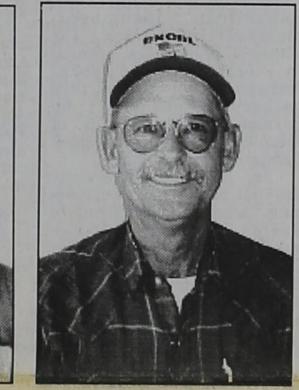


WORK CONTINUES on the Mixer Center located on Highway 214 south of Friona. The operation, headquartered in Stephenville, will provide sales and 24-hour service on feedmixers and ag equipment.

Bovina Candidates For City Council







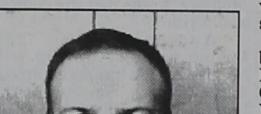
Bovina Chamber Plans Big July 4 Celebration

Directors from the Bovina Chamber of Commerce met April 18 to recap the 2002 banquet, discuss the annual \$500 scholarships to be given away to two Bovina High School seniors and the upcoming Independence Day celebration.

The annual banquet held March 21, themed "American Pride", was declared a "very successful" event.

The directors then discussed the two \$500 scholarships to be awarded to a boy and girl at the Bovina High School graduation May 25.

The Independence Day activity planning has begun and work will be starting soon. Anyone who would like to be a part of the activities is encouraged to contact a Chamber director.



barbecue brisket lunch at the park, booths, exhibits and other fun activities in the afternoon, including live music.

Musicians are asked to contact a Chamber director to at the 2002 Bovina 4th of schedule a time to play July celebration," said during the day.

The Bovina Fire Smith. **City, School Elections** Set Saturday, May 4

and school board elections will Tuesday, April 30.

Saturday, May 4, is election day to choose two candidates for the school board and two city aldermen.

Polls will open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. Voting for the city election will be in the EMS building. School board voting is held in the middle school outside the cafeteria.

Candidates for the school board are incumbents Susan Kerby and Josey Alonzo-Coffey, and Izzy Carrasco and Vince Terrones.

Activities planned include Department will hold the a parade to the park, fireworks show at the football field beginning at dark.

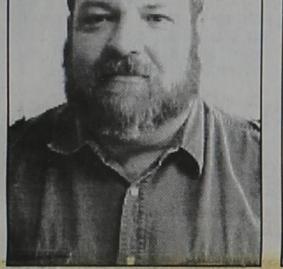
A dance is tentatively planned for that evening at the fire station.

"Plan for a fun filled day chamber president, Billy

Early voting for the city and a property tax reduction.

For more information on end at close of business the elections call the school office or city hall.





MIKE MCCALLUM

EDITOR and spouse YE returned last weekend from a tour of six Southern states, three of which we had never visited, and had wanted to--Alabama, Georgia and North Carolina. The other states we visited were Louisiana, Tennessee and Mississippi, which we gladly "looked at" again.

The Dogwood trees and azaleas were in full bloom in all of the states we visited, and there were several other varieties of trees and shrubs which caught the collective eyes of the 32 Parmer County residents making the trip.

We were also smitten with the beauty of Callaway Gardens in Alabama, as well as the beautiful grounds of an antebellum home in Birmingham.

Then, there were the sunken gardens at the Biltmore Estate, which many of you no doubt have visited. The tulips were in full bloom, with alternating rows of reds and yellows that caused all the shutterbugs in our group to go wild.

And the Great Smoky Mountains were just that--great, and always "smoky," to some extent or other.

We were a week or two early to see the Magnolia trees blooming, but you can't have everything.

April is a good time to visit the South, as the highest temperatures we experienced were in the mid 80s, and these toward the end of our tour, in Tennessee.

And wouldn't you know it. When Parmer County people go visiting, we occasionally take some of our weather along with us. The states we visited receive anywhere from 40 to 55 inches of rain annually. We were gone 11 days, so we should have experienced an inch to 1.65 inch of rain (going by the average).

Truth is, we only had a day or two when there was enough rain for our tour bus driver, Nelson, to need to turn on the windshield wipers. During our bus tour of Atlanta, it sprinkled lightly, and since we were "on board," it hardly mattered. Come to think of it, it did come a nice rain one evening, while we attended a show. But the rain was over before the show was, and again no problem.

One thing which grabbed the attention of Ye Editor was that while the "Old South" has a heritage of agriculture, in light of the fact that slaves were imported to provide the labor force for the plantations, agriculture is no longer a major force in the states we visited.

The state that had about the "average" number of farms of the states we visited was Alabama, which has only 45,000

JESSIE STONE

High School Students To Get Computers At Home

install a computer in the home of all Bovina High School students before the start of the next school year.

The project is made possible through a recent Texas Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund grant of more than \$500,000 made through BISD. "As long as a home has a

high school student in it, a computer will be installed in that house," said BISD superintendent Michael Downes. "All of the kids will benefit by being able to do research through Internet activities."

At present, there are 129 homes for 165 high school students eligible for the computer installation.

Downes and Mike Prather have been leaders in forming the Bovina Community Network, also a result of the grant.In addition to installing computers in the students homes, terminals are planned for installation at FirstBank. city hall, the Justice of the Peace's office, EMS building, and the Women's Study Club building. Also at the First Baptist Church, Church of Christ and St. Ann's Catholic Church.

Downes said that negotiations began with W.T. Services last November on the installation and costs of connecting all the Bovina computers to the Web with

Plans are underway to W. T. Services as the provider. "W. T. Services has been a valuable partner to us in providing the connection services," Downes said.

KENNETH WATERS

At least one parent in the high school student household will be required to take a four-hour introductory computer training class. The cost of the internet service is also included through the grant money.

In time, classes will be offered to interested citizens, including introduction to computers, Microsoft Office products such as Powerpoint, and Web page design.

Digital and video camerss will eventually be available to teach computer video techniques. Downes said the Women's Study Club building is being updated and remodeled and will be the "main laboratory" for the Bovina Community Network projects.

Methodist Women's Luncheon

The First United Methoall adult women to bring a salad and join the fellowship at the Women's Salad Luncheon on Saturday, May 4 at 11:30 a.m.

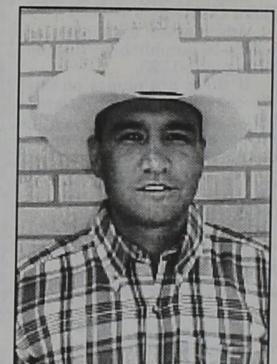
will be presented by Pastor Quita Jones.

On the ballot for city council are incumbents Jessie Stone and Kenneth Waters, and Stan Miller. Mike McCallum is unopposed to fill a one-year term vacated by Linda Marshall. Galen Hromas is unopposed for mayor.

