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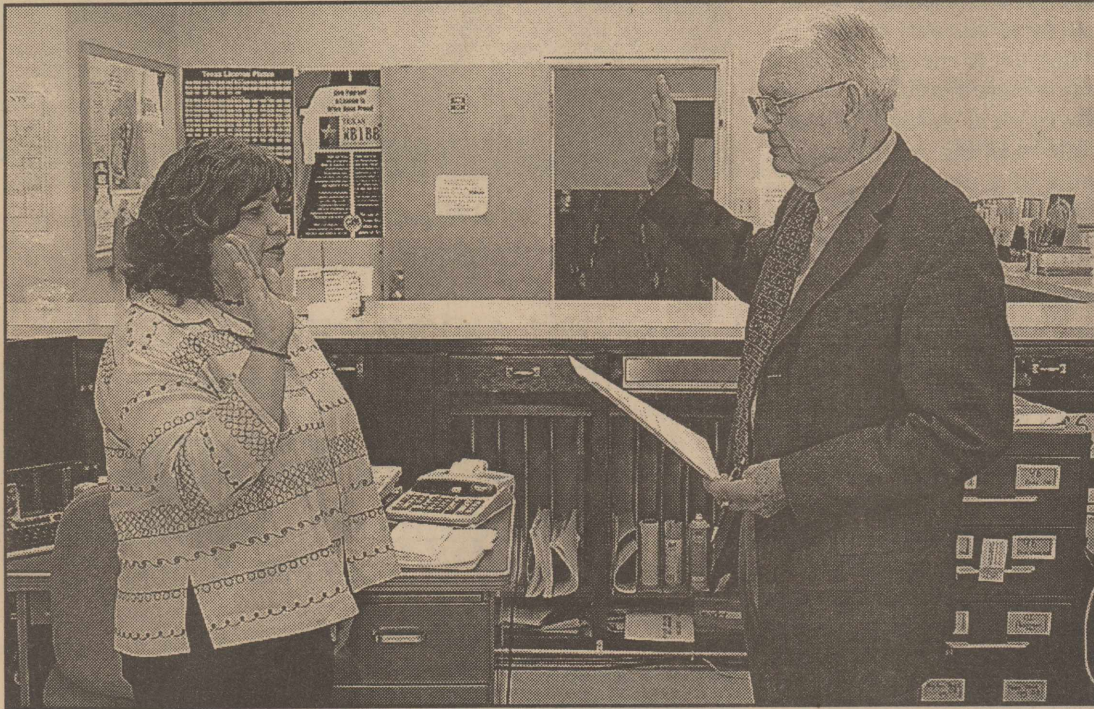
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DELIA SUAREZ (left) was sworn in Thursday, December 29, as County Tax Assessor Collector. County Judge Bill Hardin (right) swore in Suarez to replace County Tax Assessor Penny Golightly. Golightly had to vacate her position when she announced her intentions to seek the office of County Judge in the November elections. Suarez has worked in the office for 8 years. Her appointment will only last until the November election, when an elected official will be chosen to take over the duties. Suarez has announced her intentions to run for the office, as a Democrat contender, in the November election. Staff Photo

County Stock Show set for January 13-16th

Floyd County's Junior Livestock Show will be held January 13-16 at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center in Muncy.

Barns will open on Friday for weigh-ins and getting animals in place.

Goat judging will kick off the show with their show at 9:00 a.m., followed by the Lamb Show at 10:00 a.m.

The Rabbit Show will begin at 11:30 a.m. followed by Swine at 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 15th, the Heifer Show will start at 2:00 p.m., followed by Steers.

The Buyers Meal will be at 5:00 p.m., Monday, January 16, followed by the Auction Sale at 6:00 p.m.

Volunteers feed hundreds

The Spirit of Christmas annual turkey meal on Christmas Day was a success this year with the help of many volunteers.

According to volunteer Fred Thayer, over 450 turkey meals were distributed throughout the South Plains area.

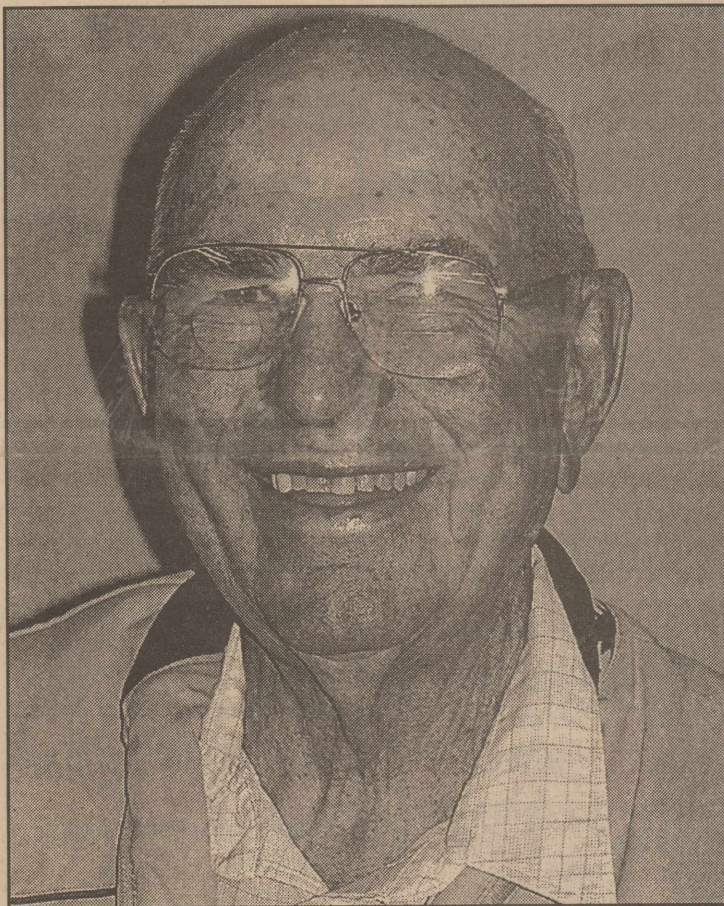
Sixty meals were prepared and delivered Christmas morning to the Ronald McDonald House in Amarillo and 40 were delivered to the Ronald McDonald House in Lubbock, according to Thayer.

