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Cheerleader camp dates announced

The Friona High School varsity cheerleaders will host the Friona Cheer Camp.

For 4-year-olds thru 5th graders, camp will be Wednesday, July 29 thru Friday, July 31 from 9-11 a.m. at the high school. Registration will be Wednesday at 9 a.m. at the front entrance of the high school. Cost is \$25.

For 6th graders and the junior high cheerleaders, camp is Wednesday, July 29 and Thursday, July 30 from 6-8 p.m. at the high school. Registration is Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. at the front entrance of the high school. Cost is \$25.

If you have any questions contact Dianna Wright at 265-5563 or 250-2545.

Place Angel Food orders next week

Monthly orders for the Angel Food Ministries co-op food program will be taken Wednesday & Thursday, July 8-9, from noon to 5 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Friona. Participants should go by the office to order and payment with the order is required with cash, check, or money order. Distribution of July orders will be made Saturday July 25 from 10-11 a.m. at the First Baptist fellowship hall.

If you have not participated in this discounted food program and would like more information about it contact the church office at 250-3933.



ron carr photo

Members of the Kendrick family gathered during the Kendrick Memorial golf tournament held Saturday and Sunday at Friona Draw Golf & Recreation Center. The tournament honored the late Pudge Kendrick who was a founding member of the country club. From left to right, Matthew and Tara Kendrick, Amanda and Phillip Shelton, Sally (Kendrick) Messenger holding Mallory Shelton, Deke Kendrick, Danny Kendrick, Jennifer Kendrick, Pam Kendrick holding Avery Kendrick daughter of Casey and Andy Kendrick. More photos from the golf tournament are available at frionaonline.com.

Two weeks till cheeseburgers and channel 10

BY RON CARR

In about two weeks Friona will experience its annual fifteen minutes of fame.

Chamber of Commerce executive vice-president Chris Alexander and the Chamber board are in the midst of planning for the back-to-back events of the Saturday July 18 Cheeseburger Festival & Car Show followed by the Monday July 20 KVII Channel 10 visit to Friona.

All businesses, civic clubs, church groups, and individual vendors are invited to participate in either or both events, Alexander said.

For the Cheeseburger Cookoff vendors pay a \$30 fee in advance for a booth. No meat vendors will be allowed but other food vendors are welcome to participate. Some examples of previous vendors are jewelry, t-shirts, toys, gift items, sno-cones, ice cream, roasted corn, etc.

All vendors are required to keep their goods G-rated and family friendly. Vendors are required to clean up around their sites before leaving the park. Vendor forms and entry blanks

for the cook-off and car show are available at the Chamber of Commerce office at 621 Main St.

At the Cheeseburger Cook Off the Chamber will be selling a plastic bracelet for \$6 good for a cheeseburger and bag of chips. The plastic bracelet will have four tabs, each one good for one-fourth of a cheeseburger from any of the cook-off teams. Burgers will be available to the public when the judging is completed, usually around noon.

In addition, the Noon Lions Club will be selling french fries for \$2 and other vendors will sell drinks, candy, ice cream, sno-cones, fruit punch and more. There

will also be music, a rock climbing wall, the inflatable jumping house, and other vendor booths.

Tables and chairs will be set up during the Cheeseburger Cook Off but it has not been decided about providing them during the Channel 10 evening. If you are coming out for the Monday evening, and the Chamber would like to see lots of folks there, you might want to bring along your folding chairs.

No fee is being charged for vendors at the July 20 Channel 10 event which will also center at city park. Times given are from 5-10:30 p.m. Set-up time will be from 4

5:15 p.m. Again, vendors need to keep items G-rated and family friendly. Food of any kind may be served during the evening. All vendors will need to clean up their area before leaving the park.

"We encourage any and all retail businesses to bring a table and tent and set up a 'mini-store' for the evening," Alexander said. "We want booths of any kind and for everyone to have a great time and let's make a good showing for Channel 10."

If there are questions about either of these events contact the Chamber at 250-3491. Make plans now to come out and help Friona with its fifteen minutes of fame.



Bovina July 4 activities, fireworks show at dark

A parade at 10 a.m. kicks off July 4 activities in Bovina. The parade will start on the school side of the city park and end at the roping arena. Prizes will be given and parade participants can sign up with Mindy Neal-Widner at the parade start.

The Little Britches Rough Stock Rodeo for youngsters 12 and under will start at 1 p.m. Buddy Prather is in charge. Admission is free. The concession stand opens at 11 a.m. Rodeo signups start at 11:30 a.m. The

rodeo will include stick horse races, goat ribbons, mutton bustin', calf ribbon, and calf riding. After the rodeo is over a Frisbee competition will be held at the rodeo arena. Entry fee is \$5 and all funds will go toward cash prizes.

In the evening around dusk at the football field the Bovina Volunteer Fire Department will serve free watermelon, local veterans will be recognized and the fireworks display will begin at dark.

Cannon to visit Friona about training flights

Representatives from Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis are hosting a series of public meetings in the area to talk about the base's mission and training and how it will affect local cities. They will be in Friona Thursday July 9 from 2-3 p.m. at the Senior Citizen Friendship House, 1410 Washington St. The public is invited.

The forums will not only give the public an idea about the type of training missions Cannon will fly over communities but will offer an opportunity to ask questions. As new aircraft arrive at Cannon supporting the special operations mission, the public will notice additional aircraft traffic, particularly during hours of darkness.

The most recent addition to Cannon's fleet of aircraft is the first two of eight AC-130H Spectre gunships that arrived May 19 assigned to the 16th Special Operations Squadron. According to 16th Special Operations Squadron commander Lt. Col. Sean Farrell, the nature of the gunship mission calls for much of the training to be conducted in urban areas.

"When we deploy we will often be flying over cities and tracking targets within those cities under the cover of night," Farrell said. "So when we train at Cannon it is imperative that some of our operations be done over cities at night as well."

Farrell said much of the training is adjusting sensors and that will require flying in circles over cities. "The communities we're flying over will hear us but we still do our best to fly at altitudes that will limit the amount of noise," he said. "We want to be good neighbors too."

Current Cannon Airfield operating hours are 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday through Thursday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The AC-130H Spectre generally flies at night.

New hospital to have added features

Parmer Medical Center (PMC) is making final plans for the move into the new facility in August. In addition to several new clinical service lines delivered in a state-of-the-art healthcare setting, the new facility brings a highly patient-focused touch, with larger patient rooms, more patient-friendly lab and radiology

areas, and numerous features designed to create a positive hospital experience for patients and their families.

One such feature is the addition of the walking path pictured above. Patients and/or their families will have easy access to this path as an added element to their routine recovery

and physical therapy.

New clinical service lines immediately available in the new facility will include aquatic therapy and sleep laboratory studies. Upon relocating to the new facility, the PMC team will begin development of an endoscopy program and specialty clinic services, such as urology, cardiology, dermatol-

ogy and other specialties for which there is a community need.

"This is your new state-of-the-art facility, and the PMC team is grateful for the opportunity to utilize it in serving the healthcare needs of Parmer County and the surrounding area," said PMC spokesperson Heidi Eichenauer.

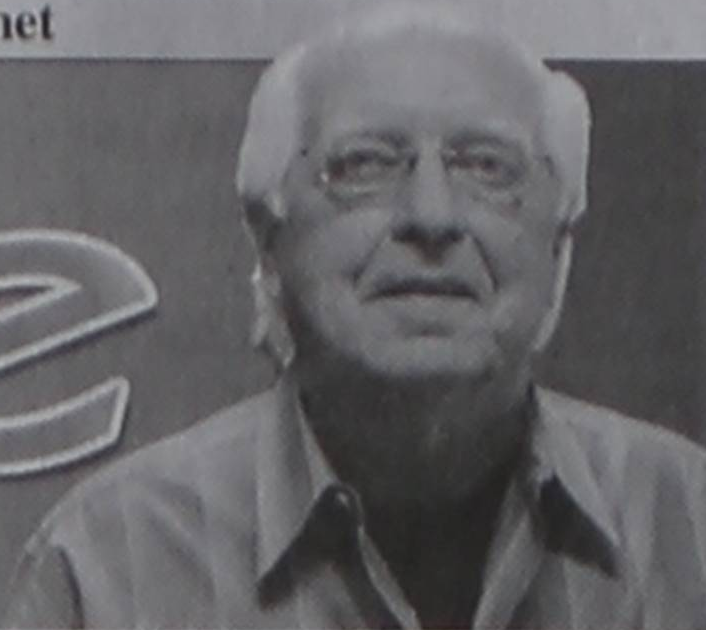


courtesy photo

This walking path will be one of several new services available at the new Parmer Medical Center hospital to assist patients with recovery and rehabilitation.

Out Here

By Ron Carr



the waxman markey energy tax bill

I know you don't like to read about politics but you had better pay attention to this piece of work.

Once upon a time a politician said, "We've taxed everything else, let's tax the climate. We'll scare America into believing they will die if we don't do something".

And so it came to pass the Democrats gained control of the government and sent Henry Waxman and Ed Markey forth to make a market for trading pollution for cash. They call it a climate endangerment bill, unofficially a cap and trade bill. Republicans call it a cap and tax bill.

The Chicken Little Democrats say either we will all burn up as the temperature gets hotter, or we will drown when the heat melts the glaciers and floods the cities.

The people in favor of this bill say that man is causing a change in the climate, therefore government needs to punish man by taking large chunks of man's money. Which of course does nothing to actually change the climate.

For the government, in particular Waxman and Markey, to have the audacity to think they can change the climate of the planet is the height of pompous assness.

Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi said on the floor of the House this week, "This bill can be summed up in four words: jobs, jobs, jobs, jobs." Cute huh? Her highness says this cap and trade bill will create 3.5 million jobs.

A while later, Congressman John Boehner, the current

ranking Republican in the House appeared on national television and said, "This bill is bad for America and will cost 3.5 million jobs." That is a 7 million job swing, so how is it two relatively intelligent individuals have such widely different views on the same issue. (I just ask the questions here, I don't answer them.)

Others weigh in. Governor Perry sent a press release titled "Cap and Trade Would be Largest Tax Increase in U.S. History and Hurt Texas' Economy".

