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PCCH blood drive Jan 10

Coffee Memorial Blood Center in cooperation with Parmer County Community Hospital will hold a blood drive Thursday January 10 from 1-4:30 p.m. in the Sun Room at PCCH.

Donors can call Helen Carroll at PCCH to make an appointment. The phone number is 250-2754. Everyone that can should give the gift of life.

Area gets 20+ inches of rain

Official weather guy John Gurley says his official weather station in Friona recorded 20.39 inches of moisture in 2007.

For December he reports 1.09 inches, including one-inch of snow December 15. Light fog, some freezing rain, wind, and traces of snow also typified our winter weather. On each of the last four days of the month, the low temperature was 11 degrees.

The wettest months of 2007 were March, July, and September when over 3-inches were recorded each month.

Here is a breakdown of moisture by month recorded on Mr. Gurley's official rain gauge inside the Friona city limits: Jan 1.03, Feb .51, Mar 3.72, Apr .33, May 2.62, Jun 2.28, Jul 3.10, Aug 1.76, Sep 3.86, Oct 0.0, Nov .09, Dec 1.09.

Gurley files for district attorney

The deadline for filing for a variety of county offices was 6 p.m. Wednesday, January 2. At our press time late Wednesday the only contested race for the March primary will be Precinct 3 County Commissioner (Farwell). Ron Byrd and incumbent Mike Haseloff will be contesting for the commissioner position.

Current district attorney Johnny Actkinson decided not to run for re-election. Friona attorney Kathryn Gurley, who is now the county attorney, filed for election to the district attorney office. Farwell attorney Jeff Actkinson has filed for the county attorney slot.

Since Gurley's term as county attorney expires in November (less than one year) she is not required to resign the county attorney's job in order to run for district attorney.

Other candidates unopposed on the primary ballot are incumbents Sheriff Randy Geries, tax assessor Bobbie Pierson, Precinct 1 county commissioner Kirk Frye, and district judge Gordon Green.



Matthew Stanberry in action against Highland Park. The Chiefs & Squaws JV and Varsity play Tulia Friday there and host Dimmitt Tuesday. Game times are 6pm and 7:30pm.

Local search recovers drugs, two arrested

Friona Police Department officers executed a search warrant at 804 Woodland in Friona Friday December 28 at 10:52 p.m. The warrant and search resulted in the recovery of approximately 16 grams of cocaine and approximately 28 grams of

marijuana. Police also seized other items from the residence related to narcotics. Arrested at the residence were Teresa Mireles, 24, and Jacob Mireles, 20, both from Friona. Teresa Mireles was charged with manufacturing and delivery of a controlled

substance over 4 grams but under 200 grams. Jacob Mireles was charged with possession of a controlled substance over 1 gram but under 4 grams and possession of marijuana under 2 ounces.

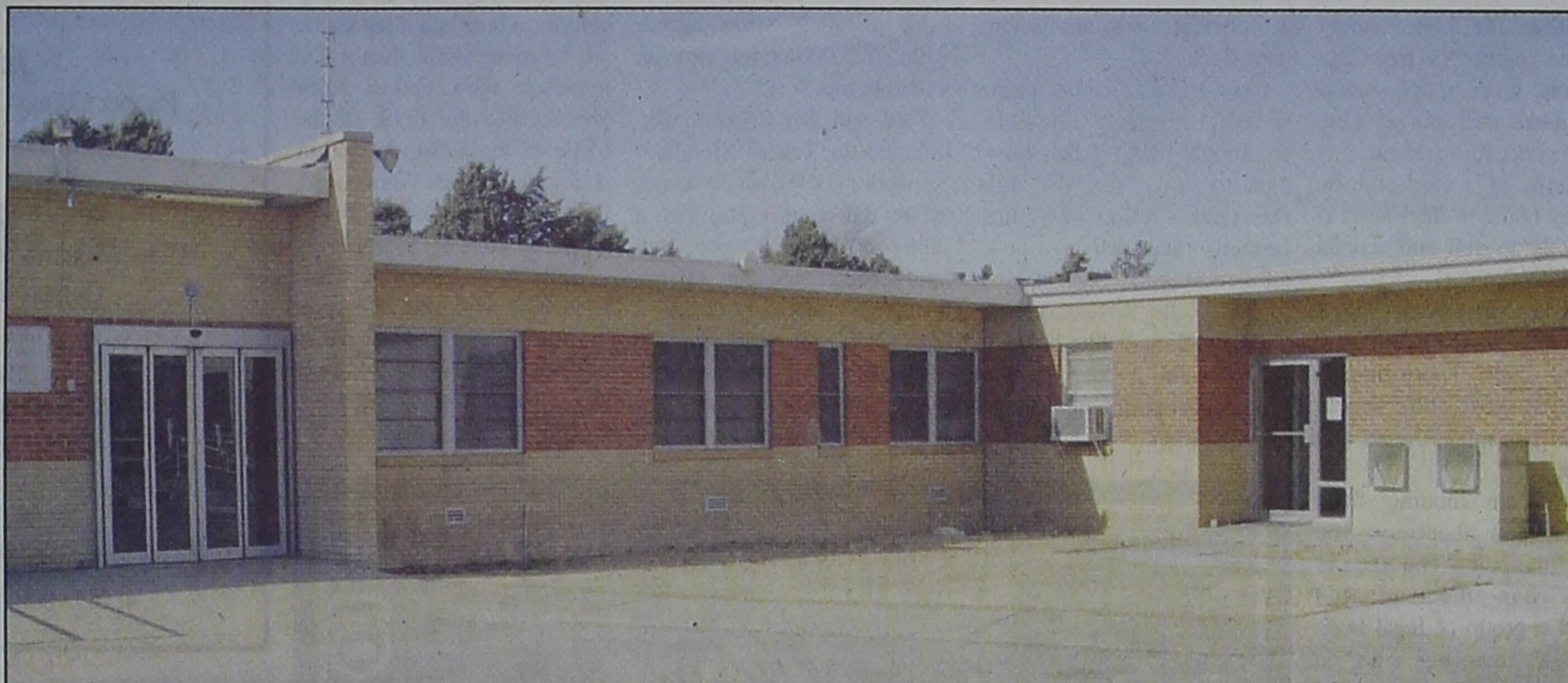
Both individuals were

booked and transported to the Parmer County Detention Center in Farwell and charges have been filed with the 287th District Attorney's office and the Parmer County Attorney's office.

