

# The Bovina Blade

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**WEEK 11 WINNER** Frances Johnson, right, accepts her cash from Dorothy Stowers at the Fantasy Beauty Salon, a football contest sponsor. The contest in today's paper is the final one for this year. Good luck to all our contestants.

## Johnson Wins Week 11, One Week Left In Contest

The contest entry in today's paper is the final one for the year, ending 13 weeks of competition. There are two opportunities left to win the \$150 grand prize.

In Week 11, only one contestant managed 13 correct picks, the high score for the week. The winner is Frances Johnson of Bovina.

Figuring out second and third place was a different story. Nine contestants scored 12 correct. So we hauled out the Miami 10, Jets 13 tie-breaker to decide the other two winners.

Danny Harris of Bovina was 6 points off for second place. Bobby Johnson of Bovina was 7 points off and won the \$5 third prize.

Others at 12 correct and their tie-breaker points off were: Dorothy Harris 9; Al Kerby, Jr. 14; Roy Lee Stowers 14; Susan Kerby 15; Daniel Hernandez 15; Jimmy Harris 18; Frank Gonzalez, Jr., 41.

Jo Blackwell leads by two in the point total race for the \$150 grand prize, but with two more to play, anything can happen. Standings are



**YOU MAY HAVE HEARD** me refer to Good Old Bill as "My old Geezer." That's okay! He calls me "The Geezeress." In case you are too young to understand the term Geezer, it is that phase in one's life when it takes longer to rest up than it did to get tired.

It's when you grow wise enough to watch your step, but too old to go anywhere. Instead of a policeman, it's your doctor who cautions you to slow down. You smile and nod a lot because you can't hear a word anyone is saying. You are good at telling stories. . . over and over and over.

The only way you can open your medication that has a child-proof cap is with a hammer. Of course, grandkids come in handy for opening things like that, and also for programming the VCR and showing you how to use the computer. Geezers seldom brag about anything much except the grandchildren in Little League or music recitals or how smart they are in school.

Old Geezers are easy to spot. When the flag bearers march by during a parade, they hold their caps over their hearts and at sporting events during the playing of the National Anthem, they sing out loud without embarrassment. They know the words and believe in them.

They remember World War I, the Depression, World War II, Pearl Harbor, Guadalcanal, Normandy, the Battle of the Bulge, and Hitler. They remember the Atomic Age, The Korean War, The Cold War, the Jet Age, the Moon Landing and Vietnam.

If you bump into a Geezer on the sidewalk, he'll apologize. Pass one on a street and he'll nod, or tip his cap. Geezers trust strangers and are courtly to women. They hold the door for the next person and when walking down the sidewalk, they make sure the little lady walks on the inside for protection. When a lady comes into the room, the Geezer will stand up and offer her his chair. Geezers get embarrassed if someone curses in front of the women and children and they don't enjoy all the violence and filth in the movies and television. Geezers have moral courage.

Our country needs our Old Geezers with their decent values and common sense. We need them now more than ever. It's the Geezers who know our great country is protected, not by politicians or police, but by the young men and women in the military serving their country in foreign lands, just as they did, without a thought except to do a good job to the best of their ability and then get on home to their loved ones.

We paid homage to quite a few of our Old Geezers last Monday on Veteran's Day. These guys are the backbone of our country, our state and our little cities. We are proud of them. Thank God for Old Geezers.

**My Turn**  
By  
**CAROL ELLIS**



## Community Thanksgiving Service Set November 24

Bovina's annual Community Thanksgiving Church Service is set for Sunday, November 24, at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, located at 3rd and Avenue D.

This annual service will feature holiday music and a message brought by Quita Jones, pastor of the First United Methodist Church. Refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall following the service.

An offering to benefit the Community Benevolence Fund will be taken at the service. Everyone is encouraged to attend.



## Mustangs End '02 Season In 34-13 Loss To Farwell

The Mustangs traveled across the county to take on the rival Farwell Steers in the final game of the season for both teams.

In spite of an early lead, the Mustangs couldn't contain the Steers and suffered a season-ending 34-13 loss. According to Head Coach Bruce Scroggins, the Mustangs are stuck on 13. The Farwell loss was the fifth time this season Bovina has scored 13 points.

