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PLAYOFF EDITION

SPECIAL

STATE SEMI-FINALS

Chieftains Facing Tatum At Texas Stadium Saturday

by BILL ELLIS
Friona High School's Chieftains, called by some the "Cinderella" of the region in high school football, will attempt to push their great season to the utmost when they tangle with the Tatum High School Eagles Saturday at Texas Stadium, the home of the Dallas Cowboys, in Irving.

Pre-game activities begin as 12:30 p.m., with the kickoff scheduled for 1 p.m.

The Chieftains, currently 13-1 and riding the crest of a 13-game winning streak, meet the Region II champion Eagles, whose 10-4 season record is fourth-best of the teams making up the "Final Four."

But Friona's opponent, who opened their season with four straight losses, turned things around and are themselves in possession of a ten-game winning streak counting their four playoff wins.

"Tatum has a lot of speed. They won the state meet in track last spring. They are big, and have a lot of quickness," Coach James Morton said about the Chieftains' 15th season opponent.

Tatum is located in far northeast Texas, about as close to the Louisiana state line as Friona is to New Mexico. They are near Longview and Marshall. The Eagles entered the playoffs as the alternate in their district, behind Daingerfield, whom they lost to in district play, but came back to beat their rivals last Saturday in the quarterfinal round played in Nacogdoches, 18-15.

The East Texas school beat Van in their regional finals on November 30, the same day Friona toppled Vernon. Friona's next opponent entered



LAST WEEK we discussed the most truly tasteless gifts that you might, or might not, want to get for the folks on your gift list. Remember the recording of dogs barking the tune of various Christmas songs? Well, this year there's a new one with cows mooing such festive favorites as We Wish You A Moo-ery Christmas, Here Comes Santa Cow, and God Rest Ye Merry Cattlemen. I'm not making this up.

Electronic computer video games will be big items again this Christmas. The varieties currently being sold in stores include: space combat, flight simulators, quiz shows, role playing mysteries, sollinize objects the record of the company of the store of the company of t

shows, role playing mysteries, solitaire, chess strategy, and puzzles for children.

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Video game manufacturers, such as Nintendo and Sega, need to get on the ball and develop some games which are more appropriate for the Christmas season, based on the way ordinary Texans react to various situations at this time of year. Some game suggestions could be:

Coulter Road Warriors: It's the last weekend before Christmas and all the citizens of rural communities in the Texas Panhandle are trying to get to Amarillo to finish

trying to get to Amarillo to finish up their Christmas shopping. Your al is to manuver the congested highways and road construction faster than soccer moms doing warp faster than soccer moms doing warp speed in minivans, while trying to avoid college kids on their way home for the holidays. You get involved in a chase with highway patrol cars and sheriff's department guys. Your goal is to make it back home without a door ding or a traffic citation.

traffic citation.

A X Miss Carol: This is a roleplaying game where Tiny Tim fakes a bad leg for insurance purposes and pays homage to his father's employer, Mr. Scrooge, by turning off the utilities in homes of turning off the utilities in homes of widows and orphans on Christmas eve. Agent X then teams up with the lovely Miss Carol to ferret out evil Tiny and put hallucinogenic drops in his wassail bowl. The players then interact through a series of bad nightmares which

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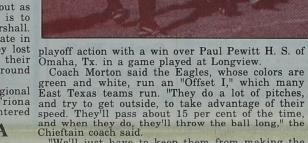
Adopt-A Resident This Season

Officials of Prairie Acres remind Parmer County residents that their Adopt-A-Resident program will be available again this year for the Christmas season.

Anyone interested in adopting a Prairie Acres resident this

Prairie Acres resident this Christmas are urged to contact the Prairie Acres Activity Department at 247-3922.

The residents and staff appreciate your concern and



"We'll just have to keep them from making the big play. We'll try to control the ball and make (Continued On Page 5 Stocking Broadcast **Set Saturday**

The Chieftains' semi-finals state playoff game against Tatum will be broadcast live Saturday by KPAN AM (860) and FM (106.3). Clint Mears and Mike Hutson

will handle the play-by-play. The game is brought to residents of the

area by several local and area



BIVINS VISITS State Senator Teel Bivins Monday, December 9 at the Depot in City Park Bivins, center, discusses the upcoming 75th Legislative Session, and the bills he will introduce, with County Judge Bonnie Clayton and Floyd Reeve. (Ron Carr Photo)

> As of December 12, 1996 75,193

bales of cotton had been ginned in Parmer County.

Friona Star/Bovina Blade survey

Fund Needs Help in '96

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The Friona empty stocking fund is busy gathering names of children who have special needs at this time of the year. Most need warm coats, clothes and shoes.

A \$25 donation will provide a warm coat for a small child and a gift of \$50 will provide a coat for a larger child or one in junior high school.

Please remember our own at this time of the year. There are many children who are in need and the warmth and love of our giving gives them a special Christmas.

The Friona empty stocking fund is low on funds this year due to the death of a very special man. Even though he was not wealthy, he always gave from the heart with warm thoughts of the special needs of children.

Remember, Christmas is the season for giving to others. For additional information you can contact Jo Blackwell at 247-3922 or the Friona State Bank will be glad to take your donation to this special fund.

Cub Scout Christmas Tree Sale

local Cub Scout Troops will be selling Christmas trees.

The sale starts November 29. Trees will be available at the Cub Scout building just west of the Community Center.

The building hours will be Thursday and Friday from 6-8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 1-7 p.m.

Trees may be viewed on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday by appointment. Call one of the following Cub Scout leaders:

Sherrie Stanberry, 247-3103, Francis Huckins, 265-5023, Ramiro Alaniz, 247-3824, Teena Nunley, 247-3718, or Carol DeMuth, 247-3470.

GOTCHA' COVERED ANDY....Chieftains ace running back, Andy Kendrick, sprints to a touchdown in the third quarter, as teammates David Shelby (40) and Daniel Cuevas (33) provide escort to the end zone. It was Kendrick's second touchdown and put the Chiefs ahead 21-13.

(Ron Carr Photo)



CHRISTMAS ROUNDS....Miss Friona, Sheila Wiseman, visits Judy Martin at Friona State Bank and adds her donation to the annual Project Christmas Card Fund.

Deadline For Project Christmas Card Is Mon.

Deadline for donating to the 1996 "Project Christmas Card" fund is Monday, December 16.
Project Christmas Card is being co-sponsored by the study club and the Friona Star for the 41st consecutive Christmas season.
Proceeds from the project go to benefit Parmer County Community Hospital Since its inception, Project Christmas Card has raised over \$114,500 for new hospital equipment.

For the second year, the local Cub Scout Troops will be selling Christmas trees.

The sale starts November

the newspaper
Mary Lou Taylor, project
chairman, and Bill Neely, hospital administrator, visited earlier this week, and Neely said that the hospital has made new mattresses

hospital has made new mattresses for the hospital room their priority for the 1996 project proceeds.

Last year, the project raised \$4,017. The money was used to purchase new IV pumps.

Donations to Project Christmas Card may be made at Friona State Bank, as well as at a number of purchase firms throughout the business firms throughout the

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asked to donate the amount of money which they would customarily spend to send out Christmas cards to local friends. In turn, those who donate to the project will have their names published as a community-wide Christmas greeting in the *Priona Star's* annual Christmas edition.

Donors are reminded, if they haven't mailed cards recently, that the price of both cards and postage has increased over the years. So

has increased over the years. So you are urged to give generously to irthwhite project

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Services Set For N. Smith On Saturday

Funeral services for James
Neil Smith, 69, of Hereford
are scheduled for 2 p.m.
Saturday, December 14,
1996, at Rose Chapel.
Pastor Dorman Duggan
and Rev. Milford Grisham
will officiate. Burial will be
at West Park Cemetery in
Hereford under the direction
of Gilliland-Watson Funeral
Home.

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Mr. Smith died at Hereford Regional Medical Center on Tuesday, December 10, 1996.

He married Donna Faye Hardesty on September 6, 1949, in Friona, Texas. They moved to Deaf Smith County from Dimmitt in 1979.

Mr. Smith served in the U. S. Navy, was a teacher, and a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Anita Neil Bagwell of Ft. Worth and Darla Faye Thompson of Coppell, TX; and two grandchildren.



Former Friona Resident Is Found Dead Near Amarillo

The body of O.T. "Pat"
Patterson, an Amarillo
resident missing since Friday,
was discovered Monday in
Randall County.

Patterson, who suffered
from dementia, probably got
lost and died of a heart
attack, officials said.

Police had been looking
for Patterson since Saturday,
when he was reported missing
by a neighbor who noticed he
hadn't come home Friday
night, said William D. Moore,
Patterson's son-in-law.

A farmer found
Patterson's body about 1:30
p.m. Monday lying beside his
gray 1988 Cadillac, which
was stuck in a field about a
half mile west of the Canyon
Country Club, said Randall
County Justice of the Peace
E. Jay Hail.

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Services Held For C. Hadley

Graveside services for Carl Hadley of Friona, age 87, were held at 2 p.m. Monday, December 9, 1996 at Friona Cemetery with Gerall Wyly conducting the services. Burial was in Friona Cemetery under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

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Home.
Hadley died December 7,
1996 at Prairie Acres Nursing
Home in Friona.
He was born July 3, 1909
in Childress, Texas and had
lived in Friona since 1933
moving from Childress, Texas.
He was a retired farmer.
Several nieces and
nephews survive Mr. Hadley.

