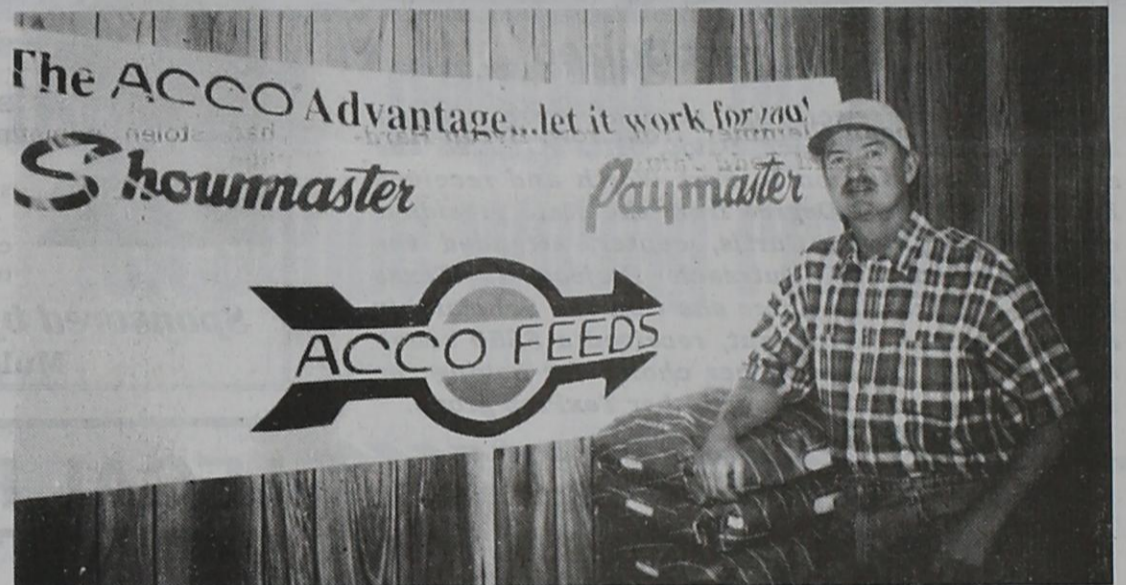
Parents are Lisa and Kevin Fipps. Grandparents are Jerry and Thelma Martin, Irene Hutchinson, William and Myrtle Edge, Eva Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Dannheim, and Linda and Frank Fipps.

She likes puppies, swimming, and going to the park. She likes to eat chicken, and she likes the color red. She dislikes broccoli.

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**Business of the Month**

Presented by the Farwell Chamber of Commerce



John Franse, manager of Farwell Feed Supply

**Farwell Feed Supply**

Farwell Feed Supply started business in January 1987, selling Worley Mill Okay brand feed. The business was temporarily located at Sherley-Anderson in mid-town. Frank Landry was hired on as manager. Later in 1987, the business was moved to its present location on North 9th Street in Farwell. The following years saw many changes, including a major renovation in the warehouse and office areas. A loading dock was built and feed deliveries begun.

Frank left the business in March 1998 to take a job with Valmont in Lubbock, leaving Ralph Franse and his son John to manager. The business now sells a complete line of Acco feeds ranging from pet food to cattle rations.

Currently, they have feed rations for horses of all ages and nutritional needs, starting with Golden Foal through all the light- to heavy-use feeds, and ending with Golden Age. They offer performance and endurance feeds, also.

Farwell Feed Supply has a milk replacer called Calf Magic Gold in 25- and 50-lb. bags. They plan to keep a good stock of calf starter and grower on hand.

In the mineral department, Farwell Feed Supply handles salt block products, including trace mineral block. Acco has a large selection of mineral blocks up to 250-lb. tub blocks. Also, they offer range block, bloat blocks, and 28% Beefmaker-with-bovatec blocks.

Farwell Feed Supply also offers all the Showmaster products for show animals. Acco will donate \$2 for every bag of Showmaster swine feed sold through Farwell Feed Supply to the respective ag departments at Farwell and Texico schools. Showmaster Sheen for finishing will be available. Also, the business has Showmaster feeds for sheep, cattle and goats.

The Franes invite anyone to come by and look through their catalogs for products of any kind, including bulk receiving rations for cattle on wheat pasture.

"We want to maintain the 'small town feed store' image," said John Franse. "We won't make you wait in line for our products."

Farwell Feed Supply is open from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays and from 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays. The telephone number is 481-3316.