The Texas Comptroller estimates Texas could lose 277,000 jobs by 2012 with the average Texas household paying \$1,136 more for household goods and services.

Texas Ag Commissioner Todd Staples sent a release: "This legislation is bad for America, bad for consumers, and bad for Texas farmers and ranchers."

Congressman Mike Conaway of Texas (District 11) said, "This bill will cause significant harm to our economy, our way of life, and the overall infrastructure in the coming years." Elsewhere on this page is a statement from our District 19 Representative Randy Neugebauer.

Here is the real truth about this bill as expressed by Conaway, "This bill does nothing to effect clean air and clean water. It is simply developed by my colleagues on the hard left who want to do away with carbon-based fuels."

Officially called the Ameri-

can Clean Energy and Security Act, Rep. Waxman's website says this about the bill: "This legislation will create jobs by the millions, save money by the billions, and unleash investment in clean energy by the trillions". (TIME magazine called Rep. Waxman one of the most dangerous men in America.)

Meanwhile, Rep. John Boehner's website says this: "This national energy tax will cost families more that ever for electricity, gasoline, food, and other products; and cost millions of American workers their jobs. This is a tax on anyone who drives a car, buys an American made product, or flips on a light switch."

He continues, "It will drive up energy costs, send millions of jobs overseas to countries like India and

China, and place an especially heavy burden on rural America."

So there you go. That last part about rural America should get your attention, I hope. That's where we live. The higher taxes on energy, the push for alternate energy, the mandate for cutting carbon emissions will affect farm and dairy and beef producers with higher costs, more taxes, lower demand for the commodities, and stronger government regulations.

The Waxmans and Markeys and Pelosis of the world have never been out here. They don't know what we do or how we live out here. Rep. Boehner says "The American people will not forget this vote." At this point I don't know whom to believe.

We'll have to wait and see.

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July 4th

Neugebauer: Tax is bad deal

Congressman Randy Neugebauer released the following statement on House passage of the National Energy Tax:

"Today, I voted against Speaker Pelosi's National Energy Tax because I believe this is a bad deal for families, farmers and small businesses in the 19th Congressional District. This bill is not about science or sound policy, it's about driving up the cost of energy, sending millions of jobs overseas to countries like India and China, and placing an especially heavy burden on rural America.

"The people of the 19th Congressional District want a comprehensive energy plan, not a national energy tax. That is why I support a Republican plan for a cleaner, cheaper, safer alternative called the American Energy Act. This 'all of the above' energy plan develops more of our domestic resources, invests in renewable and alternative energy sources, offers incentives for better efficiency and conservation, and makes a renewed commitment to clean and emissions free nuclear energy.

"Unfortunately Democrats would not allow a fair and open debate on this sensible American energy solution and instead pushed through Congress a national energy tax. During this economic recession, a national energy tax will do more harm than good. I believe this bill is bad for the 19th Congressional District, bad for the U.S. economy, and doesn't even begin to solve the serious energy challenges facing our nation. The American people deserve better."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Shows have been selected. Directors are in place. Children are coming.

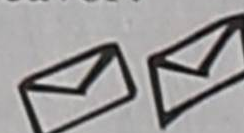
However we still need the help of our incredibly generous community. The cost to put on the summer drama workshop runs about \$4,000 to \$4,500. We typically receive \$1,500 from tuition. We do not want to increase tuition because we want all children who are interested in drama to have the opportunity to do so. Our tuition is \$25 per child for the entire two-week workshop. That is less than \$1 per hour of rehearsal.

Donations are still being sought and will definitely be accepted. Checks may be mailed to 801 5th St. in Friona. Your name or your business name will be listed on the program as a supporter of Friona Fine Arts.

This is an amazing opportunity for the young people in Friona. We also attract many children from out of town. There are families who plan their entire summer based on our summer drama workshop.

Please help us pull off this season's shows. Won't you consider donating to this very worthwhile endeavor?

Thank you,
 Allison Johnston



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MONDAY, JULY 6

Summer drama workshop begins through July 18. Elementary, junior high, & high school productions. Elementary rehearses in morning, junior high in afternoon, and high school in the evening. For more information contact directors Allison Johnston, Erika Montana or Joy Morton.

SATURDAY, JULY 11

37th annual German Festival and Suds and Sounds party in Nazareth. Activities begin at 8:30 a.m. Arts and crafts and much more. Sausage cook-off at 3 p.m. Suds and Sounds begins at 5 p.m. German sausage meal is \$10 adults and \$5 kids. For information contact Dwight Acker 806-945-2620.

MON-FRI, JULY 13-17

The Friona Draw Golf & Recreation Club will host a golf clinic July 13-17. Lessons will be provided for all ages 8 and above. Instructors will be Lauren Hughs and Robert Neelley. Clubs will be provided for those who need them. Registration forms are available at the Friona Draw Golf Club (formerly Friona Country Club) or from Lauren Hughs at 806-577-3355. Lessons will begin at 9 a.m. for 8-10 year olds, 10 a.m. for 11-14 years olds, and 11 a.m. for 15 year olds and above. Cost for the week will be \$50. For more information call Lauren Hughs at the number above.

SATURDAY, JULY 18

4th Annual Cheeseburger Festival & Cook-Off and Car Show in the city park. Booth set-up begins at 8 a.m. Judging begins at 11 a.m. Cheeseburgers served for the public at noon. No other meat vendors allowed but booths are available for other vendors. For information about the Cheeseburger Cookoff or the Car Show contact the Chamber of Commerce at 250-3491 for entry forms, also available at frionachamber.com.

MONDAY, JULY 20

Channel 10 Summer Tour visits Friona highlighting local business and attractions. The 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. news will be broadcast from city park. Local residents will be needed to participate, applaud and cheer on command. More info from the Chamber.

MON-FRI, JULY 20-24

St. Teresa's Catholic Church Vacation Bible School will be July 20-24 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. for Pre-K through 6th grade. The theme will be SonRock Kids Camp. Children can register at the church or call Mercedes Williams at 250-2406.

WED-FRI, JULY 29-31

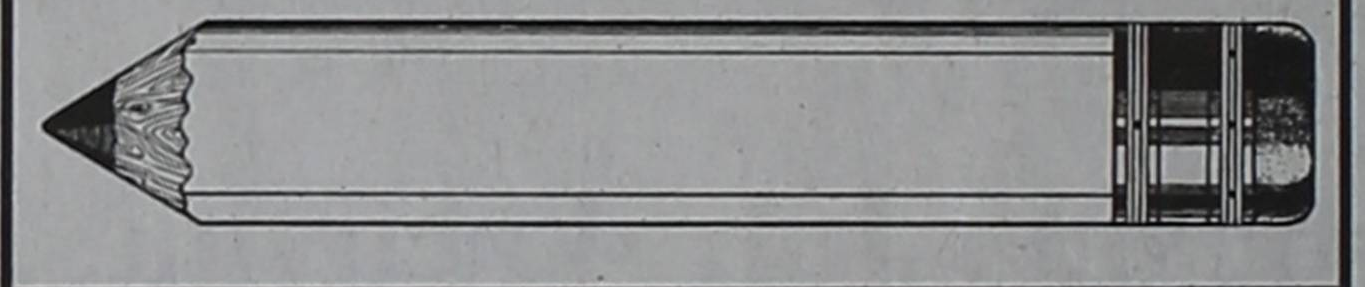
Cheerleader camp. For 4-years thru 5th grade July 29, 30, 31, 9-11 a.m. at the high school. For 6th grade and junior high July 29-30 from 6-8 p.m. at the high school. Cost for each is \$25. Registration Wednesday July 29 at high school entrance. For more information call Dianna Wright at 265-5563 or 250-2545.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

6th Annual Chamber of Commerce golf tournament. Contact the Chamber for entry information, 250-3491.

SEPTEMBER 19-26

Maize Days Week includes Little Miss & Miss Friona contests. Saturday Sep 26 parade and booths in the city park all day. All food vendors welcome. Booths are \$30. Vendors furnish their own tables and chairs. Chamber can email or fax vendor forms. Call 806-250-3491.



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Haul out the cast iron it's cornbread time

BY RON CARR

Is there a staple more common around here than good-old homemade cornbread? Beans and cornbread. Stew and cornbread. Buttered cornbread. Plain cornbread or Mexican cornbread. You name it, we eat it.

There is even a National Cornbread Festival and Cook Off in South Pittsburg, Tennessee each year. It is sponsored by Martha White and the Lodge Cast Iron folks who make great cornbread skillets.

This year's winner of the cornbread cook-off was Sonya Goergen of Moorhead, Minnesota, with her Buffalo Chicken Cornbread with Blue Cheese Salad recipe. She won \$5,000 and a new 30-inch gas range plus the skillet. Sounds pretty fancy for us country folks but maybe you can spice up your next meal when cornbread is included. Here goes.

Buffalo Chicken Cornbread with Blue Cheese Salad

Serves 8

Ingredients

Crisco Original No-Stick cooking spray

Cornbread

- 1 lg egg
- 3/4 cup milk
- 2 tbsp Crisco pure olive oil
- 1 (6.5 oz) pkg Martha White Yellow cornbread mix
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup crumbled blue cheese
- 2 cups fully cooked frozen boneless buffalo-style hot wings, thawed and diced
- 1/2 tsp red pepper flakes
- 2 tbsp chopped cilantro

Salad

- 1/2 small head of lettuce chopped
- 1 cup sliced celery
- 1/2 red onion sliced
- 1/2 cup crumbled blue cheese
- 2/3 cup blue cheese salad dressing
- 1/2 cup tomatoes diced
- Chopped cilantro

1. Heat oven to 400. Spray 10 1/2-inch cast iron skillet with no-stick cooking spray. Stir egg, milk, and oil together. Add cornbread mix, Cheddar cheese, 1/2 cup blue cheese, diced hot wings, red pepper flakes, and 2 tbsp chopped cilantro. Stir until well blended. Pour mixture into prepared skillet, spreading evenly. Bake 20-30 minutes until golden brown. Remove from oven. Cool.

2. Combine lettuce, celery, red onion, and 1/2 cup cheese crumbles. Toss with blue cheese dressing. Cut cornbread into 8 wedges. Top each wedge with an even amount of salad. Garnish with diced tomatoes and cilantro.