A Photo Hint For Parents And Grandparents:

Plan to take some good pictures of your kids and/or grandkids while they are home for the Holidays. Then when Valentine's Day rolls around, you'll have a nice picture of the kiddos to put in the Friona Star's big annual Valentine's Brag Page.

Services Held for Ex-Resident

Services for Charles C. Scales, 81, of Lithia, Florida were held December 4 at Ilillsboro Memorial Funeral Home in Brandon, Florida. He passed away on December 1

Mr. Scales and wife,
Lenna Mae lived in Friona
from 1951 until 1976.
Survivors include his wife;
six children, Estella Parson,
Hereford; Faye Gibson,
Copeland, Kansas; Thomas C.
Scales, Lithia, Florida; Russell
Scales, Arkansas, Kansas;
Mary Gardner, Tulsa,
Oklahoma; and Nancy
Brown, Amarillo.
Five siblings, Warren
Scales, George Scales, and
Ruth Miller of Clovis, New
Mexico; and Joe Scales and
Annie Miller of Farmington,
New Mexico.
Also, sixteen grandchildren and twelve greatgrandchildren.



AIMEE BUGG will graduate from West Texas A&M University on December 12. She will receive a Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences Degree. Aimee will pursue a career in human resources in San Antonio, Texas. Her parents are Rev. and Mrs. David Bugg, formerly of Friona. She attended Friona High School. School.

three-quarters of a mile inside a fence line, was buried up to its axles in mud, Hail said. Patterson may have tried to dig or push the car out of the mud, he said.

Hail ruled that Patterson died of natural causes, possibly of a heart attack. Patterson apparently didn't move after he fell, Hail said.

"He probably died even before he hit the ground," Hail said.

Patterson's family told police that he may have been driving to Friona on Friday to visit friends, but he apparently took a wrong turn and became confused, an Amarillo Police Department release said.

An investigator from the Potter-Randall Special Crimes Unit told Hail that Patterson probably had been dead at least 48 hours when his body was found, Hail said.

Moore said Patterson lived alone and was in good physical health, but sometimes would become "a little bit mixed up."

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"I'm not so sure he had Alzheimer's, but he had some dementia," Moore said.

"He had promised us he wasn't going to leave. He had gotten lost before, and we had told him not to drive out of town," Moore said.

Patterson farmed in Friona from about 1949 to 1970, when he moved to Amarillo. He previously owned O.T. Patterson Used Cars on East 10th Avenue and operated the business until about five years ago, Moore said.

Patterson had always been very active in Masonic work and Shrine activities.

Mary Elder **Died Here** Wednesday

Mary Elder, 79, passed away at Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona on Wednesday, December 11. No services are scheduled at this time. Cremation will be by Memorial Park Crematory in Amarillo. She was born April 29, 1917 at Anadarko, Oklahoma and married Marshall M. Elder on October 20, 1938 in Clovis, New Mexico.

Mrs. Elder had lived in Friona since 1957 moving here from Spade. She was a housewife.

Survivors include her husband, Marshall M. Elder of Frion and one brother, Mack Kennedy of Oxnard, California.

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Friona Flashbacks

......from the files of The Friona Star

65 Yrs Ago-Dec. 11, 1931
Frion has been in need of refuge for the unwary violator of the public peace, and owing to the fact that the city treasury has been depleted to the extent that no funds were available for the purpose, enough funds have been donated by various citizens to purchase the cage. This cage has been delivered, but no building is available in which to house it.

60 Yrs Ago-Dec. 11, 1936
A very disastrous
occurence took place on the
farm of I.W. Barnhouse about
16 miles southwest of Friona
on Thanksgiving Day,
November 26, wherein Mr.
Barnhouse's entire feed crop
was destroyed by fire. The
crew had just finished
threshing the crop from about
200 acres of sudan and the
straw was piled in one
immense stack, when they
noticed that the stack was on
fire. By the time the thresher
could be moved, the entire
stack was blaze, and was
completely destroyed.

55 Yrs Ago-Dec. 12, 1941

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Their many friends in Friona have learned with regret the planned move of Rev. and Mrs. C. Carl Dollar to Lannett, Alabama, where he will be pastor of the Congregational Christian Church. The Dollars have been most active both in church and civic work in Friona.

Little excitement greeted

Tittle excitement greeted the declaration of war on Thursday against Germany and Italy, certainly not the stunned silence of Monday when the United States answered the Japanese challange. The country is settling into a grim determination to back up what the president terms the greatest challenge ever made to life, liberty and civilization.

50 Yrs Ago-Dec. 13, 1946 At a regular meeting of the city commission Monday night at the city office, the city officials decided that the city was in need of an official nightwatchman, and accordingly, C.M. (Charley) Jones was secured for the position. His appointment was made to become effective

was made to become effective at once.
County commissioners F.T. Schlenker of Precinct 2, and W.H. Flippin of Precinct 1, accompanied by Mrs. Schuler and Mrs., Flippin, spent a part of last week at San Antonio, attending the state convention of County Judges and Commissioners.

45 Yrs Ago-Dec. 13, 1951

"This wagon last hauled cotton in 1917, so it ought to get the job done now!" remarked Elmer Euler last week when he brought in a load of his cotton via wagon to the North Plains Gin at Friona. Euler is realizing from one-half to three-fourths bale per acre on his 320 acres planted to cotton southeast of Friona.

40 Yrs Ago-Dec. 13, 1956

The Friona Greenhand
Farm Skills team placed first
in the state contest which was
held last week in Huntsville.
The skill which the team
demonstrated was debeaking
poultry, They removed a
portion of the upper mandible
of the beak. Members of the
team are Ronnie Wood, Don
Clements, Jimmie Bainum
and Gerald Daniel. They
were accompanied to
Huntsville by J.T. Gee,
chapter advisor, and Gerald
Floyd.

35 Yrs Ago- Dec. 14, 1961 Friona shoppers will take Friona shoppers will take home 60 turkeys which will be given away in the giant drawing Saturday afternoon in the City Park. Merchants will be distributing tickets to the drawing at their respective businesses. Holders of the winning tickets must be present to claim their turkey. The event is sponsored by the Friona Chamber of Commerce.

30 Yrs Ago-Dec. 15, 1966
Baker Duggins, counselor for the Friona school system, has been invited for a three-day trip to the United States Military Academy December 18-21. The academy is paying for expenses, which

will enable Duggins to serve as a field consultant for the West Point Academy in this

25 Yrs Ago-Dec. 16, 1971
With the neighboring
Wilson Packing Plant at least
temporarily closed, Friona's
Missouri Beef Packers faced
an obstacle this week, as the
company's contract with
Amalgamated Meat Cutters
and Butchers Workmen of
North American, P-777 was
set to expire at midnight
Wednesday.

20 Yrs Ago-Dec. 12, 1976
Friona High School's
Farm Radio team won the
district and area leadership
contests, and then placed
second in the state finals.
Members of the team are
Jody Lewellen, Tom Schilling,
Danny Hand and Mike Hill.
Five members have been
selected to the Friona
Chamber of Commerce and
Agrilculture's board of
directors. Elected to serve
two-year terms on the local
board were Gayle Warren,
Tom Jarboe, John R. Cook,
Ronald Smiley and JeDon
Gallman.

15 Yrs Ago-Dec. 13, 1981 New members of the Friona Chamber of Commerce board of directors were



Annual * Cookie Walk

December 14 9 am-12 noon

PLUS GIFTS FROM AFAR

welcomed at the Tuesday morning board meeting., Those elected were Ted Procter, Mike Hanes, D.L. Harguess, John Blackwell and Janet Buske. Pheasant season kicks off December 12. Around 10,000 hunters are expected in Parmer, Deaf Smith and Castro counties. Tougher

Castro counties. Tougher trespassing laws will be enforced this year.

10 Yrs Ago-Dec. 13, 1986
Friona High School's
Sqaws scored a hard-fought
28-25 win over the Happy
Cowgirls in a non-conference
game here Tuesday night.
A cold-shooting night,
against a team that was
having a great night added
up to bad news for the
Chieftains here Tuesday. The
Happy Cowboys scored a 5431 win.

5 Yrs Ago-Dec. 14, 1991
According to an announcement from the Friona Medical Clinic, the Friona area is currently in the midst of a flu epidemic. Many cases of strep throat have been reported to the clinic.
Six members of the Friona High School Band were named this week to the All-Region Band. They were Jennifer Lamb, Heather Smith, Marie Davila, Cliff Allmon, Arturo Perez and Christopher Davila. In addition, Perez was selected for the area auditions in the All-State band selection process. He will audition again in January for a spot in the All-State Band.

The Friona Squaw's junior varsity won two of their three games at the Muleshoe JV tournament last weekend, and came home with the consolidation championship.

Phone 247-2766

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Are you planning on traveling for Christmas or to watch our Friona Chieftains?!



Susan London **Data Processor**

Friona State Bank has TRAVELERS **CHECKS** available to make sure your trip goes smoothly as planned.

TRAVELERS CHECKS come in several denominations for convenient usage.

TRAVELERS CHECKS are accepted all over the world and will be refunded if lost or stolen.

Come in and visit with any teller at Friona State Bank about purchasing Travelers Checks for that exciting trip over Christmas or to see the Friona Chieftains at Texas Stadium in Dallas!



