

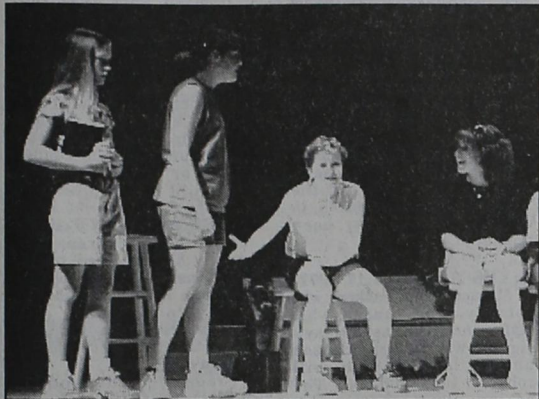


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TWELVE PAGES



ASPIRING THESPIANS have been rehearsing for two weeks on the three Summer Drama Workshop productions. Kids from Pre-K through high school are involved in the annual workshop. See story below and more pictures inside. ron carr photo

SDW Productions Friday, 6:30 p.m.

Production of the 2001 Summer Drama Workshop presentations are scheduled for Friday evening (June 15) beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Friona High School Auditorium.

Admission will be \$2 for adults, and \$1 for students and senior citizens.

Productions include "The Wizard of Wobbling Rock" directed by Allison Johnston for the younger group; "Bridge to Terabithia," directed by Kayla Wyly for the junior high group, and "A Gap in Generations" directed by Brenda Beene, by the high school age group.

(Some students have been "loaned" to older or younger groups to fill in certain roles).

Crew members for all three productions include Veronica Velazquez, Dwight Merrell, Aaron Hendrickson, Katherine Thompson, Chance Butman, Sara Widner, Mary Susan McGarr, Brittany Montoya, Monica Santellana, Nikki Morton, Stephanie Jones, Mandy Gerles, Mashay White, Micah White, Lory Wyly and April Given.

MIKE SCHUELER

FHS Grad Reflects On Memories Of Tragedy

(Editor's note: Mike Schueler is a 1981 graduate of Friona High School, and is the son of Cecelia and Herbert Schueler of the Rhea community.)

Schueler, a 1985 graduate of Texas Tech University, and his wife Amy have a son Will, who is three, and are expecting their second child.

Mike Schueler keeps a memento on his desk at the Hereford branch of First Bank Southwest where he serves as president. Schueler's memento isn't there to evoke fond memories of a family vacation or a cherished love one, however.

The 6-inch piece of jagged glass is there to remind him of how close he came to being Timothy McVeigh's 169th victim and to provide perspective about the vagaries of fate.

"I feel real fortunate that somebody was looking over me," Schueler said. "That's one of the reasons I keep this piece of glass on my desk. When I have a bad day or things don't go my way, I just look at it and think how lucky I am."

Were it not for an early-morning meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on April 19, 1995, Schueler would have been in his Bank of Oklahoma office less than a block away from the Alfred P. Murrah federal building, and the wall of glass that shattered in the face of the shockwave might have added

his name to the list of victims from the bomb's blast.

"I think I'm fortunate to be here today," Schueler said. "I'm fortunate to have not been in my office that morning."

Schueler left his office less than two hours before the blast at 9:03 a.m. to attend the meeting in Tulsa. During the meeting, an employee peeked into the meeting room, clearly looking for him, but Schueler said he didn't realize the employee was confirming he was in Tulsa safe from the bombing until after the meeting was over.

When the employee pulled him aside and told him about what had happened in Oklahoma City, Schueler went to another room and saw what McVeigh had wrought on a wide-screen television.

"They had the news turned on, and there was the downtown Oklahoma City that I was familiar with but it looked like a war zone," Schueler said. "I just couldn't believe it. I had been there a few hours earlier, and it was such a familiar sight in some ways, but it looked completely different."

The next day, Schueler was allowed to return to the bank building, which was part of a massive crime scene, and that's when he said the impact of the bombing really hit him.

When Schueler got to his

First Loads Of Wheat Delivered

Wheat harvest got underway Monday, June 11.

The first load of wheat to arrive at Friona Wheat Growers was delivered about 6 p.m. Monday by Jayson Grimsley. It checked out at 8.4 percent moisture content and 60 pounds test weight.

West Friona Grain manager Terry Sharrock said they received their first load of wheat Monday morning off Jerry Loflin's farm, harvested by Nick Collier. Moisture content measured 9.0 percent and 60.2 pounds test weight.

Randy Thomas, Attebury Grain manager, accepted the first load of wheat from Keith Blackburn on Monday. Thomas said the load measured 13 percent moisture and 60 pounds test weight.

All the elevator managers were optimistic about this year's harvest potential. Yield expectations seem to be above average but wheat prices remain low.

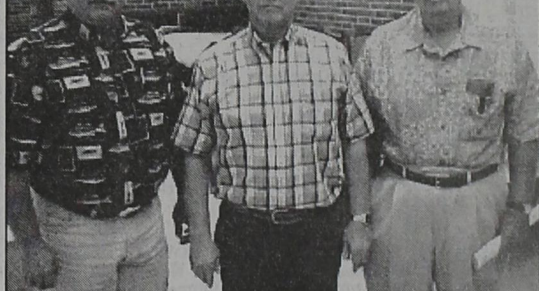


OKLAHOMA CITY REMINDER...Mike Schueler of Hereford, a native of the Rhea community, holds a glass shard that he keeps as a reminder of his close call when the 1995 explosion killed 168 people.

office, he realized how lucky he was not to have been inside. The blast had shattered the plate-glass window that served as one wall of his office, sending glass shards ranging in size from a few inches to two feet careening across the desk he had been sitting in only hours before the explosion.

The blast blew in one other window in the glass building and exploded two others outward, but nobody in his building was injured.

Schueler's relief for his personal safety and that of his co-workers was tempered by a glimpse of the federal building, where rescue crews were frantically scrambling to



FRIONA WHEAT GROWERS held its annual meeting in the junior high cafeteria Tuesday, June 12. See story on page 4. New directors Davey Carthel, left, and Von Edelman, right, are shown with FWG manager Ron Smiley. ron carr photo

Rollover Results In Head Injuries

A one-car rollover reported at 1:06 p.m. Monday, June 11, sent two Friona girls to Amarillo via Lifestar helicopter.

The driver, Julie Garcia, 14, and her passenger, Becky Aronce, 15, were traveling eastbound on the dirt road that parallels the railroad tracks about 5 miles west of Friona.

DPS Trooper Izzy Carrasco, who investigated the accident, said the car rolled at least 2 1/2 times and came to rest on its top. He said Miss Garcia overcorrected the vehicle and it went into a spin and rolled.

Miss Aronce managed to exit the passenger seat while the girls were hanging upside down by their seatbelts. Trooper Carrasco attributed the fastened seatbelts with saving the girls' lives.

As it was, Miss Aronce unfastened Miss Garcia's belt and pulled her away from the vehicle, fearful of gasoline leaking around the car. Temperature at the time of the accident was near 100

(See photos page 1-A)



WELCOME TO THE CHAMBER...Members and Ambassadors of the Friona Chamber of Commerce gathered for a ribbon-cutting and official welcome to Holly and Danny Campbell and Dale and Laura Hart, new owners of Property Associates Realtors. The business, located at Highway 60 and Main Street, was formerly owned by B.K. and Janet Buske, who have moved to Boerne, Texas, near San Antonio.

My Turn
by Carol Ellis



JUST ABOUT every morning, except weekends, I read one of the area daily papers, Lubbock or Amarillo, while eating breakfast and listening to Good Morning America on TV in the background. This past week, GMA was running a series called "A child's lessons for life" featuring family expert Ann

Murphy. Wednesday morning she had a nice segment about giving children the gift of roots, noting that young children thrive better with the stability and security of extended family roots. She suggested visiting with grandparents as a beginning, telling family stories, and taping interviews with older family members. One suggestion was to sit down together and look at old photo albums and treasured family mementos.

At the end of the segment, it was noted that most children live 400 miles or more from their nearest grandparents, which makes visits few and far between. They said that the US is just about the only country where the elder members of a family are not held in especially high regard.

Ironically, while listening to that piece on GMA, I was also reading a front page *Amarillo Globe-News* article headlined "Census shows increase in same-sex households." The census figures on this subject have been completed for only two small (very small) states; Vermont and Delaware. So the census bureau is announcing that the number of American households with same-sex partners "has skyrocketed over the past decade." The article also notes that when figures are released for the more crowded states such as California, they anticipate a "clearer picture." Yep, I bet they'll get a clear picture out of La La Land, all right.