Also on the city ballot are proposed sales tax increases

GALEN HROMAS Candidate For Mayor

Bovina Candidates For School Board





SUSAN KERBY



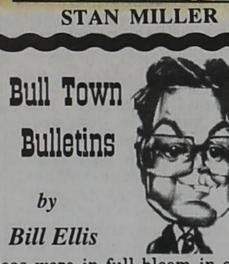
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dist Church of Bovina invites JOSEY ALONZO-COFFEY

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farms at the present time. The agricultural industry provides only four per cent of the state's gross income.

Our tour guide announced that one of the states we visited produced around 500,000 bales of cotton annually. I bit my tongue and didn't point out that three or four of our counties on the Texas High Plains (combined) will top that figure with regularity, or it's been a bad year.

You're supposed to learn a thing or two while on tour, and here are a couple of facts that impressed Ye Editor: North Carolina's timber industry fuels that state's economy, as twothirds of the state is forestland, and one-half of the nation's furniture is manufactured in the Tarheel state. That's one industry we haven't exported to an Asian country--not yet, at least.

Also, when our tour guide asked if we could guess what the main industry of Nashville was, we felt certain it would be their music industry, but nope. Music and tourism come in behind the publishing industry, which is number one, and banking, which is third.

It was pointed out that both Southern and American Baptists have headquarters in Nashville, and both do a "right smart amount" of publishing, as does the afore-mentioned music industry.

School Sets Prom & All-**Sports Dates** The Bovina All-Sports

banquet is scheduled for 6 p.m. May 14 at the school cafeteria. Tickets will be \$5 per person and are available at the school office or at the door.

Buying tickets in advance is helpful to those who have to plan how many meals to Baseball organization will prepare.

slated for Saturday, May 11, in Portales, New Mexico.

activities in May, contact the encouraged to attend. They school office.

All women of the community are invited to attend. For details or information call the church at 251-1124.

Youth Baseball Meeting

The Bovina Youth hold a meeting Tuesday, Also, the school prom is April 30, at 7 p.m. at the EMS Building.

All interested parents, For information on school coaches or volunteers are

will also be electing officers.

The Burlington Northern Santa Fe freight train which was involved in the head-on collision with a commuter train Tuesday southeast of Los Angeles was headed for Clovis, N.M., and quite possibly through Parmer County.

Two people in the passenger train were killed, and 260 were injured. The collision caused people in the commuter train to be thrown out of their seats.

Witnesses said the Metrolink commuter train had come to a halt just prior to the crash. The train's engineer was said to have gone running through the car yelling for the passengers to get down.

"I thought maybe there was a bomb on board...then all of a sudden we hit," said passenger Jim Fleming. It was the nation's second deadly train wreck in less than a week.

The accident happened just after 8 a.m., 35 miles southeast of Los Angeles, in the city of Placentia, California. The Metrolink was traveling from Riverside to San Juan Capistrano with more than 300 passengers. The BNSF freight train was made up of 67 loaded container cars, and said to be enroute to Clovis, N.M.

The BNSF line through Parmer County is the company's main route from Los Angeles to Chicago.

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Funeral services for Ethel Mae Johnson, 94, were conducted Wednesday afternoon at the Bovina Church of Christ, with Mike Prather officiating, assisted by David Bennett.

Burial was in the Bovina Cemetery, under the direction of Blackwell Funeral Home.

Mrs. Johnson passed away Sunday, April 21, 2002.

She was born December 25, 1907, in Oklahoma, and married Levi Johnson on December 23, 1929, in Arapahoe, Oklahoma. He died April 30, 1985.

Mrs. Johnson had been a resident of the Bovina/Oklahoma Lane area for 71 years. She had lived at the Clovis Retirement Ranch for the past vear.

Shortly after their marriage, the Johnsons moved to Parmer County, where Levi's father had bought a halfsection of land seven miles south and two miles east of Bovina, which had a tworoom house.

"We farmed, raised hogs, chickens, milked cows and raised a garden. We lived through the dust storms and the Depression. Levi developed a herd of Shorthorn cattle, and we sold Grade-A milk. For several years Levi was a member of the Shorthorn Cattle Assn.," Ethel wrote for the Parmer County History Book. Vol. II.

She was a member of the Bovina Church of Christ, where she taught Sunday School for over 50 years.

Ethel was a member of the Bovina Senior Citizens' group,

Services



ETHEL JOHNSON * * * * *

and was a charter member of the Oklahoma Lane Demonstration Club.

In 1999 she was given the Heritage Award by the Bovina Chamber of Commerce. She was active in helping with the New Mexico Christian Children's Home in Portales.

Survivors include a son, Billy Johnson of Bovina; a daughter, Betty Lowrie of Midwest City, Oklahoma, a brother, Ralph Ashby of Edmond, Oklahoma; five grandchildren, 12 greatgrandchildren and two greatgreat grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Bubby Marshall, Jon Lin Riddle, Joe Black, Sr., William Gromowsky, Larry Dopp, Herb Howell, Kenneth Johnson and Harry Johnson.

The family suggests memorial gifts be made to New Mexico Christian

Bovina Reflectionsfrom the files of The Bovina Blade

45 Yrs Ago-April 24, 1957 As elsewhere across the country, the Post office situation of shorter hours and no window service on Saturdays was short-lived in Bovina. Saturday before last was the only Saturday for the office to be closed all day. Last Saturday saw the situation back to normal with the window open from 8 a.m. until 12 noon.

With the paving decision making election just eight days away, a majority of citizens seem to feel the election will carry or as one fellow put it, "It'd better carry." He was, no doubt, thinking of the town's future when he made that statement.

Bovina Implement Co., with moving operations from North Street to its new location on Highway 60 completed, will observe the grand opening for its new building Thursday.

Bovina is on the drawing board. Mr. and Mrs. C.C. (Cash) Richards have purchased the lots just east of Sudderth "66" Service Station on Highway 60 and their plans are to build a restaurant there.

40 Yrs Ago-April 25, 1962 "Take Your Medicine," a

comedy in three acts, will be presented by the senior class of Bovina High School Monday night in the school auditorium.

Approximately 200 Bovina property owners will be involved in proposed street improvements. Improvements include installing curbs and gutters on Third Street, Parmer County friends of highway 86 within city limits, and on Farm-to-Market Road 1731 from Highway 86 to south city limits. In a regular semi-monthly breakfast meeting Thursday, directors of Bovina Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture recommended that the city paint additional parking lanes on Main Street. "About 70" families in Bovina have signed for cable That was

reported this week from O.M. Hammonds, who plans to install Hi-Tower Cable Service here.

Eddie Corn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Corn of Bovina, returned recently from Germany where he spent a year with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Christian Swoboda. Eddie attended school at Schoenwald for approximately eight months.

35 Yrs Ago-April 26, 1967 Committees have been named by the executive group of the Bovina Clinic Fund of which Leon Grissom is chairman. These committees will begin laying plans for the fund drive and other aspects of the campaign immediately, Grissom announced this week.

Joe F. Langer, resident of Bovina since 1918, and his four children, have donated a half-block of land to the A new restaurant for Bovina Clinic Fund to be used as a clinic, convalescent home, or a hospital, according to the executive committee which accepted the contribution last week.