**Please Attend Church Services**

All times are CDT unless specified

<p><b>First Baptist Church of Farwell</b></p> <p>Richard Laverty - minister                  Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.                  Worship - 11 a.m. &amp; 6 p.m.                  Wednesday - Prayer meeting 7 p.m.                  Wednesday - mission aux., 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Farwell Church of Christ</b></p> <p>Dennis Dillon - preacher                  Bible Class Sunday - 10 a.m.                  Worship - 10:50 a.m. &amp; 6 p.m.                  Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Pleasant Hill Baptist Church</b></p> <p>Jim Peabody - minister                  Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. mt                  Worship - 10:30 a.m. &amp; 6:30 p.m. mt                  Church training - 5:30 p.m. mt                  Wednesday - 6:30 p.m. mt winter                  7:30 p.m. mt summer</p>
<p><b>Lariat Church of Christ</b></p> <p>Sam Billingsley - minister                  Sunday School - 10 a.m.                  Worship - 10:45 a.m. &amp; 6 p.m.                  Wednesday - 7 p.m. winter                  8 p.m. summer</p>	<p><b>Church of Christ</b></p> <p>110 Ninth St.                  Sunday School - 10 a.m.                  Worship - 11 a.m. &amp; 6 p.m.                  Wednesday - 7 p.m. summer                  8 p.m. winter</p>	<p><b>First Baptist Church of Texico</b></p> <p>Bob Brown - minister                  Sunday School - 9 a.m. mt                  Worship - 10:15 a.m. &amp; 6:30 p.m. mt                  Wednesday - 7 p.m. mt</p>
<p><b>United Pentecostal Church of Texico</b></p> <p>Sunday School - 10 a.m.                  Worship - 11:15 a.m. &amp; 6:30 p.m.                  Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.                  Friday (youth) - 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Assembly of God Church, Texico</b></p> <p>Bob Burris - minister                  Sunday School - 9:15 a.m. mt                  Worship - 10:15 a.m. &amp; 6 p.m. mt                  Wednesday - 6 p.m. mt</p>	<p><b>Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church</b></p> <p>Beth Harrington - minister                  Sunday School - 10 a.m.                  Worship - 11 a.m. &amp; 6 p.m.                  Monday men's prayer breakfast - 7 a.m.</p>
<p><b>Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church</b></p> <p>Worship Service -- 9 a.m.                  Sunday School - 10 a.m.</p>	<p><b>St. John Lutheran Church, Lariat</b></p> <p>Edward Greenthamer - minister                  Worship Service - 9:30 a.m.                  Sunday School - 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>High Plains Baptist Church</b></p> <p>Bobby Atwell - minister                  Sunday School - 9 a.m. &amp; 6:30 p.m.                  Worship - 10:30 a.m.                  Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Church of God in Christ, Mennonite</b></p> <p>James Koehn - minister                  Sunday School - 10 a.m.                  Worship Service - 11 a.m.</p>	<p><b>New Light Baptist Church</b></p> <p>J.R. Shiner - minister                  Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.                  Worship - 11 a.m. &amp; 7 p.m.                  Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.                  Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>San Jose Catholic Church Texico</b></p> <p>Sunday Mass -- Noon mst                  Religious Education - 1:15 - 2:15 p.m.                  Community Meal -- 1:15 p.m.</p>

**Sponsoring this church listing are:**

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- Steed Todd Funeral Home
- Plains Regional Medical Center, Clovis

**Drug-testing suit**

(Continued from Page 1)

The Gustins were represented by the Texas chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). By court order, Charlie was able to participate in extra-curricular activities while the suit was pending. He graduated last May but the ACLU continued the lawsuit through a "Jane Doe". This latter suit now has been concluded.

Mandatory drug-testing for students in extra-curricular activities is still relatively new on the legal scene. The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled in favor of drug testing for athletes, but no case involving extra-curricular activities has been adjudicated by it yet.

The Farwell School Board had agreed to the settlement

*Sheriff's Report*

Here is the weekly report from Parmer County Sheriff Walt Yerger:

On Aug. 28, Raul Gonzales, 53, of Amarillo, was arrested by Texas Highway Patrol on a charge of DWI subsequent. The case is pending before the grand jury.

On Aug. 29, Marcus Reyes, 24, of Friona, was arrested by Texas Highway Patrol on a charge of DWI. The case is pending in county court.

On Aug. 29, Jody Bowman, 22, of Friona, was arrested by Texas Highway Patrol on a charge of DWI. The case is pending in county court.

On Aug. 29, Rene Pena, 21, of Hereford, was arrested by the sheriff's office for a violation probation charge. The case is pending in district court.

A burglary at a Summerfield home, with about \$4,000 worth of items stolen, has resulted in burglary charges being filed by the Parmer County and Deaf Smith sheriff's offices against five Hereford men -- Ricky Aguillon, Ramiro Ruiz Jr., Gilbert Valdez, Rene Pena and Frank Garcia.

Yerger said almost all the items, including a large amount of rifles, have been recovered.

