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Border Banter

-- Mike Pomper

The time I met the devil

Since I was about 16 years old, I've been known as a storyteller.

In my early 20's, I remember my fellow soldiers giving me a special patch that testified to that fascinating ability.

Folks who have known me well know I'm not whistlin' Dixie. And the number of friends who have urged me to write a book continues to grow (although I will never do so -- nobody would believe me).

Anyway, every now and then I like to use this column space to recount an interesting story. Sort of a change of pace for the usual type of column that I pen each week.

I mean, aren't we all sick and tired of reading my ranting about taxes, unemployment and the bureaucracy? I am.

So today, I will tell about one of the times I should have been killed (oops, I should not have phrased it that way ... some folks who don't have a high opinion of me will think "damn it...they missed")....

Anyway, this story takes place in Michigan City, Ind., in the early 1970s. I was a general assignment reporter at the time, learning my trade. It was my first job after receiving my honorable discharge from the U.S. Army.

These were the times of difficult black-white relations, in the aftermath of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and other statesmen. It was a time of riots in the cities.

Michigan City had a population a bit larger than Clovis'. About 20-25 percent of the community was black.

The incident that touched off the firestorm involved some city policemen rousting a local black business. I really don't remember the details.

But word spread throughout the black community of some pretty bad treatment of a couple of its black residents by the police.

Large groups of blacks began to gather along a major highway into town. The mayor declared a 9 p.m. curfew.

I was assigned to cover the problem, along with other reporters from my newspaper.

First, I went to the police station, where there were reporters from nearby cities, even including the Chicago papers (Chicago was about 60 miles away).

Then me and reporter from Gary, Ind., (now known as the birthplace of Michael Jackson and his family), walked several blocks to where the large groups were gathering. This was about 8:30 p.m.

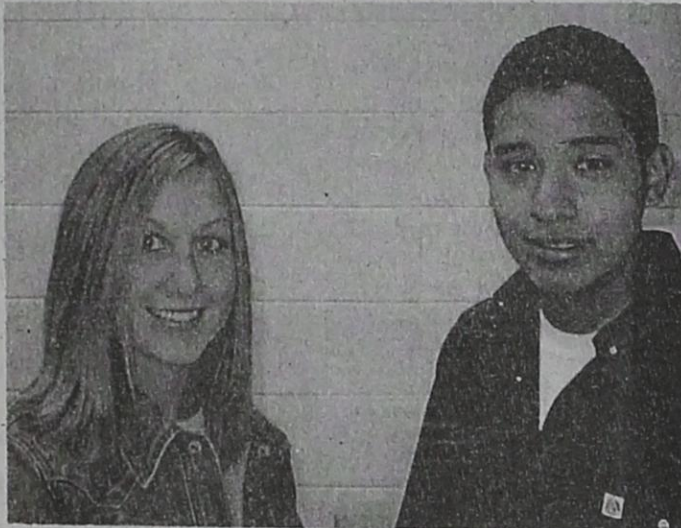
Several folks expressed to us their unhappiness and why, then suggested strongly that we scoot by 9 p.m. because that was when trouble would start -- and

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Lazbuddie Homcoming King & Queen Candidates



Kelli Harris and Rob Martin



Katy Loudder and Raul Mata



Kolby Wilkerson and Miriam Hernandez



Shonnah Black and Sergio Cuevas

Williams shows Grand Champ swine at New Mexico State Fair

Texico 4-H'ers enjoyed a Super Sale at the New Mexico State Fair last week, reports ag teacher Tod Pinnell.

the Grand Champion Swine, which sold for \$6,750.

Other top Texico results were:

Curtis Williams showed

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King & Queen

Picked to be Farwell High's Homecoming King and Queen for 2003 were Cale Stevenson and Nikki Gober.

Dale, Patterson tie for 1st in 2nd contest

Scores were generally high for the 2nd week of the Area Merchants Football Contest.

Three participants got all 12 games picked correctly -- Susie Dale, Cindy Patterson and Melissa Nichols.

Mrs. Dale and Mrs. Patterson both were 27 off the tie breaker (Highland 33, Clovis 13), and both received checks for \$20. In 3rd place was Mrs. Nichols, who was 35 off the tie breaker.

With 11 right were Ronald Byrd, Jo Blackwell, Fred Chandler, J.R. Ivins, Tim Kasel, Ysleta Kittrell, Sydney Martin, Greg Martin, Kirk Saul, Tammi Schilling and Cynthia Thigpen.

With 10 right were: Bill Brigham, Amy Castleberry, Hobbie Coffman, Chris Culver, Rex Cumpston, Steve Foster, T.J. Kittrell, Willie Martin, Ramiro Martinez, Sherilyn Owen, Gary Patterson, Stuart Stratton, Ralph Franse.

Also, Johnny Franse, Smokey Gast, Darren Haseloff, Hal Helton, Betty Jean Kelley, Andi Kirkland, Rusty McFarland, Mark Owen, Jerry Dee Owen, Ginger Trimble and Kathleen Uminn.

Results of last week's contest were:

Farwell over Smyer, Floydada over Dimmitt, Shallowater over Muleshoe, Lockney over Springlake-Earth, Michigan over Notre Dame, Alabama over Kentucky, Baylor over SMU, St. Louis over San Francisco, Buffalo over Jacksonville, Baltimore over Cleveland, Indianapolis over Tennessee, and Kansas City over Pittsburgh.

Rules for the contest are the same as in the past. A person must be at least 12 years of age to enter.

Each entrant must re-

member to pick a tie breaker score since many weekly winners -- and some overall grand prize winners -- have been determined by that method.

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

Ballots are kept throughout the contest so that any entrant with a question can look back at them.

The overall winner of the 12-week contest will win two tickets to the Dec. 21 New York Giants -- Dallas Cowboys game at Texas Stadium, overnight lodging for two and other goodies.



Fireworks display

The skies over Farwell lit up on Sept. 11 as part of the annual Homecoming fiesta. The Thursday night shindig was highlighted by a massive fireworks display. It was the 4th of July ... in September! (Photo by J.R. Ivins)

LEY REAL PARTS



Johnny Franse, center, of Franse Irrigation and Farwell Feed Supply, two of the contest sponsors, hands out \$20 checks for winning first place in last week's football contest to Cindy Patterson, left, and Susie Dale.

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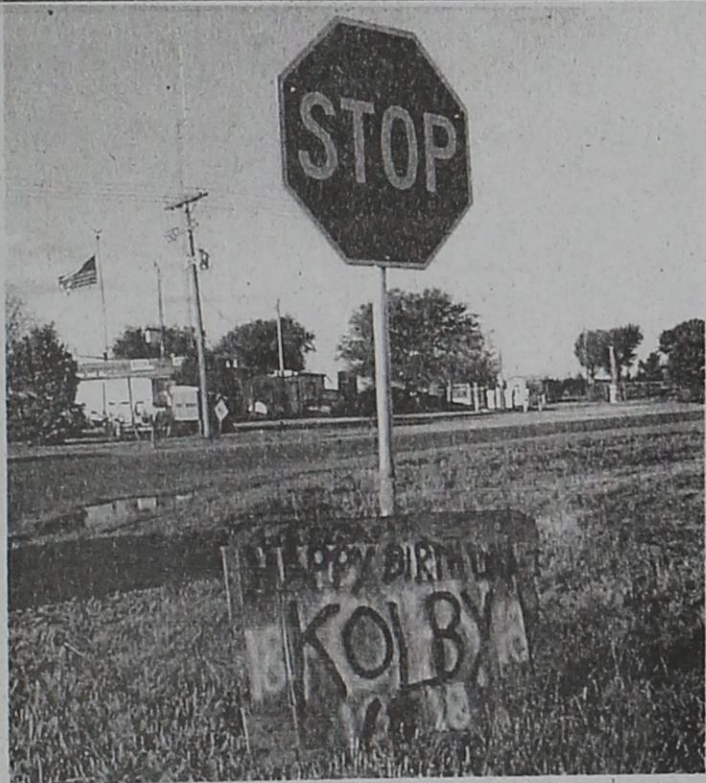
50th anniversary

Floyd and Betty Embry, of Oklahoma Lane, will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Sept. 28 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Farwell Church of Christ, 5th & Ave. C. No gifts, please. It will be hosted by children Eldon Embry, of Oklahoma Lane; Weldon and Sherry Embry, of Farwell, and Estelle and Brian Eckstein, of Bloomfield, N.M. Floyd and Betty were married Sept. 26, 1953, in Muleshoe. He farmed and was a bookkeeper for Clay's Corner Gin.



Lunsford, Dobbs marry

Kelly Ann Dobbs and Mickey Glen Lunsford wed Aug. 30. Rev. Randy Mullin, pastor of the 1st Baptist Church of Farwell, performed the private ceremony. Kelly works for the Curry County Farm Service Agency. Mickey owns Lunsford Auto.



Happy birthday, Kolby!

Kolby Wilkerson got a special treat for his birthday last week. This stop sign at the Lazbudie intersection near the school told everyone of his 18th birthday!

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we were the wrong color to be there.

So just before 9 p.m., the Gary reporter headed back to the police station, while I stationed myself a block from where the main contingent of folks had gathered -- at the intersection of two highways coming into town.

When 9 p.m. rolled around, mayhem began.

The police had not done a good job of preventing vehicles from heading into that intersection (some of the police had been assigned to protect a nearby car lot).

So motorists coming into that intersection were stopped by the mob, their

drivers pulled out, and beaten.

Then some "Molotov cocktails" were tossed into nearby business buildings.

Part of the mob saw me and started running at me. I turned and began to hightail it away.

After running about half a block, I ran right into the police line that was advancing on the problem intersection.

I joined them.

The crowd seeing the cops arrive, had its turn to run the other way. But snipers in some of the nearby two-story buildings (there was a low-

income, federally-subsidized apartment complex) fired upon us.

I will never forget that moment. A bullet nipped my ear. The adrenaline rush was unbelievable.

Now, folks, I have been fortunate enough never to have taken any illegal drugs. But for the next couple of minutes, I was higher than a kite -- I was in heaven.

I stopped advancing with the police line, and just sort of wandered away.

After a couple of minutes, I came back to reality, but the "riot" was pretty much over. The snipers had quit sniping (no one was injured -- I didn't report what had happened to me to anyone), and the crowds had left the intersection and dispersed to a degree.

I stayed with that police line until after midnight. But nothing further important occurred.

Meanwhile, the National Guard had been called in. They began arriving, to relieve our very tired police officers.

It was about 1 a.m. when I drove the three miles home from the newspaper. I was stopped by patrolling National Guardsmen three times -- with the last detail following me home to make certain I had not lied about being a reporter, etc.

About 5 a.m., my phone rang. "Who is it?" I drowsily asked.

"The Devil," was the response.

No, it wasn't a dream. One of the leaders of the riot was a fella who called himself "The Devil." He had a small following, a group akin to the Black Panthers.

He wanted a meet, so I met him and his group at their headquarters at 6 a.m. He presented me with his list of demands to ensure that there would not be further rioting.

I took the list and told him I pass it on to the mayor. (The mayor ignored this list because "The Devil's" group was really very small and was not representative of the black community.)

I then went to work and wrote my story, detailing all I had seen and been through.

And when the paper came out that day, my story was not included. My entire article had been thrown away.

Instead, the paper ran an article by a fellow reporter, who quoted the mayor and the police chief on what had occurred the night before.

Well, it wasn't quite the way I had seen it. Several incidents that had actually happened were not mentioned. Oh well....

It's what I call a learn- ing experience.

JH Steers open season with a win

From Coach Clint Conkin: The Farwell Junior High Steers opened the season on Feb. 11 with a 20-8 win over Smyer's Bobcats.

On the opening drive, Jonathan Edwards busted loose for an apparent 61-yard TD run -- unfortunately called back due to a penalty.

The Steers kept the drive alive, though, and Nathan Cuevas scored from the 1 with 5:33 left in the 1st quarter. Trace Stevenson ran in the 2-point conversion untouched and Farwell led 8-0.

The Steers defense then took the field and played a great game. Jorge Vasquez and Bryce Howard had excellent games at nose guard and middle linebacker. Smyer went 3 plays and out most of the game.