No matter how hard they try to pad those figures, people

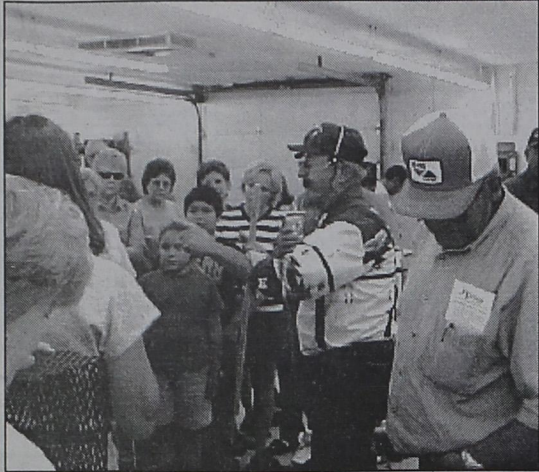
living in unmarried partner households, regardless of sexual orientation, are still a very small minority of this country's population. Our total population is 281.5 million and, I predict, the final totals will show same-sex adult partners to be less than ten percent of the total. Make a note of that.

Phillip M. Harter, a medical doctor at Stanford University School of Medicine did a study of the Earth's population by shrinking it into a group or community of just 100 people -- with all of the human ratios currently existing in the world still remaining intact. Here are his findings:

Fifty-seven would be Asian; 21 would be European, 14 would be from the Western Hemisphere; 8 would be African; 52 would be female; 48 would be male; 70 would be non-white; 30 would be white; 70 would be non-Christian; 30 would be Christian; 89 would be heterosexual; 11 would be homosexual. Six people would possess 59 percent of the entire world's wealth and all six of these would be from the United States. Eighty people would live in substandard housing; 70 would be unable to read; 50 would suffer from malnutrition. One would be near death; one would be pregnant; one would have a college education; and one would own a computer.

If you live in a good home, have plenty to eat, can read, and have a computer, you are a member of the elite. If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more fortunate than the million who will not survive this week. If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation, you are ahead of 500 million people in the world. If you can attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture or death, you are more blessed than three billion people in the world.

This is certainly not a perfect world that we live in and we need to spend a lot of time and energy making it a better world for the little ones who will take our places in the future.



IT WAS a social event and a Saturday afternoon auction on Friona's Main Street. Auctioneer John Tannahill kept the bidding lively for a large crowd that enjoyed the competition. ron carr photo



MOTHER AND DAUGHTER Amanda Roth, left, and her mother Bonnie Pope are shown during a water game at Calvary Baptist Church's Bible School last Friday and Saturday. The water felt good as temperatures reached 100 degrees in Friona.

Around Town

Water bottle & watermelon party 6/23

Sat, Jun 23, Calvary Baptist Church will host a water bottle and watermelon party for children of all ages. There will be games and fun in the water. Watermelon refreshments will be served. The party will be from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon at the church, 1500 No. Cleveland. For info call 250-3000.

Kids party at city park

Hey Kids! Come to a party on Saturday, Jun 16, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at city park. Free food, games and prizes. Parents are welcome too. Hosted by the Backyard Bible Club.

Amarillo library used book sale

The Amarillo Public Library will hold their annual used book sale Jun 22-24. The sale is open to the public on Sat., Jun 23, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sun., Jun 24 2-6 p.m. The sale will be in the basement of the Central Library, 4th & Buchanan (across from the Civic Center).

Benefit golf tournament in Lubbock

Lowe's and the American Cancer Society are sponsoring a golf tournament on Sat, Jul 9, at Lubbock Country Club. Format: 4-person scramble-36 teams per flight. Morning flight, shotgun start, 7:30 a.m. Afternoon flight-shotgun, 1 p.m. Individual players, \$250 but you get a lot of stuff. For info call Jerry Dowell at 806-793-0017; or Darlene Fillman at 806-792-7126.

We need news for Around Town

It's summer. School's out. People travel. News is scarce. We need items for the Around Town column all the time, but especially in the summer. If your group or organization is planning an event, or if you have news you think is appropriate for Around Town bring it by the office, or call us at 250-2211, fax us at 250-5127, or write us at P.O. Box 789, Friona, 79035. Remember us for news this summer.



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James Perea, Friona Grad, Dies At 45

Funeral mass for James Martin Perea, 45, of Cedar Park, Texas, was held Tuesday, June 12, 2001, at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Austin. Burial was at Bagdad Cemetery in Leander, under the direction of Beck Funeral Home of Leander/Cedar Park. Perea died Friday, June 8, 2001. He was born January 3, 1956, in Martinez, California. He was a 1874 graduate of Friona High School, where he played for the Chieftain football team in 1973-74.

Cause of death was not reported, but it was remembered that while a senior at FHS, Perea had to undergo surgery in Amarillo for blood clots in a leg. He was a manager at Dell Computers in Austin, and he was also working toward a master's degree in business administration.

Survivors include his wife, Rosalinda; two children, Christopher and Christy, both of Cedar Park; his father, Jacob Perea of Lubbock, and four brothers, George Perea, Tony Perea, Mario Perea and Max Perea.

65 YRS AGO-JUN 19 1936
Curtis Douglas, attorney from Panhandle and candidate for state senator from the 31st senatorial district, will make three addresses in Parmer County on Saturday. His first address will be at Friona at 1:30 p.m. He will also speak at Bovina and Farwell. His car is equipped with a loud speaker, so his audiences will not have any difficulty in hearing him.

60 YRS AGO-JUN 20 1941
Harley Sadler and his all-new stage show will appear in Friona two nights only, June 23 and 24. They are being sponsored by the

Brother Is Buried In Amarillo

Funeral services for Euel Bert "Barney" Fite, 84, of Amarillo, were conducted Tuesday at Boxwell Brothers' Ivy Chapel in Amarillo, with the Rev. Robert E. Field, retired Baptist minister, officiating.

Burial was in Palo Duro Cemetery at Wildorado. Fite passed away Saturday, June 9, 2001.

He was born in Holdenville, Oklahoma, and had lived in Amarillo for more than 50 years.

Fite had been a farmer and rancher most of his life. He farmed the Bush estate. He served with the U.S. Army during World War-II.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Hope Bechel Fite, in 1996.

Survivors include two sons, Bert Fite and Victor Fite, both of Amarillo; a daughter, Joann Butler of Amarillo; two brothers, Marion Fite (a former Friona resident) and John Everett Fite, both of Lubbock; four sisters: Dorothy Ellis of Friona, Hattie Cunningham of Oklahoma City, Janet Coalson of Carnegie, Oklahoma, and Alta Hutto of Clovis, N.M.

Also, a sister-in-law, Lorraine Fite of Wildorado; four grand-daughters, Kerensa Fite of Dallas, Vicki Burrell of Claude, Danielle White of Amarillo and Kara Fite of Dallas. Four great-grandchildren also survive.

The family suggests memorial gifts be made to BSA Hospice, P. O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176-0001

Irene Thorn's Great-Grandsons Graduate In '01

Irene Thorn of the Friona and Lazbuddie communities had four great-grandsons graduate in the 2001 graduating classes.

Matthew Todd Hunton and Paul Allen Hunton, twins, graduated from Portales High School, Portales, New Mexico. They are the sons of David Thorn Hunton.

Tyler Brice Rector graduated from Pflugerville High School. He is the son of Roy Don and Sherrie (Thorn) Rector.

Garvin Traylor Thorn graduated from Lazbuddie High School. He is the son of Garvin and Janette Thorn.

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Friona Flashbacks

...from the files of The Friona Star

local fire department, who respectfully urge the people of this area to attend. Besides outstanding plays, a marvelous orchestra is carried and vaudeville features that consist of many radio, stage, and recording stars.

55 YRS AGO-JUN 14 1946

Mrs. Henry Lewis has had as her guests all week her mother, Mrs. R. B. Jones, and her brother, Billy Jones, both of Greenville, Texas.

Showing this week at the Regal Theatre: "A Royal Scandal," with Tallulah Bankhead, Anne Baxter, and Charles Coburn; "Dakota", starring John Wayne and Walter Brennan,

50 YRS AGO-JUN 14 1951

Don't let the sign on Jack Anderson's Barber Shop fool you. It's more than a barber shop; it's a meeting place, a museum, and a panorama of Friona's past. And don't let Jack fool you. He is more than a barber. He's a former cowhand, a coach, a historian; in short, a character. (From a feature story by Phyllis Dishman.)

45 YRS AGO-JUN 14 1956

Sam Whitlow of the Farmer Stockman magazine will be in the Black community Monday night of next week to present citizens with district and state awards won in a recent, "rural neighborhood progress" contest. This Saturday, Black will receive publicity from the cameras of KGNC-TV when "Cotton John" Smith will feature the community. Included in the awards will be a check for \$500 for placing second statewide in the contest.

40 YRS AGO-JUN 15 1961

At a business meeting of stockholders of Friona Wheat Growers, Inc. Tuesday night, it was announced that dividends to be paid this year total \$540,068.13.

First load of wheat delivered to Friona was by John Renner, who farms southwest of town. He delivered the wheat on Monday noon to Friona Wheat Growers.

35 YRS AGO-JUN 16 1956

Rev. Russell McAnally, pastor of the Friona Methodist Church the past four years, has been appointed as pastor of the Trinity Methodist Church in Plainview, it has been announced.