Sophomore quarterback Jeff Casas led Mustang runners with 114 yards on 11 carries. Sophomore John Nelson ran for 59 yards with 7 carries.

Johnathan Chisom was 7 for 37 and Nemecio Rodriguez 9 for 23 yards. The Mustangs

had 94 passing yards on the night to finish with 325 yards of total offense.

Jake Steelman had two catches for 40 yards, B. J. Shepherd one for 24 and Raymond Chisom one for 30 yards.

For the year, Rodriguez led Mustang rushers with 132 carries for 865 yards and five touchdowns. Nelson had 73 carries for 369 yards and Casas added 72 carries for 341 yards.

B. J. Shepherd led receivers with 9 receptions for 258 yards. Jake Steelman had five catches on the year for 134 yards.

The Mustangs had total offense of 2,424 yards in a nine game season for a respectable 269.3 per game average.

## City Ordinance Bans Use Of Jake Brakes

The Bovina city council met in regular session November 7.

Attending were Aldermen Jessie Stone, Kevin Hughes, Mike McCallum, Stan Miller and Mayor Galen Hromas. Also present were city manager Ernest Terry, city secretary Bonnie Scaff, public works superintendent Andy Garza, police chief Leon Saddler, Honey Gist and Nora Rivera.

In the business session, the council discussed zoning issues relating to trailer homes but the issue was tabled until more information could be found.

The council approved an evaluation mechanism for evaluating the city manager position, including a 'goals achieved' report.

City manager Ernest Terry reported on the status

of the water storage tank and well #6 and the land purchase and roof repair. He also presented fund balance, police and municipal reports.

The council approved Ordinance 011102 regulating the use of 'dynamic braking devices' (also known as jake brakes) within the city limits of Bovina. The ordinance states that "no person shall use any dynamic braking device on any motor vehicle except to avoid imminent danger to persons or property."

Anyone using jake brakes in the city limits are now subject to citation and fines.

The next council meeting was set for December 9. A city Christmas dinner for city staff, council members, volunteer fire and EMS personnel and families was set for December 14.



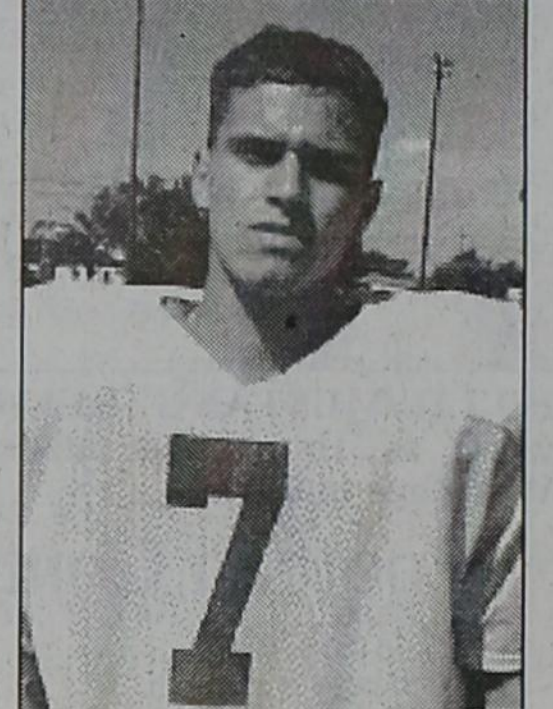
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Co-Offensive Player of the Week



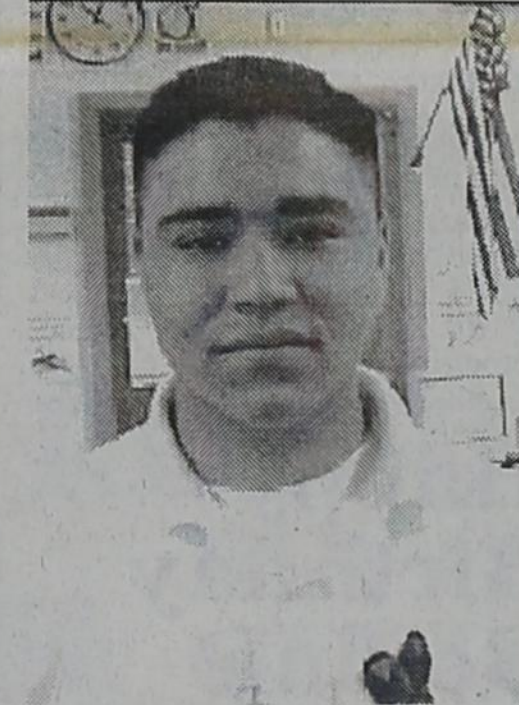
**ADRIAN DELAROSA**  
Co-Defensive Player of the Week



