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"MY TURN"

By Carol Ellis



THERE'S A LAW (Murphy's Law) that says: If a tornado is going to hit your town, it must do so on a Friday evening about an hour after the weekly newspaper publisher has just gotten his papers out in the mail and into the newsracks around town. That way it will be a whole week before he can get photos and articles about the disaster into the next issue of the paper. By that time, everyone in the area already knows that Friona suffered a terrible tornado.

A "friend" of mine, who shall remain nameless, said "This is the biggest news story to blow into town in a long time." Bill said we didn't need a big news story that bad. We prefer to report on nice, normal, homey news items such as good rainfall, the Bike-A-Thon, summer school, donations to the Fire Department, retiring teachers receiving their silver trays, etc.

I'm glad that our children came up from Lubbock to see what happened to their old hometown. They all remarked about how lucky the Ellises were to have had only some concrete blocks thrown into the yard and some roof and fence damage. I told them the reason we weren't worse off was because we are such "good people" but I don't think they were convinced.

The really good people were all out helping each other, lending a hand toward the clean-up and repairs necessary to get life back to normal. It sort of reaffirms your faith in the goodness of mankind when you see how hard the various crews worked all weekend to restore services to the people of Friona.

All the things you CANNOT do when the power is off for 21 hours (east side of Friona) is pretty amazing. First of all, you can't call your kids long-distance to let them know you're okay. A bologna sandwich is about the best you can do for supper with no stove, microwave, can opener, coffee pot, etc. You might run to one of the local drive-ins for a burger and fries, except they were all closed. . . no lights, no heat for cooking, no cash registers, etc.

Four of the local homebound folks who are oxygen dependent were brought up to the hospital since the portable oxygen tanks only hold about two and a half hours' worth with the power off. Throughout the weekend, the Home Health people checked on others of the homebound who live alone, so they wouldn't be frightened.

Candles, matches, flashlights and batteries suddenly become your best friends on a dark and stormy night when the power is out. You can read for awhile by flashlight, but those rechargeable things only stay on for about an hour. Now I know why people had such large families back before there were electric lights, radio, TV, etc. There simply wasn't much else to do after the sun went down.

We couldn't get the cars out of our garage because the door opener wouldn't work and our wooden double door is too heavy to pull up manually, so Bill and I were housebound until some friends came by to drive us around.

Saturday morning we discovered about half of Friona was in Bovina having breakfast at the restaurant, picking up a few provisions at the store, and getting gas for their vehicles, since, with no power, Friona's gas pumps were all inoperable.

After looking over the various homes that were demolished, Hi-Pro, the airport, the cemetery, I was reminded of what Dana Bradley said. She was the young woman who was buried in the ruins when the Oklahoma City Federal Building was bombed and had her leg amputated before she could be brought out of the wreckage. Plus she lost her mother and two little children.

"Never take anything for granted," Dana said. "Treat everything you have, even your parents, like precious china, because someday it could all be gone in a flash."



Damaged Hi-Pro Feed Mill and Office

Friona Cleaning Up After Tornado Blast

It only took a few minutes, but in that short time, a number of Friona residents' lives were affected.

And hundreds of others will remember 6:45 p.m. on Friday, June 2, 1995 as long as they live.

A tornado with estimated F-4 force struck the Friona area, devastating businesses and residences as well.

E. M. Bailey, 68, owner of Bailey Printing, was the most seriously hurt. Bailey and his wife Dolores, and their grandson, Terrence Fite, eight, were just sitting down to supper on Friday when the twister struck the Baileys trailer home a half mile south of town on State Highway 214.

Rescue workers pulled Mr. Bailey from a pile of debris, all that was left of their home. He suffered a crushed leg and internal injuries. He was taken to Northwest Texas Hospital where he was placed in the hospital's intensive care unit.

Bailey's oldest son, Matt Bailey of Amarillo, said he tried to call his parents after he heard the news

about the tornado striking Friona, but couldn't get through. On Saturday, he uncovered the broken remains of his parents' telephone.

A love fund has been established for the Bailey family at Friona State Bank.

Several other homes, including two or three other mobile homes, were destroyed in this immediate area. Some of the homes belonged to the Mendoza families.

Several horses belonging to Paul J. Smith and Hollis Harris were lost or killed by the storm.

After playing havoc with Southside Gas, and Friona Wheat Growers' new fertilizer plant, the storm made a direct hit on Hi-Pro Feeds, one of the city's main industries.

If the storm had hit an hour earlier, numerous employees could have been killed or injured. As all of the main office's employees had left for the day, a 15-man crew at Hi-Pro's mill were the ones threatened.

Hi-Pro has a storm cellar in the vicinity of the Mill, and the employees made use of it.

"We have an emergency procedure in case of a storm, and thank goodness the employees followed it," said Bill Stovell, manager of Hi-Pro's Animal Health division.

Three of the employees were slightly injured. They were treated and released at Parmer County Community Hospital. The employees treated were Omar Gillardo, John Hallums (a broken finger) and Keith Paris, a separated shoulder.

The men in the cellar had to dig their way to freedom, and experienced some breathing problems, due to a fog of dust after the collapse of the mill.

"If there was an area on the

premises that wasn't affected, I just don't know about it, Stovell said.

Even the company's fairly new brick office building was demolished. Luckily, the company's records were salvaged through computer disks, including a hard copy of payable and receivable records.

A new office building completed recently for Ron Davenport, at the site of the old Monsanto Chemical location, was completely destroyed.

The tornado then hopped over U.S. Highway 60 and made Benger Air Park, the privately owned airport and spraying service, its next target.

Elvie and Virginia Jennings had closed up at 6 p.m. Friday and drove home. Less than an hour later they returned to find everything in a heap. Seven airplanes were destroyed, and all eight buildings on the company property were demolished.

In addition, about 200 antique tractors and cars and other collectibles were crushed under their steel warehouse that was collapsed.

"In my office, it tore everything off the walls. But I had the records in a box and it wasn't touched," Virginia Jennings said.

Elvie Jennings, who had been a pilot instructor during World War II prior to starting the local airport and spraying business in 1946, said "I imagine we'll stay with it. We'll rebuild."

Jennings estimated that the airplanes alone were worth around \$200,000.

Making more of a "left turn," the storm next inflicted possibly the cruelist damage of all--when it all but destroyed the Friona Cemetery, located about a mile north of the airport.

The cemetery, a point of pride



WE'LL BE BACK.....Bill Stovell, manager of Hi-Pro Feeds' Animal Health Dept., is shown as he barbecued steaks for company employees last Sunday, as the employees helped saved records and cleaned up debris. Like the others, Stovell wore a bright red cap with the words "We'll be Back" inscribed.

Star Will Publish Special Souvenir Tornado Issue

Since it has been impossible to get all the tornado coverage into this issue of the newspaper, the Friona Star is planning to publish a special tabloid-size pictorial edition which will be devoted exclusively to events surrounding last Friday's tornado.

The special souvenir edition will be available on Monday at the Friona Star, Bi-Wize Health Mart, and the local restaurants. The issue will sell for \$1.00 each, and the Star will mail a copy of this souvenir pictorial issue to anyone in the U.S. for \$2.00 which covers cost of the issue plus shipping and handling.

THANKS, FOLKS!

The Friona Star wishes to thank everyone for their help and assistance in reporting on our tornado damage. The editors realize that they have, by no means, covered everything, but could not have done this much if it hadn't been for the graciousness of company officials, business and home-owners who were already trying to cope with their losses.

A big "THANK YOU" goes out to the many people who have provided the Star with photographs. This has been an excellent "fill-in" since it was impossible for the small staff at the Star to make it around to every place that sustained damage.

Remember, if the photo you wondered about isn't included in these pages, be watching for it in the special souvenir "Tornado" issue of the Star, scheduled to be out early next week. Call 806-247-2211 to reserve your copy, or write The Friona Star, P.O. Box 789, Friona TX 79035.

More coverage of the storm damage can be found in this issue on pages six, seven and nine.

Copies of The Castro County News, with coverage of Dimmit's tornado last Friday, are available at The Friona Star office on Main Street for 50¢.

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THE GAZEBO---The new gazebo at Friona Cemetery, northeast of town, was completed almost exactly a year ago. The little building contained a directory for locating gravesites in the cemetery.

## "The Day The Cows Flew"

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**ARTIST OF THE MONTH--**Friona Art Association has invited Mrs. Jessie Gore to be their Guest Artist of the Month. She will have several of her oil paintings on display in the lobby of Prairie Acres during the month of June. 91-year-old Jessie painted for 20 years until her eyesight began to fail. She studied under Lee Kennedy of Sulphur Springs and says she most enjoyed painting flowers and still life. She is pictured here with Prairie Acres employee, Barbara Armstrong, who has worked at the home off and on for several years. Barbara and Jessie invite everyone to come out and look at the paintings on display.

## FAA Names Jessie Gore "Artist Of The Month"

Jessie Gore has the unique distinction of having been named Resident of the Month at Prairie Acres for the month of June, and Friona Art Association has invited her to be their Guest Artist of the Month. Several of her lovely oil still life and floral paintings will be on display in the lobby of Prairie Acres during this month.

