

## "MY TURN"

By Carol Ellis



WHOEVER THOUGHT UP Branson, Missouri should have gotten a patent on it. The place has evolved into the family entertainment capital of the country, or maybe it is the bus tour capital.

Practically everybody in this area has made a trip to Branson except us, so we took off a week and went on one of the bus tours. Our staff did a grand job of getting the papers out last week while we were gone and we appreciate them more than we can say.

We stopped for lunch the first day in Oklahoma City and ate too much. When we got back on the bus, the bottom step got hung up on the curb and the bus driver couldn't shut the door. Everybody had to get up and lean over to the left side so he could get the door closed. That set the tone for eating, snacking, gobbling and gorging all the way across Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and on into Missouri.

The driver took us on an unscheduled side trip to downtown Oklahoma City so we could see the damaged buildings around the bomb site. Windows are still boarded up waiting for insurance to decide if the buildings will be repaired or torn down. It is difficult to see how more people were not killed in those surrounding buildings.

Bill often says that the Panhandle area is kind of like one great big home town. The 38 folks on our bus proved this. Everyone either knew someone or was related to someone in Friona or Bovina.

Ten lively couples from Amarillo were all big golfing buddies and they kept the rest of us in stitches from the moment we took off. The rest of our bus mates were from the surrounding area... Pampa, Vega, Mobeetie, Dumas, Abernathy, Shamrock, Happy and Claude.

My good buddy Anne Spring went on the trip, too, and her seat mate was a lady from Iran. I found out that it isn't a foreign country, but is a town right here in Texas. This lady also had a sister from New Braunfels on the bus.

Everyone took turns coming up front to the microphone to get acquainted and tell funny stories. The whole bus just fell in love with Anne and enjoyed hearing her stories about England, how she met Dr. Lee Spring and came to the U.S. They asked a lot of questions to keep her talking because they loved to listen to her delightful English accent. She said that when English finally becomes the official language of the U.S. we'll all have to learn to speak it and she will be giving lessons.

One of our bus mates was Saralyn Moore who will be playing the lead in the Amarillo Little Theater production of "Dearly Departed" Nov. 30 to Dec. 9. She read some of the first scene to us over the mike. This play is going to be a real hoot. Anyone who enjoys seeing a good comedy should plan to attend this play.

One leg of our trip was through the Ozarks of Northwestern Arkansas and Southern Missouri to view the Fall foliage colors. It was breathtaking. We had a couple of overcast days, but I've never seen such bright red trees even with no sun shining on them.

Between Harrison and Eureka Springs, Arkansas, we crossed the South Fork of Dry Creek. Bill said that sounded like most of the "bodies of water" that we have around here and if you have a dry creek then why do you need a south fork of it? We went through Blue Eye and Lizard Ridge and stopped to use the two story outhouse at Booger Hollow where the population is seven "including one old coon dog."

We had two nights in Arkansas and then on to Branson where we saw eight great shows in three days and came home exhausted and ten pounds heavier. Bill said the trip reminded him of his Muleshoe High School Senior Trip to Eureka Springs exactly forty years ago. It must have been similar because the bus driver said we were all just a bunch of recycled teen-agers.

## Pioneer Heritage Chapel & Museum Society Meets

An organizational meeting was held on Monday, October 30, by a group of citizens interested in restoring the old Union Congregational Church at Sixth and Euclid.

The site is one of five Historical Markers in Parmer County and the group hopes to restore the building as a Friona/Parmer County Museum and a Chapel to be used for public events, i.e. weddings, showers, receptions, etc.

The original church was built in 1909. It was destroyed by lightning and fire in 1921. There was no fire-fighting equipment in Friona at the time.

It was rebuilt using the present adobe and stucco construction. For many years, the basement was used as the community center.

The building was used as a church until 1969, when the present Congregational Church was opened.

Over the years, the building has been owned by the City of Friona, private individuals who planned to use it for a restaurant or apartments, and subsequently by the Girl Scouts of America, who are the present owners.

The Girl Scouts bought it in 1992 for back taxes, a grand sum of \$431.89. They want to sell it to an organization who is interested in

preserving the site, hence the formation of the Pioneer Heritage Chapel and Museum Society.

The structure has severe damage, especially to the roof. Leaking over the years has caused further damage to portions of the interior walls, flooring, and basement steps.

As an order of business, the Pioneer Heritage Chapel and Museum Society (PHCMS) will incorporate as a non-profit group, explore avenues to rebuild this magnificent old structure, and further enhance the history and culture of Friona and Parmer County.

The 12-member volunteer Board of Directors of the PHCMS are: Bruce Fleming, president, Teena Hughes, vice-president, Billie Tongate, treasurer, and Doris Richards, recording secretary.

Other Board members are: Reba Holt, Tammy Richards, Donice Jones, Jim Johnston, Robert Neeley, Ron Carr, Carrie Tatum, and Mike Lamb.

The next meeting will be December 11th at 7:30 p.m. at the Friona State Bank community room. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend.



Union Congregational Church--Built 1923

## Friona Students Excel On Exams

According to information received from the Texas Education Agency this week, Friona Independent School District students had a higher composite score on the A.C.T. Exam than students from all other AAA schools in the Panhandle and South Plains region.

The exam was administered to seventy-six per cent of the district's senior class of 1992-93 with an average composite score of 21.3.

The results of the A.C.T. Exam are one of the criteria used to

evaluate campus performance and are used by colleges and universities as admission requirements and scholarship opportunities. Friona High School was honored by the Texas Education Agency in 1992-93 and 1993-94 for the high percentage of students participating in the testing program.

Superintendent Hal Ratcliff stated, "We are extremely proud of this accomplishment and would like to congratulate students and teachers whose hard work and dedication makes this honor possible."



FRIONA CC TEAM....The Friona cross country team won district, and will compete in regional competition this Saturday in Lubbock. Above are runners, l-r, top, Eloy Trejo, Luis Ramirez, Mario Pina, Rudy Torres. Bottom, l-r, Moses Baca, Hugo Rivera, Daniel Cuevas. (Photo by Ron Carr)

## Attention: Sr. Citizens

Is your quality of life what it could be?

The folks at Friona State Bank want to find out how many local senior citizens would be interested in very low-cost, hot, nutritious meals with fellowship included.

If you have an interest or if you are completely disinterested, please call Marla Lynn at the bank, 247-2706, and express your thoughts with her.

## Stew Supper Scheduled

The "Living Christmas Tree" is becoming more of a reality as the choir members continue Sunday rehearsals and the tree takes shape at Poarch Brothers.

Collars are being made, decorations are being ordered, lighting equipment is being reserved and funds are quickly disappearing.

"Please come eat stew with us November 10, before the Friona-Floydada football game, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the High School Cafeteria," said a spokesperson for the event.

Minimum donations of \$5.00 per adult and \$3.00 per child will be taken at the door.

## Turnout May Be Light For Amendments

County Clerk Bonnie Warren said Thursday that only about 40 county residents had voted early for next Tuesday's (November 7) election for the approval or disapproval of 14 proposed constitutional amendments.

"It will be a shame if only a few people vote, because some of these decisions may affect us the rest of our lives," Mrs. Warren said.

Polls will be: Pct. 101: Calvary Baptist Church; 201: Bovina EMS Bldg.; 202: Friona Community Center; 203: Rhea Community Center; 301: Farwell Com. Center; 302: Okla. Lane Methodist; 303: Ridgelea School, Bovina; 401: Lazbuddie School and 402: Friona Fire Station.

## T.Procter Pushes the Win Button In Week 8 Contest

So you didn't think the Carolina Panthers could win three in a row by beating New England?

It was a better week for contestants in picking games for week eight of the Friona Star Football Contest.

Most players breezed through the high school and college picks. Only real stumble was Arkansas' win over Auburn.

The pro games were a different story. New England's loss to Carolina and Washington's loss to the New York Giants caused many contestants a chance to compete for the lead.

Ted Procter and Doug Carthel were the only two contestants to pick 14 out of 16 correct.

Procter missed only the New England and Redskins losses, while Carthel missed New England and Seattle's loss to Arizona.

Using the tie-breaker score of Dallas over Atlanta 28-13, Procter's prediction of Dallas by 31-17 left him only seven points off and gave



LIBRARY DONATION...Robert Neeley, Friona State Bank President, is shown presenting a \$5,000 check to Melanie London, President of Friends of the Friona Public Library, for the building renovation fund. The money will go toward renovating and adding to the current library building. Librarian Darla Bracken looks on. (Photo by Lisa McLellan)

## United Way Campaign Kicks Off Here Nov. 6

The 1995 Friona United Way campaign is set to kick off on Monday, November 6 at 6:30 p.m. The annual telethon will be conducted from the Hi-Pro offices once again, with the phones being manned by United Way volunteers.

There are ten organizations that benefit from the United Way, as well as emergency funds for use in disaster situations. Contributions made to the United Way Fund do stay locally and are used here in Friona.

After the June 2 tornado, ten families were assisted by the United Way, providing food, clothing and shelter in the amount of \$4,952.47. Because of the generous contributions of the Friona people, the United Way is able to give this type of assistance.

This year's goal has been increased due to the fact that two of the organizations are in need of additional funding:

The following is the 1995 budget set by the United Way:

Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts	\$4,350.00
Girl Scouts/Brownies	4,350.00
Red Cross	1,500.00
Salvation Army	1,500.00
Kids, Inc. of Friona	1,500.00
Friona Meals on Wheels	1,200.00
Panhandle Com. Services	1,200.00
PC Child Welfare Board	600.00
Central Plains MH/MR	300.00
Friona 4-H	250.00
United Way of Texas	50.00
Total '95 UW goal	\$16,800.00

With the assistance of the residents of Friona, the goal can be met for this year. When you are contacted by a United Way volunteer, give generously.

The United Way board members are David Barnett, John Blackwell, Bill Wilshire, Marla Herring, Keith Black, Danny Kendrick, Becky Riethmayer, Joe Bob Mann, Hugo Benavides, Dave Stafford, Terry Wilcox, Larry Knowles, Cecil Maddox, Danny Fiel, Kitty Gallman and Tammy Richards.

him the \$10 top prize. Carthel had predicted Dallas by 38-17, giving him second place at 14 points off. He wins the \$7.50 reward.

Attesting to the easy-picking last week, 15 contestants had 13 correct guesses. Another 20 entrants picked 12 correct, assuring a tight overall point total competition.

Claire Brown of Muleshoe managed to win the third place \$5 prize. She had 13 correct picks and was only two points off the tie-breaker, with an amazing guess of Dallas 26, Atlanta 13.

Other contestants to pick 13 (Continued on Page 8)

## First Freeze A Late One

The area had its first freeze of the fall season on Wednesday of this week, when highs reached only 34. The freeze is much later than average.

REGIONAL BOUND Julie Goddard, senior cross country runner, qualified at the recent district meet for regional competition. She will run cross country at the Lubbock regional meet this Saturday.



YOUTH ON PARADE...Elementary school youngsters paraded on Main Street last Friday afternoon as the culmination of a week of activities during Red Ribbon Week. Friona students were encouraged to "Just Say No" to drugs during the annual Red Ribbon celebration. (Photo by Lisa McLellan)



**PRAIRIE ACRES PRESENTATION....Residents of Prairie Acres often write their life stories. The PA Board of Directors presented Irene Walton with a framed reproduction of her story. Walton has been a resident for 3 1/2 years and is shown with her daughter, Carole Meeks, of Bushland.**

## Valoris Osborn Gives Study Club Program

Modern Study Club members met at the Club House on October 17.

Music was provided by Sue Fiel, Lucy Beth Hinkle, Rhonda Murphree, Linda Griffin and Carolyn Wiseman, accompanied by Claudia Hanes. Their selections included "Blessed Assurance," "All Because of God's Amazing Grace," "I've Been Changed," and "Worthy of Worship." They also honored Valoris Osborn with "Happy Birthday."