Richard Roberts, high school mathematics teacher here for the past six years, has resigned his position to accept a similar position with the Borden County Schools at Gail.

30 Yrs Ago-April 26, 1972 U.S. Senator John Tower,

Republican incumbent, discussed economics, the Vietnam War, stock scandal in Texas, agricultural community and weather at a barbecue sponsored by

his resignation as coach in Bovina High School and will be taking a position at Lubbock Cooper High School.

The Bovina Supermarket will be celebrating their tenth anniversary this week.

Don Cumpton, former when he returns to America. Bovina football star, will be the featured speaker at the Bovina Athletic Banquet set for May 14.

15 Yrs Ago-April 29, 1987

Two-year-old Troy Frank Turner was injured in an accident at his family's farm home last Thursday. The youngster was struck by a vehicle in front of the family's home located near the Hub community.

Lisa Schilling, daughter of Leon and Martha Schilling, was selected as outstanding senior at West Texas State University in Canyon and received this award last Thursday, April 23 at 3 p.m. at the awards assembly. Lisa graduated from Bovina High School in 1983 and her major is administrative services.

First Ag Credit, FCS Earns Top Rating

First Ag Credit, FCS financial operations. received the Pacesetter Award recently for achieving received this award as it the highest possible rating in commensurates our dedication 2001 by the Farm Credit to financing agriculture and Bank of Texas (FCBT).

The association was Dane, CEO. "With difficult honored at the Tenth Farm times in agriculture, this Credit District Annual award is truly an honor." Stockholders Meeting and it First Ag Credit, with was the third year that First more than \$750 million in

Rick Meason, son of Pete and Margaret Meason, has t been in Jeddah, Saudi I Arabia, working since last February. His wife and two children live in Hereford and he will join them in May

10 Yrs Ago-April 25, 1992

Candidates for the upcoming school board election May 2 are Esther Steelman, Mike Beauchamp, Dennis Willard, Jerry Roach and Richard Bonham. * * * * *

5 Yrs Ago-April 26, 1997

High winds Monday night caused some minor damage around town. A portion of Elton Venable's roof was torn down. The winds ripped the sheet metal rood off the entire length of the building's porch. A light pole was "leaned over" at the football field.

Five candidates are seeking the three seats on the City Board of Alderman. They are Jeff Steelman, Linda Marshall, Charles Wilkins, Don Bandy and Kevin Hughes.

"We are proud to have rural America," said Terry

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Set For Oppliger

Grant Given Oppliger, 20, of Farwell, a student, died Monday, April 22, 2002 in Thomas County, Kansas.

Services will be at 2 p.m. on Friday at First United Methodist Church in Clovis, New Mexico. The Reverend Steve McElroy will officiate. Burial will follow at Sunset Terrace Memorial Cemetery in Farwell.

He was born August 18, 1981 in Amarillo to Don and Joi Oppliger.

He died following an automobile accident. He attended schools in Farwell and graduated from Farwell High School in 2000. Grant was attending the University of Colorado at Boulder where he was a sophomore.

He was a member of Hamlin United Methodist Church in Farwell and attended First United Methodist Church in Clovis.

Grant is survived by his parents of Farwell; one brother, Benjamin Oppliger of the home; his grandmother, Charlotte Christopher of Blair, Nebraska; and his grandfather Edward Oppliger of Columbus, Nebraska.

Pallbearers will be Jourdan Nichols, Shane Roberts, Clint Corn, Tyler Chadwick, Ryan Roberts and Joel Barrett. Honorary pallbearers will be the Farwell Class of 2000 and all of: his friends at the University of Colorado.

Children's Home, 1356 1356 N.M. 236, Portales, N.M., 88130.

Happy Birthday Bovina

Birthdays for the week of April 28 to May 4, 2002. Apr 28 Elias Fuentes Apr 29 Coleman Young Apr 30 Kay Williams, T.V. service. Genevive Ezell

May 3 Kelly Wilburn May 4 Skyla Stormes, **Blake** Clements

Add names of friends or family to our birthday list by calling 251-1523.

If there are names on our list that need to be deleted due to a name change, death, moved away, etc, please let us know also. Thank you!

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BSA Hospice Training Class Is Set

BSA Hospice is presenting its Spring 2002 Volunteer Training and Community Education Class starting Monday, May 6 and continuing through May 23.

This comprehensive class is designed for adults who are interested in becoming a hospice volunteer, want to learn more about hospice care, or desire personal growth and enrichment.

An evening class will meet Mondays and Thursdays from 5:30-8:30 p.m. for three consecutive weeks. Class sessions will be held at the BSA Hospice Facility. 2.4 CEU's will be awarded by Amarillo College.

For more information or to pre-register, call Deborah Andrews, LSW, (806)212-8715 or toll free 1(800)315-6209.

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Monday-Friday

John Tower at Farwell School Cafeteria Friday night.

For the sixth time since the first of the year, burglars have struck business firms in Bovina. Victims of the burglars Thursday night were Gee Cleaners and Gaines Hardware Company. Gaines also lost some \$600 in a break-in in March.

Named Best All-Around Athletes in Bovina High School for the past year were Twyla Hutto and Shannon Davis. The two were recognized at the annual Athletic Banquet Thursday night in the Bovina School Cafeteria.

25 Yrs Ago-April 27, 1977 The Bovina City Council

has chosen James o. Davis to be city deputy marshal. The Fillies' track team

survived near-tragedy at the Region I meet at Odessa last Friday and Saturday, and still emerged in good shape for the state meet, qualifying all three of their relay teams and one individual for the big meet, to be held May 6-7 in Austin.

20 Yrs Ago-April 14, 1982 Coach Paul Topliff offered

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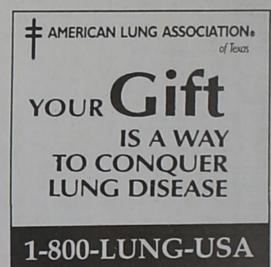
cational program for a civic homes, yards and businesses. meeting? The High Plains Underground Water Conser- tation or for more inforvation District No. 1 has mation, contact Erica Goss, programs available to interest Information/Education Spea number of civic organi- cialist for High Plains Water zations.

High Plains Water District staff members are always available for presentations to meeting groups of any size. In the past, High Plains Water District staff has made presentations to civic organizations, service clubs, school children, church groups, political organizations, or places of business.

The High Plains Water District believes the best way to conserve our water supply for future use is to educate the public. The presentations explain the Ogallala aquifer and other sources for water, how the aquifer is being mined and how people can

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M. Vandiver Named County IPM Agent

Monti Vandiver has been named the Extension Agent--IPM for Bailey and Parmer counties. IPM (Integrated Pest Management), is a sustainable approach to managing pests by combining the use of all practical methods of pest control including biological, cultural, physical and chemical methods, in a manner that is effective, economical and environmentally sound.

