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FOURTEEN PAGES



By Bill Ellis

CAROL AND I have a lot of things in common. We both love home-made ice cream, although we can't indulge ourselves with that "flavor of the week" that we once did, when we were several years younger, and several pounds lighter.

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We both like to read, and of
course, we met while attending
journalism school at Texas Tech.
We enjoy genealogy, which has led
us into publishing a quarterly
family newsletter for folks
researching the Ellis surname.

But the one "likeness" that may

have served as an unconscious bonding element is the fact that we both were raised by parents who had survived the Great Depression.

We are somewhat younger than other children of depression-age parents. Ye Editor was actually raised by grandparents who adopted me and my younger brother. Carol's adoptive parents were actually about ten years older than my

The "Depression Years," and the "Dust Bowl Days" of the 1930s have been items of conversation this year, when farmers congregate down at the elevator, or visit at

This year's windstorms may not have been as "black" as those in the 1930s, but they were every bit as strong, and some of them had plenty of color.

Most years, Parmer County, and the area porth of the street of the deep it.

the area north of us doesn't experience many dust storms at all. We'll have the wind, of course-there's no getting by without that. But usually, it's just the counties of the South Plains-those around Lubbock and farther south-that bear the brunt of the "dusters."

This year has been different, and the oldtimers have been recalling, and comparing this year's weather to that of the 1930s.

We hadn't realized how little our own children knew about the Depression and the Dust Bowl until

last Sunday, when Ye Editor was opening his Father's Day presents.

Carol had ordered a book for me, entitled "We Had Everything But Money." The book contains some wonderful stories about how people survived the Depression, when there

was pitifully little money.

The folks who made it through that time period emerged much stronger, and with considerably more faith in their abilities to survive. And with a much stronger

religious faith.

The book Carol had given me has some of the most remarkable pictures from the Depression era that we had ever seen. Several years ago I had asked my grandparents why there were no photographs of their family, or homes, etc., from certain time periods. The answer came back that few people owned cameras during the 1930s.

Many of the pictures in the book have conjured up personal remembrances of similar things we had experienced as a youth in Bailey

and Parmer counties. Laura noticed a picture of men lined up for several blocks in New York City to get bread during the Depression. She had never heard about bread or soup lines. Well, I guess most of us in this area missed out on those--but there were Rationing Stamps, which were almost as bad. This was a wartime measure to conserve food.

Noel, seeing a photo of a "black duster," asked "Were they really that black?"

netimes think th our children, with everything they want. No sacrifices necessary, just

get it for them, if you can afford it. The 60 years or so since the Great Depression doesn't seem like much, in the context of time. Those who had to work for 50 or 75 cents a day--hard work in most ases, just to provide food for their families, are hoping that their grandchildren don't have to experience such hardships.

But the children need to know out them, and about how hard their forebears worked, just to keep body, soul and family toge ner. It didn't "just happen."



WELCOME BACK.....Senator Teel Bivins congratulates Edwin L. Cox, majority stockholder of Friona Industries. In his remarks, Bivins thanked Cox and Friona Industries on behalf of the people of Friona for rebuilding the Hi Pro plant.



WE ARE BACK.......Clad in red "We Are Back" caps, officials cut the ribbon to officially re-open Hi Pro's plant. From left, Andrew Zamora, James Herring, Dal Reid, Edwin L. Cox, Senator Teel Bivins, Bill Stovell, Oliver McGonigle, Jack Hamil, and Teresa Buske.

li-Pro's Re-Opening: Red-Hot Item!

after being virtually "blown off the map" by the F-4 force tornado that did so much damage to Friona in 1995, a large crowd came out for a program of dedication and "reopening" beginning at noon on Wednesday. Around 500 people enjoyed

grilled hamburgers, beans, chips, trimmings and drinks, served under a colorful large tent spread just south of Hi-Pro's beautiful new

State senator Teel Bivins of smarillo spoke for the dedication. I'm real proud of the people of Friona, and especially Hi-Pro's folks, for building back like they have. Friona people have been pioneers in the cattle business. A. L. Black of Friona has been my 'personal mentor' in the business. He's truly a builder in the real sense of the word," Bivins said, explaining that Black was among those responsible for Hi-Pro being built in the first place.

'All of Friona has become rebuilders," Bivins said. The state official said that he had watched the ornicial said that he had watched the current movie hit, "Twister," which may have drawn from aspects of Friona's 1995 storm for its material. "I doubt that many Friona residents would be that impressed by a computer-generated 'twister' after seeing the real thing," he

Bivins then lauded Friona Industries official Ed Cox and Hi-Pro management for the decision to re-build. "After the storm, it would re-build. "After the storm, it would have been real easy for them to have taken the (insurance) money and ran. But they chose not to. I'm very proud of the entire community," Bivins concluded.

Friona Industries' Chief Executive officer James Herring

also bragged on Friona's positive attitude in regards to the re-building. "If you've seen last building. "If you've seen last Saturday's edition of the Friona (Star) Newspaper, you know what I'm talking about," Herring said.

The industry official, who introduced Bivins, pointed out that his family and the Bivins family are next-door neighbors. "He even went after our cat and brought it home. That's extra duty for a state senator," Herring said.

Jack Hamil, Hi-Pro's General

Manager, thanked everyone who had helped in any way in helping Hi-Pro continue since the tomado.

"The bank had a building (the old Malouf building), and Robert Neelley just brought us the keys, handed them over, with no questions asked, and we had a place to function," Hamil said.

Hamil explained that Hi-Pro's

competitive feed mills from around the state and area were contacted and asked if they would manufacture the feed that Hi-Pro needed to continue servicing their customers.

"Within two weeks of the tomado, we were back on schedule, and those folks were great to us,"

Hamil said.

The Hi-Pro chief also complimented Keith Black for digging out the company's main computer element, which salvaged most of the company's vital records immediately after the storm. immediately after the storm.

Hamil recited a long list of companies and individuals who helped in Hi-Pro's work after their 1995 devastation

95 devastation. Bill Stovell, general manager of

Summer Hits With Bang

Thursday was the first day of summer according to the calendar, but the big crowd attending Hi-Pro's open house the previous day would have sworn that the 100-degree plus temperature of Wednesday was downright "summery."

Friona's official temperature guage hit 102 on Wednesday after reading 99 the previous day, and then 104 degrees for Thursday.

The 104 degree reading is the

highest since Friona had 108 degrees June 25, 1990. That was the first of five straight 100+ days, and one of 11 days of over 100 for the month (June, 1990).

Friona State Bank's temperature guage hit 104 on Wednesday and 106 on Thursday. The bank's equipment is located about six feet over roof-level, said Robert Neelley. So those readings are probably very accurate.

is in his 70s, had built the company's first feed mill 27 years

Slaughter was presented some gag gifts (a whip and a military helmet), and also a golf cart that he has used to supervise the activities. Several of Hi-Pro's suppliers and

vendors went together to sponsor the luncheon. (See list of suppliers on Page 9.) Tours of the main office and the mills were given following the meal.

Friona Chamber of Commerce

and Agriculture staged a ribbon-cutting with Hi-Pro executives to conclude the outdoor ceremony.

--BILL ELLIS

Drugs & Cash Nabbed In Highway 60 Stops

Texas Department of Public Safety troopers scored big in two traffic stops during the last two

Department, also made some acknowledgements.

A highlight of the ceremony was

presentation to Dick Slaughter of laton, chief engineer for the re-

building program. Slaughter, who

In both instances, troopers found hidden compartments in

vehicles used to transport drugs through Parmer County.