Jessie is 91 years old, though she certainly could pass for being much younger. She painted for about 20 years and studied under Lee Kennedy in Sulphur Springs. She says she put down the paint brush when her eyesight began to fail around 1980. She has been a resident of Prairie Acres for close to four years.

Her son and daughter-in-law, Lewis and Elizabeth Gore, brought

her paintings up to the home for Jessie so they could be hung for display. Most of her works are still life or florals, though she did also paint a few landscapes. Her children and grandchildren now lay claim to most of her paintings.

Jessie and Newt Gore first moved to a farm in the Friona area in 1926 and have lived here off and on for much of the time since then. Two of their sons graduated from Friona Schools, Lewis and Robert Gore. Jessie is a former school teacher, having taught in Bovina and Jesko schools.

Newt Gore passed away in May of last year. Their oldest son Jimmy Ray lives in Amarillo. The Lewis Gores live here in Friona and Robert Gores live in San Jon, New Mexico.

## Letters To The Editor



Dear Bill:

Even after this weekend's devastating tornado, this community is so fortunate in so many ways. We are fortunate that the tornado took the path that it took and did not destroy our entire town.

We are so fortunate that there were no lives lost. When you look at the devastation, it is hard to believe that so few people were injured.

And lastly, we are fortunate to have so many friends and neighbors, locally and from other communities who have so willingly pitched in to help.

The outpouring of support has been overwhelming. Countless numbers of volunteers have given countless hours to this community. Special recognition must also be given to our own Police, Fire, EMS and city employees.

All these individuals worked as a cohesive unit and can take pride in the fact of a job well done.

I would like for you to print a list of the people that I have had the privilege of working with and that made my job a whole lot easier.

### "Friends" Cookbooks Illustrated With Local Landmarks

Friends of the Library remind folks that there is only one week left to order the "Friends of the Library Cookbook" at the pre-publication price of \$16.00 each.

Hundreds of local people donated recipes. Local artist, Carol Ellis, illustrated the book with sketches of historical sites in and around Friona, some of which were damaged by the tornado.

Cookbooks will be \$20.00 after June 15. Payment is due with the order, please.

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I am sure that this is not everyone, and I apologize if I have left anyone out. There is no adequate way to express my gratitude, except to say, "Thank You."

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Sincerely,  
Paula Wilson, City Manager

Dear Bill:

The terrific, terrible and tremendous devastation brought upon our quiet town last Friday night was felt like a deep stab to our hearts.

As Sue and I sat in a friend's home in Gruver last Friday night at 10 p.m. after a happy evening of wedding rehearsals and dinner, we were hit with the news report that our beloved Friona was slammed by a series of tornadoes or at least one massive tornado.

We were helpless to get in just as you couldn't get out over the telephone. We continued praying for you all during that night and our hearts are saddened by the losses by so many people that we love but praise our loving Father that lives were spared and that the injuries will heal.

The awesome loss of property will be reclaimed or rebuilt. The willingness of so many of the people to help clean up all the massive amounts of debris is heart warming and encouraging.

Geary Brogden

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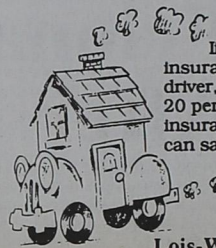
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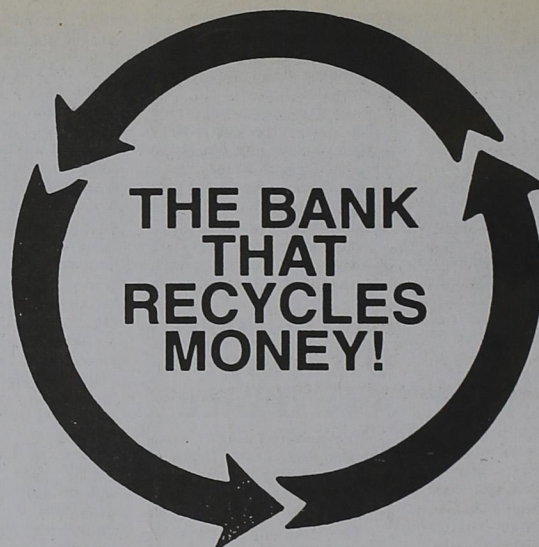
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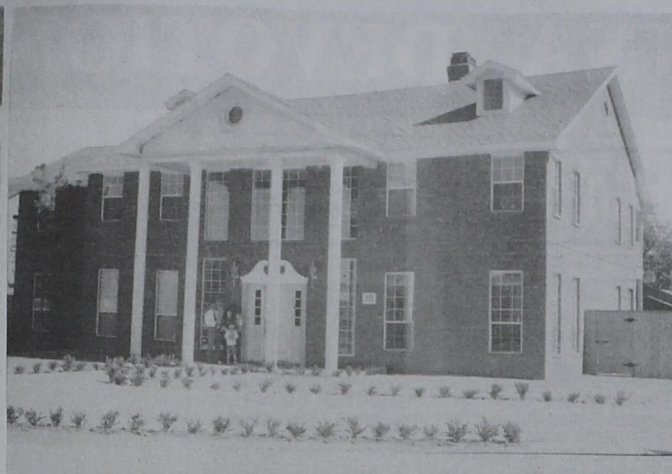
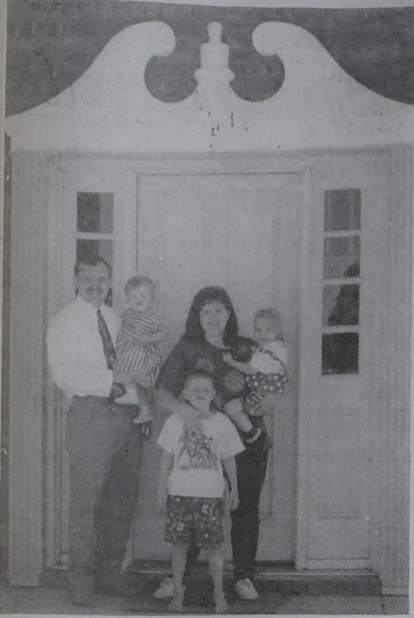
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**BED & BREAKFAST...**David and Dawn Fleming pose in front of their Woodrow House on 19th Street in Lubbock. Included in the picture are son, Chase (seven years old), and daughters, Paige (three years old) and Courtney (one year old). The Flemings welcome patrons to their comfortable home as an exclusive bed and breakfast inn.

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# Woodrow House Opens In Lubbock

By STAN ELLIS

On Friday, April 28, David and Dawn Fleming of Lubbock saw their dream come true when their Bed and Breakfast opened for the first time.

The Woodrow House, a bed and breakfast located in Lubbock at the corner of 19th and Boston, is the culmination of four years of dreaming, planning, researching and designing by David and Dawn.

The Woodrow House is the first permanent structure built on the corner lot at 19th Street and Boston Avenue. The land was first deeded by the State of Texas via Patent No. 457, Vol. 30 dated August 2, 1878.

It's interesting to think that this one lot, deeded over one hundred years ago, has remained vacant over the years. The lot is a prime location to almost everything in Lubbock.

And, if you've ever noticed all those big mansions on "mansion row" on 19th Street, the new structure is a perfect complement to the aristocratic beauty found in that area.

Woodrow House is named after David's paternal grandfather, George Woodrow Fleming (1914-1972). Woodrow "Woody" Fleming was a Texas rancher, agribusinessman, cotton ginner, grain merchant and entrepreneur. David is the son of Howard and Pat Fleming of Friona.

Some of you might remember David as one of Friona High School's mile-relay state qualifiers in 1980. David is currently employed by Westar Commercial Realty as a commercial real estate broker in Lubbock.

Located directly across from

Texas Tech University, Woodrow House is within walking distance to virtually all university events and activities. Because of its convenient location, David and Dawn have already had many guests stay in their home. Texas Tech graduation ceremonies brought in quite a few guests to the manor. David mentioned that the weekend of Texas Tech's first 1995 football game is already booked, and they continue to get reservations for selected times.

Woodrow House has five rooms available, all with private baths. The rooms are decorated according to their names and include the Victorian Room, the President's Room, the 50s Room, the Alumni Room and the Equestrian Room. The third floor to the mansion has two unfinished rooms that will eventually enable the home to offer seven available rooms. The private area of the home has three bedrooms on the second floor.

As the name implies, the Victorian Room is decorated in a Victorian style with a solid cherry bedroom suite dated to the 1880s. The bath has an antique claw foot tub. The President's Room is dedicated to the men who have held our nation's highest office. The bedroom suite is solid mahogany. This room boasts a private entrance off the back porch and a double shower in the bath.

The 50s room has a private door to the balcony overlooking the large back yard. The 1950s decor brings back the memories that made the 50s so unique in American culture. The Equestrian Room is home to a bedroom suite purchased by Woodrow Fleming in 1947 from

Sears Roebuck and Co. in Wichita Falls. The decor is dedicated to the horse and its contributions to the American way of life.

The Alumni Room overlooks Texas Tech from the second floor. The oak and mahogany bedroom suite includes a custom built king-size bed. Patrons will also notice copies of the Flemings' cookbook, "Raider Recipes."

