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Caprock's Night Move Cowboys..

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BOVINA, Texas - It's 4 A.M. and 47,000 cattle slumber and stir softly in the crisp air of an October night in the Texas Panhandle. Then the hush of the night is pierced by the rebel yell as seven cowboys on horseback enter a pen.

"Yee-hah!" "Up-ah, up-ah!" "Heyheyheyhey!" Lumbering to their feet, the 100 cattle in the pen shuffle, then trot away from the riders, who advance side-by-side to direct the cattle out of the pen into a 16-foot-wide alley.

In the alley, the cattle start moving faster. Light-colored steers flash by a pool of light from one of the feedyard's lightpoles, followed by a sparkle from silver buckles on leather chaps as the cowboys move their horses into a trot to keep up with the cattle.

Despite the movement of 600 tons of cattle, the procession is surprisingly quiet. There's the rush of hooves, the snort of horses, the occasional bellow from one of the cattle and the clank of metal gates. Periodically, a rider lets out a yell.

"Let's golet's golet's go! Yah!"

The early wake-up call occurs a few times a week at Cargill's Caprock Feedyard No. 5 here in Bovina, a metropolis of cattle on the scrub-covered High Plains of Texas. The cattle are headed on trailers to the Excel plant in nearby Friona, just a dozen miles up the road, where they will be processed soon after sunrise.

The inconvenient hour is carefully chosen, notes Lonnie Busch, feedyard manager. Excel can start its production line right on time, maximizing its efficiency. And the cattle are processed promptly, which is better than having them stand around for hours at the packing plant getting nervous and losing valuable weight.

In fact, while the industry benchmark for a steer's weight loss between leaving a feedyard and processing is 4 percent of body weight, Bovina's night-shipped cattle shrink less than 1 percent, according to cattle scheduler Mickie Herring at Excel in Friona. The Bovina Feedyard's percentage of "dark cutters" - beef discolored by a flush of stress-induced hormones - is also quite low, ensuring more potential for premium beef. Dark cutters represent a loss of \$200 per



CAPROCK COWBOY Matt McLennan herds cattle for Excel hours before sunrise. *courtesy photo*

head, so there's a lot of money to be saved by keeping cattle from getting stressed.

That makes night shipping a three-home-run customer solution for Excel. "It helps the plant in yield and overall quality," Herring says. "And we've got 1,900 employees here, so the consistency of what we do is important. We don't have to jockey our workers' schedules back and forth. We know we can start on Caprock 5's cattle first thing in the morning - because when they say they'll be there at a certain time, the cattle are there."

To ensure that reliability, several Caprock feedyards coordinate their efforts. For instance, when icy roads or lightning storms prevent one of the other Caprock yards from getting their cattle to the plant on time, Bovina's riders saddle up early to make sure Excel can keep operating efficiently.

Caprock's nighttime cowboys are a special breed. They're all part-timers. Some

have cattle of their own. One is finishing his degree in ag communications. Another crafts custom-made spurs. The common denominator is that they're all skilled riders who know how to read cattle.

"A calf has a brain, a horse has a brain and you have a brain - and you've got to work it all out in the pen," says Darren Newton, the cattle manager who oversees Caprock's night shipments. "It's easy to get frustrated, and it's intense. This is the hardest thing I've ever had to train someone on."

Back in the feedyard, rider Clyde Jenkins follows 16 head into "the box" - a curved, solid-walled steel pen about 20 feet square - swinging a heavy door shut behind him. His horse snorts a cloud of steam in the night air, then Jenkins moves his mount toward a steer he has determined is the leader. The leader trots through a curved chute called "the snake" and clatters up the ramp to a transport trailer. Most of the other cattle follow.

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RESCUE ONE



FRIONA Mayor John Taylor and Fire Chief Jim Taylor look over the Friona Fire Department's new fire rescue truck. The 2003 Ford F-550 is the newest addition to the fire department. See story for more. *ron carr photo*

Friona F.D. Buys New 'Rescue One'

Through a grant from the Texas Forest Service, The Friona volunteer fire department has a brand new "booster" truck, Rescue One.

The 2003 Ford F-550 is rigged to carry 500 gallons of water and the department's rescue equipment, including the Jaws of Life rescue tool. It is usually the first truck to leave the station when the firemen respond to fires or traffic accidents.

Fire Chief Jim Taylor said Friona received a \$54,000 grant from the Texas Forest Service and added only \$6,000 of city money to purchase the \$60,000 truck. Taylor said the Forest Service received approval several

years ago to add \$1 to individual insurance policies across Texas to fund the grants to small town and rural fire departments.

The local fire department

will be selling the current Rescue One truck, as well as an older 2 1/2 ton truck and a 1959 fire truck to make room for the new equipment at the fire station.

Lt. Morris Still On Paid Leave

The investigation into an alleged assault that occurred at the Friona Police Station is still ongoing this week. Lt. Jerry Morris remains on paid administrative leave.

According to articles in the Amarillo and Lubbock newspapers, Texas Ranger Martin Hood has declined to discuss the status of the case. "The investigation is ongoing and there will be no comment," Hood told the Amarillo paper.

Friona city manager Terri Johnson is quoted in the same article. "He's a good officer," Johnson said. "I can't

imagine him doing anything improper. I'm shocked that he's been accused of anything."

This is week two of Morris' suspension.

Postmaster Moving To Springlake

Bovina postmaster Lenore Falcon has transferred to the Springlake Post Office as postmaster. The Officer-In-Charge (OIC) is Randa Hodges, who comes to Bovina from Spade to be in charge of the post office until a new postmaster is assigned.

Cemetery Cleanup Nite Monday July 28-7 p.m.

Several local citizens, the City of Friona, and the Cemetery Association, are organizing a trash cleanup nite at the Friona Cemetery.

All local citizens, students or seniors who can volunteer for a couple of hours are asked to be at the cemetery Monday night, July 28, at 7 p.m. The city will furnish trash bags. Bring gloves, rakes, shovels, clippers or any other equipment that might be useful.

You might want to bring some insect repellent too in case of insects or mosquitoes. See you there!

For more information you can contact Holly Campbell at 250-2745 or 250-2584, or Friona city manager Terri Johnson at 250-2761.



JUANITA CARRASCO Friona PD Dispatcher Silent Hero

Friona Police Dispatcher Juanita Carrasco has been honored by the Commission on State Emergency Communications (CSEC) with a Silent Hero Award.

Mrs. Carrasco, an 11-year veteran as a Friona police dispatcher, will attend a gathering in Plano, Texas, and receive additional recognition during an August 27 Telecommunicator Awards Luncheon sponsored by CSEC.

The Silent Hero certificate says in part, "in recognition of exemplary conduct in the field of emergency telecommunications. Your professionalism, dedication, positive attitude and tireless efforts to serve the public are an inspiration to all who strive for excellence."

Editorial

Cemetery Needs Loving Care!

There are several people I know that spend a lot of time at the Friona Cemetery. They have parents or children or friends buried there and they visit often for their own personal reasons.

They visit to relive memories, to talk, to say things left unsaid, to deal with sadness or happiness, frustration or joy, to hold on to life or ultimately to let go.

They take with them grass clippers, blankets, chairs, buckets for water to wash the stone, real or plastic flowers, trash bags for hauling away and personal trinkets to leave behind.

Many graves are never tended or visited. You can pick them out easily. They look untended, disheveled and scruffy. Regular visitors to the cemetery try to look after the scruffy graves as well as their own but it is a big job.

Over time, plastic flowers and personal mementoes blow away in the Panhandle wind, gravesites sink from drought and neglect and vases get broken. When mowers mow, they sometimes shred the plastic flowers and mementoes, styrofoam cups and other trash laying around.

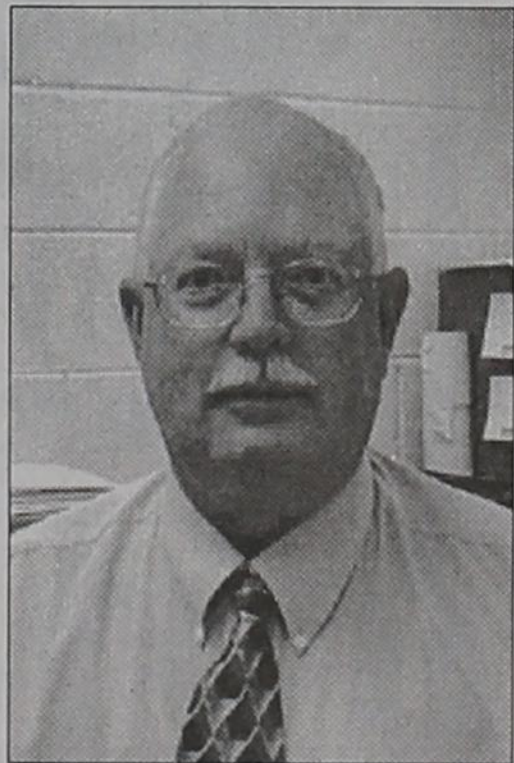
Shredded trash blows around and makes the cemetery less holy and less inviting. A cemetery should be a place for loved ones to be able to go and enjoy.