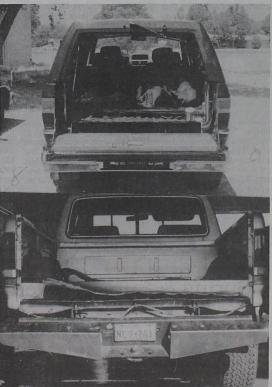
On Saturday night, June 8, trooper Craig Willis stopped a west bound Toyota utility vehicle when he noticed the driver was not aring his seat belt.

became suspicious when the driver could not answer questions about where he had been and where he was going. He claimed to be headed for El Paso, but wasn't sure who or where he was going to see

The trooper asked for consent to search the vehicle. He noticed a metal strip bolted onto the carpet near the tailgate with fresh scratches on the bolts.

Further investigation revealed a hidden compartment under the rear floor, in which Trooper Willis found two ounces of marijuana and \$32,000 in cash.

Lab examinations of the money showed marijuana traces.
(Continued on Page 7)



GOTCHA!!......Texas Department of Public Safety troopers Craig Willis and Trey Ellis discovered the hidden compartments in these two vehicles during recent traffic stops. The "hidden" sections were beneath the rear floors. See story for more details GOTCHA!!....Texas

Drama Workshop Plans **Production Presentations**

The Summer Drama Workshop productions are scheduled for June 29 at 2 p.m.

The K-5 group will present Babes In Toyland. Director: Michael Griffin; Assistant

Director, Leslee Floyd.

Cast members are: Sara
Widner, Michael Johnston, Andrea Widner, Michael Johnston, Andrea Geries, Timothy Messer, Betsy Clark, Ramey Alaniz, Blake Montoya, Lory Wyly, Dollie Lookingbill, Crystal Vega, Tolby Wilcox, Dalton Lusk, Alex Gurley, Brittany Montoya, Paula Gonzales. Also, Erin Austin, Hollis Gurley, Adrienne Anthony, Kathleen Wyly, V'Lesha Wilcox, Arianna Pena, Adrienne Osborn, Jordan Jamerson, Deirdre Johnston, Brittany Berend, Amanda Geries,

Brittany Berend, Amanda Geries,

Kyle Jamerson, Jerrod Carr.

Babes In Toyland, first produced in 1903, is still a favorite for audiences of all ages.

Uncle Barnaby, a villian, wants to steal Mistress Mary's heart from his nephew Alan. He engages the services of two other scoundrels to

aid in his plot.

The Mother Goose characters rally around Mistress Mary, but she feels that she must escape her fate. Mary runs away to Toyland to seek the aid of the toymaker and the plot thickens.

High School students will present The Saga of Katy and The Gamblin' Lady. Director: Tal Lostracco; Assistant Director: Michael Griffin.

Cast members: Barry Procter, Blaire Jones, Leslie Fangman,

Gaines Butman, Lacy Venhaus, Joni Johnson, Coby Clark, Justin Grimsley, and Jason Slagle. This "Mellerdrama" written in verse is sure to delight every audience member. A gamblin' lady (Continued on Page 7)



CRIMESTOPPERS......Attending the recent presentation of the Oklahoma City bombing sponsored by Parmer County Crimestoppers were Sheriff Rex Williams, Sue Haye Ramos, Alicia Rando, Diana Tirado, Monica Rando, Alan Clark, Yvonne Ramos, and Jennifer Mills. Clark led the two hour presentation two-hour presentation.



TEXAS OPENING......Waiting patiently for the opening performance of TEXAS are Frionans who participated in the bus trip sponsored by Friona State Bank. From left are Marca Lynn Herring, Lillie Taylor, Shirley Ferguson, and Maybian Rhodes. That is Lilah Gaye Gee peeking around Maybian Rhodes. That is Lilah Gaye Gee peeking around Lillie's shoulder. See the Out Here column for more about

ent into effect, and not in a major

city, where most of the affected

policyholders live. It's also why the lawyer hired an old friend of the

judge's to help out on the case.
The judge then had to decide whether to hear the case or defer to the Department. How do you think the judge ruled?

There's more. The plaintiff's lawyer has put up hundreds of thousands of dollars to run television advertisements in major

media markets. The advertisements

strongly imply that the insurance

companies are intentionally ripping

off consumers and encourage affected policyholders to sign up as

Obviously, the insurance companies asked the South Texas

judge to prevent the ads from going on the air, arguing that the ads were

prejudicial and would make it almost impossible to get a fair

trial. Guess how the judge ruled on

that one.
With this case Texas has

reached a new level of lawsuit abuse. As if blatant judge-

shopping and cozy judge-lawyer relations were not enough, we are now allowing plaintiff's lawyers to

sell their case to the public over the airwaves--with no regard for a

defendant's right to a fair and

balanced process, whoever the defendant may be.

It's perfectly clear what the plaintiff's lawyer is trying to do here. Hand pick the most favorable

court and judge you can find. Hire the judge's buddy to run interference for you. Put an ad on television

accusing the defendant of being a crook. Superheat the atmosphere

around the case so much that the defendant is forced to give up his

rights and agree to some outrageous settlement. Fat multi-million dollar fees for the plaintiff's lawyer,

peanuts for the consumers "represented" by the lawyer.

If the plaintiff's lawyer is

permitted to get away with this scam, it will cost every Texas driver money. All because one plaintiff's lawyer saw a way to make the system work for him.

Those who think we've had enough legal reform had better think again. Regardless of what

happens in this particular case. Texas courts are still the forum of

choice for plaintiff's lawyers all over the country. Although we have made some progress, we are a

long way from a court system that is free from manipulation and legal

(Ralph Wayne is president of the Texas Civil Justice League, a

in this case are not members of the

non-profit organization advocates tort and judicial reform. The insurance companies involved

plaintiffs in the lawsuit.

Letters To The Editor

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I appeal to each of you to join me in trying to keep a decent program for our children and grandchildren to watch.

Thank you for "listening."

Margaret Parsons
P.O. Drawer 19 Dimmitt Texas 79027

Dear Rill

Dear Bill:
After nearly a decade of fighting for civil justice reform in Texas, I thought I had seen just about everything. Now it looks like Texas drivers could end up paying for one of the biggest litigation boondoggles in our bildter.

history.

A Dallas plaintiff's lawyer recently filed a class action lawsuit in a South Texas courtroom, alleging that two auto insurance companies illegally computed premiums. He is asking for more companies illegally computed premiums. He is asking for more than \$100 million in damages. That comes out to about \$30 to \$40 for each policyholder and \$30 to \$40 million for the plaintiff's lawyers. Ever wonder why plaintiff's lawyers are falling over each other to file class action claims?

The insurance companies say they were following regulations adopted by the State Department of adopted by the State Department of Insurance. The insurance commissioner agrees, but has indicated that the rules will be changed for future premium calculations. The companies have vowed that they will follow any new rules issued by the Department.

Sounds reasonable, right? Not if you're a plaintiff's lawyer who stands to make \$40 million dollars. That's why the lawyer filed the suit in South Texas, just three days before new judge-shopping rules

Friona Flashbacks

... from the files of The Friona Star

60 YRS AGO-JUL 3 1936 On Monday afternoon about 3:30 p.m., while the officers and employees of Friona State Bank were about their usual business of getting ready to close business of the day, they received a visit from two unknown armed men, who robbed the bank of \$964. Charlie McLean gave the men the bank's dummy bag, filled with worthless papers, but was obliged to gather up all the money which was in sight for the men, who left the building by the rear side door.

55 YRS AGO-JUL 4 1941

The voting in Parmer County in the special election last Saturday to fill the U. S. Senate seat of Morris Sheppard resulted in a light vote. O'Daniel received 101 votes here, to 42 for Mann, 42 for Johnson, and 15 for Dies.

50 YRS AGO-JUN 28 1946

Word has been received that Miss Louise Euler, Eastern Air Line hostess, has recently been invited to become a member of the Pilot Club of Atlanta, a classified club for business and professional young. Miss Euler is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Euler of

45 YRS AGO-JUN 28 1951
Assurance that there would be housing for Friona's high school students next year was re-affirmed by the school board this week after a series of meetings in which trustees discussed all phases of the building program and planned to let a contract this weekend for temporary housing arrangements. The action followed immediately on the heels of the bond election held last Saturday, which voters agreed to support a new bond issue for the construction of a modern and enlarged high school building. The vote passed 169-12.

