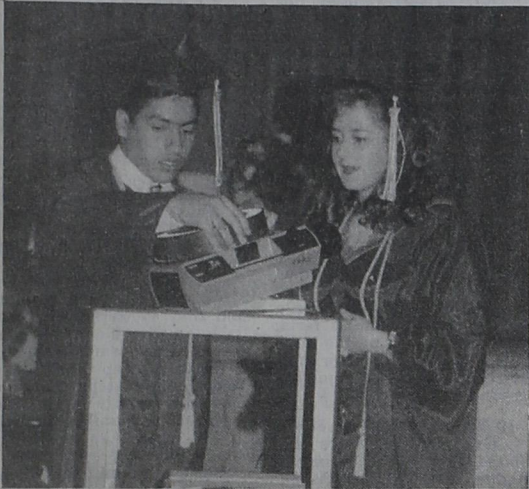


Friona Citizens Trooped To Storm Shelters Wednesday



MAYBE IT FITS THIS WAY.....Leander Davila and Sheila Wiseman produced the nostalgic slide show honoring the Friona High School graduating seniors. The class of '96-'97 finished their FHS careers at the May 24 ceremony. (Photo courtesy of Judy Martin)

by **BILL ELLIS**
It was "Deja-Vu all over again" for Friona residents Wednesday, when a tornado warning was issued and the city's tornado siren was turned on.

At about 5:45 p.m. Wednesday, local weather spotters made the decision to sound the tornado warning (siren) for city residents.

There never was a funnel cloud as such, but spotters said there was "rotation in the cloud," and that a funnel could have dipped down as easily as not.

Making the situation even more serious was the fact that the radar images shown on Amarillo television came across as very threatening. The TV weathercasters broke into their regular programming several times to caution local residents about the cloud.

Later on in the evening, another possible funnel was spotted north of Bovina. This cloud continued on across the county toward Lazbuddie and Earth, and more or less

"stalled out" in northwestern Lamb/northern Bailey Counties for a considerable length of time.

City residents had their homes, businesses, automobiles, gardens, etc., pummeled by large hail-marble to "large marble" sized and occasionally bigger, for several minutes.

Although trees and flowers were stripped of their leaves and blooms, it could have been a lot worse. Observers pointed out that the hail was much "softer" than usual. When you picked up a handful, you could make what resembled a snowball. Damage to automobiles left outside was hardly noticeable.

The moisture registered 1.07 in Friona's official gauge.

As usual, whenever hail strikes the area, concern immediately shifts to the area's crops. Here, too, the damage may have been less than could have been expected.

"It will be a couple of days before we know for sure, but I

think my cotton should be all right. However, my wheat may have suffered from 10 to 20 per cent damage," said Friona farmer Floyd Reeve.

"We were fortunate in that the hail was as soft as it was. The corn was slit up a good deal, but corn has an easier time of coming out of hail damage at this point in time.

We are sitting on what could be a tremendous wheat crop, if we can just avoid any additional hail," Reeve added.

Jerry Butman, manager of (Continued On Page 7)

City Asks Help With Mosquitos

Friona residents are being asked to help the City of Friona in the realm of controlling the mosquito population.

Residents are asked in particular to dispose of standing water which may have collected during rainy spells and to cut the weeds in their lawns and alleys.

"We are spraying larvacide on Reeve Lake, which controls the mosquito eggs," said City Manager Paula Wilson.

The worse mosquito problem is a result of an unusually wet month, when over six inches of rain (and snow) were measured locally.

Main Street Construction Is Getting Underway Here

Lipham Construction Company of Hereford moved into Friona on Tuesday, May 27, to begin work for the Texas Highway Department in rebuilding Friona's Main Street.

Lipham is the successor to Jake Diel Paving, which has been well-known in this area, and has done considerable work for the City of Friona as well as the Highway Department in the past.

The construction crew will tear out one side of Main Street and re-build it, while traffic is re-routed on the other two lanes. The work will be done on the west half of the street first, from the Highway 60 stop light to Fifth Street.

When the western half of the street is completed, the crew will move to the eastern half, with traffic using the newly-constructed pair of lanes.

The construction will include new sidewalks and curbs, with handicapped-accessible ramps at the street crossings.

The sidewalks, plus ten feet of the present pavement will be completely torn out on both sides, and replaced. The "middle portion" of the street will not be torn out, but will be incorporated into the new road.

During the construction period, "through" trucks will be routed away from Main Street, and will need to use Highway 60 to go through town.

Business owners who have

not had their water, gas, etc., re-plumbed to their alleys are asked to have this done as soon as possible.

The contract calls for 100 working days, with an estimate of mid-October for the completion date.

City Manager Paula Wilson said that the contractors will do everything in their power to keep Main Street businesses from being adversely affected by the construction, but that they realized going into the project that some hardships will be experienced.

"Just call the city office or the police department whenever you have a complaint or question regarding the project," Ms. Wilson said.

The city manager also said that many Main Street businesses have decided to close their fronts while construction is going on in front of their places of business.

Storm Spotter School Set

Sheriff Rex Williams advises that a basic storm spotter school will be held in Friona on Monday, June 2, at the Friona Fire Department. The class will begin at 7 p.m.

Williams said that all citizens interested in official storm spotting around the county are encouraged to attend.

The course will be presented by Larry Vannozzi from the National Weather Service in Lubbock.

Reception Will Honor Lois Norwood

A retirement reception will be held to honor Lois Norwood on Monday, June 2nd at Ethridge-Spring Agency from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Lois is retiring from the firm after 49 years of service.

The public is invited to stop in and congratulate Lois on a "job well done."

4th Generation Graduates Here

When the Friona High School graduating seniors walked across the stage last Saturday evening and received diplomas, at least one class member, Blaire Jones, was the fourth generation of her family to graduate from Friona High School.

