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Burn ban remains lifted until Jan 9

The Parmer County burn ban is canceled through January 9.

Parmer County Judge Trey Ellis has extended the lifting of the burn ban until January 9, the date of the next commissioners meeting. The county has received up to 4" of snow during the week prompting the extension of the canceled ban. Commissioners will take up the burn ban extension at the January 9 meeting.





ron carr photo

The Smiley family gathered for a Christmas celebration in the 10th Street Church of Christ fellowship hall. Ron and Melba Smiley, center, were surrounded by children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. The only family member not present was Chance Butman who was still ginning cotton in Dumas over the holidays.



ron carr photo

Friona had a nice white Christmas with about 4" accumulating throughout the day. This view of Reeve Lake was taken about mid-morning of Christmas Day. The winter weather continued into Monday but sunny skies and warmer weather prevailed the rest of the week.

Cancer Coalition to host champ bullrider

cer Coalition will host a for Chandler Bownds, 2011 Resistol Rookie of the Year 250-3491. and National Finals Rodeo qualifier. Bownds is the brother of Jamie Lewellen.

The dinner will be held Monday, January 23, 2012, at the 6th Street Church of Christ. A meet and greet reception will be from 5 - 6:30 p.m. The steak dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for the meet and greet only or \$12 for the steak dinner and the meet and greet session. Students are \$8 and children 5-years and under are free.

All proceeds benefit the Parmer County Cancer Coalition. There will be a silent auction during the

The Parmer County Can- steak dinner. For tickets call Jamie Lewellen, 250reception and steak dinner 3545, or the Chamber of Commerce, 621 Main St.,



Chandler Bownds PRCA & CBR bullrider

Bright spots in a tough year for cattle raisers

By: Joe Parker Jr.

There is no denying that 2011 was a tough year for cattle raisers. Ranchers across the state are still facing an unprecedented drought and rebuilding from the crippling wildfires, but through all the dust and smoke, there were some definite bright sides of 2011. Because of the hard work of our members, TSCRA chalked up major victories at the Texas and U.S. Capitols. A few of the highlights are listed below

Eminent Domain Reformed

After a decade of hard work from legislators and landowner groups including TSCRA, SB 18, the eminent domain bill was finally signed into law.

SB 18 secures stronger eminent domain laws that will protect landowners. Highlights of the new law include requiring condemning entities to make a bona fide offer in writing and compensate landowners for loss of access to their property. SB 18 goes further to require condemning entities to take a public and record vote to initiate eminent domain proceedings, keeping them more accountable. All entities with eminent domain authority must also register with the Comptroller by December 2012 or they lose their authority.

Additionally, SB 18 gives landowners the right to repurchase their condemned land at the original price if it is not used within 10 years. SB 18 also puts in statute that eminent domain can be used only to acquire property for public use, and that use has to be put in writing before the condemnation process can begin.

Groundwater Ownership Secured

Groundwater ownership rights were also secured in 2011, putting to rest any question of who owns the groundwater below the surface of a landowner's land.

SB 332 makes clear that landowners own the groundwater

below their land as real property, and clarifies that it is subject to the same legal protections as other private property. SB 332 also recognizes that groundwater may continue to be produced and conserved while ensuring fair and impartial regulation of landowners' groundwater ownership rights.

EPA Rural Dust Regulation Stopped

TSCRA and other agricultural grouccessfully blocked the Environmental Protection Ager) from imposing regulations that would have allowe ral government to regulate rural dust. This regulation we had a devastating economic impact on ranchers when our industry is battling an unprecedented drought 1 wildfires alongside a list of proposed burdensome and necessary government regulations.

Had this regulation been implemented, ranchers could have been fined for working in dusty environments. Ranchers could have been subject to expensive and burdensome compliance costs such as having to implement aust suppression practices on their ranch. Fines for noncompliar :e were estimated to reach up to \$37,500 per day.

Free Trade Agreements Passed

TSCRA worked to ensure passage of the long-stalled free trade agreements (FTA) with Panama, Colombia and South Korea. Passage of these FTAs will increase U.S. beef exports by an estimated \$3 billion at a time when Texas beef producers need it most.

According to the U.S. International Trade Commission, the implementation of these 3 FTAs will increase all U.S. exports by at least \$13 billion and add \$10 billion to the U.S. Gross Domestic Product. Additionally, exports of U.S. goods generate

more than 8,000 U.S. jobs for every billion dollars shipped overseas.

Passage of these agreements will not only add additional exports for Texas beef, but they will help speed up our industry's recovery from this unprecedented drought. When ranchers do see relief there will be a hungry market overseas eager for Texas beef.

Remaining Trans-Texas Corridor Provisions Repealed

TSCRA worked with the state house and senate to repeal all remaining provisions of the Trans-Texas Corridor, solidifying the end of the proposal.

Burdensome CDL Requirements Stopped

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) was considering a proposal that would have required tractors and loaded stock trailers weighing 26,000 pounds or more to obtain a commercial driver's license (CDL), but TSCRA was able to stop this from happening.

This proposal had the potential to severely harm the Texas cattle industry, especially during times of natural disasters such as drought and wildfires.

It was a good year on the legislative and regulatory front, but there is still work to be done in 2012. Thanks to each and every TSCRA member, ranchers and landowner who called their elected officials, wrote letters and emails, and made visits to the Capitol. Your contributions paid off tremendously

Joe Parker Jr. is a third generation rancher from Clay County, Texas. He is president of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. He is also chairman of the board and president of the First National Bank of Byers.

new year's resolutions

Thought I would title this final 2011 column 'new year's resolutions' because that's as close as I'll get to making any.