For many people, visiting the cemetery is very important. It is a holy place to them and they like to keep it that way.

The City of Friona is presently working on the sprinkler system as time and budget allows. Heat plays havoc with the cemetery grounds.

Monday evening has been organized as a cleanup night. Shouldn't take more than a couple of hours to pick up the trash and make the area look better.

A cemetery is a special place. Hope you can be there.



JACK GLOVER THE FRIONA Post Office has a new master. Postmaster Jack Glover has assumed official duties at the local post office. He comes to Friona from Muleshoe.

Gossip Column Debuting This Week On Page 5

Friona Flashbacks

...from the files of The Friona Star

75 Yrs. Ago--Aug 3, 1928

A number of young people of Friona had a very pleasant outing in the breaks in the northwest part of Deaf Smith County and in New Mexico, Saturday evening and Sunday. They arrived at a very pretty place known as Cottonwood Grove in time to cook supper over a camp fire and after exploring the canyons in the moonlight for a short time, everyone rolled up in their blankets and spent the night under the trees.

F.L. Spring, one of Friona's leading merchants, returned Thursday morning from a fishing trip over at Carlsbad, New Mexico.

55 Yrs. Ago--July 24, 1948

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Riethmayer and Margaret and Ester Riethmayer, of Lamesa, were weekend guests in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Boggess, Mrs. G.E. Reed and girls, and Mr. and Mrs. Truett Johnson of Hereford.

Raymond Euler and Charles Allen escaped serious injury when they were involved in an automobile collision near Umbarger last Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Boggess departed this week for an extended visit and journey through the northwest United States and Southern Canada. Some 800 miles of the trip will be on British soil. After entering Canada, they will drive through Manitoba, thence west into British

Columbia, and thence south into Washington and Oregon.

50 Yrs. Ago--July 30, 1953

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Welch and girls went to Dumas, Friday afternoon to visit her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Bates and boys, and to bring their son, Bob, home with them for a two week visit.

Mrs. Cynthia Bell returned this week from California where she has been visiting her sister.

Mrs. Harry Davis left this week for Claude to take a nursing job with an elderly couple.

45 Yrs. Ago--July 24, 1958

Final rites were held Friday afternoon at 3 p.m. for H.T. (Tiny) Magness, 51, of Friona, who was killed in the crash of a plane 13 miles west of here last Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Merle Shirley of Friona had surgery at Deaf Smith County Hospital in Hereford last week. She is getting along as well as possible. She is the mother of Mrs. Lester Dean.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardy May and Arlen returned Monday of last week after spending several days at the bedside of May's mother, Mrs. Oscar May, at Rush Springs, Oklahoma. Her condition is reported to be much improved at this time.

35 Yrs. Ago--July 25, 1968

Army Private Thomas P.

Roberts, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon W. Roberts, 604 Geneva, Friona, completed a field communications crewman course June 14, at Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

Recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Bails and Kenny have been Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Sager of Toledo, Ohio, and Pam of Bryan, Texas.

John R. Hodges, son of Mrs. D.M. Thompson, Friona, has been promoted to sergeant in the U.S. Air Force.

30 Yrs. Ago--July 22, 1973

In a second car-truck accident in the county in five days, Mrs. Francesca Melendez, 23, of Friona, was hospitalized in Parmer County Community Hospital here for treatment. She was reported to be in good condition.

Kevin Wiseman, 1973 graduate of Friona High School, has received a good write-up in the July-August issue of the Christian Athlete, a publication of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

25 Yrs. Ago--Aug 6, 1978

The Friona area has received rain showers this week, but some parts of the area also suffered damage from the weather. The rainstorm was accompanied by high winds, thunder and an electrical display. Some farmers reported crops of corn blown down or leaning. The Rhea area received hail damage.

Friona High School will have a Flag Corps this fall to march in conjunction with the band. They have recently attended the Flag and Rifle Camp and WTSU. Members of the Flag Corps are Dana Smith, Sylvia Bermea, Janna Reeve, Jeanette Gilliam, Anita Perkins, Diana Glover, Delinda Shipp and Joanna Merritt.

20 Yrs. Ago--Aug 14, 1983

Friona State Bank is announcing this week the addition of its 24-hour teller system, which it plans to implement by September 1.

Bill Caudill and Brent Hinkle were recognized for excellence in advanced debate during the West Texas State University Speech and Theatre Camp. Caudill was named top speaker and Hinkle was recognized as outstanding contributor following a tournament featuring students in the advanced debate section.

15 Yrs. Ago--Aug 6, 1988

Former Friona Chieftain kicking star, Mark Montoya, who is being given a tryout by the Kansas City Chiefs, has survived three cuts, and is scheduled to be given a chance to punt in Saturday's pre-season game against the Cincinnati Bengals.

Seven employees of Hi-Pro Feeds were honored this week for accumulating 44 years of accident-free service in the company's production

department. The men are Jesus Vega, Lazaro Herrera, Pete Gonzales, George Rios, Joe Trevino, Raul Brailif and Lupe Gonzales.

10 Yrs. Ago--July 24, 1993

The Friona area enjoyed a second round of rains during the past week, with farmers receiving from an inch to three inches of rainfall in addition to what they had received the previous week.

Prairie Acres recently finished the first renovation project on its original building at a cost of nearly \$65,000.

The renovation project began in March. The building was opened in 1978 and is owned by the city.

5 Yrs. Ago--July 24, 1998

Goldie Harrelson, 17-year-old FHS senior, has had a busy summer with golf.

She competed in 13 Junior PGA tournaments between June 5 and July 17, finishing in the top 4 in all 13 tournaments.

Fourteen-year-old Friona freshman Trevor Fields was selected Outstanding Camper in his 13-14 year-old age group at the WTAMU football camp, July 5-9

Happy Birthday Friona Folks...

WEEK OF July 27-August 2



Week of July 27-August 2
July 27...Kelley Cash, Candis Page Widner, Alton Peak, Amanda Lee.

July 28...Dianne Tatum, Sarah Coronado, Teresa Ready, Jennifer Carson, Kirk Cummings, Katy Nelson, Kyle Steen.

July 29... Ashley Nicole Reeve, Melba Widner, Twyla Corbell, Rosa Garza, Rex Cumpston, Lindy Wiseman, Kyndali Duran.

July 30...Fern Sanders, Dr. Bill Osborn, Brandon Dickson, LaTawn White, Cris Ingram, Rex Williams, Gilbert Paiz, Cheyenne Dutton, Johnny Rodriguez, Evelyn Yerger, Darian Drummond, Boyce Glover.

July 31...Minda Gonzales, Dustee Gee, Ashlee Gee, Ruben Lopez Jr., Lewis Gore, Monica Santellana, Kristopher Rios, Dr. William Osborn, Kaye Funk, Aaron Torres, Marie Redwine, Blase Bermea.

August 1...Hanna Beth Stephens, Lloyd Chesher, Larry Rector, Barrett Dickson, Delaney Barnett.

August 2...Billy Sifford, Dusty Ryedell Rosario, Pepper Weatherly, Vuthill Loanman, Brenda Jackson.

If you or someone in your family has a birthday coming up soon, please call the Friona Star office at 250-2211 by Wednesday noon and report it.

When you see names which should have been removed from our birthday listings (moved away, names that have changed, deceased, etc.) call the newspaper and let someone know. Thank you.

New Grief Support Group in Muleshoe

A new Grief Support Group will be starting in Muleshoe on August 4, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. The new group, The Fragile Wings Association, will be facilitated by Jan Thompson and Glenda Jennings.

The group will meet the first Monday of each month from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce boardroom located at 115 East American Boulevard.

For more information call Jan at (806) 272-4248 or Glenda at (806) 965-2483.

Any one who has experienced the death of a loved one is invited to attend.