Later in the 1st quarter, with 2:10 left, Ramon Quezada scored on a 54-yard scamper. The extra point try missed and Farwell led 14-0.

With 1:58 left in the half, Quezada scored on a 37-yard run. The extra point try missed and Farwell went into the half, ahead 20-0.

In the 3rd quarter, Farwell had some long drives but failed to get into the end zone. Roper Ledbetter completed 2 of 4 passes to Jorge Vasquez both times. With 1:05 left in the 3rd quarter, Bo Mitchell intercepted a pass. The Steers played well both offensively and defensively.

With 45 seconds left, Smyer scored.

Texico

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• Taryn Allen, champion junior dairy heifer, sold for \$4,200.

• Tanner Allen, reserve champion junior dairy heifer, sold for \$2,500.

• Braeden Hadley, 2nd place lightweight cross swine, sold for \$1,500.

Pinnell said other results were:

Braeden Hadley, 3rd place, limousin steer.

Morgan Pinnell, 2nd place, blackface lamb.

Skyla Cockerham, 3rd place lightweight chester pig and 4th place spot pig.

Lori Richardson, champion limousin heifer.

Wade Richardson, reserve champion limousin heifer.

Mikaela Cherry, reserve champion Brangus heifer.

Casey Crist, 3rd place, finewool cross lamb.

Brette Hadley, 4th place, cross steer.

Kevin Burns, 4th place Angus steer.

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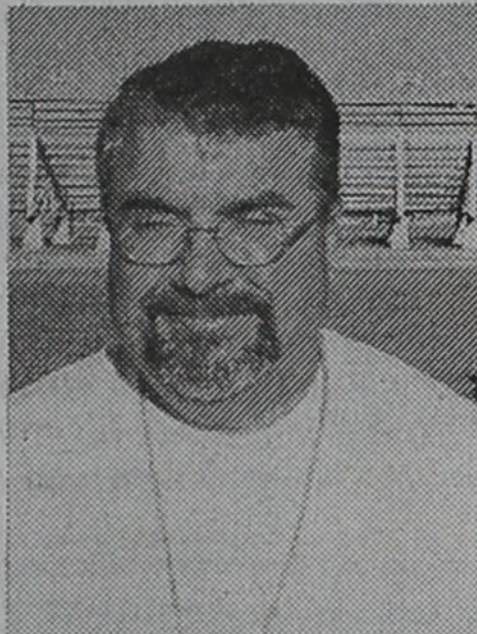
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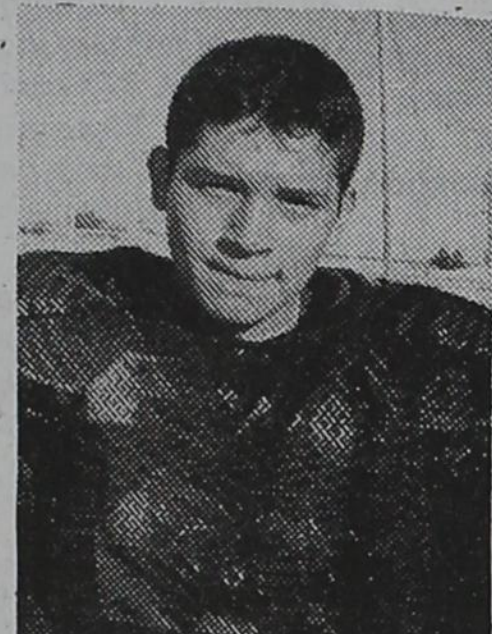


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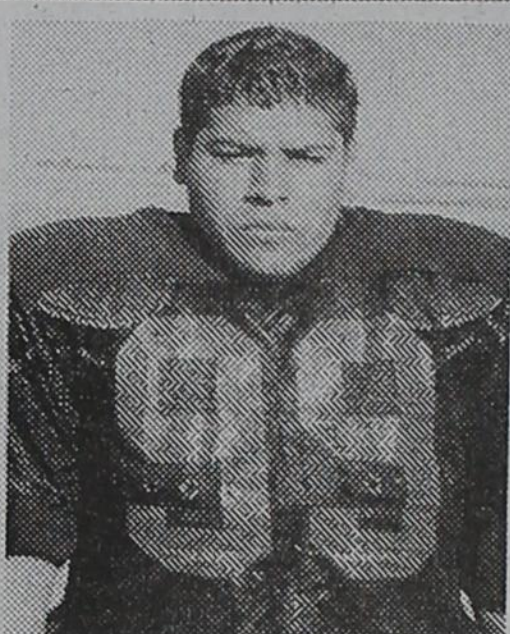
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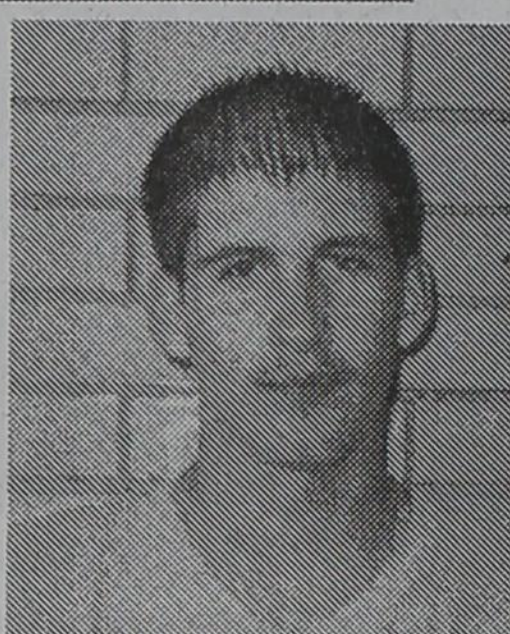
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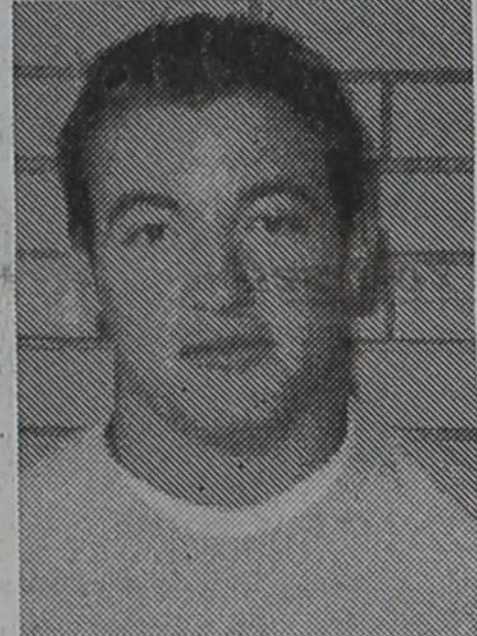
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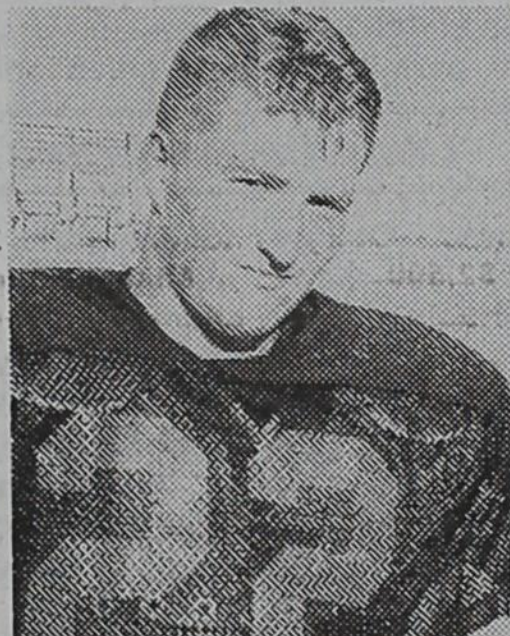
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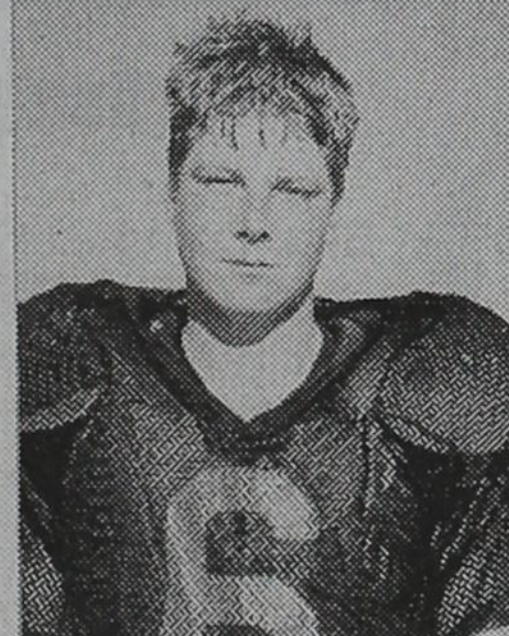
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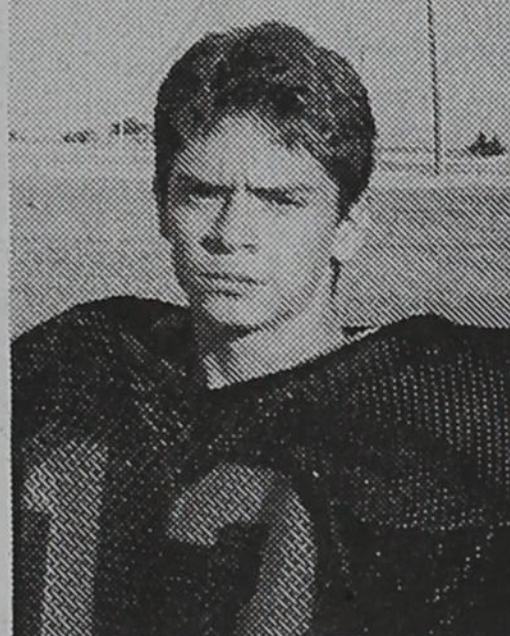
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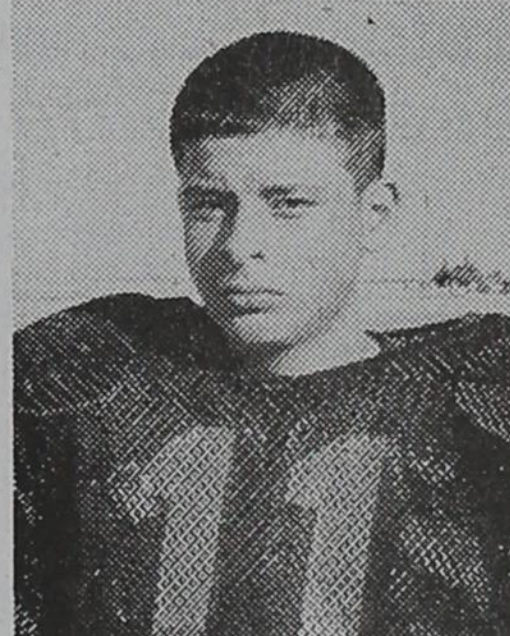
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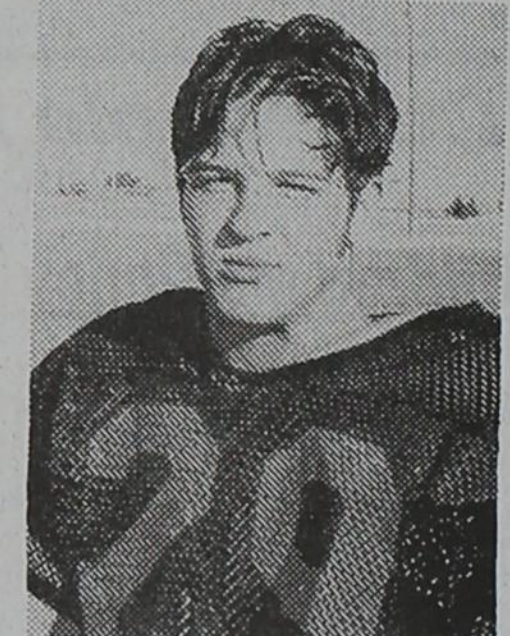
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Sheriff's Report

Here is the weekly report from Parmer County Sheriff Randy Gerles:

On Sept. 14, Juan Gomez, 28, of Friona, was arrested by Friona police on a charge of failure to appear (possession of a controlled substance charge). The case is pending in district court.