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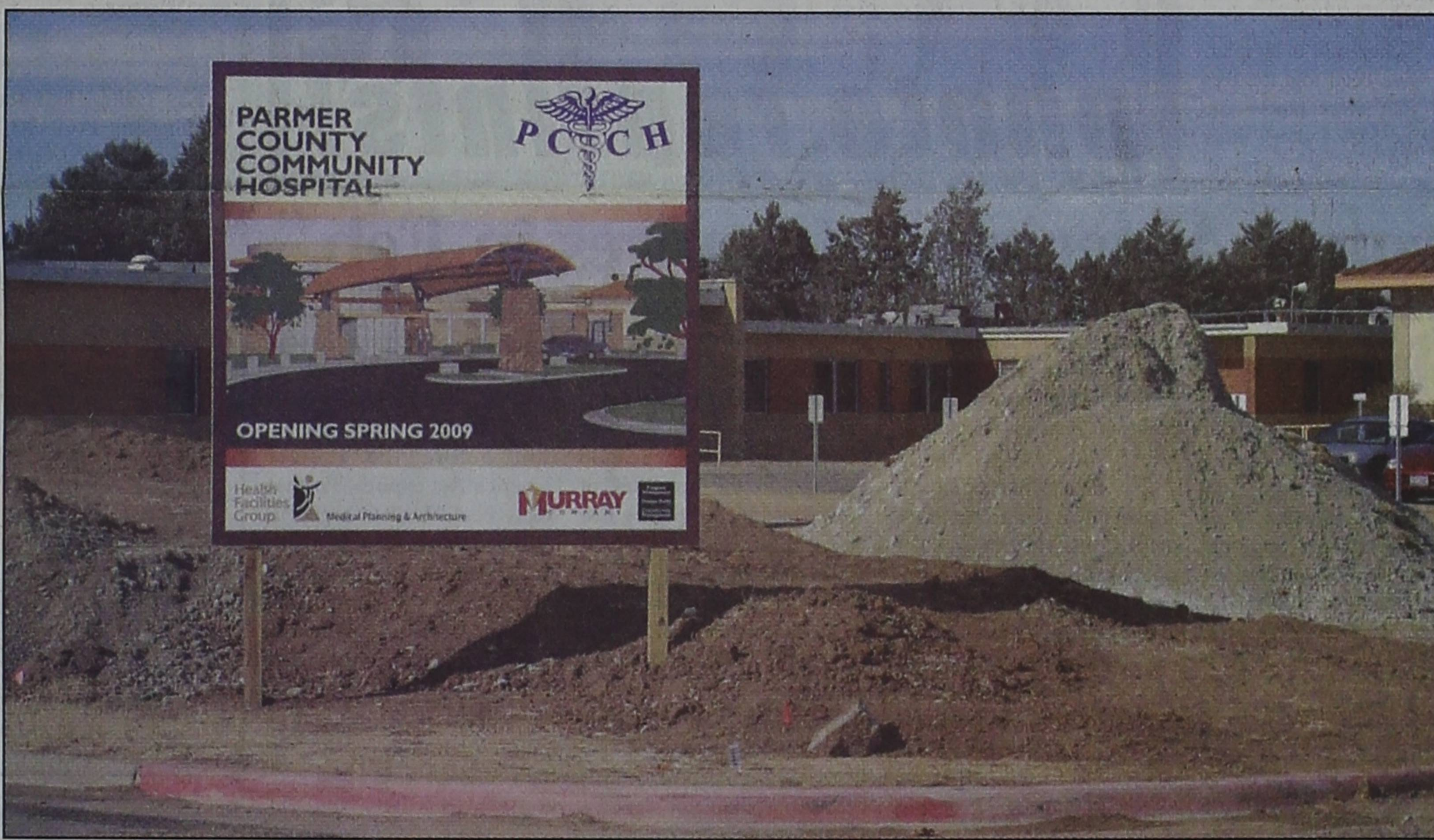
the result of a narcotics investigation by officers of the Friona Police department and supervised by Lt. Andy Stormes. The search warrant was executed by police officers and led by Friona Police Chief Tino Salinas.

Hospital entrance moved



ron carr photos

A pile of dirt and a brand new sign announce the start of construction on the new Parmer County Community Hospital. The entrance to the hospital has been moved. In this view, the emergency room door is at the left and the new hospital entrance will be the door at the right.



Hospital construction phase one begins

The main entrance to Parmer County Community Hospital has been moved to the south end of the building, near the emergency room door. The rehabilitation room and the re-

ception and admittance areas have been moved. The main entrance at the north end of the building is closed off.

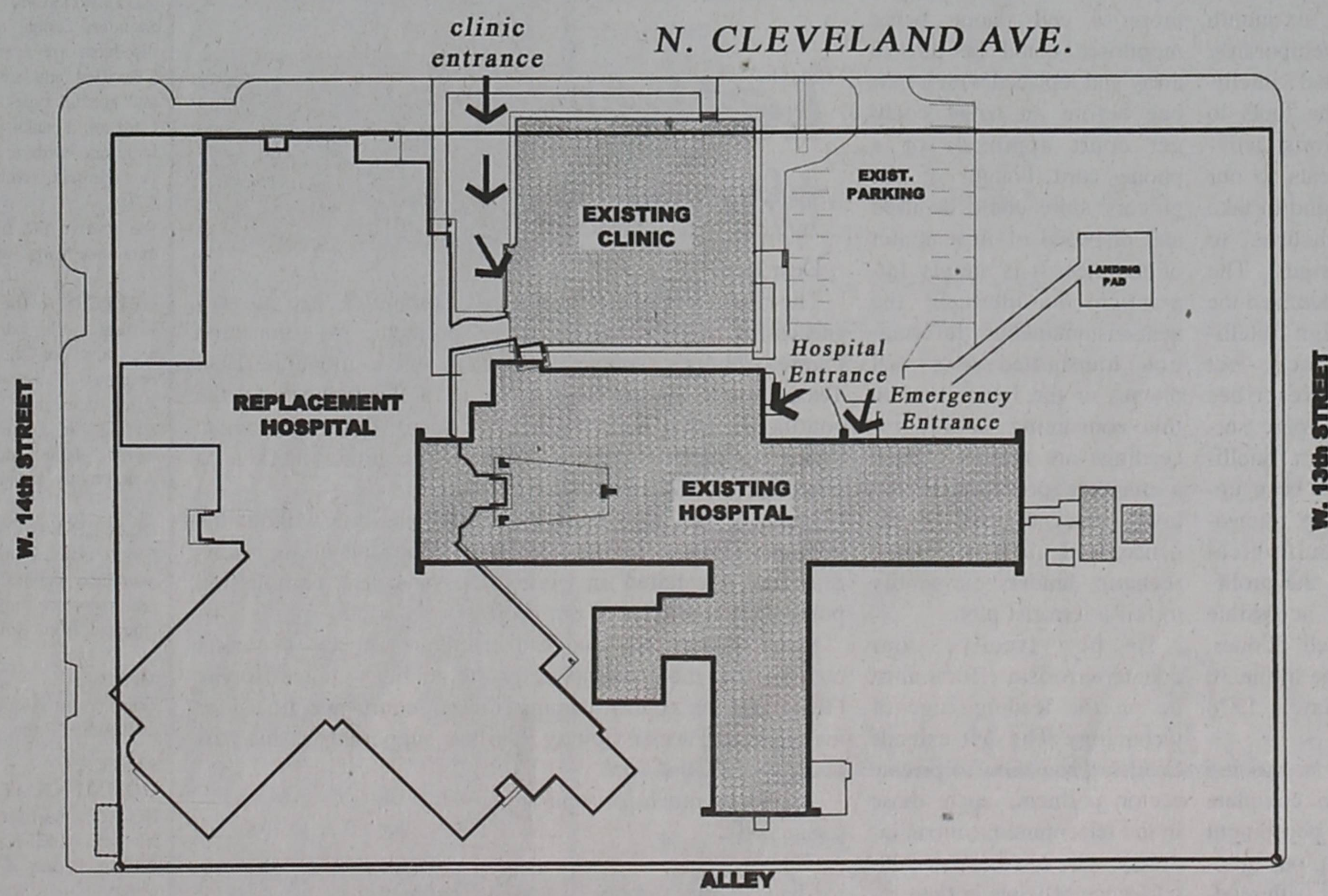
Patients can continue to use the Friona Rural Health

Clinic entrance at the north end of the building throughout the hospital construction process. A new parking lot has been built across Cleveland from the clinic

and hospital. In the near future it will become the only parking area available as the north parking lot in front of the clinic will be absorbed in the new construction.