30 YRS AGO-JUN 17 1971

Missouri Beef Packers was probably the hardest-hit single concern in last Friday's "big blow", which caused damage locally that will probably top \$500,000. The packing plant, three miles southwest of town, sustained heavy damage to the roof of its building, which in turn, caused water leakage and a loss of insulation, making it hard to maintain the temperature constant in the new fabricating portion of the plant. Damage will top \$50,000 at MBP, according to manager Dave LaFleur. Other businesses sustaining heavy losses included Friona Wheat Growers, which had a grain dryer completely destroyed; Friona Motors had extensive damage to its roof and some new cars were affected; Rockwell Brothers Lumber Company lost 72 feet of roofing on one of its warehouse buildings; the municipal swimming pool had its roof partially torn off and some damage to the building structure; six trailer homes were damaged, one of which was picked up and tossed about 20 feet, landing on its top and being crushed.

20 YRS AGO-JUN 14 1981

Construction work is in full swing at the Friona Junior High School, where a new lunch room is being built. The new facility will be

ready for the 1981-82 school year.

Western Gift Store will open in Friona on Monday at 607 Main Street. The new store will be a redemption center for Circle W Blue Stamps.

Residents of the Friona area got a taste of summer during the past week, with the mercury climbing to 100 degrees or better on three days.

15 YRS AGO-JUN 7 1986

The Friona area was virtually "transported to the mountains" for most of the past week as a daily shower was received and temperatures never reached above the low 70's until Thursday.

Friona Independent School District teachers were among an elite group of schools in the Panhandle area in which 100 per cent had passing grades on the "TECAT" tests, which were a new requirement for teachers this year.

10 YRS AGO-JUN 29 1991

Summertime arrived in the local area with some of the hottest temperatures of the year, but compared to the temperatures we were having exactly a year ago, it really wasn't that bad.

Two individuals were arrested in connection with the numerous tractor thefts which have occurred in the surrounding area the past few months.

Due to the 1990 census and several landmark court cases, Parmer County precincts have to be re-drawn.

5 YRS AGO-JUN 8, 1996

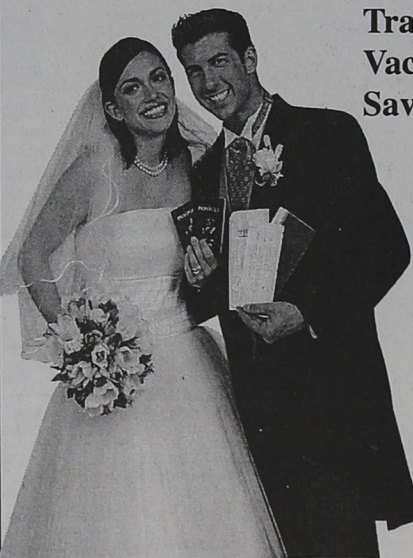
Kayla Smiley and VLaura Wilcox attended the lady Raider Basketball Camp at Texas Tech University, May 26-30. Kayla was recognized as the "best set-short shooter" and VLaura was named "best ball handler and best dribbler".

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Jack & Jill Tourney Winners Announced

Warm weather and mild winds greeted golfers in the recent Rose Classic-Jack & Jill Golf Tournament at Friona Country Club.

The third annual Rose Classic Couples Tournament was held June 9-10. Thirty two teams from across the Panhandle and New Mexico participated. The format was a two day scramble. After Saturday's round, the tournament was flighted according to scores from the first day's round.

Here are the first three places in each flight:

Championship Flight
1st-Derek Jones and Carol Buchanan-120; 2nd-Cory and Lori Beckner, 124; 3rd (tie) Chuck Bubany and Jenny Kallas and Johnny and Cindy Guelker, 125.

First Flight
1st-Casey and Debra Williams, 132; 2nd & 3rd (tie)-Fuji and Brenda Ortiz and Larry Brackett and Karen Harrelson, 133.

Second Flight
1st-Gary and Kathy Cutrell, 139; 2nd-Ted Beavers and Jamie Johnson, 141; 3rd (tie)-Larry and Judy Potts and Paul and Glenda Akin, 142.

Third Flight
1st-Don and Shirley Cornett (won playoff), 151; 2nd-Bob and Carol Gadboiz, 151; 3rd-Scott and Courtney Morris, 152.

Other local golfers participating were Jack and Linda Straw, Brian and Jennifer Herring, Lee and Brenda Jesko, Harold Ball and Jessica Abarca and Tim and Twila Brown.



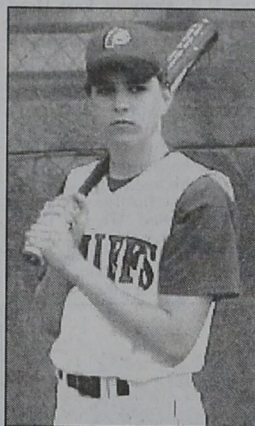
CHARLEY SAIZ



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FOR BASEBALL Five Chieftains All-District Picks

Five members of the FHS Chieftain baseball team for 2001 were chosen to the all-district team, announced Coach Mike Fair.

Seniors Matthew Mata, Josh Burleson and Charley Saiz, along with freshman Kyle Grimsley, were on the first team. A fourth senior, Zach Barrett, was on the second team all-district.

The 2001 team set a number of school records: Mata socked six home runs, and in addition won six games as a starting pitcher. He had a winning record, and also posted a 3.61 earned-run average.

Burleson set a new record for doubles in a season, nine, as well as the best batting average. Josh led the Chieftains with a glittering .466 batting average. Burleson ended his senior year on a high note, socking a home run--the only one of his entire baseball career--over the left field fence.

As a team, the Chieftains had a fielding average of 87.4. The Chieftain pitchers had an overall ERA (earned run average) of 5.09, considered "pretty good" for high school, since the teams tend to score a lot of runs.

Fair wanted to congratulate the 2001 Chieftains for an outstanding year.

The Chieftains finished their season with an overall record of 8-2, and were 4-8 in district. They scored a win over Morton, which went into post-season play, in their final outing of the season.



LADY GOLFERS....Karen Harrelson, left, and Linda Straw were two of the women golfers taking part in last weekend's Jack and Jill Tournament at Friona Country Club. (ron carr photo)

Top O'Texas Rodeo In Pampa July 8-14

Entries are now being accepted for all events of the Top O' Texas Rodeo to be held July 8-14, in Pampa.

Kid Pony Show entry forms are available at the rodeo office, 200 N. Ballard for youths up to age 15. Kid Pony Show performances are Sunday, July 8 at 4 p.m. and Monday and Tuesday, July 9-10 at 7 p.m. Kid Pony Show entries close at 5 p.m. July 6 and no entries will be accepted after that time.

The 55th annual Top O' Texas Rodeo performances will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 12-14, at 7:30 p.m. Beutler and Gaylord Rodeo Company will produce the rodeo with National Finals Rodeo stock. Charlie Throckmorton of Burleson, Texas will be announcing the action.

A free bar-b-que for ticket holders will be held Thursday starting at 5:30 p.m. The Celebrity Pick Up Race at 6 p.m. will pair a cowboy and a "city slicker" for fun and entertainment.

Friday night is Family night. At 3 p.m. the horsemanship competition for the Queen pageant will be held. Discounted tickets are available on Friday night for senior citizens and children.

Saturday the Rodeo parade begins at 10 a.m. Special entertainment each night will be provided by Melissa Nevarre and Beth Brown who are skilled in trick riding and "gymnastics on horseback."

Calvary Events Are Planned

Calvary Baptist Church of Friona has three special events planned for the weekend of June 23-24, to which the public is invited.

On Saturday morning, June 23, from 10:30 a.m. until noon, there will be a watergun, watermelon party for children of all ages.

Children are invited to bring their water guns for a "squirting good time," said Rev. Alvin Petty, pastor.

Sunday morning, June 24, at 9:30 a.m., breakfast and Bible study, along with a fun time, will be served to youth, seventh through 12th grades in Mike and Claudia Hanes' backyard.

The Hanes' home is on the north side of Highway 60, about two miles east of Friona. This special breakfast and Bible study schedule will be maintained for junior high and high school young people each Sunday from June 24 (Continued on Page 4)

ANY GUY NOT PULLING HIS WEIGHT... GET and KEEP adequate AUTO INSURANCE! Don't PUSH YOUR LUCK! Prairie Insurance Agency, Inc. 603 Main 806-250-2766

Hey Kids, Let's PARTY!! Saturday, June 16 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the park! Free Food, Games and Prizes!! (Parents Welcome, too) HOSTED BY BACKYARD BIBLE CLUB

Jonathan Bron Fredrick

"It just doesn't make sense." That was the simple, yet profound remark spoken by my sweet nephew Kristofer, as his beloved little brother slipped away on that awful night. He spoke for all of us who had prayed and believed for ten weeks that our precious Jonathan could conquer this dreaded disease.