Yerger also is investigating to see if the suspects were involved in a recent Lazbuddie home burglary.



**Students recognized**

This trio of Farwell High students were summer award winners. Candace Davis, left, attended the state FHA convention in Fort Worth and received her Lone Star FFA Degree from the state president on July 15. Karyn Curtis, center, attended the Health Professions Outreach Project at Texas Women's University where she won the Scholarship Award. Lindsey Rich, right, received a \$250 scholarship to the college of her choice for having the highest grade point average in her TexPrep group.

several weeks ago but a final conclusion was held up due to a legal question, which has now been resolved, announced Farwell School Supt. Larry Gregory.

Basically, three changes have been made to the school's mandatory drug-testing policy for students involved in extra-curricular activities:

(1) "Any student testing positive will be treated as an offender under the guidelines set forth in the "extracurricular drug use testing procedures" and will not be subject to discipline under any other provisions of the "Farwell ISD Extracurricular Code of Student Conduct." However, any student who, while on school property or while attending a school sponsored or related activity on or off of school property sells, gives, delivers to another person, possesses, uses or is under the influence of any drug as defined in the extracurricular drug use testing policy, will be subject to discipline under the Code of Student Conduct and/or the Texas Education Code and the terms of this Settlement Agreement and Release shall not affect the right or duty of the School District to impose discipline under such circumstances."

What this first change basically means is that there is a separation of policies so that a student isn't punished twice (by the school code of student conduct and by the school's drug testing policy) for the same offense.

(2) With respect to student participation in extracurricular activities, a student who tests positive for drugs will be subject to the following procedures:

"On the first positive test, the student will be given the option of suspension from participation in extra-curricular activities for the remainder of the semester (however, if the suspension occurs during the last six weeks of the semester, it will continue through the end of the following semester) or participation in a drug assistance program. The drug assistance program will consist of mandatory counseling and weekly drug testing for six weeks. Additionally, a conference with the student's parents and the student will be mandatory if the student elects to participate in the drug assistance program. Students may elect to pursue private counseling, or counseling will be provided for them. Students who are unable to afford private counseling are eligible to receive private counseling at the expense of the School District in accordance with guidelines to be established by the District. The guidelines will govern the determination of the parents' ability to pay, the selection of counselor, and any limitations on the amount of counseling to be provided at the School Dis-

trict's expense.

"In all other respects, the extracurricular drug use testing procedures will remain the same." Regarding this second change, Supt. Gregory said it is very close to what already was in place.

(3) "At the end of the school year, or at such time as Farwell Schools shall determine, students who successfully participate in the drug use testing program and do not test positive will be recognized at an event sponsored by the School District."

The third change is new and basically speaks for itself. The school will throw an "event" for these students. This part was added at the request of the plaintiffs.

The settlement was signed by the Farwell School Board and plaintiffs Donnie Gustin and his daughter, Tangie.

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**LEGAL PUBLICATIONS**

**Notice**

The 1999 Parmer County proposed budget is currently on file in the County Clerk's office, Room 102, in the Parmer County Courthouse, 401 Third Street, Farwell, Texas. The budget may be examined by any interested party on weekdays during regular business hours, which are 8:30 a.m. through 12:00 noon, and 1:00 p.m. through 5:00 p.m. CDT.

Total budgeted expenditures for 1999 are expected to be \$2,897,830.72.

By order of the Parmer County Commissioners Court.

Bonnie J. Clayton  
County Judge

**Notice to Bidders**

The Parmer County Commissioners Court is currently accepting bids for the purchase of one (1) new Centralized Optical Scan Ballot Tabulation System. Bids may be brought or mailed to Bonnie J. Clayton, County Judge, at 401 Third Street, Room 104, PO Box 506, Farwell, Texas 79325, to be received no later than 10:00 a.m., Monday, September 14, 1998, at which time bids will be considered. Please include an original and four (4) copies in your bid packet.

Call 806-481-3691 or see County Clerk Bonnie Warren for specifications.

The Parmer County Commissioners Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

By order of the Parmer County Commissioners Court.

Bonnie J. Clayton  
County Judge

**Notice of Application**

AZTX CATTLE CO., LTD., (Farwell Feedyard), PO Box 215, Farwell, Texas 79325 has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for amendment of Water Quality Permit No. 01665 and issuance of Air Quality Permit No. 38294 in Parmer County, Texas. These permits will authorize the expansion and operation of an existing beef cattle feeding operation from a maximum capacity of 29,500 to 50,000 head. This facility is located approximately one and one-half miles south of Farwell, on the east side of State Line Road in Parmer County, Texas. No discharge of pollutants into or adjacent to the waters of the State is authorized by these permits. The facility is located in the drainage area of the Double Mountain Fork Brazos River in Segment No. 1241 of the Brazos River Basin. The proposed facility will also emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter, unburned hydrocarbons, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, and odors. All waste and wastewater will be beneficially used on agricultural land. A person who may be affected may request a hearing.