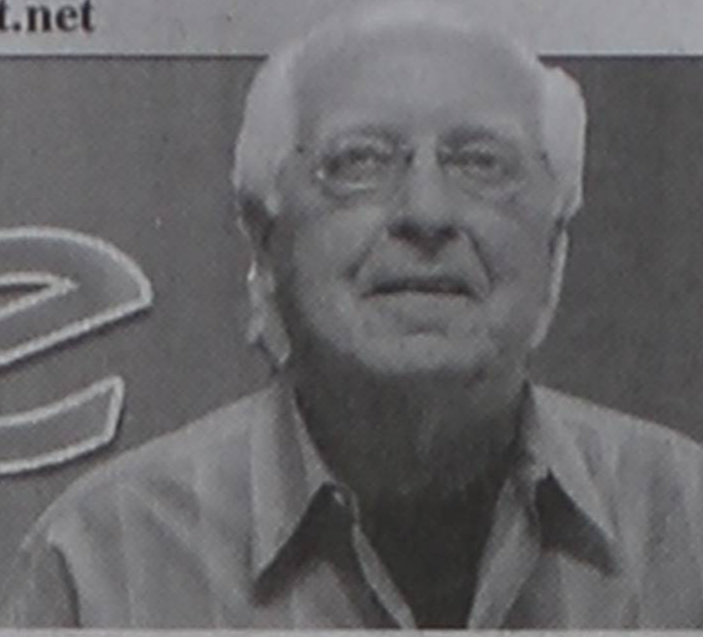
Hospital administrator

Lance Gatlin says, "We are taking every precaution to ease the burden for our patients and we ask for your understanding and patience during the construction process."



Out Here

By Ron Carr



the pole tax and fleecing the flock

It will cost you \$5 more to go in your favorite strip club now.

Effective January 1 the State of Texas singled out gentleman's clubs, better known as strip clubs and or couple of other names not suited for this family paper, to levy a tax of \$5 on strip club customers which is supposed to go toward assisting sexual assault victims. Some are calling it a "pole tax."

That implies to me that strip clubs are somehow a cause of sexual assault. Strip clubs do not cause sexual assault any more than PG13 movies do. But the legislators have figured out if they tax sinners the sinners will not cry out loud in opposition. Some guy who stops by a strip club on the way home to the family is not likely to yell and scream about a \$5 fee.

So what you say. We don't have strip clubs around here so who cares. Those sinners that go in those clubs should have to pay more. Amen and hallelujah.

If you are shouting from the front pew about now you missed the point. The State of Texas has discriminated against a group of legal businesses by imposing a tax on its customers. Representative Ellen Cohen, a Houston Democrat, sponsored the bill. She is also president of a women's center that could get funding from the new stripper tax. That is a conflict of interest.

Mrs. Cohen said in an interview: "I've been told the fees to get into these places can be \$10 or \$15. I don't think another \$5 is going to prevent someone from going." That is

a flimsy reason to impose a tax just because she doesn't think another \$5 is going to be a problem. Mrs. Cohen should be recalled or impeached or however you get rid of an incompetent, self-centered, conflicted politician. The tax should be rescinded.

But then you don't really care do you? Well how about this. Does the name Creflo Dollar ring a bell? I had never heard the name until Senator Charles Grassley, the top Republican on the Senate Finance Committee started investigating rich TV preachers who are fleecing their flocks.

Creflo Dollar is the pastor of World Changers Church International. Ring a bell now? Not to me. But the right Reverend Creflo, who most certainly must deliver a powerful message, is said to have several Rolls Royces, private jets, a million-dollar home in Atlanta and a \$2.5 million Manhattan apartment. Not bad for a preacher.

How about Joyce Meyer. She preaches and motivates from a 158,000 square foot \$20 million three story building with furniture estimated at \$5.7 million. One of her four houses, bought by the non-profit tax exempt ministry, is a 10,000 square foot Cape Cod style estate on three acres with a putting green, a gazebo, a pool and a pool house.

Mrs. Meyer justifies her lavish Christian lifestyle with these words: "If you, stay in your faith, you are going to get paid. I am living now in my reward." Amen sister. The Lord awarded Sister Meyer with a \$23,000 commode with a marble top.

Paul and Jan Crouch, who founded the Trinity Broadcast Network (TBN) own 30 homes across the country and earn a salary of \$700,000 per year. Paul Crouch said this: "If my heart really, honestly desires a nice Cadillac...would there be something terribly wrong with me saying, 'Lord it is the de-

sire of my heart to have a nice car...and I'll use it for Your glory?' I think I could do that and in time as I walked in obedience with God, I believe I'd have it."

They say if you send them money you can be rich too. Baloney. Why isn't everyone in the church a millionaire?

Televangelists such as Creflo Dollar, Joyce Meyer, and the Crouch family are just as much hypocrites and sinners as those unfortunate gentlemen's club owners who are being taxed for their sins. The men who drop in a strip club for a beer and a lap dance are no more sinful than a TV preacher who makes false promises to the flock in the name of the Lord. As author and reverend Rick Warren said, "You don't measure your self-worth by your net worth."

If the Texas legislature wants to impose additional sin taxes maybe they should have a look in the Christian Yellow Pages under Televangelists.

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Protect America Act expires in Feb.

By Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

On December 11, 2007, Director of National Intelligence, Admiral Mike McConnell made an arresting plea in the editorial pages of the *New York Times*: "Help Me Spy on Al-Qaeda". In an urgent op-ed, he implored Congress to provide the resources America's intelligence officials need to safeguard our country against terrorism.

The terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 signaled changes in the kinds of threats posed against the U.S., and, specifically, the tactics these terrorists use to carry out their violent plots. In today's world, terrorists employ fast-advancing technologies and communications networks to orchestrate and execute attacks. The 9/11 attack on the U.S. depended extensively on wire communications with known terrorist suspects abroad.

During the summer of 2007, Congress passed the Protect America Act, a six-month measure that has temporarily given our national intelligence agencies the tools to quickly detect terrorist activity and other threats to our national security, and to take appropriate measures to thwart these designs. The Act, in effect, modernized the decades-old Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA). FISA prescribes physical and electronic surveillance of foreign intelligence, but has not been updated to reflect the immeasurable technological progress, such as the proliferation of easily accessible and disposable cell phones, that has been made in the 30 years since the law's 1978 enactment.

Precious time is passing and we've yet to complete comprehensive, permanent legislation to equip our intelligence community with mod-

ern and relevant tools to protect America from a smart and agile enemy who harbors no respect for human life.

The Protect America Act allows intelligence officials to more effectively collect foreign intelligence without first having to obtain a court order. The Act stipulates that the court order would not be required for targets involving known terrorist suspects reasonably believed to be located outside the U.S. It allows surveillance of specific people - not their telephone lines. The measure is careful to preserve civil liberties, and lawful, everyday communication between Americans would not be affected.