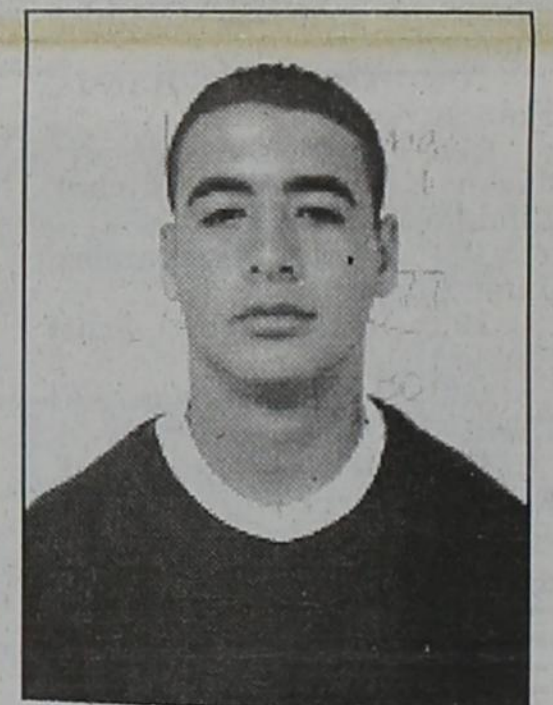
**JEREMY GOMEZ**  
Practice Player of the Week



**JAKE STEELMAN**  
Co-Defensive Player of the Week



**MIKE NIETO**  
Special Teams Player of the Week



**JEFF CASAS**  
Co-Offensive Player of the Week

## Pheasant Leases Needed

The Friona Chamber of Commerce has had several inquiries from out of town persons who want to hunt Pheasant in Friona and Parmer County.

If anyone has land that can be leased for hunting, or if you would like to be contacted about the possibility, please contact the Chamber at 250-3491 or fedc@wtrt.net.

Persons making these inquiries have asked for phone numbers and/or e-mail addresses. The Chamber will be happy to pass information to prospective hunters.

## Sch. Board Meeting Report

The Bovina school board met in regular session Monday, November 11. Members present were Brozek, Jamerson, Loe, Villarreal and Kerby. Absent were Steelman and Carrasco. Staff present were Downes, Sealey, Carter and Holt.

Bovina Elementary was recognized by board members for receiving a TEA Recognized Award and as a TEA Recognized Campus for Outstanding Migrant Student Performance Award.

Also noted was the (Continued on Page 2)

## Elementary Honored For Migrant Education Program

Bovina Elementary school has been recognized by the Texas Education "Agency (TEA) for successfully educating the migrant students.

TEA'S Division of Migrant Education has selected Bovina Elementary School as a winner of the 2002 Recognized Campus Award given to school districts and

campuses that had high TAAS passing rates among their migrant students. Statewide, 111 school districts and 280 campuses are receiving this recognition. The purpose of the award is to recognize school districts and campuses that strive to meet the unique needs of migrant children and their families and that help migrant

students meet high academic standards. There are an estimated 132, 000 migrant students in Texas.

Recipients of the Exceptional and Excelling District Awards will be presented with a plaque at the 2002 Texas Migrant Education Conference during a special luncheon in their honor. Campus award recipients will be recognized in the awards luncheon program. The 2002 Texas Migrant Education Conference will take place at South Padre Island Convention Center in South Padre Island, Texas on November 13-15, 2002.

The 30 school districts receiving the Exceptional District Award had to attain a migrant student passing rate of at least 90 percent or greater in addition to having an all student passing rate of 90 percent or greater in TAAS Social Studies. The 81 Excelling District Award. Statewide, some 280 campuses achieved this level of success with their migrant students.