He was born and raised on a farm on the South Plains of Texas. He attended school in the Muleshoe Independent School District, except for a short stay in House, New Mexico. Upon graduting from Muleshoe High School, he enrolled at Lubbock Christian University where he graduated cum laude with a BS in agriculture, plant science and BS

in agriculture, ag business. He married Lyn McDaniel from Roswell, New Mexico. they have two daughters, Cyndi and Cami Jo. Cyndi is a junior at Muleshoe High School and Cami is an eighth grader at Watson Junior High. Lyn is currently employed by the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation and serves as district supervisor for the Muleshoe District, Northwest Plains

After fifteen years of production agriculture, Monti accepted a position with the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, to help start the (806)481-3300.

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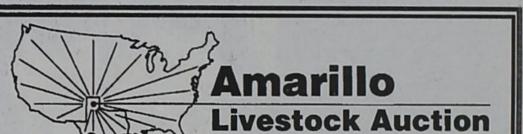


MONTI VANDIVER

Northern High Plains Zone. He continued there until accepting a position with Texas Cooperative Extension, Extension Agent-IPM, in January of 2002.

Through research and scouting, the Bailey-Parmer **Integrated Pest Management** program will provide producers the tools to manage pests in ways that are effective, economical nd environmentally sound.

If you would like to participate in the Bailey-Parmer IPM program or would like more information about the program, stop by the IPM office at the Parmer County Courthouse in Farwell, office 305, or call



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Parmer County Treasurer's Report

REPORT of Anne G. Norton, County Treasurer of Parmer County, Texas, of Receipts and Expenditures from January 1, 2002, to March 31, 2002,, inclusive: Iner Fun

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representative for Braniff included many former Ander-Airlines in the late 60s in Dallas, Arthur Anderson was one of my accounts.

Out Here

by Ron Carr

"Accountants Ain't Always Accountable"

As the saying goes, all we were really selling was service. As an airline sales guy we didn't have a catalog of products our accounts could order from. The job was mainly public relations.

I recall the Arthur Anderson offices as being quiet, reserved and a good bit somber. The people that worked there wore business suits and all combed their hair in the same direction.

Receptionists and secretaries talked in whispers and tiptoed quietly up and down the hallways. Even these years later I remember how they seemed to think they were better than me.

The Enron "scandal" is way too big and complicated for us eggheads to understand. My sister, Gena, probably understands it, but she is a CPA. They talk about offshore partnerships, hedging, inflating assets and other mumbo-jumbo meant only for the top 1% of smart people to understand.

What I do know is that Arthur Anderson, one of the "BIG FIVE" accounting firms should have blown the whistle on Enron long ago. That is what accountants and auditors do, I think. But then again, when your firm is being paid \$1 million a day,

son employees. Among them were Enron's president, vicepresident and chief accounting officer. Auditors were in the

ticklish position of judging former colleagues and prospective bosses. Lynn Turner, a former chief accountant at the Securities and Exchange Commission estimated that investors lost \$100 BILLION in the six years preceding Enron's collapse due to faulty, misleading or fraudulent audits.

Corporations lie and inflate their profits which makes the stock go up so the insiders can exercise options and drain off money the company didn't earn in the first place. And the accountants figure out how to hide the scam from the public.

Even stockbrokers who earn commissions off your stock transactions, don't always 'fess up to what they know about corporations.

In 1998, SEC chairman Arthur Levitt gave a speech in which he said: "Accounting is being perverted. Auditors who want to retain their clients are under pressure not to stand in the way. Auditors and analysts are participants in a game of winks and nods."

He continued, "Today American markets enjoy the confidence of the world. How many half-truths and accounting sleights of hand will it take to tarnish that faith?" Arthur Anderson, the prestigious and much-smarterthan-you-and-me Big Five accounting firm, for three years signed off on Enron financial statements that inflated their earnings (profits) by \$600 million. A lot of knucklehead investors, little common ants like us, bought Enron stock based on what the God of Accountants, Arthur Anderson, told us. This company is making a lot of money, so get on board and let's all make money. Except the hotshots made the money, not the ants.

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whistleblowing can give you severe heartburn.

The reason any of us have accountants (whatever happened to bookkeepers) is because we don't know how to handle the money ourselves, and accountants can guide us through loopholes we would never find.

When your acountant smells something fishy in your books, they are supposed to straighten you out. If you don't want to straighten out, they usually resign from doing your accounting.

At Enron, the better-thanwe-are hotshots, who were supposed to protect the interests of Enron stockholders and employees, didn't. They lied, jumped in bed with the crooks running the company, and profited along with them.

At Enron, Anderson did consulting on taxes and internal auditing. But, both projects put the outside auditors in the position of having to assess work done by their own company.

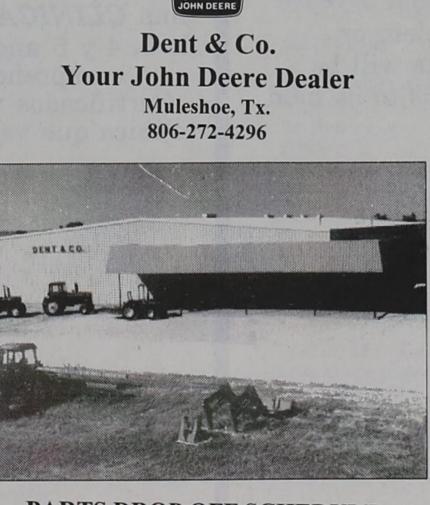
According to an article in a recent New Yorker magazine, the relationship was further comprised by the fact that Enron's management

And Arthur Anderson lied. There should be some unique and severe penalty for lying like that and hurting people's money and future.

Let's see, what punish-ment would bring them the biggest dose of humiliation and shame.

I've got it. They could be made to write a column in a weekly newspaper every week for the rest of their lives in some place no one has ever heard of.

Naw, that's too mean!



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SPECIAL OLYMPIC KIDS SHOW OFF THEIR NEW BASKETBALL UNIFORMS



LAZBUDDIE STUDENTS RECOGNIZED Six students from Lazbuddie High School were honored for academic excellence April 10 at a Celebration of Educational luncheon hosted by South Plains College in Levelland. They were among more than 400 students honored at the luncheon. The State Board of Education sponsored statewide programs recognizing academic excellence by more than 14,000 students in Texas public schools. Pictured in the back row (left-right) are Jay Seaton, Tobin Redwine and Andy Martin; front row, Savannah Black, Kayla Kimbrough and Shawndee Nichols.

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Fundraiser Is Success

The area young people that participate in the Friona Chieftains Special Olympics receive positive benefits from their involvement in the group activities, according to director Donna Mullins.