The out-dated and obsolete rules of FISA have mired intelligence officers in writing lengthy legal justifications, calling them away from the critical, time-sensitive task of detecting and tracking terrorist threats. Furthermore, a cell phone being monitored could be thrown away and replaced with a new one before an agent could get court approval; or a phone card bought at the grocery store could be used and disposed of in a matter of minutes. It is simply impractical to intercept the near-instantaneous information transmitted over cell phones or the Internet when time-consuming court proceedings are required. Such a mandate precariously delays interception of intelligence, and, in a worst-case scenario, hinders our ability to foil a terrorist plot.

Counterterrorism efforts must be on the leading edge of technology. The Act extends liability protection to private sector partners, such those in the telecommunications industry, who have assisted intelligence officials in their ef-

orts to detect terrorists.

The Protect America Act enables the intelligence community to detect just the kind of terrorist communication that led to the tragedies of 9/11. But this temporary law will expire on February 1, 2008. The threat of foreign terrorists, however, will not expire with it, which is why permanent legislation must be enacted.

In the Senate, responsible and comprehensive legislation has been drafted to bring FISA into the 21st century. The legislation has broad, bipartisan support and has been poised for Senate passage and approval by President Bush for more than a month. Unfortunately, some in Congress have prevented this from happening. Once again, at the end of December, a small minority of Senators blocked this legislation from moving forward. As a result, this vitally important measure will not be taken up

again until Congress returns in mid-January, leaving us only seven working days to complete this major legislation before the Protect America Act expires. Further delay could lead to a gap in critical national security policy and tie the hands of our intelligence officials working to protect Americans.

We wouldn't dream of sending our troops into battle without the equipment and supplies to carry out their mission safely and successfully. Similarly, we cannot assign the intelligence community with the task of gathering information on our enemies and using it to help keep our nation safe, while placing unreasonable obstructions in their path.

For the safety of all Americans, we cannot put this off any longer. I join our national intelligence community in urging swift and certain action in Congress as soon as we return in January.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Ron,

The Parmer County Historical Committee had a very successful year. Among other projects, we sponsored Parmer County's centennial. We were able to move the 1936 Texas granite marker from the side of the highway to the courthouse lawn with the help of many folks. We began laying commemorative bricks around the granite marker. At this point over 200 bricks have been laid.

Much of this would not have been possible without the publicity given us by the Friona Star. The staff at the Friona Star has not failed in giving the historical commission publicity and articles of our projects.

Many thanks are due the members of the historical commission, the newspapers for the publicity, Judge Bonnie Heald and the county commissioners' court, and finally to everyone in Parmer County who has supported us this past year.

Thanks so much for your support.

Sincerely,

Gladys Spring,

Chair, Parmer County Historical Commission

Mark Your Calendar

January 7

Friona schools resume after holiday break.

January 8

Chiefs-Squaws basketball here, vs. Dimmitt
Games at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

January 10

Friona Livestock Show at the Community Center

January 12

FHS Powerlifting Meet begins at 9 a.m. at the high school gym; 12 schools, 200 lifters, concession stand available.

January 16

FISD financial aid meeting at 5:30 p.m.
in the high school cafeteria

January 16

High Plains Irrigation Conference & Trade Show at the
Amarillo Convention Center

January 17-19

Parmer County Junior Livestock Show at the
Friona Community Center

January 22

Chiefs-Squaws basketball here, vs. River Road
Games at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

January 29

Chiefs-Squaws basketball here, vs. Tulia
Games at 6p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

March 6

Chamber of Commerce Banquet
at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center

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Town Talk II

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Whew! The holidays are finally over and life can get back to almost normal. We worked Monday, had a holiday Tuesday, so Wednesday seemed like another Monday. It will be good to get back on a regular schedule for a change. Just have to remember to write '08 instead of '07. The good news is it is easy to make a "7" into an "8".

During the holidays Dr. Gary Cash and his family went to New York City to visit his daughter, Joe and Marlene Mueller and family went to Las Vegas to visit family, and our friend Claire Blanco traveled to California to visit her daughter and family. Anybody else that went somewhere please let us know. Glad all are home safe and sound.

The Friona Chiefs and Squaws each won a trophy at the Ca-prock basketball tournament in Lubbock last week. Thank goodness for mommas and digital cameras and email. Sure makes the newspaper business easier. Thanks to Loraine Anthony and Patty Haile for the photos on our sports page this week of the teams and their trophies. We appreciate you ladies. Also Laura Field sent us the Texas Tech band photo of Brett Field and Stephenie Jones. Many photos we publish are sent from our readers and we appreciate you all.

Speaking of photos, the two old photos we published last week from our archives were claimed by Richard Samarron. Both photos of city employees had Richard's dad, Juan Samarron, Sr., in them. The two men painting the crosswalk in front of Mama Seale's burger joint were Mr. Samarron and Pete Hollis. There are still old Friona Star photos at the Friona library for browsing and claiming.

Visited with Hayden Patton last week at Fast Stop. The young man, son of Kevin and Verna Patton, is a recent FHS grad now enrolled at Panhandle State University in Guymon, Oklahoma, where he plans to play baseball and continue his education. Good luck and good to see you Hayden. And good luck to all of our college students heading back to school.

Heard from former Frionan Darrell Barlow this week. The retired Atmos employee now living in Waggoner, Oklahoma, called to say hello and wondered why he had not received his Friona Star for three weeks. Since he is still on our subscription list we could only advise him to ask his local post office. We did send him the three issues he missed though. Darrell is living the life of leisure near his kids and grandkids.

My Uncle Ernest and Aunt Bertha Brown live in Belton.

They get the Friona Star. Last week we received a notice from the post office that Uncle Ernest and Aunt Bertha had moved and left no forwarding address. Of course they have lived in the same place for many years. When the post office tells you your aunt and uncle have disappeared you get worried. I called Aunt Bertha and she said they are still there and have no plans to ever move again. I asked her if she was still getting the paper. She said, "Yes, we got one yesterday."

We hope somehow the post office can improve their delivery service to our out-of-town subscribers but that might be too much of a New Year's resolution to hope for.

Happy birthday on New Year's Eve to former Star publisher Bill Ellis. Willie boy celebrated his 71st birthday December 31.

DPS Trooper Trey Ellis and wife Tracy are grandparents. Their son Quint and wife welcomed baby boy Drew Harrison Ellis on December 23 at 8 lbs. 7 ozs. and 21 inches. Trooper Ellis also went to Austin and picked up a new patrol car in December. Things are good at the Ellis house.

Also welcome Tasty Cream boss Bill Hardin to the grandparent ranks. Jeana and Jeremy Hardin, proprietors of Hardin's Steakhouse, had a baby girl during the holidays. All are doing fine and I'm sure we will get more details later on. Congrats to all the Hardins.

D. L. Carmichael was in the hospital here last week with pneumonia after another stay at a Lubbock Hospital for some internal bleeding problems. He may be home by the time this paper hits the streets. D. L. is well into his 90s and we are advising him to take it easy and get better soon.

Two former FHS students are members of the Texas Tech Goin' Band from Raiderland and were in Jacksonville, Florida for the Gator Bowl game New Year's day. Brett Field, son of Jon and Laura Field, and Stephenie Jones, daughter of Donice and the late Steve Jones were both members of the Friona Marching Band.