A short business meeting was conducted by Kathrine Blackburn, vice president, in the absence of

Nellie Shelton, club president. Deanna Duke was welcomed as a new member. Roll call was answered by "a homemaking hint passed down from my grandmother."

Lois Miller introduced the program, "The Amish Society," presented by Valoris Osborn. She had recently visited Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and this enabled her to offer an interesting look at the Amish culture.

Hazel Britt and Sandra Turner, hostesses, served refreshments to the seventeen members and seven guests present.

# Friona Flashbacks

....from the files of The Friona Star

### 60 YRS AGO-NOV 1 1935

County Agent Alex R. Bateman has notified the wheat growers of the county that Saturday, November 9, will be the closing date for making application for signing wheat contracts and requests all who are interested in signing one of these contracts to call at the Maurer building previous to that time and make their application for contract.

### 55 YRS AGO-NOV 1 1940

The contractor, who has the job of building the new club house now being erected by the members of the Friona Woman's Club, with his force of workmen, have been making rapid progress with their work, and the building will soon be ready for use. It is a frame building with a veneer of red and gray stone, which when completed will make of it one of the most picturesque buildings in Friona.

### 45 YRS AGO-OCT 26 1950

Paving of the Oklahoma Lane-Bovina nine mile strip was assured this week with a letter from District Highway Engineer S.C. McCarty to Parmer County officials. This project, costing some \$84,000 is financed through state and federal funds under the Farm-to-Market portion of the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1950, and it is scheduled for construction some time in the next two years. Likely its construction will commence next summer, but it is part of a two-year program now being formulated by the highway department.

### 40 YRS AGO-OCT 28 1955

The City of Friona this week was tendered deed to the acres of land, covering the present cemetery site, for care and development as a perpetual care park. G.B. Buske, cemetery association president, and the cemetery delivered the deed to the city after several conferences and discussions, wherein all agreed upon the need of cemetery

improvement. Lots will be sold by the city, and for some time the cemetery association also will assist in lot sales.

The Friona High School Band passed another milestone in its history Tuesday night in the Buffalo Stadium at Canyon. The band entered the marching contest for the first time and received a superior or first place rating for its performance.

### 35 YRS AGO-OCT 27 1960

Sealed bids were opened Tuesday afternoon at Parmer County Community Hospital on the hospital's proposed addition. Panhandle Engineers and Construction Co. of Amarillo submitted a low bid of \$53,263. Seven other bids were submitted, ranging to \$64,792. The addition will contain 3,250 square feet and will extend from the main entrance of the hospital south for 108 feet. Part of the present building will also be altered and changes made in office arrangements. McMurdy and Craig are architects for the addition. If the Amarillo firm's bid is accepted by the directors, work may be completed soon since the bid only specified 84 calendar days for construction time.

### 30 YRS AGO-OCT 28 1965

Deposits at Friona State Bank as of October 1 showed a healthy climb of 17.2 per cent over the total for the same date a year ago, a quarterly statement issued by the bank revealed this week. Total deposits as of October 1 this year stood at \$6,492,126.17, which was a net gain of \$947,868.77 over the figure of \$4,544,257.40 which was on deposit at the bank October 1, 1964.

### 25 YRS AGO-OCT 29 1970

The new Community Shelter Plan for Parmer County indicates that there is public shelter for most of our people, according to County Judge Archie Tarter. The plan provides official information that will tell the people what they need

to know to have the best chances for survival in the event of a nuclear attack.

### 10 YRS AGO-NOV 10 1985

A 21.4 mile section of State Highway 86, from south of Bovina to the East Parmer County line will be rebuilt beginning next year as part of a major rehabilitation program approved by the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation Commission.

### 5 YRS AGO-NOV 10 1990

Funeral services for Goldie Smith, 91, were conducted Wednesday morning at Calvary Baptist Church, Rev. Vergil Ichtertz officiating.

Sandra Berend was the winner of the week's football contest as she picked 18 of the 20 contest games.

The first snowfall of the season was experienced here last Saturday,

on a day that featured rain, snow, and sleet.

Parmer County voters, turning out in near-record numbers for a governors race, generally favored the Republican candidates in Tuesday's general election.

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## Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

Bill, you and Carol welcomed us when we first came into the Friona Star in October of 1982, with the assurance that Friona was, indeed, the friendliest town that Odell had told me it was when we selected Friona to be our home after he retired.

One doesn't "make" friends; one responds to friendliness in like manner. Once again, we are recipients of the heart-felt care of Frionans.

Odell's call early Sunday morning, October 29, to the police dispatcher: "Smoke is all over the house (inside). It is coming from my bathroom!" brought police, the shiny fire truck and crew of alert firemen. Their expertise and smooth working together reflected all those hours devoted to study and practicing what each does best.

From the one who removed the smoldering, over-heated ceiling heater-fan, light and vent fixture, to the ones who quickly evacuated us almost 80-year-old senior citizens out into the crisp, chill outside air, checking the tucking-in of cozy blankets around each of us with comforting words: we are grateful to each one and all who gave so much attention, care and comfort during this traumatic ordeal.

Please express our thanks to all involved.

Warren Odell and  
Etoile C. Holley

## New Rates!

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It's about this time of year that expenses become greater. Whether you are trying to start (or finish) your Christmas shopping, or you have decided to do some home improving before the weather gets really cold, or maybe your old car is on it's last leg. If any sort of emergency has come up and you need some extra cash, Friona State Bank has money to lend and now we have new interest rates

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**PRAIRIE ACRES SPOTLIGHT....**Lucy Behrens, a Prairie Acres resident since June 23, 1995, was named "Resident of the Month," and Diana Aguilerra, a certified nurses aide and dietician, has been chosen "Employee of the Month."

(Photo by Ron Carr)

## Funeral Services Held For Agnes Brockman

Agnes M. Brockman, 89, of Nazareth, died at 11:40 a.m. Sunday, October 29, 1995 at the Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Dimmitt.

Mass was held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, October 31 in the Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth and vigil was conducted at 7:30 p.m. on October 30 at the CCD Building in Nazareth. She was buried in Holy Family Cemetery in Nazareth.

Father Neal Dee, pastor, conducted the services, assisted by Al Maurer, deacon.

Mrs. Brockman was born on March 24, 1906 in St. Stephens, Nebraska and moved to Nazareth in 1909. She married Edward Brockman on February 9, 1926 in Nazareth. He preceded her in death on September 30, 1961.

She was a member of the Holy Family Church, Christian Mothers St. Martha's Guild, charter member of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, was a past member of

the Plains Memorial Hospital Ladies Auxiliary in Dimmitt and Nazareth Senior Citizens. She was a housewife.

Survivors include four sons, Jerome Brockman and Cyril Brockman, both of Nazareth, Tom Brockman of Friona and Phil Brockman of Lazbuddie; three daughters, Regina Steffens and Irene Wilhelm, both of Nazareth, and Rita Book of Bluffton, Texas; and one sister, Helen Backus of Nazareth; two brothers, George Venhaus of Happy, Texas and Paul Venhaus of Nazareth; 49 grandchildren and 75 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Tim Wilhelm, Jim Brockman, John Steffens, Tony Brockman, Guy Brockman, Geroge N. "Nick" Book and Nathan Brockman.

The family suggests memorials to: Nazareth Museum Fund, P.O. Box 7, Nazareth, Texas, 79063; and Catholic Medical Mission Board, c/o Jerome Brockman, P.O. Box 219, Nazareth, Texas, 79063.

## Prairie Acres Party Line



By CAROL McINTOSH

We want to thank everyone who came to our Family Supper, Monday night, and hope that all who came enjoyed it as much as we did. The food and visit were very nice.

Prairie Acres would like to welcome Fern White, Army Armstrong, Velma Jones, Fairrie Parker and Eula Akens to our home. Everyone come by and say "hi." We also want to welcome Madge Loflin, although she has spent several days at High Plains Baptist Hospital, hopefully she will be home soon.

Thank you's this time go to: Lee Romo for the cakes that he donated to staff and residents; the family of Ed Clark for sharing the beautiful flowers with us; Friona State Bank for having the newspapers sent to us; Sonic and Dairy Queen for giving ice cream treats to our residents on outings; also to anyone that I may not have mentioned.

We want to say "Happy Birthday" to the following: Jessie Gore, October 20, 1904; Lena Stokes, October 25, 1919; Michelle Sandoval, Diana Perez, Carol McIntosh, Elva Trevino, Beth Noey and Leola Summerlin.

Lucy Behrens was named "Resident of the Month." She has been here since June 23, 1995 and the "Employee of the Month" is Diana Aguilerra, who has been employed here since February 9, 1994.

The following donations have been made to the Love Fund:

In memory of Rhonda Bentley: Joy Morton.

In memory of Nell Boswell: Lawrence and Pat Martin.

In memory of Elsie Burnam: Opal Baxter and Family.

In memory of Tuesday Chapman: John and Jo Blackwell.

In memory of Ed Clark: John and Jo Blackwell, Lawrence and Pat Martin, Jerry and Beth Shelton, Marvin and Sally Wiechman and Lillian McLellan.

In memory of Mabel DeLong: Amelia and Wade Wright and Lilah Gaye Gee.

In memory of J.T. Gee: Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Hammonds.

In memory of Pete Jesko: John and Jo Blackwell.

In memory of Herbert Nidey: Jr. and Pat Martin.

In memory of Dora Norwood: Amelia and Wade Wright.

In memory of Raymond White: Lilah Gaye Gee and Parmer County Memorial V.F.W. Post 1413.

## November Clinic Dates Announced

Immunization clinics offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases are scheduled for November in the local area.

Protection is against polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps and 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.

Immunizations are available in Friona at the WIC Office, 704 Main Street, on Friday, November 17 from 10:00-11:45 a.m. and 1-3:45 p.m.

The vaccinations will also be available at the Bovina Medical Clinic, 509 Avenue I, on Monday, November 13 from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.



Rhythm and Brass

## Opening Concert Set November 4

The Hereford Community Concert Association is proud to announce its three concerts for the season.

Opening the performances will be "Rhythm and Brass" on Saturday, November 4 at 7:30 p.m. The second will be "Imperial Chinese Acrobats" on Sunday afternoon, February 18 at 3 p.m. The final concert will be "London Piano Duo" on Sunday afternoon, April 28 at 3 p.m. All performances are on stage at Hereford High School.

This association has long been noted for bringing outstanding live entertainment to our community

and is dedicated to making quality performing arts accessible, affordable and enjoyable for the regional audience.

Membership in the association is by subscription each season and entitles persons to attend Community Concerts in Hereford, Pampa, Borger and Plainview.

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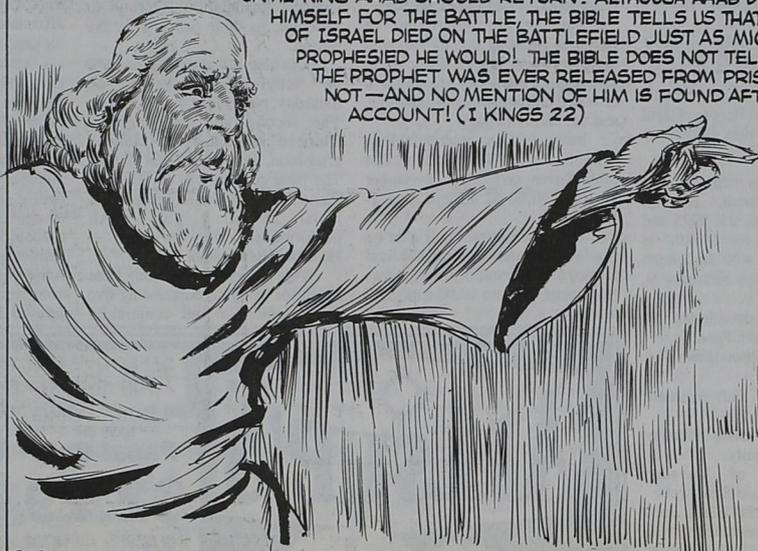
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### MICAHIAH'S PROPHECY!