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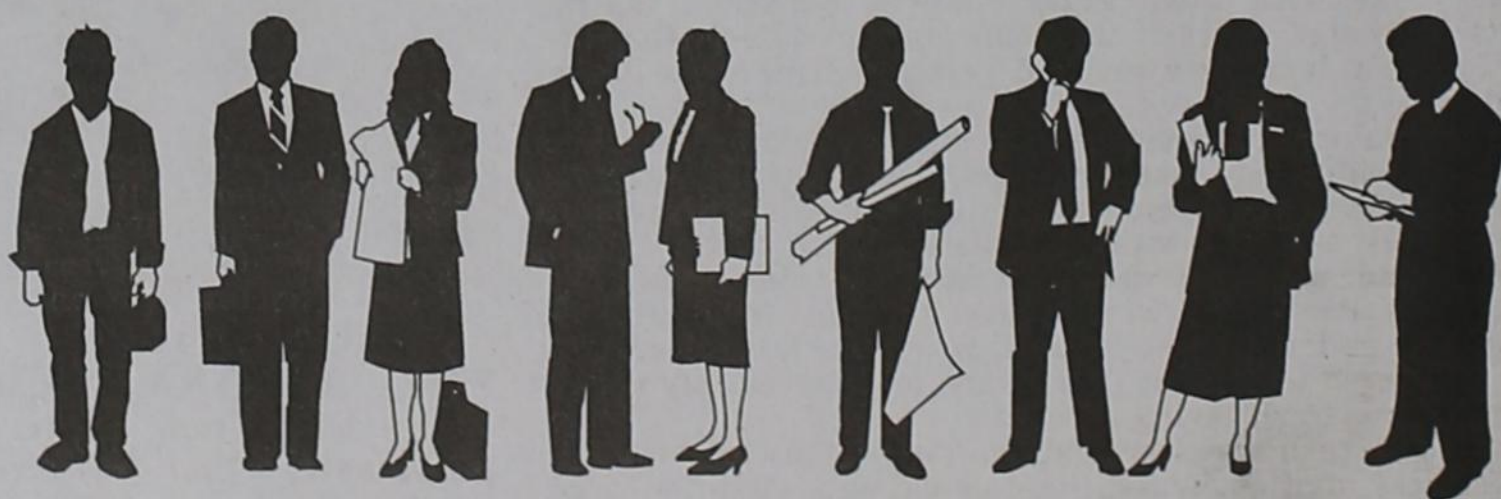
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Out Here by ron carr

Around the newspaper office when mistakes are made we usually blame them on the new person.

If there aren't any new people, the 'newest' person gets the blame. I'm not the newest person here, but I am the new owner. So I caught the blame for last week.

With any luck at all, most of you didn't catch the mistakes in last week's papers. I know a few did because they mentioned it. In case you missed them, here they are. Confession is good for the soul although we could debate it.

The "date line" was missing on the front page of last week's *Friona Star*. The date line on the front page of the *Bovina Blade* was there, but it was the wrong date. To show we are not complete morons, the dates and page numbers were correct on all the inside pages of both papers.

And, there were three separate articles that were in the papers two times each. Might have been a few other typos too. I didn't have the heart to look.

So there. If you didn't notice our errors, forget that you read this. If you caught them, good for you. We like for people to read the paper and actually pay attention.

For now and probably for the next few months, all mistakes will be justified with the phrase, "Must be the new owner." After that, the employees get the heat.

You've probably noticed that there are a few things that look different in the papers. My production staff of Dana Jameson, Nathan Parson and Sherry Carr are all new employees. Nathan has been here since last December, but that is still fairly new.

Can We Talk About The Newspapers For A Minute?

With new people come new ideas. And that is a good thing. We want the paper to have a nice visual appeal as well as articles of local interest.

To all our friends and readers that have told us the paper looks good, we appreciate your support.

We also open our minds to suggestions, ideas and criticism. Call us or stop us on the street if you have something to say about the paper: good, bad or indifferent. We like to know what you think.

We also could use your help with news or photo opportunity leads. For many years, Scooter Russell and June Floyd wrote columns of happenings around town. Family reunions, illness reports, or out-of-town visitors found their way into Scooter and June's columns.

I called them the "good time" girls. Everybody in their columns, whether they had a gall bladder operation or dinner at K-Bob's, ended up having a good time.

At this point, unless we can find a reliable, industrious person to fill their "town talk" shoes, we won't have the regular column as a feature of the paper. However, we will print, in story form, any news or information submitted about family reunions, visitors, vacations, or other news of local interest.

One thing I have found in my years here: people like to read about other people but sometimes don't want other people reading about them.

We have begun including warranty deed information which we receive from the county clerk's office. It is under the heading "Court-house Notes." You probably won't see the Sheriff's Report in our pages. We will leave that to our colleague Mike Pomper and the Stateline Tribune.

We have changed the Around Town section to County Calendar. Under this

heading, we will print upcoming events that will take place in Parmer County. If you have a church function, school event, rodeo, Chamber activity or any other scheduled activity coming up, send us the information and we will print it in the County Calendar.

We will be simplifying our rates for classified ads, card of thanks, engagement and wedding announcements. The new fee schedule will be published in the near future.

With the cost of printing and mailing on the increase, there will likely be an increase in our subscription and advertising rates by the end of the year. We will keep you advised.

Finally, it is quite possible that we will sooner or later combine the *Friona Star* and *Bovina Blade* into one "county" newspaper. Don't panic yet.

Many of the pages in the *Star* are already included in the *Blade*. It has been that

way for many years. We don't intend to overlook our loyal *Bovina* readers. Combining the two papers will be cost effective, allow for more complete coverage, and promote the communities of *Friona* and *Bovina* to a larger audience. At least we think so.

I realize to some this won't be a popular decision at first. But, it works in Castro County where they cover Nazareth, Hart and Dimmitt in the same paper. And in Floyd County they cover

rivals Lockney and Floydada in the same pages.

What the new guy asks is that you give us an opportunity to deliver a new and improved newspaper, full of county news, local news and good times too.

Our phone number is 250-2211. It's toll free from *Bovina*.

And if none of this works? I still have three new employees to blame it on.