None of the resolutions I've made over the decades have been kept for very long. Think I made one once that I managed to keep until late afternoon of January 2.

The start of a new year is a good time to reflect and reorganize life and try to do at least a few things differently. Probably be a good idea to continue making positive changes throughout the year. It wasn't so long ago we were looking toward changes in the new shop. year of 2011 and look where we are now.

As we head toward 2012, I have to admit I am already tired of election year politics. For heavens sake is it necessary to campaign for almost two years? It appears Mitt Romney is emerging as the Republican candidate but plenty of scandals and tribulations can happen between now and November.

Barack Obama's campaign hacks will stir the pot and make any Republican nominee look like a bumbling bandit. I wouldn't bet money at this point against Obama being re-elected.

I should also admit a certain tiredness with our cyber world. Folks my age did not grow up in the world of electronics. Our technical proficiencies are rather non-existent. Wherever we go today people are chained to their iPhones, iPads, iPods, eBooks, and cell phones. Go to any big store or shopping mall and people are sending messages, checking email and Facebook, surfing the internet, working electronic puzzles, and chatting while trying to

Video cameras are common. In the stores, in the parking lots, and even at stoplights, video cameras record every instant of ordinary life. It is a situation we now take for granted. For the most part, this electronic cyberspace lifestyle of today is positive. An entire generation has never been without electronics. It is a way of life and I accept it.

Yet I'm still amazed at how a fax machine works and that OnStar can unlock my Tahoe from some location in Toronto, Canada.

This week marks the 52nd and final Friona Star of 2011. In the weeks ahead we will be making some changes to our format. Maybe you'll notice, maybe not.

The crossword puzzle has become a very popular item with our readers. I know because many have told me so. Not to worry, it will continue to reside on Page Two.

I've been writing this Out Here column each week for about 15 years and lately I have grown tired and lazy. Folks have asked how I manage to get column ideas every week. As long as there are politics and people, finding a topic is the easy part.

I'll be cutting back on the number of Out Here columns beginning in 2012. May write every week, may skip a few weeks. Page Two will remain as our opinion page. The big papers call it an Op-Ed page, short for opinions and editorials. Page Two will continue to carry my column and/or guest editorials, letters to the editor, and opinion/news of local and

state politics. Anyone is invited to address a letter to the editor as long as

Chamber of Commerce Business of the Month

you sign your name and give us a phone number to call in case we want to verify that you sent it. We do not and will not publish anonymous letters. We also reserve the right to edit letters for length and content, however we do not correct grammar and spelling.

The weekly Town Talk news has become quite popular over the years. We post it each week on our website and many folks that live out of town tell me they read it often to see what is going on in Friona.

I should pause here and say thanks to everyone that contributes news items for Town Talk. If you have any news or announcements or other items of interest to share with our readers send them to us.

We will continue to chronicle local events with photos and post many albums on our website. Reprints are available for purchase. This has been a well-received venture over the years and we encourage you to stock your scrapbooks with your favorite photos.

That's it for 2011. We look forward to a new year and the challenge ahead.

ron carr photo

Come on along!

Good morning!

It's about time I updated everyone on how I'm doing. I am still in Okinawa, Japan. I have been here just over 3 1/2 years. I was promoted to the rank of Corporal on July 1, 2011. I re-enlisted for another 4-years on December 14, 2011 here at Camp Foster.

I am now an embarkation specialist. The logistics/embarkation specialist prepares supplies and equipment for embarkation and performs various Force Deployment Planning and Execution functions to support the movement of personnel, supplies, and equipment via all modes of transportation, using commercial and military assets, at all levels including unit, MAGTF, and joint operations.

To put it simply, I'll be making sure that we have all the gear we need, everything is where it is supposed to be, make sure it all comes back and that it is safely packed on whatever type of transportation we are on.

The one thing I want to say to everyone back home is thank you for your guys' continued support of the troops overseas. It means a lot to not only myself but everyone else as well. Also, thank you for keeping an eye on my family while I've been gone.

Corporal Paula J. Gonzales paula.gonzales@usmc.mil

Dear Ron, Without the Friona Star there would be no Project Christmas Card. We thank you for your continuous support of our fund raiser for needed equipment at the hospital.

And we appreciate the generosity of the citizens of Friona who contribute to the needs of the hospital. This year we raised \$2,760.17. Thank you Friona and Friona Star

Sincerely,

Parmer Medical Center Auxiliary

Dear Ron,

The response for donations to the Empty Stocking Fund exceeded expectations. With the guidance of school principals and counselors, we were able to help 57 children this year.

In addition to the monetary donations, several ladies gave time and effort to help with the shopping and delivering of the gifts to the school campuses. Thanks to Adabeth, Delphine, Joy, Lucy Beth, Sandy, and Sharon for all their help. Thanks also to the USDA meat inspectors who furnished toys and food for all 57 children.

Finally, thank you to the citizens of Parmer County and the Friona United Way for your loving generosity.