MANY OF THE BIBLICAL KINGS WERE AT ODDS WITH ONE OR MORE OF THE PROPHETS OF THE LORD! KING AHAB OF ISRAEL AND THE PROPHET MICAHIAH WERE A CASE IN POINT! BAD BLOOD HAD EXISTED BETWEEN THEM FROM THE TIME WHEN AHAB HAD DEFEATED THE SYRIAN KING BEN-HADAD AND HAD NOT KILLED HIM AS MICAHIAH HAD SAID THE LORD WANTED HIM TO DO. BECAUSE OF THIS MICAHIAH HAD PROPHESED THE DEATH OF KING AHAB AND BEEN PUT IN PRISON FOR SUCH TEMERITY! WHEN JEHOASHAPHAT, KING OF JUDAH, VISITED AHAB, KING AHAB SAID THAT THEY SHOULD JOIN FORCES AND TAKE THE CITY OF RAMOTH-GILEAD FROM BEN-HADAD (1 KINGS 22:3) AHAB GATHERED ALL HIS PROPHETS TO SEE IF IT WAS A GOOD IDEA OR NOT. ALL 400 PROPHETS PROPHESED VICTORY FOR AHAB, BUT JEHOASHAPHAT WAS NOT SATISFIED AND ASKED FOR A REAL PROPHET OF THE LORD. AHAB SAID THAT THERE WAS A PROPHET BUT THAT HE HATED HIM, FOR HE PROPHESED EVIL FOR THE KING. WHEN MICAHIAH WAS BROUGHT BEFORE THE TWO KINGS, HE ALSO PREDICTED VICTORY! AHAB WARNED THE PROPHET TO TELL THE TRUTH AND THEN MICAHIAH SAID "VICTORY FOR ISRAEL BUT DEATH FOR KING AHAB!" MICAHIAH WAS SENT BACK TO PRISON AND PUT ON BREAD AND WATER UNTIL KING AHAB SHOULD RETURN! ALTHOUGH AHAB DISGUISED HIMSELF FOR THE BATTLE, THE BIBLE TELLS US THAT THE KING OF ISRAEL DIED ON THE BATTLEFIELD JUST AS MICAHIAH PROPHESED HE WOULD! THE BIBLE DOES NOT TELL US IF THE PROPHET WAS EVER RELEASED FROM PRISON OR NOT—AND NO MENTION OF HIM IS FOUND AFTER THIS ACCOUNT! (1 KINGS 22)



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**LOVELY CHEERLEADERS...** These five FHS seniors dressed up as cheerleaders during last week's costume contest at High School. The group won first place for the Senior Class. From top to bottom are: Rusty Simmons, Casey Renner, Michael Rushing, Lance Looper, Leonard Alvarado, and Cully Shafer.

## Happy Birthday Friona Folks.....

**Week of November 5-11**  
Friona residents having birthdays next week are:  
November 5--Estelle Eastep, Bruce Patterson, Tera McGlothlin, Ceceily Drake, J. Gurley.  
November 6--Fairrie Parker, Megan Whitten, Loida Soto, Stella Shirley, Kelly Tongate, Jennifer White, Stanley Varner.  
November 7--Lynn Welch, Shelly Osborn Moss, Buddie Stowers, Pattijon Bate, Lou Morrison, Kay Van Valkenburg, Allen Green.  
November 8--Guy Wilkins, Jeffrey Rando, Clint Schueler, Alice Allen, Emily Allen, Nikel Caballero.  
November 9--Gladys Spring,

Max Reeve, Chief Buchanan, Michelle Reed, Rory Brito, Norman Taylor, Mildred Mingus, Teena Nunley.  
November 10--Gene Zachary, Brandi Reed, Audra Clark, Tim Boeckman, Shane Blackburn, Daniel Schueler, Joshua James Briggs.  
November 11--Michelle Siford, Brent Beene, Pat Wilkins, Frances Ready, Jill Herring, Danny Perez, Bobby Lynn Broyles, Debbie Meyer, Kelly Caudill, Rodrick Drummond, Kallie Ratliff.  
If you or someone in your family has a birthday coming up soon, call the Friona Star at 247-2211 by Wednesday noon and report it.

## Contest Standings

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|---|---|
| 97--Ron Smiley  | 86--Heath Brown, Shirley Fangman  |
| 96--John Seright  | 85--Kiki Carthel, Martha Clements, David George, Eufemia Torres           |
| 95--Mark Walker   | 84--Scottie Brown, Randi Burkhardt, Daniel Hernandez, Leslee Redwine      |
| 94--Bobby Wied  | 83--Claire Brown, Doug Carthel, Jerry Gossett, Dee King, Brandon Stephens |
| 93--Cindy Carthel, Myrtle Melton, Thomas Reed, Mitchell Smiley  | 82--Raul Brailiff, Linville Rose  |
| 92--Mark Blankenship, Rick Carr, Courtney Carthel, Tim Elmore, Jerry Hinkle, Donnie McDonald, Ted Procter | 81--Steve Gartin, Kayla Smiley  |
| 91--Allan Haile, Tyson Neill, Elizabeth Torres, Don Max Vars, Jimmy Walker                                | 80--Quentin Shelby  |
| 90--Sandra Berend, Joshua McDonald, Larry Rogers  | 79--Rodney Shelby, Don Spring   |
| 89--Roddy Berend, Jack Clark, Dennis Field, Jyl Grimsley, Kent Patterson, Deborah Raymond, Lisa Reed      | 77--Bobby Davis   |
| 88--Scott Brown, Eddie Gauna, Mal Manchee, Landon Martin, Clint Mears                                     | 76--Ray Stanley, Francisco Torres   |
| 87--Darrell Barlow, Harrol Redwine  | 75--Jo Blackwell, Mike Raymond  |
|   | 74--Teresa Shelby   |
|   | 73--Colby Ingram  |

# Library Corner

By **DARLA BRACKEN**  
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November...the leaves are beginning to change colors and to sail in the wind; it's almost bazaar time again. We all look forward to the Parmer County Extension Agency's "Christmas Crafts Bazaar."

Friends of the Library will once again have a booth to collect membership dues, sell cookbooks for the renovation fund and tickets for a chance to win the American Girls "Felicity Doll," a \$145 value. The cookbooks, great for Christmas gift-giving, will be \$20 each and doll tickets will be \$1 each.

This year's bazaar will be held November 10 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and on November 11 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Most of the drawings are held between 3:30 and 4 p.m. on November 11.

The "Christmas in November" Crafts Bazaar was started as a fund raiser by the Parmer County Extension Office to help provide and maintain the upkeep on the Livestock Showbarn where the annual Parmer County Livestock Shows are held. It has become one of the city's most popular and successful annual events.

Over the years, proceeds from the booth rentals have provided a replacement for the refrigerator (\$2,000+), placement of stalls in the restrooms (which were later removed to comply with Americans with Disability Act (ADA), addition of a storage area to the front (\$5,000+), a new PA speaker system upon a suggestion by the late City Manager Beelee Goodwin (\$600+), purchasing tables, cleanings and one of the earliest purchases: two large stainless steel coffee urns which are stored at Friona City Hall.

Currently, the target for the funds raised is a portable stage unit. All in all, the Bazaar funds have helped to keep both the showbarn and the Community Center well-equipped public areas of which we all can be proud of and use.

Debbie Pollard, Parmer County Home Extension Agent, is now coming to the library every Wednesday of each month except the first Wednesday which is our in-house workday. She is available from 1-5 p.m. each Wednesday she is in Friona for home economic problems or questions, Parmer County 4-H Club information and other Extension Office services.

For the holiday season, she has planned several programs beginning November 8 including: "Quilted Ornaments," November 8; "Holiday Idea Share Fair," November 15; "Cookie Share Fair," November 22; "Family Holiday Traditions," November 29; "Stress Management," December 13; and "Your Family Matters," December 20.

For the first program you will need to bring styrofoam balls (2-3

inches in diameter), scraps of material and lace (holiday prints and solids work well), and a large seam ripper or other blunt metal instrument. Her programs will be conducted from 2-3 p.m.

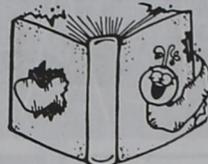
During the month of October, 1995, the library loaned over 2,529 items to 708 patrons. Story Time attendance was 44 in sessions. We have a small group this year; seems like it is getting harder and harder for children to get here for Story Time. Working with a smaller group is nice because it allows more time for each child.

New on the bookshelf: *Valentine* by Catherine Coulter; *From Potter's Field* by Patricia Cornwell; *Stranger at the Gate* by Leonard Gross; *Dead Man's Walk* (prequel to *Lonesome Dove*) by Larry McMurtry; *L is for Lawless* by Sue Grafton; *Legacies* by Janet

Dailey; *Coming Home* by Rosamunde Pilcher; *R.L.'s Dream* by Walter Moseley; *Dance On the Wind* by Terry C. Johnston; *Burning Angel* by James Burke; *Mint Julep Murder* by Carlyn Hart; *The Oath* by Frank Peretti; *Gown of Spanish Lace* by Janette Oke; *Silent Night* by Mary Higgins Clark; *Finding Moon* by Tony Hillerman and *Fault Lines* by Ann Rivers Siddons.

We also have copies of *Mommy's Little Angels* (the Diana Lumbrera story) by Mary Cavenaugh, but we may have a reserve list.

Library materials have been donated by Martha Mars, Robert Alexander, Lillian McLellan, Quentin and Evelyn Shelby, Rhea Foster, Carolyn Trimmell, Luis Urquiza, Bill Hardin and Valoris Osborn.



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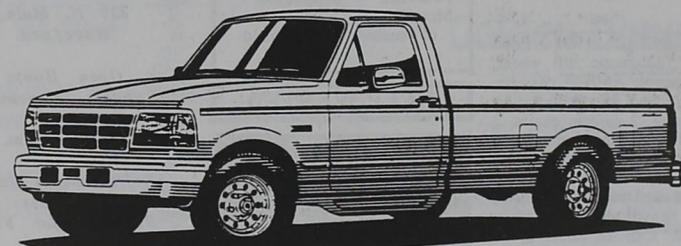
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 Thanks to Friona EMS, Larry Martin and Chuck Teague, for getting me to Amarillo fast and safe and Keith and Sharon Black for helping Marilyn and I during this time.  
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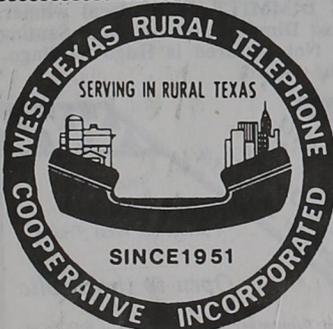


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## 8th Braves Top Bobcats; Stand 6-1

Friona's eighth grade Braves shut out the Dimmitt eighth graders, 20-0 here last Thursday, to push their season record to 6-1.

The Braves were paced offensively by Joseph Bandy, who gained 132 yards on 11 carries, scoring one touchdown and one two-point conversion.

Bandy also had a good game in returning punts and kickoffs on special teams.

Noel Grajeda added 32 yards, scoring a touchdown. Nathan King scored a TD on a short run.

Chuck Mills gained 38 yards on only five carries.

Defensively, Landon Martin had another good night, leading in tackles with 12. Mills had five tackles; Colby Ingram, Daniel Rosales and Adrian Cruz all had four. Celio Tafoya and Grajeda each had three tackles.

Grajeda added an interception. King, Bandy and Mark Goff all had two interceptions each.

Outstanding performances were turned in by Trent Cook in kicking, playing sound offense and defense, and by Daniel (Freight Train) Wiseman, who had a 50-yard touchdown run called back by a holding penalty.