The cookbook is another entrepreneurial idea that the family "cooked" up, and is a collection of favorite recipes from graduates of Texas Tech. Included in the cookbook are recipes from Preston Smith, Kent Hance and Bob Bullock, to name a few. Copies of the cookbook can be purchased at almost any local bookstore in Lubbock.

A full breakfast is served buffet style from an antique sideboard handcrafted in Scotland. David is the chef for the home-cooked breakfasts, including some of his grandfather's favorites. Dawn delights in making home-made cinnamon rolls and muffins.

Patrons enjoy their breakfast in the dining room that is designed to accommodate a unique thirteen foot mahogany dining table that seats up to sixteen guests.

Dawn noted that they first came up with the bed and breakfast idea when they were on vacation in Tennessee. They happened onto a bed and breakfast and fell in love with the idea. They continued researching the idea, traveling to San Antonio to look at several bed and breakfasts there.

When they found the location, at 19th and Boston, they kept an eye on the property and waited until the market allowed the property to be a good investment.

The mansion is approximately 6,500 square feet from top to bottom, has three floors and a spacious basement for playtime with the kids. Stuart Townsend constructed the beautifully-built home.

David and Dawn's approach is to focus on family. Their bed and breakfast leans toward a "home" atmosphere and away from the less personal environments of hotels.

David suggested that, sometime in the future, they may want to build a four-car garage in the back of the mansion. The garage would have a second floor with rooms that could be rented out as apartments.

A map of the United States hangs on the wall in the kitchen. Dawn said that they plan on placing pins in the map to represent the homes of the patrons that come to visit them. So far, Illinois and Iowa have already been marked by early patrons of the Woodrow House.

Rates for staying at the Woodrow House are quite reasonable for single or double rooms. Honeymoon and anniversary packages are available at a minimal additional cost. Receptions, weddings and reunions may be quoted on request.

Business is already booming for the couple. Anyone who plans to stay overnight with the Flemings will want to call well in advance. You can contact the Flemings at (806) 793-3330. Or write, to: David or Dawn Fleming, Woodrow House Bed & Breakfast, 2629 19th Street, Lubbock, Texas, 79410.

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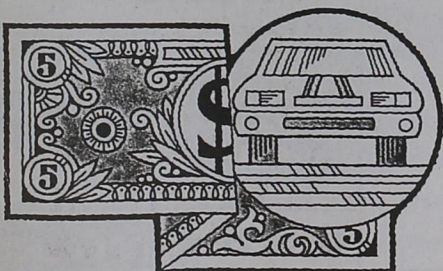
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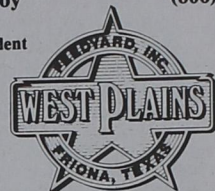
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# Town Talk

By JUNE FLOYD  
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We've received some much needed moisture in the past few weeks and have been feeling thankful that we had not had any real damaging hail or wind.

All that came to a screeching halt about 6:30 p.m. or so Friday evening and none of us will forget the anxiety we felt for a few minutes nor the horror we experienced later as we viewed the damage which tornadic winds had done in our area.

During the more than forty-seven years I have been living in Parmer County, we've had some near misses and small wind damage at different times, but nothing to compare with what we are seeing now.

We're feeling very fortunate that there were no more serious injuries than there were. And, of course, we're hearing some unbelievable reports as well as some amusing ones.

In spite of the fact that the upper story of the country home of Bob and Lydia Wylly, which is a few miles northeast of town, was completely destroyed, both of them escaped without any injuries.

She reported, "The dishes in the cabinet were not broken or chipped and a lamp, which was on the dining room table was not even turned over."

The most amusing answers I've heard to the question: "What were you doing when the storm hit?" came from two different wives who said, "My husband and I were standing in the door looking out and arguing about whether or not we were in immediate danger."

It was a real pleasure to visit briefly with Mae Magness and Jacquelyn and Ralph Franklin while they were in town over the weekend. These three had driven from Tulsa to Friona to check on Mae's Friona interests without any warning that they were running into severe weather.

Mae, who has been dividing her time between Friona and Tulsa, seems to be spending more and

more time there. Perhaps the fact that her only daughters and sons-in-law as well as most of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren live in that area, tips the scales in favor of this Sooner State metropolis.

Britny and Jay Hyatt, Jacquelyn's and Ralph's granddaughters, are visiting in the home of their maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Barlow. Their parents are Joel and Norma Hyatt.

Several members of the Snead family met at the Payne summer home in Ruidoso, New Mexico for their second annual Memorial Day weekend get together.

Rene, Jinx, Kay, Gary and Josh Snead went from here. They were accompanied by Holly Snead, who has just completed her first year of teaching at Colleyville, Texas.

They were joined by Janet Payne of Albuquerque, Shea Woodard of Abilene, Texas and Shannel and Kahlie Denson, who live in El Paso.

Recent out-of-town visitors in the homes of Nelda Benge, Curt and Kathi Miller and sons, Jacob and Caleb, Mildred May, Roy and Eva Miller and other kith and kin in the area have been Mr. and Mrs. Kendall Burton and daughters, Ellen, Jenna and Haley, who have been living in Edinburg, Texas, several years.

Burton is being transferred to Lubbock and the family plans to be moving to that area soon.

Jeff and Heather Smith Schueler recently moved from Harker Heights, Texas, to Lubbock. Jeff has been serving in the United States Army three years and has been stationed at Fort Hood, Texas.

However, he received a discharge recently and he and Heather have returned to this area.

She is employed as a receptionist for a law firm and he works for a John Deere dealership as a mechanic.

Their parents are Herbert and Cecelia Schueler of the Rhea community and Doris Smith, who lives in Friona.

ATTENTION! All local ex-students of Friona Public Schools. Your presence at the upcoming school reunion will be greatly missed by out-of-towners who attend.

So many persons who don't live here ask this question: "Where are our classmates who still live here?"

One I visited with early this week remarked, "Part of what I want to come for is to see people who still live here."

It isn't too early to make your reservations. Why don't you call Nola Vestal and order tickets now?

Out-of-town weekend visitors in Friona were Jeff and Patty Fairchild and children, Lori, Lindsey, Tyler and Logan, who live in Adrian, Texas.

Jeff is a former Friona resident and is the grandson of Julia Fairchild and Otis Neel and the brother of Tammy Gammon.

Recent visitors in the home of Hal and Charlotte Ratcliff have been their daughters and grandchildren. Sheri Beth Gervais and children, Sarah, Amy and Garrett, came up from Houston.

While they were here, the couple's youngest daughter, Ronda Ratcliff, who teaches and coaches in Canyon, spent several days here. At the present time, she is attending West Texas A&M University, where she is working on a master's degree.

Gary and Kay Snead are adjusting to the empty nest syndrome three months earlier than they had expected.

Their youngest son, Josh, who graduated from Friona High School this spring, is spending the summer in Abilene, Texas.

He is employed by Abilene Christian University, which he

plans to attend this fall and is sharing living quarters with a cousin, Shea Woodard.

Janet LaFrance of Abilene, Texas, returned to her home Thursday after spending several days visiting in the homes of her parents, Glen and Ruth Stevick, and daughter and son-in-law, Jeri Lynn and Bill White.

George and Leslie Rushing honored their daughter, Sarah, with a graduation reception in their country home one week ago Sunday.

Guests came from Hereford, Borger, Clovis and Friona.

Special guests were the honoree's maternal grandparents, Lawrence and Mildred Cooper, who live here.

Her cousins, Carol Lynne McAlister of Bovina and Rebecca Rushing of Friona, and sister, Robin, presided at the refreshment table.

Billy Sides, a resident of the Oklahoma Lane community who used to live here, is a surgical patient at Lubbock Methodist Hospital.

His wife, Doris, reported to Friona friends by telephone Monday that he was making satisfactory progress.

Laurie Cooper Wright, a former Friona resident and employee of the Friona Star and Plains Publishers, had knee surgery at St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo, Tuesday morning.

The surgery was successful and she expects to be able to return home within the next week or ten days.

Looks like the new home of Ernest and Valoris Osborn, which is under construction next door to the Fred Cooks on Arrah, is beginning to shape up.

The Osborns both grew up here

and graduated from Friona High School and have lived here most of their married lives.

This couple was married during World War II and spent one year in Louisiana, where he was serving in the United States Army.

When Ernest was assigned to overseas duty, Valoris returned to Friona and taught in the public school system until he returned.

Their first home was a garage apartment southwest of the Methodist Church. At the time they built it, they planned to build a home on Pierce Street. However, their plans were changed and they sold the property to the late Howard and Mary Mayfield and built in their present location at 410 West Tenth, where they have been living forty-five years.

This couple has two children. Their daughter, Karen, is married to Gary Renner and lives out southeast of town. The Renners have four children, Jana, Krista, Aimee and Casey.

Dr. Joel Osborn of Amarillo is their only son. He is married to the former Carlene Greeson and they have three children, Erin, Loren and Lindsay.

Valoris said, "We will be leaving many pleasant memories since our children spent most of their growing up years here, but we're looking forward to moving into our new home."

She taught in Friona High School many years before retiring and Ernest retired from farming a few years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hulen of Medford, Oregon have been visiting in the home of his sister and brother-in-law, Mavis and Bill Burnam.