If the applicant demonstrates that the proposed facility will comply with all applicable air quality requirements, the applicant will qualify for the issuance of the air quality permit. A draft permit for the water quality application has been prepared by the Executive Director. The Executive Director may issue final approval of these applications unless there is a request for hearing filed with the Chief Clerk. The subject of a hearing would be limited to applicable air and water quality requirements, which do not include issues such as noise, traffic safety, zoning, or property values. If a hearing request is filed, the Executive Director will not issue the permit and will forward the application and hearing request to the TNRCC Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a hearing is held, it will be a legal proceeding similar to civil trials in state district court.

To request a hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if available; (2) the name of the applicant and the appropriate permit number(s); (3) the statement "I/we request a public hearing;" (4) a brief description of how and why you would be adversely affected by the granting of the application in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location of your property relative to the applicant's operations; and (6) your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns and cause you to withdraw your request for hearing.

Hearing requests or comments on the application must be received in writing at the Chief Clerk's Office, Mail Code 105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, within 30 days after the second publication of this notice. This notice is to be published on August 28, 1998, and September 4, 1998.

For information concerning technical aspects of these permits, contact Catherine M. Nash, Agriculture Section, Mail Code 158, the same address. For information concerning hearing procedures or citizen participation, contact Blas Coy, Public Interest Council, Mail Code 103, the same address. The applications and the TNRCC's preliminary analyses are available for review and reproduction at the TNRCC, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Building F, Austin, Texas 78753. The application documents, compliance file if any exists, and further information may be obtained from the TNRCC Amarillo Regional Office, located at 3918 Canyon Drive, telephone (806) 353-9251. Individual members of the public who wish to inquire about the information contained in this notice, or to inquire about other agency permit applications or permitting processes, should call the TNRCC Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040.

Issued: Aug. 7, 1998

Eugenia K. Brumm, Ph.D., Chief Clerk  
Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission

**Meet Farwell's Class of 2011**



Russell Schilling is a Farwell kindergartener. His birthday is July 17.

His parents are Stephen and Karen Schilling. He has a brother, Tyler.

Grandparents are Joe and Eunice Schilling, and Roy and Tommie Snodgrass.

He likes to ride horses and play soccer.

His favorite foods are cucumbers, celery and carrots. He likes the color blue.

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**LEGAL PUBLICATIONS**

**Notice to Bidders**

The Parmer County Commissioners Court will accept bids for the purchase of two new vehicles for use by the sheriff's department. Call 806-481-3303 or see Sheriff Walt Yerger for specifications.

Bids should be mailed to Parmer County Judge Bonnie Clayton, PO Box 506, Farwell, Texas 79325, or delivered to her in person at the courthouse in Farwell, Texas, to be received prior to 10:00 a.m. September 14, 1998, at which time bids will be opened.

The commissioners court of Parmer County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

By order of the Commissioners Court of Parmer County.

Bonnie Clayton  
County Judge

**Notice to Bidders and Invitation for Bids**

Sealed proposals addressed to the Honorable Jimmie Mace, Mayor, City of Farwell, P.O. Box 338, 101 Avenue A, Farwell, Texas 79325, for the construction of a 200,000 gallon ground storage tank, booster pump station, and associated appurtenances entitled:

Water Works Improvements  
TCDP Project No. 717259

will be received by the City of Farwell, in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 101 Avenue A, Farwell, Texas, until September 14, 1998, 3:00 p.m., at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

A cashier's check, certified check or acceptable bidder's bond, payable to the City of Farwell, in an amount equal to not less than five percent of the bid submitted, must accompany each bid as guarantee that, if awarded the contract, the Bidder will, within fifteen days after receipt of Contract Documents, enter in a contract with the City of Farwell and will execute bonds on the forms provided in the Contract Documents. Any bid received after the time and date listed above will be returned unopened and will not be considered.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon and Related Acts) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, age or national origin.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and inform themselves regarding all local conditions.

Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications, may be obtained from the Engineers, Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., 4010 Avenue R, Lubbock, Texas, phone (806) 747-0161. Copies of the Bid/Contract Documents may be obtained by depositing \$30.00 with Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., for each set of documents obtained. The deposit will be refunded if the documents are returned in good condition within 15 days following the bid opening.

Performance and Payment bonds shall be set forth in the Contract Documents.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness, the Owner reserves the right to adopt such interpretations as may be most advantageous or to reject the bid as informal. No bid may be withdrawn until the expiration of 45 days from the bid opening date.