**STUDENT BODY LEFT...Rusty Simmons (35) tucks the ball and scampers around left end, aided by blocks by Casey Renner (88), Lance Looper (30), and Landon Wiseman (72). Andy Kendrick (15) may be visible in the background.**



**STRATEGY HUDDLE...Coach Sid Whitely has the attention of his 7th grade Braves players during their halftime break. Shown are Jerrod Burton (2); Josh Snyder, Michael Ortiz (partly hidden), Logan Spencer (81), Cason White (12) and Cesar Carrera (66).**

## JV Chiefs Are Edged At Dimmitt

The Chieftain junior varsity dropped a 30-14 decision at Dimmitt last Thursday. This was only the second loss for the team, which stood at 6-2 after the game.

Jesus Mata completed four of seven passes for 91 yards, and added 17 yards rushing. Orlando Rivera gained 44 yards rushing; Louis Ramirez gained 31 yards; Jeff Hamilton 16 and Todd Hitchcock six.

Eric McInroe caught a pass for 25 yards; Hamilton snared a pass for six yards, as did Hitchcock.

Touchdowns were scored by Mata and Rivera, and Rivera also had a two-point conversion run.

The team gained 215 yards on offense, but fumbled five times and lost an interception. The team had 114 yards rushing and 91 yards passing.

The Chieftains scored 50 per cent of the time they got into the "red zone."

Friona was hosting Littlefield on Thursday in their next-to-last game.

# FOR SIXTH WIN Chiefs Whack Rival Dimmitt By 43-14

For the second week in a row, everything that could have gone wrong did...but this time the Dimmitt Bobcats were the bad luck recipients.

The Chiefs walked away with another win last Friday, by the score of 43-14. It was almost a replay of the Muleshoe game.

Just into the first quarter, Kyle Grimsley completed a 39-yard pass to Quint Ellis, setting up the Chieftains on Muleshoe's 13-yard line.

Grimsley had two Bobcat defenders hot on his trail for a sack, but he kept his head, took his time, and completed the play. "This was Kyle's best game all season, from the standpoint of leading our offense," said Coach James Morton.

A short time later, Lance Looper ran ten yards for the touchdown. Angel Vega's kick gave Friona a quick 7-0 lead.

Just before the end of the quarter, Andy Kendrick scored a TD on a ten-yard run for the Chiefs. Vega's kick made it 14-0.

The second quarter brought yet more terrific Chieftain moves. Fidel Rodriguez and Leonard Alvarado covered a Bobcat fumble on the 30-yard line. Only a few plays later, Andy Kendrick ran into the end zone from eight yards out. On Vega's point-after, the ball hit the crossbar dead-on and the PAT was denied. Still, Friona had hiked its lead to 20-0.

Later, the Bobcats were in punt formation on fourth down from their own 10-yard line when the ball was snapped over the kicker's head. In an attempt to prevent another Chieftain touchdown, the punter kicked the ball out of the end zone.

Not only did it count as a Chieftain safety, but the Bobcats

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**STATISTICS**

	FHS	DHS
First Downs	21	11
Net Yds Rushing	297	153
Net Yds Passing	46	102
Total Net Yds.	343	255
Passes Comp.	4-2-0	16-7-2
Fumbles lost	2-2	6-2
Punts, Avg.	3-37	3-26
Penalties	8-55	10-70

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**Scoring:** Looper, 1 run (Vega, kick); Kendrick 10 run (Vega, kick); Kendrick, 8 run (kick failed); Safety; Blackburn, 50-yd K.O. ret. (Vega kick); Kendrick 3-run (Vega kick); Santiago, recovered fumble in end zone (Vega kick).

**Individual Rushing:** Rusty Simmons 7-68-9.7; Lance Looper 11-60-5.5; Andy Kendrick 9-61-6.7; David Shelby 5-40-8.0; Daniel Cuevas 6-32-5.3; Shane Blackburn 2-22-11.0; Tony Mejia 2-5-2.5; Kyle Grimsley 6-11-1.9; Aaron King 1-1-1.0. Totals: 50-297-5.9.

**Individual Passing:** K. Grimsley 4-2-0, 46 yds.

**Individual Receiving:** Quint Ellis 1-40-40.0; David Shelby 1-6-6.0.

**Tackles:** Alvarado 9; Rodriguez 8; Kendrick 6, H. Santiago 6; Simmons 5, Shelby 5, J. Santiago 5; Blackburn 4; Looper, Cooper, Mendez and Renner, 3 each.

**Interceptions:** Blackburn 1.  
**Fumble recoveries:** J. Santiago 1, L. Alvarado 2, H. Santiago 1 (TD).

were penalized for illegal kicking. This set the kickoff point back, which led to good field position for the Chiefs.

On that kickoff, Shane Blackburn fielded the ball at midfield and cranked up for a 50-yard touchdown run. Vega's kick made the score Friona 29, Dimmitt 0. That was the halftime score.

Three minutes into the third quarter, Rusty Simmons got loose on a 40-yard gain. Grimsley got the Chiefs to the Dimmitt four-yard-line on the keeper, and Kendrick ran the ball into the end zone for his third TD of the game. Vega's kick hiked Friona's lead to 36-0.

In the last quarter Hugo Santiago had the chance of his career. Simmons and Santiago were chasing Dimmitt quarterback Joey Martinez. Simmons managed to sack Martinez and strip the ball from his hands. Santiago scooped it up for another Friona touchdown.

"Man, that was weird," said Santiago, who is a defensive lineman, and isn't usually in on the scoring. Vega's kick made it 43-0. With the game out of reach, the Bobcats finally got a break with a little over five minutes left in the game. This was on the kickoff following Santiago's score. Zach Matthews broke loose for an 80-yard kickoff return for a touchdown. The two-point conversion attempt had to be replayed when the 'Cats were in motion.

The pass to Chad Ellis was complete, but he didn't realize he hadn't made it to the end zone, and Blackburn was waiting to "introduce himself." The two-pointer failed, for 43-6 score.

Then, with Friona's "mop-up" crew in, the Bobcats recovered a fumble on the Friona 30. A pass to Jason Whooten was all it took to give Dimmitt their second touchdown. This time the two-pointer succeeded, for a final score of 43-14.

"It's nice to see them having fun and playing with enthusiasm," said Morton about the Chieftains. "They've played well two weeks in a row, and didn't become complacent after Muleshoe. They keep getting better every week."

This Friday, the Chiefs play Littlefield at Littlefield. This is a key game: if Friona wins, the Chiefs could be in a three-way tie for first place and the playoffs. Not only that, but the Wildcats have had "Beat Friona" bumper stickers on their cars since last February, and now they're handing out "Beat Friona" business cards.

(Apparently, Littlefield is still in denial about that whipping the Chiefs gave them last year.) So, the Chieftains have two really good motivations for beating Littlefield.

"It's not going to take any superhuman effort," said Morton. "We'll just have to go out and play our game. I've been looking forward to this game all year."



**KICKOFF SCORE...Shane Blackburn (31) looked as though he would be tackled, but wrestled free and completed a 50-yard kickoff return for a touchdown. His score gave Friona a 43-0 lead, and they went on for a 43-14 win over Dimmitt.**



**DOMINATING DIMMITT...Skull decal winners for their play against Dimmitt are: l-r, Juan Santiago & Cecil Cooper. Not pictured is Hugo Santiago, who also received the award.**

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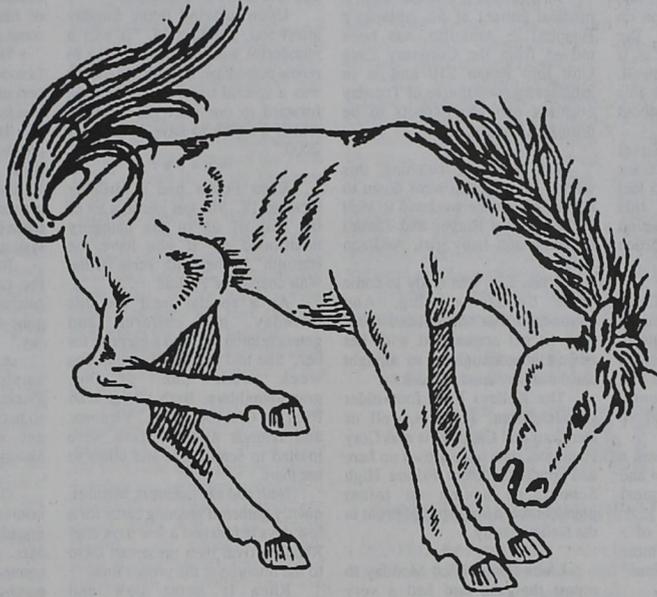
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3:30 - 4:00 p.m. - Amy Ressler: *Recycling Christmas Cards*

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## Local Man Completes Marine Basic

Marine Pfc. Johnny D. Sanchez, a 1995 graduate of Friona High School, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, and was promoted to his present rank.

Sanchez successfully completed eleven weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Sanchez and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m. by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Sanchez spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid.

## Second Son Is Born To Ronald Mastons

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Gene Maston of Shawnee, Oklahoma are the parents of a son named Tucker Wade.

Tucker weighed six pounds, fifteen ounces. He was nineteen inches long.

He has one older brother, Tanner Douglas, who is four and one-half years old.

Grandparents are Mrs. Betty Maston and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Dailey, all of Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dailey of Marysville, Tennessee, Georgia and the late Douglas Frye of Lubbock.

Mrs. Maston is the former Jennifer Dailey.

## 9th Grade Drops Game To Dimmitt

Friona's freshman team dropped a game at Dimmitt last Friday by a final score of 46-20, as Dimmitt got all of the breaks.

James Evans tossed touchdown passes to Justin Daniel, six yards; Colby Patterson, 18 yards; Matt Kendrick, 20 yards and Hugo Rivera ran for two points.

Kendrick gained 116 yards; Rivera 171 and Jeff Rando 13.

Friona had 290 yards rushing and 337 total yards.



# Town Talk

By JUNE FLOYD

Call 247-3681 With Your News Items



Something new has been added! Friona now has at least two hot lines in operation. For quite some time now, we have been able to dial 247-8888 at any time and receive an update on the time and temperature as a courtesy of Friona State Bank.

Now, we can dial 247-3495 and receive up-to-date information on all persons living in the community who are ill. That is, if Leon Talley and Sherry Atwell, who are the coordinators of this outreach, have been advised about the illnesses.

The elders of Sixth Street Church of Christ would like for everyone in the community to feel free to take advantage of this program and to supply information by calling 247-2769 during office hours.

Our editors, Bill and Carol Ellis, returned late Sunday after a six day fun filled trip to Branson, Missouri. They were accompanied by Anne Spring on the annual Fall Foliage Tour of Continental Trailways, which originated in Amarillo.

Bill reported that this was a first time ever bus trip for him and Carol and that it was most enjoyable.

"We've never been part of a more congenial group nor had more fun in the same amount of time," he reported.

He also reported that the drive from Harrison to Eureka Springs, Arkansas, was the most spectacular drive he had ever taken.

Carol reported, "Since most of the people on the tour were from this area, just about everyone we visited with knew someone or had relatives in Friona or Bovina, so getting acquainted just wasn't any problem."

She also reported that one couple, Bill and Monette Lindsey, who live in Amarillo, were the grandparents of Shane Lindsey, who is our new Emergency Medical Technician.

When asked about the quality of shows they saw, Carol replied,

"We saw eight and each one of them was spectacular, so picking out one that I preferred over all the others would be impossible."

Anne's comments was, "As Lawrence Welk expressed it, "It was just wonderful! Wonderful!"

Jo Blackburn, who has been a medical patient at St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo, has been moved from the Coronary Care Unit into Room 219 and is in satisfactory condition as of Tuesday evening, and she expects to be dismissed Friday.