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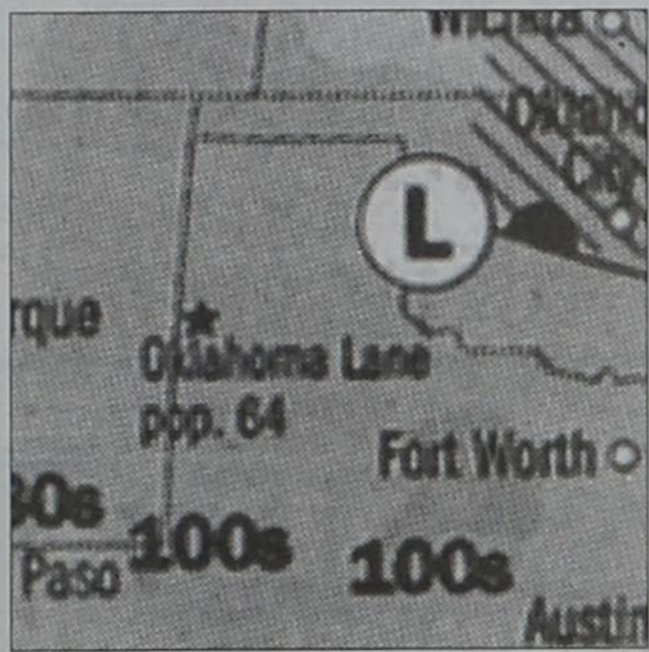
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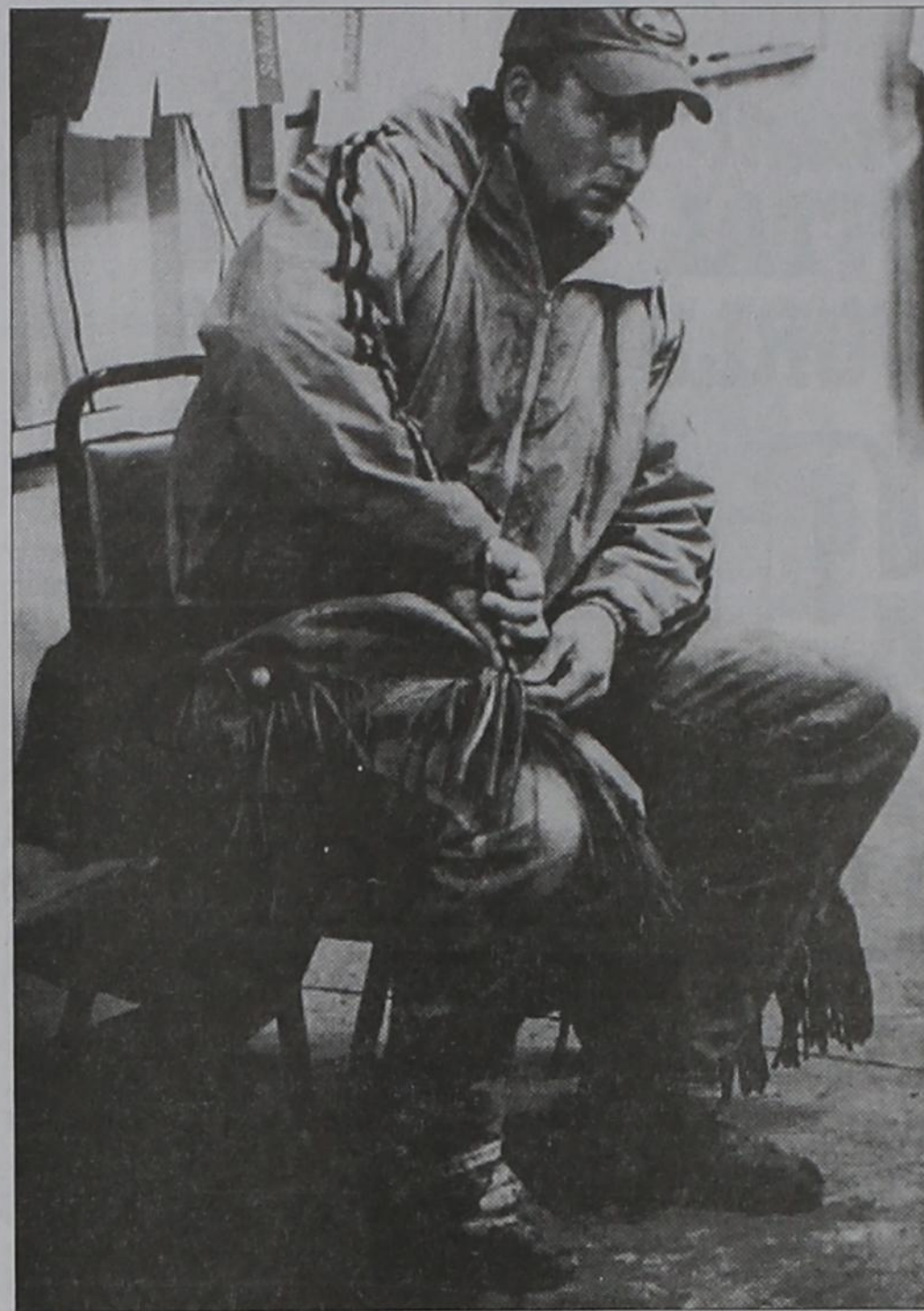
TODAY'S FORECAST



THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS publishes a weather forecast map every day. The Sunday map, in addition to major cities, had a star in the Panhandle showing Oklahoma Lane, pop. 64. We called the Morning News to find out why. The person who designs the weather maps turned out to be James Black, a 1972 Sudan graduate. His parents, Richard & Hannah Black still farm in the Sudan area. He said they pick a different small Texas town every week to sneak on the map. He's been with the Dallas paper since 1986.

NIGHT RIDERS

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KEVIN SCHUELER strapped up to move cattle.

But one steer balks, and Jenkins and his horse begin a dance that has been performed in feedyard pens on the High Plains for more than a century. The horse steps to one side, trying to nudge the steer toward the shoot. The steer fakes left, then bolts straight at the horse's chest. The mount shifts aside with surprising grace, then wheels around to face the startled steer. The steer tries one or two quick feints, then yields and moves into the snake.

At about 1,250 pounds, the steer weighs more than the horse and rider combined. Without brawn on their side, cowboy and horse play a game of mental chess with the cattle, executing moves in split-second time.

"You pick out the leader and start working on him," says Jason Floyd, a veteran cattleman who spent two years as a night shipper before hiring on full-time with Caprock as yard manager. "You get to where you can tell what he's going to do before he even makes his move."

Despite all the advances in technology, loading cattle still comes down to a cowboy and a horse. "We've got four-wheelers and ATVs, but you can't turn around an

ATV in a tight space,"

Floyd notes. "And you can't make an ATV step to the side."

As he speaks, horses and cattle dance in the pens under the brilliant stars of the big Texas sky.



CLYDE JENKINS directed cattle into the chute on the loading corral

courtesy photos

Black Beetles Local Nuisance

There are large numbers of small black beetles moving out of cropland and into homes, barns, and warehouses. Ed Riley (Entomology Department, College Station) has identified the beetle as *Blapstinus* species. There is no common name.

Most of the beetles in this group live something on the order of three months or more, so they will not be dying right away.

On the practical side, treat this beetle as any other small nuisance pest. Avoid burning lights at night, seal cracks, crevices, and other entry points. A barrier treatment of insecticide outside the house might work, but will probably let the beetles gain entry before they die. If insecticides are to be used in the interior of a house, consider treating only certain areas where beetles congregate, but which are away from most human activity. These areas would include baseboards and a few inches of floor space in corners, and behind furniture.

Winebrinner Named to Dean's List

Robert Blane Winebrinner, a Biology Major, was named by Texas Tech University to the Dean's Honor List.

He is the son of Danny and Dawna Roach of Friona and a 2001 Friona High School graduate.

To receive this recognition a student must have attained a grade point average of 3.5 or better during the indicated semester.

2003 District II Fire Dept. Update

4-H Results
The 2003 District II 4-H Record Book Contest results: Junior I, Clothing & Textiles, 1st place, Michelle Watson; Junior I, Swine, 3rd place, Abby Johnson; Junior II, Veterinary Science, 3rd place, Dan Patterson; Junior II, Photography, 4th place, Sarah Herington; Junior II, Swine, 2nd place, Drew Johnson.

BY DARRELL BARLOW Reporter

The Friona Volunteer Fire Department has finally received our new rescue unit, a crew cab that will hold more personnel. The other rescue unit would only hold two people whereas the new one will hold five, and will hold more water to control a fire until the tankers arrive.

The Fire Department has had to respond to several accidents, so please take the following precautions: when working outdoors in extreme heat, drink plenty of water and don't overexert yourself; everything is dry, making it easy to start a fire, so please be overly cautious when burning outside; if you are taking a vacation or going out of town, you need to have your vehicle checked to make sure everything is in working order, and watch out for the other drivers.

A four wheeler will be raffled off during Maize Days.

St. Teresa's Annual Jamaica August 3

St. Teresa's Church will be hosting the Annual Jamaica in the Parish Hall parking lot, Sunday, August 3rd, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Come on out and enjoy the live music, entertainment and raffles. There will also be lots of games, fun and food.

The community is invited to come out and enjoy the activities.

Relay For Life Cancer Walk Aug. 8

Preparations are under way for the 2003 Relay For Life cancer walk. The date is Aug. 8 at the Friona high school track. For team info call Shana Fleming at 265-3207.