Special Olympics raised a total of \$2,100 at the recent Friona track meet concession stand with help from the following who donated time,

money or supplies: Gayle Murdock, Tina Hughes, Barbara Grimsley, Mr. and Mrs. Warren, Dotty Powers, Claudia Arpero, Ver-onica Orozco, Lupe Estrada, Raul Herrera, Martin Orozco,

Travis Monk, Arati Bhakta. Also, Mr. and Mrs. John Gurley, Kitty Gallman, Sherri Young, Karen Renner, Tammy Gammon, Jo Osborn, Law Martan Joy Morton, Stephanie Barrett, Sandra Berend, Mendy Warlick, Erin Barnett, Lori Zingerman, Sugar Shack, Dairy Queen, Sonic, Tasty Cream, Frito-Lay and Coca-Cola.

The group is also grateful for all those who volunteered and helped out with the basketball games and equipment: Dee King Trucking-

athletic bags; Cintex-uniforms; ConAgra Beef Co.sweats; DeLinda Lee-sponsor coordinator; Excel Corp.-letter jackets; Mrs. Mann and the Friona Junior High student council-pep rally; Kirk Wright -transportation; and the Friona Star-news coverage.

Education Forum Meets

MerryLynn Gerstenschlager, a full-time volunteer legislative liaison for the Texas Eagle Forum, will speak at a meeting at the Farwell Community Center on Tuesday, April 30, at 7:30 p.m.

The Texas Eagle Forum lobbies on education and family issues. Gerstenschlager has testified before various legislative committees and monitors the State Board of Education Committee meetings, where she has presented testimony. The public is invited to

attend the meeting.

Around Town

Seniors social Saturday Apr 27

Friona's senior citizens will hold their monthly social on Saturday, April 27, at 5 p.m. at the Friendship House. Menu is fish, steak fingers and all the trimmings. Entertainment, just visiting, playing games. All senior citizens are welcome. There is no charge but donations are accepted.

Mt. Olive choir at Calvary Apr 28

The public is invited to hear the African-American choir of Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Amarillo. The choir will present a gospel concert at the fellowship hall of Calvary Baptist Church Sunday, Apr 28, at 6 p.m. Refreshments will be served. There is no charge and no offering taken. The community is invited. For more info call 250-3000.

National day of prayer May 2

Friona will honor National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 2, at 12 noon at the City Park. Everyone is invited to come and pray for our community, state, nation and our leaders. For more information call 250-5661 or 250-2377.

Bovina Methodist women lunch May 4

The First United Methodist Church of Bovina invites all adult women to bring a salad and join in the fellowship at a Women's Salad Luncheon, May 4, at 11:30 a.m. Music and a devotional will be presented by Pastor Quita Jones. All area women are invited. For info call the chruch at 251-1124.

Olton Women's spring fashion show

The second annual Area Ladies Luncheon in Olton will be held Apr 30 at 12 noon at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall at 600 Ave. M. Local ladies will bring covered dishes and model new spring fashions from two Olton businesses, the Mini Mall and Bizzell's Dress Shop. No reservations are required. For more info call 285-2292.

Bovina class of '62 reunion Jul 4

The Bovina High School class of 1962 will hold a 40th reunion Jul 4, at the Bovina city park after the Bovina July 4 parade. All friends, oldtimers, and classmates are invited to come and join in the fun and memories.

Friona class of '58 reunion May 25

The Friona High School class of 1958 is planning a reunion on May 25 at Butch and Paula Fairchild's home in Adrian. They need to update addresses of 1958 graduates and former teachers of that time. If you have any addresses please mail them to P. O. Box 68, Adrian, TX 79001.

Ag Producers Meeting Set

The Parmer and Bailey natural resources. County Extension Ag Advi-sory Board will hold a meeting April 30 at 12 noon at the Muleshoe Dinner Bell.

The Ag Advisory Board assists Parmer County Extension in planning Result Demonstrations and applied research. The Board's goals are to develop best management practices and evaluate new management techniques that will increase profits for producers and conserve

The guest speaker, Dr. Calvin Trostle, will discuss demonstration opportunities for summer forages, wheat and grain sorghum.

Monti Vandiver, new IPM Agent for Parmer and Bailey counties will discuss demonstration projects for the upcoming growing season, All Ag producers interested in this eductional meeting are encouraged to attend.

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SERVICE ARRANGEMENT **909 E. 11 TH STREET** FRIONA, TEXAS 79035 (806) 250-3315

The Parmer County Shared Service Arrangement serving the Friona, Bovina, Lazbuddie, and Farwell Independent School Districts, is offering a FREE **DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC** for children 3, 4 and 5 years old who seem to have a learning problem or developmental delay. Certified specialists will be working with children at this clinic which is to be held at the following locations on Thursday, May 2nd 2002.

> FARWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL **PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE** 8:30 - 9:30 A.M.

BOVINA RIDGELEA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 10:30 - 11:30 A.M.

> LAZBUDDIE SCHOOL LIBRARY 1:00 - 2:00 P.M.

FRIONA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY 2:30 - 4:00 P.M.

If you are concerned about your child's growth and development, bring your child to this clinic. If you need additional information, call Sue Wells, Director of Special Education at 250-3315.

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El Candado de Parmer Servicios de Compartio Arreglo serviendo los Distritos Independientes de Escuelas de Friona, Bovina, Lazbuddie, y Farwell, esta ofreciendo una *CLINICA DIAGNOSTICO GRATIS* para ninos de 3, 4 y 5 anos que parecen que tienen una problema en aprendizaje o en desarrollo. Especialistas Certificados van estar trabajando con ninos en esta clinica que va ser localizado en los lugares siguiente, Jueves, 2 de Mayo 2002.

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ESCUELA PRIMARIA DE FRIONA - BIBLIOTECA 2:30 - 4:00 P.M.

Si usted esta interesado sobre el desarollo de su nino, traiga a su nino a esta clinica. Si usted necesita mas informacion, llame a Sue Wells, Directora de Educacion Especial a 250-3315.

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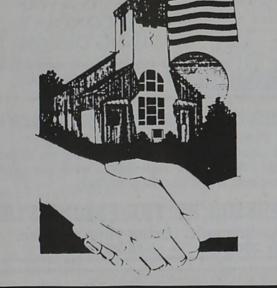
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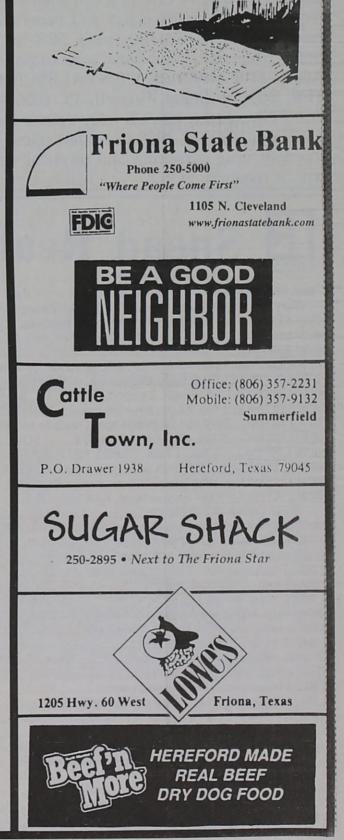
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The Pattersons watched Jackson play baseball Saturday morning and then attended the wedding of Jennifer's sister at Hardin-Simmons University. Jackson was the ring bearer and Jaden was the flower girl. Jack said they were cuter than a couple of fuzzy puppies walking down the isle.