40 YRS AGO-JUN 28 1956

Friona's volunteer fireboys will follow their duties "in style" now, since receiving their new uniforms and showing them at a special meeting Thursday night in the legion hall. The new outfits are grey khaki, and together with the caps which the boys have had around for several years, they give the department a look of distinction. They have matching distinction. They have matching khaki jackets.

35 YRS AGO-JUN 29 1961
"This is the best wheat crop we've had in years!" That statement

Garage Sale Deadline Is July 5

Friona's first City Wide Garage Sale will be held Saturday, July 13. City maps with participant listings will be provided to all garage sale

On the back of the city may will be listings of all garage sale participants. For a \$10.00 fee, participants will receive a listing on the most of the city and the control of the city and the control of the city and the map stating their name, address and brief description of items for sale and a yard sign stating them as a participant.

For rural residents, booth spaces in the City Park and a listing may be purchased for \$25.00. Call the Chamber office today at 247-3491 to reserve your listing on the map. The deadline listing on the map. The defor listings is Friday, July 5.

which has been made many times recently by farmers, elevator men, merchants and longtime observers during the past two weeks, indicates that everyone is in agreement that the 1961 wheat crop is turning out bountifully. Arthur Drake, manager of Friona Wheat Growers, reports that Friday of last week was a record day for that elevator. On that day, 785 trucks dumped 227,478 bushels of wheat.

25 YRS AGO-JUL 1 1971

Baker Duggins has been installed as the fourth president of the Friona Noon Lions Club,

succeeding Don Reeve.

Leland Hutson was installed as the 30th president of the Friona Lion's Club, at the club's annual officer installation program last Thursday night.

20 YRS AGO-JUN 27 1976

The Friona Star was awarded a first place plaque during the 1976 Bicentennial Convention of the Texas Press Association in San Antonio. The Star won its plaque in the news feature contest and also took a third place award for took a third place award for appearance. The local newspaper competes in Division V, for newspapers with 1500-2500 circulation.

Mrs. Madie R. Schmidt, R.

N., has been named director of nursing services for Prairie Acres, Friona's nursing home

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15 YRS AGO-JUN 28 1981

A drive to raise \$70,000 in a little over 30 days has been kicked off locally. The group proposes to purchase the present Friona Consumers building on Main Street and renovate it for the Library.

A case of animal rabies was confirmed this week in Bovina, involving a domesticated hadger.

involving a domesticated badger which belonged to a family in that community. Four members of the family in Bovina are currently undergoing the series of rabies shots as a precautionary measure.

10 YRS AGO-JUL 12 1986

Funeral services for Claude Osborn, 90, were held at 3 p.m. Saturday in the First Baptist Church of Friona. Osborn had been a resident of the Friona area for 67

The top three winners in the "World's Championship Turtle

Race" held July 4 in Friona were turtles owned by Shane Blackburn, Barry Procter, and Clay Cash.

YRS AGO-JUL 13 1991

Spec. Carl W. Jackson has been decorated with the Army Achievement Medal, which is awarded to soldiers for meritorius awarded to solutes for the third service, acts of courage, or other outstanding accomplishments. He is the son of Thelma and Joe Jackson and a 1981 graduate of Friona High School.

Kevin Cooper, head boys basketball coach at Olton High School for the past seven years, was named the head boys basketball coach at Friona High School.

The Friona area received a respite from a prolonged dry spell on Thursday evening, when on Thursday evening, when showers visited the local area. The official Friona guage registered .54



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Jut Here

By RON CARR



The first thing I noticed was

The first thing I noticed was that most everyone had an umbrella. Except me.

Based on the recent rainfall totals, somehow carrying an umbrella looked kind of silly.

I did have a bag with some jackets and long-sleeved shirts in it. Someone told me it gets "real cool" there after dark. It didn't.

Zach and Megan and I went to the opening night of "Texas" on the bus sponsored by Friona State Bank. It was Wednesday, June 12, and when they said the bus was leaving at 5 p.m. they meant it. Me and the kids were the last one's Me and the kids were the last one's

There were 43 of us all together. It had been 15 years or more since I had seen the production and of course my kids had never seen it.

Parmer County residents who have seen it many times warned me to take umbrellas and jackets.

"When the sun goes down, it gets real cool in the canyon" they said.

This night it did not get cool in the canyon, nor did it rain. But

we were ready just in case. We arrived about 6:30 p.m. under the expert tour leadership of Marca Lynn Herring and Shirley Ferguson of Friona State Bank. Long time bank employee Dorothy Jackson was along also and helped me entertain the kids on the ride.

to the people it protects.

We took our paper plates and napkins and joined the buffet line. It is a chore to juggle plates for a seven-year-old and five-year-old. "Megan, do you want some cole slaw". "Yuck".

"Hey, Zach, how about some potato salad". "Yuck". We yucked our way through the line. Beans, Barbecue and Butter on bread, plus some pickles was all I could get on

their plate.

We found a couple of rocks in the shade to sit on. People were eating on rocks and under bushes, trying to avoid the tables in the hot uying to avoid the tables in the hot sun. However, by about 7:30 p.m. the dining area was shaded with plenty of time left to eat before the performance.

Tip number one: If you go, just take it easy and don't hurry to eat. The performance doesn't start

until 8:30 p.m.

Then there is the small mountain just beside the eating area that kids of all ages can climb. Mine climbed it a dozen times at least. Zach came away with a skinned shin when he fell at the bottom of the hill. It was still an

There was a band playing country music, cokes and popsicles were available for \$1.00 each, and lots of people sitting around killing

most popular and successful outdoor drama in the U. S. A. I

The atmosphere and backdrop and the scenery in the canyon are staggering. When you stop to realize how many people it takes to stage the production, and the timing of the action on the stage and on mountainside, it is truly

There are new chairs in the amphitheatre this year, each with the name of the donor on it. Many people were honored on opening night for their contributions.

mght for their contributions.

By 8:30 p.m. my kids were
beginning to get tired. So was I.

At the beginning of the
performance, the cast performs
several song and dance numbers.

Zach whispered, "Daddy, is that all
they're going to do is sing?" "No,
son, I don't think so."

From the other side, Megan whispered, "Daddy, I'm thirsty." Zach heard her and said, "I am too." So before Calvin Armstrong even met Tucker Yaledale, we were headed down the ramp to get a

There was enough noise and action to keep the kids interested, even though they did get bored

Then came the thunder and lightning. You know the part. The sound and visual effects they have created are more than realistic.

Thunder and lightning bouncing off the canyon walls leading up to that "big boom" when the lightning splits the tree. wasn't ready and neither was Zach.

It scared him so bad he screamed and started crying. He was taking short breaths and his little heart was beating twice as fast as it should.

He recovered quickly, but every few minutes he wanted to know if they were going to do the lightning

When intermission came, the kids thought it was over. They asked if the second half was going to be just like the first half or would it be different.

They liked the gunfire, and fireworks, and anything that had , and anything that had noise and action.

They especially liked the things that took place on the mountainside with the spotlights.

If you don't get goose-bumps when the riders race along the cliff with the flags in the spotlight, then you are not American

Speaking of that, the dinner triangle award, given to the person who has come the farthest each night, went to a lady from Russia.

There were other groups from Jacksonville, Texas, Austin, and of course, Friona State Bank's group. The place was filled with groups and tour buses and campers.

It is a spectacle to be proud of. It is a nice evening with friendly, well-behaved people enjoying the energy and creativity of the great

At the end of the performance. At the end of the performance, the actors line up outside and talk to the people. Other employees are around directing traffic, saying thank you, and inviting you back.