FHS TOPPLES ALEDO, 28-13

Great Second-Half Nets Chieftain Win

by BILL ELLIS
The Chieftains of FHS showed their many loyal fans exactly what they are made of last Saturday in Sweetwater, when they came back from a costly second quarter, when even the officials seemed hell-bent on seeing Friona lose, taking control of the game as well as their destiny, to score a 28-13 win over Aledo's Bearcats. Bearcats.

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The win gave the Chieftains the state Quarterfinals Championship. Friona is a member of the state's elite "Final Four." That's impressive considering the best previous showing had been a member of the "final 32."

The team's 13th win, and

"final 32."

The team's 13th win, and 13th consecutive, also beats the old records by four in wins, and five in successive

wins, and five in successive wins.

"I told the players at halftime that they'd had some bad luck, but were just a touchdown and extra point out of the lead. I stressed that the team that would win the game would be the one that played the hardest in the second half," Coach James Morton told us.

Friona started out on the right foot, when they received the opening kickoff. David Shelby almost broke the return, but did run the ball out to the Friona 37. Officials started their hanky-throwing early, bringing the ball back to the Chieftain 10 after a clipping call.

Not deterred, the Chiefs set sail on a methodical scoring drive. Kyle Grimsley ran six yards on first down, and Andy Kendrick gave the team a first down out to the Friona 21.

Kendrick then raced 12 yards with a pitchout, and Shelby tacked on a seven-yard gain as the Chieftains reached the 37-where they almost had the ball to start with.

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Grimsley faded back and lofted a long pass into the 10 mph north breeze which Angel Vega, who caught the ball at the Aleda 40, did a "juke" fake which froze opposing quarterback Dustin Proctor just long enough for the "Angelic One" to easily dash to the Bearcat end zone. Vega added the kick, and Friona had taken a 7-0 lead with just 3:38 gone in the opening quarter. Friona had driven 90 yards in only seven plays.

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The Chieftain defense then took its turn to shine. Defensive end Quint Ellis and linebacker Juan Santiago turned in good plays which caused the Bearcats to have to punt. Friona put the ball in play at the 20. Daniel Cuevas ripped through for an eightyard gain, but then a fumble and a costly delay penalty caused the Chieftains to have to punt the ball back.

Luis Ramirez, Ellis, Juan Santiago, Andy Kendrick and Grimsley made some timely tackles, but the Bearcats moved from their own 45 to the Chieftain 13, when it seemed they surely would get on the scoreboard.

But on a first and ten from the Friona 13, Ellis put a mammoth hit on Aledo's Jon Hix (35). Hix fumbled the ball and Friona recovered, to dodge the bullet.

Cuevas gave the team a first down at their own 29; Grimsley ran for nine yards and Cuevas bulled his way for a 27 yard gain. Cuevas carried two or three tacklers the last 5-10 yards. The small (5-7, 163) running back ran with the most authority than he had since he led the

ran with the most authority than he had since he led the

team in rushing in the Dalhart game. Friona had not turned the ball over in critical instances during the playoffs, but Cuevas was overpowered by 260-pound defender Tim

Eason of Aledo, and fumbled the ball.

The Bearcats then put together a 57-yard drive, sparked by the running of QB Proctor and 175-pound running back Ty Lowe. Hix got the TD on a three-yard run. The kick tied the score at 7-all, with 5:42 left in the half.

Friona got a first down on

a 13-yard run by Kendrick, and Grimsley was intercepted for only the third time all season, and Aledo took over on their own 28.

During the drive, an Aledo back clearly fumbled the ball, thanks to a hit by Friona's Cecil Cooper, who scooped up the ball and should have scored. But officials whistled the play dead, claiming the runner's knee had touched turf. Those on the sidelines said the ball clearly shot out of the runner's grasp, and it was some seconds later that the runner hit the turf.

If they thought that was a bad call, the Chieftains and their fans hadn't seen the end of things.

Aledo put together a drive thanks to the passing

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Aledo put together a drive, thanks to the passing arm of Proctor. They had the ball at Friona's 25, facing fourth and seven. An outstanding defensive play by Friona was ruled pass interference, giving Aledo new life. The 'Cats scored seven plays later, but their PAT kick was partially blocked, leaving them with a 13-7 lead at halftime. Aledo had run off eight plays in the final 52 seconds of clock time, and scored with seven seconds left.

Knowing a TD could put them back in the lead, Friona's offense had to wait at the start of the third quarter, while Aledo methodically moved the ball upfield after the kickoff.

But linebacker Fidel Rodriguez brought QB Proctor down on a vital third down play from the Chieftain 15, and Aledo opted to try a field goal. Kicker Josh Hay's 27-yard FG attempt failed wide right, and soon the Friona fans could sense a change in the "Momentum Factor."

Grimsley fired a low bullet that Vega scooped up for a first down; Shelby ran ten yards up the middle, and Cuevas fought his way 25 yards. His tacklers had been grabbing Cuevas in the head area all afternoon, and the refs finally caught them, tacking a penalty onto the run.

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Four plays later, Kendrick took the ball around left end, and went over the goal-line untouched. Vega's extra point kick was perfect, and the Chieftains had regained the lead at 14-13.

Proctor, the slippery Aledo QB, rambled 27 yards on a big third down, and threatened to take the ball all the way. Juan Santiago saved a possible TD with an appen-field tackle at the Friona 35.

Three plays later, on the first play of the fourth quarter, Aaron King stepped in front of the would-be receiver for a big interception for the Chieftains. It was the seventh INT for King in the

playoffs.

Cuevas romped for 15 yards, and then ten, for back-to-back first downs for the Chieftains, but the drive stalled at the Aledo 37. In most cases, a punt inside your opponent's 40 yard line turns out to be a wasted play.

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But this time it was different. Vega went from being one of the team's offensive stars to a great punter. He "pooched" the ball into the air, and it bounced lazily toward the Aledo goal. A couple of Chieftains were there to kill the ball--at the Bearcats' ONE YARD LINE!

This turned out to be a fantastic play, when Aledo was stopped in three plays. Kendrick had one of the defensive plays and Hugo Santiago another. A bad snap resulted in just a 28-yard punt for Aledo and Friona took over on their enemy's 35.

Three plays later, Grimsley flipped the ball to Kendrick on their patented last-second pitchout play, and Andy charged up the sideline, avoiding a would-be tackler for a 33-yard scoring burst. Vega's kick made it Friona 21, Aledo 13 with 4:58 left to play.

Everyone knew that a TD and a two-pointer could get the 'Cats back in the game. So, when Aledo picked up three quick first downs, to the Friona 35, it was back to "worry time."

That brought on Aaron,

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Stastics FHS 19 292 AHS First Downs 17
Net Yds. Rush 180
Net Yds. Pass 159
Total Net Yds 339
Passes Comp. 30-14
Had Intercepted 2
Fumbles Lost 2-1
Punts, Yds. 2-78
Punting Avg. 39.0
Penalties 4-28

7 0 7 14--28 0 13 0 0--13

Individual Rushing

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Individual Scoring
1Q--Angel Vega, 63-yd
pass from Kyle Grimsley.
(Vega, kick) 7-0.
3Q--Andy Kendrick, 3 run
(Vega, kick) 14-13.
4Q--Kendrick, 33-run
(Vega, kick). 21-13. David
Shelby, 19 run (Vega kick)
28-13.

the King of the Secondary, who picked off his second enemy pass at the Friona 23 and returned it 29 yards, to the Aledo 48.

The Chieftains weren't content to just run out the clock. Kendrick gained 22 yards in three carries, moving the ball inside the Bearcat 20. On a fourth down play, Shelby took the pitchout around left end, and knocked a defender down at about the five, and hit paydirt. Vega was four-forfour, and the Chieftains had made their insurance TD with just 1:50 left in the game.

Cuevas led the Charging Chieftains with 106 yards on only 11 carries. Kendrick had 95 yards on 13 attempts. Grimsley had 53 yards rushing, and passed for 75 more, in Friona's biggest football win to date.

This week, the eyes of Friona, Texas will be on Dallas, where they compete in a state semi-final game, as a member of the "Final Four."



GOOD JOB, KYLE....Chieftain field general Kyle Grimsley receives instructions and encouragement from Coach James Morton during third quarter action against Aledo. The Chiefs shut Aledo out in the second half while scoring twenty-one points, enroute to the 28-13 victory.

(Ren. Carr. Photo)



Tune-in Saturday for the Pregame Show at 12:30 p.m. Kickoff time is 1 p.m.

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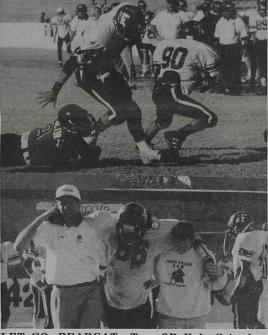
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OVER HERE, DANNY....Kickoff return threat Shane Blackburn (31) seems to be telling Danny Cuevas (33) where to block as they both outrun a pack of Bearcats. Below, Angel Vega's extra point sails true again over the reach of the Bearcat line. Vega was 4 for 4 on extra points as the Chiefs took it to the Bearcats 28-13. (Ron Carr Photos)



LET GO, BEARCAT....Top, QB Kyle Grimsley gets his foot stuck on a Bearcat as he tries to turn the corner on an option. Steve Arias (90) is ready to block. Below, defensive star Cecil Cooper is helped off the field after suffering a knee injury. Coach Morton said earlier in the week, Cooper would be doubtful for the Tatum game, but teammates think "Diesel" will be ready for the Tatum Tots ready for the Tatum Tots. (Ron Carr Photos)





ANDY KENDRICK Kendrick Wins Honor

Andy Kendrick, senior running back, was honored at a luncheon in Amarillo Thursday by the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce as the area's "Player of the Month."