I must ask "Why, God, did this happen?" Out little friend taken so young- So many lost opportunities- So many lifesongs left unsung- A heart of gold stilled, such a mind, with thoughts filled, overflowing! Now brought to a halt. No reason or rhyme, at least not at this time. So where do we look to find fault? Too many questions to ask, I suppose, and not enough answers received. Suffice it to say, there are demons among us, our bodies and minds to deceive. Jon is now with his dear mother again, and she with her loving young prince. Please comfort us Lord, as we seek understanding, but for now, It just doesn't make sense. I'll see you later, Jon.-Uncle Bron

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SUMMER DRAMA WORKSHOP....Top, Monica Santellana is Dr. Graziano in the senior-age production, *A Gap in Generations*. Below, Micah White helps Kathleen Wyly across the *Bridge To Terabithia*, the junior-age play. ron carr photos



FRIONA WHEAT GROWERS manager Ron Smiley, gives his business report to the 160 stockholders and guests who gathered for the annual meeting. Shown are, l-r, directors C. J. Blackburn, Owen Drake, Gene Schueler and Eric Rushing.

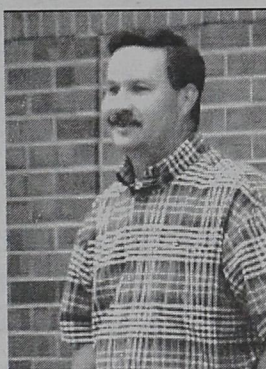
Large Crowd Attends Wheat Growers Meet

Wheat harvest is underway as the first load of 2001 wheat arrived at Friona Wheat Growers elevators on Monday, June 11.

The beginning of harvest coincided with Friona Wheat Growers' annual stockholders meeting held Tuesday, June 12, at the junior high cafeteria.

The meal was catered by Danny's Hens and Fins of Lubbock for a large crowd of around 160 people.

Randy Kaufman of Williams, Rogers, Lewis, Kaufman and Co. of Plainview, went over audit results for members. He said the co-op had a 2000 profit of almost \$200,000 and will pay out dividends this year to stockholders of \$111,800.



GENE SCHUELER
FWG President

'SMALL WORLD' DEPARTMENT

Hamiltons Meet Former Frionans On D. C. Trips

The Charles Hamilton family has made five trips to Bethesda, Maryland, since February 8. Charles has been undergoing an experimental cancer treatment at the National Institute of Health in Bethesda. They are scheduled to go back again on July 10.

Charles and Randie have been accompanied at different times by Charles' mother Martha Hamilton or their daughter Kris, with the stays usually lasting one to two weeks.

On two different occasions, the Hamiltons have bumped into former Friona people in Washington, D.C. during the rare sightseeing opportunities.

Charlie Snead, son of Kay and Gary Snead of Friona, is finishing up his pharmacy internship at the University of Alabama Birmingham Hospital. He graduated with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree in 2000 from the Texas Tech University pharmacy school in Amarillo.

Snead happened to be in Washington for a pharmacy convention when he became aware that the Hamiltons were there too. Charlie called them and they all arranged to visit and have dinner together.

On another occasion, while sightseeing at the Korean War Memorial, the Hamiltons ran into Sgt. Warren Duke, son of John and Deanna Duke of Friona.

Warren is stationed with the U.S. Army at Fort Hood, Texas. He enlisted in 1992 and has served in Germany and Bosnia.

Sgt. Duke was attending an NCO school at Fort Lee, Virginia during the time he saw the Hamiltons in the nation's capital.

The most interesting fact about the meetings for the Hamilton family is that Charlie Snead, Warren Duke, Kris Hamilton and Chad Hamilton, all graduated together in the Friona High School Class of 1992.



CHANCE MEETING....Randie Hamilton poses with Warren Duke, former Friona resident and Friona High School graduate, while visiting the Korean War Memorial in Washington, D.C. Duke, a member of the U.S. Army, was in Washington attending an NCO school.



SCHOOLMATES MEET....Kris Hamilton, left, and her father Charles met center, on a recent trip to the Washington, D.C. area, where Charles gets cancer treatments. Snead and Kris were classmates, graduating with the class of 1992. His parents are Kay and Gary Snead.

2001 FHS "All A" Honor Roll Has Been Released

Students making "All A's" at Friona High School for the 2001 semester were announced by Kenny Austin, principal. Those on the list were:

Freshmen--Roxana Aguilar, Claudia Cruz, Amy Gerles, Haleigh Herbert, Andrew Merrell, Bridget Soltero and Tiffany White.

Sophomores--Jacob Alvarado, Andy Carthel, Adrian Delgadillo, Heath Gammon, Amanda Gerles, Nathan Haile, Holley Hand, Amy Murphree, T.J. Randolph, Micah White,

Amber Widner and Chris Wiseman.

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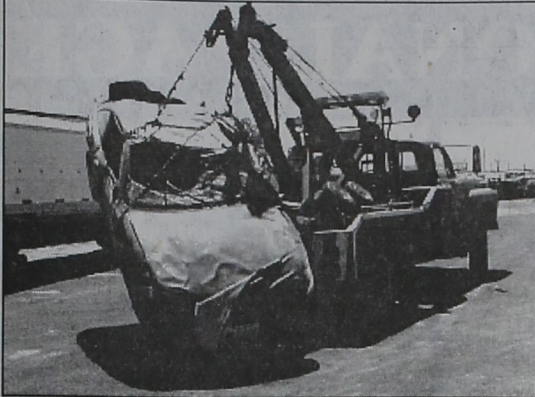
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through July 29. All area young people are invited to attend.

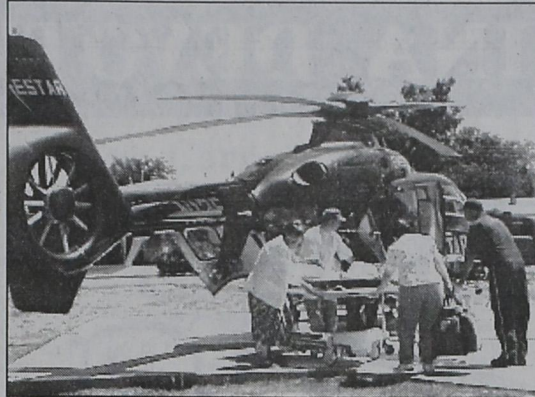
Also on Sunday morning, June 24, Calvary Baptist will be ordaining three new deacons. This ordination will take place during the 11 a.m. worship service.

Larry Martin, Galen Jack and Mike Hanes will be ordained to serve as deacons. They and their wives, Judy Martin, Keri Jack and Claudia Hanes, will each speak briefly.

The congregation will be invited to lay their hands on and pray for and bless these men and their wives. Everyone is invited to attend what is expected to be a very meaningful and inspirational service.



CLOSE CALL...This Chevrolet Cavalier involved in a one-car rollover five miles west of Friona on Monday is shown on the back of A-1 Service's wrecker. The two teenage girls involved are recovering at press time after a stay in an Amarillo Hospital. See story on page 1. ron carr photo



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Michael Schueler Remembers Bombing...

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pull survivors from the rubble.

"It was much different than seeing it on television. It had a lot more impact," Schueler said. "I just felt disbelief that there were still people in there that they were looking for and trying to dig out."

Over the coming days, Schueler's feelings began to evolve as the true toll of the bombing became apparent.

"I think at first it was all disbelief that something like that could have happened," Schueler said. "And then it turned really sad once the numbers started coming and we found out what happened. And as the days went by and the excavation continued, it just made me sick to the stomach."

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As the names of the dead were released, Schueler came across one that he recognized: an FBI agent with whom he had shared a cup of coffee and knew by name.

"It just hits a little closer to home when you actually knew somebody who was among those who were killed," Schueler said.

Despite his personal connection to the bombing, Schueler said he feels no particular animosity toward Timothy McVeigh, although he does feel that Monday's execution was a fitting end for the Oklahoma City bomber.

"I feel like he got what he deserved," Schueler said. "I guess my thoughts are that he's just a very sick person and for what he did, justice has now been served."

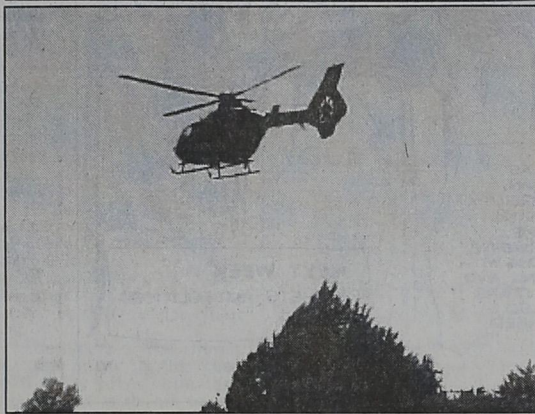
Now that McVeigh has been put to death, Schueler said it helps bring some closure to the incident for him, but for the people who lost family in the bombing, Schueler said he fears their path to peace will be much longer.

"I think it (the execution) is just another step in the process," Schueler said.