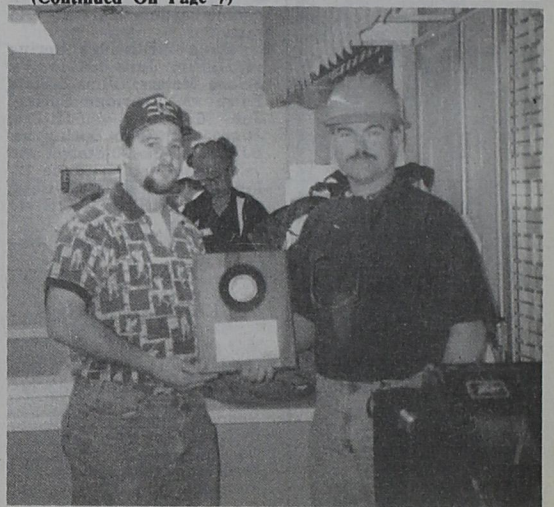
Blaire's maternal grandmother, Louisa Schlenker Wilson, was the first in line to accomplish this feat. In fact, she graduated twice-two years in succession. The first

time was in 1924.

Then, the following year she went back for a post-graduate course and graduated again.

Louisa's daughter, Mamie Lou Wilson Welch, was a member of the 1946 class and twenty-six years later, the name of Holly Welch Smith, who is the mother of Blaire Jones, was added to the list.

Since most Americans seem to have the tendency to be nomadic, this occurrence is somewhat unusual.



PROUD FOR SAFETY.....Excel employees Casey Williams and Rick Clayton are shown with the Award of Honor the Excel-Friona plant received from the American Meat Institute (AMI) for safety excellence in 1996.

Excel-Friona Receives Industry Safety Award

Excel's beef processing facilities in Friona and Plainview both received top awards in the 1996 Worker Safety Recognition Program, sponsored by the American Meat Institute (AMI) and administered by the National Safety Council.

Excel Friona employees received the Award of Honor for demonstrating extraordinary leadership in making the workplace safer. Plants receiving this award had illness and injury rates that were consistently below the industry average.

Last year Friona was given an Award of Merit for demonstrating that excellent worker safety programs were

in place.

Commenting on this year's Award of Honor, Scot Entz, general manager at Excel in Friona, said: "We were pleased last year to receive our first award in this program. Receiving the top award this year reflects continued work at improving workplace safety."

The Worker Safety Recognition Program is for AMI members engaged in meat and poultry processing. Awards are based on an evaluation of each eligible plant's safety performance, as well as its implementation of key components of an effective safety and health program.



YEARS OF KNOWLEDGE.....Blaire Jones, seated left, a 1997 FHS graduate, became the fourth generation of her family to receive an FHS diploma. Next to Blaire is her great-grandmother, Louisa Wilson, and standing are her mother, Holly Smith, and grandmother Mamie Welch. See accompanying story for details. (Ron Carr Photo)

Star Lites
By Bill Ellis

In late winter, we had a warm spell. Most of the basketball season was played in spring-like weather. Then—just in time for the track, golf, tennis and other outdoor sports, the weather went to h_____ (There's another blank).

In fact, long about mid-April, when all the fruit trees were blooming, our area was hit with not only a freeze, but one that lasted for most of a 48-hour period. It was bad enough that wheat farmers are still anxious about what kind of effect it may have on their crop.

In late April, the heavens opened up and the area got the most general rainfall it had received in at least 18 months—maybe 18 years. Most areas received at least six inches of moisture. It was enough to do some good in the sub-soil moisture department, which you couldn't say about many "wet spells" in the last few years.

The worst part about the last month or so is that the temperatures have stayed somewhat below normal. The cold, wet spell, along with this week's hailstorm may turn out to be hurtful to the area's corn and cotton. The hail and wet spell may necessitate replanting some of these crops. Farmers are used to having their rowcrops a little farther along by this time.

Agricultural observers note, however, that the weeds always manage to take off, regardless of how wet or dry it is. Controlling the weeds may be a problem for farmers this growing season.

Naturally, we're not complaining about the moisture—at least not yet. Those who have lived in these parts for any length of time know that it won't be long until farmers and gardeners will be watching the sky in hopes of seeing a rain-cloud.

Until then, we may just have to "tie a knot and hang on!"

BEN EZZELL was a longtime newspaper publisher at Canadian, in the northern Panhandle. He was a good role-model of many of us "fledgling editors" who came along in the late '50s or early '60s.

Our late friend's daughter, Laurie Brown, is now involved with publishing the Canadian Record, and she also helps the Canadian High School newspaper get their paper together.

Laurie printed some of the comments of these "junior journalists," under the heading "Ever Wonder Why....." For instance, the writer in this month's issue of "The Cat's Tale," posed the question: "When a cow laughs, does milk come out of its nose?"

Also, "If you throw a cat out a car window, does it become kitty litter?", and "How did a fool and his money get together in the first place?"

Lindsay Ricketts and Kathryn Knight were the writers. They also pondered: "When you choke a Smurf, what color does it turn?", "Why do kamikaze pilots wear helmets?....If you shoot a mime, should you use a silencer?? and "What's another word for thesaurus?"

The one we personally liked was: "Why do they sterilize the needles for lethal injection?"

I guess this just goes to show that even in high schools there are "slow news days." We're glad we saw Laurie's writing quoted. Her dad's verbal creations were watched by his local residents as well as state and federal elected officials.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Week of June 1-7

Friona residents having birthdays next week include:
 June 1--Cherith Howard, Rodney Ortiz, Wes Phillips, David Spencer, Pam Alvarado, June Spring.
 June 2--Tonya Clark, Jason Hesse, Michael Davila, Richard Dickson, Jo Hamil.
 June 3--Cara Brockman Speer, Kiley Dee Gibson, Debbie Sweatt, Terri Cummings Zerfas, Ann Barker.
 June 4--Pam Hamilton, Gene Weatherly, Ruth Tucker, Lucy Villalobos, Deb Hendley.
 June 5--Hazel Stowers, Rene Lincoln, Jesse Mendoza, Erin Austin, Craig Kitten.
 June 6--Shannon Lincoln, Garrett Wright, Chris Mabry, Holly Campbell, Jennifer Smith, Sylvia Gibson, Janette Collard.
 June 7--Kevin Schueler, Mike Sutter, Derek Rebber.
 If you or someone in your family has a birthday coming up soon, call the Friona Star office at 247-2211.