"We also delivered approximately 350 meals to the elderly and needy in Matador, Floydada, Lockney, Quitaque and Plainview," said Thayer.

It's almost time for the Valentine Brag Pages again!

The deadline to have a picture submitted to be included in the Brag Page is February 1st. The Valentine Edition will be printed on February 9th.

The cost of a small heart framed picture is \$15, and \$20 for a large framed picture. Photos with 4 or more people in them have to be placed in a large frame.



BILL QUATTLEBAUM has been appointed to fill the unexpired term of County Commissioner Pct. #3. The position had to be vacated by Craig Gilly when Gilly signed up to run for County Judge. Quattlebaum has also signed up to run for the position in the March 7 Republican Primary. Quattlebaum has resided in Floyd County for 2 1/2 years, but has owned farmland in the County for 34 years. He has been married to Mary for 54 years. Residents in Pct. #3 who need to contact Quattlebaum should call: 787-6279, or 983-8065. Staff Photo

Commissioners make appointments

By Darwin Robinson

The Floyd County Commissioners met in Special Session, Wednesday, December 28, 2005 and appointed Delia Suarez as temporary Tax Assessor Collector through December 31, 2006.

The Tax Assessor Collector position was automatically vacated by Penny Golightly when she filed the second time last week for a place on the Republican Party primary for Floyd County Judge, according to County Attorney Lex Herrington.

Herrington told the commissioners in October, after Golightly announced the first time, in the September 29th edition of the Hesperian-Beacon, her intentions to run for the Floyd County Judge position, "It appears that when Golightly put the notice in the newspaper and announced her candidacy for County Judge, she resigned her current office (according to the law of not holding a county position and running for another

county position at the same time.)"

The County Judge's position is a four year term, which will begin January 1, 2007, following the 2006 November General Election.

Commissioner Lennie Gilroy told Golightly in Wednesday's meeting, "We believe you have done a great job, but when you announced (again) that you are running in the primary (election) for County Judge, by law, we must replace you."

January 2, 2006 was the deadline for filing to run for an office in the November 2006 election. Anyone running now will have to be a 'write in' candidate, according to the law.

Golightly volunteered to stay on in her position to train someone for the Tax Assessor Collector job, but the judge and the commissioners appointed Golightly's assistant, Suarez, to take over that job for the remainder of 2006.

The race is on

The deadline to sign up for elected office is over and Republican and Democrat Party Chairmen have both been busy getting names on the dotted line.

As of deadline day, January 2, 17 individuals have filed their intent to seek elected office in Floyd County. Two others have filed their intent to run for 110th Judicial District Judge.

No matter how the March primary or the November elections turn out, the Courthouse has already seen some big changes.

Elected County officials seeking other elected offices have had to step down from their positions. The office of County Tax Assessor-Collector and Pct. #3 Commissioner were both vacated and had to be filled by appointment, to fill out the term until January 2007.

Many of those seeking office face no opponent in the March primary or the November general election--unless a later write-in candidate makes a challenge.

"The Republican primary will have the most contested races in the county--a growing phenomenon in a county where it was once believed 'a Republican couldn't get elected'", said Republican County Chairman Kerry Pratt.

The contested races in the Republican Party will be in the Commissioner Pct. #2 race, County Judge, and District Judge.

The County Judge race has drawn the most interest. County

Judge Bill Hardin will be retiring and is not running for the office. There will be Republican and Democrat races for this office in the primary. Running as Republicans are: Craig Gilly, who had to relinquish his office as Commissioner Pct. #3; Penny Golightly, who had to relinquish her office as County Tax Assessor Collector; and Justice of the Peace Kirt Wyrick.

Signing up as Democrats in the County Judge's race are: Margaret Ponce (County Court Coordinator for Judge Hardin); and Bobby Gilliland (mayor of Floydada).

The winners of the Republican and Democrat primary will face off for the County Judge's position.

In the Pct. #2 Commissioner race, Republican Incumbent Commissioner Lennie Gilroy faces challengers Lindsa Morris and Preston Belt in the Republican primary. There is no Democrat challenger.

Another contested primary will be between Tempie Francis and Bill Smith, both of whom are running for Republican nomination for the 110th Judicial District Judge. They face no Democrat challenger.

Running unopposed in the Republican primary are:

Patty Davenport: District Clerk (current District Clerk Barbara Edwards is retiring);

Jon Jones: incumbent Commissioner Pct. #4 faces no chal-

lenger; Ray Macha: Constable Pct. #2 & #3;

Bill Quattlebaum: appointed to fill out the unexpired term of Commissioner Pct. #3. Quattlebaum has also announced he will run for the office in the November election.

In the Democrat Primary, running unopposed are: Michelle Araujo: incumbent J.P. Pct. #2 & #3.

Marilyn Holcomb: incumbent County Clerk;

Drew-Ann Lloyd: Justice of the Peace #1 & #4.