Sincerely,

Peggy Monroe

Empty Stocking Fund Chairperson

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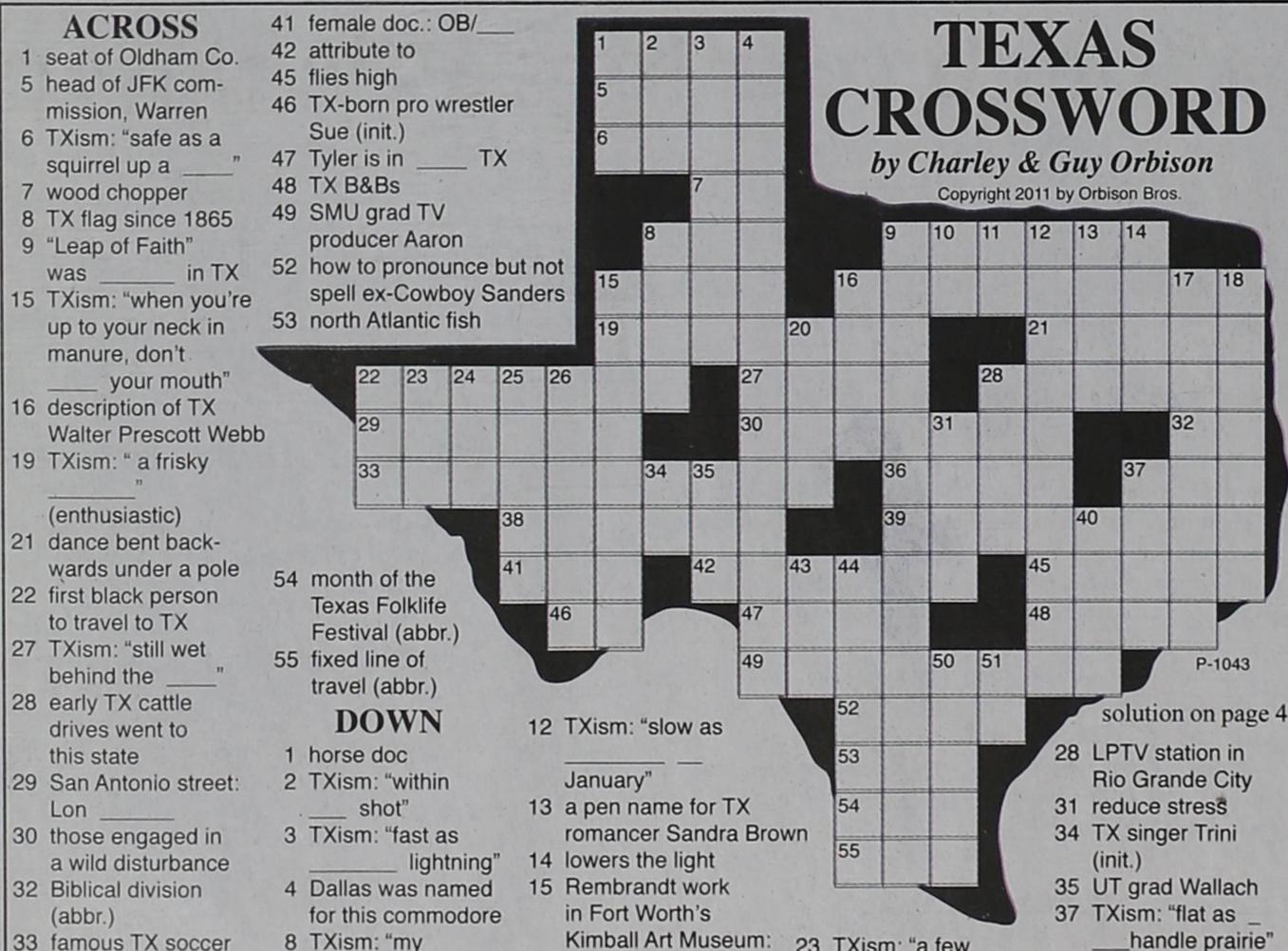
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The Carniceria Hernandez Mexican Restaurant is the Chamber of Commerce Business of the

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Town Talk II

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night Saturday we received a dusting of snow, enough to cover the ground. I ventured out and took a few snow pictures. Most of us figured the snow was over, but it continued throughout Christmas day. We had around 4" by night. The forecast didn't predict snow for our area but we got it just the same, along with some ice crystals that froze car doors shut.

Our Christmas dinner consisted of a roast, mashed potatoes, roast gravy, a jar of Wanda Jones' green beans, salad, rolls, and a coconut cream pie from Janie's in Hereford. A nice feast while watching the snow fall Next home games are Friday through the kitchen window. All the makins' for a warm Christmas afternoon nap.

Had a brief visit with Corbin Neill, T.J. Randolph, and Zach Barrett Christmas morning at Fast Stop. Good to see these young men visiting for the holidays. Randy Geries went to Augusta, Georgia, to move his son Ryan back to Lubbock where he will finish his degree at Tech. The Geries and Mears family were together on Christmas in Friona then spent a few days relaxing in Ruidoso.

I know there were many

the holidays. Phillip Duggins was here visiting mom Margaret. Joe Jones was here visiting parents Tommie and Wanda Jones. Nathan (and wife April) and Chris Haile were here at their parents Allan and Patty Haile's home. Patty brought over some chocolate chip cheesecake, which is gone already so don't ask for a bite. Tasty,

The Chiefs and Squaws will participate in the Littlefield basketball tournament this week Thursday - Saturday. District play continues Tuesday January 3 when the teams travel to Tulia. January 6 vs. Dimmitt. The FHS baseball team pancake supper fundraiser will be served prior to the Dimmitt games starting at 5 p.m. in the cafeteria. Come have some pancakes, sausage or bacon, syrup, butter, coffee or juice, all for about \$6.