Two different young employees boarded our bus before we left to thank us and ask if there were any

questions or comments.

By a little after 11 p.m. we were rolling for Friona. Zach and

Megan went to sleep before we got out of the canyon.

In the city of Canyon, the power steering went out on the bus as our driver, Rich Fox, was turning a corner. We spent about 30 minutes in a convenience store parking lot while he calculated how to make it to Friona with a minimum number of turns.

We were in good hands with Rich and TNM&O. Somewhere around 1 a.m., we arrived at the bank parking lot, none the worse for wear, happy, and glad to have been a part of the opening night of "Texas" in its 31st year.

The toughest part was waking up Zach and Megan so I could get them in the car so I could get them home and put them to sleep again.

You have probably been there done that. We were tired and

and done that. We were tired and dirty, but we didn't care.

We all slept well, glad for the adventure and the opportunity to

experience "Texas".

I recommend it. Don't forget your umbrella and jacket.

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Margaret Parsons

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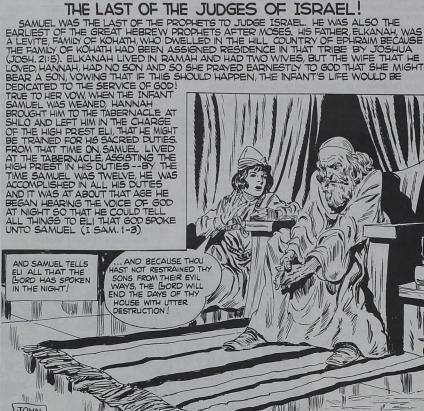
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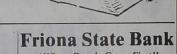




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AT AREA FFA MEETING These four Friona FFA members attended the Area I FFA Leadership Conference recently at Clarendon College. Pictured are: (left-right) Christy Houston, Alicia Smith, Dalinda Black and Katie

Friona FFA Members Attend Conference

Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapters from across the Texas Panhandle met at Clarendon College, July 10-12, for the 1996 Area I FFA Leadership Conference.

Area I officers and district officers, as well as state FFA officers, led the conference which focused on improving student

focused on improving student leadership skills. Chapter members participated in a variety of fun-filled

Hospital Report

These area residents were in the hospital as of Thursday, June 20.
Parmer County Community-Edward Wood, Pablo Gonzales,

Helen Toews, Gene Wright.
High Plains, Amarillo--John
Taylor, Amy Cook
Methodist, Lubbock--Doyle

Cummings Atlanta, Ga.--Haskell Shapley

workshops, dances and a banquet. Skills learned by FFA members and advisors will be applied on the local, district, area and state FFA levels throughout the 1996-97 school year.

school year.
Chapters represented at the 1996 Area I Leadership Conference includes: Abernathy, Anton, Borger, Boys Ranch, Canadian, Childress, Claude, Colorado City, Cooper, Coronado, Cotton Center, Dalhart, Dumas, Follett, Fort Elliott, Frenship, Friona, Gruver, Guthrie, Hale Center, Happy, Hart, Hereford, Kress, Lazbuddie and Littlefield.

Hereford, Kress, Laurell Hereford, Kress, Laurell Littlefield.

Also attending were members from McLean, Memphis, Morton, Motley County, Nazareth, New Deal, Olton, Paducah, Pampa, Panhandle, Petersburg, Plainview, Roosevelt, Rops, Silverton, Farth, Spur, Pannander, Feleradag, Roosevelt, Rops, Silverton, Slaton, Springlake-Earth, Spur, Stamford, Sunray, Tulia, Tascosa, Texline, Valley and White Deer.



LITTLE TOT PLAYGROUND City workers Hugo Rivera and Mike Stephens prepare to put finishing touches on the new playground equipment at city park. The playground is for smaller children and was donated by the Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce.

Park Project Complete, Dedication Set July 4th

On June 18, the last piece of playground equipment, a toddler structure for ages two to five years, was erected in the City Park.

The Women's Division of the Friona Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture wishes to thank

Tourney Nets \$500 For Team

The local basball tournament, played on June 8 and 9, benefiting the Friona High School baseball team was a huge success. Over \$500 was raised during the two day event. Some of the money will go to replace the infield at the high school field.

The tournament, won by the

school field.

The tournament, won by the local men's team, would not have happened if it were not for the efforts of Daniel Saiz and Jim Connaly. These two were the organizers of the event. A thank you also needs to go to Sonic for donating the cups and to Kids Inc. for use of the concession stand.

The baseball teams were not the only ones to go home winners. Excel donated the hamburger for the cookout and also the brisket that was raffled off at the tournament. Those taking home briskets were Melissa Randolph, Philip Sanchez, Mario Posada, Robert Lancon, Gilbert Davila, Sandra Alvarado, Dennis Anthony and Elvia Rocha. Thanks to Excel and the members of the community for supporting

everyone involved in making this

everyone involved in making this project happen.

"We would like to give a special thank you to the Friona City Hall and their employees for all their generous help and effort. City Manager Paula Wilson and her employees were always willing to donate their time to help us pull this together, for the community of this together for the community of Friona," said a spokesperson for the

organization.

"We also appreciate the Friona Star for their part in keeping the public updated on the progression of the park.

"Please join us for its dedication during festivities on July Fourth at the park," the spokes-person concluded.

Swimming Lessons At City Pool

The first ten-day session of swimming lessons at Friona's city pool began on Tuesday, June 18. Two additional sessions are

Two additional sessions are scheduled. The next session will be July 9-13 and July 16-20.

The last session will be July 23-27 and July 30-August 3.

Each session is ten days and the cost is \$35 per person.

Persons of any age may take the lessons which are offered in the late afternoon

For additional information, contact Lori or Jodi at the pool, 247-3126.



LORI LYNN SCHLENKER and NATHAN SCOTT KEYES....Thad and Debbie Keyes of Hereford, Floyd Schlenker of Friona and Judy Curtsinger of Hereford are announcing the engagement and forthcoming marriage of Lori Lynn and Nathan Scott. They will exchange wedding vows July 20 at 2 p.m. in the home of Thad and Debbie Keyes in Hereford. Miss Schlenker is a graduate of Hereford High School and Austin School of Massage Therapy and is currently employed by Hereford Dialysis Center. The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Hereford High School and is working at Keyes Electric and Magneto in Hereford.

Tulia Livestock Auction

Monday, June 17, receipts 1437 head. Compared to last weeks sale, trade active, demand good. Stocker calves sold 1.00 to 2.00 higher. Feeder heifers steady at 1.00 higher. Feeder steers sold 1.00 to 2.00 higher. Packer cows and bulls traded 1.00 to 3.00 higher. Packer cows 30.00 to 36.00, bulls 35.00 to 43.00.

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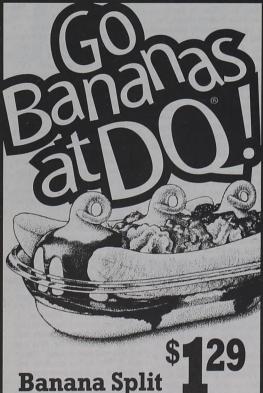
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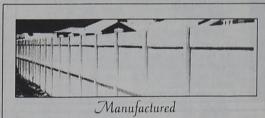


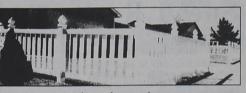
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Lot One (1) and the North One-Half of Lot Two (1/2 of 2), Block Seven (7), Drake Revised Subdivision an (7), Drake Revised Subdivision an Addition to the City of Friona, Parmer County, Texas, as shown by plat of said subdivision of record in Volume 104, Page 209, Deed Records of Parmer County, Texas, generally known as 1211 Maple Street Fries Tayes Street, Friona, Texas.