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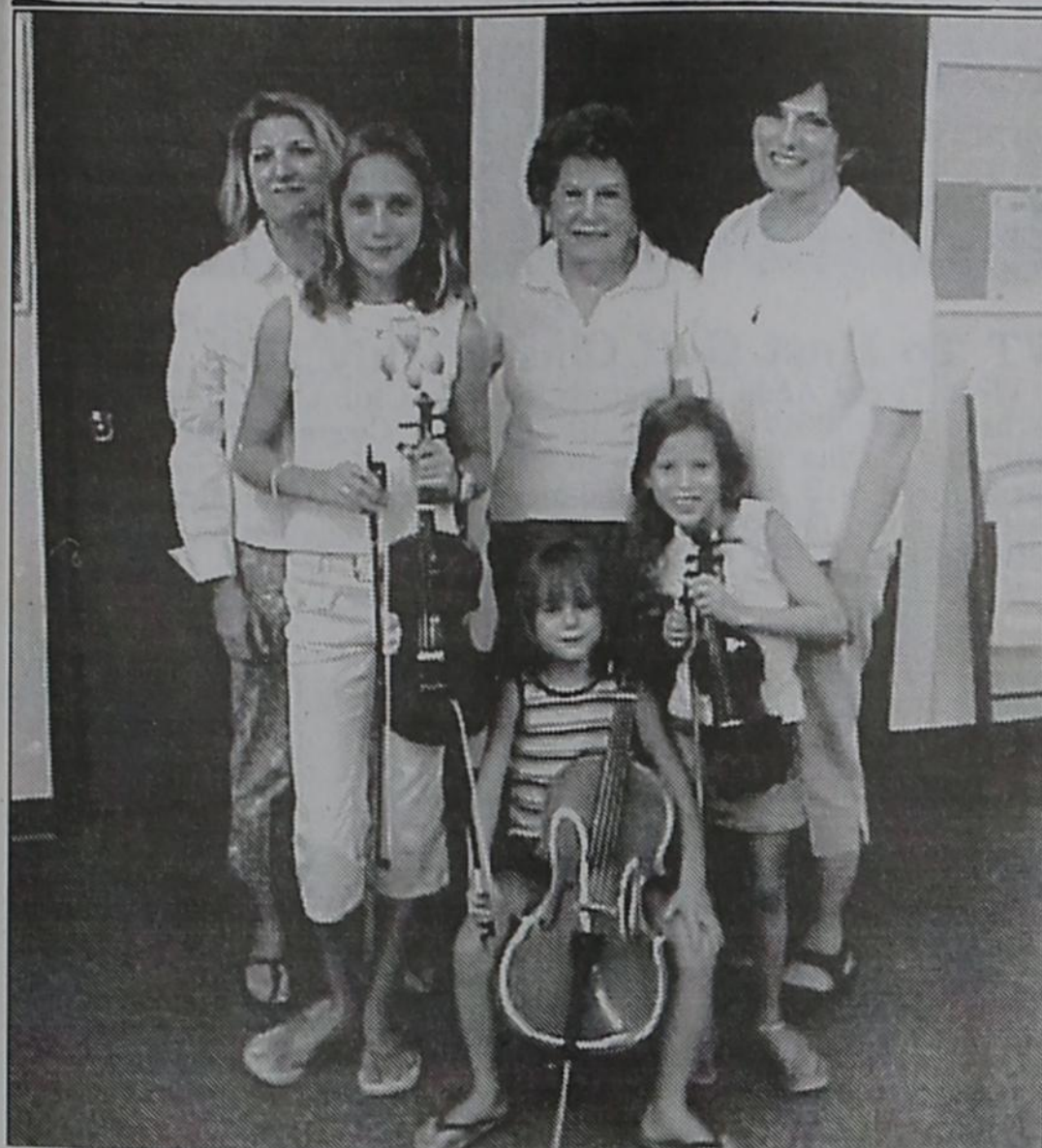
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WEEKEND & HOLIDAY
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TAYLOR GROUP---Gerry Taylor (standing center) is flanked by daughters Lisa Taylor, left, of Austin, and Suzanne Wood, right, of Pampa. Lisa's little daughters presented musical selections at the Senior Citizens Lunch this past Monday. They are: Katharyn Zagorin, left, on violin; little Sarah Zagorin, center, on cello; and Caroline Zagorin, right, on violin. The little girls are studying with the Suzuki program in Austin. Suzanne and Lisa Taylor grew up in Friona and are FHS grads.

The Gossip Column

The information we gather for this column is not gossip but if we called it the Facts Column you wouldn't read it. Help us out. If you have info of interest about local happenings call it in to 250-2211.

Here's what we heard this week:

Parmer County Farm Bureau chief Glen Morton is leaving to take over the Farm Bureau business in Lamb County (Littlefield, Olton, Sudan). Said he plans to live in Olton.

After more than 20 years as a Friona police dispatcher, Donice Jones is moving her stuff to city hall Monday to assume her new job as city water clerk. She replaces Judy Gurule who took a job at First National Bank of Hereford.

Speaking of Hereford, the Hereford Brand publisher, Mauri Montgomery, with 23-years at the Brand, has been replaced. The new publisher is Brian Brisendine but that hasn't been officially announced yet so don't tell anybody. Mauri took over the publisher role four years ago when Speedy Nieman died. He also worked as a Brand sportswriter and advertising manager at the paper.

Friona and Bovina are getting new postmasters. Jack Glover has taken over at Friona replacing retired postmaster Larry Rogers. Jack is from Muleshoe. In Bovina, Lenore Falcon is taking over the Springlake post office. In the interim, Randa Hodges moves over from Spade to run the Bovina post office.

Bovinas Doyle and Gilda Garner have migrated to Weatherford, Texas. Doyle's mom Laquita said they moved June 28. Gilda will be teaching kindergarten and Doyle will work in maintenance for the school district. Gilda earned her teaching certificate at Eastern New Mexico and Wayland Baptist Universities. It will be a change since Weatherford is a big 5A school district. We wish them both well.

We hope to expand this experiment into a weekly column. Your help is needed. Let us know about items of interest. We'll check them out. Thanks for your support!

Hamburger Lunch & Staff Meeting



CITY EMPLOYEES had a hamburger lunch and staff meeting Monday in city park. Top, Debbie & Larry Martin, Kim Bumpas, Brenda Patterson, Patricia Phipps, Darla Bracken & Judy Gurule listen as city manager Terri Johnson, below, talks about city business. The cookout marked Gurule's last day with the city. She has taken a position with First National Bank of Hereford. ron carr photos

CAPITOL COMMENT

U.S. SENATOR

KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

Summer Reading

Whether it's strolling down the San Antonio River Walk, camping at Bastrop State Park, or exploring the Big Thicket, Texas offers summer fun for everyone. This year, as you're enjoying the wide variety of getaways Texas has to offer, don't forget one essential item - a good book.

Books can take us back in time or provide a window into the future. They give us an understanding of the past and present, and give our lives perspective, pleasure or escape.

Open the pages of a Texas history book and experience the drama as Colonel Travis and his troops battle Santa Anna at the Alamo; enjoy a bird's eye view of the signing of the Texas Declaration of Independence at Washington-on-the-Brazos, the last capital of the Republic of Texas; or revisit the devastating Galveston hurricane of 1900 that forever changed the shape of the Gulf Coast.

Biographies can be inspiring and motivational. In *Lazy B*, the story of Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, we are privy to her hardships on a drought-devastated western ranch during the Great Depression. Her personal story paints a vivid picture of the family values that have governed her life and continue to guide her as she makes life-altering decisions in the marble halls of the Supreme Court.

For an escape from the everyday, consider a classic tale of fiction. In the children's story, *The Wizard of Oz*, readers are transported with Dorothy out of rural Kansas and into the magical world of a talking scarecrow, a heartless tin man, and a glittering emerald city. The enchanting fable teaches lessons of perseverance, teamwork and courage.

Books educate us, entertain us, enlighten us and even improve us. Child-rearing books can help parents find creative ways to tackle temper tantrums, teething and potty training. Books such as *The Courthouses of Texas*, *Texas Organic Vegetable Gardening*, and *Best Bike Rides in Texas* can enrich our lives and challenge us to try new things.

Books are especially important for children. Studies have shown that reading and storytelling increase a child's vocabulary and stimulate their imagination. Favorites like *Clifford*, *The Big Red Dog*, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, and *Dr. Seuss* books teach critical life lessons early on and provide a love of reading to last a lifetime.

Older children can enjoy the practical lessons found in the adventures of Anne of Green Gables, the tales of a young orphan finding friends and facing growing pains. J.R.R. Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings* trilogy, which has been made into blockbuster films, takes readers into a fantasy world of unforgettable characters and an epic battle between good and evil.

A visit to your local library is one of the best things you can do this summer. Most libraries offer books for all ages as well as games and special reading hours for children. They are the perfect place to rediscover classics like *Charlotte's Web* and *The Great Gatsby*, or find the latest best seller by John Grisham or Robert Caro. The Internet is also a great resource for reviewing books online, finding summer reading guides and purchasing books.

Reading is the foundation for a lifetime of learning; it is never too early to get started - and never too late to revive one's love of reading. As you enjoy the summer and the many sights the Lone Star state has to offer, don't leave your roadmap to adventure behind. Before the long, hot days of summer are gone, take the time to lose yourself in a good book.

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| Double French Binding • Aug 5, 2003 • 1:00pm - 4:00pm (3 hr lesson \$15.00) Retta Hand, Instructor |
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Keeping an Eye on Texas

Johnson Space Center Facts

The Johnson Space Center (JSC) in Houston directly employs 2,950 people. More than 13,000 contractors and subcontractors work for the JSC.

The estimated annual impact of the JSC on the Texas economy is \$14.2 billion.

The space center's operations account for an estimated 49,429 direct and indirect jobs across the state.

Official Visitors Center of NASA's Johnson Space Center

SOURCES: Carole Keeton Strayhorn, Texas Comptroller (www.window.state.tx.us)

Stallings Have A Baby Boy

Tommy and Trista Stallings of Shallowater are the proud parents of a baby boy, named Cason Thomas, born May 27, 2003 at 10:55 a.m. at the Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

He weighed seven pounds seven ounces and was 21 inches in length.