The Friona Chamber of Commerce Business-of-the-Month is Carniceria Hernandez Mexican Restaurant. It is owned by Luis and Janet Hernandez. All of the Hernandez family works in the family business which opened three years ago and in addition to a restaurant also has a meat market and other visitors in Friona for does catering. The family

says, "We would really like to thank the community of Friona for letting us come in and do what we like to do. All of the Hernandez family works together to make our restaurant grow bigger and bigger."

A group of 18 Friona State Bank Travel Club members will depart Friday for Pasadena, California where they will attend the Rose Bowl parade. They have bleacher seats along the parade route but will not attend the game. Return home is late Tuesday. Marca Herring said they were hoping for nice weather and that it wouldn't rain on their parade.

The local Coffee Memorial Blood Council met Thursday December 22 at the Thai City Restaurant. Janne Lawrence from Coffee Memorial in Amarillo is the new coordinator for this area. Council members attending were Bessie Holt, Andy to 7 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Every donor will receive a 2012 M*A*S*H t-shirt.

The primary election scheduled for March 6 has now been moved to April 3 because of the continuing redistricting of boundary lines being debated by the state courts. If a runoff is necessary it will be June 5 according to the County Clerk's office. The later primary date means that the filing period to run for office will be reopened January 2

and the deadline for filing

will be February 1.

As often happens, the cold, wet, freezing, icy weather plays havoc with the streets, especially Highway 60. You will note a new crop of potholes, large and small, along Hwy 60 and a few other well traveled streets. Here's hoping TxDOT fills them up before we all have to take a trip to Freddy's Tire Shop.

Bi-Wize's Facebook page announced a room makeover promotion. Send a photo Montana, John Gurley, and of your worst room: living Ron Carr. The December room, dining room, or bed-19 first-ever blood drive at room. Photos will be posted the high school encountered on Facebook and you can some bad weather but there vote for the room that most were 18 donors. The next needs the makeover. The blood drive in Friona will winner will receive \$2,000 be January 19 from 12 noon retail value in furniture from Bi-Wize for the makeover. If Church's fellowship hall. you are on Facebook find the Bi-Wize page and "like" it. Top entries will be selected January 14.

> Victory Family Worship Center invites everyone to spend New Year's Eve at the church. Beginning at 8 p.m. FREE movie! FREE popcorn! FREE childcare! FREE fellowship! The movie will be Courageous.

Kelly Goss, owner of the former Budget Inn, now Frio

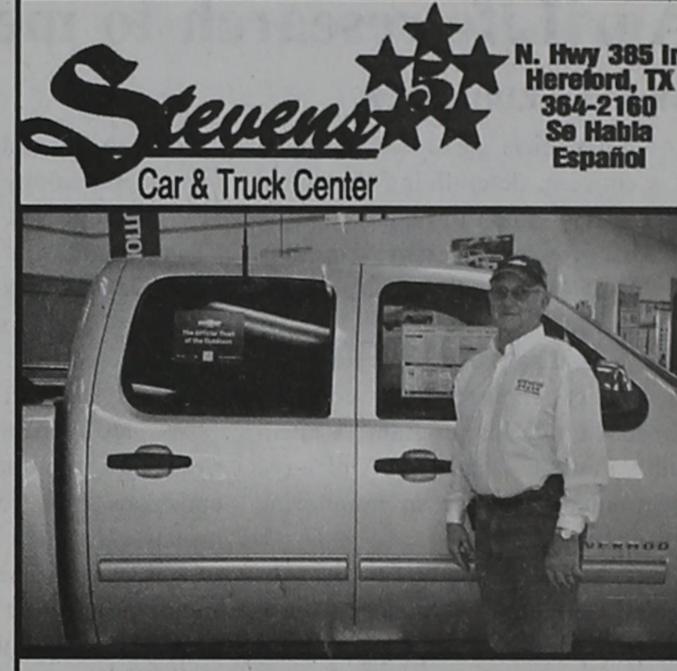
Apartments property, has also taken over the operation of the An Donut Shop. She owned the An Donut building and when the An family decided to sell their Friona and Hereford donut locations and leave Texas, Kelly and her daughter Joella, took over the donut operation. I stopped by this week and the ladies are cooking some mighty fine donuts. The shop is open from 4:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Stop by and have a donut or cinnamon roll and coffee. It will help your attitude and the local economy.

Happy 15th anniversary Jeff and Monica Procter. Congratulations to the Murphree and Brantley families as Staci Murphree and T.J. Brantley were married Tuesday evening. Carolyn

Wiseman (Aunt Carolyn) took some nice wedding photos. I especially liked the one of the five daughters all dressed in black and white. Very nice. Carolyn posted them on Facebook in case you want to see.

Our final Town Talk for 2011 is at an end. We thank you all for reading the Friona Star and send along our wishes for a very calm, peaceful, successful, and prosperous New Year. Don't forget to eat blackeyed peas on New Year's Day. They say it will bring you luck in the New Year. I think it was the people who sell blackeyed peas that started the tradition. In any event, good luck and happiness in 2012.

Until then!



See Glenn Reeve for new GMC, Chevrolet, or Buick vehicles. Glenn can also sell all makes or models of pre-owned vehicles. Let Glenn help you find your next new or pre-owned car or truck. Call Glenn at 265-7034.



New owner of the An Donut Shop is Kelly Goss, left. She owns the Frio Apartments property and the donut building. The An family sold their shops in Friona and Hereford and left Texas. Also shown are employees Natalia Robles-Costas, Trevor Nuckols, and Joella Goss, Mrs. Goss' daughter. The donuts are cooked here and the shop is open from 4:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.