You are further notified that on July 2, 1996, being the first Tuesday of the month, between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. on the specified day, at the Courthouse door of Parmer County, Texas, all the right, title, and interest of George Wayne Terry, individually and as Independent Executor of the Estate of Ruth Terry, Deceased, in and to the above described property will be offered for sale and sold at public auction,

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Rex Williams Sheriff Parmer County, Texas

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that PARMER COUNTY SSA intends to destroy records of students who received special education services prior to 1989. These records include only those located in the Parmer County SSA office located at 909 East 11th Street, Friona, Texas Records herein described Records herein described include students receiving special include students receiving special education services in the following school districts: Bovina ISD, Farwell ISD, Friona ISD and Lazbuddie ISD, Legal parent/guardian or adult student with disabilities may request copies of these records by contacting Sue Beene, Director of Special Education, at the PARMER COUNTY SSA office at 909 East 11th Street, Friona, Texas 79035, phone number (806) 247-3315 by July 1, 1996.

ADVISO

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The new women's division is an 18-hole best ball partnership scramble and will be held Friday, July 12, beginning at 10 a.m. at CPCC. The women's division entry fee is \$50 per team, which does not include a cart fee.

Pre-registered contestants in the open and senior divisions may check in Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for a free practice round. There is a \$180 team entry fee for participants in the open and senior divisions which will be played Saturday and Sunday, July 13-14. The cart fee is included in this entry

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed

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The City of Friona on Wednesday asked all city residents to immediately halt their outside lawn and garden watering, due to the failure of one or more of

the city's water wells.

The continued drought, coupled with the extremely high temperatures this week have combined to cause excessive water usage, and dangerously low

water pressures.

Work is nearing completion on two new water wells, and the city is hoping for help from the Texas Water Department which might speed up the time for tying the new wells into the city's water system.

City Manager Paula Wilson asked residents to watch cable channel 6 for the bulleting regarding the water situation.

daily bulletins regarding the water situation.

Mrs. Wilson urged all residents to take whatever measures they could to cut down on water use for the time being.

Drug Bust.... (Cont. from Page 1)

The man was booked in Parmer County jail on charges of distribution of drugs.

The \$32,000 cash was seized

and is being held at the Sheriff's office. The vehicle was seized and

impounded.

At 1:45 a.m. on June 16,
Trooper Trey Ellis stopped an east
bound pickup just west of Friona.
The 1989 Ford truck was stopped

The 1989 Ford truck was stopped for speeding.

The driver, 34 year-old Luis Antonio Gandara of El Paso was not only speeding, but he had no driver's license.

Trooper Ellis became suspicious and asked for consent to search the vehicle.

The bed of the pickup had been altered and a hidden compartment

altered and a hidden compartment built beneath it. The bed was configured so that it could be unbolted and raised to gain access to the hidden area.

Inside the hidden compartment,
Trooper Ellis found approximately
250 pounds of marijuana.
Gandara was arrested and jailed

for possession of marijuana with intent to distribute. The truck was seized and impounded.

Justice of the Peace Vi Hutto set his bond at \$250,000.

The marijuana was sent to a state laboratory in Lubbock. Gandara remains incarcerated in the county jail in Farwell, where his case will go to the grand jury next month.

Drama... (Cont. from Page 1)

named Lou tries to outdo Katy, the owner of the saloon, but with the help of the bartender, her piano player, a gambler, a typical cowboy, a flim-flam man, and innocent Little Nell, her plot is fouled.

Junior High students will present I Believe In Make Believe. Director: Leslee Floyd; Assistant Director: Tal Lostracco; Music: Sarah Hale.

Cast members are: J'Mae Randolph, Cara Evans, V'Laura Wilcox, Felicia Lafuente, Monica Santellana, Jena Grimsley, Suzanne

Santellana, Jena Grimsley, Suzanne Messenger, Katherine Johnston, Jacy Grimsley, Mandy Daniel, Jamie Slagle, Kayla Wyly, Candice Ingram, Kelsey Welch, Michael Johnston, Jonathan Espinoza, Zuban Bhatka, Andrew Son.

In this drama, five of the Brothers' Grimm Fairy Tales are delightfully strung together in a musical setting. The story begins and ends with the princess who wouldn't laugh. Interspersed within this story are: The Bremen town musicians, The seven soldiers, and Simpleton. Simpleton.

Simpleton.
Production staff for all shows are: Carrie Cox, Candi Baca, Sarah Hale, Lacy Venhaus, Jason Slagle, Justin Grimsley, Eric Espinoza, Abbey Johnson, Jennifer Smith, and Joy Morton.

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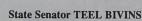
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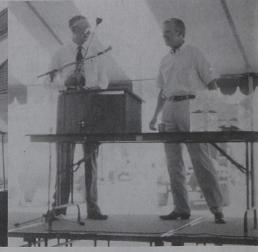


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THE VAULT.......The new Hi Pro offices were constructed with a vault/tornado shelter to protect the company's records. Employee Libby Procter assisted with tours during the open house.



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THE FOOD CREW......Suppliers to Hi Pro's Animal Health Division furnished the food and the manpower for the re-opening festivities. Here David Tipps of Hereford Food Ingredients helps open the food line and haul away the foil.



THE HEROES.....Some of the employees trapped in the mill basement after the tornado were honored at the lunch ceremonies. L-r are Lonnie Holland, Robert Osborn, Marcus Reyes, Efran Santiago & Lazaro Herrera. Holland was cited for waking a truck driver moments before the tornado struck.



FIRST EMPLOYEES...Enjoying themselves with a Hi Pro hamburger are Mary Crump and Ron Davenport, the first two employees of Hi Pro when it opened in 1967.



THE BRASS.......Senator Teel Bivins joins Hi Pro officials under the big top. From left, Bivins, Brad Stout, Dave Delaney, Oliver McGonigle, Edwin Cox, Dal Reid.



OFFICE LADIES......Hi Pro office employees Twila Hitt and Laura Nell Coffey greeted the many visitors and helped make the open house a success.



VISITIN'....Friona Star editor, Bill Ellis is shown visiting with James Herring, CEO of Friona Industries.



CHECK OUT THAT MAP...Ken Clements and Howard Mickley of Lubbock look over the computerized map in the coffee room.



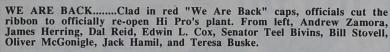
THE GENERAL...B.K. Buske, right, chats with Dick Slaughter, "The General," seated on the golf cart which was a present to him from Hi-Pro.



ALL SMILES...Little Jackson Schmidt, 2, son of Joe Schmidt of Gage Van Horn of Lubbock, was happy with his Hi-Pro cap.









PARTY HOSTS....Several of Hi-Pro Feeds' vendor/suppliers served cooks and sponsored the lunch served up at Wednesday's O cooks and sponsored House at Hi-Pro.

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SLAUGHTER HONORED....Dick Slaughter, the construction engineer on Hi-Pro Feeds' rebuilding project, poses with the golf cart, which became a familiar sight around the project.

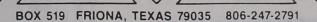
Our Way Of Saying Thank You To The Community.

Funds which were left over, that were donated by our suppliers to help Hi-Pro with our "Grand Opening Lunch" last Wednesday, will be donated back to three entities in the community.

The recipients will be: Friona Volunteer Fire Department Friona Cemetery Fund *Friona High School



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LET'S GO TO TEXAS......Clyde and Georgia Fields, Mary Crump, and Edith Johnson relax in the shade after a good barbecue supper prior to the opening night performance of TEXAS in Palo Duro Canyon. They joined the group on Friona State Bank's bus tour to the performance.