(Excerpted from the Amarillo Globe-News' June 12, 2001 issue)



SCUBA DIVING AT THE LIBRARY...The kids in the Library Summer Reading Program sit and listen to Donnie Lewellen as he tells them about his hobby of scuba diving. Lewellen is a certified diver and instructor as well as a pilot. ron carr photo



THIS SEQUENCE shows, top, PCCH personnel loading Becky Aronce & Julie Garcia into the Lifestar helicopter and the departure to Northwest Texas Hospital. Story on page one. ron carr photos

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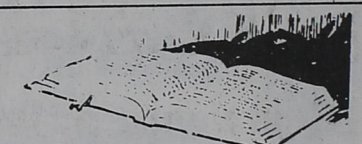
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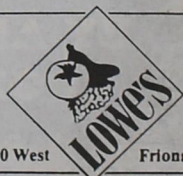
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Out Here

by Ron Carr

"He's In Hell!"

In case you haven't heard, they killed Timothy McVeigh Monday.

Matter of fact they killed him all day Monday. I believe he officially died about 7:14 a.m. but they were still killing him when I left for work at 9:30 a.m.

At noon I went home for a quick bowl of Jello and some bottled water. Several channels had not stopped killing him, even for a lunch break.

At 6 p.m. I came in out of the 100-degree heat. McVeigh had some more dying to do on the evening cable news talk shows.

I heard about McVeigh's eyes fluttering and skin turning pale until I began to feel a little deathly myself. I think the media observers had hoped for more groaning and thrashing from the gurney room.

The newspapers took a hit though. Seems to me most of our Texas executions take place around 6 p.m., give or take a few final minutes. An early evening execution time allows newspapers a better chance to compete for coverage.

Morning executions, like McVeigh's 7:14 a.m. demise, means the daily papers have to wait almost 24 hours to tell you about it. In our case, we have to wait a week if they transact the killing on Monday.

It just doesn't seem fair. After he was dead, there was an endless parade of victims who stood before the cameras and tried to explain how they felt.

What I saw in most cases was disappointment and anger. The disappointment was because McVeigh had no final words, showed no remorse and died a seemingly peaceful death. I am not sure

what the witnesses wanted to see through the window of the death chamber.

Whatever it was they wanted, they didn't get it. Tim McVeigh won the final round.

Several said they would now turn their hatred and frustration toward McVeigh's co-conspirator Terry Nichols.

Mr. Nichols was given life in prison by the federal court. A movement is underway to have him tried in Oklahoma state court for murder and give him the death penalty.

It was later revealed that McVeigh received "last rites" from a priest just before he died. Many of the victims were aghast. They feared Timmy had indeed repented, and (gasp!) maybe even been forgiven for his sins.

A quote from one of the victims was used as the bold, full page headline in Tuesday's New York Post. It said: "He's In Hell!"

How presumptuous is that? How ridiculous for a human being to say that someone's soul is in hell. Or heaven for that matter.

The person who spoke the words could only imagine, and hope, that McVeigh was in hell. Maybe he is. I don't know. Do you?

I called my friend Father Ed Sweeney of St. Teresa's Catholic Church to find out a little more about "last rites" since many seemed to be upset they were given to Tim McVeigh.

Father Ed is a straightforward, gentle man, who more than once has explained things to me so that I can understand them. Forgive me for saying this, but Father Ed is a no bull kind of guy.

I asked him about the significance of "last rites" and whether Oklahoma City bombing victims should be

concerned that Tim McVeigh might actually end up in heaven.

Father Ed said that first of all, the procedure known as "last rites" is 35-year-old theology. The modern version is known in the church as Anointing of the Sick.

Last rites were formerly administered to people on their death bed who asked for pardon for their sins. My knowledge of last rites was pretty much limited to the movies where a priest dressed up as Spencer Tracy pardoned the worst of thugs that had just been riddled with machine gun bullets.

Sometimes, the criminals would confess to the priest just before they croaked. Other times they didn't confess. I always hated those guys.

The modern version, anointing of the sick, comes from the Bible, Book of James, Chapter 5, verse 14-15: 14) "Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. 15) And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven."

"If he has sinned, he will be forgiven." Father Ed said the above is an admonition to the faithful. The rite, anointing of the sick, assumes that the person asking wants penitence for their sins.

The elders of the church, i.e., the priest in this case, "will pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. The Lord will raise him up and if he has sinned he will be forgiven."

That is the basis of the

rite performed for Tim McVeigh. Father Ed says the priest accepts the penitence, but that God forgives what he perceives needs to be forgiven.

Father Ed also pointed out that on television, a Catholic sister opposed to the death penalty said, "Tim is in Heaven."

So here we are with "He's In Hell" and "Tim is in Heaven." Father Ed, in his wisdom, said that both statements are ill-advised. In other words, neither the victim nor the sister had the right, or the knowledge, to expound on the fate of Tim McVeigh's soul. That's what God is for.

Maybe next week, I'll ask Father Ed about the two thieves on the crosses on either side of Jesus.

Wonder whatever happened to them?



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Two counties within the Water District recorded water level increases of less than one foot last year. Nine counties showed average annual water level declines of more than one foot, while four counties had average annual water level declines of less than one foot.

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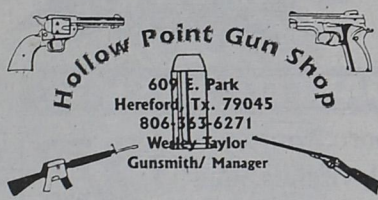
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"This is tough news, but I am committed to being the voice of fiscal responsibility and the people need to know just what we are facing next session," Rylander said.

"Appropriations for the 2002-03 biennium from General Revenue, at approximately \$61.7 billion, balance with the \$61.7 billion in funds currently expected to be available," she said. "This balance masks underlying discrepancies that could make the budget next session a challenge."

The appropriations base for General Revenue for the subsequent biennium (2004-05) will be at least \$1.4 billion more than the \$61.7 billion because Senate Bill 1 includes funding for only one year of teacher health insurance at \$1.25 billion and delays the last Medicaid premium payment of \$150 million.

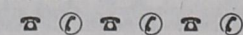
Rylander said the 2002-03 budget also relies on a projected \$2.9 billion surplus from this biennium as part of the revenue base used to fund the \$61.7 billion in appropriations and additional \$800 million is funded by one-time measures that can not be repeated next biennium.

"While this does not necessarily mean that there will be a \$5 billion shortfall next biennium, it does imply that the seeds have been sown for significant challenges for budget writers next session," Rylander said.

"I am pleased the Legislature took my advice and chose not to raid the state's Rainy Day Fund whose balance is expected to increase to more than \$1.1 billion by November of 2003," she said.

The budget Rylander certified appropriates a total of \$113.8 billion from all funds for the 2002-03 biennium. Of that amount, \$61.7 billion is from General Revenue, \$4.5 billion is General Revenue-dedicated, and \$47.5 billion is from federal and other funds.

When the Legislature adjourned two years ago, total appropriations from all funds was \$98.2 billion. All funds appropriations of \$113.8 billion for the next biennium represents an increase of 15.9 percent, compared to an increase of 11 percent for the 2000-01 biennium over the 1998-99 biennium.



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LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Parmer County Commissioners Court is currently accepting bids for the purchase of one (1) new Motor Grader for use in Precinct #3. Bids must be brought or mailed to Bonnie J. Clayton, County Judge, at 401 Third Street, Room 104, P.O. Box 506, Farwell, Texas 79325, to be received no later than 10:00 A.M., Monday, June 25, 2001, at which time bids will be considered. Please include an original and four (4) copies in your bid packet.

A copy of the bid specifications is on file at the Parmer County Judge's Office.

The equipment to be considered for Trade-in is one (1) 1996 Caterpillar 140H Serial No. 22K00714.

The Parmer County Commissioners Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.

By order of the Parmer County Commissioners Court, Bonnie J. Clayton, County Judge. F&B-2tc-6/8-6/15

LEGAL NOTICE Notice to Bidders

Bovina ISD is accepting bid proposals for student athletic/accident insurance. Effective date of coverage will be August 1, 2001. Interested bidders should contact Bruce Scroggins, Athletic Director at (806) 238-1317 for bid specifications. The last date to submit bids is 3:00 p.m. June 29, 2001. Bids will be considered at the regular board meeting on July 5, 2001.

Bid proposals should be sent to: Michael Downes, Supt. Bovina ISD P.O. Box 70 Bovina, Texas 79009

Bovina ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in part or as a whole. B-2tc-6/15-6/22

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Frank Augustus Spring, Deceased, were issued on June 11, 2001, in Cause No. 2478, pending in the County Court of Parmer County, Texas, to: FRANK LEWIS SPRING.