Month."
Kendrick has come up
with an outstanding "playoff
season," scoring seven
touchdowns and gaining 584
yards in the four games This
is an average of 11.75 yards
per run for the playoff

Ex-Chieftain's Team Playing In Dallas Too

Friona sports fans who remember Johnny Bandy will be happy to learn that Bandy's Richardson Lake Highland team will meet Abilene Cooper in the state semi-final conference 5A playoff game Friday night at Texas Stadium (the night before the Chieftains play Tatum).

Tatum).

Bandy coaches the defensive secondary for Lake Highland. He coached at Plano East High School 10 years before joining the Richardson school three years

years before Johning the Richardson school three years ago.

Many of the folks who are going to the Dallas area for Friona's playoff game are planning to attend this game.

As a matter of fact, Coach James Morton plans to take his Chieftains to the game, so they may have a chance to look at the stadium's features, so as not being distracted on game day.

Bandy was a three-sport star for the Chieftains in 1971 through 1973. He led his team in scoring three years, and went to college on a basketball scholarship.

He is the son of Patsy and Eugene Bandy of Friona.



My Turn (Continued From Page 1) bring Tiny and Scrooge to renounce their evil ways and justice wins

Westgate Maul: In this game, ou travel through several tricky you travel through several tricky intersections trying to avoid collisions with other harried citizens using colorful language and vulgar hand signals. You must manuver the parking lots where a lady backs up traffic four miles while she waits for a convenient parking spot a fellow place. while she waits for a convenient parking spot, a fellow plays bumper cars while darting diagon-ally across the parking lot, and you see perfectly healthy individuals hop out of cars in the handicapped parking places.
When you finally get inside, the

game strategy gets really bizaare as you try to locate an intelligent store clerk who can answer a simple

clerk who can answer a simple question. You wrestle old ladies to the ground in your attempt to be first in line at the check out stand.

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Wreck the Halls: This is an

action game, taking place on Christmas morning. Players race aginst the clock to see who can aginst the clock to see who can destroy hours of planning, decorating, cooking, and wrapping in preparation for the big event. The living room is knee-deep in wrapping paper, boxes and bows. The new puppy chews through the Christmas lights, gets a jolt of electricity and has to be taken to the vet. The cat climbs up the Christmas tree, breaking all the glass mas tree, breaking all the glass heirloom ornaments.

The kitchen sink is piled high

with cooking pots and dirty dishes. The kids are trying out their roller-blades on the new carpet. In-laws and cousins are arguing about which football game is to be watched on TV. The first player to send Mom to the bedroom with a headache wins the game.

Have a Merry one!

T. Talley Recognized At OCU

Terron Talley of Friona was recognized at the Oklahoma Christian Uni-versity Scholarship Dinner in November. He is the son of

Oklahoma Christian University Scholarship Dinner in November. He is the son of T. Leon Talley.

Talley, a senior Missions major, is the 1996-97 recipient of the Mr. and Mrs. L.H. Post Scholarship.

The annual Scholarship Dinner brings the donors and the scholarship recipients together to be recognized.

"It's a special situation," said OC President Kevin E. Jacobs, "when students can meet those who have actually provided scholarship assistance for their education."

Oklahoma Christian is a private liberal arts university recognized by U.S. News & World Report for three consecutive years as a "Best Value" in higher education. The University has been named to the Templeton Honor Roll of Character Building Colleges and the Honor Roll for Free Enterprise Teaching. Teaching.

SEASON STATISTICS

Chieftains Attain New Grid Levels

Most of the long-time fans of Friona Chieftain football don't have to be told that the team has reached a completely new plateau in this outstanding 1996 season.

But just for the record, and so the future fans, athletic researchers, etc., will know, following are a few of the marks the 1996 Chieftains have reached, with expectations of adding to them:

*Wins, season: 13. Old record was nine, by 1986

*Wins, season: 13. Old record eight, 1963.

*Consecutive wins: 13. Old record eight, 1963.

*Farthest in playoffs: state semi-finals. Old record: area round, 1986.

*Friona is now the only football team in the Texas panhandle, eastern New Mexico, Oklahoma panhandle and southwestern Kansas still in the playoff hunt. (How many times have you seen this happen?)

*Highest scoring FHS team, with 433 points, 30.9 per game. Old mark 280 points (12 games) 23.3 ppg, 1986; 273 points (9 games), 30.3 per game, 1951.

*Most Total Yardage: 5171, 369.6 per game.

game, 1951.

*Most Total Yardage: 5171, 369.6 per game. Old record thought to be 3323, 276.9, 1986. (Editor will check further when the great season is over).

*Most Yards Rushing: 4090, 292.1 per game. Old record thought to be 3027 yards, 252.6 per game, 1986.

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TIRED, HAPPY TRIO.....Leading rusher Daniel Cuevas, left, hugs Jesse Mendez as Javier Lugo joins the celebration. Cuevas had 106 yards to lead the Chieftains to a convincing 28-13 victory. Go Big Red.



FAN FRENZY......Standing on the retaining wall and shouting for the Chieftains seemed to be the thing to do in Sweetwater last week as the Chiefs bombed the Aledo Bearcats 28-13. "Number One" fans were Jenny Hamilton, Katy Weatherly, & Courtney Carthel. (Ron Carr Photo)



BIG RED GOES.....There was a lot of action in the big win against Aledo. Top, QB Kyle Grimsley pitches out to Andy Kendrick, while in action below, Danny Cuevas seems to be running for his life as Steve Arias (90), and Quint Ellis (45) try to catch up and help. Cuevas gained over 100 yards in the quarterfinal victory. (Photos by Jimmy Grimsley)

Chieftains, Tatum Meet In Semi's....

them guess what we're going to do, and stay in the game," Morton added

The coach gave us some good news by saying that defensive standout Cecil Cooper, who was injured in the Aledo game, should be able to play. Cooper dislocated his kneecap, and had to be helped from the field at Sweetwater. He was examined by a doctor, and has been easing back into things. into things.

into things.

Cooper's injury was similar to Jeff Hamilton's in the Vernon game the previous week. Hamilton was able to return to action the following week.

"We have been real fortunate on injuries for the most part this season. We haven't had a really bad one," Morton said, and I knocked wood, just in case.

The players were taken to Jones Stadium on the Texas Tech campus Wednesday in order to work out on astroturf, and according to early reports, they really took to the synthetic turf, which requires a different shoe.

different shoe.

"It seemed like we could run faster and jump higher," one player was said to have remarked.

Coach Morton has also arranged for the team members to stop at Midwestern University campus in Wichita Falls enroute to Dallas, for another short workout on turf. On Friday night, the coaches and the team plan to attempt the class 5A playoff game at Tayon Stadium (see separate story) and the

the team plan to attend the class 5A playoff game at Texas Stadium (see separate story), and the players hope to be able to walk onto the turf at the home of the Cowboys, and test it briefly.

Even prior to the Wednesday workout, Coach Morton told us that he wasn't particulary concerned about switching to Astroturf from grass, feeling there were about as many pluses as minuses for the change

change.

LaMarcus James scored a pair of TDs for the Eagles last week, on runs of three and nine yards.

J. R. Jones, who was his team's leading rusher with 75 yards, scored Tatum's other touchdown on a 43-yard run, which accounted for over half of his game yards.

Tatum failed to convert after any of their TDs last week, missing a kick to start with, then failing on both attempts for two points. Daingerfield scored a pair of touchdowns, one PAT kick and a safety for

their 15 points.

Daingerfield actually led in total yardage, 285-223, and in first downs, 18-14, but apparently, as Coach Morton has warned, the Tatum team was able to cash in on some big plays. Tatum didn't lose a fumble or suffer an interception last week. They completed three of nine attempts for 46 yards.

yards.

Friona will serve as home team on Saturday. It's only the second time in five playoff appearances for the Chieftains to get to be "host," which means they will be on the "Cowboy" side (pressbox area) of the field, which is one of the landmark stadiums in the NFL, with its "hole in the roof."

Only the lower deck of the stadium will be open. The upper deck is closed when less than 25,000 fans are appreciated. An informational letter to

are expected. An informational letter to Superintendent Hal Ratcliff this week said that Texas Stadium officials were expecting a crowd of between 2,500 and 4,000.

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This might prove to be a conservative estimate, since somewhere around 2500 Friona fans attended the regional game at Snyder and possibly 3,000 fans were on the Friona side at Sweetwater last Saturday. Friona High School playoff teams have the habit of drawing more fans as they go along--at least they did in the 1960s and 1970s when basketball teams went to the state meet.

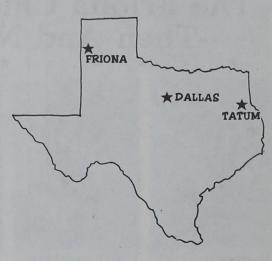
Unlike their playoff games so far, the fans will NOT be allowed onto the playing field following the game.

the game

Two chartered buses will bring some of the Friona fans. Numerous others plan to arrive either by vehicle or plane. Virtually everyone you run into plans to be on hand for this momentous occasions in

Friona sports.