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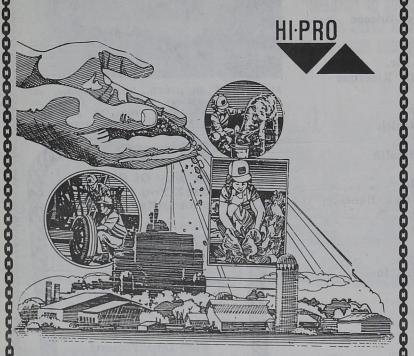


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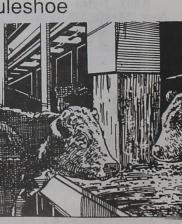
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HALI DIONNE CLEMENTS and MICHAEL BRANDON JETER....Marsha and Gail Clements of Canyon and Ken and Cordella Jeter of Friona announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Hali Dionne and Michael Brandon. The couple will exchange wedding vows August 3 in the Community Church at Lake Tanglewood. The bride-elect is a 1996 graduate of Canyon High School and will attend West Texas A&M University this fall. Jeter is a senior animal science major at West Texas A&M.

Heritage Group Plans To Have Garage Sale

The Heritage Society will hold a garage sale at the Depot in the City Park On Saturday, July 13, in conjunction with the City-Wide Garage Sale Event being sponsored

Garage Sale Event being spinsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

The large loading-dock door will be opened on the east side of the building at 9 a.m. that Saturday. Proceeds from the Heritage Society's sale at the Depot will go toward the upkeep of this historical

old building.

Heritage Society members, as

well as any other interested parties, are being asked to start saving up their garage sale items to donate to the Depot sale. Any large items you'd like to dispose of would be

you a first to dispose of would be especially appreciated.

Donated items should be brought, already priced, to the Depot on Friday, July 12.

Anyone who could volunteer

some time to help with this project at the Depot on Friday or Saturday, is asked to call Lois Norwood at

Library orner

By DARLA BRACKEN

Libray Hours: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday

Panhandle Information Network (PIN): hopefully some of you have heard of it and if you haven't, you probably will soon. This Panhandle-wide effort is a project to lay the foundation or infrastructure for the information superhighway that you probably have been

that you probably have been hearing about.

PIN will be a cooperative effort among city governments (including police, EMS, fire and other departments) hospitals and other health care facilities, schools and public libraries. Part of this service will include access to the internet (world wide web, etc.) plus many (world wide web, etc.) plus many other network features.

In a recent planning meeting, I was among the sixth committee members drawn from each of these interested entities. This project is our opportunity to secure grant funding to create this capability. Things like telemedicine (being able to transmit and receive video data to specialists and hospitals elsewhere), video conferencing, internet access, electronic mail, electronic bulletin boards nd web pages would be made possible at a smaller cost to entities within a community due to the cooperative planning, expertise and bargaining

Initial costs will be great but with a cooperative effort and grant funding, the costs will be bearable. I will have a unique opportunity through a nomination to the PIN committee by City Manager Paula Wilson and an elected spot on the first PIN board of directors to impact decisions as to what an information network can do for us. In our move from the information age to the communication age, networking will be a necessity.

Panhandle libraries are very Panhandle libraries are very fortunate to have our own network. Harrington Library Consortium (HLC) created in 1983 as a cooperative effort between academic, public, health and school libraries; we have been members since 1987. I remember thinking back then that we were too small to

McLean's public library went on one year, I decided that there was excuse not to try for the grant to

Here we are almost ten years later--alive and well providing wonderful services that we couldn't wonderful services that we couldn't have done without our network and we are still increasing our capabilities. Libraries are GIANT steps ahead in this type project but we have learned a lot and our expertise will be shared through PIN.

During May we loaned 2,711 items to 690 patrons. Our summer reading program has begun and we have 200 children registered. Seventy-two children and adults attended the opening ceremony on

attended the opening ceremony on May 28. We are proud of each one of our summer readers. They are

New on the bookshelf: Fiction: Moonlight Becomes

You by Mary Higgins Clark (reserve list); Sudden Prey by John Sandiford; Extreme Denial by David Morrell; Chance by Robert Parker; Raid on Truman by Campbell; and coming soon Runaway Jury by John Grisham (reserve list).

Non-fiction: Quick Method Quilts With Style; New Handbook of Texas.

of Texas.

Memorial donations have been made by Joe and Martha Foy of Kerrville, Texas, Luther and Mildred Coulter of San Antonio, Texas and Randy and Joyce Dickson in memory of ALICE SURBER, mother of Kay Snead.

Library materials have been donated by Buford Hartwick, Marie Roden, Paula O'Brian and Veca White.

Money can buy a fine dog, but only love can make him wag his



ERIKA BERMEA graduated from West Texas A&M with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in criminal justice on May 11. She was active in Kappa Delta Chi service sorority and is currently employed at the Walker County Community Supervision and Corrections Department as a probation office in Huntsville, Texas. She plans to pursue a Master's Degree at Sam Houston State University. Her parents are Edmund and Hortencia Bermea.

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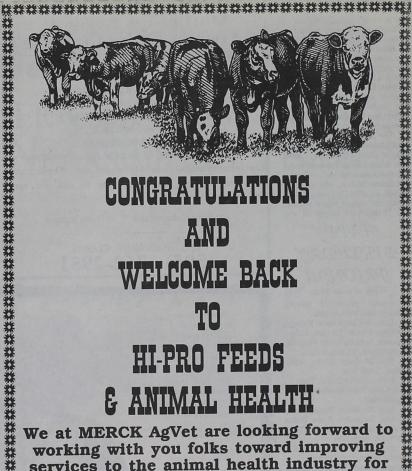
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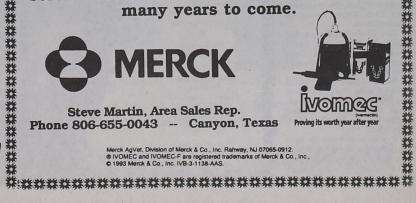
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IN HOUSTON

91-Year-Old City Resident Sees Sights

Dear Bill:

(811 Prospect).
We admire her very much and

We admire her very much and always enjoy her visits. I am her granddaughter, Vikki Young Hale, am married to Ron Hale, and we have two sons, Taylor (12 years) and Landon (9 years). My mother is Lillie's youngest daughter.

Granny (or "Granny Great" as my boys call her) visited from Friday, May 17 to Wednesday, May 22. What a trooper she is at 91! Friday night we went to Landon's Little League ball game where she saw his team defeat the Braves. The next evening she enjoyed a wonderful seafood feast at a restaurant called Landry's.

Sunday afternoon we took her to see a Houston Astros baseball

to see a Houston Astros baseball game at the Astrodome. Granny said she had been to the giant dome years ago just after it was first opened. She saw Jeff Bagwell hit before. She saw Jeff Bagwelf lift his 13th home run of the season and the Astros went on to defeat the Pirates, 4-3. Up to that point, the Astros hadn't been doing so well, so those around us considered Granny a good luck charm.

We at Chinese food at our favorite restaurant and Granny went back to school on Monday, May 20. What a delight she was as she spoke to two fourth grade classes at Elementary. She spoke about how her father came to Texas, how she came to live in Friona, her meager education, her return to Beauty School with only a fourth grade education, how she had to learn to

speak English and the hardships she endured along the way.

One of the most interesting stories she told was how the tornado hit the east side of Friona just last year. Since the movie "Twister" had just been released, "Twister" had just been released, you can imagine how excited the students were to learn that she'd been so close to a tornado! She told of having to quit school after the fourth grade in order to take care of her mother and siblings while her father worked. The students had inst completed a maior unit about her father worked. The students had just completed a major unit about the different immigrant groups which came to Texas and her German background and heritage were of major interest to them. One student wanted to know if Indians had been around when she came to Frional.

That night she was able to see

That night she was able to see great grandson Taylor play a Little League game. (Both boys have been selected for their respective All Star teams since her visit.) Granny met Kristy Drabek, wife of Doug Drabek, the 1990 Cy Young Award winner and current Astros pitcher. The Drabeks are neighbors and

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FRIONA!!