Friday's tornado was Mrs. Hulen's first. When she first noticed the cloud, she said, "I'm not sure what a tornado cloud looks like, but I think I'm seeing one."

Although the Burnam home at 1208 Maple was real close to a lot

of damage, Mavis reported, "We feel very fortunate in that we didn't get any damage."

Their next door neighbors, John and Debra Baxter, lost their roof and other neighbors sustained various and sundry damages.

Why are laws like the ocean? The most trouble is caused by the breakers.

## Junior High Lock-In Is Success

The first D.A.R.E. lock-in for Friona's sixth, seventh and eighth grade students was held on May 26. A total of 23 students were present.

Various activities were movies, roller skating, volleyball, ping pong and music. Pizza, popcorn, candy and Cokes were served. Door prizes were awarded every hour.

We would like to thank the following businesses for their donations of cash or prizes: Sonic, Tasty Cream, Perry's, Bi-Wize, Wilhelm's, 4-Way Pump, A-1 Service, Friona Ford, Lakeside, Ingram's, State Farm, Hi-Pro and Racer Truck Wash.

We would like to thank Rickey Rector, Debbie Rector and Kenneth Smith for assisting throughout the evening. We would like to thank Paula Wilson for the use of the Community Center.

At 7 a.m., Saturday morning, the following cash prizes were awarded: \$25.00 to Charley Saiz; and \$50.00 to DaLinda Black.

With community support, we hope to make this a yearly event.

Upcoming D.A.R.E. events will include a Straight Drive Golf competition around July 4; bicycle safety clinic will be held June 24, co-sponsored by the Friona Police Department and D.A.R.E. activity night every other Saturday for K-8 grades. Other activities are being planned.

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# Frionans Cleaning Up Aftermath of Tornado

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for the city and its residents for a number of years, had individual stones overturned, graves "gouged," and its chain-link fence completely demolished.

Most of the damage apparently was caused by a boxcar that had been used for storage, and located just south of the cemetery.

The boxcar was picked up by the tornado and it served as a battering ram, knocking down headstones, twisting some, destroying decorative elements. The neat brick decorations at the southwest corner of the cemetery were severely damaged, and the recently-completed gazebo was ruined.

Even the curbing on some of the plots was damaged. The flagpole was bent, with the top part stuck in the ground. A large piece of metal was sticking in the ground outside of the cemetery to the south.

Virtually all of the stones were coated with a cement-like mud, apparently sucked up by the funnel. Some of the fence posts left standing had layers of mud on the side facing the storm, two or three inches thick.

The old trees in the cemetery were stripped bare.

The Friona Cemetery Association is seeking donations to help restore the cemetery from damage that was inflicted by the tornado last Friday.

Prior to hitting the area in which the Bailey trailer house was located, the storm had caused heavy roof damage at Excel, which had some 500 workers at the site Saturday and Sunday in an effort to repair the damage.

Next, the tornado sideswiped a 76-car Santa Fe freight train, knocking every car off the track, to the south side of the track.

Bob Hurst said he was watching the cloud just before the train was wrecked. "All of a sudden it sounded like the train changed gears. There were large balls of fire everywhere, possibly from the funnel hitting the power lines."

Mike Lamb's wrecking yard, located on the Highway 214 access road, was destroyed, as was a corn dryer owned by Ben Rejino.

A cinderblock building located at U.S. 60 and Virginia, which was being used as a garage, virtually exploded. Pieces of the blocks, along with some whole ones, were scattered for at least two blocks in the direction of the storm.

Many homes in the area, on Virginia, Maple and Walnut streets, experienced roof and other structural damage from the blocks.

One of the blocks went through the roof of a home owned by Wes Drake, and went all the way through to the living room floor.

## 25 City Businesses Affected

Twenty-five Friona businesses were either partially or totally destroyed by the tornado on Friday, June 2.

A city official said that local businesses suffered over \$25 million in losses due to the storm.

A list compiled by the City of Friona showed the following businesses affected (total losses indicated by \*):

- \*Friona Wheat Growers Fertilizer
- \*Southside Farm Supply
- \*Friona Bi-Products
- \*Mike Lamb Auto Salvage Excel
- \*Hi-Pro Feeds
- Mendoza Muffler (50%)
- \*Allen Custom Cutting Stanberry Trucking
- \*Marilou Taylor Rentals Friona Wheat Growers (grain)
- Racer Truck Wash
- Bob's Pump
- Millard Warehouse
- City of Friona (sewer plant)
- City of Friona (all else)
- \*Reeve Farms (corn dryer)
- Winkles Trucking
- Santa Fe
- \*Benger Air Park
- \*Friona Cemetery Assn.
- Wells Bros. Feeds
- Southwestern Public Service
- \*Livestock Advisory (Ron Davenport)
- \*Farwell Grain Exchange

As was the case virtually everywhere the storm visited, trees were stripped, and large limbs were left dangling by a thread of a limb.

The country homes of the Bob Wyly and Tim Herring families were completely destroyed. These two homes are in a direct line northeast of Hi-Pro, Benger Air Park and Friona Cemetery.

### LOCAL HOSPITAL TREATED INJURIES

The hospital treated and released 14 people for minor injuries on Friday evening. One person was kept overnight for observation and released the next morning.

Ed Bailey, sustained extensive injuries when his trailer home collapsed, he was sent by ambulance first to the Hereford Hospital, and then on to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo where he remains in critical condition as of press time on Thursday evening.

Hospitals in Hereford and Clovis called over on Friday night after they heard about the tornado and offered to send emergency medical crews to Friona to help the injured if necessary.

### MILLARD WAREHOUSE

Millard Warehouse manager, Tony Wilgen, conducts evacuation drills every three months for all Millard employees, in case of an ammonia leak or a tornado.

On Friday, June 2, it paid off. The employees on duty about 6:45 p.m. were able to find shelter in the basement. Or, in the case of two employees in an adjacent trailer office, in a nearby barrow ditch. The barrow ditch was a part of the evacuation drills.

Mr. Wilgen said the roof was replaced and the 25 foot hole in the back of the building was being repaired.

The 28 Millard employees cleaned up on Saturday, the computers and offices were not damaged, and Millard was ready to go on Monday.

### FRIONA WHEAT GROWERS

Manager Ron Smiley says that Friona Wheat Growers is still cleaning up. At press time, there was no electricity at the three big bin elevators or the dryer.

Smiley says they can load some corn using gravity flow from the overhead bin, which is the extent of their operation for now.

While the office on Main Street was not damaged, the new fertilizer plant south of the elevators was completely destroyed. The fertilizer plant had been in full operation only since January, but plans are to rebuild it as soon as possible.

### EXCEL CORP.

By working 24 hours a day over the weekend, Excel was able to be up and running by Monday morning.

According to Carol Aistrup, plant controller, Excel had been planning some new construction and had cranes and building materials on site, which they were able to use for repairs.

The trim and grind department, which prepares and ships hamburger meat, was the most seriously damaged, resulting in some product spoilage.

The original warehouse had a new section added. During the tornado, the new section was blown over the original warehouse and landed on the yard office.

For now, most employees are back at work, and, as Carol Aistrup says, Excel is once again up and running.

### WINKLES TRUCKING

Winkles Trucking, which serves as a major hauler for Hi-Pro Feeds, as well as other commercial customers, just suffered a short stoppage after the tornado, according to company officials.

Winkles' headquarters building, which it leases from Hi-Pro, sustained damage, and the company lost its telephone service for awhile. "But we only lost one truck, and the damage that the others had was mostly cosmetic," said John Bauerle, general manager.

There were seven employees at the building when the storm hit, and two of them suffered minor injuries. Keith Parish had a separated shoulder, and John Hallums had a broken finger.

"We didn't lose anything in our office. We had to route 'phone calls through our Pecos office. We're in good shape. Our main concern is Hi-Pro. On behalf of Winkles Trucking, I want to thank the many volunteers who donated their time, food, water, etc., on our behalf," Bauerle said.

### CITY'S SIREN

If you wondered why the city's storm warning siren didn't sound any longer than it did, it's because the siren was an early casualty of the tornado, and was blown down after sounding for only about 30 seconds.

"We installed the new siren in the summer of 1992, at a cost of \$10,000. It was completely destroyed," said Friona City Manager Paula Wilson.

### SANTA FE RAILWAY

Santa Fe Railway had a westbound freight train hit by the twister between West Friona Grain and Excel. Thirty-six cars were derailed by the storm, but luckily the engine was left on the tracks, so that the engineer and dispatcher were uninjured.

It was reported that the dispatcher radioed to the engineer and said "They're saying we're right in the path of a tornado--what are we going to do?" and that the engineer said "I don't know about you, but I'm going to be praying!"

Most of the derailed cars were on the south side of the tracks, but in some cases there were pairs of wheels sitting alone, sometimes on the north side, with the boxcar on the opposite side.

Four train signals were destroyed by the storm in the vicinity of Hi-Pro, and one at West Friona Grain. About a mile of "pole line" had to be replaced. Santa Fe workers were out immediately following the storm, and traffic was resumed without too much delay.

### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Roadside Park just east of Hi-Pro Feeds was virtually destroyed. All of the pretty trees were stripped; three of the four tables were destroyed, as were the overhead covers.