The players also will travel by chartered bus.
They will spend Friday night in the Denton area,
and will return to Friona following the game.



WHERE ARE THEY?.....If you wondered where Tatum is located, it's in northeast Texas close to the Louisians state line. A quick addition shows that the two towns are about 600 miles apart.



ON THE FENCE?.....Not when it comes to supporting the Friona Chieftains. Some of the many Friona fans who jammed the Mustang Bowl in Sweetwater, celebrate as time runs out on Aledo. Big Red defeated the orange and black Bearcats 28-13 and roll on to the State 3A semi-finals against Tatum on December 14 at Texas Stadium. Go Big Red! (Ron Carr Photo)



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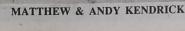
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JUNIOR TEAM MEMBERS....Do you recognize these youngsters as they appeared in their football team photos as seventh graders? They are now junior team members. Pictured above: (back row, left to right) Coach Mike Herbert, Landon Wiseman, Orlando Rivera, Luis Hernandez, Quint Ellis, Gabe Goodwin, Cecil Cooper, Nicholas Ortiz, Brian Paiz, Jesus Mata, Heath Patterson and Coach Sid Whiteley. Third row: Charles Walker, Aaron King, Jonathan Medina, Joey Pena, Jeffrey DelaPaz, Brandon Stephens, Ronald Diaz, Angel Vega, Bobby Raymond and Toby Jack. Second row: Adam Barker, Daniel Cuevas, Daniel Trevino, Jeremy Raymond, Tandy Sipp, David Stephens, Johnny Medrano, Luis Ramirez, Jason Slagle, Jeff Hamilton, Ryan Potts and Kevin Schueler. Front row: Christian Candanedo, Garry Gonzales, Leo Orozco, Sammy Perez, Michael Wilkins, Adrian Gomez, David Martinez, Perry Hanes, Oscar Torres and Tony Williams.

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SENIORS BACK THEN....The above photo was made when the senior members of the Friona Chieftain team were eighth graders. Shown above are: (back row, left to right) Coach Mike Herbert, Armando Perez, Charlie Milner, Jesse Bautista, Greg Lewellen, Clint Hand, Coby Clark, Reyes Valdez, Hugo Santiago, Kevin Rodgers, Roque Mendez, Juan Santiago and Coach Sid Whiteley. Middle row: Robert Sparkman, Erik McInroe, Andy Kendrick, Kyle Grimsley, Jessie Mendez, Jessie Brown, Wade Reeb, Carlos Vega, Ken Bails, Trinidad Murillo, Aaron Rivera, Leander Davila, Steve Arias and Greg Gutierrez. Front: Javier Lugo, Shane Blackburn, Joe Luna, Scott Terry, Abel Camarillo, Alev Bautista, Fidel Rodriguez, Omar Garza, Jacob Rios, Sam Saiz, Eric Espinoza and Mark Galan.

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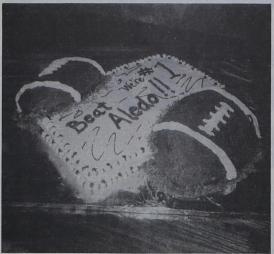
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THE CAKE HABIT.... When Barbara Grimsley baked a special cake for members of Friona's football team following their bi-district win, she didn't realize that the team might get "hooked on cake." Now, she is hoping to have to bake a fifth cake.



Out Here

By RON CARR

Wednesday December 11, 1996

Dear God,

"Go Big Red!"

And we humbly thank you for your continued blessings here in Parmer

blessings here in Parmer County.

I ask your special blessings on those who are tired of talking football. Please bestow patience on them for two more weeks until the Friona Chieftains bring home the 3A State Championship trophy.

Especially bless and protect those who will stay behind this weekend while most everyone else will be

gone to Texas Stadium.

Please God, guide a clear radio signal to all the Panhandle radios that will be tuned to KPAN on Saturday as the Chieftains dazzle the Tatum Tots.

I know you were with us in Sweetwater last week God, but do you mind if I ask where you went in the second quarter? My prayer last week humbly asked for a score of Friona 27, Aledo 0, or as close as you could get.

Well, 28-13 was just fine, but what were you trying to tell us with a 13-7 halftime score. Another life lesson on humility and faith, I guess.

Let us be ever mindful that this is all just a game and through it all, you

remain in charge. We appreciate the pride and recognition that you have bestowed on Friona and the Panhandle through this very fine Chieftain football team.

Now be honest God, hasn't it been an exciting football season so far? We thank you, we thank Coach James Morton, and anybody else we can find to thank.

God, there are some parents and grandparents that need special blessings and care right now.

that need special blessings and care right now. Especially the daddies of the players, who are under great stress. Who are unable to perform normal duties during the week. The daddies who are walking around in a state of euphoria and are currently incapable of any productive activity except talking football.

Bestow your special power.

activity except talking football.

Bestow your special power on these parents and grandparents that they remain healthy and calm during our quest for the 3A State Championship trophy.

Oh, and you might be thinking about something for them to do after football season is over in two weeks.

As always, we ask that every person from Friona and Tatum traveling to and from the game be held safe in your care. Guide us all safely along the highways, home safely too.

Oh, and just a small extra favor. Save me a parking place up close at Texas Stadium.

While we are blessing and healing, how about touching Cecil "Diesel" Cooper's knee. He hurt it against Aledo, but we sure need him back to mangle those Tatum Tots.

Well, hey he's not really going to mangle anybody.

Well, hey he's not really going to mangle anybody, God. Not real bad anyway. You know that. Just make Cecil healthy and touch up Danny Cuevas's little injury too.

Danny Cuevas's little injury too.

Do it for the kids, God. Hey can you remember being 16 or 17 years old? Talk about life lessons. This is the kind of experience that will stay with these young men forever.

Think about it. Thirteen wins in a row. Defeated the

number one team in the state. Playing in a state semi-final game in what may be the most famous football stadium in the U. S. A.

You remember what they say about Texas Stadium God. The reason they left it open at the top was so God could look down and watch America's Team?

What a great life experience for these 16-17 year olds. Not to mention how excited the cheerleaders, team managers, Chieftain Band, and the fans are. It is a once in a lifetime opportunity and I am proud to be a small part of it.

Speaking of my part, you remember that I lived in Dallas when Texas Stadium was built. I have been there many times to watch the Cowboys play, watched some games from the fancy suites and have even been to some concerts there.

But this week, God, I get to be on the field, on the sidelines, with my 20-year-old Nikon camera and its 200 zoom lens, taking pictures in Texas Stadium. Wow! I love it.

it.

Tap me on the shoulder a few times, God, and help me remember that even though I am a fan too, I better remember to take our touchdown and interception pictures this week.

Put the camera up to my eye at the right time and guide my shutter finger. Sharpen my timing instincts this one game and guide me to some award-winning photographs. Bless my Nikon please.

photographs. Bless my Nikon please.

They've called it the Dream Season, God. But you and I know there is something special about this team from the Panhandle.

My playoff prayer is simply this: Guide, guard, and direct us in all that we do, because we are going to be doing it for two more weeks.

Friona 35, Tatum 12. Ya gotta' believe. Amen.

P. S. Yes sir, I remember Christmas and I promise to do something about it. Later on. See you in the 2nd half.

Parents, Fans Help Team Through "Lucky" Habits

Of course, we know that the Chieftains win because they outplayed their opponents; outscoring their opponents; outscoring their opposition by 433-169.

But would they have won 13 straight games so far this year, if we as parents, relatives, friends and fans hadn't practiced all of our "good luck" customs throughout the season?

Maybe they would have. But most of us hate to leave off these weekly rituals, just on the off chance that they might help boost the team past a tough opponent.

Many of these folks were hesitant at first to tell us about their "lucky" clothing, etc., but it turns out that almost all of us do it, so we thought it would be fun to share the facts with the rest of the community.

After all, a good percentage of Friona residents plan to show up in Texas Stadium on Saturday, so maybe it will help the team if everyone does his part.

team if everyone does his part.

Jimmy Grimsley, father of Chieftain quarterback Kyle, says he has a red and white striped shirt that he has worn to every Friona game for the past couple of years. It's his "lucky" shirt.

Prior to the team's first game, Grimsley thought he needed a new cap to start the season off. So he wore the cap to Littlefield on September 6. As everyone knows, Littlefield upended the Chieftains, 21-14, and it's the only loss for the team so far this season.

So Jimmy did hat any

the only loss for the team so far this season.

So Jimmy did what any loyal Chieftain Dad would do under the circumstances-he chucked the cap in the corner of the closet and went back to the one he had worn the previous year. Presto, change-o: Thirteen straight wins. Thanks, Jimmy!

Barbara Grimsley has a gold bag she has taken to all of the games, and a favorite pair of gloves-which are at least in the bag if she's not wearing them.

After Friona beat Denver City at the start of the playoffs, Barbara made a big cake for the team members, with a football motif, and a smaller one for the coaches. Then the Chieftains beat Monahans-cake number two; ditto for weeks three and four. By now, the players and coaches are showing upearly on Mondays, ready for their cake.