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Randy and Joyce Dickson, center, and members of the Dickson family gathered in Friona for their Christmas celebration. Becky Dickson reported there was plenty of fun, food, and family time together.

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Irrigation conference Jan 19 in Amarillo

The annual High Plains Irrigation Conference and Trade Show hosted by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service will be held January 19 in the Regency Room of the Amarillo Civic Center, 401 So. Buchanan.

The program this year, jointly sponsored by AgriLife Extension and the Texas Ag-

ricultural Irrigation Association, addresses a wide variety of topics, said Nich Kenny, AgriLife Extension irrigation specialist. The registration fee will be \$30 payable at the door only and includes lunch.

Some of the topics include AquaSpy: Capacitance probe irrigation scheduling; Crop metrics; technologies in cen-

ter pivot irrigation; tillage effects on water use; efficient profitable irrigation in corn or EPIC; drought tolerant corn research.

Five Irrigation Association certified irrigation designer and five certified crop advisor continuing education units will be offered for conference attendees.

The trade show will include booths from the irrigation industry, area groundwater districts, and educational institutions.

For more information go to the Texas Agricultural Irrigation Association website, http://taia.org, or contact Kenny at 806-677-5600 or npkenny@ag.tamu.edu.

Sheriff's Report

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

December 22, 2011, John Randall, 61, was arrested by the Sheriff's office for theft over \$1,500 less than \$20,000. Pending grand jury.

December 26, 2011, Bruce Ramos, Jr. 26, was arrested by the Friona Police for driving while license suspended in Deaf

Smith County. Bond and released. In 287th District Court, Judge Gordon Green presiding: Brian Blakely, 34, of Clovis, charged with theft, was sen-

tenced to 4 years deferred adjudication, \$324 court costs, \$950 attorney fees, and a \$1,000 fine. Francisco Pastor, a/k/a Frank Espinoza, 51, of Friona,

charged with burglary of a habitation, was sentenced to 5 years Texas Department of Criminal Justice, \$399 court costs and a \$2,000 fine. Ernesto Ramos, 28, charged with burglary of a habitation

was sentenced to 10 years TDCJ probated for 10 years, \$324 court costs, \$1,000 fine, \$550 attorney fees, and \$924.13 restitution.

Janet Venegas, 28, of Muleshoe, charged with violation of community supervision (possession of a controlled substance), was sentenced to community supervision extended for 2 years.

Nicolas Lara, 38, of Dimmitt, charged with theft of copper wire, was sentenced to 4 years deferred adjudication, \$324 court costs, and a \$1,000 fine.

Grain elevator workshop Jan 26

The Texas High Plains Grain Elevator Workshop will be January 26 at the Ashmore Inn & Suites, 2301 Interstate 40 East, Exit 72A, in Amarillo, according to a Texas AgriLife Extension Service specialist.

Bynum, AgriLife Extension entomologist in Amarillo. A registration fee of \$40 may

be paid in advance or at the

Early registration is requested by January 20. Checks and a registration form can be mailed to Ronda Fisher, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, 6500 The meeting is set for 8 Amarillo Blvd. W., Amarillo a.m. to 4 p.m., said Dr. Ed 79106. Make checks payable to Tri-State Chapter GEAPS.

For a registration form

go to: http://amarillo.tamu. edu/facultystaff/ed-bynum/ upcoming-events/.

Some of the workshop topics include: Update of grain storage, safety, and fumigation; Static storage fumigation; Review of EPA worker protection standards and requirements; weed control; dust management; and OSHA.

Continuing education

ment of Agriculture for commercial, non-commercial, and private applicator licenses are pending at this time. The workshop is jointly sponsored by AgriLife Extension and the Tri-State Chapter of Grain Elevator and Processing Society. For more information contact Bynum at 806-677-5600.

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AgriLife research to measure greenhouse gases

BY KAY LEDBETTER

As greenhouse gases become more of a concern, determining the actual rates of emissions through scientific data is a growing necessity, according to a Texas AgriLife Research scientist in Amarillo.

Dr. Ken Casey, AgriLife Research air quality engineer, has commissioned through his program an openpath Fourier transform infra-red spectrometer for use in monitoring greenhouse gases.

This is in collaboration with Dr. Brock Faulkner in the Texas A&M University biological and agricultural engineering department, who set up an identical open-path spectrometer at the same feedyard 18 months ago for long-term emissions monitoring.

Each instrument cost \$125,000. The instrumentation and project are being funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture-National Institute of Food and Agriculture air quality project and a state-appropriated air quality project.

Both researchers are using the instruments to measure emissions of methane and nitrous oxide, which are greenhouse gases with global warming potentials of 21 and 310 times higher, respectively, than that of carbon dioxide.

To date, greenhouse gas inventory methodology comes from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, and that methodology for intensive livestock facilities is based on a very limited data set which was not collected from the type of animal feeding systems in this region.

"We are concerned the inventories don't accurately reflect actual emissions from feedyard operations because they are based on limited research on some production systems that may not be typical of what happens on a High Plains feedyard. Hence, the resulting inventory has a significant degree of uncertainty," Casey said.

"Because the concentration of nitrous oxide in normal air is not zero and the increase in contribution from a large feedyard operation is relatively small, complex and very expensive instrumentation must be used to accurately measure the increase in concentration," said Casey.

The open path configuration of these instruments allows more sensitive measurements to be made by integrating the concentration in the air over a path length of 300-450 meters between an infra-red light source and the spectrometer.