The residence of the Independent Executor is Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico; the post office address is:

c/o: Kathryn H. Gurley Attorney at Law P.O. Box 729 Friona, Texas 79035
All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
DATED the 11th day of June, 2001.
Kathryn H. Gurley Attorney at Law 701 Main Street-P.O. Box 729 Friona, TX. 79035 Telephone: (806) 247-2050 FAX: (806) 247-9053
By: Kathryn H. Gurley Attorney for the Estate State Bar No.: 10022700

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Bovina I.S.D. is now accepting applications for Head Start Health Assistant. The position requires applicants to hold a valid driver's license and a High School diploma. Applicant must be willing to drive to Amarillo and other surrounding towns for medical appointments. Must have reliable transportation. Bi-lingual applicants preferred. Applications may be picked up from Darlene Miller in the administration building. Deadline for turning in applications is June 20, 2001. B-1tc-6/15

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Faye Ellen Wilson, Deceased, were issued on June 13, 2001, in Cause No. 2480, pending in the County Court of Parmer County, Texas, to: TERRI LYNN WILSON COX.

The residence of the Independent Executor is Friona, Parmer County, Texas; the post office address is:

c/o: Kathryn H. Gurley Attorney at Law P.O. Box 729 Friona, Texas 79035
All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Mary Lorene Moseley, Deceased, were issued on May 13, 2001, in Cause No. 2479, pending in the County Court of Parmer County, Texas, to: MARY ANN BOGGESS.

The residence of the Independent Executor is Amarillo, Potter County, Texas; the post office address is:

c/o: Kathryn H. Gurley Attorney at Law P.O. Box 729 Friona, Texas 79035
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VERONICA VELAZQUEZ

FHS Valedictory Address Is Given

I would like to thank everyone for making the effort to be with us on such a special, wonderful occasion. I would especially like to thank God. I don't know about you, but if it hadn't been for Him, I know I wouldn't be here today. Another group of people who deserve a great part of the credit for our being able to walk across this stage today is our parents and guardians. They do all the little things that matter from waking us up in the morning to that much needed hug when everything seems to be going wrong.



VERONICA VELAZQUEZ

Thank you to the teachers, staff, and administrators for doing their best to make our experience at Friona High School a pleasant and memorable one. Not only have they helped us to grow academically, they have helped mold us into mature, young adults.

I would like to say thanks to this community. Frionans have been there for us throughout the years. They have been the best of fans at athletic events, and they have been interested in how we do academically, constantly encouraging us to do our best.

Thanks are also due to all of our friends for being there through best of times and the worst of times. We have made so many memories together. Being locked in the band hall and in a panic, forgetting that there is a call button you can press to call someone in the office, having to stay at school after practice for at least an hour because someone forgot to put Morton's keys back where they were, and thinking that a volleyball game somehow turned into a soccer game are just a few examples of the many memories that we have made together.

As you may know the Friona High School Graduating Class of 2001 is a very special class. I have been fortunate that people have often looked up to me for my accomplishments, but I would like for you to know that I am not the only one who has overcome struggles.

Everyone today in a red cap and gown has overcome his or her own personal struggles. For example, there were a few that came to the

Baby Boy Is Born To B. Osborns

Ben and Lori Osborn of Friona are the parents of a son, Sloan Morgan, born Saturday, June 9, 2001 at Plains Regional Medical Center in Clovis, New Mexico.

Sloan weighed seven and one half pounds and measured twenty inches in length.

His grandparents are Joy Osborn of Friona and Bob and Vernetta Romme of Liberal, Kansas.

Great-grandparents are Dorothy and Dub Ingram of Friona.

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United States in their junior high years and even some in their high school years. You can imagine how difficult it was for them, sitting there, hoping that the teachers wouldn't call on them. This because they did not understand the language, but they overcame that fear. Most of them today are outgoing and willing to show off their English, and they should.

Some of us had accidents, deaths, or other unexpected trials. But we all learned from them. A few of us almost didn't make it here today for some reason or another, but you looked within yourself and found it in you to keep going to the

Matthew White Gives Salutatory Address

Matthew White served as the 2001 graduating class salutatorian. His parents are Mike and Tammie White of Friona.

His address read as follows:

Good evening. On behalf of my classmates, I would like to welcome all of you to the graduation ceremony of the 2000-2001 school year. It is with great honor that I can thank each and every one of you for joining us to celebrate this great time in our lives.

First of all, I would like to thank the faculty and staff for attending tonight. Your involvement in our education has given us the opportunity for success.

Also, I would like to thank the family and friends present here tonight. Your love and support provides us with the inspiration needed to accomplish our goals. Your attendance here is another symbol of the encouragement that you have shown to this year's seniors. I am positive that with your past contributions and your future support of this class, we will be able to achieve some of life's most precious dreams.

With this foundation, we will begin our first step into the real world, some of us will continue to further our education while others will embark on their chosen paths. With your guidance, we will make this journey as prosperous as possible.

As Coach Ryan Rhoades said, "It is not the beginning of the journey nor the end of the journey that we remember, it is what occurs in the middle in which we mostly recall." It's these key moments that make the journey special.

We remember the good times and the bad times. And it is these points that provide us with the experience to move on, to explore into the unknown. In the trek through the past 13 years we have not only developed who we are, but we have acquired the skills that will assist us in beginning the next phase of our lives.

When we began school, most of us were frightened because we felt alone. We did not know anyone very well, and we really never had the experience of having to make friends. Ironically, as high school graduates, we will be entering a stage nearly as helpless as we were 13 years ago.

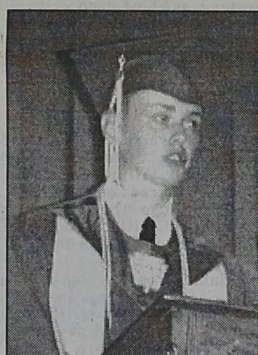
Most of us will be leaving

very end. You were successful. You are capable of success.

Success is defined as "accomplishing what is desired or intended." I hope that this is not the only thing you desire to do with your life. I know that whatever you desire will be accomplished as long as you set your mind and your heart to it. We have heard so many inspirational speakers during the last couple of months, such as Ova Johanssen, our church leaders, our family, and our friends, but the advice they give us is going to be useless until we decide to start believing in ourselves. I believe in you.

You don't have to be in the top 10% of the class to be a success. You don't have to be in the top 25% of the class to be a success. You don't even have to be in the half of the class to be a success. You just have to desire to be a successful person, and then take all the advice we have heard and put it into action. We are all capable of success.

Today, I ask you, the Friona High School Graduating Class of 2001 to make a goal. So that twenty of fifty years from now, you are a success at whatever you want to do. To me, success is being proud of what you have worked for. It is being happy with yourself. I hope that you will be happy with the rest of your life. Thank you.



MATTHEW WHITE

to a new place, away from what is familiar, and we will have to acquaint ourselves with not only the new environment, but the new people around us. But we will have the journey on our side, for we have been through it before, and we survived.

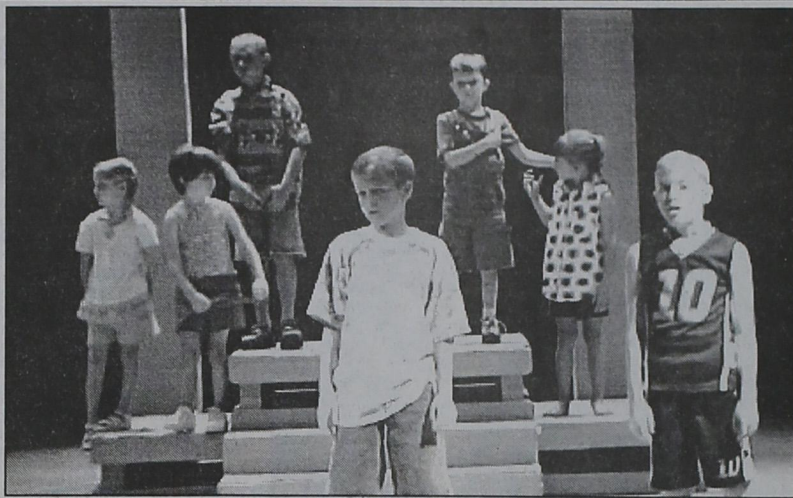
Throughout school, math, science, reading and English have probably brought us most of our unpleasant memories. However, in the journey, these subjects gave us the knowledge to better ourselves. Not only that, they gave us the experience. The experience of handling and solving newly introduced problems and different aspects of already seen problems.

Now as high school graduates entering the real world, we can relax when we encounter a new situation or a new problem. We know that the journey has given us the experience and confidence of dealing with something new.

After graduation, we will look back upon the journey through school, we will see that we have had hidden friends throughout. These friends have shown us how to set goals and how to accomplish them. These friends have shown us how to overcome adversity. These friends have shown us how to deal with the bad times and cherish the good times. These friends are our teachers.