Barbara can't quit. She doesn't want the team to

early on Mondays, ready for their cake.

Barbara can't quit. She doesn't want the team to lose, and everybody involved will think: "If only Mrs. Grimsley had've baked us a cake this week, we'd still be going, etc."

Kyle, meanwhile, is fairly laid back in the "good luck" department, but he does have a pair of black Nike socks that he's worn in every '96 game. Prior to one game, he had forgotten to bring them, and had to call his dad to bring them up to school.

Dale Milner, father of lineman Charlie, has an "old plaid shirt" that he wears to all the games. "He has worn it for years, and has to have it on," says Teto. Daughter Mendi has a "lucky dime" in









TOPSY-TURVEY....Helmets representing all 13 of Friona's 1996 wins are on display in Friona's weight room.

one of her shoes that she wears to the games.

Teto told us that Charlie goes through the same pregame ritual while getting dressed. Also, he's not going to cut his hair until the team loses. Several of his teammates are in this same mode.

mode.
Some of the dads are saying "When are you going to get that hair cut?" The players might reply: "After you quit wearing that old shirt to my games!"

* * * *

Aaron King's parents wouldn't admit to any "good luck" habits (we're going to be watching). But they told us that Aaron wears his tights in every game--and said he almost smothered to death last Saturday.

But hey--he's had eight interceptions in four playoff games. Don't knock it if you haven't tried it!

Danny Kendrick, father of

Danny Kendrick, father of Andy and Matt, has a lucky grey shirt he wears on game days. He's careful not to wear the shirt any other day, lest the luck should be wasted.

Danny used to go to pep rallies, but he went to the one prior to the Littlefield game, and Friona lost (we'll bet Jimmy Grimsley was there too!).

Pam Kendrick used to be a fixture on the sidelines shooting action pictures. Pam is the best action is the best action photographer in Northwest Texas--she has furnished the Friona Star with great photos of various sporting

photos of various sporting events.

"I decided I was becoming too much of a fan, or a parent, or something. I would miss the picture due to concern for what was happening in critical places. (ed. note: anyone who hasn't had this problem in photographing "their" team can quickly relate to this. If we haven't, then something is badly wrong).

So, she decided to just enjoy being in the stands for the playoffs, and we're not about to coax her down to field level.

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The Hamiltons, Raymond and Pam, parents of Jeff, both wear red on game day. Raymond wears the same red shirt each time, since it's the only red one he has.

Shane Blackburn wears tights in each game, along with a wrist band and wrist tape. Quint Ellis has his favorite pair of socks. David Shelby wears tights, with socks over the tights. He also shaves his head prior to each game. (I guess that offsets

the "longhairs")

Juan Santiago and Ricardo Mendez may have the best pre-game habits of all. Juan says a silent prayer before the game. Ricardo says he prays for the team.

Mike Hanes, Perry's dad, is well-known by his bright red coveralls. You'll see him all the way from Dalhart to Portales in his usual garb. He stands out in a crowd. But at Sweetwater, he decided to leave the coveralls in the van. It was a fairly warm day.

For comfort's sake, this turned out to be the wise decision. But by halftime, Mike was about ready to go back up and get his red outfit.

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Fidel Rodriguez wears his lucky pair of red striped socks. Eloy Trejo shaves his beard on game day, and has a picture of his young daughter taped inside his helmet.

daughter taped inside his helmet.
Cecil Cooper's mom, Alberta, says that Cecil has a habit of chasing his pet Poodle around the yard. Apparently this gets big number 68 in the right frame of mind for chasing the opposing quarterbacks all over the playing field. Mom didn't say whether or not he ever "sacked" the Poodle, like he does the QBs.
Steve Arias has a lucky tomahawk pendant that he wears.

We couldn't catch Coach Morton, but he must have a few good luck habits. The team has a collection of hel-mets, one for each of the teams they have beaten, on

December **Shot Dates** Are Given

Immunization clinics offering vaccines that give diseases

protection against several childhood diseases are scheduled for December. Protection is against polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps and HIB (Haemophilus Influenzae Type B).

HIB (Haemophilus Influenzae Type B).

The Texas Department of Health is charging fees to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount of money charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay.

The vaccinations are available at the WIC Office, 704 Main St., Friona, on Friday, December 20 from 10-11:45 a.m. and 1-3:45 p.m.

display in the FHS weight

Ye Editor fully realizes that there can't really be good or bad-luck items, but has been known to return to his home if he gets off without his red hat which he has worn to games at home or away for 35 years.

During the playoffs, he has left previous game's play-by-play notes on the clipboard each week, with the expectation that each game will be a continuation of the good fortune of the last one.

There is also the matter of his lucky pen used in taking the game notes. In the Vernon game, he had used a regular pen for the first half, which ended with Friona trailing, 13-7. He caught this in the nick of time, and as you know, the Chieftains responded with a shutout second half against the Lions.

However, Bill's biggest good luck item is that he doesn't allow wife Carol to go to a "big game." The last time she did, FHS' basket-ball team of '75 lost in a triple-overtime playoff, to ruin their chances at winning state.

Good luck charms? Superstition? Who knows. One thing's for sure, none of us are going to change, if we can keep from it. We're doing all we can, in our own special way, to "boost" the team on to another victory.

Go Chiefs! Clip the Eagles' wings! See ya in Texas Stadium.

--by BILL ELLIS,

researched by RICK ELLIS.

It's A Boy For Couple

Sindy and Scott Scaff of Shallowater became parents of baby boy, Preston Scott Scaff, November 25 at St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock. The new arrival weighed seven pounds, five ounces and was 24 inches long.

Preston has an older brother, Jordan, five and a sister, Brittney,

Grandparents are Gloria Preston of Shallowater, Bonnie and Tommy Scaff of Bovina, Butch and Renee Preston of Friona

Cancer Screening Date Set Dec. 18 In Friona

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Parmer County Hospital, 1307 Cleveland, Friona on December 18.

Each participant will receive a breast exam and one-to-one instruction in breast self-examination by a Registered Nurse specially trained in breast cancer detection and a mammogram by a mammography technician. Our program is certified by FDA, American College of Radiology and the State Health Departments of Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

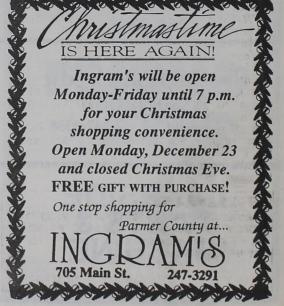
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Tatum, the team being met this week in the semi-finals, is the only one of Friona's playoff opponents close to their own enrollment. Tatum is listed at 350 students, and Friona has 330.

Here are the enrollment figures for Friona's five playoff opponents: (Figures were for the 1995-96 school term, which were the basis for the present two-year district configuration).

FRIONA

330

Denver City

450

Denver City 450 Monahans Vernon 651 Aledo 615 Tatum 350

But, to quote Coach James Morton about these things: They can only put 11 players

on the field at one time.

And, regarding the playing site: "Whereever we play, the football field is only going

to be 100 yards long!"

(Ed's note: Texas Stadium may appear to be much longer.)

BEFORE AND AFTER--

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CHIEF CECIL REIGNS! Cecil Cooper, 5-11, 170 pound defensive end on the tough on the tough Chieftains defensive unit does not smile much on the field. But we coaxed this "number one smile" after Cecil helped smash Vernon 14-13.

(Ron Carr Photo)

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REMODELING THE TROPHY CASE......Plans for remodeling and expanding the FHS trophy case are underway. Jubilant Chieftains, l-r, Quint Ellis, Kyle Grimsley, Landon Wiseman, & Shane Blackburn helped add the quarterfinal trophy to the collection. School officials say there is definitely room for the two remaining trophies in the playoff collection. Go Big Red!! (Photo courtesy of Jimmy Grimsley)



EIGHT IS NOT ENOUGH....Ace Chief interceptor, Aaron King, grabs one of his two interceptions in last week's 28-13 victory over Aledo. King has eight interceptions in the four 3A playoff games. Andy Kendrick (15) and Luis Ramirez (30) come to the rescue.

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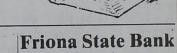




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December 17 at Friendship House.

"We invite you to come join us for a covered dish luncheon served at 12 noon, followed by a program of music and poetry by Mary Crump and Johnny Walters," a Senior Citizens spokesperson commented.

There will be visiting, game playing, blood pressure checks and time to share the joys of the season with those present.

EXCEL EXCELS FOR UW.....The Friona United Way exceeded its 1997 goal, thanks in great part to a new payroll deduction program at Excel. From left, Larry Knowles, UW treasurer, Sergio Martinez, Excel training specialist, Dave Stafford, Excel human resource manager and UW vice-president, & Joe Bob Mann, president of the Friona United Way.