"The biggest loss will be to our road signs. The signs cost \$60 per square foot. The Adopt a Highway sign east of town was ruined, and that sign costs over \$800," Mike Wilson said.

### MIKE LAMB'S SHOP

The Mike Lambs were at home on Elm Street when the tornado hit last Friday night. They heard over their scanner radio that Mike Lamb's shop on Highway 214 had been demolished. The building, estimated at about \$35,000 was totaled, along with several cars that he had been working on.

They kept several farm animals

in some pens on the property. All the sheep and hogs weathered the storm okay.

A crew of volunteers from the First Church of God in Clovis came over to help the Lambs pick up and salvage what they could of their tools and equipment.

They estimate that it will take a couple of months to get the place rebuilt.

### WYLY'S HOME DESTROYED

Last Friday night, Bob and Lydia Wyly were watching the clouds from a picture window in the living room of their two-story farm home located one mile north of the cemetery. When the cloud began to get too close for comfort, they decided to take cover in the middle of the house.

Moments later, they lost just about everything they owned in the tornado that hit the house and barn. The top floor and the garage are completely gone. All that is left is a portion of the ground floor of the house. Fortunately, this was the area where the Wylys had gone to wait out the storm.

The 150 foot long quonset barn is now just a slab of concrete. They lost a pick-up and damaged a van, a farm truck and some farm machinery. Wyly estimates it will cost nearly \$300,000 to rebuild and replace all that was lost.

Lydia says she doesn't especially like basements, but that is the first thing they are going to start on when they rebuild the home. In the meantime they are living at Carl White's house on the corner of Maple and 12th Streets until their country home can be rebuilt.

### STANBERRY SHOP EXPLODED

One result of last Friday's tornado was the explosion of a concrete block building owned by Mary Lou Taylor and rented by Terry Stanberry. The building, located in the 600 block of West 11th (Highway 60) was being used by Stanberry as a mechanic shop.

Portions of the building were blown as far as three blocks away, with the roof landing in the front yard at the Roy Ureste home at 1207 Walnut. Chris Ureste reported that the heating and cooling unit on top of their house had been destroyed and large trees in the front yard were demolished.

Several other homes in the 1100 and 1200 blocks of Maple and Walnut Streets also sustained roof damage from chunks of concrete and cinder blocks which were thrown around when the tornado picked up and exploded the building.

A concrete block went completely through the roof of a home located at 1111 Maple Street and landed in the seat of a baby's stroller in the living room. The home is owned by Wes Drake and is being rented by Jerry Shields, who is a sales co-ordinator at Hi-Pro Feeds. Jerry and wife Heather and three-month old son, J. W., had gone to the basement to seek shelter from the tornado. When they came back upstairs they found the block in the baby's stroller where he had been sitting only moments before and there was a large hole in the ceiling with sky showing through. Strange as it seems, no windows in the home were broken.

Mary Lou Taylor estimated the loss of the block building on the highway at about \$30,000. The

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**THE BAILEY HOME**--This was about all that was left of the mobile home which belonged to Ed and Dolores Bailey after the tornado hit. The home was located at the south end of Main Street. Bailey sustained critical injuries in the tornado.



**THE AIRPORT**--Benger Air Park was totally demolished in last Friday's tornado. Shown here are a portion of the hanger and mangled airplanes.



**MECHANIC SHOP**--The Stanberry Mechanic Shop at the corner of Highway 60 and Virginia Street was completely demolished, with concrete blocks from the building scattered all over the Drake Addition.



**TRAIN DERAILMENT**--A Santa Fe train that was in the direct path of last Friday's tornado had 36 cars overturned but the engine stayed upright on the track.

### TEXAS' WORST MAY TORNADOS

| DATE         | PLACE         | *FUJITA RATING | DEATHS | INJURIES | DAMAGE         |
|--------------|---------------|----------------|--------|----------|----------------|
| May 11, 1953 | Waco          | F5             | 114    | 597      | \$41.2 million |
| May 18, 1902 | Golld         | F4             | 114    | 230      | \$50,000       |
| May 15, 1896 | Sherman       | F5             | 76     | unknown  | \$225,000      |
| May 6, 1930  | Bynum area    | F4             | 41     | unknown  | \$2.1 million  |
| May 6, 1930  | Kenedy area   | F4             | 36     | 34       | \$127,000      |
| May 22, 1987 | Saragosa      | F4             | 30     | 121      | \$500,000      |
| May 9, 1927  | Nevada area   | F4             | 28     | 200      | \$900,000      |
| May 30, 1909 | Zephyr        | F4             | 28     | unknown  | \$90,000       |
| May 11, 1970 | Lubbock       | F5             | 26     | 500      | \$135 million  |
| May 14, 1923 | Howard County | F5             | 23     | 100      | 50,000         |

Available statistics show the month of May averages more tornados and more tornado deaths in Texas than any other.

Average number of tornados per year, 1953-1988.

|        |    |
|--------|----|
| April: | 19 |
| May:   | 37 |
| June:  | 19 |

All other months averaged fewer than 10 tornados per year.

Average number of deaths per year, 1953-1988.

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| April: | 4 |
| May:   | 6 |

All other months averaged fewer than two deaths per year.

\*Fujita Scale rankings are based on estimated wind speed and damage caused. The scale starts at F0 for winds of 40 to 72 miles per hour. F4 tornados raise winds estimated at 207 to 260 miles per hour. No tornados reaching wind speeds greater than F5 rankings, from 261 to 318 miles per hour, have ever been recorded.

Source: State Climatologist's Office, Texas A&M University.



**THE FRIONA CEMETERY LOST ALL THE TREES LAST FRIDAY**





HI-PRO'S EAST MILL WAS DESTROYED LAST FRIDAY



ASSEMBLY LINE---A group of Hi-Pro Employees formed a brigade on Saturday, to pass the company's office records out of the vault and into a truck to be transported to a new temporary location.

**HERE TO STAY**

# Hi-Pro Will Re-Build Its Friona Feed Mill

Hi-Pro Feeds, one of the vital cogs in Friona's multi-million dollar cattle feeding industry, saw its feed mill and offices leveled by last Friday's devastating tornado.

With so much of a loss, the first question local leaders pondered was "Will Hi-Pro rebuild?"

By Sunday morning, Hi-Pro officials had the answer, and it was positive. "We'll Be Back!" was the slogan printed on the bright red Hi-Pro caps worn by executives and regular employees, who were busily engaged in salvaging company records from the destroyed office building.

"Our ownership is 100 per cent behind us, and we have adequate insurance coverage to rebuild," plant manager Jack Hamil said this week. "We know that we're facing a long, drawn-out job, but we're confident that we can get it accomplished," Hamil told Friona Star publisher Bill Ellis this week.

"We'll be bigger and better than ever!" promised Bill Stovell, manager of Hi-Pro's Animal Health Division, as he barbecued steaks for Hi-Pro employees at noon during Sunday's cleanup efforts.

"If we can work through the usual insurance red tape, we would hope to get a bid let on the Animal Health Division within a week," Hamil said.

"We're hoping to get this facility rebuilt within 60 days," he added optimistically.

Hamil said that the Animal Health building would be re-built on its original foundation, and this should hopefully speed up its re-birth.

However, the Hi-Pro chief said that his main office does not adapt itself to what was really needed, so he would take advantage of the rebuilding necessity to improve on this facility.

One of Hi-Pro's feed mills, referred to as the "west mill," was not damaged as badly as the other one, and it is hoped that by concentrating efforts on this one it can be back in production within 60 days.

In the meantime, Hamil has made arrangements with other feed manufacturers in the area to produce Hi-Pro's bagged feed, which carries the Hi-Pro label. "These companies have agreed to use our recipes and formulas, and to use our tags. We have leased a building from Attebury Grain at Black, where we will establish a temporary

distribution center there," Hamil said.

The feed mill chief said he had made arrangements with other feed manufacturers to produce feed for the feedyards, to cover Hi-Pro's needs in this area.

"A big part of our business is serving the area's feed yards, and that's what the destroyed mill manufactured. It may be nine months before we can service the feed yards again. Rebuilding a facility this size normally would take a year or more, but in our case, where we have an obligation to our employees and our customers, we hope to speed up that timetable tremendously," Hamil said.

"We're going to surprise everybody and be back in operation sooner than they think possible," he confidently predicted.

If there was good news from the devastation, it was that the

company's records were recovered intact from the company's main computers, salvaged from the rubble.

The company has set up temporary offices in the old "Bowling Alley" and Malouf's Fabric building.

They have stored many of their records at the original Hurst building on Main Street, also owned by Malouf's.

The Hi-Pro employees have been split into two shifts, and have been

working from sunrise to sunset in the cleanup effort. Hi-Pro will attempt to keep its 75 employees intact. Many of the employees are used in maintenance and rebuilding, so their experience will be tapped.

"We hope that within a week or so when our Friona neighbors drive by, Hi-Pro, they will be able to see a big change from what they saw on Saturday and Sunday," Hamil said.