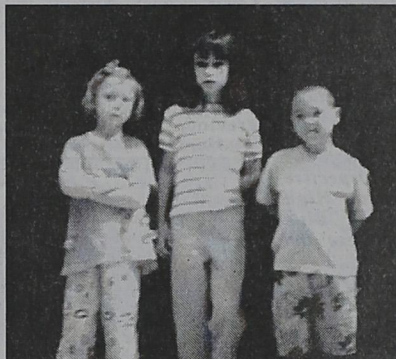
We, as students, owe them more than we will ever know. They will probably be the unsung heroes of our lives. The journey has shown us that the teacher is an ally, not an enemy. We have seen their methods, and through the madness, we see their genius.

Now that we have been

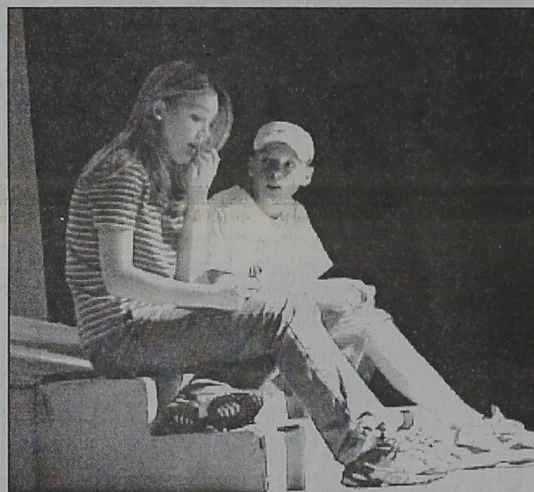


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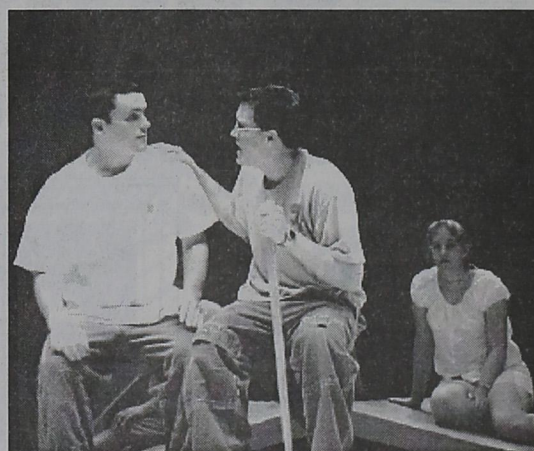
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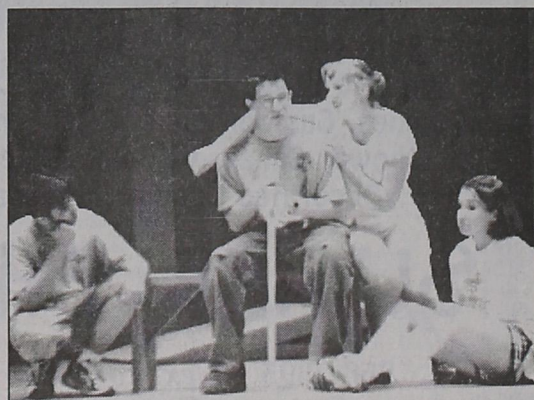
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BARBIE WAMPLER and MOSES REYES....Mr. and Mrs. Steven Wampler of Fritch, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Fermin Reyes of Friona announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Barbara Jean and Moses. The couple will exchange wedding vows Saturday, July 14 at 4 p.m. in the First Southern Baptist Church, 520 Overland Trail, Fritch, Texas. The bride-elect is a 1998 graduate of Sanford-Fritch High School and West Texas A&M University and is employed by Blue Beacon Truck Wash in Amarillo. The prospective bridegroom is a 1996 graduate of Friona High School and WTA&M and is employed by Blue Beacon Truck Wash in Tifton, Georgia, where the couple will be making their home.

Happy Birthday Friona Folks....

WEEK OF JUNE 17-23

Friona residents observing birthdays next week include:

June 17--Danny Hand, Courtney Horton, Bart Blackburn, Johnny Spring, Rick Taylor, Oscar Schlenker, Joshua Burleson, Kirby Frye.

June 18--Marilyn Ridley, Monty Allen, Nita Clark, Katy Weatherly, Willene Grundy, Shauna Stokes, Casey Sims, Sherry Stover, Marilyn Moore.

June 19--Wedia Sanders, Wayne Kube, Karon Zachary, Perry Allen Hanes, Mickie Herring, Raymond Drager, Yolanda Garza, Robert Hayes, Randi Stokes, Jacquelyn Campbell.

June 20--Nora Martinez, Michelle Nichols Day, Chris Hunt, Greg Stockstill, Debra Cooper.

June 21--Joey Bentley, Todd Jordan, Izzy Cordova, Travis Auderer, Cody Snyder, Sheldon Kyle Reeve.

June 22--Rickey Barnett, Deana Buchanan, Abby Lewis, Chuck Nichols, Jyl Grimsley, Cecil Maddox, Jimmy Grimsley, Becca Beard, Leslie Fangman, Janet Burleson.

June 23--Carrie Jones, Kenneth Watkins, Roxan Trevino, Katelyn Steen, Roxan Mendoza, Amanda

Roxan Mendoza, Darrin Stover, VLaura Wilcox.

When you see names which should be removed from our birthday list (moved away, names changed, deceased, etc.), call the newspaper and let someone know. Thank you.

If you or someone in your family has a birthday coming up soon, please call the Friona Star office at 250-2211 and report it.

6th Street Church Hosts VBS

Friona's Sixth Street Church of Christ had their annual Vacation Bible School this week.

The school was held this week Monday through Wednesday. Children four years old through fifth grade met from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. daily.

Students from junior high and senior high met in the evenings for cookouts and devotionals. Guests speakers came from Clovis, New Mexico and Portales, New Mexico.



MRS. BRIAN BEAGLES....Jennifer Noelle Murphree became the bride of Brian Wayne Beagles in a double ring ceremony on Saturday, May 5 at First Baptist Church, Edmond, Oklahoma. She is the daughter of Gary and Phyllis Murphree of Temple, Texas. He is the son of Cecil and Mary Beagles of Edmond. R.J. and Betty Renner of Friona and Ray and Jean Murphree of Comanche are grandparents of the bride. After a wedding trip to Playa Del Carmen, Mexico, the couple is making their home in Edmond.

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Friona News

By BECKY LONDON

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This Sunday is Father's Day!! Don't forget that special Dad, Granddad, Uncle or special man in your life.

Jan Parker had surgery last Tuesday in Amarillo at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital to repair some damage to her neck. She was released the next day and is recovering at home. Jan and Jim's son, Jon, came from Albuquerque and stayed with his parents for a couple of days.

Other company that came to Friona was Jan's mother, Oma T. Van of Dublin and Jim's mother, Mickie Rice of Ft. Worth.

Bonnie Pope reported that her daughter, April, had a pretty exciting and scary time with the flood in Houston over the weekend. April, a junior at the University of Houston, was asleep when her neighbor woke her and her roommate

at 3 a.m. because of rising waters.

The girls had gone to bed Friday night with no worries as to the weather. After their neighbors came over, they traveled in a boat down the street to a two story home for safety. When they arrived at the safe house, the water was chest deep.

April, an art student, lost all her artwork and most of their household items, plus her vehicle.

Another former Frionan was also caught in the flood. James Evans, also a student at the University of Houston, was in his dorm when the flood hit. All the students were gathered on the first floor because the basement was filled with water and they had no electricity or phones.

James' room is located on the 15th floor so his belongings were fine. He had a few things stored at April's house so those were a total loss. But, like Bonnie said, James and April were not injured and that's what matters.

I called Nancy Edelman to check on her family in Houston. Her mother, Martha Palmer, lives near the University and was very fortunate to have had no damage. She lives near a bayou and said it overflowed into her neighborhood. Mrs. Palmer has lived in her home since 1948 and said that was the first time for a flood since she has lived there.

Friends say Thomas Parson was released from an Amarillo hospital Tuesday, June 5 after being admitted Wednesday, May 30. His wife Ruth, was buried May 25 and he became ill soon after. He surprised everyone with his quick release. Hope you are doing better Mr. Parson!

Herman and Karene Krauel recently went to California to visit their son and daughter-in-law, Jeffrey and Heather Krauel in San Diego.

The couple also spent time in San Francisco with some of their former church members. Herman had pastored in Fontana in the early 1980's. He played golf with an old friend. It had been about 25 years since they played together so they had a great time catching up on things. The couple stayed twelve days before returning to Friona.

Herman is the pastor of Friona's Union Congregational Church. Karene is active in the church, and also is one of the super-cooks for the senior citizen lunches.

Former Frionan Larry

Fairchild was in the June edition of *Pride of the Panhandle*, a monthly newspaper of Lions Club International District 2-T1.

Larry and his fellow Lions of Adrian just put the finishing touches on a community building they have been working on recently.

The Adrian Lions acquired the building from Hereford Grain Company and after repairs, the community of Adrian now has a wonderful new community building. Way to go Larry!