Thursday, July 2, 2009

The area received nice rain Saturday night. Predictions are for evening rain every 4-5 days this week. Amarillo received flooding rains late Saturday night. The Washington area will be in for a while due to high water levels. The Washington area will be in for a while due to high water levels.

Prairie Area Home is celebrating Independence Day with a burger cookout Friday 3 from 12-2 p.m. Steve a recording artist Clovis will be performing classic country music. Everyone is invited to bring a friend. Brister.

Todd Bandy, 1978 graduate, has been head football coach of rival Floydada. Whirlwinds will visit this year during district bringing Coach Bandy to his former home in Friona. Todd went to Christian University graduating. He played LCU on their first football team. After two years LCU, Todd got married and farmed for 10 years. Friona area before returning to West Texas A&M in 2008 to obtain a degree in education. He has coached Texarkana, Muleshoe, Brady, and Whitewright.

Todd and Lori Bandy over as head football coach of Friona school graduate.

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Town Talk II

By Ron Carr, Phone-250-2211, Fax-250-5127, Email-frionastar@wtrt.net

The area received some nice rain Saturday night and predictions are for late evening rain every day this week. Amarillo received flooding rains late Saturday, enough to close I-40 for a while due to high water at the Washington Street underpass.

Prairie Acres Nursing Home is celebrating Independence Day with a hamburger cookout Friday July 3 from 12-2 p.m. Sierra Sue, a recording artist from Clovis will be performing classic country music. Everyone is invited to attend says administrator Nikki Brister.

Todd Bandy, 1978 Friona graduate, has been named head football coach at district rival Floydada. The Whirlwinds will visit Friona this year during district play bringing Coach Bandy back to his former home field.

Todd went to Lubbock Christian University after graduating. He played for LCU on their first football team. After two years at LCU, Todd got married and farmed for 10 years in the Friona area before returning to West Texas A&M in 1991 to obtain a degree and return to football.

He has coached in Texarkana, Muleshoe, Howe, Brady, and Whitewright before accepting the Floydada position. He was head coach at Brady four years and Whitewright two years. Todd's brother Johnny is a coach at Plano West. Brother Clay is a resident of Friona. They are the sons of Patsy and Eugene Bandy. Todd and his wife Lori have a daughter Chelsey who graduated from University of North Texas in May and a son, Levi, who graduated from WT in December and is a coach at Bonham Junior High in Amarillo. Chelsey plans to find a teaching position in the Amarillo area.

fore accepting the Floydada position. He was head coach at Brady four years and Whitewright two years. Todd's brother Johnny is a coach at Plano West. Brother Clay is a resident of Friona. They are the sons of Patsy and Eugene Bandy. Todd and his wife Lori have a daughter Chelsey who graduated from University of North Texas in May and a son, Levi, who graduated from WT in December and is a coach at Bonham Junior High in Amarillo. Chelsey plans to find a teaching position in the Amarillo area.

Gary Johnson is leaving his maintenance position at Parmer Medical Center for a similar position at the Farwell Convalescent Center. He plans to continue as pastor of Grace Baptist Church here in Friona.

Two good sources for Town Talk info are the post office and Facebook. It's common for folks to visit at the post office. Saw Raye Jene London there last Friday. She said she and Jerry were hosting a family reunion over the weekend and it was the 25th year they have done so.

On Facebook I learned that Alice Allen, Ruidoso resident and daughter of Patsy and Delwin Allen, recently hob-knobbed with Mike Allen, owner of Kentucky Derby winner Mine That Bird, and Brian Urlacher, all-pro linebacker for the Chicago Bears. Photos of Alice with both men were posted. Alice is in sales for the Rainmaker Resort golf club community in Ruidoso. Always good to hear news about our young people and their life after Friona.

Monday's senior lunch had a good crowd. Mildred Mingus' daughter Janet and a friend were visiting. It was Mildred's final senior lunch as she is moving to Ennis to live with her daughter and son-in-law. The seniors are also saddened with the passing of Geneva Riethmayer Stanley. She was a regular at the twice-weekly luncheons and will be missed.

Valoris Osborn fell and broke her nose. She was in an Amarillo hospital Monday awaiting an MRI.

The Kendrick Memorial golf tournament Saturday and Sunday drew a really nice group. There were 53 teams total. The Kendrick family was in attendance Saturday and gathered for a group photo. Hats off to tournament chairman Larry Johnston, board president Gary Renner, and a host of volunteers who helped with logistics.

Many players came from out-of-town and it is hoped that they will come back and bring their friends to play the course which is in excellent shape according to Saturday's golfers. The golf course, now named Friona Draw Golf & Recreation Center, is an asset to Friona and the tournament, plus two more upcoming, should help increase the play and the revenue for the club. We have put up some tournament photos on our website frionaonline.com. Have a look.

The summer drama workshop begins Monday July 6. Each year the productions are underwritten by donations from the community since the kids are charged only \$25 tuition. Director Allison Johnston says they could still use help with donations. If you can help, send a donation in any amount payable to Friona Fine Arts and mail to 801 W. 5th St. in Friona. Public performances of the

three productions will be on Saturday July 18 at the high school auditorium. More details later.

Don't forget the Friona State Bank watermelon feast tomorrow (Friday July 3) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. out on the bank lawn. Both banks will close for business at 4 p.m. Friday so if you are a late evening drive-thru customer better get there a little earlier Friday. The Cargill Friona plant will host its annual Safety Day Friday also. Game booths, vendors, hot dogs, cold water, music, and fun all to remind workers about safety. Hope you all have a great but most of all safe July 4 weekend. Thanks for reading the Star. Until then!

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Friona's Glenn Reeve, a salesman for Stevens 5-Star Car & Truck Center in Hereford, is shown with the new 2010 Chevrolet Camaro, which was unveiled during a reception at the dealership last Friday evening. A large crowd was on hand for the introduction of the new Camaros which were last produced in 2002.

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Todd and Lori Bandy will be moving to Floydada where Todd will take over as head football coach for the Whirlwinds. He is a 1978 Friona high school graduate. See Town Talk for more details.

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- PIN vs Signature** - There will be times when you can use either. There is no difference as to when the transaction hits your account, it will be almost immediate. PIN is faster, yet it has to be kept private. [NEVER write your PIN down; we at Friona State Bank recommend you memorize the number.] In most situations, signature transactions can be proven, or disproven, to be yours.
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Texas drivers are urged to drive safely during the July 4 holiday weekend. Starting Friday and going through midnight on Sunday, Texas Highway Patrol troopers will be out in force, looking for people who are driving drunk, speeding, or not wearing safety belts.

"Texans can avoid jail by driving sober. Designate a sober driver before the drinking starts and make sure the driver stays sober," said Highway Patrol chief David Baker. "We want to make sure people are safe. It's important also to make sure that everyone is properly secured by seat belts or in car seats or booster seats."

Last year during the extended holiday weekend (July 3-6), DPS troopers made 772 driving while intoxicated arrests, and issued 12, 918 speeding citations. During that same weekend, they issued 3,026 tickets for safety belt violations and 434 for child safety seat violations.

Troopers are participating in Operation CARE (Combined Accident Reduction Effort)—a nationwide campaign by state police agencies to reduce fatalities during holiday periods. They are also participating in Operation Holiday—a statewide effort by law enforcement to reduce fatalities during holiday weekends.

Here are some driving tips the DPS recommends for travelers:

- * Slow down, especially if weather and road conditions do not allow for the designated speed.
- * Secure everyone in the vehicle properly, either with a safety belt or in the appropriate car seat or booster.
- * Save phone calls for home or find a safe place to pull over to make your calls.
- * Make sure you have enough gas in the fuel tank to make it to your destination.
- * Drive with courtesy—do not participate in road rage behavior.
- * Make sure tires are properly inflated and fluids are at the appropriate levels. Check fan belts for excessive wear.

Sales tax holiday will include school supplies

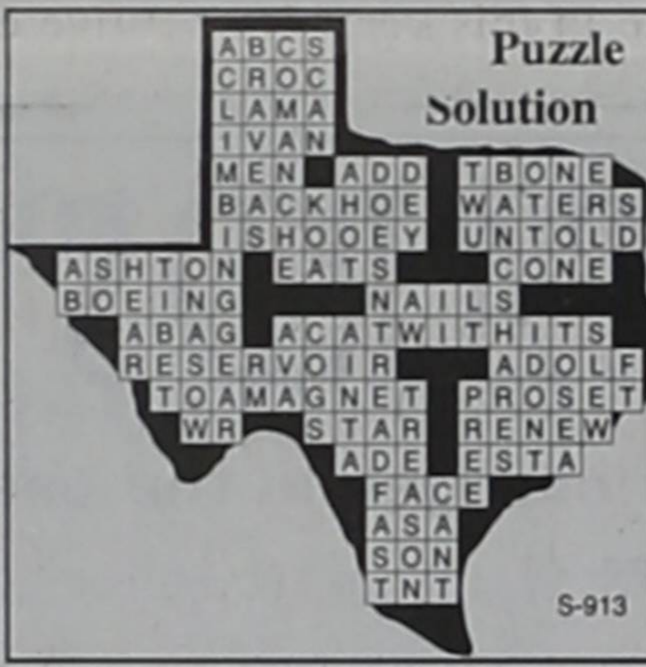
Great news for back-to-school shoppers. For the first time since it began in 1999, the annual August sales tax holiday will include many school supplies.

"A lot of families look forward to saving their hard earned money during the sales tax holiday weekend," Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said. "Now they can make their back-to-school budgets stretch even further because more than two dozen school supply items will be tax-free."

House Bill 1801 identifies school supplies priced less than \$100 that will be exempt from state and local sales tax for the tax-free weekend. Pens, crayons, calculators, notebooks, rulers, scissors and lunch boxes are a few of the items on the list.

These items are in addition to school backpacks and most clothing and shoes priced less than \$100 that are already tax-free the weekend of August 21-23.

Tax-Free school supplies included are: binders, blackboard chalk, book bags, calculators, cellophane tape, compasses, composition books, crayons, erasers, folders (expandable, pocket, plastic, manila), glue, paste and paste sticks, highlighters, index cards, index card boxes, legal pads, lunch boxes, markers, notebooks, paper (loose leaf ruled notebook paper, copy paper, graph paper, tracing paper, manila paper, colored paper, poster board, construction paper), pencil boxes and other school supply boxes, pencil sharpeners, pencils, pens, protractors, rulers, scissors, and writing tablets.