Brett is a freshman at Tech and Stephenie is a senior. Laura says the Tech Goin' Band has 450 members and is the largest marching band in the country.

They traveled to Jacksonville on 9 buses, left last Thursday at 9 a.m. and arrived at 1:30 p.m. Friday.

We have a neat photo of them on this page I hope. Congratulations to Brett and Stephenie. Keep up the good work.

There is a new pastor at Friona United Methodist Church. His name is Ron Colwell. He is a former professor at Texas Tech and comes to Friona from Sudan, Texas. His oldest son is attending Tech and he also has a son that is a junior in high school. This Sunday will be his first in the pulpit here. We'll catch up with him later for more details. Welcome to Friona Ron.

Received word of the passing of Mary Jane Hamby of Hereford. Mrs. Hamby, 69, was the manager of Moovies 6 in Hereford since it opened in 1997. She was also a manicurist at Billie's Beauty Shop for many years and a long time resident of Hereford. Mrs. Hamby furnished the movie schedule we publish in the Star each week. She was a nice lady.

We look forward to the challenge of a new year. Bring it on 2008. This year we will elect a new president, they will pass some more stupid laws, and probably raise some taxes. Work has begun on our new hospital

and we will follow that progress too. Through it all we hope to be here with more local news and photos and perhaps a few acerbic comments on the world situation and life in general. Thank you all for your support. We'll see you soon. Until then.



courtesy photo
Former FHS band members Brett Field and Stephenie Jones are members of the Texas Tech Goin' Band. They performed with the band at the Gator Bowl in Jacksonville, Florida, New Year's Day. Photo courtesy of Laura Field.

First Ag Credit declares \$12.6 million cash patronage

The First Ag Credit, FCS board of directors recently declared an estimated \$12.6 million in cash patronage payments for the 2007 calendar year. The patronage distribution will reduce most members' cost of borrowing by approximately 85 basis points, or nearly 1 percent.

Over 6,700 stockholders can expect their checks in early 2008, and with this year's declaration, First Ag Credit has returned nearly \$70 million in cash patronage and stock retirements since 2001. Keith Vandivere, chairman of the board from Lubbock, said, "The payment is a result of the financial strength of the association as well as

our dedication to our members and their success, and is a nearly \$4.4 million increase over last year."

Terry Dane, chief executive officer, said, "We are pleased that once again we are able to return a substantial cash patronage distribution to our stockholders. With the continued support of our agricultural producers, First Ag Credit had another outstanding year."

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DSHS Registry helps reunite adult adoptees with birth parents, siblings

For some, it is a medical need to know.

For others, it is the desire to put life's jigsaw puzzle pieces together.

For these and other reasons, adoption information provides answers to long-held questions about lives and families.

In Texas, adoption records are confidential and court records are sealed. People usually have little or no information about their birth parents, siblings or children placed for adoption.

But for those looking for information, the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) offers a chance to be matched with birth family members. The Texas Vital Statistics Central Adoption Registry can reunite adult adoptees with birth parents or siblings who sign up looking for each other.

"The registry is unique in that we have the authority, without a court order, to view a sealed file and confidential record," said Patricia Molina, DSHS program administrator for the registry. "This ability allows us to match two biologically related people. A match occurs only when an adopted person and the birth parents or a biological sibling voluntarily register."

Once a match is made, a letter is sent to each person with the results. But before information is exchanged, everyone is required to complete a one-hour counseling session that educates and prepared them for the reunion. DSHS will help people find a counselor.

"The counseling will help identify a support system as the reunion progresses, whether the husband, wife or other children will be supportive, what they see as the best and worse outcome from a reunion and what they want the outcome to be," Molina said.

After the counseling session, each person prepares a persona history with photographs such as baby pictures, school and family photos. The biographies are then shared with each participant at the same time that the identifying information is exchanged.

"These biographies establish a foundation for the reunion," said Molina. "People may see that they look like their birth mother or have the same nose or chin as a sibling."

Molina said that there are stages to a reunion, often beginning with a honeymoon phase. She said that people may need to set boundaries and outline how far they want the relationship to go. Some people, she said, may decide at some point to end the relationship. "Adoption is a life-long process," Molina said. "Some people want to know more as they grow older, often starting with wanting to know only medical history but later wanting contact."

Although the adoptive parents are not a part of the registry, adoptees are encouraged to share information with their adoptive families.

The DSHS registry, which began in 1984, has

registered more than 8,100 people looking for one another, including adult adoptees, birth mothers, adult siblings, and birth fathers. About three times as many adoptees are registered as are birth mothers. "We make about 20 to 30 matches a year," Molina said.

For a person to become a part of the Central Adoption Registry they must:

- *Have been adopted in Texas or have been born in Texas and adopted in another state or
- *Be the birth parent or sibling of an adoptee

- *Be 18 years old or older and
- *Provide proof of age and identity with a copy of a birth certificate and a valid government-issued photo ID.

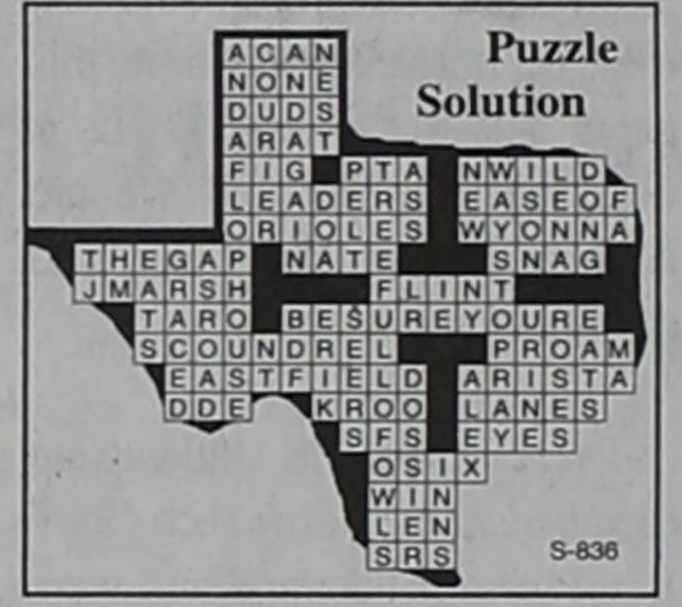
To get an application, write the Central Adoption Registry (MC 1966), P.O. Box 149347, Austin, TX 78714-9347; call (512) 458-7388 or toll free (888) 963-7111, ext. 7388; or download an application online at www.dshs.state.tx.us/vs/reqproc/adoptionregistry.shtm. The cost to be in the registry is \$30, but may be waived or reduced.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January 6 - January 12, 2008

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- Jan. 8-Dave Buske, Ruben Gomez, Betty White, Richard Allen Roberts, Sherry Dawn Campos, Richard London, Loren Marie Turner
- Jan. 9-Eva Miller, Joe Bill Jones, Jennifer Baker, Joel Hight, Cindy Weatherly, Anthony Nunley, Lorine White, Mitchell Wiseman, Galen Carson, Aaron Ramon, Jerry Rocha
- Jan. 10-Chris Houlette, Ben Neelley, Loy Loafman, Joshua Snyder, Jeff Moser, Larry Rogers, Rocky Bartlett, Gaylon Rhodes, David Collins
- Jan. 11-Harold Reed, Slade Clark, Sam Landrum, Michael Jeter, Cleburne Stokes, Angela Green, Leanna Grissom, Bennie Widner, Monica Dominguez, Maria Mendoza, Frances Milner, Arlisa Denton, Angela Thompson, Erith Hawkins, Juan Hernandez, Geraldine Taylor, B. J. Widner, Adam Jucha
- Jan. 12-Gary Don Schueler, Charles Hough, Sherri Jo Rector, Jeff Brown, V'Lynda Wilcox, Loren Martin, Jesse Castaneda, Andy Stormes, Melinda Ramon, Brett Riley



Sheriff's Report

The following is reported weekly by Parmer County Sheriff Randy Gerles office:

December 18, 2007, Christina Mora, 32, of Friona, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a Potter County warrant, posted bond and released.