On Sept. 14, Tad Scott, 37, of Cove, Ark., was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of possession of a controlled substance. The case is pending before the grand jury.

On Sept. 12, Elvis Hudson, 53, of Muleshoe, was arrested by the sheriff's office on two charges of indecent exposure (warrant out of Curry County). He was released to Curry County.

In 287th District Court on Sept. 9, with Judge Gordon Green presiding:

-- Leopoldo Trevizo, 26, of Mesilla Park, N.M., charged with theft, was sentenced to 180 days to 2 years in a state jail facility, probated for 2 years; \$303 court costs; \$500 fine; 120 hours of community service.

-- Victor Toj DeLaCruz, 37, of Friona, charged with Class B misdemeanor, failure to identify (reduced from fraudulent use of identification), was sentenced to 57 days in Parmer County Jail, \$278 court costs, \$500 fine and \$350 attorney fees.

-- Matthew James Rangel, 20, of Friona, charged with burglary of a habitation, was sentenced to 2 years in the Texas Department of Corrections, \$278 court costs, \$1,000 fine, and \$24,000 restitution.

-- Matthew James Rangel, 20, of Friona, with possession of a controlled substance (cocaine), was sentenced to 6 months in a state jail facility, \$278 court costs, \$500 fine, \$140 restitution, and loss of driver's license for 180 days.

Here's how Parmer County folks voted in constitutional amendment election

All the Constitutional Amendments voted upon by Texas voters on Saturday passed.

The most controversial, No. 12 dealing with medical malpractice limits, passed by a small margin -- 742,849 to 714,395.

Following are the amendments with the totals for Parmer County, which had 548 folks vote:

No. 1. Authorizing the Veterans Land Board to use assets in certain veterans' land and veterans' housing assistance funds to provide veterans homes for the aged or infirm and to make principal, interest, and bond enhancement payments on revenue bonds.
369 for, 88 against.

No. 2. To establish a two-year period for the redemption of a mineral interest sold for unpaid ad valorem taxes at a tax sale.
179 for, 260 against.

No. 3. To authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation property owned by a religious organization that is leased for use as a school or that is owned with the intent of expanding or constructing a religious facility.
208 for, 248 against.

No. 4. Relating to the provision of parks and recreational facilities by certain conservation and reclamation districts.
168 for, 270 against.

No. 5. To authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation travel trailers not held or used for the production of income.
189 for, 266 against.

No. 6. Permitting refinancing of a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage.
291 for, 152 against.

No. 7. To permit a six-person jury in a district court misdemeanor trial.
360 for, 96 against.

No. 8. Authorizing the legislature to permit a person to take office without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office.
326 for, 118 against.

No. 9. Relating to the use of income and appreciation of the permanent school fund.
249 for, 195 against.

No. 10. Authorizing municipalities to donate surplus firefighting equipment or supplies for the benefit of rural volunteer fire departments.
432 for, 29 against.

No. 11. To allow the legislature to enact laws authorizing and governing the operation of wineries in Texas.
266 for, 184 against.

No. 12. Concerning civil lawsuits against doctors and health care providers, and other actions, authorizing the legislature to determine limitations on non-economic damages.
385 for, 91 against.

No. 13. To permit counties, cities and towns, and

junior college districts to establish an ad valorem tax freeze on residence homesteads of the disabled and of the elderly and their spouses.
397 for, 57 against.

No. 14. Providing for authorization of the issuing of notes or the borrowing of money on a short-term basis by a state transportation agency for transportation-related projects, and the issuance of bonds and other public securities secured by the state highway fund.
267 for, 159 against.

No. 15. Providing that certain benefits under certain local public retirement systems may not be reduced or impaired.
228 for, 208 against.

No. 16. Authorizing a home equity line of credit, providing for administrative interpretation of home equity lending law, and otherwise relating to the making, refinancing, repayment and enforcement of home equity loans.
264 for, 161 against.

No. 17. To prohibit an increase in the total amount of school district ad valorem taxes that may be imposed on the residence homestead of a disabled person.
373 for, 75 against.

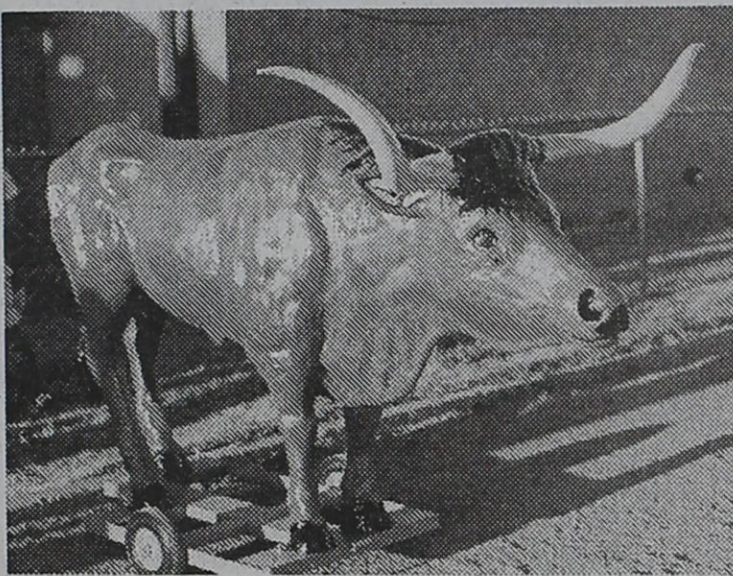
No. 18. Authorizing the legislature to permit a person to assume an office of a political subdivision without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office.
322 for, 121 against.

No. 19. To repeal the authority of the legislature to provide for the creation of rural fire prevention districts.
147 for, 274 against.

No. 20. Authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds or notes not to exceed \$250 million payable from the general revenues of the state to provide loans to defense-related communities, that will be repaid by the defense-related community, for economic development projects, including projects that enhance the military value of military installations.
134 for, 290 against.

No. 21. To permit a current or retired faculty member of a public college or university to receive compensation for service on the governing body of a water district.
113 for, 326 against.

No. 22. Authorizing the appointment of a temporary replacement officer to fill a vacancy created when a public officer enters active duty in the U.S. armed forces.
386 for, 61 against.



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This life-like steer was donated by ENMR • Plateau to the Farwell Steers, and will be used at football home games.

Drew, Carrie Johnson show top swine at fair

Parmer County 4-H'ers had a very strong showing at the Permian Basin Swine Fair in Odessa on Saturday.

Drew Johnson showed the overall grand champion, while Carrie Johnson showed the overall reserve grand champion.

Carrie Johnson also had a champion duroc, while Garrett Hill showed the reserve champion duroc.

Drew Johnson showed the champion york, while Kendal Stancell had the reserve champion york.

Jill Johnson showed the champion hamp, plus having a 1st place in Class 1 hamps. Zacarey Stancell had a 3rd place in the Class 2 cross category.

A photo of the group will be published in next week's Tribune.

Courthouse Notes

The Parmer County clerk's office last week recorded these warranty deeds:

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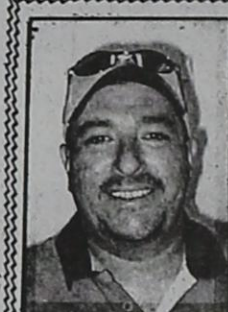
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Gregoria Vela - Nancy Vela, L2 B25 Bovina.

Gregoria Vela - Ivan Vela, N/2 L1 L2 B30 Bovina.

Curtis Murphree - Jim Murphree, S 156 ac NW/4 S25 T2N R3E.

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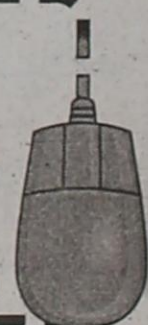
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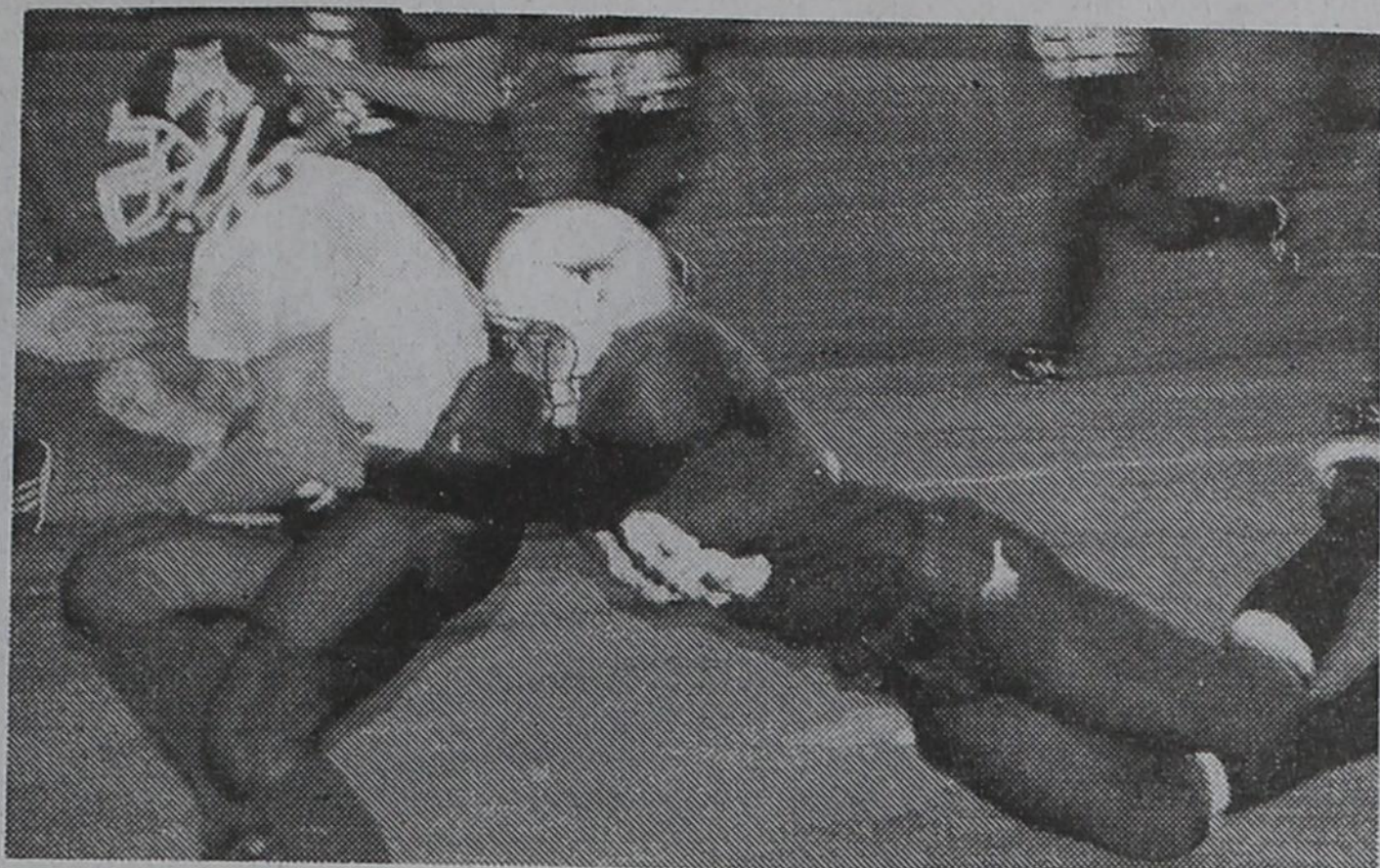
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Steers massacre Smyer, remain unbeaten at 3-0

The Farwell Steers put on quite a show for Homecoming, with a 50-0 massacre of the Smyer Bobcats last Friday. It was one of Farwell's biggest one-sided victories ever.

The Steers have jumped off to a 3-0 start. The only negative about the game was a knee injury to Clint Knight. He joins Cale Stevenson and Logan McFarland on the sidelines - all three players are injured.

The game was so one-sided that the clock ran continually in the 4th quarter in order to shorten the match.