Sheriff's Report

The following is reported weekly by Parmer County Sheriff Randy Geries office:

June 23, 2009, Jenny Russell, 34, of Roswell, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office for possession of marijuana (less than 2 ounces), pending County Court.

June 23, 2009, Vincent SteinRamp, 21, of Roswell, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office for possession of a controlled substance, pending Grand Jury.

June 23, 2009, Nathan Barrientez, 19, of Hereford, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office for evading arrest with a vehicle, pending Grand Jury.

June 24, 2009, Harvey Bailon, 24, of Portales, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office for possession of a prohibited weapon, pending County Court.

June 25, 2009, Desiree Rando, 19, of Frona, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a motion to revoke (assault), pending County Court.

June 27, 2009, Jacob Gonzales, 19, of Frona, was arrested by the Frona Police Department on a motion to revoke (assault), pending County Court.

June 29, 2009, Adrian Oliviero, 25, of Frona, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office for assault, pending County Court.

Bluegrass Festival in Vega

The Vega Bluegrass Festival presented by the Panhandle Bluegrass & Old Tyme Music Association will be held in Vega at the city park July 10-12.

The schedule is Friday 6-10:30 p.m., Saturday Noon-10:30 p.m., and Sunday 9 a.m. to noon. The festival features several Bluegrass bands. Food booths will be provided by local organizations. Bring lawn chairs or a blanket for the ground.

Tickets can also be purchased at the gate. Prices are \$14 for two days, Friday only \$7 or Saturday only \$9.

The same weekend a treasure hunt is scheduled. The Oldham County chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the 20th annual Comancheros de Vega. Community wide garage sales throughout the town will be open all day Friday and Saturday. Pick up garage sale maps and listings at the Dairy Queen.

For more information call the Oldham County Chamber at 806-267-2828.

Ecstasy found on I-40

On Sunday June 28, Tam Minh Vu, 18, and Jeffery Vu Hoang, 22, were speeding through Amarillo on I-40 returning to Ft. Worth from Los Angeles.

A DPS trooper pulled the duo over in Potter County and smelled burnt marijuana coming from their car. He then conducted a probable cause search of the vehicle and found 16.2 pounds of ecstasy hidden in a speaker box in the trunk.

Both occupants were arrested and booked into the Potter County jail. The drugs were valued at \$509,915. According to a DPS report the stash contained 29,995 tablets of ecstasy.

July TDH clinic schedules

Immunization clinics offering the vaccines that give protection against childhood diseases are scheduled for July 2009 in Frona and Bovina.

The clinic in Frona will be open Friday, July 17 at 616 Euclid from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The clinic in Bovina will be open Monday, July 13 in the Bovina EMS Building, 109 S. 3rd, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

All clinic times are subject to change or cancellation due to weather conditions or scheduling conflicts.

Disabled veterans will receive property tax relief

Military veterans who are totally disabled or cannot work because of service-related injuries will pay no property taxes on their homes under a new tax exemption approved by the Legislature.

"Texas has done the right thing by providing property tax relief for our military men and women who have served their country and paid a heavy price," Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said.

House Bill 3613 provides an exemption of the total appraised value of the homesteads of Texas veterans who have received a 100 percent disability rating or are considered unemployable by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The new law is effective for the 2009 tax year, and swift action is necessary to update local property tax rolls and ensure eligible veterans receive the new tax break.

Eligible disabled veterans must apply for the tax exemption through their county appraisal district. An application form for veterans and appraisal districts to use can be found on the Comptroller's Web site at <http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxforms/vetexempt.pdf>.

Veterans may also need to contact their mortgage lenders to adjust their escrow payments.

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July 7-Michael Grable, Kemal Tongate, Noel White, Jaclyn Peace, Teresa O'Brian, Erin Knox, David Gowens, Fermin Reyes, Rachel Pipes, Suzanne Taylor Wood, Sharlet McCormick, Kevin Roberts

July 8-Nathan Terry, Teresa Buske McCoy, Teri Schueler, Carrie Cox Zinck, J.D. Spencer Jr., Raul Santillan, Greg Steen, Tyler Andrew Talley, Sue McClaran, Matthew Miles Maberry

July 9-Christeene Mann, Jan Welch Bogard, Timothy Clark, Kyle Mars, Ira Bruce Parr, Brent Bumpas, Mavis Burnam, Jake Zerfas, Macy Barnett, Abraham Soto, Derek Scott, Megan Stone, Suezy Smith

July 10-Sammy Spring, LaVon Reeve, Melody Drake, M'Kell Jarecki Jeter, Elizabeth McLellan, Teresa Braillif, Shirley Drager, Phillip White, Zachary Martz

July 11-Frankie Perez, Carolyn Osborn, Tiffany Osborn, John Mars, Tiffany Weatherly, Jamie Stokes Faber, Shirley Jackson, Aubrey Schueler, Delaney Duke, Gabriel Hancock

Academy Award winner screens movie at PPHM

Dances with Wolves author and Academy Award winner Michael Blake comes to the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum Sunday, July 19 at 2 p.m. for a screening of his new movie *The American West: On the Road with Michael Blake*.

After the movie screening, Blake will conduct an interactive discussion with the audience followed by a book signing. PPHM will have his books, *Dances with Wolves*, *The Holy Road*, *Marching to Valhalla*, and *Like a Running Dog*, for sale at the event.

Blake's new documentary tells about places of particular significance in the history of the Native Americans and the encroachment of the immigrant races. While it focuses on historical clashes, it also brings the viewer to the present where undercurrents of discord still exist.

The event is free with museum admission.

Courthouse Notes

The Parmer County Clerk's Office recorded the following warranty deeds from June 17, 2009 to June 24, 2009:

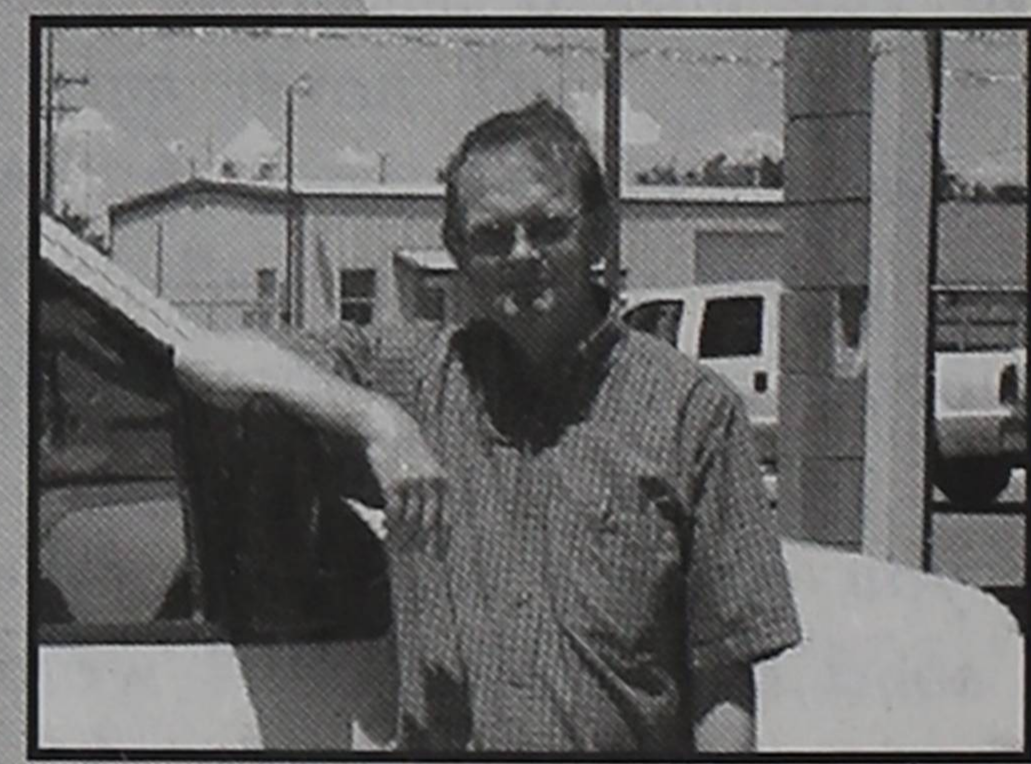
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OBITUARIES

Joe Talley

Funeral services for Joe Talley, 90, of Frona, were held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, June 29, 2009 at the Calvary Baptist Church in Frona with Reverend Rick Burton, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in the Frona Cemetery by Blackwell Funeral Home. He died Friday morning, June 26, 2009 at Parmer Medical Center in Frona.

A Frona resident for the past 67 years, he moved here from Pleasant Hill, New Mexico. He was born November 2, 1918 in McAlister, New Mexico to Lillard Randolph and Stella Johnson Talley.

Joe married Betty Jo Sandlin on October 25, 1942 in Enterprise, Oregon. He was a farmer and a member of the Calvary Baptist Church. He was a former member of the Frona City Council and taught a boys Sunday School class for many years.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Richard, Harry, Hubert, and Calvin Talley and four sisters, Rose Goodman, Lillian Mayberry, May Ardisone, and Sallie Cole.

Survivors include his wife; one son, David Sandlin Talley and wife Marilyn of Albuquerque, New Mexico; one sister, Mary Hope York of Clovis, New Mexico; four nieces, Frances Oekerman of Abilene, Stella Perry and Pearl Allison of Clovis, New Mexico, and Pattijon Bate of Plano; two nephews, John Goodman of Virginia Beach, Virginia, and Rex Talley of Lubbock.

The family suggests memorials to Calvary Baptist Church, 1500 Cleveland, Frona, TX 79035.



Joe Talley

Geneva Riethmayer Stanley

Funeral services for Geneva Riethmayer Stanley, 86, of Frona were held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 30, 2009 at the Sixth Street Church of Christ in Frona with Leon Talley, pastor, and Hal Blackburn of Boys Ranch, officiating. Burial followed in the Frona Cemetery by Blackwell Funeral Home. She died Saturday, June 27, 2009 in Frona.