Jimmie Mace, mayor  
City of Farwell, Texas



**Will Be Closed For LABOR DAY**

**Monday, Sept. 7, & Tuesday, Sept. 8.**

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**We will re-open on Wednesday, Sept. 9, at 10:30 a.m. mst**  
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## Maize Days on tap

Friena will host its 42nd annual Maize Days celebration Sept. 11-19. Here's a view of the events on tap:

Sept. 11 -- Friena Fall Art Exhibition at the Depot in the city park. Call Carol Ellis at 250-3053 for more information.

Sept. 12 -- Miss Friena Pageant at the school auditorium at 7 p.m. For more information, call the Chamber of Commerce office at 250-3491.

Sept. 13 -- Artists Reception at the Depot, open to the public from 3 to 5 p.m. Also, Prairie Acres Appreciation Day.

Sept. 14-18 -- Friena Fall Art Exhibition. Group tours by appointment only. Call Mrs. Ellis at 250-3053.

Sept. 15 -- Little Miss Contest at 7 p.m. at the school auditorium. Call the Chamber office for more information.

Sept. 16 -- Gospel gathering at 6:30 p.m. at the school auditorium. It's free to the public. Call the Chamber office for more information.

Sept. 17 -- Friena State Bank open house from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., featuring a Kenneth Wyatt art display. Call the bank at 250-5000 for more information.

Sept. 18 -- Photography show, sponsored by the Modern Study Club. Call Donna Mears at 250-3456 for more information. Also, a chili supper will be held at the school cafeteria from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., sponsored by the sophomore class, before the Friena-Dimmitt football game at Chieftain Field at 8 p.m.

Sept. 19 -- EMS breakfast will be held from 6 to 9 a.m. at the school cafeteria, sponsored by the EMS Association. Also, a Dixon 6- and 2-mile run and walk will start at 8 a.m.; there's not cost and folks need to register the day of the race. For more information, call Jim Dixon at 295-6392. Also, the Friena Fall Art Exhibition will be held at the Depot in the city park from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. A parade will start at 10:30 a.m. on Main

Street. Immediately following the parade will be a "Bed Race". The photography show, sponsored by the Modern Study Club, will be held at 707 Main St. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. A barbeque will be catered locally at the city park starting at noon, for \$5 per plate. Cow Patty Bingo will be held at 2 p.m. at the city park, with \$200 in Friena Bucks to the winner; the cost is \$5 per ticket. And the Parmer County Feedyard Rodeo will be held at the rodeo grounds on West Highway 60 at 6:30 p.m.; the cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Call the Chamber office for more information.

## Recipe of Week

### Hearty Fresh Mushroom Chili Soup

2 tablespoons vegetable oil  
8 ounces fresh white mushrooms, sliced (about 3 cups)  
1 large clove garlic  
1 tablespoon chili powder  
1 can (about 15 ounces) ready-to-serve chicken broth  
1 can (about 15 ounces) stewed tomatoes  
1 can (about 15 ounces) kidney beans  
1 can (about 7 ounces) vacuum-packed corn

### kernels

In a large saucepan, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add mushrooms and garlic; cook stirring frequently until mushrooms are tender and liquid evaporates, about 5 minutes. Stir in chili powder; cook and stir 1 minute. Add chicken broth, stewed tomatoes, kidney beans and corn. Bring to a boil; reduce heat and simmer to blend flavors, about 10 minutes. Serve topped with tortilla chips, if desired.

Yield: 4 portions, 6 cups.



### New building in Farwell

Butch Tharp, owner of Tharp Dragline Service on 9th Street in Farwell, stands in front of his new building. He had it rebuilt after heavy snows knocked down his former one last winter. The new 55'x100' building boasts four large overhead doors and houses Tharp's equipment, which includes two cranes, a bulldozer and a motor grader, besides miscellaneous smaller equipment.

## Lazbuddie whumps Wilson

The Lazbuddie Longhorns whumped Wilson, 9 scores to 0, in a scrimmage last Friday.

The Longhorns open the regular season against New Home tonight.