J. Santiago **Participates** In Program

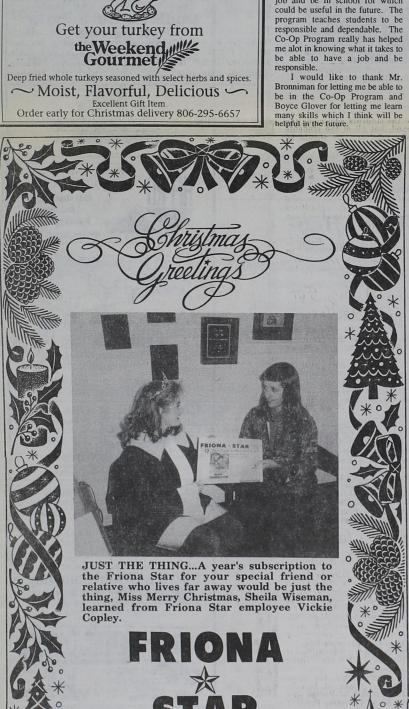
By JUAN SANTIAGO, JR.
I am the son of Juan and Armida Santiago. I am a senior in Friona High School and have been in the Co-Op Program two years. I am an employee at Winkle's Trucking, Inc. My hobbies include watching television, playing football and spending time with people I enjoy.

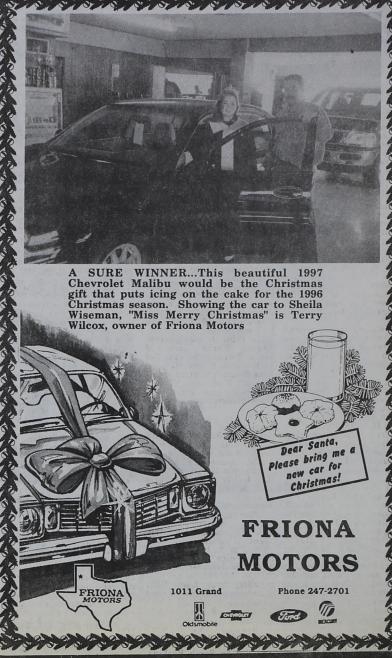
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The Co-Op Program gives students the opportunity to have a job and be in school for which could be useful in the future. The program teaches students to be reprossible and dependable. The













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BY JUNE FLOYD Call 247-3681 With Your News Items ******************

Probably the most asked question up and down the street this week has been "When are you going?"

Everybody knows where, so just don't bother to ask.

It is beginning to appear that if you aren't going to Irving to watch the Friona Chieftains play at Texas Stadium on Saturday, you are going to be in the minority.

Isn't it exciting? Just thinking about having a local team playing in the place where the Dallas Cowboys play is a cause for excitement. And, of course, we're counting on them for one more win, then a repeat performance the following week.

Congratulations team!

Congratulations team!
All Friona is proud of you and wishing you all the good luck in the world for the rest

J.D. Keel Jr., an artist and teacher from Seagraves, Texas, and ten members of his art class had an all day session in the American Legion Hall Monday.

After the morning painting session, a salad luncheon was served from decorated tables. Each person attending provided a salad.

At the close of the gift

person attending provided a salad.

At the close of the gift exchange, Opal Baxter was surprised with a special gift as a token of appreciation for coordinating the classes during the year.

Other present included Skeet Bradshaw, Muleshoe; Louva Kersey, Bovina; Elfreda McGehee, Lazbuddie; Scotty Berea, Clovis and the following Frionans: Lynn Gowens, Jo Nell Clark, Lela Mae George, Dorothy Ellis and Debra Baxter.

This was the final session for 1996.

Iona Renner and Katherine Blackburn returned home Tuesday of last week

nome Tuesday of last week following a long weekend visit in San Antonio.

They were guests in the homes of Dr. and Mrs. Tom Watkins and children and David Renner. Mrs. Watkins, the former Amy Sue Renner, is Iona's daughter and David is her son.

Out-of-town weekend guests in the home of Roy and Eva Miller were Roy V. and Glenda Miller of San Marcos, Texas, and Ben and Tracy Miller and daughter, Jessica, who live in Wylie, Texas.

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On Friday the seven Millers were joined by Dale and Mary Lou Glass of McLean and Sam and Donna Mears and Sarah, Mandy, Amy, Andrea and Ryan Geries, who live here for a family dinner in the home of Clyde and Linda Tims of Sunray.

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Roy V. Sr. has recently had eye surgery in Amarillo and is making satisfactory progress. He expects to have surgery on the other eye in the near future.

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The Millers have a brand new great-grandson. Eva reported, "Little James Riley Burris, who was born to Roddy and Angela Glass Burris in Brenham, makes our thirty-ninth great-grandchild."

James Riley has one sister, Holly. He's the grandson of Dale and Mary Lou Miller Glass.

Weekend guests in the home of Dewayne and Cheryl Procter were thier son and daughter-in-law, Wade and Cherise Procter, who live in Lubbock. She's a student at Lubbock Christian University and he's employed by an insurance agency.

Sixteen ladies attended the annual Hub ladies luncheon in Clovis Wednesday. Fifteen of them are former or present residents of the Hub Community.

About forty years ago most of them lived out there and the community supported two clubs-the Hub Community Club and the Hub Home Demonstration Club. These two organizations worked together for the good of the community and others

who were in need at different times.

For many years there were various fund raising events with the major one being a yearly auction. Proceeds from these projects were used to build a community building and for benovelent work.

Since that time many of the residents have moved into Friona or elsewhere and neither organization is active. Following the 1995 tornado a contribution of \$7,000 was given to the Friona Cemetery Association.

Those attending the noon luncheon at Poor Boy's were Annie Elder, Farwell; Christin Johnson and Dardie Williams, Shallowater; Mildred and Johnnie Walters, Dorothy Ellis, Billie Jo Hand, Lavon Renner, Wyona Clark and Letha Turner, who still live in the Hub Community and Jinx Snead, Christine Zorns, Melba Burleson, Peggy Monroe, Clyde Black and Dorothy Ingram of Friona.

Wesley and Vernell Cunningham returned home

Wesley and Vernell Cunningham returned home Saturday after having been to Cushing, Texas, where they visited with Dale and Letha Cunningham and Jimmy and Sherry Williams and family who live there and Michael and Shelly Watson of nearby Jacksonville.

Jacksonville.

Enroute home they detoured by way of Twin Oaks, Oklahoma where they spent a couple of days visiting in the home of Junior and Janice Cunningham Jones and daughter, Jamie.

Jerry and Lucy Beth Hinkle hosted the annual Christmas luncheon, which honors widows of our town in their home Saturday.

Serving tables were decorated in the Christmas theme and piano music was provided by Sarah Rushing. She and her sister, Robin, also assisted with serving.

Guests were Opal Baxter, Mary Lee Cass, Nelda Benge, Clare Blanco, Blanche Boyle, Wana Brewer, Alta Collier, Jessie Douglas, Luella Drake, Billie Fairchild, Lilah Gaye Gee, Syble Hewitt, Marlene Drake and Effie Hicks.

Also Dorothy Jackson, Edith Johnson, Lillian Jones, Minnie Knight, Martha Mars, Lois Miller, Martha Mars, Lois Miller, Martha Mars, Lois Miller, Paty Talley, Carmaleet Truitt, Nola Faye Vestal, Lillian Williams, Claudia Adams, Marie Roberson, Othelia Bennett and Helen Potts.

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Thanksgiving weekend guests in the Hinkle home included J.B. and Wendy Hixon and daughter, Bethany and Brooke, who live in Premont, Illinios.

Also Brent Hinkle of College Station.

Other Thanksgiving Day guests included mothers of the couple, Lois Miller and Claudia Adams, and one of Lucy Beth's brothers, Bill Miller, all of Friona.

Also Bob and Carolyn Miller and daughter, M'Lynn of Canyon and Richard and Gail Turner of New Braunfels.

Recent visitors in the home of Jim and Christine Zorns were Monte and Shay Smith and children, Katrina Cason and Keevin and Glen Shirley, who live in Comanche, Oklahoma.

The Smiths also visited in the home of Shirley and Sue

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On Thanksgiving Day the Oklahmoans were joined at the Zorns home by Tonya Potts, Brownfield, Tammi Potts, Canyon, Jess and Jacque Shirley, Clovis and Judy and Ty Potts of the Rhea Community.

Sydney, Madison and Trevor Talley of Norman, Oklahoma came to Friona to visit their paternal grandparents, Leon and Jeffie Talley last weekend. They were accompanied by their parents, Tracy and Suzy.

Other guests in the Talley home were Troy and Nicole Talley of Lubbock.

Jeana Mason Ross and son, Jacob, came down from Colorado Springs for Thanksgiving Day dinner in the home of her parents, Tom and Barbara Mason and sister, Rena, who is a student at Lubbock Christian University.

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The five were joined by John and Jan Mason Knox and sons, Randall, Daniel and Mitchell, who live in Muleshoe.
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The following Saturday the Coloradoans joined Tom, Barbara and Rena in attending the 89th birthday party of Tim's mother, Mrs. Thomas B. Mason Sr., who lives in Post.

Jeana and Jacob returned home on Monday.

Traditionally Bob and Lydia Wyly host a family dinner in their country home at noon on Thanksgiving Day. This year, however, the event was postponed until evening due to conflicts with plans of family members.

Their guests were J Gay and Jace Henderson and

Mike, Bovin, Jathan and Emily Williams, Plainview, Texas; Paul Kevin and Leslie Henderson, Halfway, Texas; Bob, Janet and Meagan LaBrue, Lubbock and Nancy and Jerry Wakefield and daughter, Jessica, Amarillo. Also, Opal, John, Debra, Corben, Courtney and Cameron Baxter, Gerall, Mary Beth, Shyla, Amber and Erica Wyly and Jimmy, Misty and Rainy Williams, Friona.

Early in November Richard and Lille Mae Perkins drove down to Gatlinberg, Tennessee, where they leased a chateau for a family visit.