She was born on November 4, 1922 in Mutual, Oklahoma to Edgar and Bessie Franklin Boggess. She married Walter R. "Bob" Riethmayer on February 14, 1945 in Frona. He preceded her in death on July 27, 1977.

Geneva moved to Parmer County in 1956 from Dawson County, Texas, and married Lester Stanley on May 9, 1987 in Lubbock. She was a long time member of the Sixth St. Church of Christ and had taught Sunday School there for several years. She had been a member of the Progressive and Modern Study clubs and had been very active in the Frona Girl Scouts.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Glenn Boggess and Eugene Boggess, and three sisters, Juanita Reed, Thelma Johnson, and Irene Shirley.

Survivors include her husband, Lester Stanley; one son, Mike Riethmayer of Frona; two daughters, Kay Rogers of Lubbock and Jill Riethmayer of O'Fallon, Missouri; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



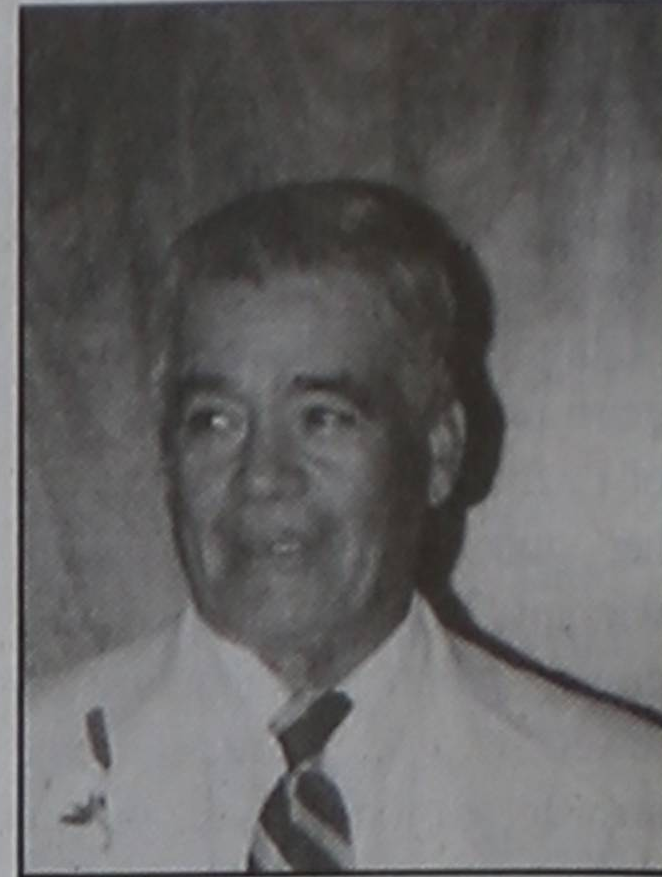
Geneva Riethmayer Stanley

Nemesio Velasco, Sr.

Nemesio Velasco, Sr., 82, of Frona, died on Friday, June 26, 2009 in Frona. Rosary services were held at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday at St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Frona. Mass of Christian Burial services were held at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, June 29, 2009 at St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Frona, with Father George William, celebrant. Burial followed in the Frona Cemetery by Blackwell Funeral Home of Frona.

Mr. Velasco was an area farmer and a member of St. Teresa's Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Jovita of Frona; four sons, Nemesio Velasco, Jr. of Frona, Manuel R. Velasco of Hereford, Joel F. Velasco of Cactus, Texas, and Jessie J. Velasco of Frona; two daughters, Dolores Silva of Mexico and Jovita Saiz of Sperry, Oklahoma; five sisters; one brother; 16 grandchildren; and 33 great-grandchildren.



Nemesio Velasco, Sr.

Kendrick golf tourney results

The Kendrick Memorial golf tournament at Frio Draw Golf & Recreation Center Saturday and Sunday was a big success with 53 teams participating. Rain threatened play late Saturday afternoon but was not enough to interrupt play.

The teams were flighted after Saturday's play. Results in the six flights are:

Championship: 1st (playoff) Barnett-Herbert 124, 2nd Crane-Rowley 124, 3rd (tie) Baker-Buse 127, Felan-Foster 127.

First flight: 1st C. Watson-J. Watson 128, 2nd K. Atwood-K Atwood 130, 3rd (tie) George-Hughes 132, M Griego-Z Griego 132.

Second flight: 1st A King-Valdez 131, 2nd Atwood-James 135, 3rd B Loflin-M Loflin 137, 4th Rando-Sanchez 138.

Third flight: 1st McIntire-Yell 135, 2nd Brown-Pigg 138, 3rd (tie) Boren-Mauldin 139, Miller-Onstot 139, A Griego-G Griego 139.

Fourth flight: 1st B Backus-W Backus 140, 2nd F Backus-G Backus 142, 3rd J Chaney-R Downey 144, 4th (tie) Beene-Downey 145, Martin-Wilson 145.

Fifth flight: 1st Compton-Sims 150, 2nd J Straw-L Straw 150, 3rd (tie) Johnston-Lewellen 151, C Kendrick-Sims 151.

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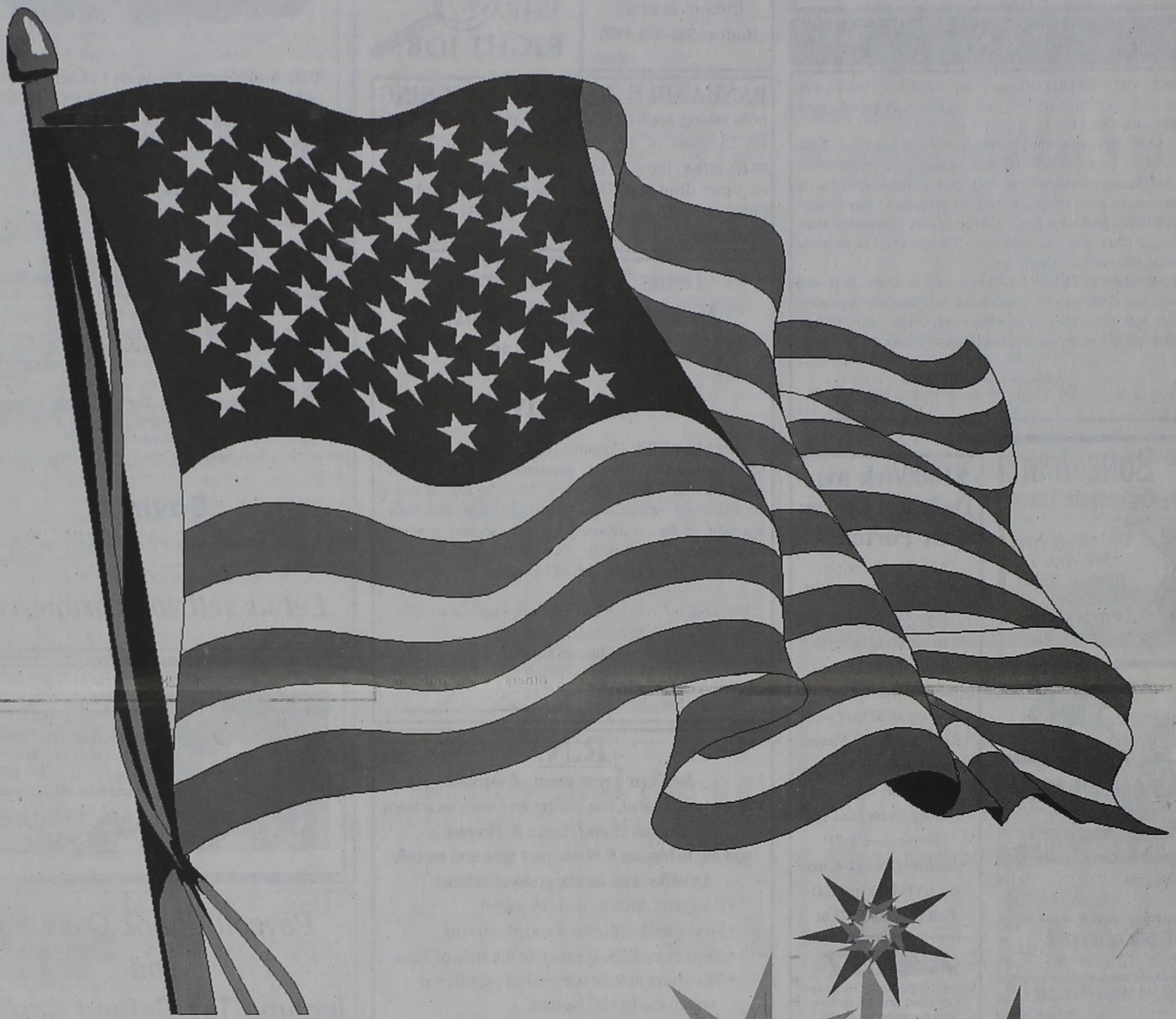
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON

PARMER COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

The Parmer County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2010 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on Thursday, July 9, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Parmer County Appraisal District Office Boardroom, 305 3rd Street, Bovina, Texas.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget is \$279,461.00.

The total amount of increase over the current year's budget is 5.4%.

The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget will be 4.

The number of employees compensated under the current budget is 4.

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the Parmer County Appraisal District Board of Directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities, and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the Parmer County Appraisal District Office.

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Mosquito facts and protection from West Nile virus

After a mild winter and recent early summer rains in West Texas, mosquitoes are coming. People will be suffering from the annoying itch of mosquito bites. Before you worry about West Nile infection, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center epidemiologist Ronald Warner, D.V.M., Ph.D., reminds us of some facts and methods to prevent this mosquito-borne disease.

Dr. Warner, in the Department of Family and Community Medicine, said between March and June "West Nile" mosquitoes prefer to feed on birds such as crows, ravens, robins, sparrows and jays. July to October, these mosquitoes shift their feeding preference to mammals, including humans. The female mosquitoes need to feast on protein enriched foods (blood) to develop and form their eggs. Once winter arrives adult mosquitoes will seek shelter in attics, under shingles, and the bark on trees. Some unhatched mosquito eggs will be resistant to winter weather and survive until the return of spring rains.