Working together, the two open path spectrometers can measure the concentration of nitrous oxide downwind and upwind of the feedyard regardless of which direction the wind is coming

"Other agricultural operations such as field cultivation and fertilizer application can contribute to a varying background which must be accurately accounted for in calculating the emissions," Casey said. "If you can't account for the background, then you can't measure the emissions from the feedyard alone."

The scientists will be continuously monitoring the emissions of nitrous oxide particularly, because they are episodic, influenced by season and by rainfall, he said. "If you are not there when it happens, you miss it."

Their goal is to get a good measurement of the annual emissions and then "we can use this data for improving the emissions workbooks of federal and other regulating agencies," Casey

"Also, by gaining a better understanding of what controls these emissions and when they occur, we can guide feedyard management in implementing practices that can minimize the emissions," he said.

Happy Birthday

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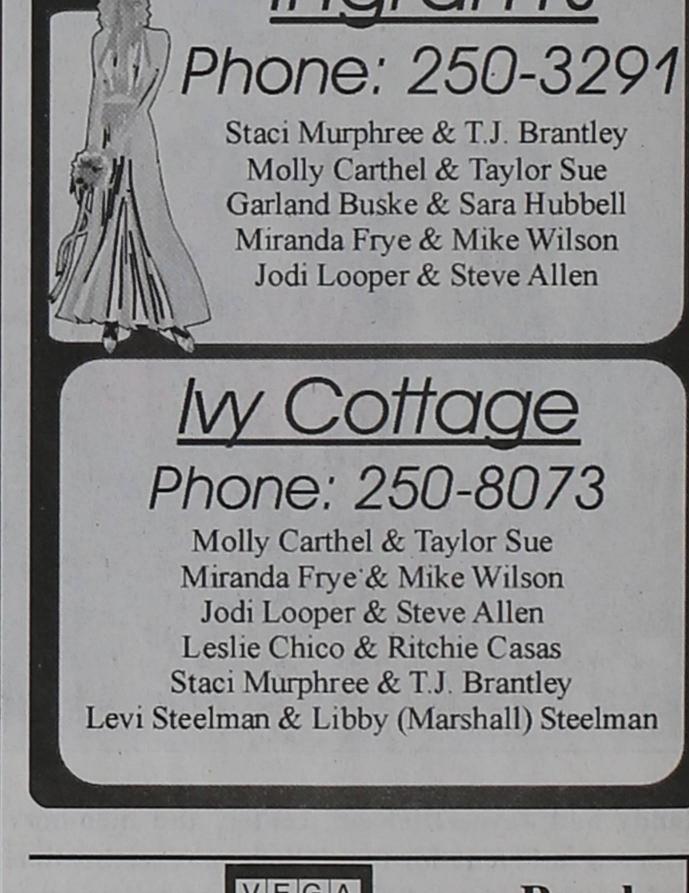
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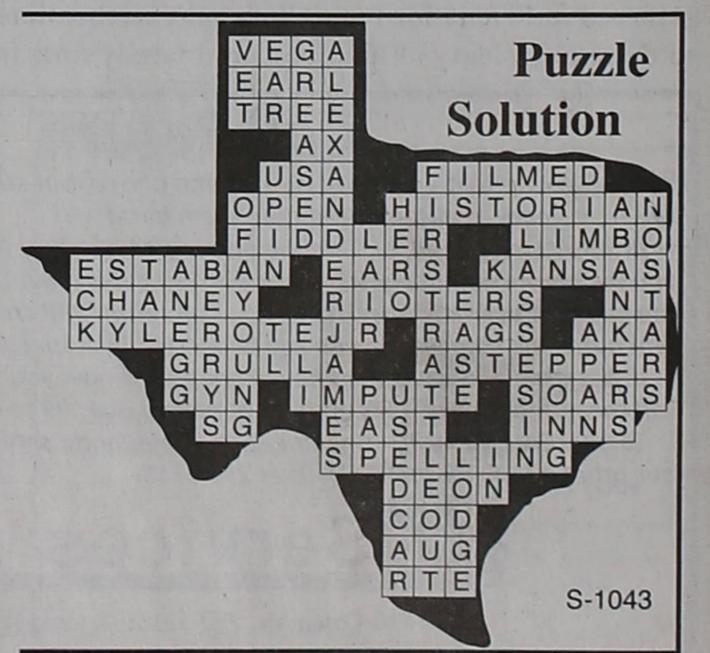
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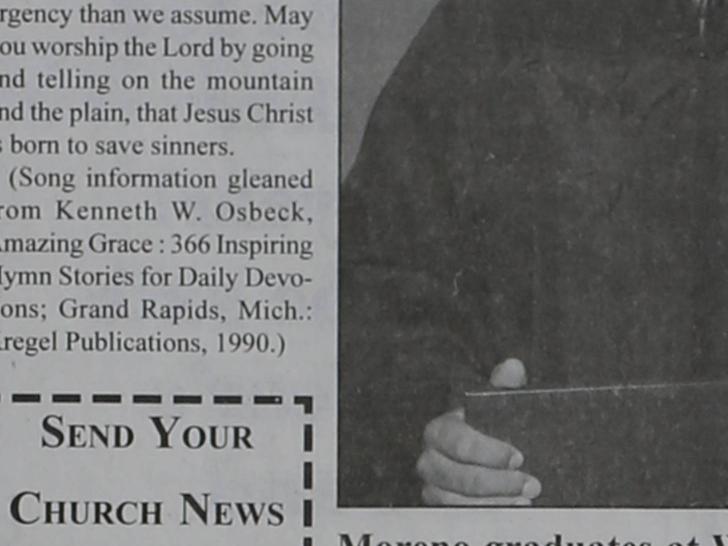
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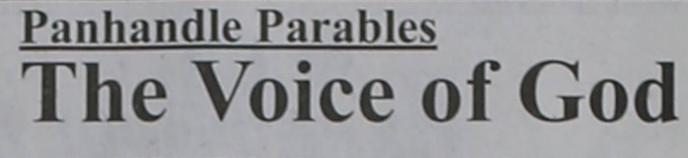
Moreno graduates at West Texas A&M

Fernando Moreno has received his Bachelor of Business Administration in General Business degree in ceremonies December 16, 2011, at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. His degree carries an emphasis in Accounting, Management, and Computer Information Systems.