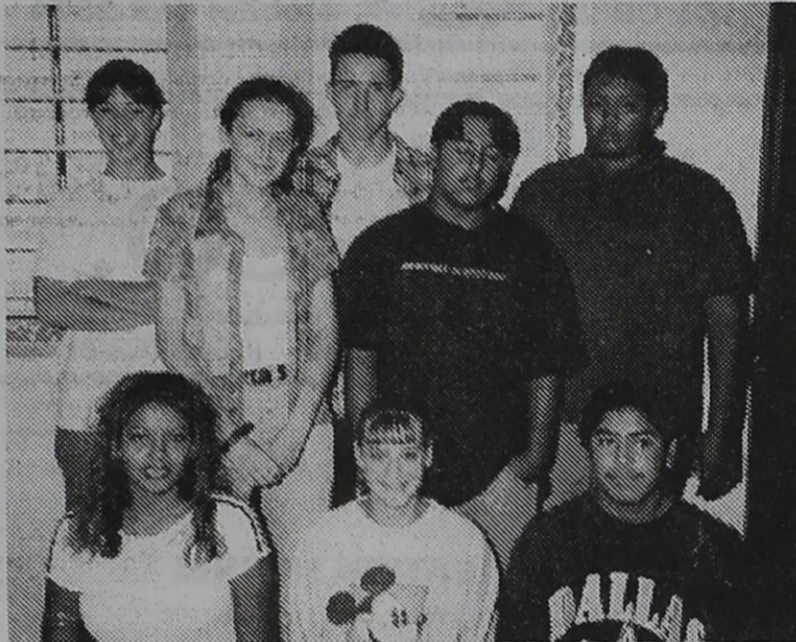
Coach Mark Scisson said his team played pretty well and is getting better each week.

The Longhorns featured a balanced rushing and passing attack.

Not only did quarterback Josh Morris throw some long "bombs" against Wilson, but he intercepted the first pass Wilson threw in the scrimmage.


ON the offensive part, Longhorn running back Adam St. Clair, weighing 220 pounds, dominated.

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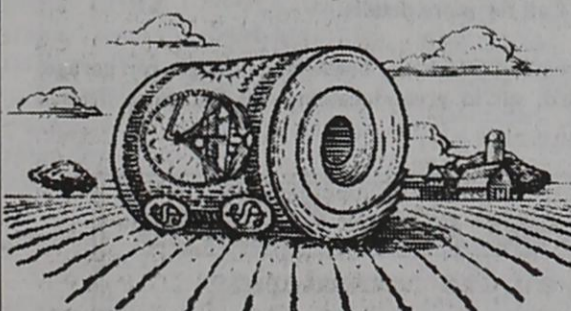
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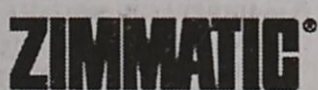
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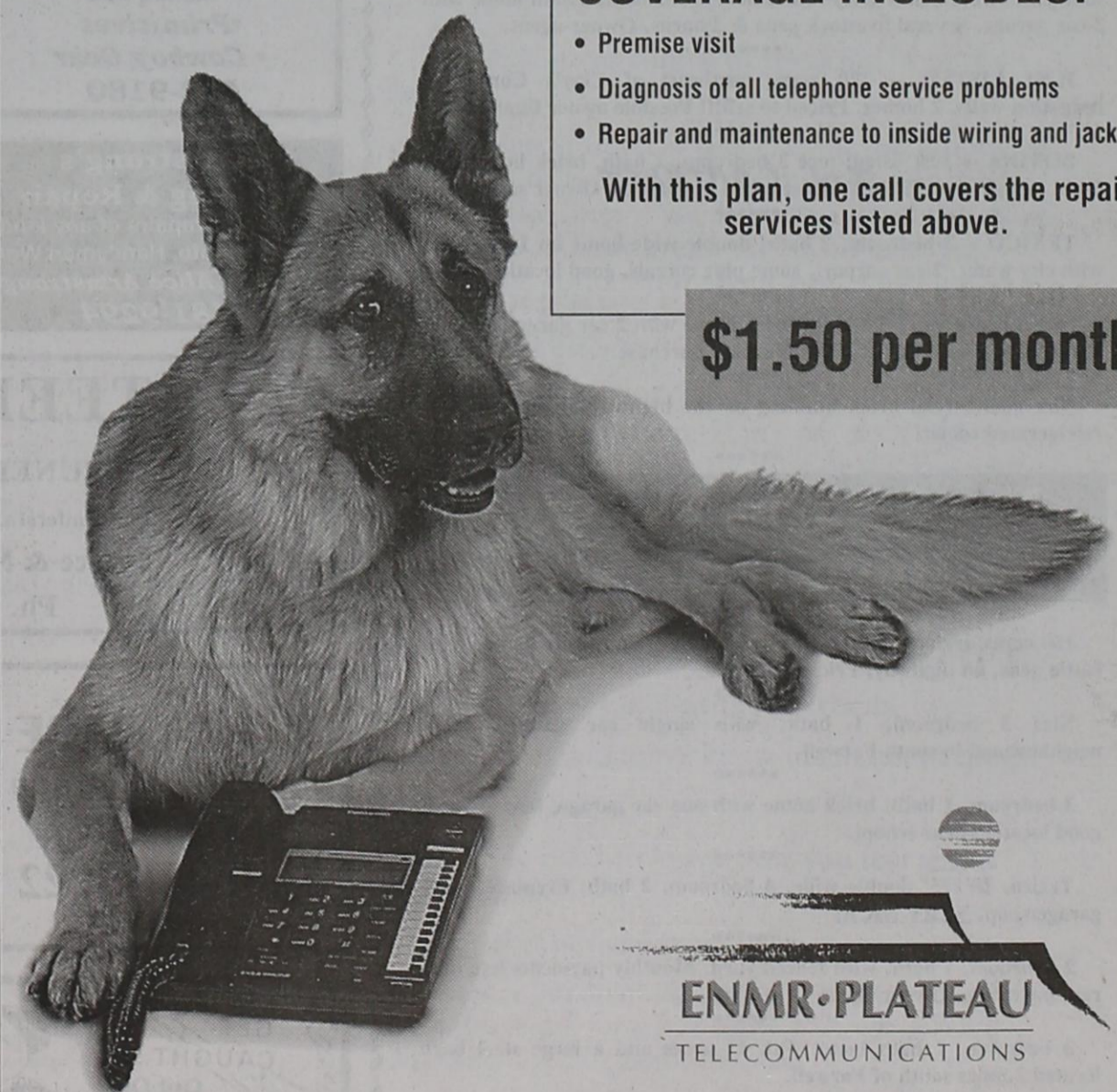
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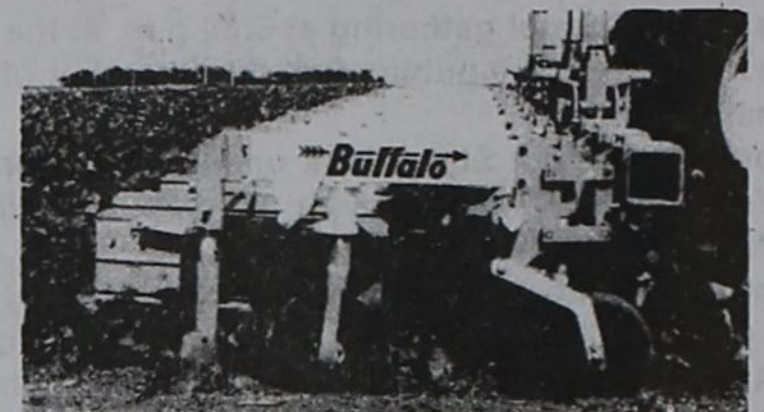
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## Johnson comments on cotton crop