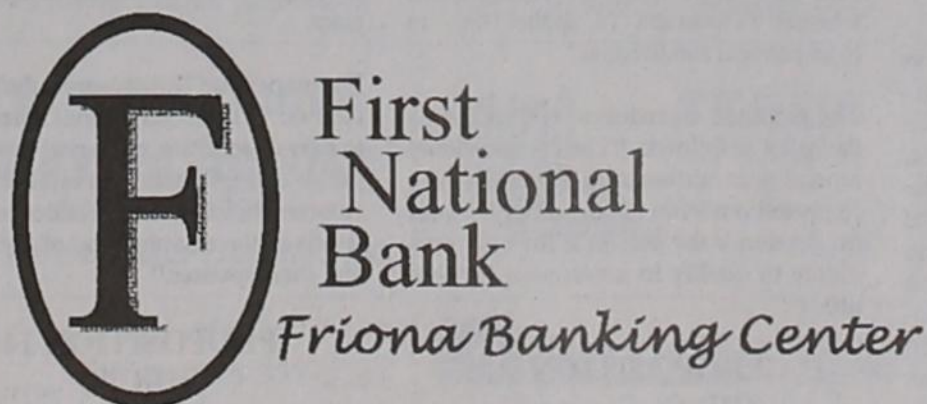
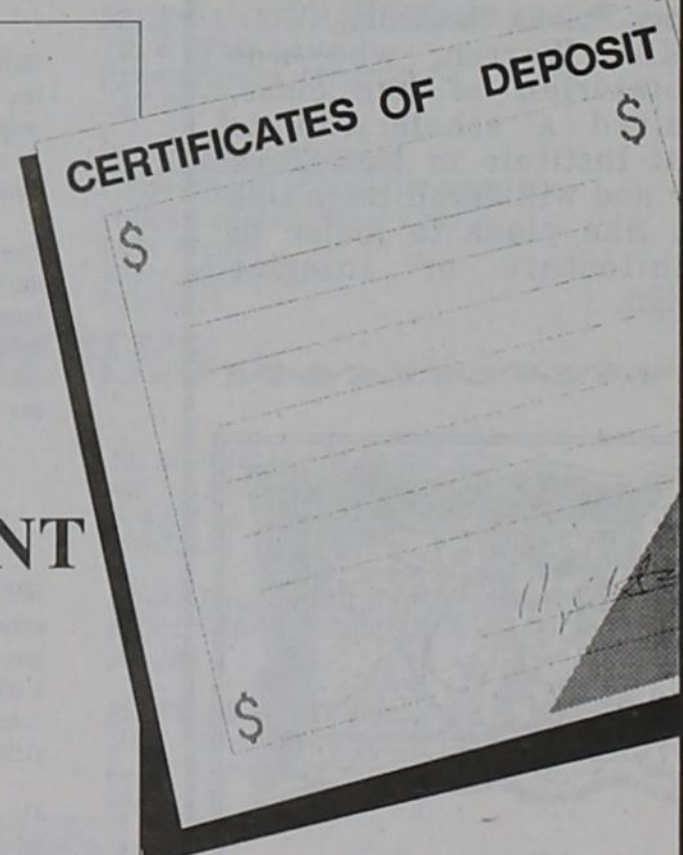
Cason has two sisters, four year old Taylor and two year old Graci.

Grandparents are Gary and Gail Hand of Friona and Bill and Thelma Stallings of Lubbock. Great-grandparents are John and Jo Hand of Friona and J. B. Davis of Lubbock.

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**Y. Graves
 Deployed
 in MidEast**

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Yancey Graves, son of Kathy M. Graves of Bovina, recently made a port visit to Jebel Ali, United Arab Emirates while assigned to the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), based in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. The unit is currently aboard the USS Iwo Jima.

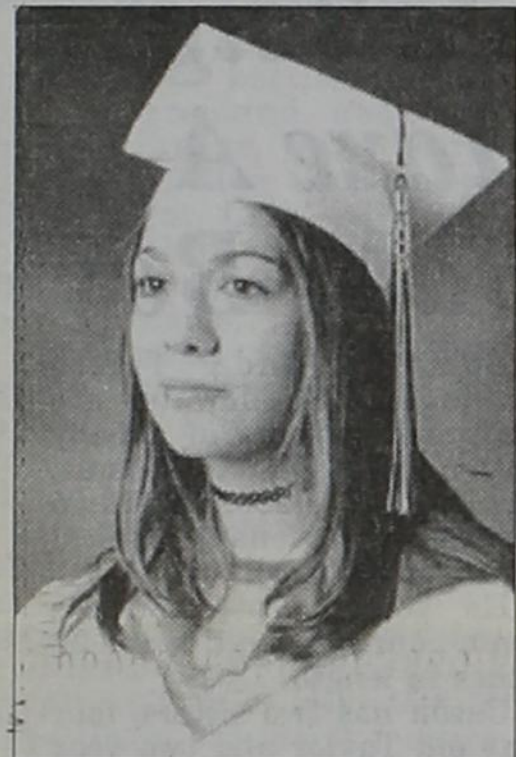
Graves is one of more than 4,000 Atlantic Fleet Sailors and Marines who deployed aboard the ships of the USS Iwo Jima Amphibious Ready Group.

Graves' unit used the visit to perform maintenance on vehicles and equipment. The Sailors and Marines also had the opportunity to shop, sightsee and enjoy the local culture and cuisine.

Graves' unit is an expeditionary intervention force with the ability to rapidly organize for combat operations in virtually any environment. MEUs are composed of more than 2,000 personnel and are divided into an infantry battalion, aircraft squadron, support group and command element. With this combination, his unit supplies and sustains itself for either quick mission accomplishment or clearing the way for follow-on forces.

Graves is a 2001 graduate of Bovina High School and joined the Marine Corps in September 2001.

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LYDIA WARREN

**L. Warren
 Receives
 Scholarship**

Lydia Warren recently graduated with honors from Ruidoso High School in Ruidoso, New Mexico.

Lydia is the daughter of Mollie Seright Warren, who graduated from Friona High School in 1969.

She is also the daughter of the late Ric Warren, formerly of Canyon, and the granddaughter of the late Herb and Billie Dan Seright, former Friona residents.

Miss Warren, who was salutatorian of her class, received a scholarship to Pratt Institute in New York City and will enroll there this fall. She plans to major in Architecture or Interior Design.



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Old Mobeetie Music Festival

The Fourth Annual Old Mobeetie Texas Music Festival will be held July 25, 26 and 27, featuring Bluegrass, Western Swing, Country-Western and Gospel. The weekend schedule is: Friday 6 p.m. to midnight; Saturday, 10 a.m. to midnight; Sunday, 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Admission fees: Friday-\$8; Saturday-\$10; Sunday-FREE; weekend pass-\$15; children under 12-FREE. RV hookups, including handicapped area, on a first come, first served basis. Charges are \$10 per night; \$55 for seven days; \$75 for ten days; dry campers \$4 per night.

"Neighbors: Texas Artists in N.M." Exhibit

The Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum at Canyon has organized the exhibit entitled, "Neighbors: Texas Artists in New Mexico". The art will be on exhibit from June 21 to October 5, 2003.

Antique Auto Exhibit In Canyon

The Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon will be celebrating American transportation history from May 24 through September 2. Museum hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors & \$1 for children ages 4-12. Call 806-651-2244 for further information.

WT To Host Golf Classic July 26th

West Texas A&M University Buffalo Club Golf Classic will be held July 26th at Ross Rogers Golf Course. Entry fee is \$100.00. Dallas Cowboys legends Robert Newhouse and Billy Joe Dupree will be in attendance. For more information call 806651-4416 or download a tournament registration form at GoBuffBo.com.

Prairie Acres Luncheon



PRAIRIE ACRES & FRIONA HERITAGE ESTATES staff hosted an appreciation luncheon last Friday at the Methodist Church. Invited guests were welcomed by Jo Blackwell, above right, Administrator/CEO of the city-owned nursing home and assisted living facilities. The luncheon is held every two years for community businesses & others who support Prairie Acres & FHE in a variety of ways. ron carr photos

PUBLIC NOTICE
 BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED
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 SEPTEMBER 13, 2003

**PROPOSITION 1
 (HJR 68, Section 1)**

HJR 68, Section 1 would authorize the Veterans' Land Board to use excess receipts in the Veterans' Land and Veterans' Housing Assistance funds for payment of revenue bonds, and use excess assets in those funds to provide veterans homes.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment 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."