Sunday morning the Pattersons drove to Memphis to see their granddaughter and her sons, Cara Fisher and Kord and Zach. They took pizza for lunch and enjoyed a good visit.

Sunday afternoon Jack and Ona drove up to Amarillo to see their daughter, Sandra Blackstein and then visited with her son and his family, Donnie and Karri Shamblin and sons Clay and Cas. The Pattersons returned to their home at Rhea that evening.

Arlene McCallum had back surgery last Friday in Lubbock and returned to her again. We are going to be home Saturday.

Jack and Ona Patterson daughter, Nancy Cruz of after ove about 700 miles over LaVita, Colorado, came to Indepe town Thursday and returned to her home Wednesday because Arlene was doing so well.

> Arlene said she just has the six weeks of recovery that requires to bending and she should be fully recovered. Now that the pain is gone, she sounded great and said she is feeling much better.

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Here's an email we received at The Bovina Blade this week: "I know this is a repeat for some people, but we are really trying to get out the news to anyone who might want to plan to come to Bovina for the 4th. We wanted to make the park get together a "school reunion" rather than just a class of '62 meeting. It could be a chance to reconnect with old friends like you.

FLASH--IMPORTANT BULLETIN--FLASH

The Bovina High School class of 1962 is holding o class reunion on Thursday, July 4th of 2002--our 40th. It's hard for us to believe it has been that long, but most of us are still kickin' and anxious to get together Her meeting at the City Park

the Bovina Independence Day parade from about 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

We would like to invite anyone who has an interest in reliving the past, catching up on old friends or is just plain curious, to stop by and see us. We would love to have the opportunity to talk to others who may still live in Bovina or are in town for the holidays. I can't remember who said, "You can't go back". Well, we are coming back, so Bovina, get ready for some fun. Get out your yearbooks, look us up, come on out to the park and join in the festivities with the 40th reunion of the BHS class of 1962.

Hope you can stop by and visit. Please tell anyone on your mailing list that ever lived in Bovina area that we would love to see them at the park...Floye Burnett; 311 E. Hackberry; Fredericksburg, Texas 78624; floye@ktc.com; 830-997-0199."

Thanks Floye, for being so excited about this neat event you are planning. We hope to see lots of Bovina folks there enjoying the July 4 activities.

PH Museum Cleanup Day May 4

From The Desk Of **The City Manager**

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BY ERNEST TERRY

I thought that I would take some time to tell you of some of the things that cross my desk. Some linger longer than others, and some just fly by faster than I can get a hold of them.

The following are some projects and ideas that we are working on at City Hall.

I tried to start work on a building to house the stray animals that we pick up from time to time. In talking with people who know about this, I found that the money budgeted this year wasn't going to get it all done.

I've talked with many experts and looked into Texas that can be done. I want to laws and requirements, building animal cages, health concerns, construction ideas, and where to locate this building and have come to the conclusion that we can get it done for about \$10,000. The fly in the ointment is that is more than was budgeted this year for this animal pound. I'm going to have to try and get some more money budgeted next year to actually get it done, but I think we can do it.

The City Council and I have discussed a Capital Improvements Plan for Bovina that looks forward through the years to the year 2012 to see what may be needed for the city. This includes things like replacements for city vehicles, new water meters, replacements for emergency vehicles, expansion of the Bovina EMS, street maintenance and sealing, water storage tank maintenance and painting, a August 23 from Fairfax, new maintenance barn, and Virginia to Washington D.C. possible sewer upgrades. We are looking into the is former Bovina resident, Dr. future, trying to see what our Mindy Neal of Dallas. She is water needs will be and attending the event as a crew where we might find and member, helping walkers obtain additional water with their medical needs. sources. It is a costly plan when you look at the bottom than to change the worldline, but spread over ten overnight. To journey from years it is really necessary despair to hope, from secrecy and important. Speaking of street sealing, in May you will see a bunch of folks spreading tar and gravel on our streets. It may be an inconvenience for some for a few days, but we need to protect the streets. Unfortunately, we can't do all of the streets every year. The budget allows us to do about 1/3 of the streets each year, so we picked the streets that seemed to need it the most. Next year and the following year, we should get to the rest. I wish I could find a way to pave the unpaved streets in Bovina.

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coming along nicely. We are stating the fact. looking into a sprinkler system for the park and planting grass. I have talked with the folks at Bovina ISD about building some picnic tables and barbecue pits for the park. You should see them in the park very soon. Some people have asked for a walking track or path in the park That seems like a pretty good idea that we can do, as well.

The Bovina Cemetery needs some work this year. Everyone tells me that it looks pretty good, but I look at it and see more things do some things with the "streets" or paths in the cemetery.

I'm not sure just what; I see a need for something to be done. There are some weed problems that need to be taken care of. I want to plant some trees in the cemetery. I want to put a "XIT" graves and place a memorial for them there. commemorative bricks for a one, too, but don't forget to walkway. The cemetery needs to be placed on the list for Texas Historical Election. Thank you.

The Memorial Park is Cemeteries with a Texas sign

And finally, on May 4 of! this year, we have another. city election. The Mayor, Galen Hromas, is running unopposed, but we have three) people, Stan Miller, Jesse Stone, and Kenneth Waters, running for the two alderman seats up for grabs this year. Mike McCallum is running unopposed for the remaining term abdicated by Linda. Marshall.

Also on the ballot is a sales tax proposal that would add up to one penny to our sales tax. There is a 1/2 cent? for property tax reduction, a 1/2 cent for economic development, and 1/4 cent for, street maintenance. All three, are proposals that the City needs to grow.