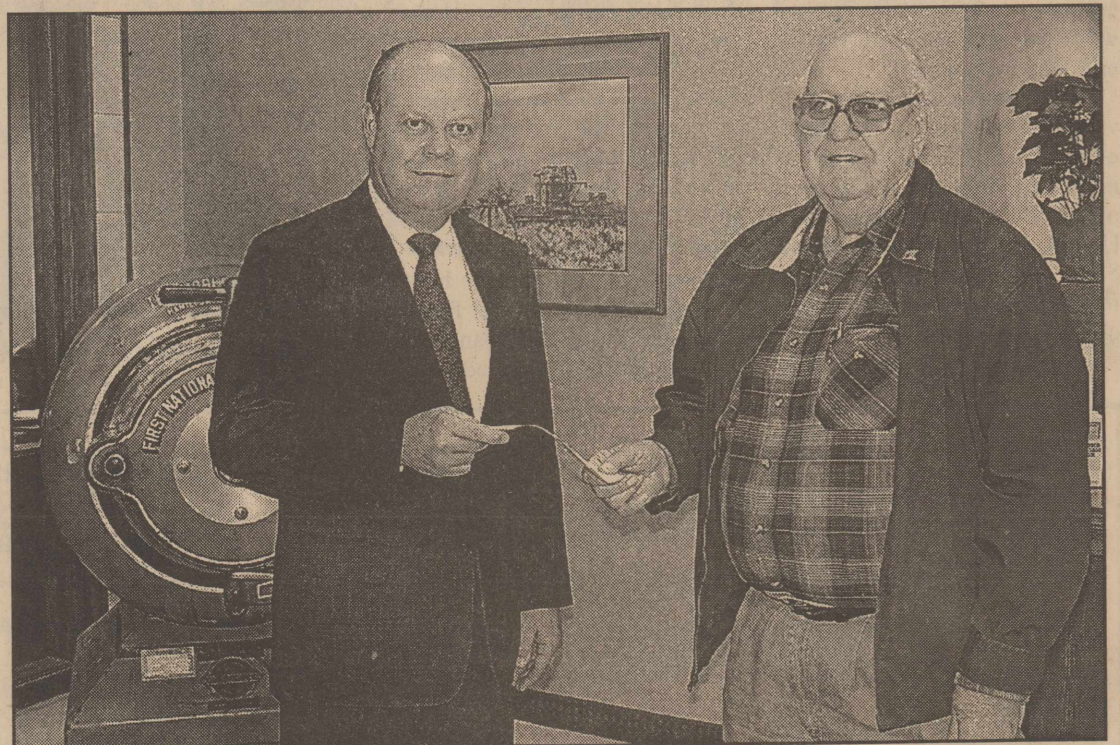
Elva Martinez: incumbent County Treasurer;

Delia Suarez: appointed to fill out the unexpired term of Tax Assessor Collector Penny Golightly. Suarez has also signed up to run for this office.

On the State level, the position of State Representative District #85, currently held by Pete Laney, has drawn several contenders. Laney has stated he will not run again.

Republicans running for the office are: Jim Landtroop, of Plainview, Jerry Middleton, of Jones County, and Drew Mouton, of Big Spring. The man who gets 51% of the vote in the Republican primary will face off the Democrat contender in the November General Election.

Joe Heflin, of Crosby County, has signed up to run as a Democrat, for the State Representative position.



FIRST NATIONAL BANK DONATES TO SENIOR CITIZENS--(L-R) FNB President Tom Farris presents a \$5,000 donation to John Cockrell for the Floydada Senior Citizens. Cockrell is the Chairman of the Board of the Senior Citizens and accepted the check on their behalf. Staff Photo

County Fire Ban in effect

Tuesday, January 3, County Judge Bill Hardin declared Floyd County under imminent threat of severe damage, and injury of loss of life or property resulting from wildfires.

Hardin further proclaimed Floyd County in a state of disaster. This state of disaster activates the Floyd County Emergency Management Plan.

Regulations taking effect immediately include the prohibition of combustible materials outside, such as (but not limited to) fireworks and welding.

A person who knowingly or intentionally violates this order commits a Class C Misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$500.

January 2nd Gov. Rick Perry traveled to Nacona and Ringgold, two towns in fire-ravaged Montague County where 3,200 residents were evacuated January 1st because of wildfires.

"Texas is continuing to make every effort to protect lives and property," Perry said. "And we have received much-appreciated aid from other states, including Alabama, Florida, Louisiana,

Tennessee, and Wisconsin, and support from the U.S. Forest Service."

In the past 24 hours, the state had responded to 58 wildfires which destroyed 72 homes and burned almost 50,000 acres of land. Ringgold was particularly hard-hit, with its approximately 100 residents losing 32 homes. To battle these blazes, Texas aircraft flew 122 missions dropping more than 147,350 gallons of fire retardant.

"I want to thank the thousands of fire fighters throughout the state who - at great peril - have saved the lives and homes of their fellow Texans. Their efforts have been remarkable," Perry said.

More than 520 state and out-of-state fire fighters are on the ground helping the thousands of local and volunteer fire fighters. Texas has 97 aircraft fighting the blazes from above, in addition to the 88 bulldozer crews and 32 fire engines fighting the fires from the ground.

December 27th Gov. Perry issued a statewide declaration of emergency for all 254 Counties due to the extreme wildfire threat,

The Governor's office has also requested the federal Small Business Administration and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to make low interest loans available to affected farmers, ranchers and business owners.

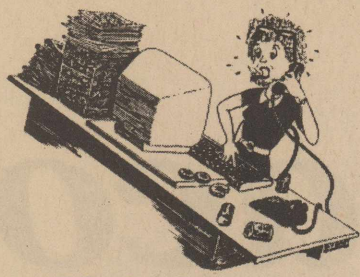
Gov. Perry also requested a Presidential disaster declaration to make impacted counties eligible for federal public assistance to help rebuild communities and defray the millions of dollars spent by local governments to fight the fires, and requested that individuals and families be made eligible for federal assistance to help rebuild their lives and homes.

Since the rash of wildfires began in December, 139 fires have consumed more than 80,000 acres of land and destroyed 241 homes across the state. Three Texans have lost their lives.

Perry also warned that the wildfire threat is expected to continue in the days and weeks ahead. Weather conditions are projected to worsen this week with sustained low humidity and above average temperatures.



## By The Way



By Alice Gilroy

email:floydada@amaonline.com

It is 2006--another birthday is on it's way.

Here at the paper we are gearing up for another year of Valentine's pages, stock show coverage, school awards, sports, graduation, city and county government meetings, Old Settlers, Gala, Old Fashioned Saturday, Punkin Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

Boy-I'm tired already.

I wanted to be sure and thank everyone who has made it possible for this newspaper to cover our community.

I know there are people who want us to do better--as a matter of fact we want to do better. However, it is impossible for us to cover this county without the help we get from you.

I wish (boy do I wish) that I had a sports writer that could cover all the sports in both towns.

I wish I had a society editor that could take care of all the society news--and a farm editor--and an advertising manager--and a classified sales department--and the list goes on. But I don't.

I don't know what I would do without you people filling all those positions for me at one time or the other.

Thank-you to teachers who make sure we know about kids accomplishments.