He graduated cum laude and during his school years was named to the President's List, the Dean's List and participated in SIFE. He is the son of Mario and Martha Moreno of Friona. He is a 2007 graduate of Friona High School.

Fernando is married to Cindy Moreno. Their children are Fernando Moreno, Jr., 18-months, and Aylen Aaydali Moreno, 6-months.

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BY JEFF PROCTER, Minister, Sixth St. Church of Christ

nothing and out of that noth- with you how to forgive those ing God spoke into existence you despise. How to reach out all that is. Creation all around to those you fear and how to boldly proclaims the existence live this life more abundantly. of God. From the highest moun- Go ahead, turn up the volume, tain, to the smallest leaf of grass crack the Book, hear for your-God is proclaimed.

We may not notice a beauti- God. ful sunrise, because the sun being in our eyes irritates us. We may miss a quiet evening on the front porch because of that pesky mosquito. The wild flowers on the side of the road go by in a blur at 70 mph.

We often miss the power in God's voice, as well. We soon forget it was this voice that calmed storms, cast out disease, and shared Truth. It is the voice that tempers the most aggressive and empowers the weak. It is the voice that humbles the proud and exalts the meek. It is a voice to be heard.

Have you heard God in the roar of a waterfall or the silence of a still evening? Maybe you've heard Him in the thunder of a storm or the song of a Mocking bird. Have you heard Him in a gentle breeze or the subtle hum of humming bird wings? God can be heard in His creation, but are you listening?

He has prepared something even greater than creation. God has prepared for us, eternity. Open His Word and let Him tell just how much He loves you. Let God share with you His plan for giving you eternity. He can share with you the secrets of being a great husband, or how to love a strong willed child.

He has the answers, but will

In the beginning, there was you listen? God wants to share self and believe the voice of

School menu

Tuesday January 3

b) Choice of cereal, yummy muffin, Mandarin oranges, grape juice, ice cold milk 1) Corndog, broccoli, chips, peaches, ice cold milk

Wednesday January 4 b) Choice of cereal, sausage biscuit, orange juice, ice cold milk

l) Pepperoni pizza, pickle spear, carrots, yogurt, ice cold milk

Thursday January 5

b) Choice of cereal, breakfast pizza, Scooby treats, apple juice, ice cold milk l) Hamburger, baked beans, French fries, banana pudding, ice cold milk

Friday January 6

b) Choice of cereal, pancakes, sausage, grape juice, ice cold milk

1) Beefy macaroni, hot rolls, cauliflower, green beans, apples, ice cold milk

b) breakfast 1) lunch



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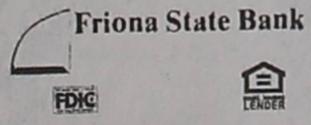
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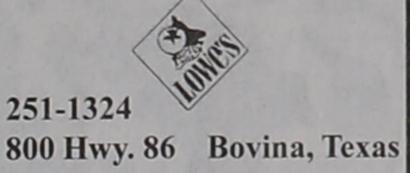
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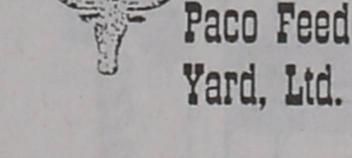


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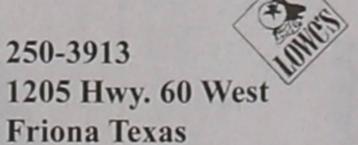
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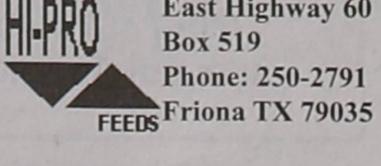