I will try to remember to write more next week about all three of these proposed sales taxes. The important thing to remember is to come out and vote on the 4th of fence around the unknown May. I've heard that there is another election in Bovina on that day that everyone is Maybe a flag pole with some interested in. Vote in that go to the Bovina EMS building and vote in the City

Bovina Lady To Join "Out of Darkness" Walk

Also attending the walk

"Our goal is nothing less

Mary Rose Paterson of awareness campaigns aimed Bovina will join the "Out of at letting those who suffer the Darkness" 26-mile walk from depression, or who to raise awareness of the contemplate suicide, know eighth leading cause of death that it doesn't have to be a in America, suicide, on secret--that there is help available and that there are people out there who really care about them. AFSP is the only national not-for-profit organization dedicated to funding suicide prevention research, education and awareness programs-both to prevent suicides and to assist those affected by suicide. AFSP was founded in 1987 by concerned scientists, business and community leaders and by those who have lost loved ones to suicide. Located in New York City, with 17 affiliate chapters across the country, AFSP was an integral part of Surgeon General David Satcher's planning group for the soon-to-be released National Suicide Prevention Strategy report. Their most recent nationwide projects include a teen suicide prevention PSA campaign, the creation of the National Survivors of Suicide Day, several new treatment research projects, funding for medical and psychological grants, a recognition, referral and treatment pilot program for college students (in development), and an educational film for teenagers/college students to help them recognize the signs of suicide, mood and anxiety disorders. In 2000, AFSP distributed more than \$750,000 in research grants. "Together, we can hopefully help them (AFSP) add significantly to the 2000 total, and let people know that there is another day. A Prevention (AFSP), to fund new day. A better day," a

JANNA JENIAK Glaucoma YOU ASK THE SENIOR QUESTION ~ WE FIND THE SAVVY ANSWER

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question-We find the Savvy answer

Dear Savvy Senior, My sister 's husband was telling me last month that Medicare is now covering glaucoma eye examinations for the elderly. My husband lost his sight from glaucoma three years ago. He didn't even know he had the disease until it was too late. I think this is a good thing for people to know about. Can you please share this information with your savvy senior readers, as well as a little information about glaucoma. Thank you for your savvy senior column.

Sharing Savvy Info... Dear Sharing,

Thanks for your savvy sharing on this topic! ! ! Glaucoma is a group of diseases that is usually associated with increased pressure within the eye. This pressure can cause damage to the cells that form the optic nerve, the structure responsible for transmitting visual information from the eye to the brain. The damage is progressive with loss of peripheral vision first, followed by reductions in central vision, and potentially blindness. In the vast majority of

cases, especially in the early stages, there are few signs or symptoms. In the later stages of the disease, symptoms can occur that include:

Loss of side vision. An inability to adjust the eye to a darkened room. Difficulty focusing on close work. Rainbow colored rings or halos around lights. Frequent need to change eyeglass prescriptions.

You ask the Senior age 40 and over -- half of whom (like your husband) don't know they have this eye disease.

The new benefit defines high risk Medicare beneficiaries as those with diabetes; those with a family history of glaucoma; and African Americans aged 50 and older. Glaucoma is five times more likely to occur in African Americans than in whites and about four times more likely to cause blindness in African Americans than in whites.

Preventative benefits, such as this new glaucoma coverage, help keep people enrolled in Medicare healthy and improve their quality of life. An eye exam now can prevent serious problems later.

"Glaucoma, and the risk of vision loss, remains unrecognized for millions of Americans," said Paul A. Sieving, M.D., Ph.D., director of the National Eye Institute. "The expanded Medicare coverage will help people keep their vision, especially those at high risk for eye disease. "Once vision is lost from glaucoma, it cannot be restored -- the damage is irreversible," said Dr. Sieving. "Studies have shown that the early detection and treatment of glaucoma, before it causes major vision loss, is the best way to control the disease."

The "air puff" test, which measures eye pressure, is one part of a glaucoma examination but this test by itself cannot detect glaucoma. Glaucoma is found most often during an eye examination through dilated pupils, which means drops are put into the eyes to enlarge the pupils. The eye care professional then can see more of the inside of the eye to check for signs of glaucoma.

According to association president Bruce Fleming, restoration of the top floor of the Pioneer Heritage Museum building has been completed.

The building is the old Congregational Church building on Sixth Street in Friona.

The PHM board has scheduled a clean up day for Saturday, May 4, in order to clean inside and around the building. Once the cleanup is completed they will begin to accept items for the new museum and then open to the public.

Clean up on May 4 will start at 9 a.m. If you can volunteer and help out, bring a broom or any other cleaning supplies you think might be needed.

A July 4 benefit concert is being planned, composed of a volunteer community choir under the direction of Allison Johnston. An open house at the museum is also being planned.

For more information, contact Bruce Fleming, Billie Tongate or Mary Johnston.

Amarillo Workshops To Teach Grain Handling

Assisting grain handlers Ted McCollum of Amarillo in recognizing the features that affect grade is the focus of two workshops slated here, April 30 and May 1. Grading exercises will cover three major grain commodities grown in the region--corn, sorghum and wheat.

The host site will be Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center at 6500 Amarillo Boulevard West. This will be a pre-conference event to the annual meeting of the Panhandle Grain and Feed Association.

There is a \$35 per person fee to cover materials, use of equipment and lunch. Refreshments at breaks will be provided by PGFA.

Pre-registration is required. Only 70 individuals can be accommodated per workshop due to space limitations.

Sign-in for each day's session runs from 8:30 to 9 a.m. Sponsors include Amarillo Grain Exchange, Farwell Grain Exchange, Federal Grain Inspection Service, Panhandle Grain and Feed Association, Plainview Grain Inspection, Texas Cattle Feeders Association and Texas Cooperative Extension. Presentations and discussions will include the key reasons why grain is graded, followed by a review of grain quality and its importance to the feedlot industry. Other topics include current grain standards and expected changes, followed by a discussion on how to recognize karnal bunt, a fungus that attacks wheat.

to openness. To end the secrecy and the stigma that surrounds depression and thoughts of suicide with 3,000 people and millions of steps of dignity and support," a spokesperson stated. Paterson's husband, Warren, died from suicide on September 3, 2000 in Bovina. When asked why she wants to join the walk, Paterson

replied, "I want to help raise awareness that a loss of a loved one to suicide is not a shameful thing. I also want to bring honor to Warren and to bring healing to my family."

Paterson lives in Bovina with her two children, Krystal, 18 and Derek, 16, who are Warren's stepchildren. She plans to raise the \$1,000 entry fee for the walk by asking local businesses to be sponsors, placing donation cans around town, collecting aluminum cans and having a yard sale. Watch for further details in upcoming Bovina Blade issues to see how you can donate money to help Paterson attend.

Net proceeds of the event will go to the American Foundation for Suicide innovative media and public spokesperson added



Medicare New Coverage: Effective January 1, 2002 Medicare now covers in annual dilated eye examination for all people at ligh risk for glaucoma. This mportant new preventive penefit will safeguard the vision of millions of Americans enrolled in the Medicare program.

This savvy new coverage, s consistent with recommendations from the National Eye institute, one of the Federal jovernment's National nstitutes of Health, as well as from eye care professional organizations and consumer groups.

bout three million Americans www.savvysenior.org.

Savvy Resources:

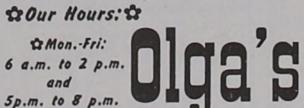
The National Eye Institute (NEI): For more information on glaucoma, write Glaucoma, 2020 Vision Place, Bethesda, MD 20892-3655, call 301-496-5248 or visit www.nei.nih.

gov. Blindness Prevent America: 1-800-331-2020 or www.preventblindness.org. The Glaucoma Foundation: 212-285-0080 or www.glaucomafoundation.org. Send your senior questions to: ups. Glaucoma, a leading 5443, Norman, OK 73870, or ause of blindness, affects see our Web site at

Speakers will include Extension beef cattle specialist,

because there will be a golf tournament underway.