T.A. Kelley is "batching" this week. He and Ann went down to Lubbock over the weekend to visit in the home of Harvey and Tammi Lafuente and baby girl, Addison Belle.

When T.A. was ready to come home Sunday evening, Ann announced that she needed more time to get acquainted with her newest granddaughter, so thought she'd just stay another week.

The Kelleys have four older grandchildren, Jason Rowell of Hereford and Chad, Kris and Cory Hamilton, who have grown up here and graduated from Friona High School, so having an infant grandchild is a very special event in the Kelley family.

Linda Pope called Monday to report that she had had a very enjoyable weekend. She flew from Amarillo to Tulsa, Oklahoma by way of Dallas-Fort Worth enroute to her 35th year class reunion of graduates of Coffeyville High School, Coffeyville, Kansas.

Dr. Terry Powell of Claremore, Oklahoma, who is a radiologist in Oklahoma City, was also Linda's next door neighbor when she was growing up and a member of the same class.

Dr. Terry met her at the Tulsa Airport, then the couple drove to Coffeyville for the opening event of the reunion, which was an outdoor barbecue supper Friday evening.

Saturday's festivities began with a buffet luncheon at noon at

Coffeyville Country Club. This was followed by a program, an informal visitation session in the afternoon and a dance that night.

Linda reported that there were 320 members of the class and 112 of them attended the two day reunion. Forty of the members still live in their hometown.

Upon arriving home Sunday afternoon, Linda said, "It was a wonderful weekend and getting to renew acquaintances with old friends was a special treat, so I'm looking forward to our next get-together, which we plan to have in the year 2000."

Rhea Foster had a birthday October 18. She has joined a lot of the rest of us in the category mentioned as "if you have the strength" in the tenth verse of the 90th chapter of Psalms.

As a special treat for this birthday, her children and grandchildren planned a surprise for her. She had planned to spend one week with one of her granddaughters, Beth Cheuk, who lives in Charlottesville, Virginia, and friends and relatives were invited to send cards and notes to her there.

Beth and her husband, Michael, quietly gathered greeting cards for a few days before and a few days after Rhea's arrival then presented them to the honoree at the proper time.

Rhea is home now and reported, "I had such a nice surprise and am still enjoying the cards and notes. I stopped counting after I passed 160, but a few came after that."

Rhea and her husband, the late Wesley Foster, owned and operated Foster's Dry Goods on Main Street for many years and were avid walkers. Most of the time they walked to and from the store to their home--wherever it happened to be located at the time.

At the present time, Rhea lives at 403 West Fourteenth and is still walking. Each day, she and a friend

of long standing, Katherine Smith, stroll from their homes on Fourteenth to the Dairy Queen and back nearly every day.

She says, "I'm so glad I am still able to walk."

Since Rhea's family members are scattered from one end of the country to the other, she does most of her travelling enroute to visit some of them.

Her oldest daughter, Ray Nell Lonvick and her husband, Ed, and two of their children, Eric and Jill, live in the Chicago area.

The youngest daughter, Pat, and her husband, Bud Gunderson, live in Seattle, Washington. Mailynn Lonvick, the oldest granddaughter, lives in Houston, so Rhea has to travel long distances to visit any of them.

Rhea reported, "I always enjoy the time I spend with Beth and Michael, even though they are both gone to work during most of each day."

At the present time, Beth is employed at the Monticello Plantation Association by Internet, so her grandmother has been able to get well-acquainted with this historic place of interest.

Out-of-town visitors in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Rene Snead, who live here, and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Snead of the Hub community during the past weekend numbered six.

Clint Snead, the son of Jim and Sheryl Long Snead of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and a student at Texas Tech University, Lubbock, was here.

Other visitors were Shea Woodard of Abilene, Texas, and the following residents of Austin: Louisa Taylor, Ray Sullivan, Leslie Rawls, Jim Harrison and Kent Martin.

Shea, a graduate of Friona High School and West Texas A&M and the daughter of Clyde Woodard of Waco and Janet Payne of Abilene, is currently employed in

the Abilene office of Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison and the Austin visitors worked with her during the election last year.

Jinx Snead and Joan Ahrhart returned home on Tuesday of last week after spending a long weekend visiting in the home of Howard and Evelyn Gray in Neptune, New Jersey.

Gray, who is Jinx's brother and Joan's father, is terminally ill.

Sam Mears, who had hip surgery at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo on Monday, returned home Friday.

Monday morning, his daughter, Sarah Gerles, reported, "He's just doing great."

Mary Crump and Edith Johnson met a group of friends in Canyon on Saturday and drove to Quitaque for an all day outing.

"We saw some real rugged country and the foliage was beautiful," Mary said.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Davis of Anchorage, Alaska, spent last week visiting in the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Leon and Jeffrie Talley.

Friday afternoon, Jeffrie and her parents drove to Moore, Oklahoma for a visit in the home of Tracey, Suzy, Sydney and Madison Talley.

On Monday, Leon took Mr. and Mrs. Davis to Lovelland for a visit with other relatives before they return to Alaska.

Funeral services for L.T. Prather, pioneer resident of Dawson County, who was 94 years of age, were conducted from the Lamesa Church of Christ, Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Prather was the father of Lavelle Bronniman of Friona and grandfather of Mike Prather of Bovina.

We extend our sympathy to members of this family.



## PRAIRIE ACRES

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## FRIONA ARTISTS ASSOCIATION

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### "ARTIST OF THE MONTH"

## LELA MAE GEORGE



NOVEMBER ARTIST...Lela Mae George has been named Friona's Artist of the Month and will have her oil paintings on display at Prairie Acres during November. She has lived in Friona for a year and a half, coming here from Missouri, where she was a school nurse for many years. She started painting in 1980 when she accompanied a friend to an art class, came home with two paintings, and has been painting ever since. She has studied with some well-known artists: Dorothy Dent and Bob Ross Jr. The George family ranches south of Clayton, New Mexico for many years. Lela Mae is the mother of David George who is manager of Friona Feed Yard. Mrs. George is pictured here with Barbara Armstrong, activity assistant at Prairie Acres.

## PRAIRIE ACRES NURSING HOME

The public is invited to view the art in the lobby at Prairie Acres each month.

# THANK YOU!

Once in a lifetime there comes a time when the words "Thank You" just don't seem to be enough. The kids and I are at that point. Thank you will NEVER be enough to express all the gratitude and love we feel toward each one of you for the food, flowers, memorials, cards, but most of all, the prayers that have been given.

We won't try to express our gratitude, you will just have to feel the love we have toward each one of you. Our community has been there every time we have needed you and we thank you for that. God Bless each one of you, keep us in your prayers and know that right now THERE ARE NO WORDS.

OUR LOVE,  
Gaye, Shiloh and Shane Roberts  
Peggy Roberts, Mary Lou Curry,  
Clay Roberts  
Missy Roberts and Joyce Coffman

## Gospel J's Will Sing At Event

The King's Manor Founders Association annually sponsors two fund raising functions. One of those is the upcoming Thirtieth Annual Founder's Dinner to be held Thursday, November 9 at 7 p.m. in the Lamar Room of King's Manor, 400 Ranger Drive in Hereford.

The featured speaker is Dr. Kenneth Wyatt, an ordained Methodist minister, author and renowned artist. His artwork is in 91 countries and paintings of Jesus, Paul and the 12 Apostles are breathtaking.

There will be special entertainment by The Gospel J's of Friona. Donors will be honored and officers for 1996 will be elected.

King's Manor invites area residents to join them for good food, fellowship and an outstanding speaker.

## It's A Boy For Brett Rampys

Brett and Sherry Rampy of Lubbock are the parents of a baby boy born Friday, October 6 at 7:45 a.m. in Lubbock Methodist Hospital.

Named Tucker Brett, he weighed eight pounds, fourteen ounces and was twenty-two inches long.

He is the first child for the couple.

Grandparents are Pauline and T.J. Rampy of Idalou, Texas and Dwight and Gayle O'Brian of the Lakeview community.

Tulon and Willa White of the Lakeview community are the child's great-grandparents.



## Janet Reyes Is Honored By Mar.-Ed.

By Janet Reyes

I am the daughter of Ezequiel and Flora Reyes. I am currently a senior at Friona High School and am employed at Property Associates, Realtors and this is my second year in the vocational program.

Being in the vocational program has been a great advantage to me. Not only does it teach responsibility, but it also gives students a sense of self-worth and a basis on which to build their future work careers.

Besides teaching students the fundamentals of marketing, the vocational program also allows students to receive on-the-job training. This is a benefit that will strengthen all students because the focus of the vocational program is that today's young people are tomorrow's leaders.

I'd like to thank B.K. and Janet Buske for giving me the opportunity to work and also for their support to the vocational program. I really appreciate all the help and patience I have received. Once again, thank you.

# Friona Junior High Students Are Listed On 'Pride Tribe'

Heap big news from the Friona Junior High School reservation. Many of our Braves and Maidens are being recognized with a shirt making them members of the Pride Tribe.

The Pride Tribe is for students who take Personal Responsibility In Daily Effort. Their daily efforts include having no office referrals, a seventy-five or better in every class, no more than two day absences or four absences in any one class, no U's in citizenship and only one noon detention each six weeks. All this daily effort helps students make better grades, miss less school and pay attention to their behavior and school work.

The shirt given to each student is white with a Brave and Maiden in the center with "Home of the Pride Tribe" around it. Every Friday is Pride Tribe Day and students are rewarded with first dismissal for lunch if they wear their shirts. Students can earn extra benefits by qualifying each six weeks for the Pride Tribe. If they qualify for the entire year, they will have earned a field trip at the end of the year.

Students and teachers had these comments to make concerning the Pride Tribe:

Colby Ingram said, "I like the privileges I get with Pride Tribe. Jamille Hand stated, "Pride Tribe makes us take more responsibility." Jonathan Espinoza also remarked, "I like the Pride Tribe. The best thing is the field trip as an overall reward." Mr. Stockstill, eighth grade science teacher, stated, "I like the fact that all students can have equal success with this program. It shows that hard work, responsibility and dedication has its rewards."

Sixth grader, Jennifer Echevarria, said, "I like going to lunch first." Franki Dominguez remarked, "Nice shirts!" Trevor Fields stated, "I'm proud to be in the Pride Tribe." Mrs. Stokes, a Title I math aide, said, "I like the fact that the Pride Tribe is recognized on a weekly basis and rewarded. These students deserve the EXTRA 'Pat on the Back.' I think this is a great incentive for all students. I just wish that they all would take advantage of it."

This is the second year for

Pride Tribe. Below is a list of all sixth, seventh and eighth graders who qualified the first six weeks.

Students making the list included:

**Sixth grade:** Angelica Acosta, Alice Allen, Ernestina Aragon, Antonieta Arellano, Cody Bails, Shonda Bentley, Chance Butman, Porfirio Cardenas, Irene Chavarria, Roxana Chavez, Stephanie Collier, Clint Cox, Brandi Curphey, Frank Dominguez, Jennifer Echevarria, Cara Evans, Mary Field, Trevor Fields, Fabian Flores, Teresa Gonzales, Jacy Grimsley and Kimberly Houston.

Also, Dora Ibarra, Candace Ingram, Guadalupe Juarez, Felicia Lafuente, Roy Loya, Manuel Mendez, Alberto Monarrez, Brayden Morrison, Esmeralda Ortiz, Crystal N. Padilla, Daniel J. Perkins, Yolanda T. Salinas, Monica Santellana, Jennifer L. Stafford, Amy B. Terry, Eduardo M. Vazquez, Lorenzo J. Villa, Zaira Villarreal and Kelsey Welch.