## Friona Recovering From Tornado

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Stanberrys reported that they lost practically nothing which was in the building. Terry's truck had been parked next to the building and sustained only a minor ding in the fender. He had been working on a motor inside the shop and had covered the motor with a towel. When the tornado was over, the building was gone but the towel was still draped over the motor.

### PEOPLE GATHERED TO HELP OUT

As soon as the tornado was over, people began to gather at the places where there was the most damage to offer assistance.

Mary Lee Cass called several together from the Methodist Church to go out to Noel White's, Forrest Osborn's and Ed Bailey's homes to see what could be done about clearing away some of the debris.

West Plains Feed Yard donated some large equipment to help move some of the large stuff.

J. B. and Johnnie Douglas, former Friona folks, came over from Muleshoe to lend a hand. Along with Linda Black, they provided and cooked food for the volunteers. This was taken to the Congregational Church, where some of the volunteer workers gathered on Sunday evening to have a meal together. They fed over 70 people.

### NOEL AND SHIRLEY WHITE'S HOME

Noel and Shirley White had just gotten off work at Hi-Pro and EXCEL and had gathered up the kids; 10-year old Ty and two-year old Kelsy. The Whites live at the old Goodwine place at the southern edge of town. The home is one of Friona's historic old homesteads, being about the first house and barn

built in Friona in 1907 and 1908. Noel is the Goodwine's great-nephew.

The little family had been home for about 10 minutes and knew something was amiss with the weather. Trees began to whirl around and topple over, breaking through doors and windows. They managed to get through the broken glass into the storm cellar before the roof left the house.

They lost 13 out of about 50 trees surrounding the house, that were over 60 years old. The kitchen and laundry room are coated with a thick layer of mud and the house lost all but two windows.

The old barn, which has been a landmark at the end of Main Street for so many years will have to be leveled at some time in the near future.

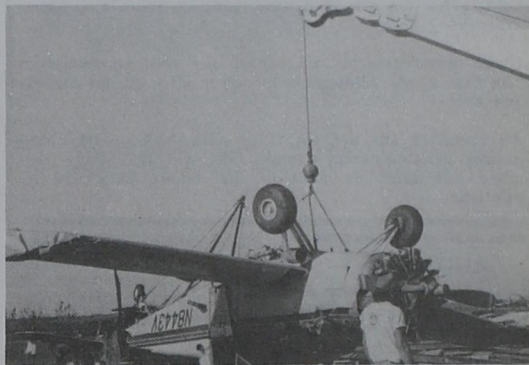
The Whites say they still cannot find all of the farm equipment, round bales, stock tanks and the kids' playhouse and swing set.

They estimate the damage at close to \$100,000. They said they were touched by the outpouring of love and support from the people of Friona.

### NEW FOLKS IN TOWN

Kevin and Gerri Roberts moved to Friona from the San Antonio area just a week ago Sunday. Kevin has been hired by Friona ISD as one of the new coaches for next year.

They moved into the old Phipps place on Cemetery Road and began working to fix the place up. They had just completed a new fence on Friday afternoon and two hours later it was gone, along with several huge old evergreen trees on the place. The trees, which were about 50 years old, were completely uprooted and laid on the ground. Gerri Roberts was about to decide that coming to Friona may not have the right thing to do, but she promised to "give Friona one more chance."



UPSIDE DOWN AIRCRAFT---A damaged plane at Benger Air Park is being hoisted by a large crane as part of the clean-up operation at the airport.

## Damage Is Awesome At Benger Air Park

by RON CARR

I have visited many of the tornado damage sites during the last week, but I keep going back to the airport.

Maybe that is because I have spent many hours of my life in airports around the world. Before I moved my family to Friona six weeks ago, I had spent over thirty years in the airline and travel agency industry in Dallas, Washington, D.C., and Tulsa, Oklahoma.

But I keep going back to the airport for a more human reason. It has been E.T. and Virginia Jennings' life for forty seven years. And now there is nothing left, except twisted steel, crumpled sheets of aluminum, and interrupted dreams.

I found Virginia Jennings at the airport on Monday, with rubber gloves, emptying an ice cooler. Bless her heart, she was smiling and friendly, but I knew she didn't know what to do next.

The damage is awesome and complete. You can't appreciate the extent of the destruction by just seeing it from Highway 60.

I went back to the airport Wednesday because a crane crew from Hereford and an insurance salvage crew from Dallas prepared to remove three airplanes buried in a hangar.

As I stood aside with my camera, a small yellow Toyota pickup slowly rolled up to check me out. I walked over and the driver stuck out his hand. "I'm E.T. Jennings", he said, and proceeded to give me a running account of the salvage crew activities as they dug three of his airplanes from underneath the mound of wreckage.

My thought was that this gentleman must have much more to do than chit-chat with me. Yet he did. I think he wanted to talk about the airplanes one last time before

*Tornado photos were taken by Lisa McLellan, Bill, Carol & Stan Ellis, Ron Carr, Don Spring, and Betty Lewellen.*

the Dallas crew hauled them off.

Rick Jennings drove up to confer with his dad about a new airplane they had just bought that morning in South Texas. Plans were to fly it back that night. A new beginning and one step in the rebuilding.

Rick stood around answering my questions about the rebuilding, even though I knew he must have more to do, too. "We can't rebuild all this", he said.

"In a few weeks, a friend of mine from Plainview who has a salvage company will be here to bale the aluminum and haul off the twisted steel", Rick went on. "We are going to save as much of the straight steel as we can to use in the rebuilding".

The first priority is to rebuild the office and an adjacent hangar. The south hangar complex, where the three airplanes were buried, probably will not be rebuilt. Too expensive, according to Rick.

In this situation, priorities are important. As we talked, Rick spotted an airplane landing, so he jumped in his truck and roared off.

When the plane landed, it looked like the single seat, yellow crop duster that they had just dug out of the wreckage. People help people in times like these.

I took my pictures and as I walked back to my car, Elvie Jennings' yellow Toyota truck was kicking up dust down around the north end of the airport. Virginia was in town, renting a temporary office at 711 Main Street, next to Ingram's. And Rick was leaned against his truck, smiling, talking to the pilot of the yellow plane.

I know they are positive and smiling, but I could also feel the hurt of seeing forty-seven years of good times and bad times twisted and scattered and ruined.

I know they will be back. And me... well I will be back too. When they start baling the aluminum, and building new buildings, and landing new airplanes, I will visit again. I like airports. And I like the Jennings family. They will be back too.



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**IT REALLY HAPPENED!**

# The Day The Cows Flew Over So. Friona

By BILL ELLIS

By the time we caught up with Terry Sharrock on Thursday, the events of last Friday seemed more like an adventure out of "Jurassic Park" than a normal day's work.

But the adventure will be forever etched in his mind.

Sharrock was one of the "closer" witnesses of the funnel cloud that devastated the Baileys' trailer house, the Mendozas and White residences, etc.

--As a matter of fact, the Sharrocks became a part of the storm themselves.

Terry, who has been employed by Friona Wheat Growers about six years, saw the funnel "set down" near the Highway 214 overpass. It proceeded northeast, and as he was at the company's new fertilizer plant, thought it might go on north of him.

But the twister struck the large elevator bins, and made a 45-degree turn and came back in a southerly direction.

(The funnel left a residue of the light brown mud where it hit the elevator, like that seen on the tombstones at Friona Cemetery.)

The Sharrocks jumped in their van, and tried to get away, but the twister's force prevented them from escaping.



**RODE OUT STORM...**The young Terry Sharrock family had a harrowing experience during last Friday's tornado. They literally "rode out" the tornado in their '92 Chevy Astro-van, which was totally destroyed. Sharrock is shown with wife Casey and young daughter Magen.

"It ripped the windows out of the van, and we were trying to cover up our baby daughter, Megan. Then, I looked out of the corner of my eye and saw a couple of cows flying through the air," Sharrock said.

**YOU DID WHAT??**

Yes, I heard him right the first time.

"They looked to be full-grown, mother type cows.

They were sailing through the air, on their sides, about 10 or 12 feet off the ground," he added.

Later on, Sharrock said he noticed five or six other cattle running east, between the liquid storage tanks at the fertilizer plant, trying to get away from the storm.

Sharrock said he noticed that the anhydrous ammonia was escaping from a tank, and a propane tank also was leaking (at the fertilizer plant). "Several of the small nurse tanks had cracked valves, and they were leaking, and I'm trying to get out of there without running right into the tornado," he said.

Energas' line in the area was also broken, Sharrock believed, so there was a lot of hissing and spewing.

"The wind velocity was amazing. I don't know how it kept from turning over the van. A bob-tailed grain truck and a heavy grass spreader at the plant were both overturned. I think you could say that we're a group of walking miracles," Sharrock said.

About the time he thought their ordeal was over, the storm participant said he saw a second, smaller funnel, come down out in the field. Luckily, this one did not develop like the first one, and did not stay down long.

For his part, Sharrock had a sewing needle stuck in his leg when the storm was over. He was hit in the head by an airborne board, and had some cuts around his face. Sharrock's wife Casey had a piece of glass in her leg, and the 13-month-old daughter just had a small nick on one of her cheeks.

The parents were treated and released at Parmer County Community Hospital.

The family's 1992 Chevy Astro van was totally destroyed, sustaining several smashed-in spots besides losing all its windows.