Saturdays:

6 a.m. to 2 p.m.



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Darrell Barlow Selected Number One At Energas

Energas is owned by Atmos Energy. Atmos also owns other gas companies, from Greeley, Colorado, to Western Kentucky.

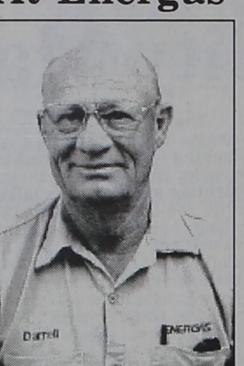
Atmos annually honors the number one employee in each company that exemplifies superior customer service.

This year's Rising Spirit Award for Energas will go to Darrell Barlow of Friona. Darrell will join six other honorees from Atmos subsidiaries at a dinner in Dallas on May 23 to receive recognition from the Atmos Management Committee.

Earl Fischer, Senior Vice President, Utility Operations, for Atmos said, "One huge step (to improve customer service) is recognizing our employees that encompass the attitude and commitment toward quality customer service. The Rising Spirit award was created by the Atmos Management Committee and the Presidents of the Business Units, to annually recognize employees that provide superior customer service."

Barlow has 36 years with Energas. He is a member of the Friona Volunteer Fire Department, Calvary Baptist Church and the Friona Noon Lion's Club.

Congratulations Darrell White. for a well deserved honor.



DARRELL BARLOW

SPECIAL OLYMPICS line up to accept their awards at the end of basketball season. See story on page 2-A.

Clovis Murder Victim Had Ties To Friona

and/or

driveway.

death.

(From Clovis News-Journal) A Clovis murder victim, Janice Walker, 50, was a former resident of Friona. Mrs. Walker was also the sister of former longime Friona resident Barbara

The husband, David

Cancer Screening Set May 15, 22 In Friona

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington low-cost screening mammo-Cancer Center in Amarillo gram. Each woman will will conduct a breast cancer receive a breast health risk screening clinic at Parmer appraisal and individual County Community Hospital, instruction by an RN in 1307 Cleveland Avenue in breast self-examination. Friona on May 15 and 22.

Participants will receive a

Funding is available

Walker, 44, was arrested Wednesday by Clovis police. He was charged with voluntary manslaughter, alternative aggravated battery resulting in great bodily harm or Clovis Police Detective Sgt. Gary Gulley said that police

responded to the Walker residence at 2904 Horn Street on April 15 after a neighbor relationship. saw the couple fighting in the When police arrived, Janice was lying unresponsive

on the floor in the house, police reports said. police. Emergency medical crews believed the woman had passed out from consuming

notified her of her mother's death. "My words to him were, 'Who killed my mother?'" she said. "He answered 'I did. I killed her. I'm so sorry. I was defending myself." The daughter told police that her mother and Walker had been married on Valetine's Day this year, but she had never known of any physical violence in the

Radford said her mother's drinking problem should not justify her death. "My mom's been an alcoholic for years, that's not a secret," she told

Comptroller

Sales Taxes

to Texas cities and towns.

State Comptroller Carole

The April payment

Keeton Rylander delivered the monthly sales tax rebates

collected in February and

reported to the Comptroller in March. Rylander says the

state's share of sales tax

collected during the period was \$1 billion, down 1.5%

Parmer County's share of the rebate was \$20,641, off almost \$3,000 from a year

ago. Bovina received \$1,701;

Farwell, \$3,382; and Friona

2002 in Parmer County is

\$94,217 compared to \$113,119 in the same period

Total received so far in

compared to a year ago.

\$15,557.

NRCS Announces **Stewardship Week**

The 2002 Soil and Water buildings and streets. Stewardship Week observance is set for April 28-May 5. ation of trees and forests from most remote mountain top.

"To maintain our quality of life, each individual must begin to understand and fully appreciate the gift of trees,¹ said a NRCS representative.

front of a store, large trees in many parks, are all extremely important for both ecological and economic reasons.

Besides making our cities "wind tunnels" created by Farwell at 481-3311.

Trees have long been a conservation tool on farms The objective of this year's and ranches. Trees and national observance is to urge shrubs are planted as wind-citizens to support improved breaks and shelter belts management and conserv- around farmsteads, livestock facilities and crop fields. Conthe nearest city street to the servation districts are promoting the establishment of buffer strips along rivers and streams to improve water quality and wildlife habitat.

While you may not be a farmer or forester, there are Urban forests, trees in opportunities to exercise a positive forest stewardship role. We can do that by planting a tree in the right place in the right way.

To learn more about how look nicer, trees help reduce you can help conserve forest the ill effects of heat islands, resources, contact the Parmer filtering pollutants from our of urban air, help reduce runoff from rainstorms and buffer located at 109 Third Street in

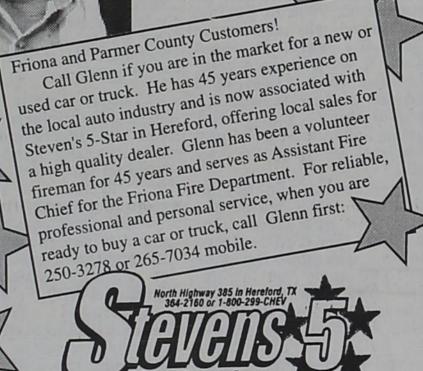


Breast cancer affects one through in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing breast self-exam 377-4673 each month.

Texas the Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800for more

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too much alcohol. She was also taking some 20 Pays April

prescription drugs. Walker told police that his wife became out of control while she was intoxicated. He pulled her into the house after struggling with her in the front yard, where she The April payment passed out on the floor, he covered local sales taxes told police.

However, an autopsy report from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center said that Mrs. Walker died from blunt trauma to the head.

"Apparently she was pushed down and her head hit the floor," Gulley stated.

Mrs. Walker's daughter, Kimberly Radford of Clovis, was not notified about her mother's death until the Wednesday following the incident (April 24). Police told her they had tried to notify her.

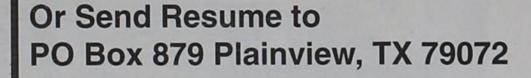
r. Mrs. Radford said she almost 17% in sales tax called Walker after police revenue.

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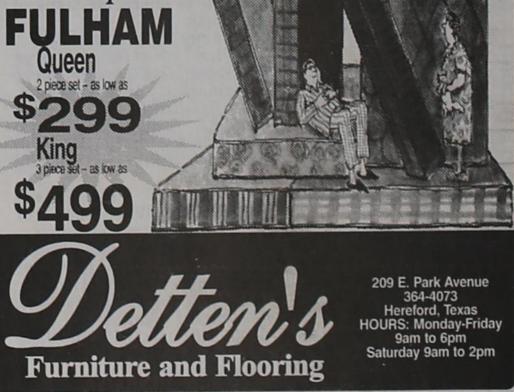
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