Thank-you to coaches and parents who make sure we get the sport scores faxed to us and pictures they take while at the games.

Thank-you to friends and acquaintances who call me up and say, "Hey, did you know about such and such--Maybe that would make a good feature story."

Thank-you to people who call and say, "Did you know about the wreck over the week-end? Did you know about the fire?" Etc.

I wish the towns were big enough with more advertising business for this paper so I could afford to hire people to do all those jobs.

It really is a community newspaper, and I appreciate these communities who make it a part of their lives. Thank-you!

## A view from



# The Lamplighter

By: Ken Towery  
email: chowdipper@austin.rr.com

Our Congress is now seized with an issue the Congressmen should have taken up years ago...the matter of illegal aliens flooding the United States and posing a tremendous problem for the citizens of America.

If you are not a taxpayer in any state in the Union, you have no worry. Somebody else has been paying the bill for many years, and, if the legislation (or something similar) is not passed, will continue to pay the bill...as well as the salary of those who are supposed to fix the problems. Our President, bless his heart, has turned a blind eye to the whole mess, preferring, instead, to concentrate on the war in Iraq, where American troops are fighting and dying to, according to the President, establish a new order in the Middle East.

Oh, he said a long time ago, that we ought to have a guest worker program, that we ought to have some sort of "forgiveness" law that takes care of those who have ignored the law for many, many years. But he never made a move to see that any of his thoughts were put into practice. Now, that the entire mess has reached the critical stage and he has been forced to take sides, he has decided that we really ought to do something about it.

Make no mistake about it. If the choice were today what is was a few years ago...between John Kerry and George W. Bush, we would choose now, as we did then, to vote for Bush. But that does not mean we are blind partisans, as are those who hate Bush so much they are prepared to do anything, say anything, to put him in a bad light. We believe Bush is human, like everyone else; that he sometimes makes the right decision and sometimes the wrong decision. When we think he has made the wrong choice, or the wrong decision, we will say so. We are under no illusions that he concerns himself a great deal with what we say here at a small newspaper on the South Plains,

nor are we ignorant of the ultimate impact of what we say in the grand scheme of things. The matter of illegal aliens is a good example. We have been writing about the mess for a long time, and have seemingly been ignored about it for a long time. But people have been reading, and letters have been sent to our Representatives, and our Senators, and they have responded, not necessarily to our own ranting and raving, but to the totality of the ranting from little country weekly newspapers across America while most big dailies, usually being of a liberal bent and in many cases edited by so-called "minorities," sat on their hands and did nothing. So, we can say only hallelujah. The President has finally seen the light.

We believe too that America needs, or could profitably use, a "guest worker" program. We said long ago that the old "bracero" program, in place during the 1950's, was one of the better federal programs. But it ran afoul of the political realities of that day, of labor unions in this country, with their flacks in Congress, and scores of small-town "jeffes" throughout Mexico. The result was a short-lived beneficial program. The need remains. But so do the problems of unlimited illegal aliens. Politically, the problem is not going to be solved until America first gets control of its own borders. When that is done, and only when that is done, will it be wise to institute a "guest worker" program.

Still, those of our readers who want George W. Bush to improve his standing in the polls should have no worry. Mr. Bush now has, as he has always had, the most cooperative political enemies possible. If there is a way for Mr. Howard Dean and his merry band of backstabbers to make Mr. Bush look good, while

attempting to make him look bad, they will do it.

As usual, their efforts will

backfire. The current flap caused by the New York Times' decision to run, at this time, a story they have sat on for at least a year, is a good example. The Democrats, with a powerful assist from their traditional allies in the daily press (and television) have decided that they will now do the President in simply because he authorized certain domestic spying activities on potential terrorists without benefit of some court order.

We wish them lots of luck. They'll need it. If they think they

can, make headway against a President who says, and can prove, he is acting in the nation's best safety interests while the New York Times and a bevy of left-wing commentators says otherwise, let 'em have at it. It should take no genius to figure out that the President, who is elected by all the people in America, is just as representative of people's wishes as is a federal judge, who was elected by no one. In that kind of a deal, the President will win every time.

## Oil & Gas Update

Courtesy of Tom Musser

**Summary of Activity:** During 2005 ninety-three companies expressed some interest in the Palo Duro Basin for oil and gas exploration. Of these ninety-three companies, more than forty-two companies became active in leasing for oil and gas in the six county area of Swisher, Briscoe, Hall, Hale, Floyd and Motley of the Palo Duro Basin.

These companies have leased most of Floyd County, approximately half of Motley and Briscoe Counties, approximately one quarter of Swisher and Hale Counties, and a little of Hall County for oil and gas. Leasing activity continues in Swisher, Briscoe and Hale Counties. Hall County has not received much interest nor activity. Drilling operations and well completion work has proceeded in Motley and Floyd Counties.

Gas from the Lower Pennsylvanian Bend Shale is the target of most of the companies who are interested in this six county area of the Palo Duro Basin. The Lower Pennsylvanian Bend Shale is found at depths ranging from 7,000 to 9,500 feet throughout this area of interest.

Also of interest to some of the

companies is the Cisco Shale and the Wolfcamp Reef for oil production. The Cisco Shale is found at depths ranging from 6,300 to 7,600 feet. The Wolfcamp Reef is located at depths ranging from 4,000 to 6,000 feet. There are twenty-seven well bores which are of interest through out the time frame of activity in this six county area of the Palo Duro Basin.

In Briscoe County there have been two wells re-entered and shut-in. In Floyd County there have been eighteen permitted wells, of which one well has been drilled to the Wolfcamp Reef for oil (awaiting completion), one dry hole has been drilled and plugged, four wells have been drilled and are being completed and/or awaiting completion in the Lower Pennsylvanian Bend Shale, one well is in the process of being drilled, and eleven permitted locations awaiting to be drilled. In Motley County there is one well drilled in 1975 that remains shut-in, and six permitted wells, of which four have been drilled to the Lower Pennsylvanian Bend Shale and are being evaluated and tested.