"I wish I knew how long it (the tornado) lasted. It may have been only a minute or two, but it seemed like an eternity," Sharrock said. "It's amazing that we walked away. It makes you appreciate being alive," the Friona resident concluded.

## Reception To Honor June Floyd

Longtime Friona resident June Floyd will be honored Saturday, June 10 from 2-4 p.m. at the Sixth Street Church of Christ on the occasion of her 80th birthday. Children and grand-children of Mrs. Floyd are hosting the reception.

"Your presence is the only gift needed," the organizers say.

Mrs. Floyd has been writing news and columns for the Friona Star since 1956.

## Hospital Report

Parmer County Community Hospital, Friona--Patricia Hight, Timothy Grissom and Molly Teague.

Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo--Mr. E.M. Bailey.

Hi-Plains Baptist Hospital, Amarillo--Jo Blackburn.

Veteran's Administration, Amarillo--Forrest Osborn.

## Funeral Services Held For Raymond White

Funeral services for George Raymond White, 77, of Friona, were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 7 at Calvary Baptist Church in Friona. Rev. Aubrey Ray White and Rev. Bill Boyd, pastor of the First Assembly of God Church, officiated at the services.

Burial was in Friona Cemetery under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Mr. White died June 5, 1995 at Prairie Acres Nursing Home. He was born May 19, 1918 in Palestine, Texas and married Lorine Milstead on December 16, 1937 in Duncan, Oklahoma.

He moved to Parmer County in 1938, moving from Clarendon, Texas. He was a member of the

Assembly of God in Friona and the local American Legion.

Survivors include his wife, Lorine White of Friona; his mother, Emma L. White of McKinney, Texas; two sons, Phillip Don White and Ray White, both of Friona; and one daughter, Barbara McCoy of Princeton, Texas.

Also, four brothers, Clyde White of Midland, Cullen D. White and Owen White, both of Princeton, Texas and Bobby Ray White of Kemp, Texas; three sisters, Juanita Caldwell of Princeton, Pat Bridgeman of Midland and Eva Smith of Modesto, California; eight grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

## Rhonda Bentley's Rites Were Held Here Thurs.

Funeral services for Rhonda Lynn Bentley, 38, of Friona, were held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 8, 1995.

The services were conducted at the Union Congregational Church by Rev. Herman Krauel and Rev. Vergil Ichtertz. Burial was in Friona Cemetery under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Mrs. Bentley died Monday, June 5 at her home. She was born February 14, 1957 in Muleshoe and married Jerry Bentley on August 15, 1975 in Friona.

She was a member of the Union Congregational Church in Friona, was an area director of the Girl Scouts, was active in Boy Scouts, was involved with the United Way and Muscular Dystrophy Association through the Girl Scouts, served as a volunteer in the local school system and as a local camp coordinator for Girl Scouts.

Mrs. Bentley moved to Friona in 1968, moving here from Hobbs, New Mexico.

Survivors include her husband, Jerry Bentley of Friona; two sons,

Cory Lynn Bentley and Jeremy Bentley, both of the home; one daughter, Shonda Dena Bentley of Friona; her mother, Doris Richards of Friona; her grandmother, Myrtle Lee of Friona; one brother, Randy Richards of Plainview and one sister, Tammy Richards of Friona.

## Free Lunch Is Available

This week's menu includes: Monday, June 12--Frito pie, Spanish rice, lettuce, tomatoes, apple and milk.

Tuesday, June 13--grilled ham and cheese sandwich, French fries, chilled fruit, cake and milk.

Wednesday, June 14--baked chicken, mashed potatoes, seasoned red beans, hot roll and milk.

Thursday, June 15--hamburger, tator tots, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles and milk.

## J. Gonzales Is Buried Here Friday

Services for Jose Salvador Gonzales, 86, of Friona, were held at St. Teresa's Catholic Church here, Friday, June 9, 1995 at 2 p.m. Father Ed Sweeney conducted the services.

Rosary was conducted at 6 p.m. Thursday at Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home, who handled the arrangements.

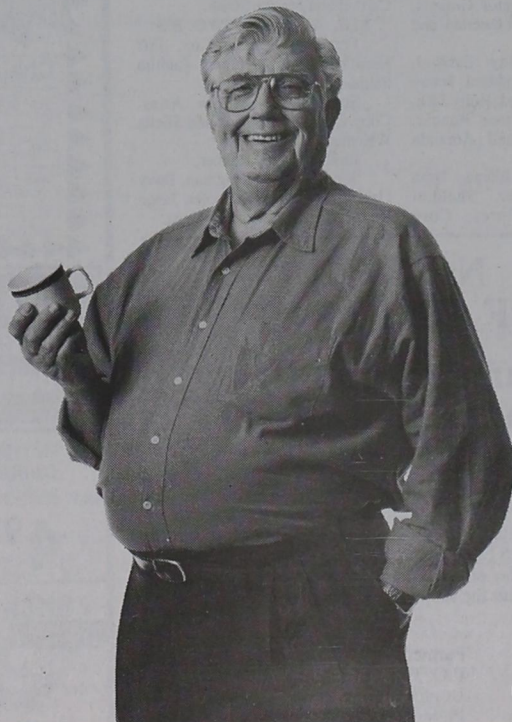
Mr. Gonzales died Wednesday, June 7 at Prairie Acres Nursing Home.

Born July 31, 1908 in Alamo, New Mexico, he had lived in Friona since June of 1990 moving here from Santa Rosa, New Mexico. He was a retired sheep herder and was a member of the Catholic Church.

Frances Saiz of Friona was Mr. Gonzales' sister.

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# Elaine White, Brent Harmon Exchange Wedding Vows Here

Elaine Diane White of Friona and Brent Allen Harmon of Sunray, Texas exchanged wedding vows Sunday, May 28 at 3:30 p.m. in the Friona United Methodist Church.

Rev. David White, minister of education, North Ft. Worth Baptist Church, performed the wedding ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Teddy and Sharon White of Friona.

The bridegroom's parents are Larry and Linda Harmon of Sunray.

Two slanted candleabras stood on each side of the altar with two candleabra trees behind the modesty rails. The candleabras were covered with greenery and baby's breath. Pews were marked with pink and white bows. The windows were decorated with containers of English ivy accented with baby's breath and country blue bows.

Sherri Taylor, organist, and Adabeth Smith, pianist, accompanied Marci Wilson of Abilene as she sang "There Is Love." Other musical selections included "The Wedding March," "The Lord's Prayer," "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us," and "Many Gifts, One Spirit."

As the bride was presented in marriage by her father, she was attired in an ivory satin formal length gown featuring a sweetheart neckline and fitted bodice with lace appliques, pearls and sequins. The puffed sleeves were adorned with pearls and sequins. The basque waistline dropped to a full chapel length train with lace appliques, pearls, sequins and a bow for accents.

Her fingertip length veil of nylon tulle was accented with fabric flowers and leaves and was outlined with lace designed by Linda Harmon, the groom's mother.

She carried a bouquet of pink and cream roses with baby's breath and fern. The bride wore a garter which her mother wore at her own wedding and borrowed her sister-in-law's garter.

Jeri Lynn White of Friona, sister-in-law of the bride, served as the matron of honor. Maria Scardasis of Houston was the bridesmaid.

Bobby Harmon of Sunray was his brother's best man. Larry Harmon of Sunray, served his son as groomsmen.

Serving as ushers were Morgan Hightower of Sunray, David Tims of Sunray and Bill White of Friona, brother of the bride.

Amy White served as the flower girl. The ring bearer was Jeremy White. They are cousins of

the bride and the children of Max and Gail White of Lubbock. The pillow carried by the ring bearer was made by the groom's mother from material used for her own wedding gown.

The feminine attendants wore tea length country blue dresses of polished cotton. They carried single cream colored roses.

A reception was held in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

Amy Hunt, cousin of the groom, presided at the guest registry and also served from the groom's table. Melissa Mason assisted at the registration table.

The three tiered cream colored wedding cake was topped with a Precious Moments bride and groom figurine and was accented with pink, blue and cream colored flowers and greenery.

Debbie Reeve and Denae McLellan, cousins of the bride, served cake from the bride's table. Punch and coffee were served by Cynthia Macko.

A tiered tree held various fruits in a colorful array and was served from the groom's table.

For traveling, the bride wore an ivory colored pants suit with matching knitted vest and a rose colored knit shirt.

They will be making their home in Abilene.

The bride is a graduate of McMurry University, where she recently graduated with honors and is a software engineer for Loral-Quinton of Abilene.

The bridegroom is a senior elementary honor student at McMurry University.

Out-of-town guests included the groom's parents; his grandparents, Charles and Georgia Strother of Stinnette and Herbert and Yvonne Harmon of Calera, Oklahoma. Other guests came from Abernathy, Abilene, Amarillo, Austin, Canadian, Canyon, Dimmitt, Hereford, Flower Mound, Lorenzo, Lubbock, Perryton, Richardson, Sunray, Tyler and Waco, Texas; Calera, Oklahoma; Cecil, Arkansas and Oklahoma City.