"Domestic pets, such as dogs and cats, are rarely infected with West Nile but horses, mules and donkeys are much more susceptible," Warner said. "There are several vaccinations to help prevent your horses from being infected by the West Nile virus."

Depending on the person's age and health condition, some may have serious effects from West Nile virus, if infected. Underlying diseases such as hypertension and kidney disease appear to increase the severity of West Nile disease. Younger people, especially transplant patients and others with immune

suppression (e.g., cancer treatment), can also suffer severe effects.

On average, most West Nile diseases are acquired near the home because that is where people spend most of their outdoor time. Outdoor candles, torches and/or coils may be burned to produce a smoke that repels mosquitoes, but make sure the active ingredient contains the oil of citronella. Be aware of general fire hazards and use only under calm or windless weather conditions. A few household tips to keep in mind are: Keep your grass fairly short, remove weeds in your alley, and always remember to practice the "4 Ds".

DEET is the active ingredient in "Off", but avoid applying high-concentrations (no more than 50% DEET) and no more than 10% on small children. Also, use skin repellants sparingly; one application should last 4 to 6 hours, but apply after profuse sweating or swimming.

Dress appropriately if outdoors. Wear long sleeves, long pants and apply mosquito repellent to the remaining area of skin that is not covered by your clothing. Permethrin-containing repellents (permanone) may be put on clothing, shoes and camping gear. Permethrin-treated clothing repels ticks, mosquitoes and

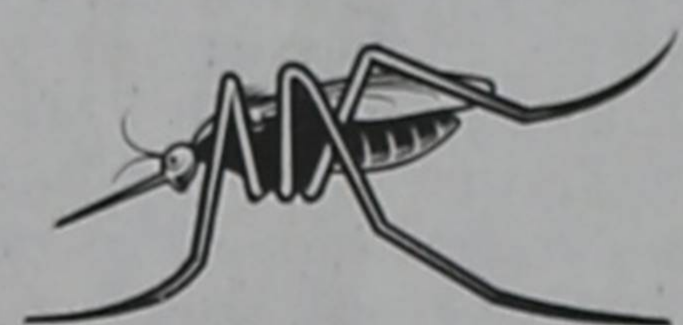
other arthropods and retains this effect even after repeated washings. However, if a garment is dry-cleaned, the repellent will need to be re-applied.

Dusk and Dawn are the times during the day when mosquitoes are the most active.

Drain ALL standing water around your home. Wading pools-drain every other day; also flower pot basins, dog bowls, and kids toys. Any standing water will attract mosquitoes and provide a place for their eggs to develop and hatch.

There are many myths about mosquitoes. Warner said one myth is mosquitoes become larger with more rain; that is false. "In Texas alone there are approximately 80 different species of mosquitoes. The time of year and local weather conditions determine what type of species we will have," Warner said.

Warner added that eating bananas, washing your mouth with Listerine and wearing dark clothes will not protect you from mosquito bites. Just remember to practice the "4 Ds" and look for the active ingredients that help protect you and your loved ones.



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The Friona Squaw varsity basketball girls attended team camp at Oklahoma University in Norman June 18-21. They played nine games in three days. Coaches were Brittany Berend and Heather Sandoval. Shown are, back, l-r, Kami Kerby, Brittany Berend, Regan Anthony, Anna Murphree, Taryn Jamerson, Sasha Estrada, Stephanie Aguirre, Heather Sandoval; front, l-r, Paige Herbert, Ester Sarabia, Brittny Herbert, Teena Montana, and Elizabeth Trevino. Thanks to Loraine Anthony for the photo.

Vandiver says weeds are biggest pest

From Monti Vandiver, Texas AgriLife Extension Agent-Integrated Pest Management.

Wheat harvest is in full swing, reported yields have ranged from 15 to 45 bu/acre on irrigated fields and 3 to 15 on dryland. Several unharvested fields in the paths of recent storms have been damaged by hail and high winds. Losses have been slight to near 100% depending on the storm.

Storms have continued to whittle away at our spring-seeded crops as well. Most corn and sorghum fields will survive with varying degrees of injury but it is difficult to predict what the impact on yield may be.

There are a number of corn fields with severe hail damage. Cotton has not weathered the storms nearly as well as other crops. Many more fields have been damaged to the point that there is not an adequate stand left to justify salvaging the field. Tough decisions regarding salvaging the hail damaged crop or re-

planting a secondary crop are having to be made.

In many cases producers are having to wait on crop insurance adjustments before making final decisions.

The most pressing pest at this time is weeds. Many producers have fully adopted strip/no till farming practices and are very dependent on herbicides or weed control. When considering weed control options don't forget about the tried and true mechanical method, cultivation.

Many folks may admonish me for even mentioning such a thing but between crop injury risks from aggressive herbicide programs, rotation restrictions, and/or poor weed control, cultivation and hand hoeing may be the best option in some cases.

To read more about weed control and insect pests find the complete text of the Northwest Plains Pest Management News at <http://parmer-tx.tamu.edu>. Monti Vandiver can be reached in the Farwell office at 806-481-3300.

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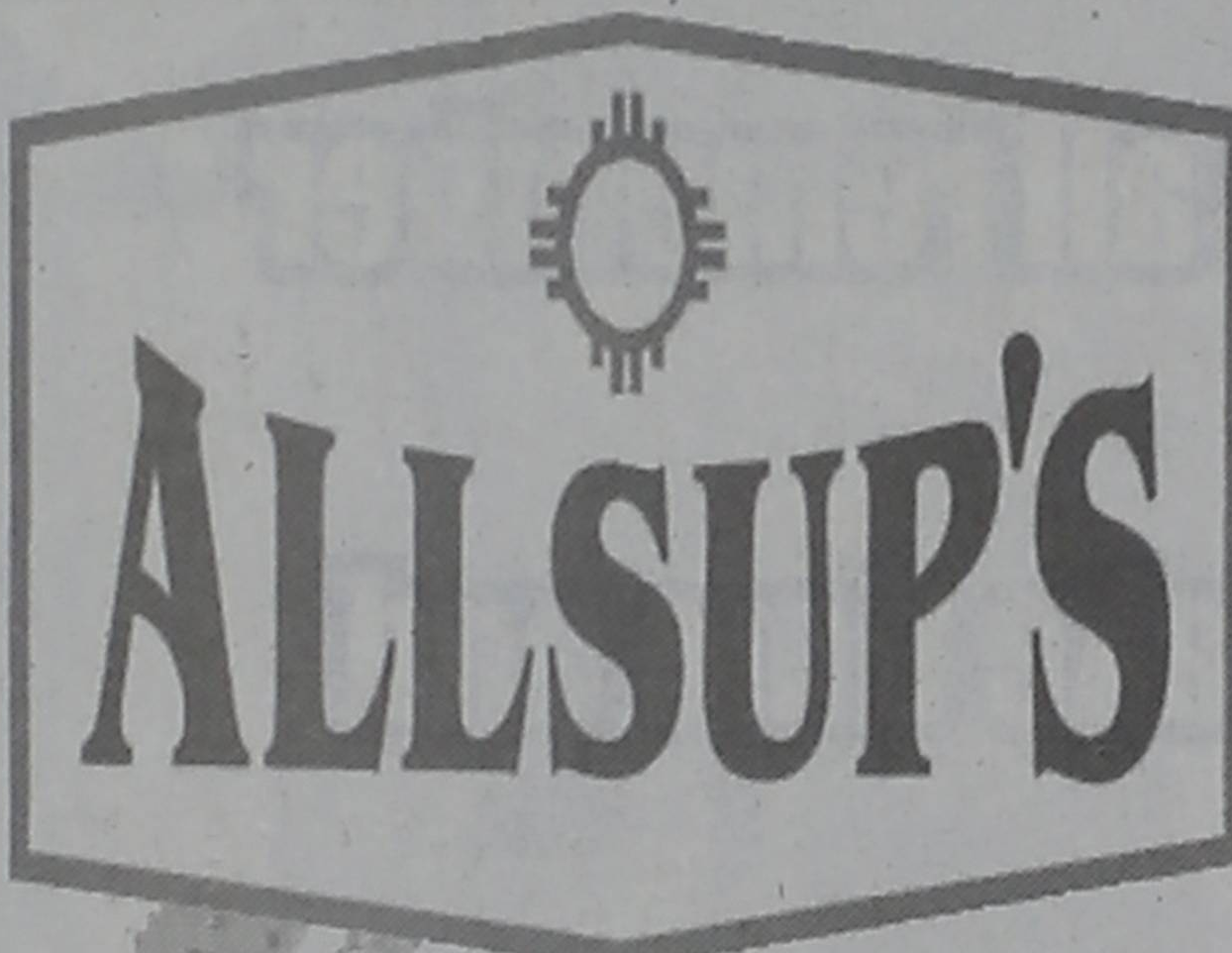
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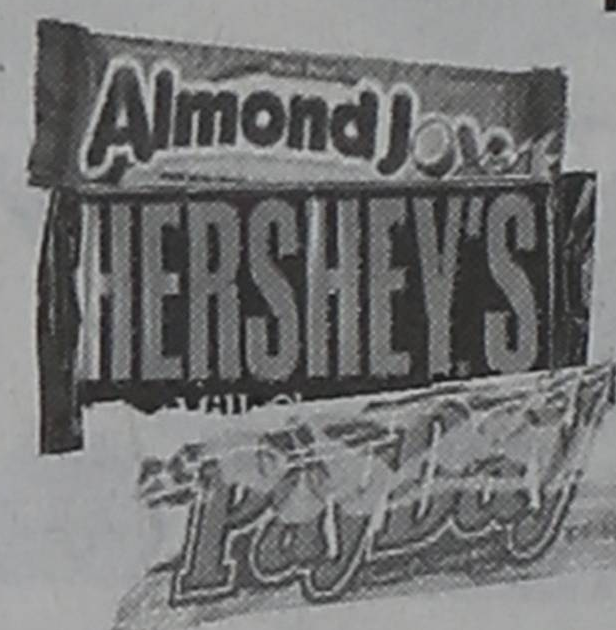