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## Bill Smith to run for 110th District Judge



**Bill Smith:** Briscoe County native to run for 110th District Judge.

Bill Smith, candidate for 110th District Judge, was raised on his family's ranch in Briscoe County. After graduating from Texas A&M and Texas Tech School of Law, he moved his family to Silverton in 1996, where he has served nine years as County Attorney. Along with prosecuting criminal cases and working in his private practice, Bill has served on the Board of Directors for the Texas District and County Attorney Association. Prior to that, he served on the training committee

for TDCAA as well.

"If elected, my foremost concern will be seeking and implementing the true and impartial application of justice for every citizen in the four county district. I will be prepared and capable of presiding over every case. However, the vast majority of civil cases never come to trial. The parties settle their cases outside the courtroom, many settle using mediation. Mediation and arbitration save billions of dollars each year in litigation costs alone and a judge needs to be firmly committed to referring appropriate civil cases to dispute resolution to save \$\$\$ for the taxpayers, consumers and businesses. Mediators have no clients. They serve as impartial, unbiased neutrals assisting litigants and their attorneys in resolving their disputes. No attorney ever gives half their client's case away. Only the actual parties in the suit have the ability to determine whether to settle or proceed to trial. In addition to the financial savings, mediations can save your time as potential jurors from

having to stop your busy

schedules for days to serve on a jury solving others' problems. I've mediated hundreds of cases for other attorneys and their clients, most of which the litigants have reached agreeable settlements, acceptable by all parties. I believe mediation is a fair and easy way to save money and time while not

creating injustice."

"If elected, not only will I make fair, impartial and knowledgeable decisions from the bench, but I will also be fiscally responsible."

"I am humbled and honored at the support I have received and I look forward to meeting and visiting as many as possible within the next few weeks."

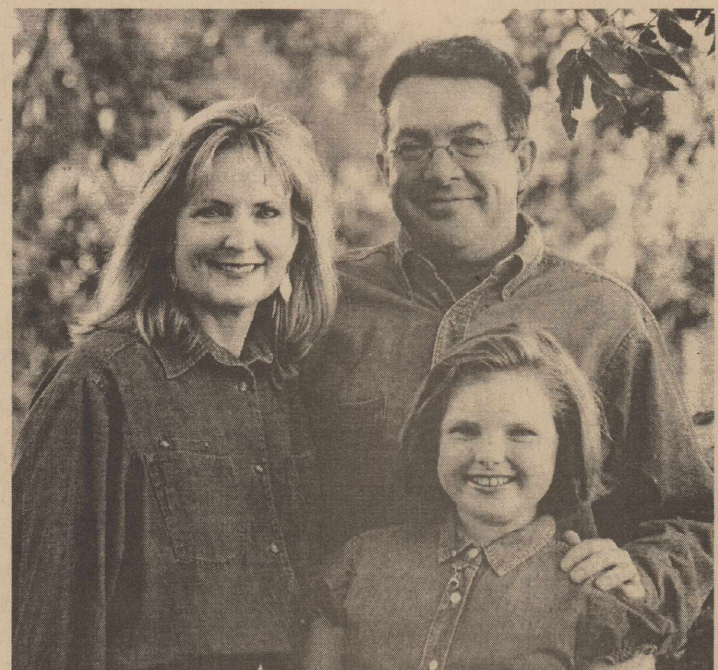
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**Martinez**

Letty has worked in the dietary department of the hospital as a dietary assistant since 1993. She is friendly, always smiling, and is very helpful to others. She is very creative and is always trying something new. Letty is enjoyable to work with and brightens up those that she is around.

**We appreciate Letty and congratulate her for being selected for this honor by her co-workers!**



Pictured are Bill's wife DeLane, Bill and daughter Ashley.



# Council hears "PRIDE" presentation



**BIKE WINNER**--Dewayne Weir, of Floydada, was the winner of the Schwinn Stingray bike raffled off at NAPA Auto Parts. The bike was presented to Weir by NAPA Manager Gabriel Gallardo (right). *Staff Photo*

## SPAG to help senior citizens

In a joint partnership with SPAG/ Area Agency on Aging, and Region 17 Education Service Center, an interactive televideo presentation will be presented at Floydada and Lockney ISD to help seniors enroll in the Medicare Drug Savings Plan.

The program will be held January 9, from 3:00 p.m. to 3:50 p.m. in the schools ITV room in Lockney and Floydada.

The program will train Seniors and volunteers in the community so they can assist seniors and disabled persons who need

to enroll in the Medicare Approved Prescription Drug Savings Plan. The Medicare web-site is very user friendly.

## Tempie Francis, candidate for District Judge, receives Veteran's Endorsement

Deanie Bishop Parrish entered the military service during World War II because of her sense of patriotism. She joined the WASP (Women's Airforce Service Pilots) in 1943. Ms. Parrish met her husband while they were both serving their country and she remains committed to protecting her home state of Texas and her country.

Deanie met Tempie Francis, who is a fellow pilot, while Tempie was doing volunteer work for the WASP WWII Museum. Later, Tempie was elected to the Board of Directors and now serves as their legal counsel. When Deanie learned that Tempie was running for District Judge she sent the following endorsement.

"The District Court should be presided over by a District Judge who has the integrity, honesty and reliability to ignore any opportunities for political or personal gain, to not be swayed by the financial or social standing of any

**By Darwin Robinson**

The Floydada City Council met Tuesday, December 20, and heard a presentation from FEDC Executive Director Dora Ross concerning the need to apply for grants to help develop the City's entrance at the "Y" on the Ralls Highway.

Ross said, "I am representing the newly organized Floydada PRIDE (Partners Reinvesting, Improving & Developing our Environment). I need to know if you want me to apply for a Texas Department of Agricultural (TDA) grant to help redo the three medians at the "Y" on the Ralls Highway coming into the City?"

According to Ross, TXDOT is planning on repaving the Ralls Highway starting in October, 2006. "They are very open and cooperative as to how we will want the medians put back with trees, or whatever. We want your opinion."

Mayor Bobby Gilliland responded, "Yes, we, as a council,

want you to pursue the grant."