Each year the Migrant State Conference Planning committee, consisting of state, regional, and district migrant educators, selects the criteria used for the district and campus awards. The criteria are aligned with the accountability rating system for Texas public school and school districts.



**OVER 500 hamburgers** were served free at Tuesday's basketball games. EMS and fire department members on the serving line were, l-r, Andy Garza, Bryan Mason, Stan Miller, Larry Mitchell, Donna Mitchell, Ella Stormes and Jessie Stone. Thanks to Jan Theiman's FCCLA students for assisting with the trimmings. ron carr photo



**Mustang/Fillie Basketball Action**

FILLIE/MUSTANG basketball season began this week as the teams hosted Olton and travel to Whiteface tonight. ron carr photos

**Football Contest Standings**

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 112 Jo Blackwell                                                                 | 99 A. M. Wilson                                    |
| 110 Blake Sudderth                                                               | 98 Candy Highsmith,                                |
| 109 Jeremy Dearing, Roy Lee Stowers                                              | Danny Harris                                       |
| 107 Jess Dearing, Bobby Johnson, Susan Kerby, Christen Stowers, Glenden Sudderth | 97 Rick Jamerson, Lisa Lane, Virginia Steele       |
| 106 Dorothy Harris, Frances Johnson                                              | 96 Tomas Fuentes, Jr., Sally Gonzalez, Jerry Roach |
| 105 Frank Gonzalez, Jr., Jason Kerby, Lilly Michel, Linda Sudderth               | 95 Taryn Jamerson, Cody Jamerson                   |
| 104 Daniel Hernandez, Janie Sudderth                                             | 94 Brett Anderson                                  |
| 103 Josh Kerby, Scott Sudderth                                                   | 93 Jimmy Harris                                    |
| 102 Doug Johnson, Al Kerby Jr., Tyson Kerby                                      | 91 Bryan Jones, Dorothy Stowers                    |
| 101 Denise Anderson, Peggy Hargrove, D'Lynn Jamerson, Del Ray Sudderth           | 88 Courtney Jamerson                               |
|                                                                                  | 87 B. J. Shepherd                                  |
|                                                                                  | 86 Zane Anderson, Bruce Scroggins                  |
|                                                                                  | 82 Ty Grimsley                                     |

**Happy Birthday Bovina**

Birthdays for the week of November 17-23, 2002.  
 Nov 17 Randy Kirkpatrick, Patti Johnson  
 Nov 18 Nancy Knight  
 Nov 19 Jarrett Turner  
 Nov 22 Rodney Shepherd  
 Nov 23 Steve Cockerham  
 Add friends or relatives to our permanent birthday list by calling 251-1523.  
 If names appear that should be deleted or changed due to death, marriage, moved away, etc., please let us know also so we can take them off or make corrections.



FOOD DRIVE... "I Can, You Can, We Can, Be Drug Free" was the theme for Bovina Elementary students, who brought 335 cans of food for the local food bank this week. Mrs. Steelman's 2nd grade class won a popcorn party for bringing the most food. Shown here are, standing, l-r, Amber Deleon and Andrew Marrufo. Seated, l-r, Heather Miller and Arturo Aguillon.

**Hromas Shower Saturday**

A reception and bridal shower for Lisa Hromas Ketchum, bride of Zachary Ketchum, will be held Saturday November 16 from 3-4:30 p.m. in the First Baptist Church fellowship hall in Bovina.  
 Shower selections are at J. C. Penney, Dillard's and Roden Smith Drug.

**School Board Meeting....**

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 recognition for Bovina High School by Texas Monthly magazine.  
 During the superintendent's report, Downes pointed out the TEA designation of subject matter teacher shortage areas predicted for the 2002-03 year.  
 The board went into closed executive session at 8:18 p.m. and returned to open session at 8:55 p.m. The board then approved a revision to the contract of school counselor Don Maggio from full time to part time.  
 The board hired Bill Bizzell on a probationary contract as a school counselor effective from December 2, 2002 through the 2002-03 school year.