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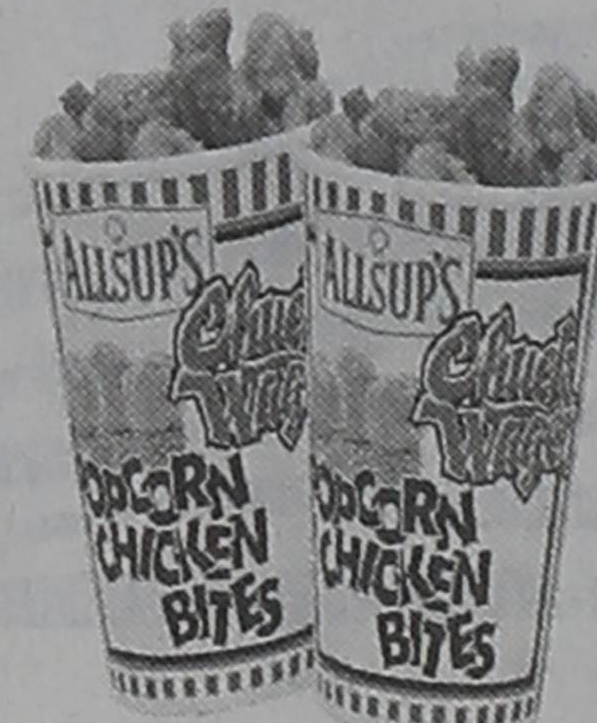
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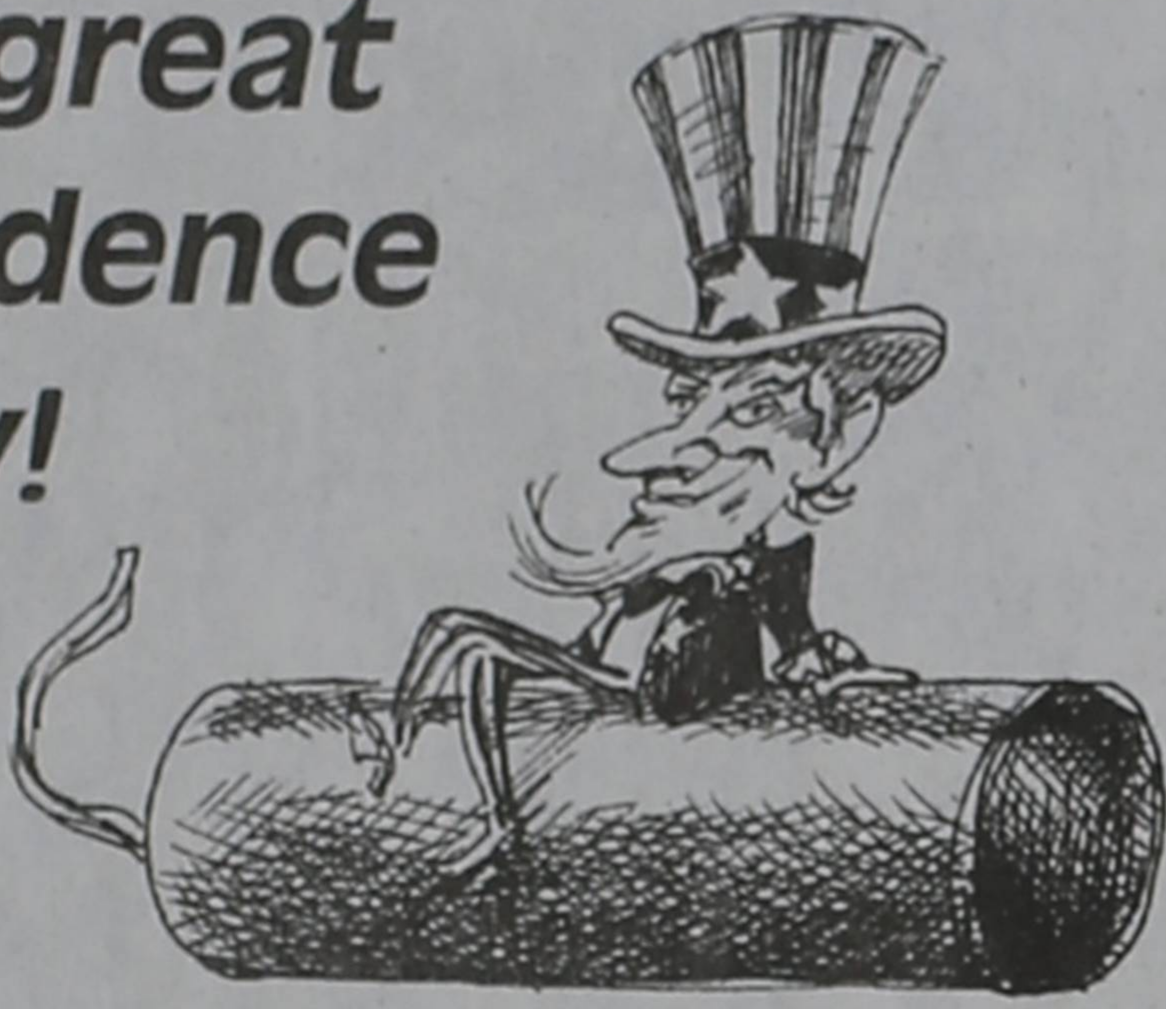
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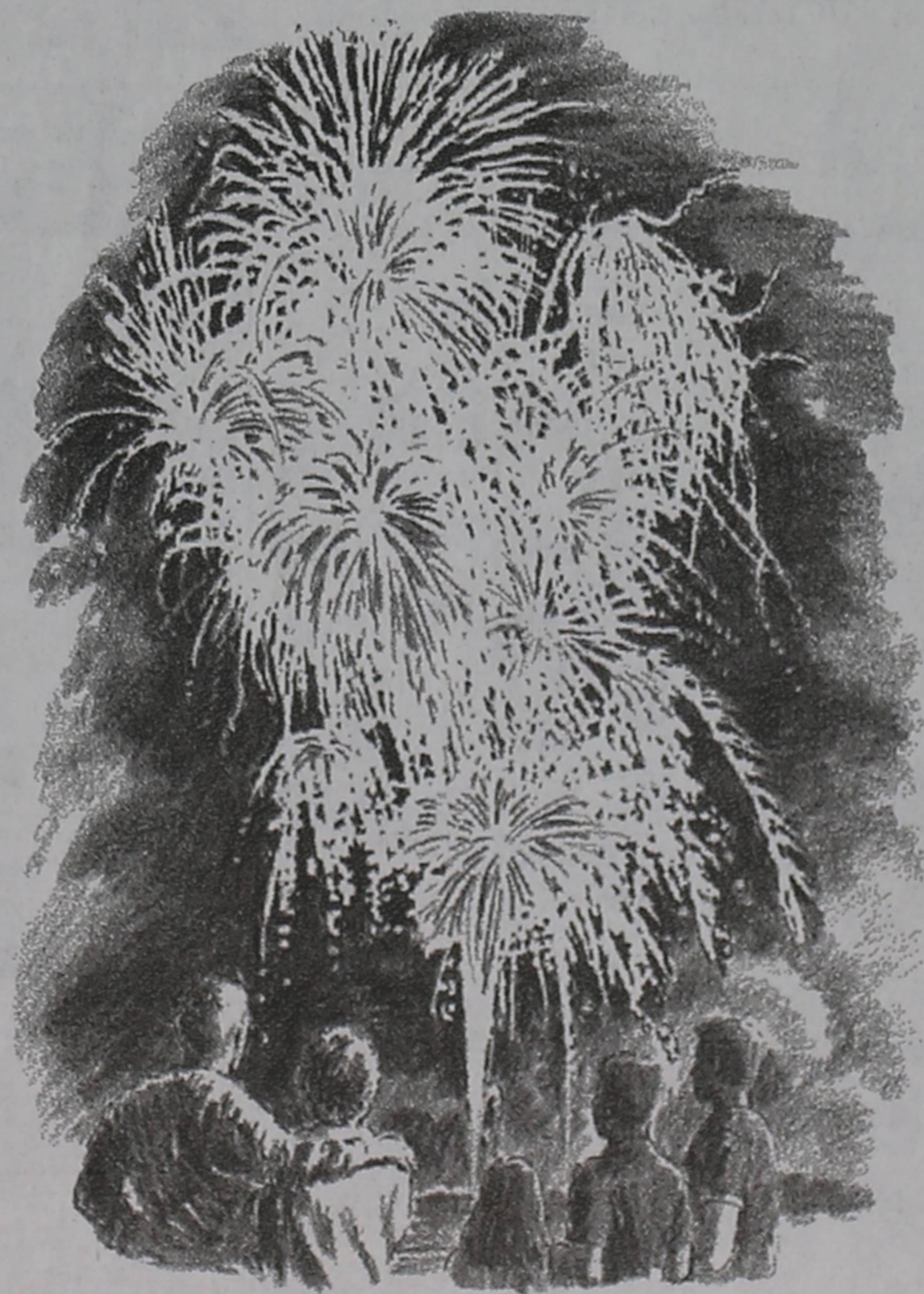