She may declare a war against being FORTY, But we'll remember her more as being very SPORTY.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Remaining Schedule For Kids Inc. Baseball

The Mustang, Bronco, and Pinto leagues of Kids, Inc. baseball began their season and have been sandwiching games between rainfalls.

Games remaining on the schedules are:

BRONCO LEAGUE

All Bronco games are at 8 p.m. Makeup games are on Saturdays.

June 2-Four-Way Pump vs. Friona Star; June 3-Friona State Bank vs. Wheat Growers; June 5-Friona Star vs. Wheat Growers; June 6-Four-Way vs. Friona State Bank; June 9-Friona State Bank vs. Friona Star; June 10-Four-Way vs. Wheat Growers; June 12-Friona Star vs. Four-way; June 13-Wheat Growers vs. Friona State Bank.

June 16-Friona State Bank vs. Four Way; June 17-Wheat Growers vs. Friona Star; June 19-Friona Star vs. Friona State Bank; June 20-Wheat Growers vs. Four-Way; June 23-Four-Way vs. Friona Star; June 24-Friona State Bank vs. Wheat Growers; June 26-Four-Way vs. Friona State Bank; June 27-Friona Star vs. Wheat Growers.

MUSTANG LEAGUE

All Mustang games start at 6 p.m. Second games of double-headers start at 7:45 p.m.

June 2-Ethridge Spring vs. Hi-Pro; June 3-Hi-Pro vs. Friona Motors; June 5-State Farm vs. Ethridge Spring; June 6-BJBees vs. Hi-Pro; June 9-Ethridge Spring vs. BJBees; June 10-State Farm vs. Friona Motors; June 12-Friona Motors vs. BJBees; June 13-Hi-Pro vs. State Farm.

June 16-Ethridge Spring

TEMPERATURES

Date	Hi-Low
Friday, May 23	82-52
Saturday, May 24	85-55
Sunday, May 25	80-53
Monday, May 26	82-47
Tuesday, May 27	78-47
Wednesday, May 28	72-51
Thursday, May 29	83-56

vs. State Farm; June 17-Friona Motors vs. Hi-Pro; June 19-Hi-Pro vs. Ethridge Spring; June 20-State Farm vs. BJBees; June 21-Ethridge Spring vs. Friona Motors (2 p.m.); June 23-Hi-Pro vs. BJBees; June 24-Friona Motors vs. State Farm; June 26-BJBees vs. Ethridge Spring; June 27-State Farm vs. Hi-Pro; June 28-BJBees vs. Friona Motors (2 p.m.).

PINTO LEAGUE

First game-6 p.m. Second game-7:30 p.m. Third game-9 p.m.

June 2-Campbell Electric vs. West Plains Feedyard; Winkle's vs. DL's Thriftway; June 3-Credit Union vs. Paco Feed Yard; West Plains Feed Yard vs. H & R Block; June 5-Paco Feed Yard vs. DL's Thriftway; Winkle's vs. Campbell Electric; June 6-Credit Union vs. Winkle's; Campbell Electric vs. H & R Block; DL's Thriftway vs. West Plains Feed Yard.

June 9-Paco Feed Yard vs. Campbell Electric; West Plains vs. Credit Union; June 10-DL's Thriftway vs. H & R Block; West Plains vs. Paco Feed Yard; June 12-Credit Union vs. DL's Thriftway; H & R Block vs. Winkle's; June 13-Winkle's vs. West Plains; H & R Block vs. Paco Feed Yard; Campbell Electric vs. Credit Union.

Bucket Calf Weigh Day Set June 7

The next 4-H bucket calf weigh day will be held Saturday, June 7 at Town and Country Vet Clinic on West Highway 60 in Bovina. Bring your calf from 2-4 p.m.

It's not too late to participate in the project. All children ages 5-13 are invited to participate in the bucket calf project.

The show and awards banquet are set for Saturday, September 6 at the Farwell Park.

For more information call Ira Holt at 247-3852 or Alicia Smith at 247-2817.

Friona Flashbacks

...from the files of The Friona Star

65 Yrs Ago-June 3, 1932

Word has been received by F.A. Spring, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, that the Clovis radio station, KICA, was not able to open on June 2 as it had planned to do, and that the Friona program, to have been rendered on Thursday evening, had been postponed. It is understood that the program will be given next Thursday, June 9.

55 Yrs Ago-May 29, 1942

District Attorney John B. Honts admonished 24 seniors of the Friona High School graduating class to lay aside normal plans and help America win the war, at the same time to be prepared to help establish "the kind of peace necessary for a democratic future for all mankind" in an address which was the feature of the commencement program last Friday night.

45 Yrs Ago-May 29, 1952

Hats off to the White Auto Store for bringing a television set to Friona! For you skeptics who just don't believe there is such a contraption, we invited you to inspect the receiving set over at Charlie's and Bill's. Confidentially, we're checking to see if an extension can be arranged whereby ye servants of the Star can enjoy the summer baseball games and even the political maneuvers.

35 Yrs Ago-May 31, 1962

Announcements were announced this week to the staffs of Plains Publishers and the Friona Star. Billy Ellis, former editor of the Muleshoe Journal, will assume the newly-created position of news editor of the Star. Pete Mace is leaving a teaching position in Friona schools to accept a position in the advertising department. The printing department of the Star has been leased to Carlton Newell.

30 Yrs Ago-June 1, 1967

Funeral services were held

last Saturday for R.L. Bates, who first put Friona "on the map" as far as girls basketball is concerned. Bates took girls teams to the state tournament three times back during McKamie League playoffs, where 16 teams made up the state meet, all battling for one trophy. His best season record was in 1946-47 when the Squaws won 43 consecutive wins enroute to a 44-1 season record.

25 Yrs Ago-June 1, 1972

Rev. Albert Lindley has been returned to begin his fourth year as pastor of Friona's United Methodist Church, according to the official appointments announced Tuesday evening.