December 19, 2007, Joaquin Marin, 22, of Bovina, was arrested by the Bovina Police Department and charged with assault, pending County Court.

December 19, 2007, Patricia Aguirre, 20, of Friona, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and charged with contempt of court, pending District Court.

December 21, 2007, Thomas Cook, 21, of Friona, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and charged with driving with an invalid license, pending County Court.

December 22, 2007, Tabitha Martinez, 19, of Clovis, was arrested by the Friona Police Department and charged with possession of marijuana (more than 5 pounds, less than 50 pounds), pending Grand Jury.

December 22, 2007, Ruben Fernandez-Vidana, 22, of Bovina, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with driving while intoxicated, pending County Court.

December 23, 2007, Ascension Vargas, 37, of Friona, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with driving while intoxicated (3rd or more), pending Grand Jury.

December 23, 2007, Marco Portillo, 20, of Amarillo, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with no driver's license, pending Justice of the Peace Court.

December 28, 2007, Antonio Diaz, 21, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police Department and charged with tampering with a government record, pending Grand Jury; and failure to identify, pending County Court.

December 29, 2007, Jacob Mireles, 20, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police Department and charged with possession of a controlled substance (more than 1 gram, less than 4 grams), pending Grand Jury; and possession of marijuana (less than 2 ounces), pending County Court.

December 29, 2007, Theresa Mireles, 24, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police Department and charged with possession of a controlled substance (more than 1 gram, less than 4 grams), pending Grand Jury.

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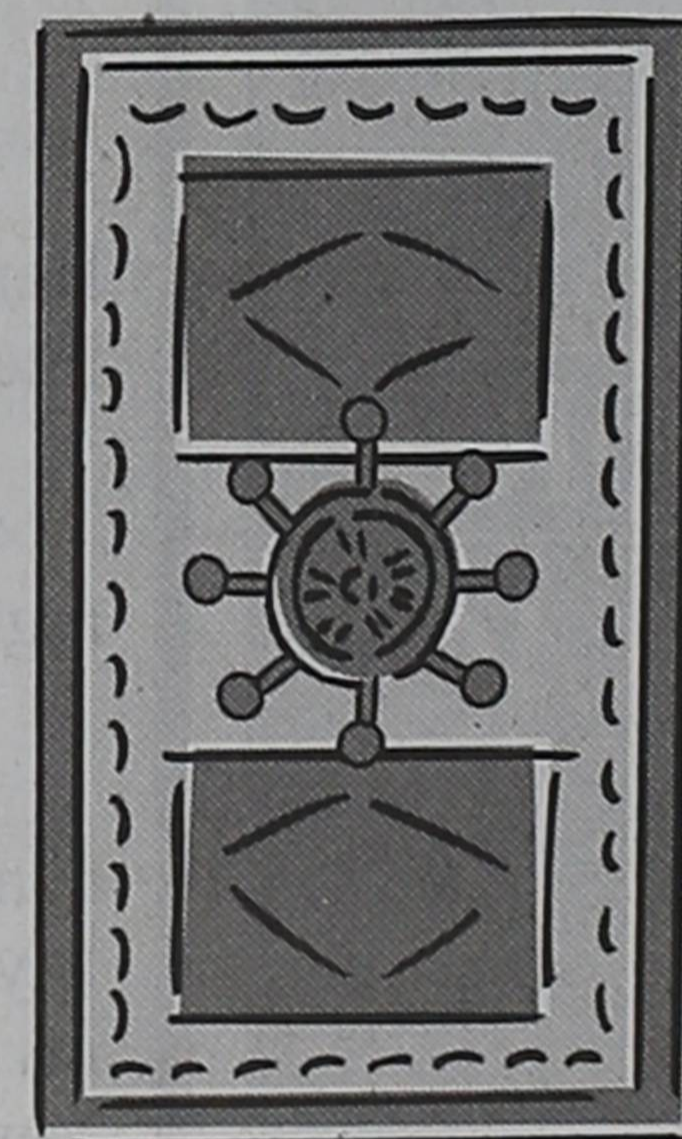
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Due to the holidays, we have no courthouse notes to report this week.


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TBA.....	Playoffs

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Basketball Roundup

Chiefs/Squaws win three at Caprock

The Friona Chieftains and Squaws each brought home a consolation trophy from the annual Caprock Tournament in Lubbock. The tournament drew about 80 teams. The format this year was divided into two divisions. The green division included 5A and 4A teams.

The red division was for 1A-2A-3A contestants. Organizers expect the new format to draw over 90 teams next year. Both the Chieftains and Squaws went 3-1 in the competition, playing two games Thursday and two games Friday. With a loss the teams went into the consolation

bracket, winning the consolation game and bringing home a 5th place trophy. The Squaws opened with a 52-36 win over Seagraves Thursday morning. They got off to a 9-4 first quarter lead and finished with a 29-22 second half run. Hollis Gurley was high with 16 points followed by Michelle Martin 9, Sasha Estrada 9, Ashley Ingram 7, Erin Anthony 4, Miranda Frye 3, Diana Bolivar 2, and Regan Anthony 2. Ingram, Martin and Estrada (2) each had 3s and the girls were 10 of 15 in free throws.

Coach Ky Graham was likewise proud of the Chiefs trophy. "We had a tough 3-point loss to Shallowater," Graham said, "but the boys played hard all four games." The Chiefs rolled to a 50-40 win over Perryton to open play on Thursday. They lead 23-19 at the half and outscored the Rangers 27-20 in the second half. Sawyer Reed led with 16 points including two 3s, Alex Gurley had a three and 11 points, Ryan Geris 8, Ryan Schwab 4, Kaison Graham 4, Matthew Stanberry 4, Jared Boyd 2, and Chris Haile 1.



The Chieftains won consolation at the Caprock tournament. From left are Sawyer Reed, Chris Haile, Matthew Stanberry, Joey Dickson, Trent Hudson, Ryan Schwab, Jared Boyd, Alex Gurley, Kaison Graham, and Ryan Geris. Photo courtesy of Patty Haile.

The second game saw the Squaws lose to Abernathy 49-33. Miranda Frye, Hollis Gurley, and Diana Bolivar each had 9 points, Erin Anthony had 4 and Michelle Martin 2.