Texas Agricultural producers have lost more than \$2.1 billion in this year's drought, making it worse than the one they endured in 1996, according to loss figures released by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"Actually, in production losses, this year's disaster is much more severe than the one two years ago," said Dr. Roland Smith, an Extension economist at Texas A&M University.

The projected economic impact on the state's economy could approach \$5.8 billion from this year's drought, according to Smith. The crop that has been hardest hit is the state cotton crop. Only 3.3 million acres of upland cotton are expected to be harvested. That's 3.1 million bales of cotton and it's 40 percent less than that of 1997 and 29 percent less than 1996. The direct losses to cotton producers statewide is in the range of \$704 million.

Locally, the cotton crop situation is not as bad as in the west-central, central and southern regions of the state. Lo-

cal cotton gin managers are optimistic about the cotton harvest, although they realize that production will be down from past years.

"The areas that still have good water will be the places that produce the better cotton this year," said Doyle Johnson, manager of the Farwell Gin. "The bad part about it though is that it has cost so much for the farmer to put that water on the cotton that it won't profit them much."

Local cotton crops will be down considerably due to the extremely hot temperatures this summer and the lack of shallow ground moisture. The hot temperatures have also caused more problems with the bugs and parasites that invade cotton crops, thus adding more expense to the farmer for spraying, in addition to the water expense. Statewide, \$45 million in expenses to produce and protect the cotton crop is being figured as part of the \$704 million loss figure.