Here are a few Father's Day quotes to think on:

"It doesn't matter who my father was; it matters who I remember he was." Anne Sexton, Poet

"One father is more than a hundred school masters."--English Proverb

"I cannot think of any need in childhood as strong as the need for a father's protection."--Sigmond Freud

"It is a wise father that knows his own child."--William Shakespeare

"If the new American father feels bewildered and even defeated, let him take comfort from the fact that whatever he does in any fathering situation has a fifty percent chance of being right."--Bill Cosby

Have a happy Father's Day!

Perry Hanes On President List at HSU

Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene has announced that Friona resident Perry Hanes made the President's List for the spring 2001 semester.

The HSU President's List honors students who completed at least 12 semester hours with a 4.0 grade point average.

Perry is the son of Mike and Claudia Hanes.

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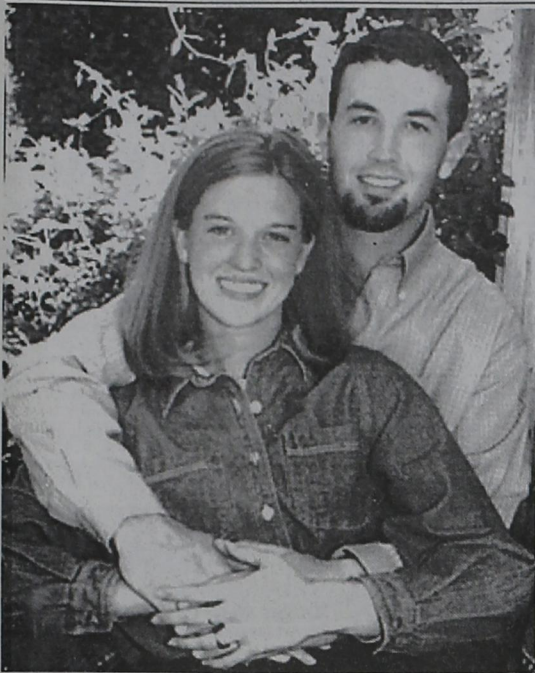
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Kelly Hall, Davy Hamilton Exchange Vows In Colorado



AMBERLY WILLARD and RYAN STREBECK ...Dennis and Tammy Willard of Clovis announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Amberly Willard, to Ryan Strebeck, son of Sid and Selena Strebeck of Clovis. The ceremony will take place at 6 p.m., Friday, August 10 at Faith Christian Family Church in Clovis. A reception will follow. The bride-elect and prospective groom are seniors at Texas Tech University and will graduate in May 2002. They are both employed as youth ministers at Shallowater United Methodist Church. Friends and relatives are invited to come celebrate with their families.

Kelly Kay Hall of Canyon and Davy Ray Hamilton of Friona exchanged wedding vows Saturday, May 26.

The ceremony was conducted by Pastor Aubrey Howell of Burlington, Colorado, in the United Methodist Church in La Junta, Colorado.

Parents of the bride are Jack and Debbie Hall of Cheraw, Colorado. She is the granddaughter of Orval and Angie Abbott of Liberal, Kansas and Merle and Ellen Hall of Pritchett, Colorado.

The groom is the son of Raymond and Pam Hamilton of Friona. His grandparents are Delton and Betty Lewellen and Martha Hamilton, all of Friona. Bertha Shapley, also of Friona, is the great-grandmother.

The front of the church was decorated with three arched candelabras accented with pink roses. A wooden table, covered by a lace cloth, stood in front of the candelabra and held the unity candle. Hearts, wrapped with ribbon and pink roses, decorated the pews.

Musical selections were presented by pianist, Carol Hall, aunt of the bride. Carol Hall and Sara Baldridge, vocalists, sang "The Rose," "There Is Love," "If You Could See What I See" and "Father, We Commit To You."

Candles were lit by Tyler Moon of Tyrone, Oklahoma and Ben Mitchell of Texhoma, Oklahoma.

As the bride was presented in marriage by her father, she was attired in a formal length, strapless wedding gown. The bodice was accented with pearls. A full skirt flowed from the fitted waistline and formed a chapel length train accented with pearl bead work around the hemline.

Her fingertip length veil of bridal illusion fell from a pearl headband. She carried a small silk bouquet of pink roses with pink ribbon streamers.

Renee Hall of Cheraw, Oklahoma served her sister as maid of honor. Bridesmaids

were Dee Dee Martin of Hesston, Kansas, Kylene Reed of Lakewood, Colorado, Shandy Robinson of Canyon and Jenny Riethmayer of Friona, sister of the groom.

Dakota Moon, cousin of the bride and daughter of Barr and Tammy Moon of Tyrone, Oklahoma, was the flower girl.

Charlotte Procter presided at the guest registration table.

The feminine attendants wore pink two piece sleeveless dresses featuring brocade bodices and floor length satin skirts, made by the bride's mother. They carried small bouquets of pink roses.

Jeff Hamilton of Canyon, brother of the groom, was the best man. Groomsmen were Monty Schueler of Canyon and Cory Hamilton of Stinnett, cousins of the groom, Jared Stoker of Canyon and Brent Artho of Lubbock.

Serving as ushers were Corbin Riethmayer of Friona, brother-in-law of the groom, Clint Hamilton, Kevin Schueler and Wade Schueler, cousins of the groom.

The reception was held in the Knights of Columbus Hall.

A four-tiered wedding cake with alternating layers of strawberries and white cake, was decorated with pink roses. The groom's red velvet cake was in the shape of the state of Texas.

Tammy Moon, Nancy Mitchell and Vickie Hall, aunts of the bride, served the wedding cake.

Following a wedding trip to Playa del Carmen, Mexico, the couple is making their home in Canyon.

The bride is a senior public relations and advertising major at West Texas A&M University, Canyon, and will graduate in December 2001. She is employed at the Canyon Chamber of Commerce.

Hamilton is a 1999 graduate of West Texas A&M University with a BBA in business and is employed by Progressive Insurance Company in Amarillo.



Mr. and Mrs. Davy Hamilton



SUMMER FUN AT THE LIBRARY...Enjoying the Friona Public Library's summer reading program are, l-r, Bernice Lopez and Magali Morales. The girls are listening on the library computers.

WTAMU Spring Honor List Has Been Released

West Texas A&M University, Canyon, has named more than 1,100 students to the honor lists for the spring 2001 semester. Of that total, 272 were named to the President's List and 835 students were named to the Dean's List.

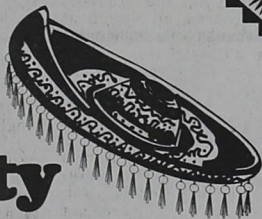
Students named to the President's List must have a grade point average of 3.85 or better on a 4.0 scale and carry a minimum class load of twelve undergraduate hours.

Kayla Wyly, a junior student, was among those named on the President's List. She is a computer info system

major. Those named to the Dean's List must have a GPA between 3.25 and 3.85 and carry a minimum of 12 undergraduate hours.

Area honorees named on the Dean's List included Adrian Cruz, sophomore, engineering technology; Wesley Drake, senior, engineering technology; Sandra Gonzalez, senior, sports/exercise sciences; Leslie Reyes, sophomore, chemistry; Jose Vega, sophomore, sports/exercise sciences; Lacy Venhaus, senior, mathematics; and Kyle Wiseman, sophomore, computer info system.

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To support your chosen lifestyle for all those years, you'll need to look at how you can turn your retirement savings into retirement income. Let's consider some of the options you have available.

First, if you do open a new business or do some consulting, you will receive earned income. How much you earn depends, of course, on what you do and how much you plan to work. But even many "working retirees" find that they still have to draw on their retirement plans, such as their 401(k) or IRA, to supplement their income. So, let's take a look at some ways you can get at these funds.

When you leave your job or retire, you can get instant access to your 401(k). But if you take this money in a lump sum, you'll face a big tax hit. It may be a better idea to roll your 401(k) money over to an IRA administered by a brokerage firm. You won't have to pay immediate taxes, and you can avoid possible IRS penalties. You'll also gain more investment options and more control over the size of your eventual withdrawals. You can choose an amount to withdraw based on your life expectancy, your monthly expenses and your expected rate of return. In other words, this type of 401(k) rollover gives you a great deal of flexibility.

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This estate-tax issue highlights the need for you to do some serious planning regarding your retirement income. If you have too much income, you could get bumped into a higher tax bracket. But if you take too little income, you could end up fattening your taxable estate. So look at all your funding sources: Social Security, 401(k), pensions, IRAs and personal investments. Then, see how you can get all these sources to work together to provide you with the "Goldilocks" level of retirement income--not too much, not too little, but just right.

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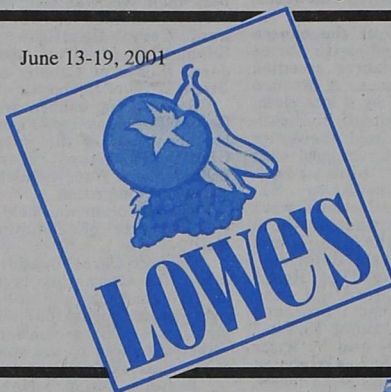
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