In Friday's first match the Squaws dominated Borden County 67-28, led by Michelle Martin who totaled five 3s in her game high 21 points. Frye and Gurley tossed in 8 points each, Ingram had 7, Regan Anthony 5, Sasha Estrada 5, Diana Bolivar 5, Jordan Monroe 4, and Erin Anthony 4.

The ladies scored 45 points in the 2nd and 3rd quarters coasting to the win. They were 12 of 18 from the free throw line and Estrada, Frye (2), and Ingram each had 3s. For the consolation championship the Squaws were matched with district rival Dimmitt Friday evening. It was a low scoring affair but the Squaws came out on top 36-26 leading 14-5 after one quarter sparked by Frye's three-pointer. The Squaws scored only 5 points in the 3rd but came back with 12 in the 4th, eight of them free throws.

On Friday the Chiefs were paired with the then 7th ranked Shallowater Mustangs. The Chiefs fell behind 20-10 after the first quarter but came back with a 14-5 second quarter run and trailed only 25-24 at the half. Each team scored 12 in the third but Shallowater went up 19-17 in the fourth to hold on to the 3-point win. Reed had two treys and 14 points, Gurley had two treys and 12. Geris and Graham each pitched in 11, Haile had 3 and Hudson 2.

The loss put the Chiefs into the championship consolation bracket. Like the Squaws, the Chiefs met district rival Dimmitt. With five 3s from Reed and four from Gurley, the Chiefs cruised to a 62-52 win and the consolation trophy. Reed led scoring with 19 points, Gurley had 16, Boyd 6, Hudson 6, Stanberry 6, Haile 3, Geris 2, Graham 2, and Schwab 2.



The varsity Squaws brought home a trophy from the Caprock tournament. They are, front, l-r, Morgan Anthony, manager, Hollis Gurley, Regan Anthony, and Miranda Frye; standing, l-r, Coach Michael Hurley, Jordan Monroe, Michelle Martin, Ashley Ingram, Briar Barnett (back), Erin Anthony, Sasha Estrada, Diana Bolivar, and assistant coach V'Laura Sundlie. Photo courtesy of Loraine Anthony.

First year coach Michael Hurley was pleased with the Squaw performance. "Any time you win three games at the Caprock Tournament you've had a good tournament," Hurley said. Squaw senior Briar Barnett has been

out with an injury and did not play in the Caprock tournament. The teams continue district play Friday January 4 at Tulia then host a return match vs. Dimmitt at Friona gym Tuesday January 8. Game times are 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

First Friona power lift meet

Friona High School will host a power lifter meet at Friona gym Saturday January 12. Competition is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is the first ever power lifter meet to be held in Friona. Powerlifting coaches Jimmy Arias and Rex Cumpton invite the public to come out and watch this interesting event. Concessions will be available.

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T. LEON TALLEY, Minister, Sixth Street Church of Christ

In Isaiah 43, God, through the Prophet Isaiah, is reminding Judah that He is the Lord their God. He is directing their focus on the coming of the Messiah. He says in verse 19, "See, I am doing a new thing!"

As we embark upon this new year, we need to realize that we, too, are awaiting the coming of the Messiah, His second coming. However, let's use this verse to think about what we should experience in God's "new thing" for 2008.

First, we must forget what is behind. In Isaiah 43:18, God said, "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past." What sage advice this is for us. Now this doesn't mean that our minds should blank out our past. It's a call to bury the past. What has happened to us in the past cannot be changed! Sometimes we allow the past to drag us down and when we do it destroys our potential for success in what we should become. Paul said it like this: "This one thing I do; forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward what is ahead."

If we're ever to become what God wants us to be, we must not allow our past failures to dampen our commitment to follow Jesus Christ.

Jones girls make Dean's list at Tech

Sisters Stephenie Jones and Kimberlee Jones were named to the Dean's Honor List at Texas Tech University for the fall semester.

This is Stephenie's second time to be named to the Dean's list. Stephenie is a senior with a dual major in anthropology and sociology.

She is also a member of the Texas Tech Goin' Band. They performed at the Gator Bowl on New Years Day.

Kimberlee is a sophomore with a major in criminology and a minor in psychology. The girls are daughters of Donice and the late Steve Jones.



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Stephenie, left, and Kimberlee Jones on Dean's List at Texas Tech.



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On Christmas Eve, retired Friona teacher Wana Brewer celebrated her 94th birthday. Helping her celebrate were, l-r, Tommie, Tim, and Billy Joe Mercer. Mrs. Brewer taught both father Billy Joe and son Tim when they were in elementary school.

Nazareth business fair January 12

The public is invited to attend the 3rd Annual Greater Nazareth Business Fair on Saturday evening, January 12th in the Nazareth Community Hall from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

The Fair will begin with a special Business Education & Resource Session from 5:30 - 6:20 p.m. for any business owners or operators. Presentations will be given by PJ Pronger from the WTAMU Small Business Development Center on "Dealing with Income Tax for Small Business Owners"

as well as by County Agent Steve Young on "Tools For Creating Your Business Plan". Daniel Esquivel from Amarillo College - Hereford campus will also make a presentation concerning online courses that can be offered in Castro County.

The Business Fair will be open to the public at 6:30 p.m. with over 70 small business booths, as well as tables by agencies that supply key services to local communities, like the Texas Department of Agriculture. Refreshments will

be provided by Peoples Bank.

There will be a 20 minute program at 7:20 p.m., with updates on the Red River Regional Cluster and Greater Nazareth 2020 projects. Door prizes will be given away during the pro-

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Allo Reeve of Friona celebrated two 5-generation families recently. On the left, Mrs. Reeve is shown with great-grand-son Jackson Reeve Fluck. He is the son of Jonathon and Allison Fluck of Lubbock. On the right, Mrs. Reeve is shown with great-granddaughter Rylee Mae Vancleave, daughter of Melissa and Andy Vancleave of Lubbock. Jackson and Rylee's grandparents are Glenda and Randy Richards of Lubbock. Great-grandparents are Glenn and Carolin Reeve of Friona and Juanita Robbins of Lubbock. Glenda Richards, Glenn Reeve, and moms Allison and Melissa are also shown.

Grain elevator workshop January 22 in Amarillo

The 20th annual Texas High Plains Grain Elevator Workshop is moving to the Ashmore Inn and Suites, located at 2301 E. I-40 in Amarillo, from its longtime location at the Amarillo Civic Center.

And with the move are coming some speakers to address new and popular topics, said Greg Cronholm, Texas Cooperative Extension agent in Hale County.

"This year a new topic we'll be talking about is railcar fu-

migation," Cronholm said. "Also, we'll be bringing back Dr. Carol Jones (agriculture engineer) from Oklahoma to go into more detail about aeration. It was a popular topic last year, and Oklahoma State University is one of the leaders in stored grain research."

Dr. Pat Porter, Extension entomologist from Lubbock, will also discuss new 10,000-bushel storage bags that are being used in the coastal region of Texas. The bags are being con-

sidered instead of building new storage facilities, Cronholm said.

The workshop will be on January 22 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and has been submitted to the Texas Department of Agriculture for continuing education credits for commercial, non-commercial and private applicator licenses.

Other topics of discussion will be: stored-com protectants, stored-grain pests, using weather data for early predic-

tion of beetles, weed control, chemical storage fumigation, beneficial insects, and laws and regulations.