Week of June 23-29

Friona residents having

Friona residents having birthdays next week include: June 23--Carrie Jones, Kenneth Watkins, Roxan Trevino, Roxan Mendoza, Amanda Roxan Mendoza, Darrin Stover, VLaura Wilcox. June 24--Janet Buske, Mitch Smiley, Cecil Sisk. June 25--Sydonia Tongate Pena, Linda Pope, Kimbeslee Ryan, Paige Herbert.

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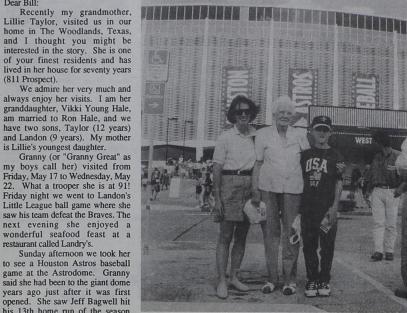
June 26--James Peace, Junior Trevino, Jacquelyn Ryan, Galen Brewer, Marcos Trevino, Jr., Corrie Lundy, DeEtte Snyder.

June 27--Andy Alexander, Sandra Osborn, Jerry Zachary, Clint Phillips, Chad Wilkins, Logan Cheyenne Widner, Stacie Dodson, Kelly Cash, Ruben Rivera, Jo Schueler Osborn. Schueler Osborn

June 28--Jackie Stowers, Bill Hardin, Debbie Rector, Leslie Wilkins, Dwight O'Brian, Carol Reeve, Holly Jack, Linday Cranfill, Charlotte Ratcliff.

June 29--James Varner, Russel O'Brian, Oneida Allen, Fern White, Judy Martin, Eva Lou Rector, Lester Roth, Allison Walker, Andrew Stowers, Elizabeth Gore, White.

If you or someone in your family has a birthday coming up soon, call the Friona Star at 247-2211 by Wednesday noon and report



SIGHTSEEING...."Granny" Taylor is pictured here at the Houston Astrodome on May 19 with her granddaughter, Vikki Hale, and great-grandson Landon. The Astros beat the Pirates in a close game by a 4-3 score.

a newspaper clipping about the

friends of ours and our sons, Justin and Landon, were born on the same day (October 15, 1986). No wonder they're best friends!

While Granny was here we went shopping, traded gardening tips and enjoyed watching the birds and squirrels which live in our back yard. We really enjoyed her visit and hope she returns in the near future!

I'm not sure if this story is of any interest to you but I thought it warranted bringing to your attention. Enclosed are photos and a newspaper clipping about the

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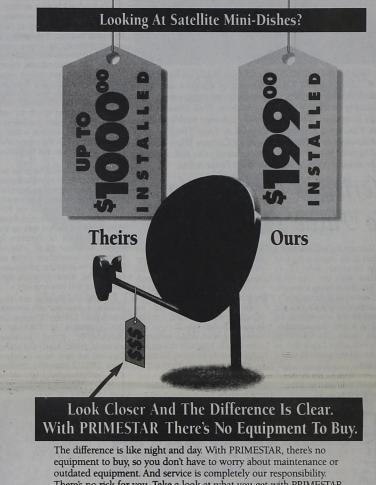
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SPECIAL GUEST....Lillie Taylor is shown here relating her life's experiences to a fourth grade class at Galatas Elementary School in The Woodlands, Texas while visiting her granddaughter and her family.



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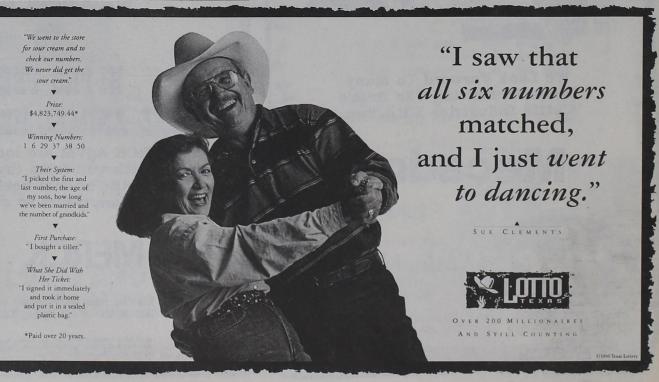
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Tracey Gibson, Brandon Wilkins Are United In Church Ceremony

Tracey Lynn Gibson and Brandon Lee Wilkins, Friona residents, exchanged wedding vows Saturday, June 8 at 3 p.m. in the Calvary Baptist Church of Friona. The bride is the daughter of Lee and Sylvia Gibson of Friona. The bridegroom is the son of Rhonda Wilkins of Boyina

Wilkins of Bovina.

Rev. Vergil Ichtertz, pastor, performed the wedding ceremony before an altar decorated with two large bouquets of red roses, baby's breath and greenery with a large red tulle bow. Three candleabras and the unity candle were decorated with red tulle bows, greenery, red roses, baby's breath and white tapers completed the decorations. Pews were marked with lariat ropes and

miniature black and white felt hats.
As each mother was escorted to her pew, she lit a candle beside the

unity candle.

Musical selections

Tuanelle J presented by Juanelle Jordan, organist. Presenting special selections with tape accompaniment were Jason Slagle, "When God Made You He Was Thinking Of Made You He Was Thinking Of Me," Johnny Stokes, uncle of the bride, sang "Keeper of the Stars" and Jaclyn and Nancy Peace sang "When You Say Nothing At All." Joseph Jolly of Clovis, New Mexico, son of Tim and Karen Jolly, scattered love knots made of small rope from a silver milk pail

small rope from a silver milk pail as the bride entered the church.

As the bride was escorted to the altar and presented in marriage by her parents, she was attired in a hand beaded schiffli embroidered wedding gown. The princess keyhole back bodice of satin featured strands of pearls and bugle beads and a Queen Anne neckline. The basque waistline featured a triple loop bow at the back and sleeves of Renaissance satin trimmed with hand beaded steeves of Renaissance satin trimmed with hand beaded medallions, pearl clusters and dangles. The full satin skirt was accented with schiffli embroidery

accented with schiffli embroidery and formed a cathedral length train.

The bride wore a pearl headband holding her waist length illusion veil. She wore a black garter and the blue garter worn by her mother and her sister, a gold heart necklace, which was a gift from the groom, and pearl earrings borrowed from Shirley White.

The male attendants wore black

The male attendants wore black jackets, black Wranglers, boots, black western hats, tuxedo shirts, black string ties and boutonnieres containing red roses and baby's breath. The groom was dressed identical to the male attendants but his tuxedo jacket had tails.

Jaclyn Peace of Friona served

as the maid of honor. Trisha Duff of Tulsa, Oklahoma served her

The feminine attendants wore black broom stick skirts, white blouses and red Ropers. Their hand held bouquets consisted of red roses,

pearls and ribbons wrapped in white tulle.

Paul Siems of Stuttgart, Arkansas was the best man. Kurt Duff of Tulsa, Oklahoma, brotherin-law of the bride, was the

Kelvin Stokes of Clovis, New Mexico, cousin of the bride and son of Johnny and Melanie Stokes, served as ring bearer. Joseph Jolly and Kelvin Stokes wore black Wranglers, boots, tuxedo shirts, black string ties and black hats.

Guests were seated by Mac Fields of Friona and Jason Lytal of

Candles were lit by Mac Fields and Jason Lytal.

The reception was held in the grand old auditorium of the church.

A round table covered with a white pleated skirt and topped with a black draped cloth held the bride's cake. The four tiered Italian Cream cake was made by the bride's parents. The cake was decorated in white basket weaving by the bride and her mother. White roses, small red and white flowers and ivy leaves decorated the cake. A miniature bride and groom dressed like the wedding couple, complete with black hat, topped the wedding cake. The bride's table was flanked

on either side by oblong tables with white pleated skirts and black drapes. From these two tables. assorted fruit, cheese, meat, crack-

Membership Swim Party To Be Held

The Friona Girl Scouts, Service Unit, is sponsoring a swimming party on June 21 at 7 p.m. at the Friona Pool. All Girl Scouts are invited to be there and

bring a friend who is interested in becoming a Girl Scout.