**Seventh grade:** Blanca

Acosta, Hector Aguilar, Valerie Bandy, Keaton Behrendsen, Justin Boyd, Brandi Brailiff, Jill Brown, Joshua Burselon, Jerrod Burton, Jerrod Buske, Garland Buske, Jose Bustos, Dustin Campbell, Jenny Cunningham, Lupita Corral, Jamie Escobedo, Maria Estrada, John Fitzgerald, Amanda Gonzales, Jena Grimsley, Tania Hand, Michael Hernandez, Maria Herrera, Ashlee Hunt, Kristie Jack, J'Rod Jarecki, Lynette Jubay, Aundra King and Yolanda Legarreta.

Also, Benny Lopez, Vanessa Mata, LaFawnda Mays, Clinton McCoy, Amber Wyly, Christina Ortega, Michael Ortiz, Nidia Perez, Ema Perez, Alisia Rando, J'Mae Randolph, Charlie Reyes, Carolina Rivera, Elida Rivera, Charley Saiz, Myrna Salinas, Quentin Shelby, Elizabeth Silva, Kayla Smiley, Elvira Tafoya, Dina Tirado, Reyenna Trimmel, Petra Velasquez, Mary Walker, Cason White, V'Laura Wilcox, Blane Winebrinner and Amber Wyly.

**Eighth grade:** Eduardo

Aguilar, Jesse Allen, Eva Arias, Joshua Bails, Becky Balli, Joseph Bandy, Marica Barnes, Zubin Bhakta, Korina Brown, Lindsay Buske, Christopher Centeno, Petra Chavarria, Joy Clark, Adrian Cruz, Jonathan Diaz, Crystal Dow, Jonathan Espinosa, Erik Estrada, Adriana Favela, Lesli Fiel, Breccia Gamboa, Monica Gonzales, Nick Guzman, Jamille Hand, Christian Hanes, Sarah Hendley, Trent Herring, Anya Hitchcock and Colby Ingram.

Also, Mary Juarez, Nathan King, Valen Lewellen, Cassie London, Landon Martin, Eduardo Mata, D'Nae Murphree, Tyson Neill, Cristina Orozco, Alejandra Ortiz, Sergio Pena, Imelda Perez, Jessica Perez, Jason Phillips, Hailey Rector, Leslie Reyes, Sandra Rivera, Daniel Rosales, Kellie Ryan, Christina Salinas, Jamie Slagle, Jeremy Smith, Randi Stokes, Celio Tafoya, Belen Tores, Dolly Villarreal, Dale Williams, Daniel Wiseman, Kyle Wiseman and Kayla Wyly.

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By GEORGE RUSHING

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"On the other hand, the cultivation of the religious sentiment represses licentiousness...inspires respect for law and order, and gives strength to the whole social fabric, at the same time that it conducts the human soul upward to the Author of its being."

Do we need some strengthening of the social fabric in our nation? Have we been moving away from "freedom of religion" to "freedom from religion?"

In Marietta, Georgia, on March 14th, 1994, a framed copy of the Ten Commandments was removed from the Cobb County Courthouse by order of the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals. After this ruling, a survey was taken and out of fifty Christian organizations, consisting of churches, schools and book stores, only three had a copy of the Ten Commandments.

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to sit in a court room and stand trial for your own life. If you were guilty, you probably wouldn't want the Ten Commandments hanging up there reading, "Thou shalt not Kill."

But if you were innocent, would it make a difference who the jurors are and what they have been taught during their life? Would it matter to you what theory of origins those people hold to? Have they been taught evolution and that you are just one in a million chance of fate? Or have they been taught that there is a wise creator God, who has a plan and purpose for every life? Do they believe in something called sin? Is there such a thing as truth or is everything merely relative?

What kind of people do we want as jurors in our court system? Does the cultivation of the religious sentiment, as Daniel Webster believed, really inspire respect for law and order and give strength to the whole social fabric?

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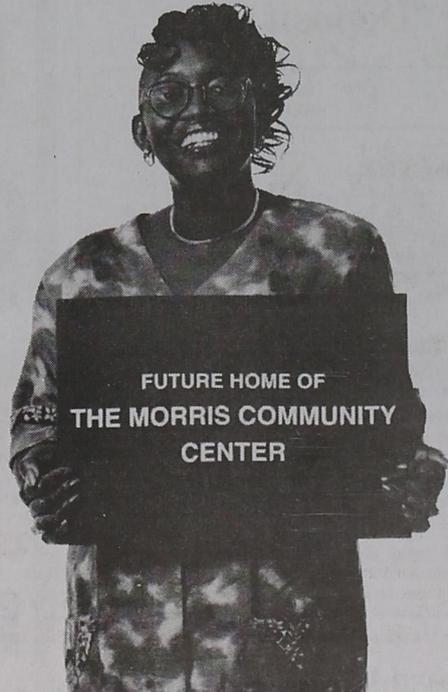
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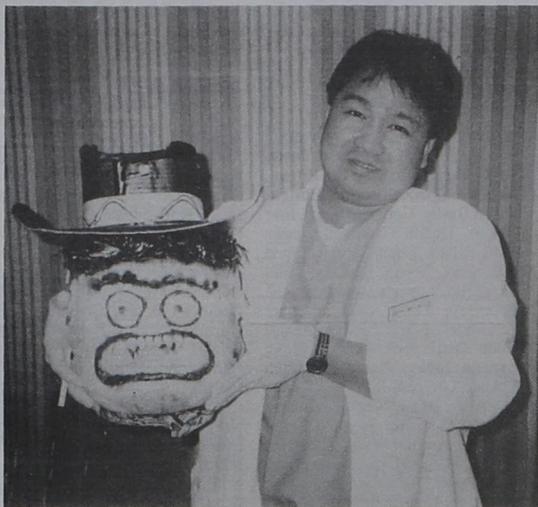
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## FINANCIAL FOCUS



Ike Stevens

### Mutual Funds Are Not For Trading

(Editor's note: The following is an update of one of our most popular columns.)

Mutual funds are typically long-term investments. This means if you don't plan to invest your money for at least five years, you should possibly look at other, shorter-term alternatives.

Long-term investing is the philosophy that built mutual funds into the mammoth industry that it is today. In fact, according to recent figures released by the Investment Company Institute, the Washington, D.C.-based voice of the mutual fund industry, retirement plans account for about \$637 billion of mutual fund investments, or about 30 per cent of all money invested in mutual funds. In addition, 50 per cent of new mutual fund investments in 1993 were placed in various pension and individual retirement accounts. Saving for retirement is a serious, long-term commitment, and the sheer volume of retirement plans that invest in mutual funds is a testament to their long-term nature.

Mutual funds never were intended as "trading" vehicles. Yet today, as staggering numbers of new funds are offered regularly, more and more brokers, advisers, newsletters and others are urging investors to start trading.

The idea of trading mutual funds is not new; it generally surfaces after prolonged bull markets. The latest breed of mutual

fund "traders" would like you to believe that the traditional buy-and-hold strategy (a strategy that has worked successfully since the 1930s, by the way) will not work in the 1990s.

For example, a recent advertisement for a mutual fund "timing system" promised "a virtually guaranteed way to identify market peaks...and absolutely safeguard your mutual fund investment." Sure, it's easy to look back at a fund's historical performance and show the tremendous results you would have achieved if you had been lucky enough to consistently buy low and sell high.

But the fact is that no one can realistically guarantee profits in any mutual fund. The safest way to select mutual funds is to look at those that meet your objectives and risk tolerance. Before you buy, study the historical performance of the funds through good and bad markets—the longer the history, the better—but keep in mind that past performance doesn't guarantee future results.

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As the pupils grow smaller, less light enters the eye. It's harder to see at night. Because reaction time slows, a driver may need stronger prescription lenses to compensate for the delay. Developing cataracts may cause vision to cloud.

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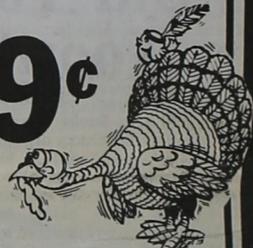
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### AMENDMENT 1 Wording on the Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$300 MILLION IN GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO FINANCE EDUCATIONAL LOANS TO STUDENTS.

#### Explanation

Since Texas voters first approved \$85 million in bonds in 1965 to support the state's Hinson Hazelwood College Student Loan Program—which provides loans to Texas residents to attend public or private institutions of higher education in Texas—voters have returned three times to the polls to approve bonds to fund it. The proposed measure would add \$300 million to the program. (General obligation bonds are general obligations of the state that must be paid from general funds. The issuance of general obligation bonds must be specifically authorized by Texas voters.)

#### Supporters Say

- Without new bonding authority, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board will not be able to meet current demand for loans to financially needy students, denying an estimated 10,000 students the opportunity to enter college in spring, 1996.
- The bonds would be repaid, not by state taxpayers, but by borrowers, with interest. Default rate on these student loans has been less than five percent, and loans are guaranteed by the federal government.

#### Opponents Say

- The state should not incur any more debt without a comprehensive evaluation of overall state debt by the legislature.
- Although default rate is low on the coordinating board's student loans, the burden of most non-payment falls on the nation's taxpayers because loans are guaranteed by the federal government.

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### AMENDMENT 2 Wording on the Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATURE TO EXEMPT FROM AD VALOREM TAXATION PROPERTY OF AN ORGANIZATION CHARTERED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS THAT IS USED PRIMARILY FOR CHARITABLE, BENEVOLENT, OR PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANIZATION.

#### Explanation

If this proposed constitutional amendment passes it would exempt from ad valorem taxes an organization that was established under the Republic of Texas and has been in continuous existence ever since, primarily performing charitable, benevolent, or public service activities. The property would be exempted only if it were used primarily for charitable, benevolent, or public service activities. The Masonic lodges that are a part of the Grand Lodge of Texas would be the primary and perhaps the only beneficiary of this amendment.

Implementing legislation would take effect on January 1, 1996, if the proposed constitutional amendment is approved by the voters.

#### Supporters Say

- Buildings owned by Masonic lodges should be preserved as a part of Texas history. Many of the buildings have been designated as historical buildings and rising local property taxes may endanger their existence.
- The Grand Lodge of Texas was the first school system, and its educational programs continue. Charitable hospitals are also the recipients of Masonic services. Taxes are taking resources away from the charitable services of the lodges.

#### Opponents Say

- While the Grand Lodge of Texas does not discriminate in providing charitable services, it does not have open membership. A new member must be sponsored by an existing member. Before a tax exemption is extended, there should be the minimum requirement that membership be open without regard to race, religion, or national origin. The tax code currently gives exemptions to some service clubs with that membership provision, but such a requirement is not present here.
- The comptroller estimates a total loss of tax revenue of almost \$1 million dollars per year to school districts (\$508,300), cities (\$233,100), and counties (\$197,400). Although unlikely, other organizations may qualify for the exemption, resulting in more lost revenues. Passage of this amendment may precipitate future exemptions of other fraternal or benevolent organizations, though they may have been in existence a shorter amount of time, and result in still more lost tax revenues.

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### AMENDMENT 3 Wording on the Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ALLOWING THE USE OF EXISTING BOND AUTHORITY OF THE FARM AND RANCH FINANCE PROGRAM TO INCLUDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE EXPANSION, DEVELOPMENT, AND DIVERSIFICATION OF PRODUCTION, PROCESSING, MARKETING, AND EXPORT OF TEXAS AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

#### Explanation

Adopted in 1985, Article 3, Sec. 49-f of the Texas Constitution authorized the issuance of up to \$500 million in general obligation bonds to provide financing to eligible individuals for the purchase of farm and ranch land. Subsequently adopted in 1989, Article 3, Sec. 49-i of the Texas Constitution authorized the issuance of up to \$25 million in general obligation bonds for the Texas Agricultural Fund and \$5 million for a rural microenterprise fund. This agricultural fund may also be financed with up to \$500 million in revenue bonds. The purpose of the Texas Agricultural Fund is to provide financial assistance to develop, increase, improve, or expand the production, processing, marketing, or export of crops or products grown or produced primarily in Texas by agricultural businesses in this state. The Texas Agricultural Finance Authority (TAFA) was created in 1987 and administers the Texas Agricultural Fund and the rural microenterprise fund, and shares in the administration of the farm and ranch finance program. As a result,

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## Amendment 3

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TAFAs makes loans to agricultural businesses to buy land, construct buildings, install machinery, and do research and development in furtherance of the goals of the program. In 1993, TAFAs was directed to administer the farm and ranch finance program, while the Veterans Land Board was directed to administer the actual farm and ranch finance fund.