**Thanksgiving Activities Set**

Sunday, November 24, several events are scheduled in Nazareth.  
 A "Holiday Arts & Crafts Bazaar" will be held from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in the school cafeteria, sponsored by the Nazareth Art Club.  
 The Christian Mothers Society of Holy Family Parish will hold their annual Thanksgiving Dinner from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Nazareth Community Hall. Adults are \$6, children 11 and under \$4. Turkey, dressing and all the trimmings will be served.  
 A Turkey Shoot will be held from 1 p.m. until finished in the draw 4 miles north of Nazareth. All ages are welcome. Cash Prizes Sponsored by the Nazareth Volunteer Fire Department.



IT'S MINE! YOU CAN'T HAVE IT!!!---Bill and/or Carol Ellis of Friona won the beautiful quilt which was made and raffled by the Ladies Society of St. Anne's Church in Bovina last Sunday. Carol bought some tickets on the quilt and Bill signed his name to a couple of them. She said "I buy tickets on their quilts every year and never win. This one is mine!"



SHOWN AT A BCN Center reception last week are, top, Michael Downes, right, with Bryan Easum, Tulia city manager and Angie Cox, Tulia ISD technology facilitator. Below, Arlene McCallum and Mr. & Mrs. Jim Bob Swafford. ron carr photos



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**Around Town**

**Bovina seniors chili lunch Nov 20**  
 The Bovina senior citizens will have a chili lunch Wednesday, November 20, at 12 noon. The lunch will be at the Senior Center, 106 North St. Chili, cornbread, crackers, dessert and drinks will be served. Charge is by donation.

**Hub Cowboy fellowship Nov 19**  
 A special service is planned for Tuesday, Nov 19, at the Hub Cowboy Fellowship at the Hub community center located 1 1/2 miles south of the FM214 and Hwy 86 intersection. Service starts at 7 p.m. Speaker is Steve Patterson with music by Elouise Clark. Everyone is invited to this non-denominational gathering for the whole family.

**Library tea to honor Darla Bracken**  
 There will be an all-day tea at the Friona Public Library on Friday, Nov 22, to show appreciation to Darla Bracken for 20 years of service to the library. The public is invited.

**FISD homemade rolls ready to order**  
 Friona ISD Cafeteria will help you with your holiday baking. What would be better than fresh, hot, homemade rolls right out of your oven? The rolls will be \$3 a dozen, frozen and ready to bake. Just thaw, let rise, bake and serve. Order by calling Linda or Roxanne at 250-3350. Rolls will be ready for pickup at the jr. hi. cafeteria, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Nov 26 or 27. Please place your orders by Wednesday, Nov 20.

**Christmas bazaar in Friona Nov 22-23**  
 The "Country Christmas Jubilee" bazaar will be held at the Friona Community Center Nov 22-23. It will be a special arts and crafts bazaar with new vendors and entertaining events. Applications for booth space are available by contacting Martha Schueler at 295-6597 or Ruth Owen at 806-925-6613. Booth rental will be \$25 for center spaces and \$30 for wall spaces.

**Oklahoma Lane Reunion Nov 29**  
 The Oklahoma Lane School and Community Reunion is scheduled for Nov 29 at the Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church. All present and former Oklahoma Lane residents, teachers, students and parents are invited. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. A catered meal will be served. For meal reservations call Lois Billingsley at 806-825-3411 or Avis Carpenter at 806-825-2176.

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# Out Here

by Ron Carr

## "The Last Reunion"

It was 984 miles round-trip. A long way to drive for a 45-year class reunion. "Dear Ol' Hillsboro High" is not the same but then nothing is the same as it was 45 years ago.

I took my mother along as we returned to the scene of my childhood and where she had spent the first 50-years of her life.

My main reason for going was not to see the classmates who would be there. In fact, several of the 1957 graduates who still live in Hillsboro did not attend any homecoming activities.

Out of a class of 67, about 25 showed up at the Saturday afternoon reception at the old Katy Depot. Like Friona, citizens of Hillsboro moved their depot from beside the railroad tracks over near the courthouse square.

I spent many hours in the Katy Depot as a child. My folks had mail contracts and every day and every night we would haul mail down to be loaded on passing trains. The depot had coal fired stoves and white and colored restrooms in those days.

But the Saturday of my reunion, the classmates gathered to talk mostly about their health, or lack of it. One of my teen friends, Gail, who was always perky and full of fun, was in the first stages of Alzheimers they said. She sat quietly, still smiling, but not acknowledging any memories.