Eight girls are entered in the Parmer County Farm Bureau queen's contest Saturday evening at Friona High School Auditorium.

20 Yrs Ago-May 29, 1977

Henry Kuper, 64, a long time resident of the Summerfield community, died last Monday after he had received multiple injuries in a tractor accident on his farm. He was run over by the large rear wheel of the tractor after starting the motor from the ground.

10 Yrs Ago-May 30, 1987

Graduation events are slated Friday and Saturday nights, May 29-30 at Friona. Ninety-three eighth graders are slated to receive their diplomas Friday night at 8 p.m. Elaine White and Dan Neelley, top two students, will deliver an address at the ceremony.

Former congressman Kent Hance, recently appointed as a member of the state's College Coordinating Board, will be the speaker at Friona High School's Commencement Exercises Saturday.

5 Yrs Ago-May 30, 1992

Nintey-two members of Friona's eighth grade class were scheduled to receive their diplomas Friday evening at the commence-

ment exercises at the junior high auditorium. Julie Goddard, top ranking student in the class, will give the valedictory address. Aimee Renner, second student, will give the salutatory address.

The Friona area received over five inches of rainfall during an eight-day period, making the month of May the wettest month on record in over five years.

Bulletin-- Warning Sounds 2nd Night

The City of Friona's storm alert team sounded a "take cover" warning late Thursday for the second evening in a row.

Thursday's warning came at about 10:50 p.m., and was soon lifted around 11:15, when the "all clear" signal was given.

A spokesperson at the Friona Police Department said that spotters saw some "tails in the cloud," which prompted the warning. Also, a motorist who had come from Dimmitt stopped at the FPD to report that he observed a possible funnel cloud while approaching Friona.

Some light hail fell when the squall line came across the city. Only .11 inch of additional moisture was measured in the official gauge by recorder Bill Ellis. That pushed May's total to 2.37 inches as of 11:30 Thursday night.

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50TH ANNIVERSARY....Christian and Ruth Durrenburger Drager will observe their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception on Saturday, June 7 from 3-5 p.m. at the Rhea/Hollene Activity Center. They were married June 8, 1947 in Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Warda, Texas. Children of the couple are Curtis Drager of Rhea and Raymond Drager of Melissa, Texas.

Get Ahead! Earn Some Credit This Summer

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Thursday, June 5
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Alphabetical Registration Schedule
Morning
8:10-8:50 a.m. S and T
9:00-9:45 a.m. O through R
9:45-10:30 a.m. K through N
10:30-11:15 a.m. H through J

Afternoon
1:00-1:30 p.m. E through G
1:30-2:00 p.m. C and D
2:00-2:30 p.m. A and B
2:30-3:00 p.m. U through Z

Evening Registration
5:00-6:00 p.m. A through Z
Late registration continues through June 13

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Out Here

By **RON CARR**



Last Monday I visited the cemeteries in Bovina and Friona.

It was Memorial Day and cemeteries across the U.S.A. were the focus of the holiday, as veterans were honored, and the emphasis was to put the "memorial" back into Memorial Day.

To me a cemetery is a holy place, especially on those days we honor our departed mothers, fathers, veterans, etc.

I found people at both cemeteries last Monday. Some were standing in silent memories. Others were pulling a weed or two, picking up a stray bit of litter, or adjusting flags and flowers left on the markers to honor the dead.

Most were simply there. For no other reason than to be there. To recall happy memories, to talk quietly to the memory of loved ones.

The weather could not have been better. Recent rains assured that grass and trees were a splendid green. What wind there was furled and rattled the many flags placed on the graves of Farmer County's veterans.

Most of all, the Bovina and Friona cemeteries were neat and manicured to frame the quiet reverence of this most sacred place.

Everyone should say a giant "Thank You" to the city employees of Bovina and Friona. They maintain the cemeteries and it is obvious to me that they mow, trim, and water with great care to preserve the integrity and beauty of this holy resting place.

Thank you city employees. Our cemeteries stood tall and proud on this Memorial Day 1997.

Special thanks also to the American Legion and VFW Posts and the Women's Auxiliary for their volunteer time and effort in placing the flags on the graves of America's veterans.

What a sight it was to see the colors of the flags and flowers and wreaths so carefully placed and so highly respected by all visitors.

I hope as the years pass we will be able to renew the spirit of Memorial Day and make it more than just another day off.

Last Monday was a good start. My spirit and confidence in America was raised a notch. I was having a really good day.

Then I remembered that Bill Clinton is President of the United States of America and Commander-in-Chief of U. S. Armed Forces.

As usual, I have some questions. For instance, do you think that the current problems in the military of adultery, rape, consensual sex under duress, lying, and disobeying orders has anything to do with soldiers following the example of their commander-in-chief?

There were seven old black Tuskegee soldiers who survived a government experiment on venereal disease. They survived the disease and were invited to Washington for an official apology.

Five of them accepted. The other two said they wouldn't go to Washington D. C. because they had survived the venereal disease once and were afraid they would catch it again at the White House. (Relax, it is a Jay Leno joke.)

I know that some of you are going to "be so mad" at me for talking bad about your beloved Billy Jeff.

"Yes, isn't he cute and he is so nice and he just wants good things for all of us. He is taking care of the children, and the poor, and some of the old folks too. He is wonderful."

Gag!! I haven't said much about Billy Jeff and his reluctant roommate Hill Rod in quite a while. Some folks said we're "tard of you talking 'bout Clinton all the time. Why don't 'chu write about sumpin' else?"

Well I did that. Haven't mentioned him for several months now. Enough is enough. If you are one

of the few Clinton lovers in Farmer County, stop reading right here. See you next week.

I don't like the man. During my life I have had friends who lied every now and then, chased women, drank too much, and generally were regarded as good old boy hell-raisers.

Matter of fact I have done some of those things myself. But, my friends and I weren't state governors or presidents of the U. S. of A.