This proposed constitutional amendment would allow \$200 million of the \$500 million in general obligation bonds for the farm and ranch finance fund to be used for the purposes outlined for the Texas Agricultural Fund. In effect, this funding shift would place a total of \$225 million in general obligation bonds in the Texas Agricultural Fund with \$300 million in general obligation bonds remaining in the farm and ranch finance fund. Implementing legislation would transfer administration of the Texas Agricultural Fund from the Veterans Land Board to TAFAs.

### Supporters Say

- TAFAs has created a successful program and needs this infusion of capital to respond to the numerous requests for financial assistance from agricultural businesses. Although up to \$500 million is currently available in the farm and ranch finance fund, Texas Department of Agriculture market surveys indicate that only 20% of this amount will be needed for future financing applications. In contrast, TAFAs reported in 1993 that loan requests from the Texas Agricultural Fund exceeded \$300 million when only \$25 million in general obligation bond money was available.
- By shifting bond funding already authorized, this \$200 million increase in the Texas Agricultural Fund would not increase the state's total bond debt authorization. In addition, since general obligation bonds are a debt owed by the state and repayment is guaranteed by the state, they involve a lower interest rate than revenue bonds.
- Under the implementing legislation, combining administration of the Texas Agricultural Fund, rural microenterprise fund, and farm and ranch finance fund under one agency (TAFAs) would result in more efficient management and use of bond authority funding.

### Opponents Say

- These loans from the Texas Agricultural Fund are not going to needy farmers but to agribusinesses. The taxpayers of Texas should not support the expansion plans of a small segment of the business community.
- Twice in the past eight years, Texas voters have declined to increase bond authority for the Texas Agricultural Fund. In 1987, voters denied authorization of \$100 million in general obligation bonds as a portion of a general business development loan proposal. In 1993, voters rejected authorization of \$75 million in general obligation bonds for this fund. Texas voters are very hesitant to authorize public credit for private agribusiness enterprises.
- The goals of the farm and ranch finance program, maintaining the family farm and family agriculture, are quite different from the marketing and agribusiness goals of the Texas Agricultural Fund. The authorized bond authority for the purchase of farm and ranch land may be needed at later date and should not be diverted at this time.

## AMENDMENT 4 Wording on the Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PERMITTING AN ENCUMBRANCE TO BE FIXED ON HOMESTEAD PROPERTY FOR AN OWELTY OF PARTITION, INCLUDING A DEBT OF A SPOUSE RESULTING FROM A DIVISION OR AWARD OF A HOMESTEAD IN A DIVORCE PROCEEDING, AND FOR THE REFINANCE OF A LIEN AGAINST A HOMESTEAD, INCLUDING A FEDERAL TAX LIEN RESULTING FROM THE TAX DEBT OF THE OWNER.

### Explanation

The Texas Constitution limits the liens, or encumbrances, that may attach to Texas homesteads. Texans may not pledge their homestead as security for loans, and lenders may not force the sale of homesteads for repayment of debts, except when the debts occur for one of the following specific reasons:

- to purchase the homestead property,
- to pay for improvements to the homestead property, and
- to pay tax liens against the homestead property, itself.

Recent state and federal bankruptcy court decisions have placed in question whether certain owelty partition liens and federal tax liens are valid as to homestead property. If Texas voters pass this proposed

constitutional amendment, these liens specifically would be added to the list of enforceable liens that may attach to Texas homestead property.

Texas homestead property may be owned jointly by two or more persons having undivided interests: that is, the parties share ownership of the entire property, rather than each owning a specific parcel of the whole property. In a marriage, homestead property usually is owned as community property; thus, each spouse usually owns an undivided interest. In some divorce or probate cases, either by agreement or court order, the undivided interest owners may wish to partition or divide homestead property, or, in a divorce the entire homestead may be awarded to one spouse. An owelty of partition is the sum of money paid to equalize the value of the shares after the partition, or for one spouse to purchase the other spouse's share of the homestead property. An owelty lien is an encumbrance on the property awarded to one spouse, indicating that the other spouse has not yet been paid for his or her share. An owelty lien can also be held by a bank or other third party that lends money to one spouse for the purchase of the other's share of the homestead property. If it passes, this proposed amendment would give owelty liens the same constitutional status as purchase money liens for homestead property.

When the federal Internal Revenue Service (IRS) obtains a judgment for delinquent federal taxes, the judgment can be filed as a tax lien against homestead property owned by the tax debtor. Although federal tax debts are not specifically named with the other valid liens against homestead property listed in the Texas Constitution, they are enforceable because the Texas Constitution must yield to the Supremacy Clause of the United States Constitution.

If this proposition is passed by Texas voters, the Texas Constitution would be amended to specifically include federal tax liens among the valid liens that can be enforced against homestead property. Passage also would permit homestead property owners to pledge their homestead property as collateral to secure a loan from a bank or third party lender to pay their delinquent federal taxes. Also, it would provide third party lenders a valid lien on homestead property pledged for that purpose.

Although it is not found in the language on the ballot, this proposed amendment also would add language to the Texas Constitution protecting a bank or other third party that lends money secured by property of the borrower, if the borrower signed an affidavit stating that property securing a loan was not the homestead property of the borrower.

### Supporters Say

- This proposed amendment provides a sensible way for Texans to have more flexibility in using their homestead property. If the Internal Revenue Service can force someone to sell homestead property to pay federal taxes, homestead property owners should be able to borrow the money they need to pay IRS immediately, even if they have to pledge their homestead property as collateral. No one wants to risk the uncertain consequences of having an unpaid federal tax lien on homestead property.
- There is very little practical difference between a married couple buying homestead property by borrowing the purchase money and securing their loan with the property as collateral, and the situation in a divorce when one spouse wants to borrow the purchase money needed to buy the other's homestead property interest and secure that loan with the interest the couple already owns in the homestead property. This limitation on what homestead property owners can do has outlived its usefulness!
- Texans need to pass this proposition to restore matters involving owelty liens and federal tax liens to the way they were in Texas for many years as a matter of public policy and practice.

### Opponents Say

- The Texas Constitution's protection of homestead property is a valuable right that ensures Texans and their families that their home is secure from debt collectors. This proposed amendment would allow Texas homestead protection to be sidestepped at times of divorce, death, or federal delinquent tax debt, when families are most vulnerable. Texans do not need more reasons for creditors to take away their homestead property.
- The current practice in Texas when the IRS gets a federal tax lien is to file the tax lien against the tax debtor's homestead property, if there is any, and to wait. The IRS usually does not immediately force a sale of the property. When the homestead property is eventually sold, the IRS tax lien, including all accrued interest, is then paid in full from the proceeds of the sale. If this amendment is passed and federal tax liens are specifically included in the Texas Constitution as valid liens against homestead property, it might increase rather than decrease the likelihood IRS would force an immediate sale.
- The Texas Constitution does not need this or any new amendment. There are too many amendments to the state constitution now. Texas voters should not continue passing more and more confusing amendments; they should demand that a new, clear, less complicated constitution be written.

## AMENDMENT 5 Wording on the Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO INCREASE BY \$500 MILLION THE AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS ISSUED TO AUGMENT THE VETERANS HOUSING ASSISTANCE FUND II.

### Explanation

In 1983, the legislature created the Veterans Housing Assistance Program (VHAP) to provide low interest loans to qualified Texas veterans for the purchase of a home. The program is administered by the Texas Veterans Land Board and funded by bonds issued pursuant to the Texas Constitution. Voters have approved the sale of \$1.5 billion in general obligation bonds, of which \$1.235 billion has been issued since the inception of the program. Because of increased demand for loans, it is anticipated that the remaining bonds (\$265 million) will be insufficient to meet the demands after 1996. If the proposed amendment were passed, an additional \$500 million would be made available for veterans' housing assistance.

### Supporters Say

- It is appropriate for the state to continue to make benefits available to veterans who have served and sacrificed for their country.
  - These loans are not a financial risk for the state. The programs are self-supporting and have never relied on general revenue.
  - Foreclosure rate on Veterans Land Board loans is very low and foreclosed property can be sold and the proceeds remain in the program.
- ### Opponents Say
- Veterans already have access to many benefits including federal government-subsidized mortgages at lower than market rates. It is unnecessary to increase the state's indebtedness to add to these benefits.
  - Texans voters should be wary of authorizing more state debt.
  - The VHAP has more than doubled the amount of loans it made from 1993 to 1994. If this rate continues, the annual bond issuance rate could reach more than \$1 billion by the turn of the century.

## AMENDMENT 6 Wording on the Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT EXEMPTING FROM AD VALOREM TAXATION THE RESIDENCE HOMESTEAD OF THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OF AN ELDERLY PERSON.

### Explanation

Article 8, Sec. 2(a) of the Texas Constitution prohibits all but certain specified exemptions from property taxes (ad valorem taxes). Exemptions work by excluding a portion of the value of a property from taxation. Within the limits set by the constitution, exemptions are set by the taxing authority. The constitution currently allows exemptions as follows:

- A property tax exemption of at least \$3,000 can be given on the market value of a residence homestead.
- An additional property tax exemption of at least \$3,000 can be given on the market value of the homestead of a person 65 years and older.
- An exemption of \$5,000 is offered on the market value of a residence homestead on school taxes.
- Additional exemptions can be implemented by the legislature on school taxes for homesteads of the elderly and disabled.
- In addition, school taxes on a homestead are frozen when the homeowner turns 65, and the freeze continues if the spouse dies and ownership transfers to a surviving spouse age 55 or older. This proposed amendment would allow the surviving spouse exemption to extend to other property taxes besides school taxes. The amendment would allow a surviving spouse 55 years or older to keep the additional property tax exemption on the homestead of a person 65 years or older. The legislature has passed enabling legislation which will take effect if this proposed amendment is approved by the voters.

### Supporters Say

- The proposed amendment would provide some relief to widows and widowers who suffer financially as well as emotionally when a spouse dies.
- The effect of this change on tax revenues would be small because few people would be in the situation addressed by the bill.
- The taxing authority would not suffer a loss of revenue because the amendment would merely continue an exemption already granted the deceased spouse.

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### Opponents Say

- Our taxing districts cannot afford to lose any revenues in these difficult budgetary times.
- The lost taxes caused by this amendment would have to be made up by other taxpayers, who should not have to pay for these exemptions.
- People between age 55 and age 65 generally are capable of paying taxes and should not be exempted.

## AMENDMENT 7 Wording on the Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT REDUCING THE AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AUTHORIZED FOR UNDERTAKINGS RELATED TO THE SUPERCONDUCTING SUPER COLLIDER RESEARCH FACILITY FROM \$500 MILLION TO \$250 MILLION.

### Explanation

In 1987, voters approved issuance by the state of \$500 million in general obligation bonds for expenses relating to the superconducting super collider (SSC) facility. The U.S. Congress has ended federal funding for the SSC, and the facility is apparently not going to be built. \$250 million of the \$500 million general obligation bonds initially authorized has been issued. The proposed measure would remove the state's authority to issue the remaining \$250 million.

### Supporters Say

- These funds are not needed to build the SSC facility; therefore, bond issuance authority is no longer required. Continued existence of the potential \$250 million debt has a negative impact on the state's credit rating. Eliminating this potential debt could result in lower interest rates on future bonds issued by the state.

### Opponents Say

- There is a remote possibility that the SSC project will be revived by the U.S. Congress at some future date. If the authority to issue bonds were revoked now, voters would have to return to the polls to authorize issuance of bonds on the revived project.