Others spoke of being widowed, or their latest replacement operation. They compared notes on triple bypasses. Another carried a portable oxygen tank.

There was no enthusiasm for being together again it seemed. Most of them didn't look like the pictures in the yearbooks we brought along.

I went to see two people. My basketball teammate Al Podsednik and our coach, David "Diz" Dewitt. Coach Dewitt is 79 now and is blessed with good health and is still of very sharp mind and memory and sense of humor.

Al and I had asked the coach to get a key to the old gym we played in. It is still standing but is not used as a gym anymore. We wanted to go inside and listen to the crowd noise, and hear coach yelling from the sidelines and smell the musty old uniform smell that we knew so well.

Our class graduated in this gym. It has a stage at one end, and had openings at the other end we would often fall through on a fast break. I received my diploma right up there behind the south backboard.

We left the depot gathering early. We parked behind the old red building, which is now painted beige, and went in a side door near the locker room where wood and wire cages served as our lockers.

It was an eerie, but inspiring moment when we stepped inside. A big chunk of our lives had been spent right there. After school, before school, during games and practices, we played basketball.

We found a couple of basketballs in a small office behind the stage. Al challenged me to a game of horse. We had played a million games of horse before. Neither of us exactly knocked the bottom out of the net this time.

It is a depth perception thing, Al said. Not to mention we could only get a few inches off the floor on

jump shots. It brought a smile to me to watch Al shoot the ball. He was always a better shooter than I was, but this time it didn't matter.

For a couple of hours we hung out at the old gym. Talking, telling stories, listening to Coach Dewitt's banter about basketball in those days and how we usually took a back seat to football.

He talked about our yo-yo drills, and the Drake shuffle and recalled details of district games won and lost. It was an amazing experience and one I will always cherish.

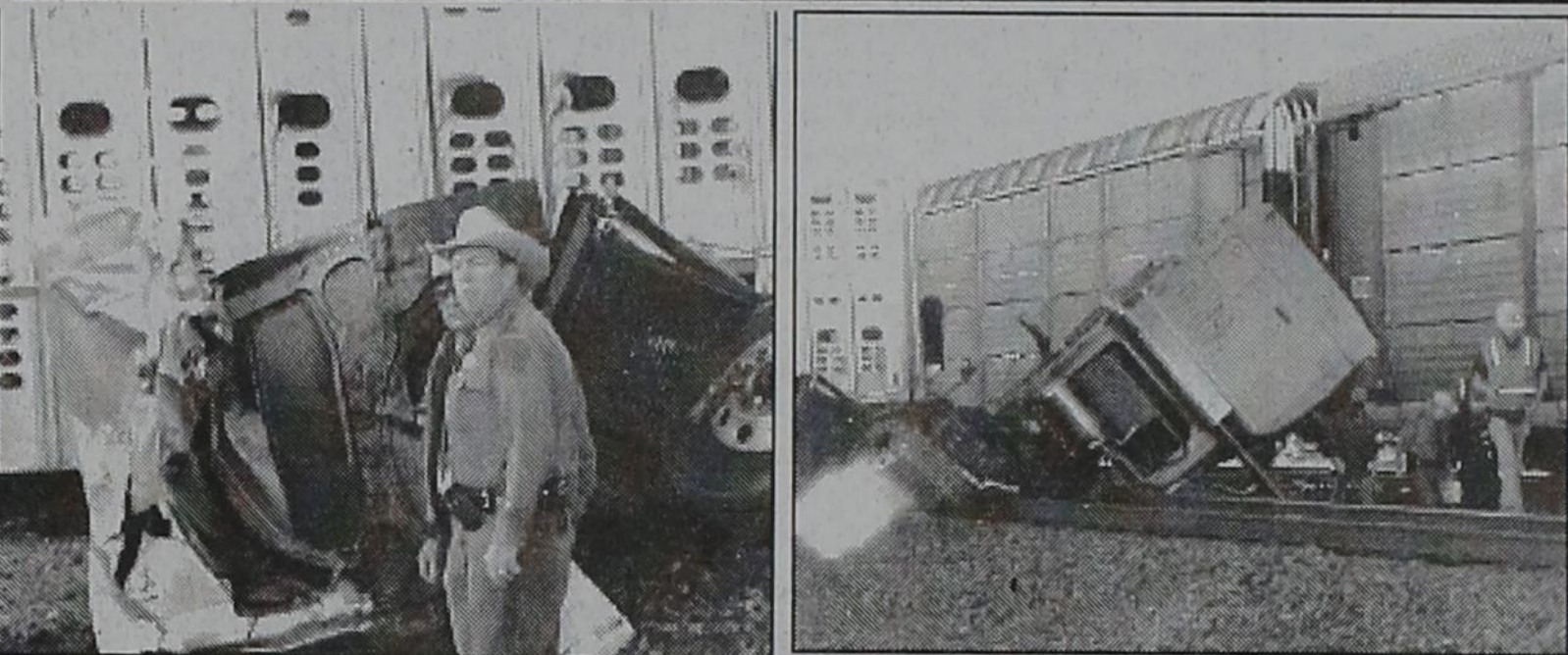
That night, Al and I took Coach to dinner at a big new Mexican food restaurant in Hillsboro. The three of us ate guacamole nachos, enchilada plates and drank iced tea and enjoyed our memories for a couple of hours.