Smyer opened the game on its 17. On defense, Matthew Edwards had 3 strong tackles and Justin Ware had 2. Smyer's drive ended at the Steers 28, when a running play was stopped by Roper Fulcher.

On offense, the Steers were held and Jason Johnson punted to the Smyer 25. The Bobcats were held. On 4th down the snap skied over the punter's head into the end zone where Grant Gregory tackled the punter for a 2-0 Farwell lead.

Knight had a strong return of the kick to the Smyer 38. Johnson passed to Robbie Tabb for 10, but Smyer intercepted as the 1st quarter ended.

Again, Smyer tried to punt, but this time the Steers blocked it, with Rowdy Mitchell recovering the loose ball on the Smyer 1. Hugo Vasquez punched over for an 8-0 lead. Vasquez then ran in the 2 extra points.

On defense, Ware had a good tackle, then followed it up with a fumble recovery near midfield. Vasquez ran 15

yards up the middle. But Farwell was held at the Smyer 22. On defense, Mitchell had a good tackle, and Tabb broke up a pass.

Once again, Smyer's kicking game misfired, and its punt was deflected, allowing Tabb to have a big runback to the Smyer 14. Moments later, Vasquez ran in from the 19 for a TD and a 16-0 lead at 3:35. Jose Cabello kicked the point after.

After Smyer was held, Tabb again had a long punt re-

turn, to the Smyer 23. Vasquez ran for 12, and Mitchell caught a pass for 7 as the half ended.

In the 3rd quarter, Smyer fell apart: Farwell started at its 40 after a short punt. Vasquez had a twisting 34-yard scamper to the Bobcat 13. Luis Olmos then scored on a 13-yard run, followed by a Cabello kick. This made the score 24-0 at 10:10. The drive took only four plays.

Smyer started at its 30. Cabello had a big tackle, and Johnson knocked down a pass. Tabb then returned the punt 59 yards for a TD at 9:02. The kick missed.

Mitchell recovered a fumble at the Smyer 34 on the Bobcats' 1st play. Vasquez and Olmos both ran for about 15 yards. Mitchell, fighting off two tacklers, ran the final 5 yards for a TD, showing great determination. This upped the score to 36-0 at 6:39; the kick missed.

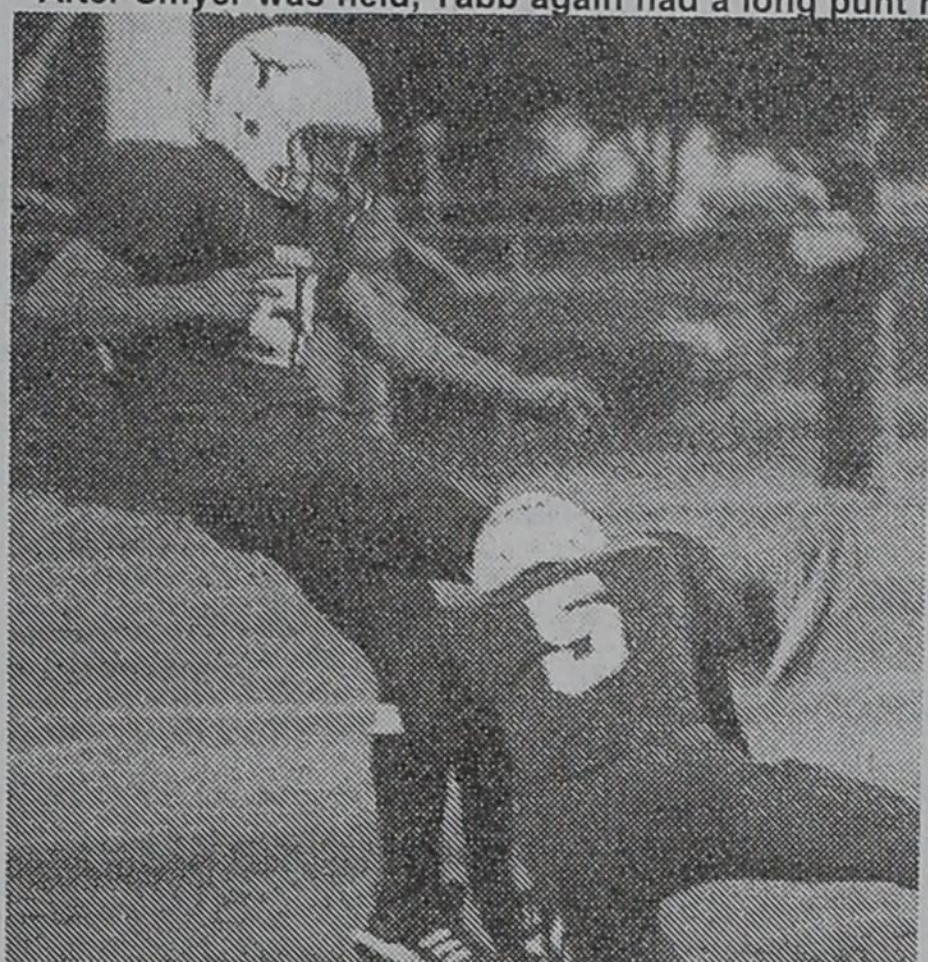
Vasquez recovered a fumble at the Smyer 35. Johnson hit Gregory with a 35-yard TD pass at 1:50. The kick was wide.

Logan Clemmer recovered a fumble at the Smyer 30. Olmos ran for 8 yards as the 3rd quarter ended. This was Farwell's 4th fumble recovery of the game.

Vasquez started the 4th quarter with a 15-yard TD, followed by a Cabello kick at 11:37 to make it 50-0.

On defense, Jon Beaubien tackled the returner. Clemmer had a QB pressure. And Edwards had a strong tackle. Jeremie Chandler tackled the punt returner as the game neared its end.

Team stats; 1st downs, Farwell 7, Smyer 5; rushing yards, Farwell 203, Smyer 87; passing yards, Farwell 49, Smyer 0; penalties, Farwell 7 for 40, Smyer 3 for 26.



Steers of the Week



Steers of the Week were, clockwise from left, Rowdy Mitchell, 15 tackles and a TD; Matthew Edwards, 14 tackles, and blocked for all 7 TDs; and Justin Ware, 14 tackles.

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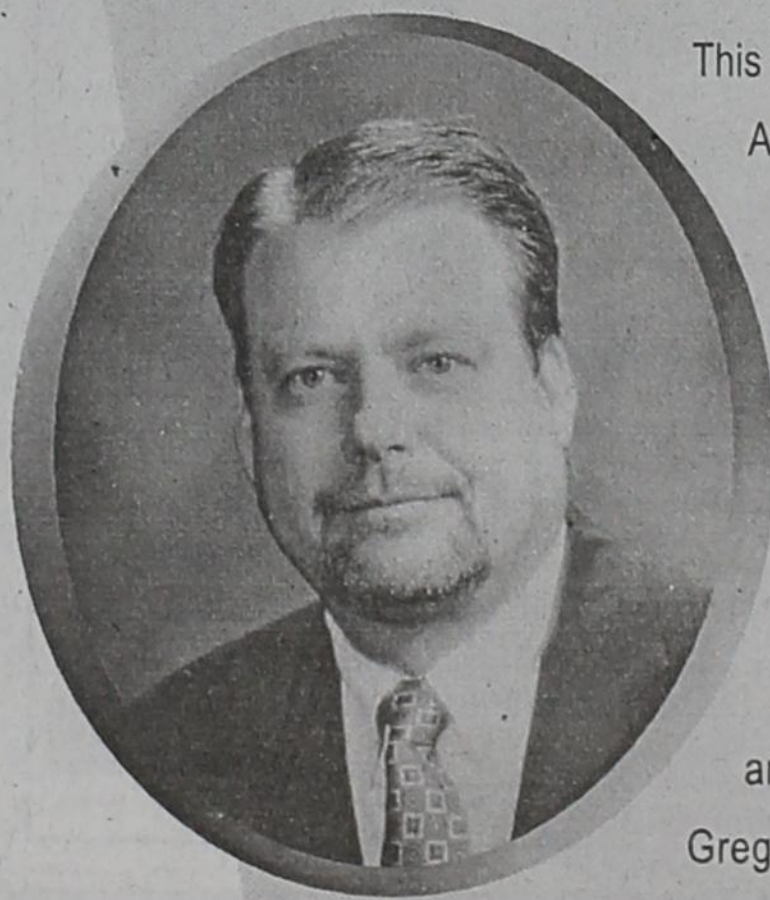
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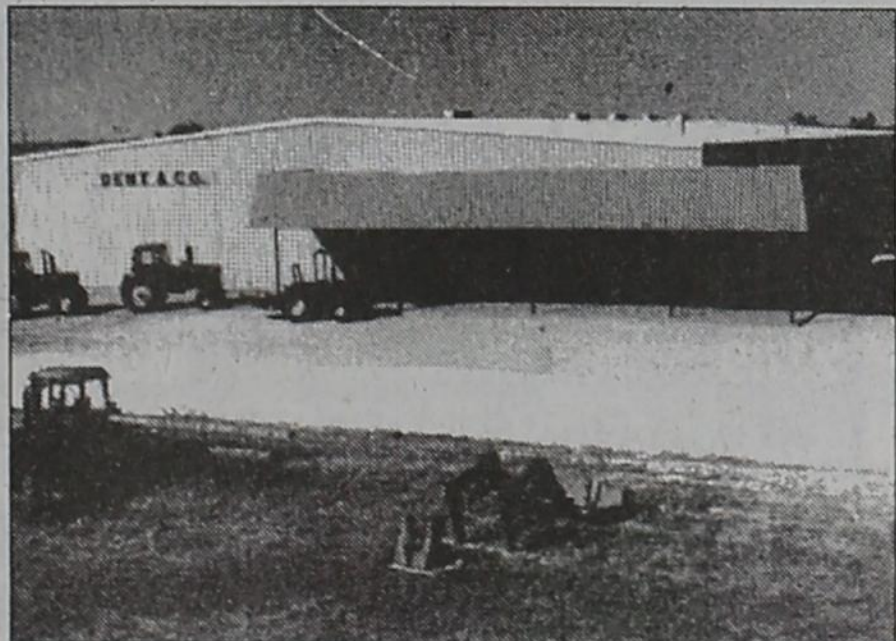
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Farwell's Karen Curtis serves aboard the U.S.S. Pearl Harbor

by Teresa Mesman

Karen Curtis graduated from Farwell High School in 1999 and set her sails to accomplish great things with her life.

To date, the 22-year-old has managed to log over 80,000 miles traveling across the seas of the world, stopping in exotic and dangerous ports of call and she's climbing higher on the job ladder than most women her age.

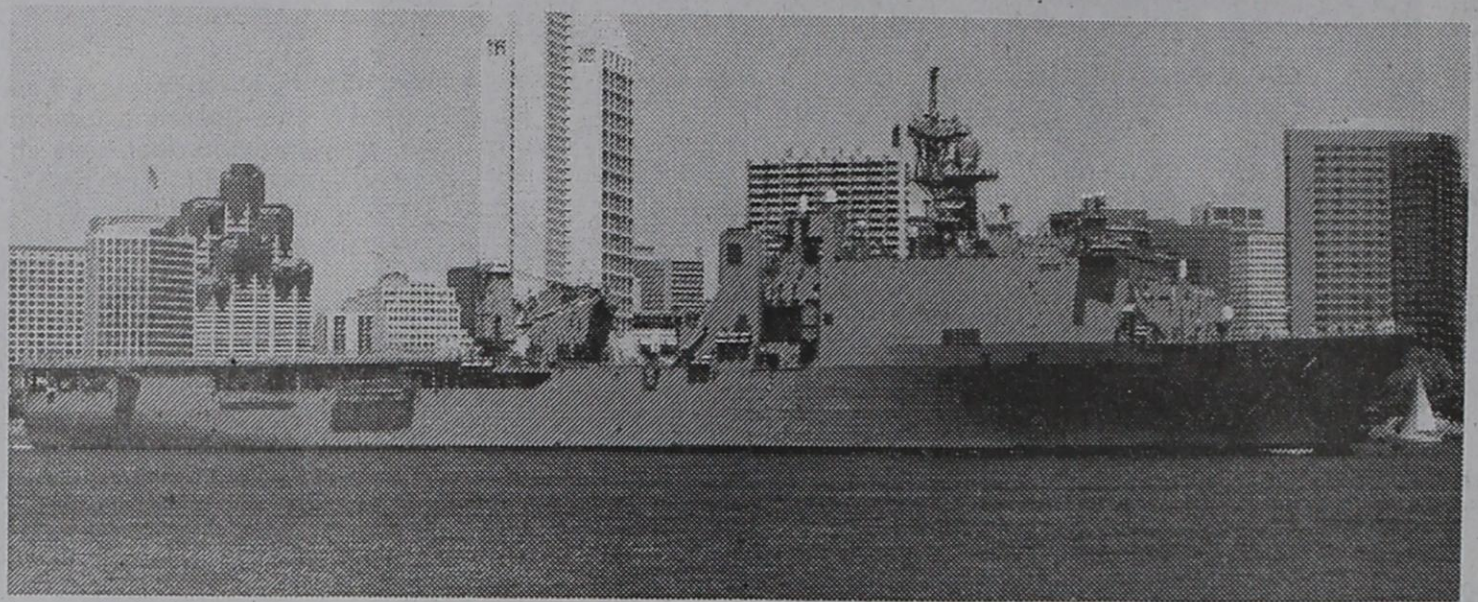
She does all this as Karen Curtis, ET-3, aboard the U.S.S. Pearl Harbor and she's having the time of her life serving our nation in the U.S. Navy.