## AMENDMENT 8 Wording on the Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROVIDING FOR THE ABOLITION OF THE OFFICE OF CONSTABLE IN MILLS, REAGAN, AND ROBERTS COUNTIES.

### Explanation

The Texas Constitution requires counties to elect a constable for a term of four years. This amendment would abolish the office of constable in Mills, Reagan, and Roberts Counties, shifting the constable's powers, duties, and records to the county sheriff. Though the amendment applies to only these three counties, this office can only be abolished through a statewide election.

### Supporters Say

- The sheriff's office in these counties has adequate personnel to perform the constitutional duties of the constable's office; there is no need for this office.
- The county must provide office space, equipment, and salary if a person is elected to the position of constable. Eliminating the office would therefore be cost effective.

### Opponents Say

- County voters should not be denied the opportunity to directly elect their county constable. The proposed amendment continues the unfortunate trend toward abolition of elective offices, which dilutes citizens' control over their county government.
- Passage of this amendment would add to the special exemptions for individual counties in the constitution. A process should be in place to allow local voters to decide these local issues.

## AMENDMENT 9 Wording on the Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ALLOWING INVESTMENT OF MONEY FROM THE TEXAS GROWTH FUND IN A BUSINESS WITHOUT THE BUSINESS'S DISCLOSURE OF ITS INVESTMENTS IN OR WITH SOUTH AFRICA OR NAMIBIA.

## Explanation

In 1988, voters approved HJR 5, which amended the Texas Constitution to create the Texas Growth Fund. The fund is a trust fund through which the Permanent University Fund, the Permanent School Fund, the Teacher Retirement System, and other state pension systems make investments directly related to employment opportunity and economic growth in Texas. HJR 5 limited growth fund investments to businesses submitting an affidavit disclosing their direct financial investment in South Africa or Namibia. The constitutional restriction was enacted to protest South Africa and Namibia's apartheid government, then in power. Since that time, South Africa and Namibia have replaced apartheid with democratically-elected governments. Elected officials are now representative of the demographics of the two countries.

The change in the power structure in South Africa and Namibia raised the question of the continued need for the constitutional restriction on trade with these countries. The proposed constitutional amendment would allow money from the Texas Growth Fund to be invested in a business without requiring the business to disclose whether it has investments in or with South Africa or Namibia.

The proposed legislation was passed unanimously by both the Senate International Relations, Trade & Technology, and the House State Affairs Committees. No testimony was offered in committee hearings. The amendment passed unanimously in both houses.

### Supporters Say

- The requirement that companies disclose whether they have direct investments is no longer necessary. South Africa's white minority government has been replaced by the democratically elected government of President Nelson Mandela, and Namibia is an independent nation no longer under South African control.
- No one wants barriers to investments that would help the economy of these countries and would be economically beneficial to the United States as well.
- Those supporting this measure include the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) of Texas and the Texas Association of Business and Chambers of Commerce.

### Opponents Say

- The League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund has not found any arguments that have been presented in opposition to this amendment.

## AMENDMENT 10 Wording on the Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ABOLISHING THE OFFICE OF THE STATE TREASURER.

### Explanation

This amendment, if passed, would abolish the office of the state treasurer and transfer its duties to the state comptroller. The change would take effect September 1, 1997.

The Constitution of the State of Texas made the treasurer responsible for oversight of the state's cash and securities, payment of the state's warrants (debts, bills, and liabilities), administration of the state's unclaimed property laws, and enforcement of the state's cigarette and tobacco laws. The treasury had an operating budget of \$11.2 million and a staff of 262 employees in fiscal 1994. The investments division earned \$378 million in interest in 1994 by investing temporary surpluses of state revenue. The division also operates TaxPool, the short-term investment fund, through which more than 1,350 local governments pool investments to achieve better interest yields. Other divisions and activities include: cash management; item processing; trust operations; unclaimed property; and cigarette and tobacco tax. The proposed amendment would transfer the treasurer's responsibilities to the state comptroller and would give the comptroller authority to contract the activities out to private entities.

### Supporters Say

- The functions of the state treasurer can be performed by other agencies, saving the state an estimated \$12 million over a five-year period.
- There would be no loss of the functions performed by the treasurer's office as these functions, and in many cases the people who perform them, would be transferred to other agencies.
- The treasury is a throwback to the days when the office acted as the state's bank, when the treasurer approved payments and accepted deposits. The treasurer's role is less significant now that these functions are automated. Transferring the functions to the comptroller, who must collect and certify state revenue, would avoid duplication of services.

## Opponents Say

- This change may not save money, since the functions and many of the employees would be transferred to other agencies. The disruption of services and functions might even cost additional money.
- The office of state treasurer provides essential checks and balances for the oversight of state finances. Basic financial principles dictate that the person who handles the money should not be the same one who accounts for the money.
- Having two officials share oversight of the state's money safeguards against problems that could result from having an unqualified person in one of the offices.

## AMENDMENT 11 Wording on the Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ALLOW OPEN-SPACE LAND USED FOR WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT TO QUALIFY FOR TAX APPRAISAL IN THE SAME MANNER AS OPEN-SPACE AGRICULTURAL LAND, SUBJECT TO ELIGIBILITY LIMITATIONS PROVIDED BY THE LEGISLATURE.

### Explanation

To promote the preservation of open-space land, the legislature currently provides for taxation of land devoted to farm or ranch purposes on the basis of its productive capacity, instead of on its market value. This amendment would include wildlife management as a qualifying use for land that already holds an agricultural exemption.

### Supporters Say

- As land values change, market value of land can sometimes greatly exceed the productive capacity. The proposed amendment would decrease the likelihood that a landowner will be forced by increased taxes to make land available for development instead of keeping it as open space.
- Conserving habitat for deer, water fowl, and other wildlife benefits everyone. Ninety-seven percent of Texas is privately owned as compared to some western states where vast tracts are owned by the state and federal governments. It would be expensive for the state to purchase land outright for conservation. This proposed measure would provide incentive for landowners to practice conservation on their own.
- This amendment is revenue-neutral. Qualifying land must already have an agricultural exemption, and therefore it is not on the tax rolls. No new exemptions would be created by this amendment.

### Opponents Say

- These exemptions are unfair. Homeowners and other property owners are taxed on the market value of their land. This proposed amendment would keep the tax rate artificially low for some people and shift the tax burden to others.
- It would be difficult for local appraisers to determine eligibility. Also, it would be difficult to determine when property is actively being used for wildlife management and when it is just lying fallow.
- Agricultural production could decline because wildlife management is not as hard as farming or ranching, yet would carry the same tax benefits.

## AMENDMENT 12 Wording on the Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATURE TO EXEMPT FROM AD VALOREM TAXATION PERSONAL PROPERTY AND MINERAL INTERESTS HAVING A VALUE INSUFFICIENT TO RECOVER THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF COLLECTING THE TAX.

### Explanation

State taxing authorities are required by law to assess and collect ad valorem taxes for all income-producing personal property. The Texas Constitution prohibits exemptions from these taxes, regardless of the value of the property and the cost of collecting the tax. The proposed constitutional amendment would authorize a specific exemption for low value properties whose tax yield is less than the cost of collection. Implementing legislation provides that properties with a value of less than \$500 would be exempt from ad valorem taxes. Personal property at different locations would be aggregated to determine taxable value. Mineral interests would be aggregated separately from personal property.

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### Amendment 12

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#### Supporters Say

- Taxing districts may spend more to collect the tax on some properties than the tax revenue generated by the property. It makes sense to exempt these low-yield properties from ad valorem taxes.
- Exemptions would only be granted to properties valued at \$500 or less. The taxable value on this amount is the minimum amount required to pay for administering the tax. An exemption would be convenient for taxpayers and taxing districts and would have a positive effect on local revenue.

#### Opponents Say

- Granting any new property tax exemptions should be done carefully and thoughtfully, even if the amounts involved appear to be small.
- No provision has been made for adjusting the floor for which properties may be exempt. Future change in the state economy and/or increased efficiencies in tax collection are not accounted for at all by the amendment or its implementing legislation.

## AMENDMENT 13

### Wording on the Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNING BODY OF A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION TO EXEMPT FROM AD VALOREM TAXATION BOATS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT USED PRIMARILY IN THE COMMERCIAL TAKING OR PRODUCTION OF FISH, SHRIMP, SHELLFISH, AND OTHER MARINE LIFE.

#### Explanation

The proposed amendment would amend the tax code to authorize the governing body of a political subdivision to grant a property tax exemption to commercial fishing boats not exceeding 100 feet in length. The exemption would also apply to nets and other equipment used primarily in the taking of fish, shellfish and other marine life for sale as food for human consumption.

#### Supporters Say

- This tax exemption would affect many of the smaller commercial fishing operations that are family owned and operated and employ boats less than 100 feet long. Currently these boats and their related equipment are taxed as real and tangible personal property. Because commercial fishing is an unpredictable business, the taxes imposed on boats and equipment can cause a burden on the operation of these families' small businesses.
- This proposal would create an optional exemption that local taxing authorities could choose to implement or not. According to government estimates, even if a large number of taxing entities were to implement the exemption, the effect on school and government finance would be negligible.

#### Opponents Say

- Every special interest group wants an exemption from property and sales taxes for materials used in a trade or business. Too many exemptions erode the tax base to the detriment of government services.
- A small family commercial fishing business is no different from any other small family business and therefore does not deserve to be

subsidized by the rest of the property owners. With each new exception, it becomes harder to say no the next time. All businesses need to pay their fair share of taxes.

## AMENDMENT 14

### Wording on the Ballot

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT RELATING TO RAISING THE LIMITS OF THE EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM TAXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY DISABLED VETERANS OR BY THE SURVIVING SPOUSES OR SURVIVING MINOR CHILDREN OF DISABLED VETERANS.

#### Explanation

This proposition would amend Article VIII, Sec. 2 of the Texas Constitution, allowing the legislature to raise the limits of the ad valorem tax exemption for disabled veterans and their surviving spouses and minor children. A disabled veteran is defined as a veteran of the armed services of the United States, who is classified as disabled by the Veterans Administration or the appropriate branch of the military.

If this proposed amendment were passed, the legislature could raise the tax-exempt property value from \$1,500 to a maximum of \$5,000 for veterans with a disability rating of 10-30%, from \$2,000 to a maximum of \$7,500 for veterans with a 30-50% disability rating, and from \$2,500 to a maximum of \$10,000 for veterans with a 50-70% disability rating. The legislature could raise the tax-exempt property value from \$3,000 to a maximum of \$12,000 for the following: veterans with disability ratings above 70%, those with a rating of 10% or more, who are 65 years of age or older; veterans whose disability consists of the loss of one or more limbs; those with total blindness in one or both eyes; and paraplegic veterans. Veterans who have a disability rating of less than 10% would not be entitled to an exemption.

The proposed amendment would also allow the legislature to raise the tax-exempt property value from \$2,500 to a maximum of \$5,000 for spouses and children of members of the military who die while on active duty. The surviving spouses and children of disabled veterans could be given an exemption equal to that to which the veteran was entitled at the time of death.

#### Supporters Say

- Disabled veterans deserve tax exemptions as a reward for their service to their nation. All other states grant disabled veterans and their surviving spouses and children an ad valorem property tax exemption, but the one allowed by the Texas Constitution is the lowest in the country. Some Texas counties give disabled veterans even higher exemptions.
- The present value of the tax exemption for disabled veterans has not been raised since it was originally approved in 1972, and would have to be increased much more than is recommended by this amendment to compensate for inflation and increasing taxes over the intervening years.

#### Opponents Say

- If this amendment were passed, local governments, including school districts, could lose approximately \$6.7 million in revenue, income which would have to be made up by other taxpayers.
- Other opponents feel that this amendment does not go far enough. They support an amendment that would include automatic ad valorem tax exemption increases tied to inflation, as well as to rising tax rates.

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