Bridal courtesies included a miscellaneous shower April 22 in the home of Evelyn Mars of Friona; a miscellaneous shower on May 13 at the Sunray Baptist Church; a luncheon given by Nancy Edelman and Tommie Mercer in Friona on May 27; and a bridal brunch hosted by Betty, Debbie and Becky Reeve and Denae McLellan on May 28.



Mrs. Brent Harmon

## Happy Birthday

Week of June 11-17 Friona residents having birthdays next week are:

June 11--Cindy Butman, Donita Martin, Rebecca Gomez, Trevor Fields, Wendy Hinkle, Sunny Dodson, Johnny Alvarez, Jennifer Davenport.

June 12--Jamilie Hand, Vickie Field, June Floyd, Ronda Ratcliff.

June 13--Ione Deaton, Marie Robertson, Deanna Brookfield, Doug Massey.

June 14--Gayla Stowers, Diamond Aguirre, Will Eddins.

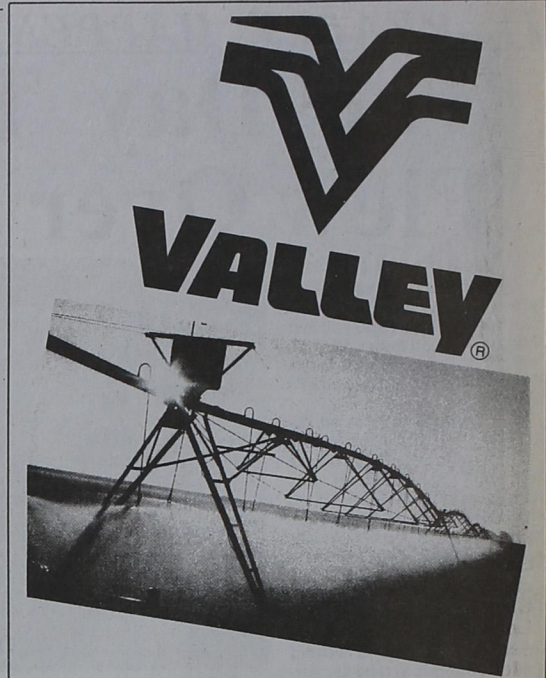
June 15--LaVelle Lillard, Lynn

Hutson, Tonya Potts, Rachel Estrada, Gladys Moseley, Bonnie Wilhelm, Terry Davis, Danny Putman, Dr. Paul Spring.

June 16--Glen Schueler, Lucille Eastep, Lacey Drake, Ann Martin, Geneva Brailiff, Logan Cheyenne Widner.

June 17--Courtney Horton, Oscar Schlenker, Danny Hand, Bart Blackburn, Ora Mae Anthony, Johnny Spring, Rick Taylor.

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## Principal Gives Honor Roll List

Frank Belcher, Friona High School principal, has released the honor roll finalizing the year's grade averages.

Students making the list included:

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Freshmen--Tiffany Blackburn, Rachel Burleson, Gabe Goodwin, Sarah Hale and Shyla Wylly.  
Sophomores--Victor Grajeda, Sherri Jubay, Greg Lewellen and Heather Martin.  
Juniors--Courtney Carthel, Mary Cass, Julie Goddard, Jenny Hamilton, Bowie Hand, Holly Jack, Abbey Johnson, Aimee Renner, Michael Rushing and Amanda Taylor.  
Seniors--Lupe Baeza, Irma Balli, Jay Belcher, Sheldon Burleson, Roy Flores, Cory

Hamilton, Chris Hanna, Melissa Hardin, Roy Hendley, Chad Henry, Wade Hinkle, Seth Houston, Lori Jordan, Jerard Lafuente, Jodi Looper, Keri Reeb, Gerrod Salyer, Monty Schueler, Tonya Stovell and LaTawn White.

**ALL A'S AND ONE B**  
Juniors--Jaclyn Peace.  
Seniors--Brent Beene, Colby Carthel and Jessica Smith.  
**ALL A'S AND TWO B'S**  
Freshmen--Carrie Cox, Jeff Hamilton, Perry Hanes, Juanita Salinas and Lacy Venhaus.  
Sophomores--Steven Arias, Coby Clark, Jacob Rios and Sheila Wiseman.  
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| WW268                 | WW2610                | WW2612                | WW2614                | WF2616                |
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**CLASS OF 1956...**This photo of the Friona High School 1956 graduating class was taken at their class reunion in 1990. Shown are: (standing, left-right) Billy Parker, Bill Dennis, Sally (Osborn) Whatley, Marilyn (Fairchild) Blackburn, Jinni (Landrum) Konis, Delmar Renner, Jean (Fairchild) Parker, Loleta (O'Brien) Pipkin, Virnon Petty, Harold Taylor and Jerry Houlette. Seated (from the left) are Carmen (Field) Robason, Elizabeth (Grubbs) McLellan, Pat (Maxwell) Spring and Maurice Gaede.

## Friona Ex-Student Reunion Set Locally Saturday, July 1

About forty years ago, during the 1950s, approximately two thousand students made their way through Friona High School. Many of those students stayed on to live and work in the Friona area;

some went on to colleges and universities; sadly, a few have died; others relocated in various states and foreign countries and a few gained national prominence. Where are all those old folks now? And the teachers, principals and coaches who guided them during their school years?

Once every five years we have a chance to find out. It's time again for the Friona Ex-Student Reunion. On Saturday, July 1 at 7 p.m., the crowd will congregate at the Community Center. It will be a great party. There'll be laughing, crying, introducing spouses, comparing grandkids and gray hair. Folks who haven't seen one another for 40 or so years will be holding in their bellies while unable to curtail belly laughs.

That will give you an idea of the way we were in the 1950s. On Friday evening, June 1, the Class of 1956 is hosting their fourth Fabulous 50s Fling, scheduled to coincide with the Ex-Student Reunion. The Fabulous 50s Fling will be held at the Hereford Country Club at 7 p.m. Anyone who attended or taught at Friona High School at any time during the 50s is invited to join in the festivities. No need to have graduated from FHS.

The Fabulous 50s Fling will feature a gourmet dinner, class remembrances, entertainment and prizes for \$18.50 per person. Reservations may be sent to Elizabeth McLellan, Box 102, Friona, Texas, 79035.

In addition to the Ex-Student Reunion and Fabulous 50s Fling, many of the individual graduating classes through the years will hold get-togethers. The Class of 1956 will meet Saturday evening in the Hospitality Room at Friona State Bank following the FHS Reunion.

Local ex-students are urged to contact old school mates who no longer live in the area, and to make plans to renew friendships at these events.

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investors should not automatically assume the notes or CDs will be called.

Step-up notes and CDs are debt obligations of the issuing corporation or government agency. Just like with any other investment, it's important to consider the quality of the issuer. To help you evaluate step-up notes, many are rated by the same services that rate corporate and municipal issues.

Investors looking for income alternatives might consider step-up securities if they:

\*have a good understanding of interest rates and feel that rates may gradually rise;

\*are looking for a short- to intermediate-term maturity;

\*want a higher yield than offered by other similar investments; and

\*are willing to accept the potential that their principal may be returned at any time after the lockout period.

Like any other investment, step-up notes offer a variety of advantages, and they can be an important addition to a well-balanced portfolio.

## Women Are Invited To Play Night

All women in the Friona community are invited to come and play Bunko with the Women's Division at 7 p.m. Monday, June 12 at the Friona State Bank Community Room.

Prizes will be awarded to winners and refreshments will be served.

Teresa Buske, Chamber of Commerce executive, said, "This will be an excellent time for women who are considering joining Women's Division to come and meet other members and see what goes on with the Women's Division."

We want to stress, though, that we hope women will come whether or not they want to join Women's Division. This is just a night for fun, and we hope a lot of women will come and join us."

## Commodities Are To Be Distributed

Commodities will be distributed on Thursday, June 15 at the Parmer County Precinct Barn in Friona.

Distribution will begin at 8 a.m. with senior citizens and handicapped persons served first.

Recipients must have information on their residence, Social Security numbers, proof of income and driver's license.

## P. Malouf Graduates

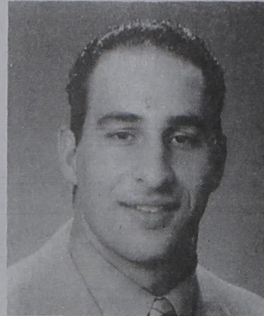
Peter John Malouf of Friona was among the 108 new physicians who earned their Doctor of Osteopathy (D.O.) degrees during commencement exercises June 3 at the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth. Malouf graduated from the health science center's Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Malouf, son of Johnny and Linda Malouf of Friona, is a 1987 graduate of Friona High School and a 1991 graduate of Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos.

While at TCOM, he received an award for outstanding achievement in physiology, went to Mexico on a medical mission trip in 1992, participated in the Big Brother program and has authored two articles for medical publications.

Following an internship at John Peter Smith County Hospital in Fort Worth, he plans to pursue a career in cosmetic dermatology.

Texas College of Osteopathic



PETER MALOUF

Medicine was chartered as a private medical school in 1966, enrolled its first class in 1970 and became state supported in 1975. In 1993, the institution was redesignated as the University of North Texas Health Science Center and now includes the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine and the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.

TCOM is one of 16 osteopathic medical schools in the United States and the only one in Texas.

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