**PROPOSITION 2
 (HJR 51)**

HJR 51 would expand from six months to two years the period in which the former owner of a mineral interest that was sold for unpaid property taxes may buy back the mineral interest.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to establish a two-year period for the redemption of a mineral interest sold for unpaid ad valorem taxes at a tax sale."

**PROPOSITION 3
 (HJR 55)**

HJR 55 would authorize the legislature to exempt from taxation land owned by a religious organization that is leased for use as a school or that will be used to expand or construct a place of religious worship that yields no revenue.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment 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."

**PROPOSITION 4
 (SJR 30)**

SJR 30 would authorize the legislature to allow conservation and reclamation districts to use taxes to develop and finance certain parks and recreation facilities. Also, the amendment would authorize the legislature to allow local elections for the issuance of bonds to improve and maintain parks and recreational facilities in the Tarrant Regional Water District or a conservation and reclamation district located in whole or in part in Bastrop, Bexar, Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Montgomery, Tarrant, Travis, Waller or Williamson County.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to the provision of parks and recreational facilities by certain conservation and reclamation districts."

**PROPOSITION 5
 (SJR 25)**

SJR 25 would authorize the legislature to exempt from all property taxes certain tangible personal property, which could include a travel trailer not substantially affixed to real estate and not used as a residential dwelling.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation travel trailers not held or used for the production of income."

**PROPOSITION 6
 (HJR 23)**

HJR 23 would authorize a qualified homeowner to refinance a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage loan.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment permitting refinancing of a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage."

**PROPOSITION 7
 (HJR 44)**

HJR 44 would reduce the number of persons who make up the jury in a district court criminal misdemeanor case from twelve to six.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to permit a six-person jury in a district court misdemeanor trial."

**PROPOSITION 8
 (HJR 62)**

HJR 62 would authorize the legislature to permit a person to assume office without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office and the election is required by the Texas Constitution. This proposition applies to state and local political subdivisions, whereas Proposition 18 applies only to local political subdivisions.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment 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."

**PROPOSITION 9
 (HJR 68, Section 2)**

HJR 68, Section 2 would redefine the com-

position of the permanent and available school funds by requiring during the next two fiscal years, and authorizing thereafter, annual distributions to the available school fund of a percentage of any increase in the value of the permanent school fund's total investment assets.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to the use of income and appreciation of the permanent school fund."

**PROPOSITION 10
 (HJR 61)**

HJR 61 would authorize municipalities to donate surplus fire-fighting equipment, supplies, or materials to the Texas Forest Service, which would be authorized to distribute based on need the equipment to rural volunteer fire departments.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing municipalities to donate surplus fire-fighting equipment or supplies for the benefit of rural volunteer fire departments."

**PROPOSITION 11
 (HJR 85)**

HJR 85 would authorize the legislature to regulate the operation of wineries in Texas, regardless of whether a winery is located in an area in which the sale of wine has been authorized by local option election.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "A constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to enact laws authorizing and governing the operation of wineries in this state."

**PROPOSITION 12
 (HJR 3)**

HJR 3 would immediately authorize the Legislature to limit non-economic damages assessed against a provider of medical or health care and, after January 1, 2005, to limit awards in all other types of cases.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment concerning civil lawsuits against doctors and health care providers, and other actions, authorizing the legislature to determine limitations on non-economic damages."

**PROPOSITION 13
 (HJR 16)**

HJR 16 would authorize a county, city, town, and junior college district to freeze property taxes on a residential homestead of a person who is disabled or aged 65 or older.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment 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."

**PROPOSITION 14
 (HJR 28)**

HJR 28 would authorize the Texas Department of Transportation to issue

notes or borrow money to fund highway improvement projects. The terms of the notes or loans may not exceed two years. The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment 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."

**PROPOSITION 15
 (HJR 54)**

HJR 54 would prohibit a local retirement system and the political subdivision that finances the retirement system from reducing or otherwise impairing certain accrued benefits under the local retirement system.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The Constitutional amendment providing that certain benefits under certain local public retirement systems may not be reduced or impaired."

**PROPOSITION 16
 (SJR 42)**

SJR 42 would amend the Texas Constitution to allow home equity lines of credit and allow refinancing of a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage loan.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment 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."

**PROPOSITION 17
 (HJR 21)**

HJR 21 would prohibit an increase in school property taxes on residence homesteads of disabled persons.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment 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."

**PROPOSITION 18
 (HJR 59)**

HJR 59 would authorize 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 and the election is required by the Texas Constitution. This proposition applies only to local political subdivisions, whereas Proposition 8 applies to state and local political subdivisions.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment 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."

**PROPOSITION 19
 (SJR 45)**

SJR 45 would repeal the legislature's

authority to create rural fire prevention districts. Effective September 1, 2003, all existing rural fire prevention districts will convert to emergency services districts.

**PROPOSITION 20
 (SJR 55)**

SJR 55 would authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds in a total amount not to exceed \$250 million that will be used to provide loans for economic development projects that benefit defense-related communities in Texas.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment 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."

**PROPOSITION 21
 (SJR 19)**

SJR 19 would authorize current and retired faculty members of a public institution of higher education to receive compensation for service as a member of the governing body of a water district.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment 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."

**PROPOSITION 22
 (HJR 84)**

HJR 84 would authorize the appointment of a temporary replacement officer to serve on behalf of a state, district, or local public officer who is called into active military duty for longer than 30 days.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the appointment of a temporary replacement officer to fill a vacancy created when a public officer enters active duty in the United States armed forces."

Estos son los informes explicatorios sobre las enmiendas propuestas a la constitucion que apareceran en la boleta el 13 de septiembre de 2003. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podrá obtener una gratis llamando al 1/800/252/8683 o escribiendo al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, TX 78711.

County Calendar

Formerly Around Town

TASP Set at WTAMU

Students who need to take the TASP may do so at WTAMU on one of the following test dates: July 25, 1:00 p.m., July 30, 1:00 p.m., August 15, 8:00 a.m. or August 22, 8:00 a.m.. Remember students must wait 90 days between testing times. Students must pre-register three days prior to the preferred test date. Registration forms are available in the Friona High School office or online at: www.wtamu.edu/administrative/ss/sds/es/testing/tasp/.

Senior Citizens Party

The Senior Citizens will be hosting a party Saturday, July 26, at 5 p.m. The special guest speaker is from Siberia, Russia and now living in Friona.

Jesus For Children Day August 1st

First Baptist Church of Friona invites children ages 7 to 11 to "Jesus For Children Day", Friday, August 1st from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.. There will be puppets, movies, popcorn and fun. Bring a friend!

Hereford 10-K Run August 2nd

The Greg Black Memorial 10-K Run will be held August 2, 2003. It will start at 8 a.m. at the Hereford YMCA at 500 E. 15th St.. Entry fee is \$12.00 in advance per person and \$15.00 on the day of the race. All entrants registered and paid by July 25th will receive a free running cap. Contact: Race Director, Hereford YMCA, 500 E. 15th Street, Hereford, Texas 79045. Forms can be picked up at the Chamber.

Bovina FBC Centennial Aug. 2-3

The First Baptist Church of Bovina will hold a Centennial Celebration Aug. 2-3. The Saturday program and Sunday services will include former pastors, interim pastors and music leaders. All are invited to come out and help First Baptist celebrate 100 years in Bovina.

Concert "One A-Chord"

Sunday, August 3rd, "One A-Chord" from Memphis, Texas will be performing at the First Baptist Church of Friona's Evening Service. Mark your calendars and plan on attending the concert.

Mexican Pile On Lunch Fundraiser Set

The Calvary Baptist Church will be hosting the J.P. Sims Memorial Scholarship Fund Raiser Meal, Sunday, August 3, from 12 Noon to 1:30 p.m. This years meal will be Mexican Pile On Lunch. The cost for the meal is on a donation basis. Whatever you can give is appreciated. All proceeds will go to the scholarship fund.

LET THE "SON" SHINE

Solomon said that there are seven things the Lord hates:

- 1). Haughty eyes
 - 2). A lying tongue
 - 3). Hands that shed innocent blood
 - 4). A heart that devises wicked plans
 - 5). Feet that run rapidly to evil
 - 6). A false witness who utters lies
 - 7). One who spreads strife among brothers.
- (Prov 6:16)

Have a great week! (TLT)

Cotton Market weekly

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July 17, 2003

Despite weekly export sales, as reported by USDA, that exceeded industry estimates, cotton futures on the New York Cotton Exchange closed lower for the third consecutive day on Thursday and at their lowest point in seven sessions.