Karen has been deployed to the Persian Gulf twice since she was stationed aboard the ship. Her ship was able to come back to its home port of San Diego, Calif., recently and she was back home in Farwell, getting her land legs back recently.

Karen completed her basic training in "boot camp" at the age of 19. She then attended "C-School" for systems specific training for duties aboard ship. She scored high enough to be brought into training for Surface Search Radar and Satellite Communication Systems. This training is second in difficulty only to the nuclear program in the U.S. Navy.

Karen and her team are responsible for maintaining and repairing the high tech homing beacons, radars and satellites on the ship. They also perform system tests to assure accuracy and efficiency. These devices search for ships, mines and aircraft. The team of eight ET-3's and one ET-1 are heavily relied on for the safety of the ship and crew.

"The primary purpose of my ship is to transport Ma-



U.S.S. Pearl Harbor

rine personnel to their drop off points for front line and covert actions. The ship holds 350 crew members and up to 500 Marines. They also act as a supply delivery transport for the Harrier mission ships. This allows the Harriers to keep their decks clear." Karen explained.

She also is proud to state that her ship is the only ship in the fleet that is over staffed with over 60 percent females.

"It's a great ship to be stationed aboard," Karen enthusiastically stated. "The camaraderie we have as a ship and crew is amazing. We really are like one big family...after all, we're all in the same ship...literally!"

She further explained that even though the living conditions aren't ideal, she has gotten used to the small spaces and crowded quarters.

"In my quarters alone, there are 40 women. We each have a small shelf-like bed that is called a 'rack.' I've gotten used to sleeping like this and even though I don't have a lot of space for stuff, it's been nice just living with the bare minimums," she commented.

Karen does have a laptop computer that she uses to correspond and communicate with her family and friends. Almost everyone has one these days and this

one factor made being deployed into such dangerous conditions easier.

"I could at least 'talk' to my parents, sisters and friends," she said. "I'd like to state right now that it was so comforting to receive all the letters, packages and support from everyone back home too. I don't think I can adequately express how our moral gets boosted with every contact and knowing that everyone at home is behind you!"

She also talked about how all the prayers that were said were a huge source of inspiration and comfort. Many local churches, school classes and prayer groups held Karen and her shipmates in their prayers.

Her mother and father, Sherry and Jimmy Curtis, held her in their prayers as well.

"Especially when I learned how Karen was going to have to climb to such high heights to perform her duties!" Sherry exclaimed.

Karen must climb 110-feet up on a small maintenance ladder to work on one of the many radars and antennae that are part of her work regimen. This is actually 110 feet off the ship deck. You add this height to the height of the ship and, well, let's just say this is not what her parents originally had in mind for their daughter climbing the corporate ladder!

"I'm just so proud of her," said her father, Jimmy. "The whole family is proud of her!"

Karen's average workday begins each morning at 0600 (6 a.m.), breakfast, quarter mastering for daily duty assignments with her master chief, gear maintenance, a five-hour watch, lunch, more daily duties, an hour off and then dinner.

This is an average day. There are other days and things that come up that have her working a 30 to 40 hour workday.

"I'm up until the project is done, equipment is re-

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Texico JH volleyballers keep winning

The Texico Junior High volleyball teams continue to rack up victories.

Here's Coach Martin's report:

Texico 7-B beat Portales 7-B, 25-15 and 25-8.

Markita Askew had 15 service points and Tabitha Walls served well with 10 service points. The B-team girls are starting to set and hit and are improving with each game.

Texico 7-A beat Portales 7-A, 25-13 and 25-13.

Jaryse Harris did an excellent job serving with 15 service points. Shelby Queener did well with 9 service points. This team is passing better and getting more sets and hits each game.

Texico 8 beat Portales 8, 25-9 and 27-25.

The 8th graders served great the first game, with Bryn Mayfield serving 9 in a row and a total of 26 service points for the match.

In the second game, Texico was a little lazy from the easy win in the first game and did not play well. But we managed to barely win.



Karen Curtis

Marriage Licenses

The Parmer County clerk's office last week issued a marriage license to Courtney Stanton and Liza Harris.

A big thank you to the Farwell Volunteer Fire Department, Police Chief Robert Achterberg, and Mike Woods and Plateau Telecommunications (which donated the lifesize steer) for helping with the Homecoming Thursday Extravaganza and Fireworks.

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paired and fully working," she explained. "The worst thing is when the air search radar and the pedestal tower all need repair at the same time. We have 1 hour to troubleshoot. After that we have about 2 to 5 hours to get things fixed. If it takes longer than this, we have to answer to our commanding officers!"

But even when the stresses of the job start heating up at times like this, Karen wouldn't trade anything for her crew, commanders or experiences.

"The Navy and these experiences just fit me," she stated.

She never envisioned herself doing these things but she's enjoying every aspect that she can. She's even been awarded a very nice award for her positive attitude and her dedication to making her ship a positive place for the crew.

In 2002, she took charge of the ship's on-site TV studio and created an information channel for the ship and she coordinated TV schedules for the crew to receive and watch television shows. She also lifted crew morale by establishing big screen movie nights. But more im-

portantly, Karen established a "United Through Reading" program for the crew during Operation Enduring Freedom. This is where crew members that have children back home can read books to their children on video tape. These tapes were then mailed to their homes so that their children could see their parent reading to them.

She was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal on May 1, 2002.

This is but one highlight of Karen's naval career. She has also gotten to eat dinner and talk in-depth with several Pearl Harbor survivors and surviving crewmembers of the U.S.S. Arizona.

The ship is named in honor of Pearl Harbor and each mission that the ship takes it travels to and docks at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Survivors of the attack on Pearl Harbor are allowed to board the ship and cruise back to the homeport at San Diego.

"On my first deployment on the ship, we arrived in Pearl Harbor to commemorate the 60th anniversary of

the attack," she said. "This was an emotional, yet proud moment in my life."

The two deployments to the Persian Gulf have allowed Karen to see places that most will never experience. She has been to Phuket, Thailand, Kenya (for a relief mission to bring food and supplies), Cairns and Sydney Australia, Bahrain, Singapore and Tonga.

Tonga was especially memorable because they arrived during the celebration of the King's birthday. Several of her shipmates marched in the celebration parade.

The most memorable place to date however was getting to see a performance at the Sydney Opera House in Sydney, Australia.

She has also thoroughly enjoyed life on the ship as well.

"At times it's tough, crowded and extremely long days, but in the end, it's all in your attitude," she said.

Karen has the right attitude to carry her through 90 to 100 day deployments. She also enjoys living on the ship and experience life in San Diego.

She's due to stay stationed on the U.S.S. Pearl Harbor through another deployment. Currently, it's scheduled to deploy in December 2004; unless there is another major conflict or war declared. She's on 24-hour standby at all times. After her tour of duty on the U.S.S. Pearl Harbor is complete, she's going to consider her options for other ships and positions within the Navy. She's even considering going to officer's school.

Karen is proud of her family and her hometown for their constant support and encouragement. "Again, I can't begin to thank everyone enough for all the letters, prayers and support," she expressed.

Karen returned to San Diego after being home for about a week. She's traded in her land legs and she's once again got the wind in her sails. She enjoys her time of coming home. She gains strength from the foundation she has back home. After all, she knows that it's this firm foundation that has kept her steady and sure as she climbs to new heights aboard the U.S.S. Pearl Harbor.

Editor's note: you can write to Karen aboard her ship at curtismk@usspearlharbor.navy.mil She'd appreciate hearing from you!

Lady Spikers take 3rd at Cloudcroft Tourney

The Texico Lady Spikers took 3rd place in the Cloudcroft Volleyball Tournament last week.

Sissy Loper and Lori Richardson made the All-Tourney Team.

In the opener, Texico

beat Bloomfield, 26-24, 25-17, 25-23. Stat leaders:

Service points - Ashley Kidd and Loper, 10 each; Ashley Littlejohn, 8; kills - Kidd, 13, and Richardson, 14; blocks - Erika Autrey, 14; Littlejohn, 12; Kidd, 8, and Amber Parmer, 7; aces - Littlejohn, 7; Kidd, 4; Loper, 3; assists - Loper, 24; saves - Loper, 6.

Then Texico fell to Estancia, 22-25, 25-27, 12-25. Stat leaders were:

Service points - Littlejohn and Parmer, 7 each; kills - Richardson, 21; blocks - Autrey and Parmer, 12 each; aces - Littlejohn, 3; assists - Loper, 34; saves - Loper, 6.

And Texico came from behind to whip Cloudcroft, 24-26, 20-25, 25-21, 25-20, 15-6. Stat leaders: Kills - Richardson, 17;

Kidd, 8; blocks - Autrey, 11; Parmer, 9; aces - Littlejohn 8; assists - Loper, 31; saves - Kidd, 6, and Loper, 5.



Sissy Loper, left, and Lori Richardson were named to the All-Tournament Team.

Upcoming Sports

High school sports continue hot and heavy:

After a week off, the 2-0 Texico Wolverines, ranked No. 2 in the state in their class, continue their road play with a game on Sept. 19 at Clayton at 7 p.m.

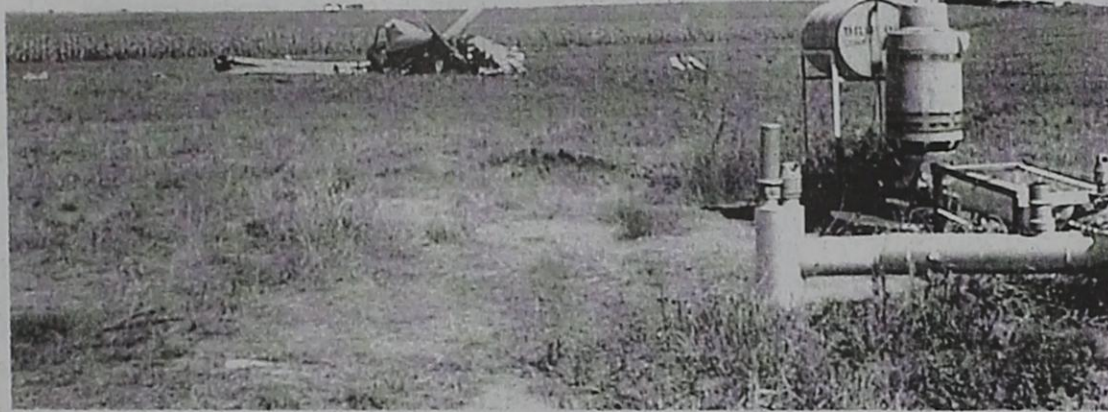
Meanwhile, the Texico 8-A gridgers host Gattis on Sept. 18 at 4 p.m. The Texico 8-A team plays on Sept. 25 at 4 p.m. at Portales, while the Texico 8-B team plays at Portales on Sept. 23 at 4 p.m. mt.