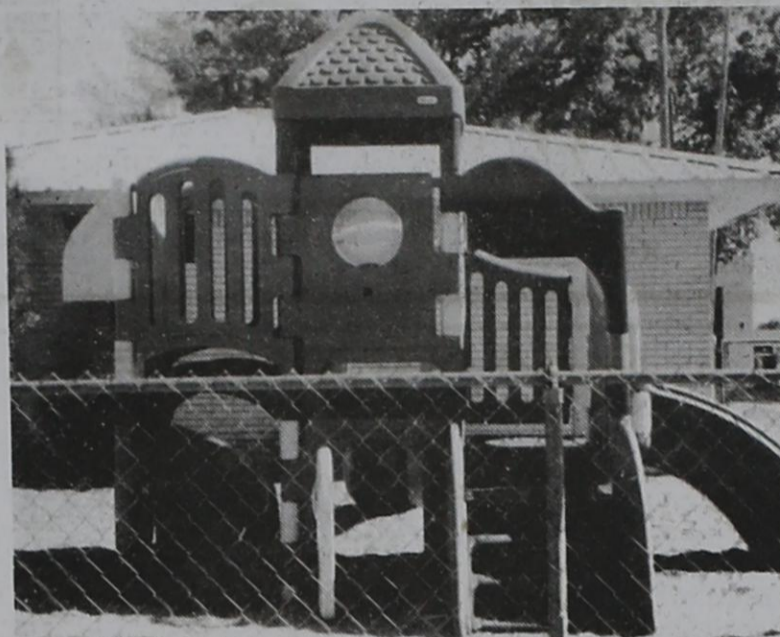
### Some crops did well despite the drought of '98

The drought of '98 will be long remembered as the season that "shouldn't have." While some crops were just completely burned out by the heat and dry conditions, others did surprisingly well. Dryland wheat in the region did very well considering the conditions.

Dr. Brent Bean, agronomist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service out of Amarillo feels that the wheat crop success was due to the excellent start it had with the exceptional moisture received during through the fall and winter months. The moisture increased the deep soil moisture levels, making for ideal conditions for the dryland wheat and the factor that would "make or break" the wheat farmers' crop.

"The crop yields were much better than anyone anticipated," said Bean. "Surprisingly, the test weights were excellent throughout most of the area." About the only negative was the size of the wheat kernel that was somewhat smaller than in previous years.

"This was most likely due to the quick dry down that occurred as a result of the high temperatures in May and June," he said.



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The alternative is to ignore the subject. Which means your kids are going to be listening to others who have strong opinions about the subject. Including those who use drugs. And those who sell them.

#### ACCEPT REBELLION.

At the heart of it, drugs, alcohol, wild hairstyles, trendy clothes, ear-splitting music, outrageous language are different ways of expressing teenage rebellion.

That's not all bad. Part of growing up is to create a separate identity, apart from parents — a process which ultimately leads to feelings of self worth. A step along that path is rebellion of one kind or another — which is to say rejecting parental values, and staking out new ones.

You did it. They're doing it. And that's the way it is.

The problem comes when kids choose a path of rebellion that hurts them, destroys their self worth, and can ultimately kill them.

That's the reality of drugs.

#### DON'T GET DISCOURAGED.

When you talk to your kids about drugs, it may seem as though nothing is getting through.

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The very fact you say it gives special weight to whatever you say.

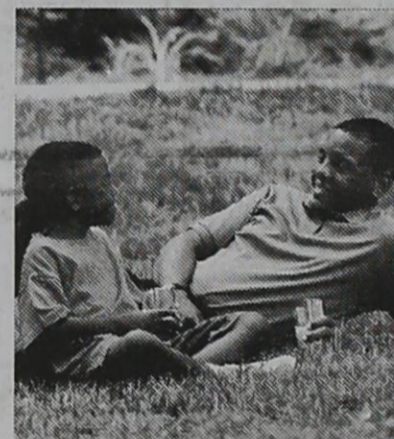
But whether or not your kids let on they've heard you, whether or not they play back your words weeks or months later, keep trying.

#### START ANYWHERE.

"Have you heard about any kids using drugs?"

"What kind of drugs?"

"How do you feel about that?"



It's never too early to start.

"Why do you think kids get involved with drugs?"

"How do other kids deal with peer pressure to use drugs? Which approaches make sense to you?"

"Have you talked about any of this in school?"

However you get into the subject, it's important to state exactly how strongly you feel about it.

Not in threatening tones. But in matter-of-fact, unmistakably clear language:

"Drugs are a way of hurting yourself."

"Drugs take all the promise of being young and destroy it."

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#### SOME DO'S AND DON'TS.

The do's are as simple as speaking from the heart.

The biggest don't is don't do all the talking. If you listen to your kids — really listen and read between the lines — you'll learn a lot about what they think. About drugs. About themselves. About the world. And about you. They'll also feel heard and that, too, is a step along the path towards self esteem.

There are other do's and don'ts: Don't threaten. Don't badger them. Don't put your kid on the spot by asking directly if he or she has ever tried drugs. They'll probably lie, which undermines your whole conversation.

If you suspect your child is on drugs — there are all sorts of symptoms — that's a different matter. Then you've got to confront the subject directly.

In the meantime, just talk to them.

It's okay if you don't know much about drugs.

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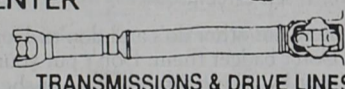
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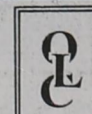
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