They were accompanied by Glen, Alisa and Bailey Trimmell of Amarillo and met by Dewayne, Angela, Brandon and Cody Wayne Cole, who live in Lake City Florida.

Lillie Mae reported that while they were there the foliage was beautiful in red, orange and gold and that it snowed.

Little Brandon, who is

brange and gold and that it snowed. Little Brandon, who is seven, wasn't accustomed to seeing snow and thoroughly enjoyed making snow balls.

Junior Hi Band Members Earn All-Region Honors

Sixty-nine students of the Friona Junior High School Band traveled to River Road High School to try out for the All Region Band Tuesday, December 3. Of those sixty-nine, thirty-nine were honored by being selected to the 1996 All Region Band list representing all junior highs which feed AAA schools in UIL Music District I. Other schools in district I are: Dalhart, Dimmitt, Tulia, River Road, Sanford-Fritch, and Perryton.

Those students and their

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Those students and their chair placement representing Friona ISD are as follows:
Flute-Tania Hand (1), Jacy Grimsley (2), Stephanie Collier (4), LaFawnda Mays (7), Marisa Rodriquez (11).
Clarinet-Elida Rivera (9), Porfirio Cardenas (11), Cara Evans (12), Vanessa Mata (14), Lupe Juarez (1st Alt.)
Bass Clarinet-V'Laura Wilcox (1).
Alto Saxophone-Lynette

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Jubay (1), Charley Saiz (3),
Michael Ortiz (4).
Tenor Saxophone-Clint Cox (2).

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Cornet-Aaron Hendrickson
(1), Michael Bautista (3),
Jennifer Echevarria (5),
Dianna Tirado (9), Irene
Chavarria (10), Amber Wyly
(11), Matthew Mata (12),
Lorenzo Villa (1st Alt).
French Horn-Veronica
Velazquez (2), Jill Brown (4).
Trombone-Frank
Dominquez (1), Clinton McCoy

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FRIONA

Week of December 15-21

Friona and area residents having birthdays next week include:

include:
December 15--Don Reeve,
Crispin Buchanan, Deena
Willard, Connie Willard,
Deven Black, Sylvia Ingram,
Lana Allemand, Juan Perez.
December 16--Gerald
Floyd, Lisa Guerra, Travis
Stewart, Gibb Boatman, Mike
Meyer, Tom Johnson, Michael
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December 17--Gloria Drake, Elthie Hand, Robert Garza, Lance Goen, Jim Schlenker, Joe Tagle.

December 18--Debbie Stevens, Wade Procter, Carla Beth Bauer, Brittany Anthony, Michael Craig Scott.

December 19--Wes Drake, Jason Rector, Paige Osborn, Mindi Wilson.

December 20--Alec Gordon, Mika Maddox, Rocky Nichols, Deloris McNeely, Harletta Carthel.

December 21--Joe Buchanan, Robert Sandoval.

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

(3), Roy Loya (5), Sue Haye Ramos (7), Jerry Garcia (8), Benny Lopez (10).

Baritone-Keaton
Behrendsen (2).

Tuba-Abel Santiago (3), Fabian Flores (4), Manuel Mendez (7).

Snare Drum-Kayla Smiley (2), Blane Winebrinner (3), Valerie Bandy (2nd Alt)

Tympani-J'Mae Randolph (1st Alt).

"I am very proud not only off the students who made the band, but all of the students who tried out. It should be noted that this is the most students ever to participate in this competition since I've been here, and that Friona has more students in the All-Region Band this year than any other school in the district. Our students represented our band and our school very well," stated Ron McWilliams, Band Director.

The All-Region Band is scheduled to perform in concert at West Texas A&M, on Saturday, January 18, 1997.

It's A Boy For

It's A Boy For Neal Hailes

A baby boy was born to Neal and Kriste Haile of Dallas on Monday, December

9.
The baby was born in Colombia Medical Center in Plano. Named Conner Lynn, he weighed seven pounds, fourteen ounces and was twenty-one inches long at birth.

pounds, four-teen outsides and was twenty-one inches long at birth.

Conner has an older sister, Holly, one year old.
Grandparents are Donald and Darlene Haile of Lubbock, Marca Lynn Herring of Friona and Glen Herring of Friona.

Avis Haile of Texico, Margie and D.C. Herring of Friona and Olive and Meryle Massie of Friona are the child's great-grandparents.

John Clarks Have A Bou

Have A Boy

John and Dorothy Clark
of Rhea are the parents of a
baby boy born October 31 at
3:04 p.m. in High Plains
Baptist Hospital, Amarillo.

Named Jacob Alan, the
new arrival weighed eight
pounds and was twenty-one
and one-fourth inches long.

The couple has an older
daughter, Brittney, three
years old.

Grandparents are Alan
and Nita Clark of Friona,
Debbie Fisher of Pampa and
James and Christine Perry of
Sedelia, Missouri.

Bob and Bobbie Clark of
Friona, Helen Bradsher of
Pampa and Nova Smouse are
the child's greatgrandparents.

Ethel Riley of Hereford is
his great-grandmother.



JR HI ALL-REGION...Part of the 39 all-region Jr. High band winners were, l-r, Kayla Smiley, Blane Winebrinner, Valerie Bandy, & J'Mae Randolph.



TRUMPETS & SAX All-region Jr. High winners in the trumpet and saxophone section were, front, l-r, Lynette Jubay, Charley Saiz, Michael Ortiz, & Aaron Hendrickson. Middle, Michael Bautista, Jennifer Echevarria, Dianne Tirado, & Irene Chavarria. Back, Amber Wyly, Mathew Mata, Lorenzo Villa, & Keaton



TOOT, TOOT...On the flute and clarinet, these Jr. High band members qualified for all-region. Front, l-r, Tania Hand, Jacy Grimsley, Stephanie Collier, & LaFawnda Mays. Middle, Marisa Rodriquez, Elida Rivera, Porforio Cardenas, & Cara Evans. Back, Vanessa Mata, Lupe Juarez, V'Laura Wilcox, & Clint Cox.



BRASSY SMILES.....All-region Jr. High band winners include these brass player, l-r, front, Veronica Velazquez, Jill Brown, Frank Dominguez, & Clinton McCoy. Middle row, Roy Loya, Sue Haye Ramos, Jerry Garcia, & Benny Lopez. Back, Abel Santiago, Fabian Flores, Manuel Mendez.



ARTIST OF THE MONTH...Brenda Taylor will be the Artist of the Month for December. Her paintings will be on display at Prairie Acres Nursing Home. She is pictured here witl Velma Lovvorn who has been Assistant Director at Prairie Acres for three and been Assistant Director at Prairie Acres for three and a half years. Brenda says she has enjoyed painting for about the last 12 years and will paint on anything that will sit still for a minute such as old buckets, canisters, wood items, etc. This crafty lady also likes to sew, make pillows, and do flower arranging. She has had workshops from Billie Long Homer, Jean Green and J.D. Keel, but mostly just paints on her own. her own.



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At that time, Dr. Gary Shilling, a respected economist and financial analyst, suggested in his book "Is Inflation Ending" Are You Ready?" that inflation Ending? Are You Ready?" that inflation Ending? Are You Ready?" that inflation Ending? Are you Ready?" that inflation had peaked and would begin a steady decline. He further suggested that investors should change direction, moving from tangibles such as real estate — which prospers during inflationary times — to financial assets such as stocks and bonds.

Dr. Shilling was right. Those who correctly anticipated the end of runaway inflation and moved their assets accordingly prospered. The Dow Jones Industrial Average penetrated 1000 and is now over 5000.

Today, even with reasonable economic

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Today, even with reasonable economic growth, many economists say the Federal Reserve has succeeded in controlling inflation. An average 3.5 percent inflation rate, which the country has experienced over the past five years, is manageable in a healthy economy.

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Iona Cook Presents Study Club Program

At the December 3 Modern Study Club meeting, the members answered the roll call by recalling their childhood days on the farm. "Conservation--we had not really understood its meaning--but in the "good ole days." in reality "good ole days," in reality everything we did was to preserve, maintain and protect our livelihood. Sandra Turner presided over the meeting in the absence of Nellie

meeting in the absence of Nellie Shelton, club president, and Kathrine Blackburn, vice president. Donna Mears, accompanied by Eva Kimbrough at the piano, led the group in singing some "Down on the Farm" music. Iona Cook, program director, told about many humorous events

told about many humorous events related to a wife's role as a helpmate on the farm and the many ways to apply conservation. She quoted from several writers of what they think makes conservation work and

the methods that were used.

One writer recalled his grandfather's stories about the "Dust

Bowl Days." He stated, "Those days

Bowl Days." He stated, "Those days left a deep mark on the souls of all who lived through that time. They learned about their mistakes and improved on them."

Another member asked, "Will the farmer today be able to handle the change when they phase out the CRP Program? Yes, the same way they have handled every other crisis in agriculture—as an opportunity." The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District has been, and is a great help to ranchers and farmers. They guide them in a direction to the best methods to use to save water. In Parmer County,

to save water. In Parmer County, there are 1,564 center pivots covering more than eighty per cent of the farm area. Farmers are seeing a need to use conservation

methods to save the economy.

The meeting adjourned with the reading of the club collect led by Donna Mears. Refreshments were served by Sandra Turner and Iona

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