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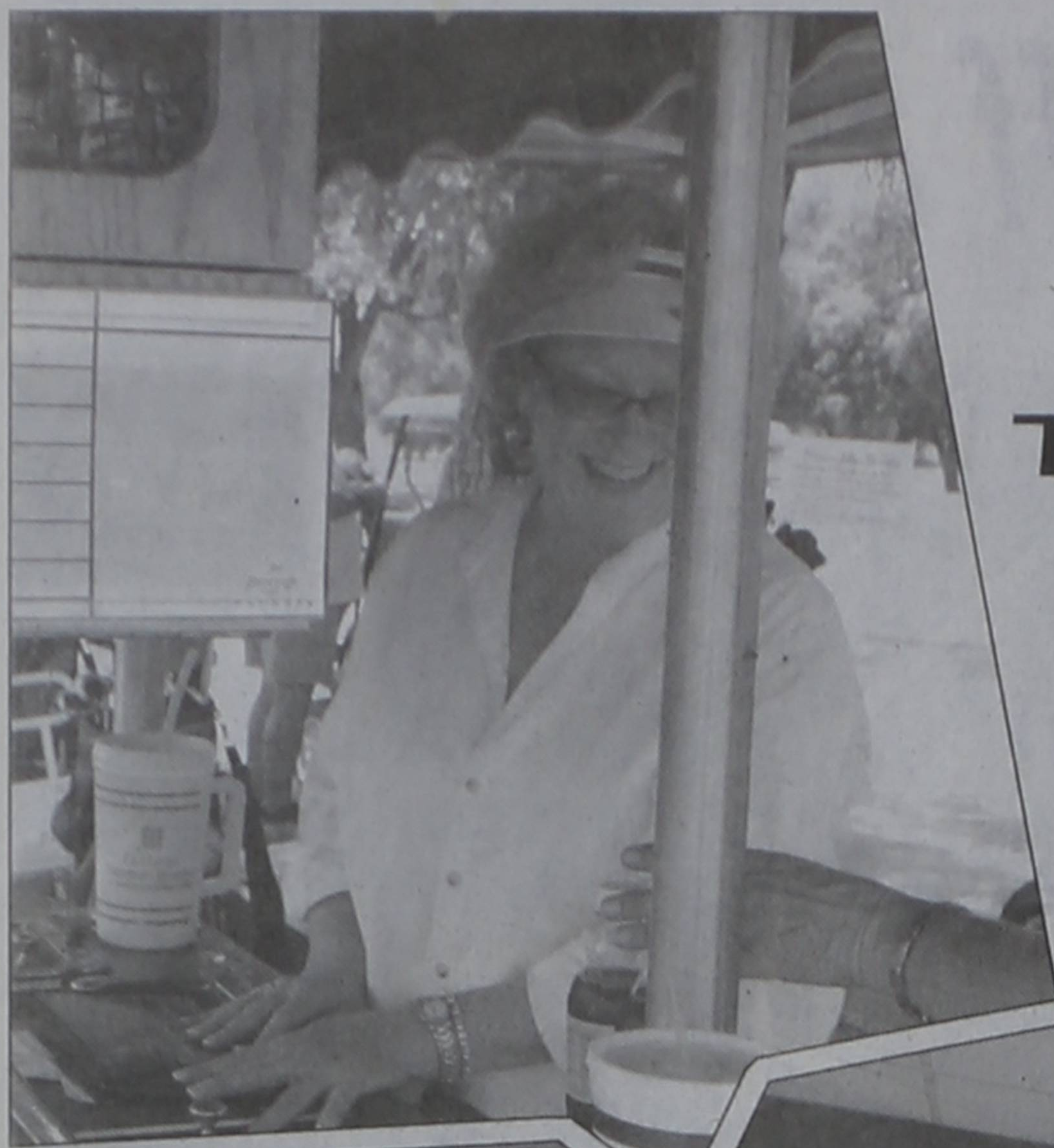
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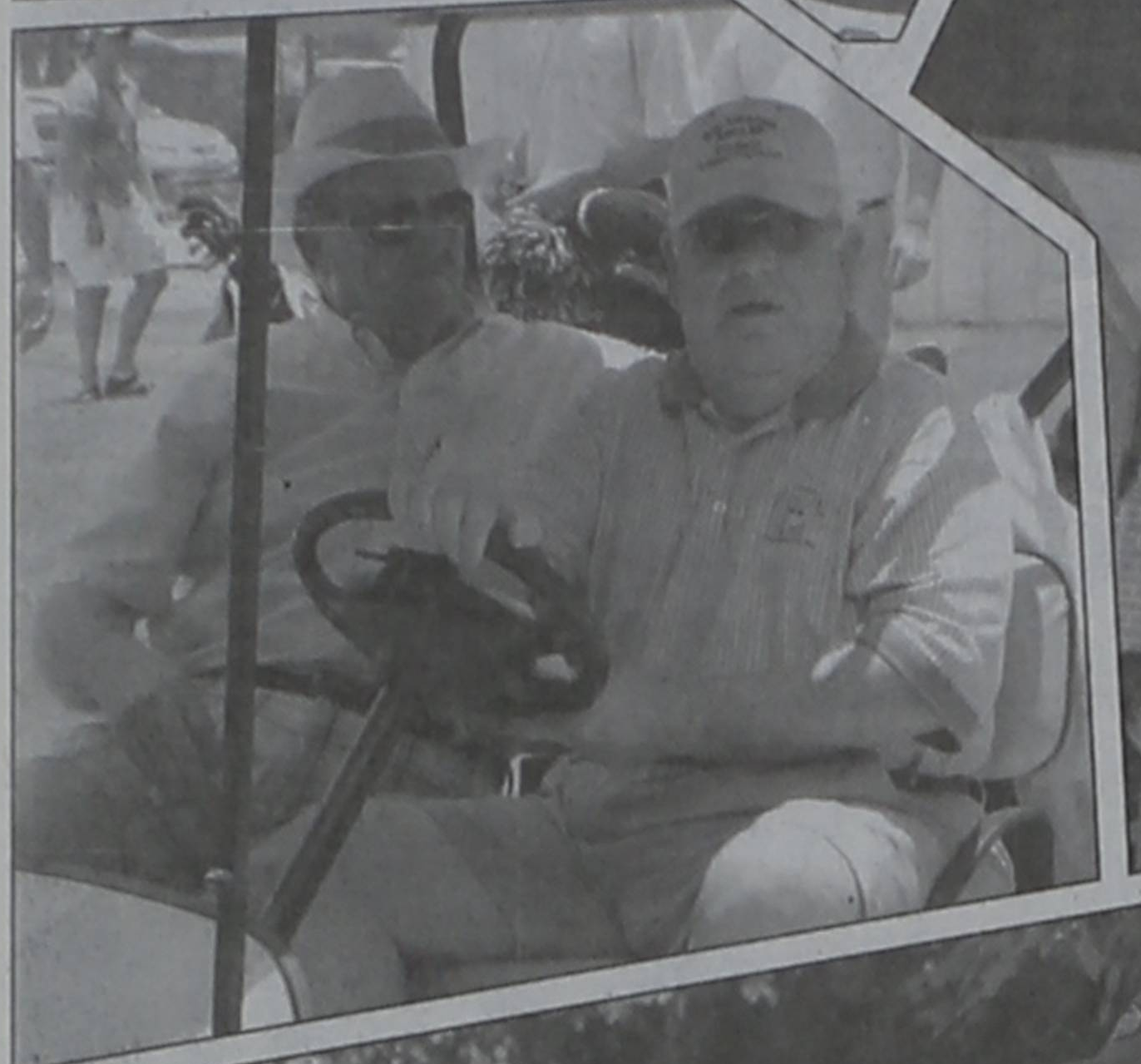
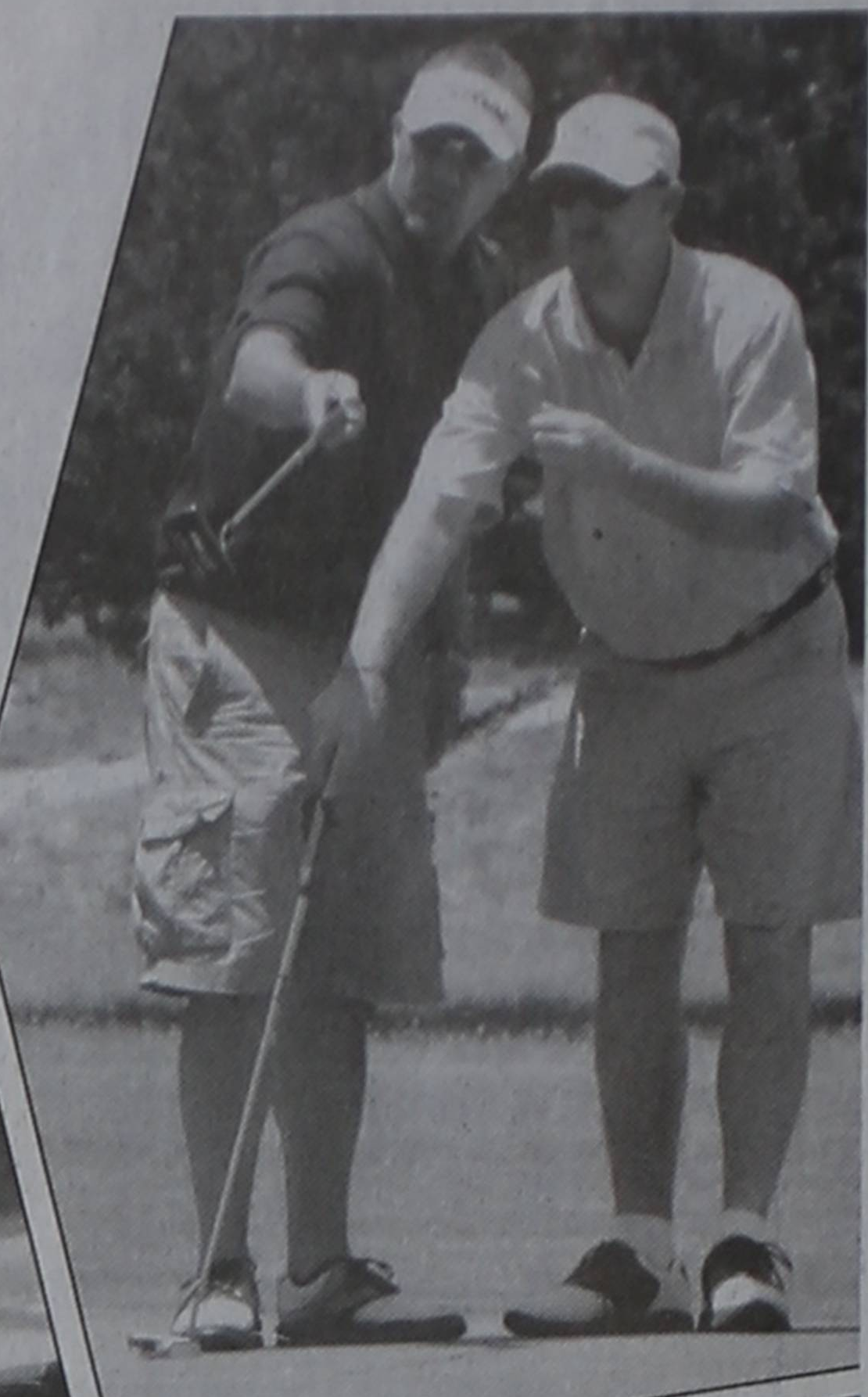
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