Al told Coach how much his influence had meant, and how it endures in many ways even today. And how much we actually enjoyed playing for him and being around him in our youth. Coach was fun then. He still is.

And we pretty much agreed that this would be our last class reunion. Al and I decided not to plan on attending the 50th version. No offense to our classmates but we found it depressing.

We did agree that in a couple of years or so, we would meet back in Hillsboro, me, Al, and Coach, to play a little horse, eat a few nachos, and laugh and remember once again those good days of our youth. Sort of a private reunion.

From me and Al, Coach We love you. And we thank you for all you were and are. God Bless You! And God Bless America!



FRIONA EMS, top, tend to the 60-year-old Arizona truck driver whose rig was hit by a train Monday west of Friona. Below, Trooper Trey Ellis investigates the accident. The driver was treated and released. ron carr photos

## Christmas Arts-Crafts In Amarillo

The annual Christmas Arts and Crafts Show at the Amarillo Civic Center is set for November 23-24.

Show hours are: Saturday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday, 12 p.m.-5 p.m. Admission is \$3 with children 14 and under free if accompanied by an adult.

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THE USE OF CAMELS IS RECORDED THROUGHOUT THE SCRIPTURES. THESE "SHIPS OF THE DESERT" HAVE PLAYED THEIR PART IN THE PAGEANTRY OF THE BIBLE. THE PATRIARCHS TOTALED MUCH OF THEIR WEALTH IN THE NUMBER OF CAMELS THEY OWNED. WHEREVER THE NOMADIC TRIBES OF ISRAEL WANTED TO WANDER CAMELS ALWAYS DID THE LEG WORK. FOR ONE WEALTHY PATRIARCH TO SEND A PRESENT OF A DOZEN OR SO CAMELS TO ANOTHER WAS NOT UNUSUAL. AND CONSIDERING THE AMOUNT OF LUGGAGE EACH CAMEL COULD CARRY (WEIGHT OF 500 POUNDS) A FEW OF THESE LONG LEGGED BEAUTIES MEANT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BRINGING NOT ONLY THE BEST TENT AND FURNISHINGS BUT ALSO THE NEEDFUL PARAPHERNALIA. THE CAMEL WAS STUPID, ILL-TEMPERED, AND SOMETIMES VINDICTIVE, BUT OH HOW NECESSARY TO THE DAILY LIFE OF THE WANDERER OF THE DESERT.



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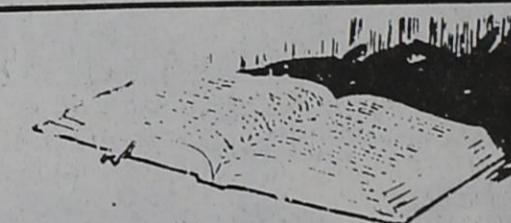
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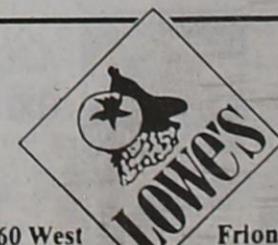
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