The Farwell Steers play one of the state's top ranked teams on Sept. 19 when they travel to Sundown for a 7:30 p.m. game.

The Farwell JV and JH Steers host Sundown on Sept. 18 at 5 p.m., then travel to Whiteface on Sept. 25 for 5 p.m. matches.

The Texico Lady Spikers vie in the Cimarron Tourney Sept. 19 and 20. On Sept. 22, the junior high teams play at Gattis at 4 p.m. mt. On Sept. 23, the JH, JV and varsity teams play at Melrose at 4:30 p.m. mt. The Texico JV participates in the Portales JV Tourney Sept. 26-27.

The Lazbuddie Longhorns have Homecoming this weekend. They host Meadow at 7:30 p.m. The JH Longhorns host Meadow on Sept. 18 at 5 p.m.



Pilot killed in crash

Blake Rundell, 26, of Clovis, was killed Sept. 12 when his crop dusting plane crashed near Highway 145 and County Road 4, just east of Farwell. He flew for Tate Spraying Service, of Clovis. Police said the plane didn't hit any ground-based objects and a federal investigation is under way to determine the cause of the incident. Police also said that a witness said it appeared that the plane stalled, which is common among crop dusters.

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Kasye Drew Long, a Texico kindergarten, has a Feb. 24 birthday. Her mother is Amanda Long. Siblings are Sarah & Megan. Grandparents are Glen & Judy Long, Susan Mote, Doug Mote, Linda Long, and Hobart & Mildred Mote.

She likes to play, swim and play with her sisters, dogs and cats. Her favorite color is blue. Her favorite foods are mac & cheese, and green beans. She hates clowns, frogs and thinks boys are stinky.

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FCC Auxiliary plans several activities

The Farwell Convalescent Center auxiliary met Sept. 8 and noted that the Border Town Days bake sale had gone very well.

Next year, more brownies will be needed for it. Also, it was discussed to possibly buy covers (for shade) for residents and auxiliary members who will attend BTD next summer.

The Auxiliary ice cream social went well, too. Plenty of ice cream and topping were offered. Paula White and Anne Locke helped serve.

The Kalbas family will donate watermelons for the center, and the delicious food will be served at the annual watermelon party on Sept. 18 at 3 p.m. Auxiliary members are asked to either help cut up the melons the day before, or help serve at the party.

For the Fall Festival, the Auxiliary and Convalescent Center will sponsor the annual children's celebration. Community children will be invited to come to the center for cookies and punch on Oct. 31 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Auxiliary members are asked to bring three dozen cookies each before the festival starts.

The annual family/resident Thanksgiving dinner will be Nov. 20. Auxiliary members will provide the desserts and help with the service. The center's activities department will have the angel trees in place at that time. Thanksgiving plans will be finalized at the next auxiliary meeting.

It was decided not to have a booth at the Christmas Jubilee in Friona this year. The Auxiliary will sell pecans at the Thanksgiving dinner, and at the center's Christmas open house.

The next meeting will be Nov. 10 at 4 p.m. at the center's chapel.

Members present were Anne Locke, Julia Symcox, Mary Mesman, Frances Kube, Louise Brigham, Mary Lyn London, Liz Kaltwasser, and representing the center - Jerry Adams and Debbie Parmer.

JV Steers go 2-0 with victory over Lubbock Christian

From Coach Kirk Saul:

The Farwell JV Steers ran their record to 3-0 with a 22-8 win over Lubbock Christian on Sept. 11.

The Steers offense racked up 218 yards while the defense turned in another stellar performance -- limiting the Eagles to only one score.

Robert Williams found paydirt in the 2nd quarter on a 1 yard plunge. Colby Norton caught the 2-point conversion pass from Derrick Chandler for an 8-0 lead.

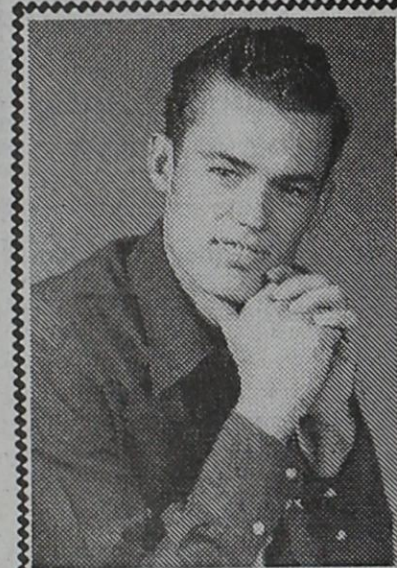
In the 3rd quarter, Norton scored from the 1. On the next possession, Lubbock Christian tallied on a long pass play to cut the margin to 14-8.

Then Farwell put together a time-consuming drive, culminating when Chandler found Joel Owens for a 24-yard TD strike on a play-action pass. Chandler then ran in the 2-point conversion around right end for the 22-8 margin.

Saul cited the offensive line for a super performance. Farwell rushed for 163 yards, although their longest individual run was for only 11 yards. The Steers controlled the line of scrimmage, which allowed them to sustain several drives.

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	Select Locations	Window Displays
	Main Street	Vendors Open - Food and Art
	Main Street	Street Entertainers
	*Closing time subject to change, based on attendance & weather conditions	
Friday 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Main St. Stage	Andé - Teen Marimba Ensemble
Friday 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Near Wells Fargo	Glorietta, NM Providing Street Music
Friday 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Main St. Stage	Andy Mason and Braxton Taylor and/or Ogalla Folk Group - Providing Street Music
Friday 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Wells Fargo Bank	Opening Gala - sponsored by Wells Fargo, Wine & Cheese Tasting - Wines provided by Willmon Winery and Tularosa Vineyard - Cheeses provided by Dairy Farmer's of America & Dairy MAX Featured Artist - Julia McKee, Landscape Artist Entertainment - Vernon de Aquero, Classical Guitarist
Friday 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Wells Fargo Bank	Desert & Coffee - provided by Wells Fargo Chocolate by: Brittle Hearts Coffee by: Coffee Connection
Saturday - September 20		
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Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.*	Select Locations	Galleries Open
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Saturday 10:00 a.m.	Main Street	Children's Parade/Ethnic Fair Parade of Flags & People Sponsored by - Building Contractors Association of Curry County
Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Main Street	Car Show
Saturday 11:00 a.m. - Noon	Main St. Stage	Clovis School's Children's Variety Shows
Saturday Noon - 1:00 p.m.	Main St. Stage	Opening Ceremonies
Saturday Noon	Above Main Street	Air Plane Fly-by
Saturday 1:00 p.m. - ???	State Theater	Firey Film Fest
Saturday 12:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Main St. Stage	Continuous performances by: Dineh Tah' Navajo Indian Dancers Nata-Raja Dance Troupe Corazon Mexicano Folklorico The Agalu Cultural Troupe of Nigeria Flamenco Nuevo Mejica Dance Company 23rd Street Pipe Band Grupo-Cadena Band
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Saturday 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Lyceum Theater	Alborada - Musical Performance
Sunday - September 21		
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TPDES Registration No. WQ0004656-000

APPLICATION, B & Z THORN, INC., 2400 County Road R, Friona, Texas 79035, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a new TPDES Registration No. WQ0004656-000 to authorize the applicant to operate a new dairy cattle facility at 8,000 head, of which a maximum of 3,000 head are milking in Parmer County, Texas. The application was received by TCEQ on June 24, 2003. No discharge of pollutants into the waters in the state is authorized by this registration except under chronic or catastrophic rainfall conditions. All waste and wastewater will be beneficially used on agricultural land.

The proposed facility will be located on the south side of County Road S, approximately 0.5 mile west of the intersection of County Road S and Farm-to-Market Road 1172, said intersection is approximately 3 miles south of the intersection of Highway 86 and Farm-to-Market Road 1172 in Parmer County, Texas. The facility will be located in the drainage area of White River Lake in Segment No. 1240 of the Brazos River Basin.

The application is available for inspection by the public during normal business hours at the Parmer County Courthouse, County Clerk's Office, 401 3rd Street, Farwell, Texas.

The Executive Director of the TCEQ has prepared a draft registration which, if approved, would establish the parameters and limitations within which the facility must operate.

PUBLIC COMMENT. Written public comments may be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address provided in the information section below, within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice. The Executive Director will consider all relevant information pertaining to whether the applicant meets the requirements for the registration and will issue a written determination as to any final action on the application for registration and a response to all comments.

INFORMATION. Written public comments should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For additional information, about the application or the procedure for public participation in the registration process, individual members of the general public may contact the Office of Public Assistance at 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.state.tx.us. Please note that the 77th legislature changed the agency's name from Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) to Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). Both names are interchangeable for a short period of time until the phase-in is completed.

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The Latest

The Bovina Community Network (BCN) is sponsoring a genealogy workshop on Sept. 26 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at its offices, 804 Boyce St., Bovina.

The cost is \$20 per person.

Advance workshop packets need to be picked up at the BCN.

Classes are limited to 16 participants, so register early.

For more information, call (806) 251-1333 or toll free 1-866-305-1333.

There will be a special election Sept. 23 in Curry County for voters to approve an increase in the county's gross receipts tax to cover a budget shortfall.

If voters okay it, the tax would go up one-eighth percent. Gross receipts are levied on business sales.

Henry and Ruby Ratke of Bessie, Okla., were in Farwell last weekend to visit grandchildren Austin, Mitchell and Meredith Ratke. The kids' parents Mike and Donna Ratke were attending a meeting in Austin.

Grandpa Henry spent most of Saturday at the CYSA soccer fields watching the kids play in their soccer games ... and never complained once about the non-stop wind or chilly conditions. What a "great" Grandpa!

Members of the Farwell Volunteer Fire Department and EMS, Texico Fire and EMS, and Parmer County Sheriff's Office have been asked to participate in a very important meeting of the Local Emergency Preparedness Committee (LEPC) on Sept. 18, 3 to 5 p.m., at the Farwell Fire Hall.

This meeting will be attended by representatives from neighboring New Mexico counties (Curry and Roosevelt), Texico Fire and EMS, various

state agencies and the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad.

This meeting will be a tabletop exercise to plan for and facilitate emergency operations in case of a hazardous materials spill or terrorist actions against the railroad.

With the railroad intersection at Hwy. 60-70-84, these agencies and organizations will be training for a lengthy period to better serve the safety of the communities and the region.

On Friday, Sept. 19, Farwell School buses will run early, at 2 p.m. This is due to in-service teachers' training.

Holly Kirkland is the new secretary at the First Baptist Church of Farwell.

Lunch menus for Lazbuddie Schools next week show:

Monday - fried steak patty with gravy (pk-1), pizza, subs.

Tuesday - hamburger stew (pk-1), corn dogs, tuna sandwiches.

Wednesday - ham (pk-1), egg rolls, hot pockets.

Thursday - nachos (pk-1), beans, rice.

Friday - special.

Tucumcari tops Texico

Coach Steve Doolittle reports:

The Texico 8-B football team lost to Tucumcari, 21-0, on Sept. 11.

Tanner Allen had an interception on the Texico 10 that prevented Tucumcari from scoring at the end of the 1st quarter.

"Our offense kept the ball the entire 3rd quarter but could not score. We had one TD called back due to penalty.

"Coach Luscombe did a great job of calling the offense.

"We had a hard time matching up defensively but played hard every down. Our kids never gave up."

Texico Junior High class officers picked

Texico Junior High class elections have been held.

8th grade - Billy Scott, president; Jesse Walthers, vice president; Courtland Luscombe, secretary; Courtney Hall, treasurer; Josh Brown and Bryn Mayfield, student council representatives. Class colors are green, silver and black. Class flower is the white rose. Class sponsors are Martin, Grau and Stanley.

7th grade - Jaryse Harris, president; Osvaldo Munoz, vice president; Braeden Hadley, secretary; Brett Anderson, treasurer; Luis Estrada and Markita Askew, student council representatives. Class flower is the white rose. Class colors are green, black and silver. Class sponsors are Cross, Rivers and Doolittle.