Pre-registration is requested by January 15. The fee is \$35 and checks should be made to: Tri-State Chapter of GEAPS. Mail registration forms and fees to the attention of Ronda Fisher at: Texas Cooperative Extension, 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd., Amarillo, Texas 79106.

For more information, contact Cronholm at 806-291-5274.

Irrigation conference Jan 16 in Amarillo

Producers trying to maximize water resources and meet the demand to produce more corn can find the latest information on irrigation technology and timing at the annual irrigation conference in Amarillo, said a Texas Cooperative Extension specialist.

The High Plains Irrigation Conference and Trade Show is scheduled for January 16 at the Amarillo Civic Center, said Leon New, Extension irrigation specialist and agricultural engineer. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$15 and includes a catered lunch.

"We want to present current information that will help growers make wise decisions in preparing for the approaching crop season," New said. Program topics will include pump efficiency, power and pumping cost; matching crop acreage to available irrigation;

crop water management; crop production and economics; and biofuel crops, he said.

A highlight will be a grower's panel, New said. Growers continually make changes in their irrigation system and fuel needs, crops grown, marketing strategies, chemicals applied, tillage practices, equipment purchased and other management practices to offset increasing production costs. This year's conference includes five experienced growers who will share how they have changed to confront the challenge.

Continuing education units have been applied for and will be offered for pesticide applicators, certified crop advisers and Irrigation Association certified irrigation designers. For more information, contact Leon New at 806-677-5600.

South Plains agriculture conferences in Jan and Feb

South Plains producers can update their crop production and management skills and earn continuing education units at several agriculture conferences slated in January and February by Texas Cooperative Extension. Conference dates are:

- Jan. 15, Farm Assistance Workshop. Call the Extension office in Terry County at 806-637-4060.

- Jan. 21, West Plains Cotton Conference in Levelland. Call the Extension office in Hockley County at 806-894-3159 for more details.

- Jan. 22, Caprock Crop Production Conference. Call the Extension office in Floyd County at 806-983-4912 or Crosby County at 806-675-2347.

- Jan. 23, Southern Mesa Agriculture Conference in Lamesa. Call the Extension office in Dawson County at 806-872-3444.

- Jan. 24, Llano Estacado Cotton Conference in Muleshoe. Call the Extension office in Bailey County at 806-272-4584.

- Jan. 24, High Plains Vegetable Conference at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. Call Dr. Russ Wallace at 806-746-6101 for details.

- Jan. 31, Feb. 2, Extension agriculture seminars at the Southwest Farm & Ranch Show in Lubbock. Call the Extension office in Lubbock County at 806-775-1680.

- Feb. 1, Regional irrigation conference. Call the Extension office in Lubbock County at 806-775-1680.

- Feb. 5, Sandyland Agriculture Conference in Seminole. Call the Extension office in Gaines County at 432-758-4006.

- Feb. 6, South Plains Agriculture Conference in Brownfield. Call the Extension office in Terry County at 806-637-4060.

- Feb. 6, Hale and Swisher County Crops Conference. Call the Extension office in Hale County at 806-291-5267 or Swisher County at 806-995-3726.

- Feb. 6, Regional corn conference. Call the Extension office in Castro County at 806-647-4115.

- Feb. 7, Farm profitability workshop. Call the Extension office in Lynn County at 806-561-4562.

- Feb. 19, Southwest Peanut Workshop. Call the Extension office in Yoakum County at 806-456-2263 or Terry County at 806-637-8792.

- Feb. 20, Cotton production workshop. Call the Extension office in Lubbock County at 806-775-1680.

- Feb. 26, Agriculture policy update workshop. Call the Extension office in Dawson County at 806-872-3444.

- Feb. 27, Regional forage conference. Call the Extension office in Castro County at 806-647-4115.

High Plains vegetable conference in Canyon

Vegetable growers, processors, market gardeners and Master Gardeners can renew their production and marketing skills at the sixth annual High Plains Vegetable Conference slated for January 24, 2008, in Canyon.

"The conference will feature 11 presentations from an array of knowledgeable speakers," said Russ Wallace, Texas Cooperative Extension vegetable specialist based at the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Lubbock.

Registration begins at 7:45 a.m. at the West Texas A&M University Alumni Banquet Facility at the corner of North Third and 25th Streets. Registration costs \$25 per person before January 15, and \$30 per person at the door. This fee covers all handouts, materials and lunch. Door prizes donated by agribusiness exhibitors will be awarded during the day.

"The conference is designed specifically for vegetable growers and shippers, consultants, agribusiness representatives, Extension agents, researchers, and market and Master Gardeners," Wallace said. "We'll start off the day with industry updates. There will also be time for participants to visit with agribusiness exhibitors."

Those who attend can qualify for six continuing education units approved by the Texas Department of Agriculture, and Master Gardener certification credits.

Speakers will provide timely information on insect, disease and weed control; transition to organic and sustainable agriculture; alternative crops; seedling establishment; and the economics of production, Wallace said.

Conference sponsors are Extension, the High Plains Vegetable Growers and Shippers Council, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, West Texas A&M Univer-

sity, and the Texas Department of Agriculture.

For registration or exhibit

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 - TX-born Rafer Johnson film "_____ But the Brave"
 - TXism for "clothes"
 - TXism: "fast as _____ up a rafter"
 - a fruit that grows along the TX coast
 - TX Jeannie C.'s "Harper Valley _____"
 - water park once in TX: "Wet _____"
 - TXism: "bell cows"
 - TX voting machines are designed for _____ use
 - Rafael Palmeiro left TX Rangers for this Baltimore team
 - country singer Judd
 - fashionable mall store (2 wds.)
 - this great Archibald played at UTEP
 - fishing problem
 - William _____ was co-writer of "Texas, Our Texas"
 - TXism: "skin _____"
 - Hawaii vegetable
 - Davy said: "_____ right, then go ahead"
 - TXism: "he's lower than a snake's belly"
 - TX fishing tournament: "Tarpon Tomorrow _____"
 - a Dallas community college
 - Mexican general at Palo Alto battle
 - Denison-born U.S. president (init.)
 - Breckenridge AM
 - bowling alleys
 - "Slue Foot" sweetheart of TX "Pecos Bill" (init.)
 - TX Tommy Lee film: "_____ of Laura Mars"
 - west TX ranch still in Kokernot family
 - victorious
 - head judge of TX Cuban on "Dancing with the Stars"
 - h.s. graduates (abbr.)

- DOWN**
- Hilton's Cisco hotel: "a cross between a gold mine _____"
 - Crockett newspaper: "Houston County _____"
 - TXism: "every now _____"
 - TXism: "stirred up a hornet's _____"
 - critter skin
 - TXism: "smart as a _____"
 - donkey ancestor
 - TXism: "quick as a _____ York minute"
 - poem by TX Naomi Shihab Nye: "Different _____"
 - TX George Jones' "The Race _____"
 - once a politically powerful TX woman, Guerrero
 - song: "Ding _____ Daddy From Dumas"
 - TX-born Dennis Quaid '88 film
 - he danced with TX Ginger (init.)
 - this Rusk led TX Army after San Jacinto

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37 actor Estrada
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39 specimen provided by pro athletes
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43 Bible part (abbr.)
45 Gov. "_____" Ferguson
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48 TX Farrah Forke's "Wings" character
55 TX La Quinta _____