We didn't have an agenda to leave a historic legacy come hell or high water. We had an agenda to party. And best of all, we didn't do any of it at taxpayer expense. (It boggles the mind to think how much fun we could have had with \$200,000 a year and a free 747 airplane to party in.)

Bill Clinton is a hustler. From what I read he always has been. Some other accusations are that he is a liar, adulterer, philanderer, cheater, draft dodger, drug-dealer, and drug money launderer.

Just this week, the U. S. Supreme Court, in a unanimous 9-0 decision, said that Paula Jones could go ahead with her suit against Billy Jeff. (Guess they didn't think he was much of a president either.)

Remember, Clinton lovers, it was Clinton's lawyers who took the Paula Jones case to the Supreme Court, not Paula Jones.

The latest edition of the National Enquirer (that rag?) says that Hill Rod had an affair with Vince Foster and Billy Jeff wanted to have one with Sharon Stone. (It also hints that Hill Rod may be gay or bi-sexual but I am not going to mention that.)

Did money from China

and Indonesia influence this president? He would say "shucks, gosh no."

Last week some senators had a screaming fit when they found out that our soldiers had recently been issued combat boots that were made in China.

The Chinese took over a closed naval base in San Diego for a Chinese shipping company with ties to the Chinese group that allegedly gave money to the Democrats.

Clinton signed an order making over one million acres of land in Utah a "national monument." The one million acres contains the second largest deposit of coal in the world which now cannot be mined.

It is probably just a coincidence that the second largest coal producer now, who will be selling coal to the United States, is Indonesia, home of the generous Riyhadi family, another of Billy Jeff's illegal foreign money benefactors.

Suicides, murders, fatal accidents, sexual harassment, shady business dealings, ex-

partners and friends serving jail time, abuse of power, lying, and even some double-crossing thrown in.

These are adjectives that have characterized the Clinton administration from day one.

I am also surprised that about a million teachers haven't marched on Washington by now.

Why are so many teachers remaining silent when Billy Jeff is saying that you are too inept to do your job? Saying openly that first, second, and third grade teachers don't know how to teach reading. Where's the anger, teachers?

There is a 1 1/2 hour video tape called "The Clinton Chronicles", floating around Friona. Jake Outland loaned me a copy.

Find it. Watch it. Then tell me how much you love Bill Clinton.

Am I showing disrespect, spite, and disdain. Damn right.

In honor of Memorial Day I respect the office, but I sure don't have to respect the holder.

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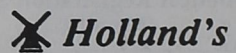
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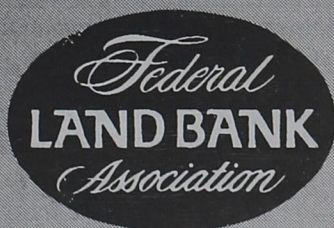


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J. D. Aronce Attends Conference

Jesus David Aronce recently attended the Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation Texas Panhandle Leadership Seminar. Aronce joined more than 100 other young leaders representing as many high schools from throughout Texas, April 26, in Amarillo.

Representing Friona High School, Aronce is the son of Manuela C. Aronce. The Friona Star was the local HOBY sponsor.

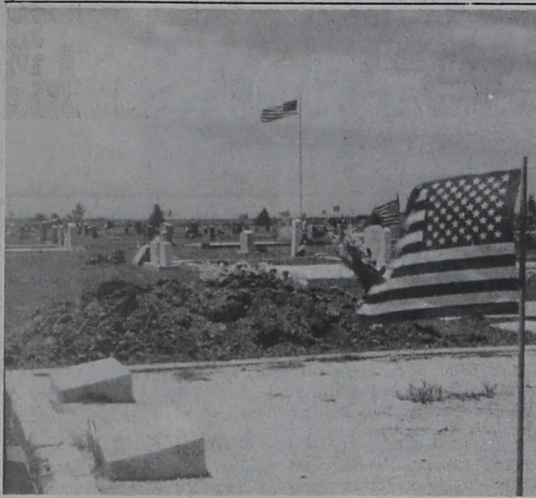
HOBY Leadership Seminars bring together a select group of high school sophomores so they can interact with groups of distinguished leaders in business, government, education and the professions to discuss present and future issues.

"The seminar challenged me to think about the world around me and what we, as the future leaders, have to do to positively influence business, government and society," said Aronce. "I also better understand that my goals and dreams are important and that the leaders have extreme responsibilities in whatever walk of life they pursue."

The Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation was established by the popular actor Hugh O'Brian following a visit to Africa where he was inspired by a meeting with Dr. Albert Schweitzer.

"One of the things Schweitzer said to me was that the most important thing in education was to teach young people to think for themselves," O'Brian said.

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A DAY OF HONOR.....The Friona cemetery was in splendid condition on Memorial Day thanks to the efforts of city employees. Flags waved in the warm breezes in honor of Parmer County veterans. See this week's Out Here column for a closer look. (Ron Carr Photo)

Officials Give Damage Report...

(Continued from Page 1)

the Friona Farmers Co-op Gin, had a fairly optimistic outlook after surveying the area cotton fields Thursday. "We have lost a lot of acres, that's for sure, but it could have been worse. What we need is some sunshine and hot weather."

"These cool nights and the wet weather isn't necessarily good for young cotton," Butman said. The local ginner said there may have been between 2,000 and 3,000 acres of cotton destroyed by the Wednesday storm. "Some may re-plant to cotton, if the weather allows, but many may have to plant something else," Butman said.

Farmers in the Friona area had planted six to seven per cent more acres cotton this year, after a bumper crop and good prices rewarded their efforts in 1996. They are hoping to repeat that achievement in the current crop year.

Ron Smiley, manager of Friona Wheat Growers, said it was difficult to determine how wide an area was affected by the hail. "They just got mostly rain up north of town. There was a strip a couple of miles wide out southeast of town that was hit fairly hard," Smiley said.

The longtime local elevator manager pointed out that corn can sometime overcome hail damage, if the "growth point" had not been reached. It's hard to determine where that point is for a certain field. "If that point has been reached, then the farmer might as well plant something else, as the corn plants will be stunted and not produce much at harvest."