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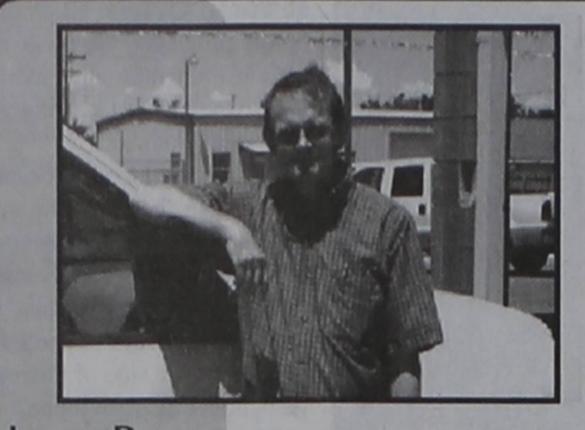
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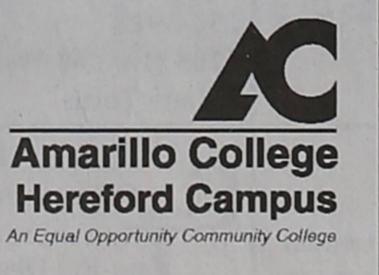
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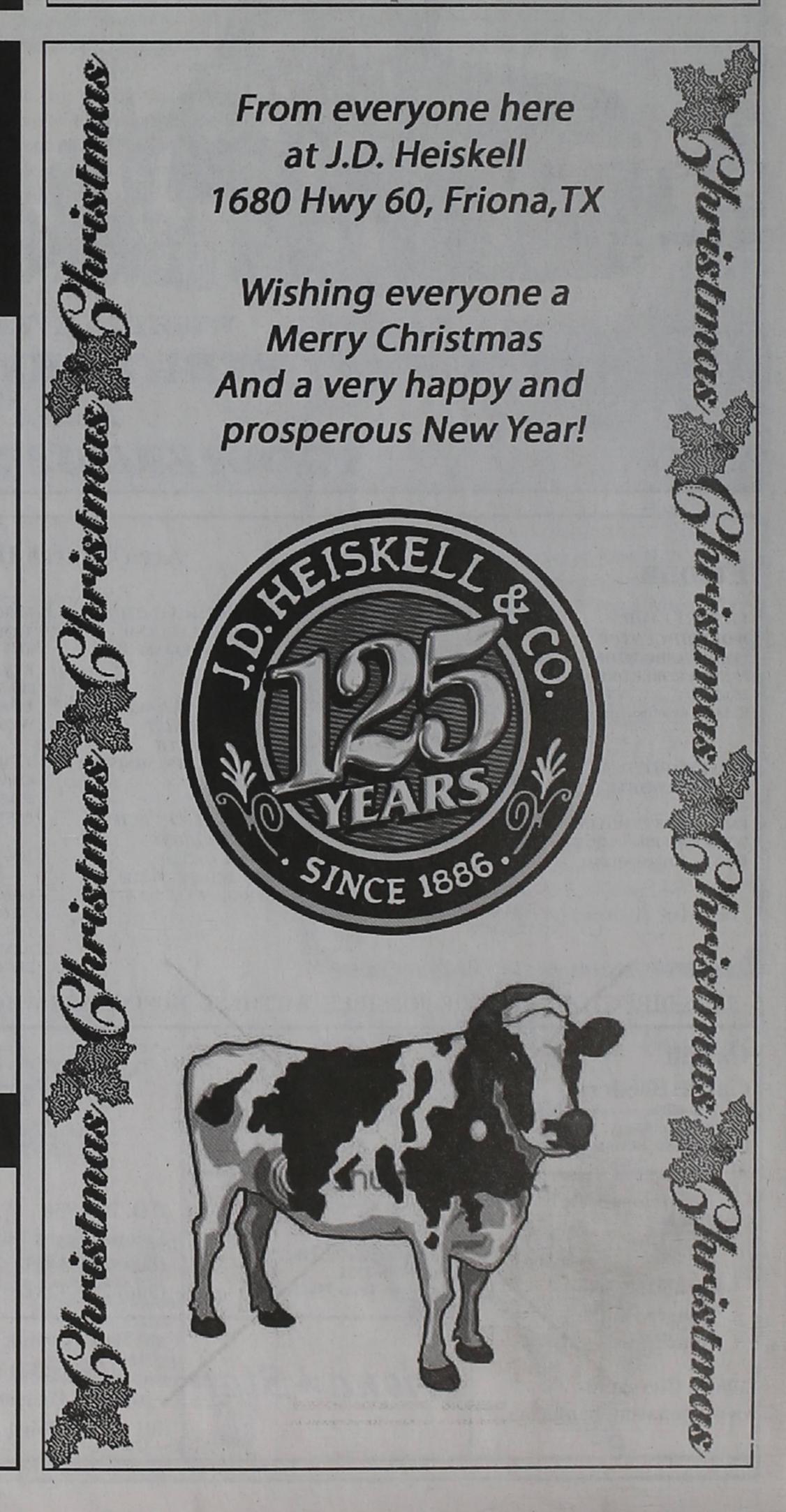
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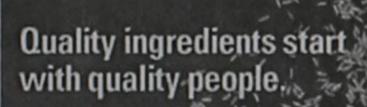
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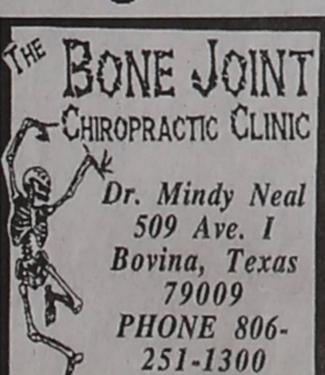
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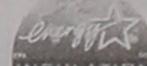




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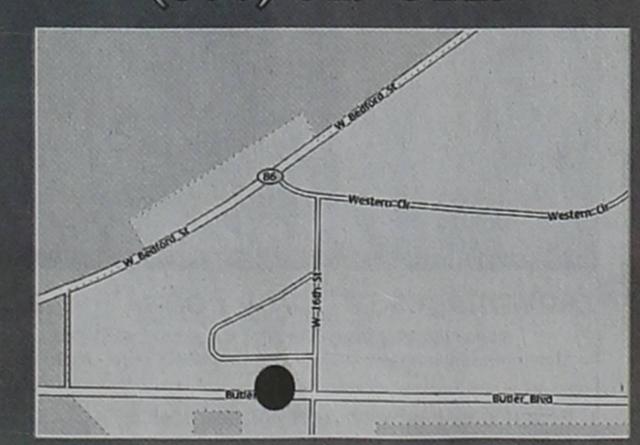


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