In a written statement handed out by Ross, Floydada PRIDE is asking for citizens, churches, school classes, civic organizations and businesses to help design a Welcome Entrance at the "Y". Fifty dollars cash will be given to the best design turned in for the "Y" entrance.

The deadline for the design is 5:00 p.m., January 31, 2006. (See related story for details for design and rules).

Floydada PRIDE reserves the right to use elements from each design, combine designs submitted, and accept or reject all designs or parts of designs. Call FEDC at 983-3318 or the Chamber office at 983-3434 for more information.

In other matters, the council unanimously approved a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to allow manufactured housing to be placed in single-family residential District 3.

The council appointed Fernando Arvizu to replace Regina Nelson on the Floydada Housing Authority Board for 2006.

In a written and oral statement, City Manager Gary Brown told the council, "Our Cable T.V. system is in the process of being sold again. I have been told that

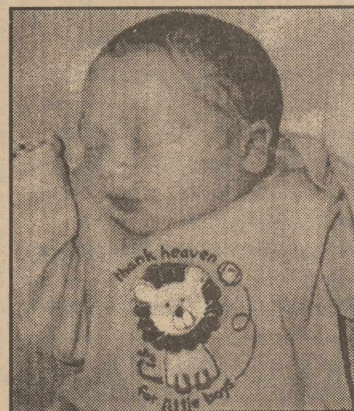
the new company, Cebridge, is not the best company in the Cable T.V. business. I think we need to give consideration to hir-

ing a company at this time to find out if things are proper, or not. We have 120 days from December 12, 2005 before making our decision on this matter."

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**HINSLEY**  
 Todd and Amanda Hinsley are proud to announce the birth of their son, Reese Weston. He was born on December 14, 2005 weighing 8 pounds 9 ounces and measuring 21 1/2 inches long.

His grandparents are Kim and Sarah Hinsley and Monte and Kellie Williams of Floydada. Great-grandparents are Wynell Hinsley, Wanda Williams, Joyce and Q.D. Williams of Floydada and Kay Brian of Wolfforth. Great-great-grandparent is Geraldine Callaway of Floydada.

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TEMPIE FRANCIS



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litigant, and to meter out equal treatment to all participants. I believe Tempie T. Francis, a proven attorney, who has a passion for people's rights and will stand up and fight for those rights, is such a person. She is a role model for others, especially children, and her election as District Judge would take any politics, discrimi-

nation and indecisiveness out of the courtroom and replace it with firmness, fairness and swift and equal justice."

Deanie Parrish, Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP), WWII.  
 Pd. Pol. Adv. For Tempie T. Francis, 201 W. California, Floydada, TX 79235, by Angela Ragland, Treasurer.

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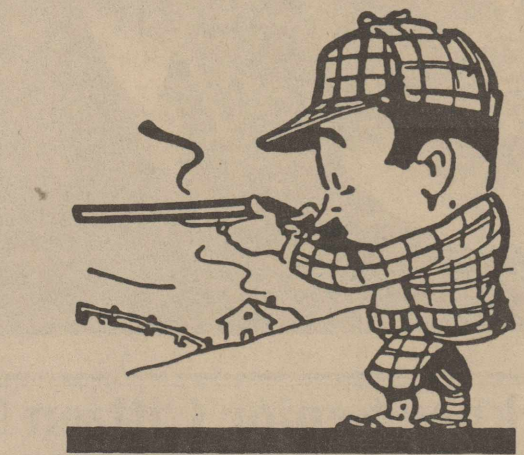
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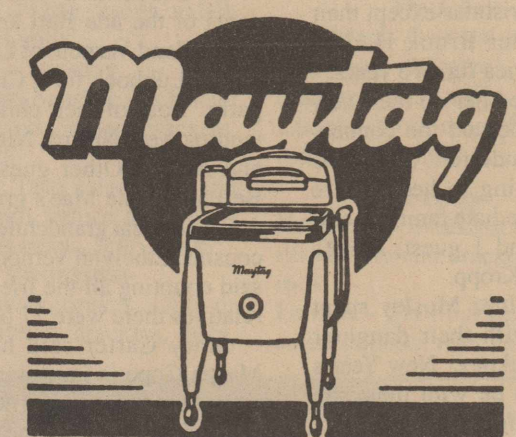
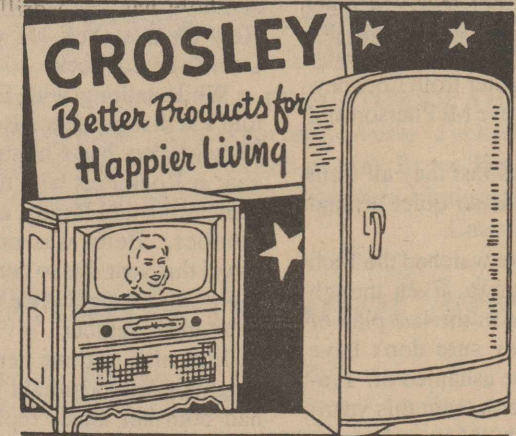
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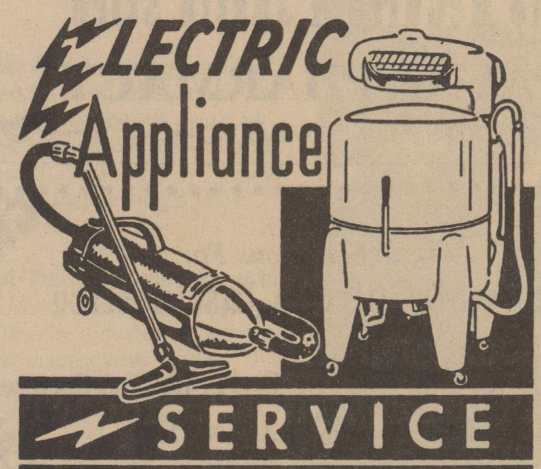
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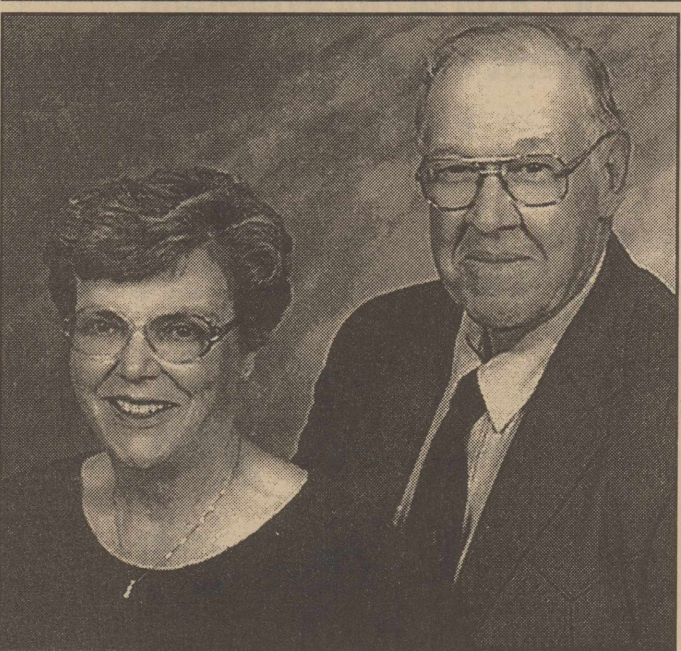
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**HUFFMANS CELEBRATE 50TH-** Charles Huffman and Molly Jean Inmon were married in Plainview, January 6, 1956. They have lived in Lockney for the past 50 years. Charles is a farmer and Molly is a fiddler and homemaker. They have two daughters, Mary McAllister, a math teacher at Abilene High, and Christine Odom, who is Asst. Director of Nurses at Mesa Springs Health Care Center in Abilene. Christine is married to Mark Odom and Mary and Curtis McAllister have three children: Nathan, Tyler, and Chas. The Huffmans enjoy traveling. Molly plays her fiddle at local nursing homes and Charles enjoys playing dominoes once a week.