As expected, export figures were healthy in USDA's weekly report. Some market observers expected a good week of solid export shipments in light of the recent high Step 2 payment, but thought sales might be slim. Part of their reasoning was the transition between the old and new crop year and a lack of demand on the cash market in response to current higher prices.

The week's export sales were considerably higher than the previous week, but shipments decreased. However, the current marketing year will draw to a close at the end of July, and the latest export figures have traders saying USDA's 11.5 million bale export target for the year will be met.

For the week ended July 10, USDA reported net upland exports reached 230,000 bales. The figure was 7 percent below the previous week and four percent lower than the four-week average. Net upland sales of 116,300 bales were 64 percent higher than the previous week and an 80 percent increase from the four-week average. Meanwhile, net sales of 11,300 bales were made for

delivery in the 2003-04 marketing year.

In other news, market observers kept an eye on Hurricane Claudette which made landfall along the Texas coast on Tuesday. With Texas, the top-producing cotton state, having been battered by bad weather already this year, traders expressed some concern about Claudette and its possible impact on the cotton crop.

Market anxieties were alleviated when it appeared the storm would miss the bulk of the Texas cotton crop. Claudette struck the Texas Upper Coastal Bend and moved inland north of Corpus Christi. Gusty winds and heavy rains of as much as three inches per hour were reported in some areas and caused flash flooding. However, most of the Coastal Bend remained dry, and some rainfall would have been welcomed to help boost crop development. Elsewhere in the state, hot and dry weather prevailed on the High and Rolling Plains with above-average temperatures recorded. Hence, cumulative heat units are rising and boosting plant growth.

Meanwhile, seasonable conditions prevailed in the Far West; however, California's San Joaquin Valley cotton crop is in various stages of growth making water and pest management difficult. Hot, humid weather continued in the Memphis Territory this week in-

creasing water demand. In fact, many farmers have begun irrigating to ease heat stress and to reduce boll shed. Some non-irrigated stands already have blooms at the top due to shallow root systems, and light boll shed has been reported. Therefore, a general rain is needed soon to prevent premature "cut-out" and excessive shedding.

Overall, U.S. cotton crop conditions improved as of July 13, according to USDA. The department's data showed 53 percent of the U.S. crop was in good to excellent condition while 16 percent of the crop was in poor to very poor condition. The crop remains behind schedule with squaring progress at only 71 percent compared to 84 percent one year ago and the five-year average of 84 percent. Additionally, boll setting was at 28 percent compared with 38 percent the previous year and the five-year average of 39 percent.

On the spot cotton scene, online sales by Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas producers decreased in the five trading days ending July 17 as 5,069 bales were sold compared to the previous week when 9,641 bales changed hands. Prices received by producers selling their cotton online ranged from 49.78 to 51.65 cents per pound versus the previous week's 50.21 to 51.75 cents per pound range.

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Local Students Attend 2003 Youth Tour In DC

Each year many of the nation's electric cooperatives send some of their "best and brightest" students to Washington, D.C. The trip is known as the Government-in-Action Youth Tour and blends good old-fashioned fun with modern-day lessons about politics, electric cooperatives and life in general. This year's Youth Tour drew 1,568 students from 41 different states.

Khallie Foster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Foster of Farwell; Ashley Smiley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Smiley of Friona; Nikki Gober, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Gober; and Micah Christian, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vick Christian, represented the Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative during the 2003 Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., June 12-24.

Khallie, Ashley, and Nikki were sponsored by Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative and Micah was sponsored by her parents.

Traveling with the 92 member Texas delegation sponsored by Texas Electric Cooperatives were two students from Lea County Electric Cooperative of New Mexico and one student from an Idaho electric cooperative. Accompanied by 10 chaperones, the group traveled on two buses from Texas to Washington, D.C. This was the largest group from Texas to participate since the Youth Tour began in 1957.

President Lyndon Johnson

promoted and encouraged the idea of the Youth Tour during the 1950's when as a senator he selected outstanding young people and offered them an opportunity to observe their national government at work.

While in Washington, the Youth Tour delegates visited with their congressmen and observed the legislative process in action. Other highlights of the trip included visiting the many famous monuments, memorials, and other attractions of Washington, D.C. Among these attractions were Mt. Vernon, home of President George Washington, the White House, Arlington Cemetery, the Smithsonian Institution, the Naval Museum, the National Zoo, the Washington National Cathedral, the FDR Memorial, the Washington Monument, the Supreme Court, and the Jefferson, Lincoln, Vietnam, and Korean War Memorials.

Special activities included a "Youth Day Town Hall Meeting", where the students voiced opinions and concerns about community volunteerism. This year the group was not able to participate in the wreath-laying ceremonies at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers because of bad weather.

The underlying theme for this year's tour was commitment to community and the responsibility of the youthful participants to become involved in their local communities.



DSEC 2003 YOUTH TOUR delegates were, l to r, Ashley Smiley, Nikki Gober, Khallie Foster and Micah Christian.

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Another study indicated that individuals who stop smoking will have less risk of cataracts than those who continue the habit. However, the same research also showed that damage to the eyes prior to smoking cessation is not always reversed. Such reports underscore the importance of early cessation or, better yet, the complete avoidance of smoking.

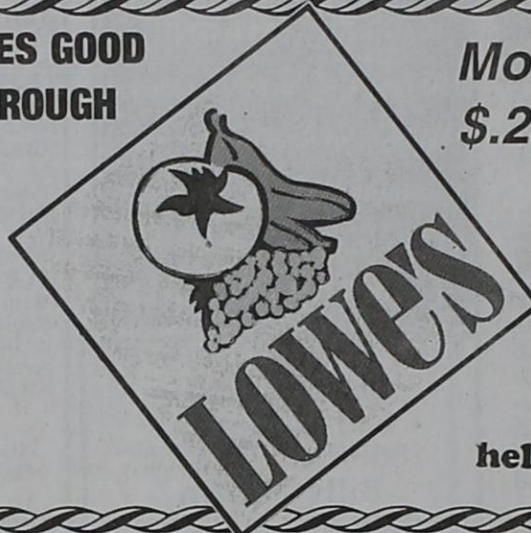
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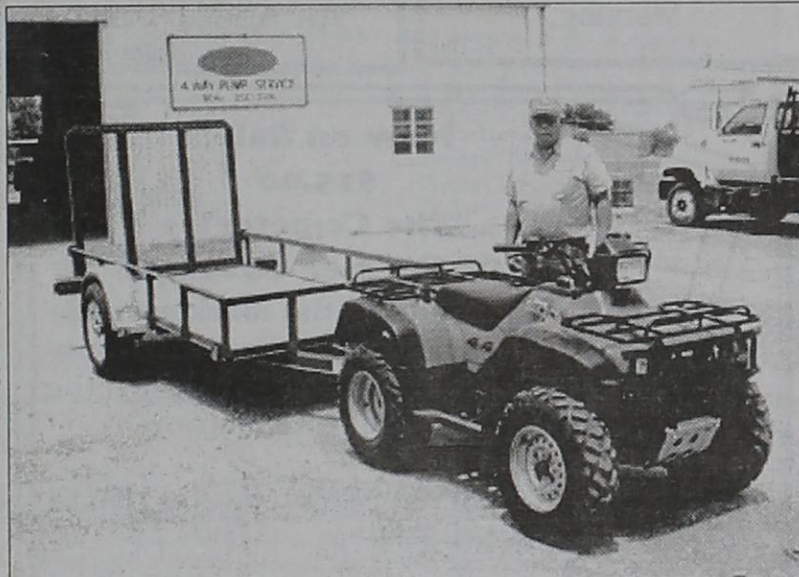
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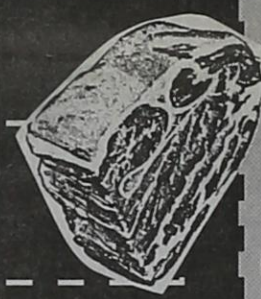
ASHLEY SMILEY seen here with Congressman Randy Neugebauer during the Government-in-Action Youth Tour in Washington, D.C.



YOU CAN WIN THIS.....Friona Fire Chief Jim Taylor shows off the 2003 Honda 4X4 and trailer that will be given away September 13 at city park during the Maize Days activities. Donations for the drawing are \$10 per ticket and are available from any Friona volunteer fireman. Proceeds from this annual drawing benefit our local volunteer fire department.

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