A spokesperson at the Sherley-Anderson Elevator at Rhea said it appeared that no hail had fallen right at Rhea--only a light shower. "I know that south and east of here they got up to an inch of rain, but don't know how much damage there was," the spokesman said. Elevator

manager Joe Allen was out inspecting crops.

The wheat--both irrigated and dryland--is off to a much better than average start--and virtually a 100 per cent improvement over last year, if the farmers can just be allowed to harvest what they have at this point.

The farmers, as well as their merchant friends, are hoping that the "fickle finger of fate" doesn't interfere with the crop for at least another month.



A FEW YEARS AGO---Photo taken in 1954 at the Ethridge-Spring Agency shows Lois Norwood (seated left), Bill Stewart (standing), and Oneida Allen (seated right). Lois will be honored with a retirement reception at the Agency on Monday. She has been with the company for 49 years.

Lois Norwood Retires From Work After 49 Years At Ethridge-Spring

Lois Norwood is looking forward to having a little more time to relax and enjoy her many church and civic activities. Lois is retiring this week from 49 years on the job at Ethridge-Spring Insurance Agency.

"I'm not retiring from Friona...just my job," Lois replied when she was asked about her future plans.

She graduated from Friona High School in 1947 and went to business college in Lubbock for a year. She then began her long career in the insurance business at Ethridge-Spring Agency.

In the meantime she has been an active supporter of her church and city, which earned her the title of "Woman of the Year" in 1983.

At the Friona United Methodist Church, she has been active in the choir, Sunday School and the Methodist Women's organization. She says she's done just about everything at the church except to act as the pastor and that's a job she wouldn't particularly want.

Lois has served on the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and is active in the Women's Division of the Chamber. She is currently a member of Modern Study Club and is a past president of the Progressive Study Club. She also serves as president, charter member and Board of Directors of the Heritage Society.

She is practically the sole caretaker of the local Humane Society and has been known to take in a stray dog or cat from time to time with intentions of finding the poor creature a good home.

Several of the lost animals still have a home at the Norwood place on Sixth Street.

She has worked with the Friona United Way for several years and was president in 1984. She was a long-time member of the Board of Directors at the Friona Texas Federal Credit Union.

Mike Hutson will be taking

over Lois' duties at Ethridge-Spring but her co-workers are wondering how they'll manage without her after all these years. So Lois has promised to be "on call" for awhile longer just in case they need her.

Meanwhile she is excited about the prospect of having some leisure time to travel and to continue on with some of her favorite projects.

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May Rain Puts Year's Total At 10"

Wednesday night's moisture from rain and melted hail came to 1.08 inches, and pushed the moisture total for the month of May locally to 2.42 inches.

The May total placed the total moisture for calendar year 1997 at 10.18 inches. This is quite a contrast from 1996, when only .50 inch of moisture was measured for the first five months, and a meager .14 inch in May, which is customarily the wettest month in these parts.

Following April's eye-popping 6.16 inches of moisture, the total for May (through Wednesday) and April amounted to 8.58 inches.

It was June of '96 before a month's total topped an inch, at 1.96. Then things got going with 4.75 inches in July, 3.48 in August and 3.49 in September, enroute to a yearly total of 15.78 inches.

May has been a mild month, with only one day, the 18th, above the 90-degree mark.

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TRENT MURPHREE

Screening Date Is Established

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

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing breast self-exam each month.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening that includes a mammogram and instruction in self-examination by a Registered Nurse. The total cost is \$75. A minimum of fifteen women need to register in order for the mobile mammography clinic to come to area towns.

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JANET RECTOR

Janet Rector To Perform Thursday

Janet Rector, daughter of Larry and Sharon Rector, will be traveling to Nashville, Tennessee in June to make music videos.

To prepare for the expenses of the trip, Janet will be playing dinner music at Carl's Headquarter's Restaurant on Thursday, June 5 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

The videos will air to four million homes across the United States.

"I appreciate the support from the Friona community and the opportunity Carl McEnroe has given me to perform on Thursday," Janet said.

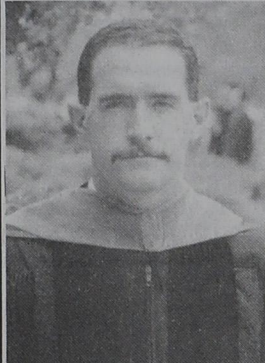
C. Gloriosos Have A Boy

Charles and Kimberly Gloriosos of Trinidad, Colorado are the parents of a baby boy, Zachary Charles. He was born at St. Mary-Corwin Hospital in Pueblo, Colorado on March 2.

The new arrival weighed seven pounds, one ounce and was twenty inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Frankie and Homer Lindeman of Friona and the late V.R. Wilcox. Paternal grandparents are Steve and Nettie Gloriosos of Trinidad, Colorado.

Lorene Farrar of Poteau, Oklahoma is the maternal great-grandmother and Della Gloriosos of Trinidad, Colorado is the paternal great-grandmother.



DR. REESE HAND graduated from Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine in College Station, Texas on May 9. Dr. Hand is the son of Mike and Jonelle Hand and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. N.E. Wood and Mrs. Dimple Hand. Dr. Hand will be employed at a referral equine clinic in Littleton, Colorado starting July 1.

Study Club Receives Awards, Plans For Future of Friona

Carrying out the theme of the Friona Modern Study Club meeting to become better informed about the public affairs of Friona, club members expressed their belief in the powers of a dream during their meeting May 20.

After Eva Kimbrough led the blessing, members and guests enjoyed a salad supper hosted by Carmaleet Truitt, Deanna Duke, Lois Norwood and Eva Miller.

The meeting was called to order by Nellie Shelton and minutes of the last meeting were read by Faye Reeve, secretary. Reports chairman, Sandra Turner, reported on the state awards which the club had recently won.

Awards included first place GFWC Music; second place in GFWC Health; Fourth place GFWC Continuing Education; and first place GFWC Family Economics.