## Lockney Senior Citizen News and Menu

By Vera Jo Bybee

We had a wonderful time during the New Year's holiday. New Year's day we had 16 guests for breakfast.

Visiting were: our niece from Christoval, Tony and Galen Akin, and Robert McDonald; nephew, from Eldorado, Monty and Cindy Bybee and their sons Mark and Alton and Alton's baby girl Tristan; daughter from Plano, Dara and Gary Faries; granddaughter from Amarillo, Kara and Robert Womble, and baby son Kit; daughter from Lockney, Becky and Steve McPherson and son J.W.

After breakfast they all went home and it is so quiet around here.

Monday we watched the Tech and Bama game. Even though Tech got beat in the last play of the game they sure don't have anything to be ashamed of. I really liked Tech's team this year.

Bill and Mary Louise McCarter had all their family home for Christmas except their granddaughter Brook Hooten who is in Africa for two years.

They called her on their new speaker phone and the connection was wonderful. Everyone enjoyed talking to her. There were 22 immediate family members there and 1 guest, Mary's cousin Beth Kropp.

Pete and Inez Mosley spent Christmas with their daughter Elaine in Lockney. New Year's they went to be with their son Rick and wife Lisa Mosley in Lockney and got to visit with their Mosley grandchildren and their two great grandsons, Jaden and Jackson.

Betty Veal spent Christmas with her sister Merle and Mike Mooney and their children and grandchildren. Merle's daughter Debbie, Merle's son David and wife Kay and children Britney, Macy, Chase and Brandon and his wife Chrissie.

Elna and Gene Bloys spent Christmas at home in Sandhill with their sons David and Kenneth and their families. Then on New Year's they all were at David's in Lubbock.

While talking with Elna she told me that her niece Betty and Jerry Mickey had Christmas this year at Rock Port with their two sons, Mike and Randy, and their families. Betty was unable to travel this year due to convalescing from having a knee replacement in November.

Elna also told me her former neighbor Anita Durham Wofford had both her knees replaced in November.

On December 27, the descendants of the late Bert and Essie May Eiland Vernon, of Lockney, met in Lubbock for a Christmas party. Four of their children attending were Norma, Nina, Jerry and Alvin. Other guests were Bert and Essie Mae's grandchildren and great grandchildren and cousins. Ethelynn Vernon Garnet said counting all the friends and relatives there were 27 present.

Mary Carter said her aunt Myrtis Cope is improving daily at the Floydada nursing home and is good about doing the therapy cause that means she can go home that much sooner.

Elaine Gibson is reported to be in the Mangold Memorial hospital at this time.

Our thought and prayers are with Myrtis and Elaine and also with the family of Leona "Granny" Watson a former Lockney resident and school teacher. She passed away Monday morning Jan 2 and her funeral services were in the Lockney Baptist Church Wednesday, January 4.

### Menu for Jan 9-13

Monday: Chicken Strips  
Tues: Mexican Casserole  
Wed: Meat Loaf  
Thurs: Pork Chops  
Friday: Chicken Fried Steak

## Please remember to pray for our soldiers

On Thursday, Jan. 5th a representative from Community Care Rx will be here at Clark's Pharmacy from 9am to 5pm to help enroll you or answer any questions you may have concerning the Medicare part D prescription plan.

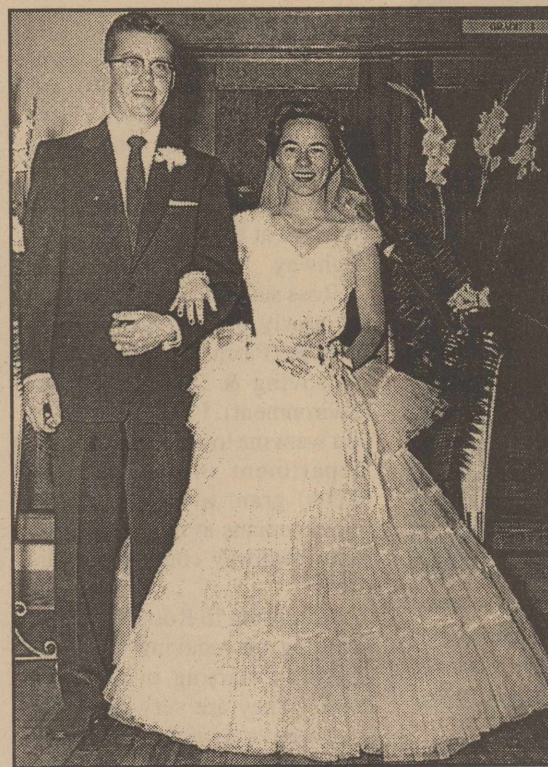
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## Floyd County Lifestyles