6th grade - Jennifer Shirley, president; Devanee Cherry, vice president; Victoria Richards, secretary; Shay Anderson, treasurer; Kaitlin Luscombe and Bobby Muncy, student council representatives. Class flower is the white rose. Class colors are silver and blue. Class sponsors are Peabody and Miller.

Meet Farwell's Class of 2016



Juan Torres, a Farwell kindergartener, has a Dec. 17 birthday.

Parents are Johnny and Leticia Torres. Siblings are Annette and Lucia. Grandparents are Amelia Torres, and Petronilo and Josefina Posada.

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Pep rally hijinks

There were some weird-looking folks at the pep rally before the Farwell Homecoming game last Friday.

Floyd beats Longhorns

It was another tough game for the Lazbuddie Longhorns on Saturday, as they fell to Floyd, 60-14, at Portales

The game was called with about 4 minutes left due to the 45-point rule.

The Longhorns scored two TDs, one in each half. Actually, their first score in the 1st quarter -- when

lineman Nicolas Cuevas picked up a fumble at the Floyd 2 and took it in for a TD, followed by a Raul Mata 2-point kick, put Lazbuddie ahead.

But after that it was mostly Floyd scores. The Longhorns' other TD came in the 3rd quarter when Cory Chancey passed to Mata for a 50-yard TD. The kick missed.

Again turnovers killed Lazbuddie. A stiff wind out of the east affected throws. In fact, one Lazbuddie punt into the wind resulted in lost yardage.

Coach Mark Osmus said Floyd ran a spread offense and Lazbuddie was unable to pressure their quarterbacks enough, although one QB was knocked out of the game.

And twice Lazbuddie was within the Floyd 10, but couldn't score.

Offensively, Kolby Wilkerson ran 7 times for 82 yards, and Jesse Gomez raced 9 times for 69 yards. Gomez also had a pass interception, plus good kickoff returns.

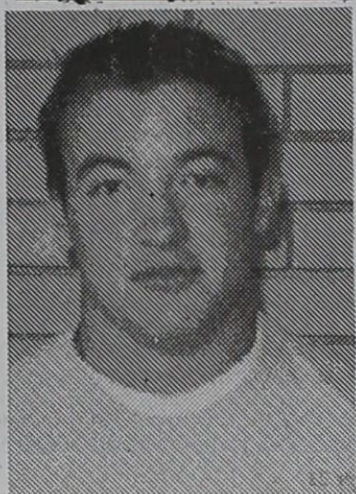
Defensively, Wilkerson had 5 solo and 5 assisted tackles; Robbie Martin, 6 solo and 4 assisted; Mata,

3 solo and 5 assisted; Nicolas Cuevas, 4 solo and 4 assisted; and Sergio Cuevas, 2 solo and 6 assisted.

Texico Police Report

The Texico Police Department conducted sobriety checkpoints this week.

Longhorn of the Week



Coach Osmus named Kolby Wilkerson as the Longhorn of the Week for his work against Floyd. On offense, he ran 7 times for 82 yards. On defense, he had 4 solo tackles and 5 assisted tackles.

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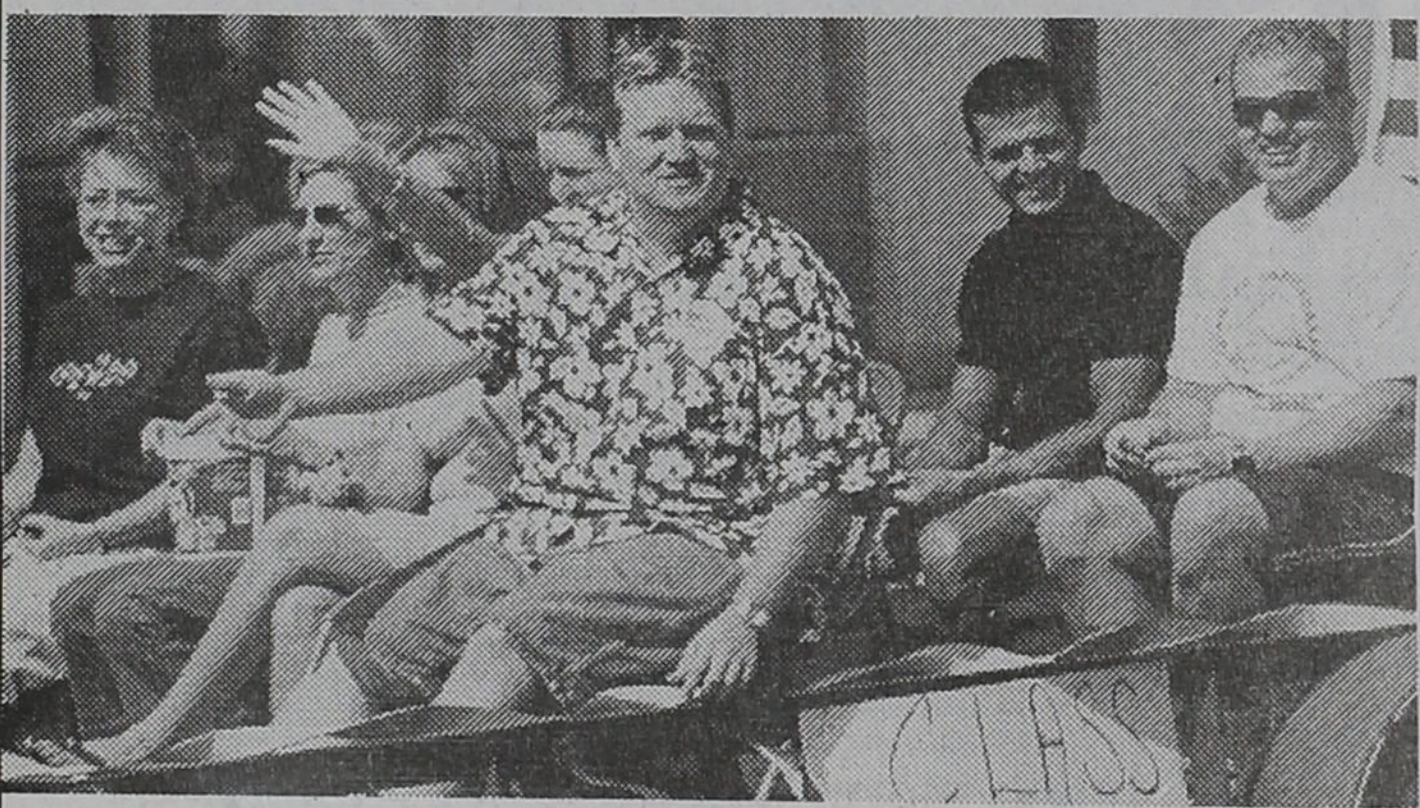
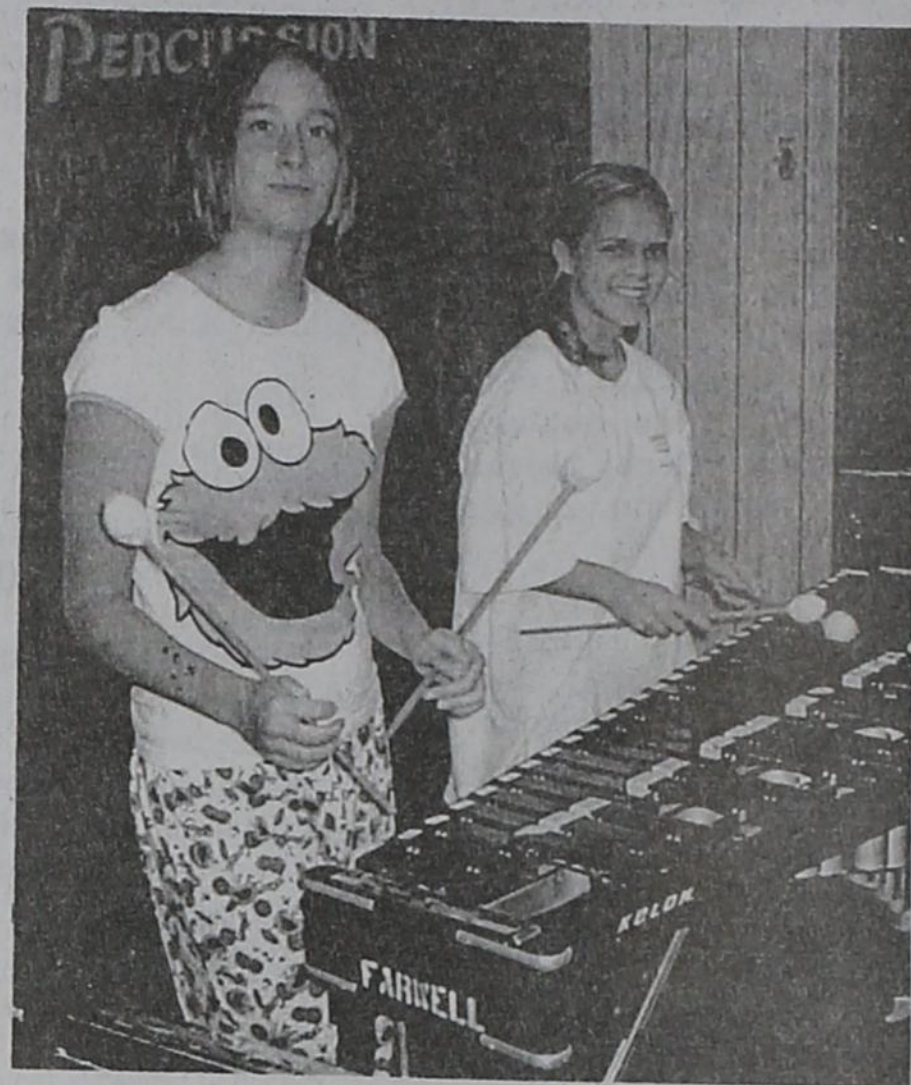
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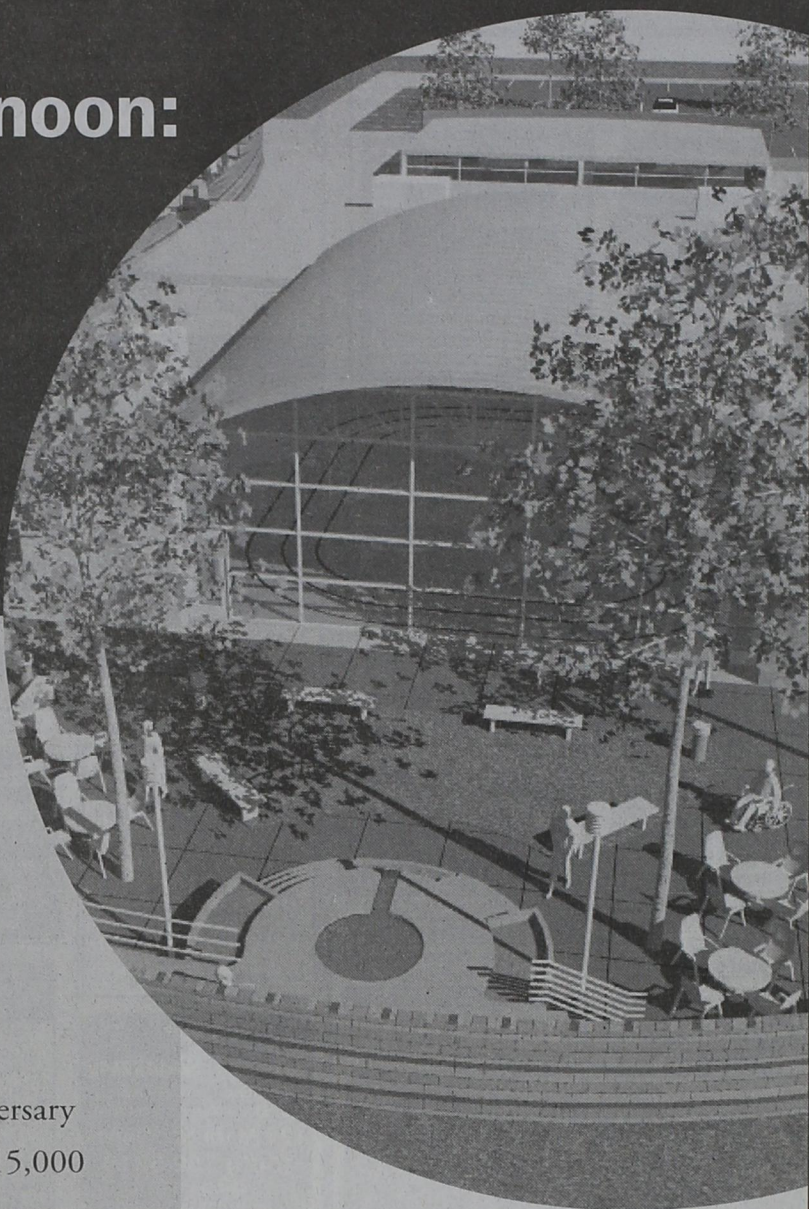


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Join us as we commemorate our 25th anniversary with a grand opening and tour of our new 15,000 square foot Healthplex. Bring a hard hat if you have one, because we will also break ground on a new state-of-the-art Emergency Room and Urgent Care facility.