The roll call was answered by, "I wish Friona would...". Some of the ideas were to clean up litter, restore main street, have a heated swimming pool, have more downtown events on July 4, improve the appearance of entrances of major highways into Friona and encourage hometown support of businesses.

The Club Chorus directed by Eva Miller presented "Cindy" and "Try To Remember."

Lois Miller presented special guest Teresa Buske, executive vice president of the Chamber of Commerce who informed club members of Friona's past history, present status and hopes for the future.

She answered questions about the suggestions given at roll call. She also encouraged the club to write a letter stating the desire to become a candidate for the main street improvement project for our town which would provide training for a coordinator if Friona is chosen. Buske indicated that Post was one town which has recently been a part of that project.

Members were given information printed by the Chamber concerning Friona and discussed prospects for

encouraging new businesses to open.

Following the program Nellie Shelton, president, installed Mary Johnson as vice president.

The club collect was sang by the Club Chorus to close the last meeting for the club year. Guests were Dorothy Ingram and Lauren Buske.

Friona Is Amarillo College Grad

Amarillo College hosted commencement for 1,034 students May 9 at the Amarillo Civic Center Cal Farley Coliseum. The commencement included fall, spring, and summer candidates for graduation. Rulyn Fay Northcutt of Friona received a Certificate of Completion in Vocational Nursing.



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He has umpired PONY games and PONY All Stars tournaments in Friona, plus high school varsity and junior varsity games in such cities as River Road, Randall, Shamrock, Canyon, Boys Ranch, Dimmitt, Dumas, Muleshoe and Hereford.

"Umpiring keeps me involved in baseball and keeps me around kids", said Ortiz. "I also enjoy the interaction with fellow umpires. It can be challenging but I do it because I enjoy baseball".

He sometimes gets discouraged about other aspects of the game. In particular he encounters coaches, spectators, and parents who sometime perceive him as the bad guy.

"One of the hardest parts of umpiring is dealing with coaches," he said. "I always had good coaches and consider myself a good coach, but there are coaches who do not teach kids the game of

baseball. I am discouraged often by fans and parents who do not know the rules".

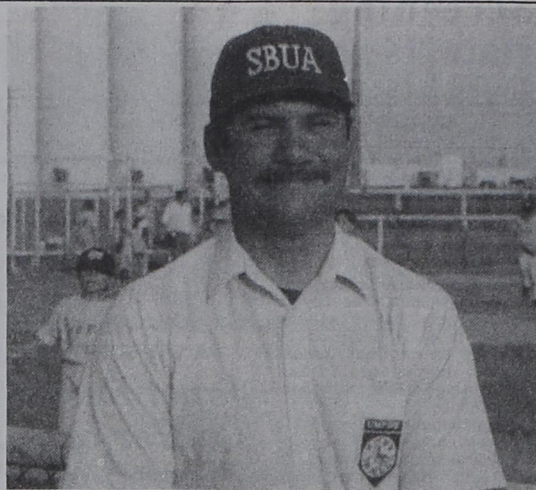
"I prefer PONY and SBUA baseball with the professional rules", he continued. "Other programs are not as challenging. It is not real baseball without the professional rules."

Ortiz stated no preference to whether he umpired behind the plate or in the field. He likes behind the plate because of the high level of involvement in the game. Being in the field can get boring he said.

For Ortiz, being an umpire means a learning process that never ends. He is dedicated to his duty and offers words of advice for new or prospective umpires.

"Don't do it just for money. Read rulebooks and learn from more experienced umpires. Work hard by both learning and teaching."

Ortiz says he still practices in front of a mirror on techniques for calls. He says, "I have fun when I umpire. If I didn't, I would quit".



PLAY BALL!.....Kids, Inc. summer baseball is in full swing. The three leagues need dedicated umpires to make it all possible. Veteran ump Rogelio Ortiz is one of many officials who work the kid games. See a related story for his views on being an ump.

YOUR EYES

Learning To See

A newborn baby can't see very well or very far. In the months that follow, the blurriness clears up and the baby learns many new visual skills. Parents can help stimulate the sense of sight.

Hang a mobile over the crib, one that will entice the baby to reach out and touch it. Move the bassinet or baby seat regularly so that the infant has something new to look at. By four months a child can have an assortment of safe toys of different sizes, colors and textures. And peekaboo games remain all-time favorites of babies, their parents and grandparents.

Babies should be permitted to crawl, explore and touch anything that's safe. This helps to develop hand/eye coordination. Roll a ball to a baby and watch the little one crawl after it. By a year, introduce toys--or even plastic containers--that can be stacked or taken apart. Learning to recognize shapes--putting a round peg in a round hole, for instance--can be a step in learning to read.

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Awards Assembly Honors Top Junior High Students

The annual awards assembly for Friona Junior High students was held last week. Students recognized included:

Band--sixth grade, Betsy Clark and Andy Carthel; seventh grade, Frank Dominguez and Jacy Grimsley; eighth grade, Lynette Jubay and Blane Winebrinner.

Computer--seventh grade, Cara Evans; eighth grade, Dwight Merrell. ESL--sixth grade, Manuel Rodriguez; eighth grade, Xsochitl Solis.

English--sixth grade, Lindsay North and Mandy Geris; seventh grade, Irene Chavarria and Amy Terry; eighth grade, Elida Rivera and Dwight Merrell.

Speech--Kahlie Ingram. Reading improvement--seventh grade, Miguel Candanedo; eighth grade, Quentin Shelby. Reading--sixth grade, Alyssa Villa and Andy Gomez; eighth grade, Sarah Peterson and Myrna Rivera.

Math--sixth grade, Andy Carthel and Magali Gomez; seventh grade, Danny Orozco and Jennifer Echevarria; eighth grade, Valerie Bandy and Cason White. Algebra--Veronica Velazquez.

Science--sixth grade, Holley Hand and T.J. Randolph; seventh grade, Esmeralda Ortiz and Monica Santellana; eighth grade--Lynette Jubay and Stephanie Cabrera. Art--sixth grade, Estafany Armendariz and Ricardo Coronado; seventh/eighth grade, Teresa Gonzales and Garland Buske.