There will be registration forms available for a parent to fill out for any new girl joining. The registration fee is \$6.00 for any new girl who is in each of the present girl who is in each the time. new girl who joins at this time. Now is the time to sign up, so

you can participate in all the summer activities, such as Girl Scout Day Camp and the cookouts. You don't want to miss out on all

We will see you at the pool for a "splashing" good time. For further information, call Tammy Richards at 247-2401.

Red rose bouquets that were part of the church decorations were also set on the serving tables. Gold

serving pieces accented each table.

Blaire Jones served the wedding cake. Punch and coffee were served by Claudia Castillo and Kristi Meyer. Ruthie Hardin, Shirley Harris, Melanie Stokes and Karon Zachary, aunts of the bride, assisted at the reception.

Blaire Jones presided at the guest registration table.

Rice bags were placed in a silver milk pail sitting on a wooden stool placed by the door.

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Special guests were Arthur
Stokes of Friona, grandfather of the
bride; Jean Webster of Abilene,
grandmother of the groom; and
Tobie Webster of Abilene, greaterandmother of the groom. Other grandmother of the groom. Other guests came from Abilene, Amarillo, Bovina, Canyon, Clovis, Hereford, Lubbock, Paducah, Plainview and Stuttgart, Arkansas.

For traveling the couple wore denim shorts, plaid shirts and tennis shoes. Following a wedding trip to San Antonio, the couple will make their home in Littlefield.

The bride is a 1996 graduate of Friona High School, has been employed at Excel and will attend

South Plains College, Levelland.

The bridegroom is also a 1996 graduate of Friona High School and has been employed at 4-Way Pump. He will attend South Plains College, Levelland.

REHEARSAL DINNER

The rehearsal dinner for members of the wedding party was hosted by Floyd and Tricia Wilkins of Paducah, Texas, aunt and uncle of the groom. They were assisted by their sons, Guy and K.T. of Canyon and Anna Jo Blackburn of Friona

A bridal shower was held at Friona State Bank on May 18. Blaire Jones and Holly Smith hosted a lingerie shower in their country home

Excel employees honored the couple with a vacuum cleaner at a shower on May 21.

The bridal luncheon was hosted by Anna Jo Blackburn in her home

at noon the day of the wedding. She was assisted by Tricia Wilkins, aunt of the groom. Honored guests were Tracey Gibson, bride-elect, Jaclyn and Nancy Peace, Trisha Duff, Rhonda and Leslie Wilkins of Bovina, Shirley Harris and Sylvia



Mrs. Brandon Wilkins





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NOTICE OF PROPOSED GAS RATE CHANGE

changes will take effect no sooner than 35 days after fling. Each city may suspend the proposed effective date for an additional 90 days.

The company proposes to increase rates to General Service (residential and commercial), Small Industrial Service, Large Gas Air Conditioning and/ or Electric Generating Gas Service, and the Air Conditioning Rate Rider. Additionally, the company is proposing to offer a new service, General Service-State Institutions, to state agencies. The company may implement a different rate design than proposed provided the increased revenue does not exceed their case if Sud-berging or the company may implement a different rate design than proposed provided the increased revenue does not

The proposed changes are expected to increase the company's annual revenues by approximately 7.6 percent or \$7.7 million. The proposed changes could affect approximately 200,000 gas consumers in the following

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*The level of revenue increase in these communities constitutes a "major change" as defined by state law.

Copies of the filing are available at the Energas Office at 5110 - 80th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79424, and your local Energas Office.

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The Risks & Rewards Of Sector Funds

Fortunately, consumers have more choices today. In fact, whether deciding on a car color, a flavor of ice cream or an investment, Americans have more choices than ever.

When it comes to choosing mutual funds, investors can select from more than 4,000 different funds offering an almost endless selection of investment objectives. There are growth funds, balanced funds, income funds, growth-andincome funds and more

One type of fund that has gained popularity in recent years is sector funds. These funds concentrate their investments in specific industries, economic segments or geographic regions. It's not uncommon in our changing economy for certain regions or industries to occasionally outperform others, and these funds try to take advantage of such opportunities.

If a second fund happens to be right in anticipating where the action will be, it may well outperform the rest of the market. By the same token, if a sector fund happens to choose an area or industry that suffers a downturn, it can be affected even more adversely than a more diversified mutual fund.

However, many investors choose sector funds despite this risk. Large mutual fund families typically offer a variety of sector funds, many of which are unique. Following are descriptions of some sector funds offered by one mutual

fund family.

One fund offers a "non-

1996.

When Henry Ford introduced his Model T, he told car buyers they could have one in any color they wanted, as long as it was head to the told the tol companies headquartered, or conducting a majority of operations, within the state of California." To investors interested in such a fund, the appeal is not only the allure of California, but also the potential of participating in the growth of international trade. the growth of international trade. particularly with countries in Latin America and the Pacific Rim.

> Another fund invests in highquality money market instruments of foreign countries that historically have experienced low inflation rates. The objective is to protect against depreciation of the U.S. against depreciation of the U.S. dollar relative to other currencies. Today's investors should have at least a portion of their assets invested internationally; however, such investments are subject to currency fluctuation. Sector funds like this offer the opportunity to hedge a portion of your investments against this risk. against this risk.

> Yet another sector fund offered by this same family of funds invests in utility companies all over the world. The objective is to capitalize on the traditional high yields of utilities while spreading the risk by investing globally.

> Are sector funds for you? Remember, their concentration within one area or industry increases their sensitivity to adverse ncreases their sensitivity to adverse economic or regulatory developments. Also, this sensitivity almost always results in wider fluctuations in value. But if you're looking to diversify your portfolio, and one or more sector funds meet your investment goals and risk tolerance, consult with and risk tolerance, consult with your investment representative. And, as always, do your homework before you invest.

Joel Rejino Named To SPC Dean's

Joel Rejino of Friona has been named to the Dean's Honor List for the spring 1996 semester at South Plains College, Levelland. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rejino of Friona.

"We commend these students."

for their perseverance and dedicated attention to their studies," said Dr. Gary McDaniel, SPC president. "It is always a pleasure to recognize students for their scholastic work during the semester. We are very proud of them."

Students named to the President's Honor List must maintain a perfect 4.0 or straight A grade point average while carrying a minimum full-time load of 12 semester hours. Students named to the Dean's Honor List must maintain a minimum 3.25 GPA while carrying at least the same number of hours

Honor students represent the SPC Levelland and Lubbock

campuses and extension center at Reese Air Force Base.

Shain Rhodeses Have Baby Girl

Shain and Stepheny Anders of Amarillo are the parents of a baby girl born June 5 at 8:36 a.m. in Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

Named Katlyn Shanel, she weighed six pounds, thirteen and

one-half ounces and was nineteen and one-half inches long. Katlyn has two older brothers, Ryan, seven years old, and Justin, two years old.

Grandparents are Wayne and Judy Rhodes of Friona and Pam Wodaszewski of Amarillo. Maybian Rhodes of Friona and

Kenneth and Doris Bushey of Salina, Kansas are the child's greatgrandparents.

YOUR EYES

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Dull, continuous pain--the kind that feels like a finger pressing on the eyeball--calls for early evaluation. It may indicate acute glaucoma

or another disorder.

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Scratchy pain is more common, with several possible causes.

There may be a mild infection or something caught in the cornea. See your optometrist right away. If you wear contact lenses, the scratchiness may be a sign of corneal irritation, often caused by wearing the lenses too much or in low-humidity situations. Remove the lenses for a few days and see the eye doctor.

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