Date: Wednesday, September 24, 2003

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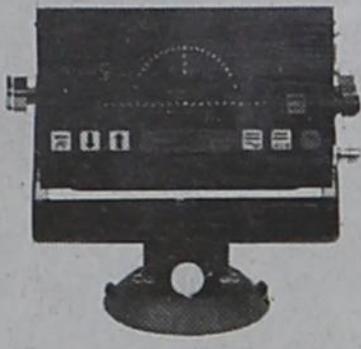
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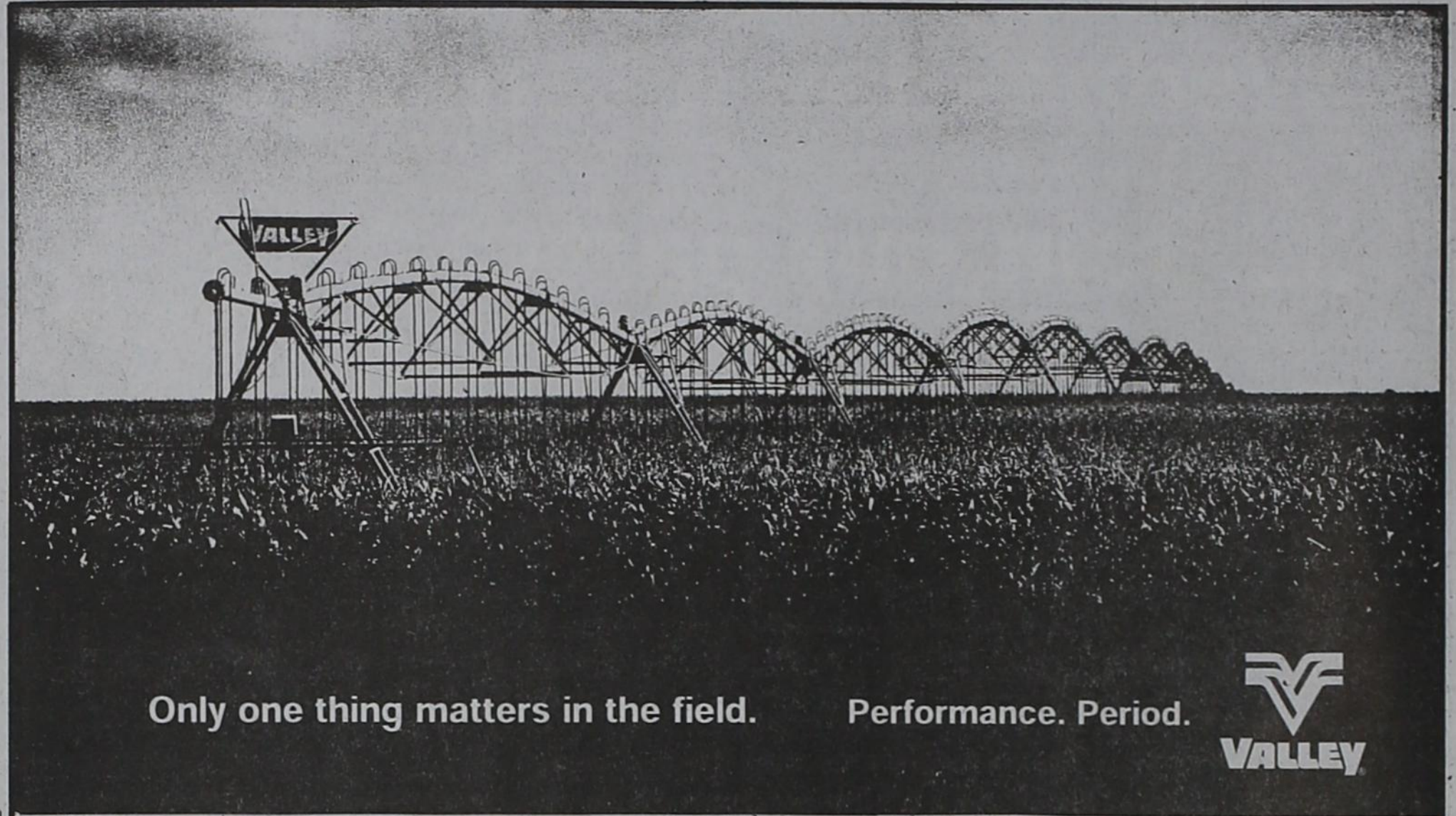
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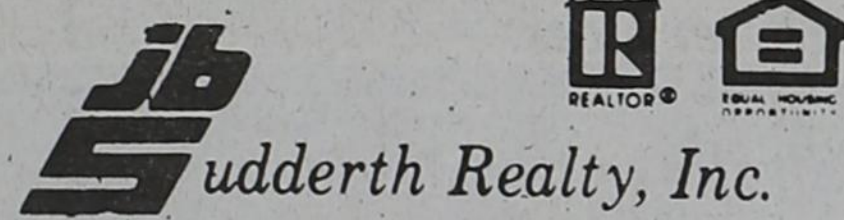


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Texico classrooms to be remodeled

The Texico School Board on Tuesday heard that the school will receive \$200,000 to remodel classrooms.

This will include the science lab; putting in an academic learning lab next to Mike Prokop's classroom; and to help remodel a second room to be used for kindergarten.

The school will be going to all-day kindergarten classes next year, it appears. A committee will be named to help plan for this.

In other business, the board:
-- Hired Michelle Meeks as a kindergarten aide (an extra aide was needed due to high classroom size).
-- Hired Jennifer Stevens as a pre-school aide.
-- Gave the go-ahead for the parking lot project on the west side of the gym.
-- Purchased 22 computers for the high school.
-- Said that the parent-teacher conference - open house will be held for the junior high school and high

Farwell city tax rate remains unchanged

The Farwell City Council voted Tuesday to keep the 2003-2004 tax rate the same as last year -- .4485 cents per \$100 assessed valuation.

In other business, the council:

-- Approved a request by AGP Cooperative to close North 6th Street and the adjoining alleyway.

Jud Finney, an Amarillo attorney representing Sherley Grain Co., said the closure was part of the agreement when Sherley sold the grain elevators to AGP. Closure is needed due to potential liability because there's an underground tank there and other improvements.

Finney said adjoining property owners Tri County Tire and Kelly Green Seeds supported the closure.

-- Approved two building permits:

1) Darrisa Tunnell, a storage building at 710 2nd St.

2) A chain link fence for the new Bullfrog Rock & Garden store owned by Larry Powell, on Avenue A (the building formerly owned by Jerry Stover at the east end of Farwell).

-- Bought a used copier machine for Farwell Schools for \$3,500.

City Clerk Cynthia Thigpen said her current copier was working fine. But the EMS may be able to use the new one.

Mayor Jim Mace said some funds are available since the streets are not being paved this year.

-- Moved city employee Oscar Vidaurri from part-time to fulltime.

-- Heard Police Chief Robert Achterberg say that except for some petty thefts, nothing major was going on.

-- Held a lengthy discussion with Teresa Mesman, of the Farwell EMS. She reported that the unit has made 94 runs so far this year. There are 10 persons on the roster but only 4 are active EMS responders.

She noted that new regulations that mandate:

-- A lap-top computer must be installed in the ambulance. This will

The Latest

The Farwell ambulance was called out twice this week. And the Farwell firemen were called to last week's plane crash.

Thirty-three bicycle helmets were given away on Saturday by the Farwell Emergency Services at a bicycle safety clinic.

A train and a semi-trailer carrying green beans collided in Lariat at the FM 1731 intersection on Tuesday afternoon. No one was injured.

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school on Oct. 7 from 6 to 9 p.m. mt. Elementary teaches and parents will meet on Sept. 19.

-- Approved the substitute list.
-- Heard that student enrollment was at 539.
-- Hired Rusty Rucker as the regional cooperative technology coordinator. He will be working with eight schools, sort of like an old-fashioned "circuit rider."

-- Discussed the EPAC Basketball Tourney in January. Texico will host the first three days, and ENMU will host the final two days.

-- Heard ag teacher Tod Pinnell request funds to help send two FFA teams to the national convention in Louisville. No decision was made, as they are looking into where to find the funds needed.

-- Met with a state "deficiency corrections" officer who noted areas where there were deficiencies, such as an extra exit needed for the ag room, the fire alarm system, and some doors and walls. He said the state will pay for the upgrades needed.

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Hassell never gave motive for murders

Lucille Franse shared some information with us about Parmer County's infamous mass murderer George Hassell.

This info comes from the Feb. 9, 1929, issue of the Lubbock newspaper:

Huntsville -- George J. Hassell, self confessed slayer of 13 persons, 10 of them small children, whose electrocution in the state penitentiary here has been fixed for some time after midnight, ate a good breakfast and entered on the last day of his life with no apparent change of his calm demeanor.

He was not told until today that physicians sent from Austin by Gov. Dan Moody to examine his sanity had found him sane and that the governor had declined to intervene.

He not only received the news with composure, but appeared hopeful. Warden N.R. Speer said that through some fortuitous circumstance, he might yet escape the electric chair.

Hassell confessed that he killed his housekeeper and three small children in Whittier, Calif., in June 1917, and buried the bodies under their home.

In December 1928, he said he slew his wife who was the widow of his brother and her seven small children on a farm near Farwell, and three days later when the boy returned home, killed the woman's 21-year-old son. All the bodies were buried on the farm.

Hassell professed no motive for the murders. "I wish some one would tell me why I did it," he said in the confession.

Obituaries

Ralph Shirley

Burial is scheduled in West Park Cemetery in Hereford for Ralph Shirley, 76, of Friona, who died Sunday.

He was born March 18, 1927, in Ponitoc County, Okla. He married Stella Guggemos on Aug. 7, 1949, in Hereford. He moved from Hereford to Friona in 1951.

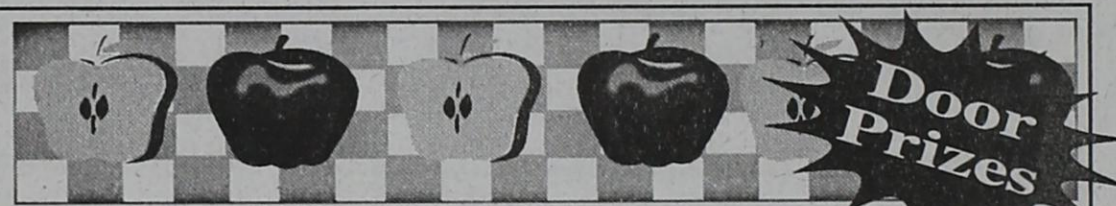
He was a member of the Friona Volunteer Fire Department for more than 50 years, and served as

fire chief for 30 years.

He was a member of the Friona VFW, American Legion, St. Teresa's Catholic Church, and past president of the Friona Chamber of Commerce and Friona Evening Lions Club.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Jan, on Aug. 13, 1966.

Survivors are his wife; 2 sons, Gary, of Houston, and Richard, of Katy; a sister, Rhoda Stevens, of Discovery Bay, Calif., and 2 grandchildren.



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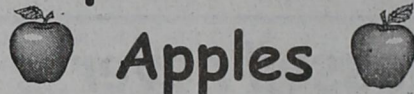


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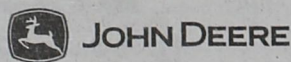
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