Spanish I--Kayla Smiley and Jenny Cunningham. Home economics--Rocio Lugo. Social studies--sixth grade, Judy Garza and Victor Favela; Texas history--seventh grade, Felicia Lafuente and Roy Loya.

U.S. history--eighth grade, Amber Wyly and Justin Boyd. Physical education--sixth grade, Veronica Torres and Andy Garza; seventh grade, Lupe Juarez and J.J. Balli; eighth grade, Christina Ortega and Anibal Solis.

Cheerleaders--Tania Hand, Olivia Mendez, Ashlee Hunt, Mary Louise Walker, LaFawnda Mays, Rocio Lugo, Brandi Stokes, Kristie Jack, Alisia Rando, Elvira Tafoya, Diana Tirado, Raynie Trimmell, Brandi Brailiff, Jena Grimsley, Jacy Grimsley, Jennifer Echevarria, Alice Allen, Brandi Curphey, Stephanie Collier, Kelsey Welch, Monica Santellana, Kim Houston, Mandy Daniel and Candace Ingram.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE
Sixth grade--Betsy Clark, Andrew Gomez, T.J. Randolph, Guadalupe Salinas, Calvin Shields, Cody Snyder, Veronica Torres and Crystal M. Vega.

Seventh grade--Claudia Arpero, Chance Butman, Porfirio Cardenas, Pascuala Cigarroa, Stephanie Collier, Amanda Daniel, Frank Dominguez, Joe Don Henry, Candace Ingram, Guadalupe Juarez, Christy Nava, Daniel Perkins, Ernesto Ramos, Eric Shields and Amy Terry.

Eighth grade--Josh Burleson, Lupita Corral, Jamie Escobedo, Ashlee Hunt, Lynette Jubay, Audra King, LaFawnda Mays, Christina Ortega, J'Mae Randolph, Charley Saiz, Kayla Smiley, Logan Spencer, Veronica Velazquez and Amber Wyly.

Presidential Academic Fitness--Valerie Bandy, Keaton Behrendsen, Justin Boyd, Jill Brown, Josh Burleson, Garland Buske, William Jared Buske, Jenny Cunningham,

Jena Grimsley, Tania Hand, Ashlee Hunt, Lynette Jubay, LaFawnda Mays, Clint McCoy, Sarah Peterson, Elida Rivera, Jerry Rodriguez, Charley Saiz, Kayla Smiley, Diana Tirado, Rayenna Trimmell, Veronica Velazquez, V'Laura Wilcox, Amber Wyly and Carolina Rivera.

Student Council--Tania Hand, president; Josh Burleson, vice president; J'Mae Randolph, secretary; Jena Grimsley, reporter; Rocio Lugo, Sue Haye Ramos, Veronica Velazquez, Amber Wyly, Alice Allen, Clint Cox, Mandy Daniel, Candace Ingram, Felicia Lafuente, Kelsey Welch, Mandy Geris, Cody Grimsley, Holley Hand, Corbin Neill, Lindsay North, Shauna Stokes, Crystal Vega, Kerrie Ryan and Alyssa Villa.

A-Team--sixth grade, Adam Bandy, Heath Gammon, Amanda Geris, Holley Hand, Raquel Mendez, Lindsay North, T.J. Randolph and Tyler White; seventh grade, Frank Dominguez, Cara Evans, Jacy Grimsley, Felicia Lafuente, Roy Loya and Amy Terry; eighth grade, Lynette Jubay, Audra King, J'Mae Randolph, Elida Rivera, Kayla Smiley, Veronica Velazquez and Amber Wyly.

Top ten awards--Veronica Velazquez, Lynette Jubay, Elida Rivera, Amber Wyly, Kayla Smiley, J'Mae Randolph, Audra King, Josh Burleson, Sarah Peterson and Charley Saiz.

Best All Around--Josh Burleson and Amber Wyly.

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Sixth grade--Holley Hand, Amanda Geris, Andrew Carthel, Betsy Clark, T.J. Randolph, Heath Gammon, Ty White, Chance Hutson, Raquel Mendez, Brian Wiseman, Lindsay North, Corbin Neill, Adam Bandy, Jacob Alvarado, Adrian Delgado, Randy Baca, Josh Rivera, Veronica Torres, Jered Cunningham, Lacy Presley, Jeff Zamora, Cody Grimsley, Calvin Shields, Victor Favela, Christopher Wiseman, Logan Lacy, Ricardo Coronado, Shauna Stokes, Kerrie Ryan, Christopher Ureste, Paula Gonzales, Michael Stanberry, Jose Dominguez and Alyssa Villa.

Seventh grade--Cara Evans, Frank Dominguez, Jacy Grimsley, Felicia Lafuente, Roy Loya, Candace Ingram, Amy Terry, Porfirio Cardenas, Stephanie Collier, Amanda Daniel, Alberto Monarrez, Jennifer Echevarria, Trevor Fields, Irene Chavarria, Jennifer Stafford, Alice Allen, Guadalupe Juarez, Kelsey Welch, Dora Ibarra, Osvaldo Almaguer, Katy Field, Clint Cox, Eduardo Vazquez, Daniel Perkins, Ernestina Aragon, Antonieta Arellano and Monica Santellana.

Eighth grade--Veronica Velazquez, Lynette Jubay, Elida Rivera, Amber Wyly, Kayla Smiley, J'Mae Randolph, Audra King, Ruben Diaz, Charley Saiz, Josh Burleson, Jenny Cunningham, Tania Hand, Ashlee Hunt, Andrew Perez, Sarah Peterson, Aaron Hendrickson, Cason White, Lupita Corral, Vanessa Mata, V'Laura Wilcox, Valerie Bandy, Jena Grimsley, Dianna Tirado, LaFawnda Mays, Christina Ortega, Robert Winebrinner, Clinton McCoy, Kahlie Ingram, Olivia Mendez, Dwight Merrell, Garland Buske, Juan Gonzalez, Alisia Rando, Justin Boyd, Cass Perkins, Marissa Rodriguez and Keaton Behrendsen.

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