**RONNIE AND BETTY UPTON, #4 Ute, Canyon, Texas, are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary with a reception on January 8, 2006 at the University Church of Christ in Canyon at 3:00 p.m. The event is hosted by their children and grandchildren. Upton, of South Plains, married the former Betty Elaine Blum of Hillcrest Community, Floydada January 8, 1956 at City Park Church of Christ in Floydada. The couple previously resided in Amarillo 1960-1968 and 1970-1975; Bedford Hills, New York 1968-1970; and Los Alamos, New Mexico 1975-1993. They have lived in Canyon for the past 13 years. Upton retired from the Los Alamos National Laboratory in 1992 where he worked as a Systems Analyst. Mrs. Upton is a homemaker. The couple belong to the University Church of Christ in Canyon. Children of the couple are Christy Collier and husband, Ed of Amarillo; Rick Upton and wife, Lynn of Canyon; Rocky Upton and wife, Kelly of Denton. The couple have 3 grandchildren, Nicolas Upton of Canyon; Alison Lough and husband, David of Canyon; and Kendra Braughton and husband, Chris of Amarillo.**

## Floydada Senior Citizen News and Menu

By Margarette Word

Hope you had a wonderful Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Now, back to the routine of life. Many of our seniors had family members in their home or went to be with family.

Ruth Hammonds had 13 family members in her home Christmas Day.

The Henry Russell's had all their children and families home over the holidays.

Gene Baird enjoyed being with her daughter Dixie Harris and family.

Jo Ann Smith went to Lubbock to be with family members.

James and Sue Lovell went to Lubbock to be with daughter Lou Ann and Mike Collins and son's John and Jim.

Shirley and Jerry Towler of Nashville, Tennessee and Mike Breed of Rockport spent several days with their mother, Genelle Breed, over the holidays.

Imogene Fortenberry had 17 family members in her home Christmas Day.

John and Geneva Cockrell drove to Lubbock to be with their daughter, Janice Prisson, and family.

Sue Daniels went to see her daughter Zan and her husband at San Angelo.

Thursday, December 29, Carla Beedy ate lunch at the Center with her mother, Lafaun Smith.

December 29 Tom and Edwina Emert were brought to the Center by Randy and Teresa Hollums and several other family members and ate lunch.

We are so sorry that William Bertrand was hurt when a large tree he was cutting down fell on him and broke both legs. He was very lucky that Larry Ferguson and John Fortenberry saw the accident and called for help. William is recovering.

My son, Gordon Bond, of Vancouver, Washington was home and we drove to Hereford, Amarillo, Dumas, Granbury and Fort Worth visiting lots of kin folk and had a great time.

Thank you for remembering the Center when you need to make a memorial donation.

Darrell and Nancy Mayo made a donation in memory of: Kathy Adams, Effie Foster, Leonard Matsler, Jimmy McGuire, Barbara Covington, C.O. Lyles and Edell Moore.

Thought for the week - True freedom is not in having our own way, but in yielding to God's way.

### MENU

January 9 - January 13

**Monday**-Meatloaf with tomato sauce, mashed potatoes, zucchini, dry Jello salad

**Tuesday**-Fish nuggets with tartar sauce, navy beans, tossed salad with French dressing, cornbread, pineapple gelatin

**Wednesday**-Chicken fried steak, white gravy, baked potato, brussel sprouts, roll, apricots

**Thursday**-Pork chop with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, raisin pie

**Friday**-Barbecued brisket, potato salad, coleslaw with onion slice, wheat roll, peach cobbler

I, Mayor Roger Stapp, along with the City Council and the Citizens of Lockney, wish to give a big "Thanks" to both of our County Commissioners and Cargill Cattle Feeders for the help they have given this City.

There were many who have helped, and we certainly want to thank them all, but there are three individuals we want to mention by name and express a very special thanks. The first is Commissioner Lennie Gilroy. Lennie was (and still is) sitting on the Regional Review Committee Board which oversees the awarding of grants to cities in this region, and helped the City of Lockney get two very important grants. The first was a \$250,000 grant for our new water tower in 1996 and the second was a \$250,000 grant for our new well and pipe line located in Aiken in 1999. Lennie played a very important role in awarding the City of Lockney these grants.

In 2001, the City Waste Water Plant was condemned by T.N.R.C.C. The City applied for, and was awarded, a step grant from the State to deal with this problem. A Step Grant is different than other kinds of grants. The total cost to put in a new wastewater disposal plant was in excess of \$400,000. In order to meet the guidelines provided under a Step Grant, the City of Lockney was obligated to provide 1/3 of the cost either in cash or by providing what the state refers to as a "like kind" matching cost.

In other words, if the City could find people that would provide their services and equipment free of charge the City could avoid going into debt. Lennie was quick to respond to our needs. The road crew, under his direction, logged in hundreds of hours which greatly reduced the cost of this project to the City.

I would also like to mention that as a Reserve Police Officer, and former Lockney Police Chief, Lennie continues to help out the City Police Department by volunteering his time when the department needs help.

The second person I want to mention is Pat O'Connell, manager of Cargill Cattle Feeders. Pat was able, through Cargill's generosity, to lease a bulldozer at their expense. Pat also has a great deal of knowledge and understanding about the type of work we were doing at the wastewater site. He spent many hours on the job site. His ability to coordinate crews, and to understand what engineers wanted, and then be sure those running heavy equipment understood how to meet the standards the City was required to meet, was an invaluable service to the City.

The third person is Commissioner Craig Gilly. His road crew also logged in many hours helping us with our new waste water disposal plant. Craig also, through the State, was able to obtain several tons of road material for the City. With this material, along with both his road crew and Lennie's road crew and help from Pat O'Connell, the City was able to improve our roads around the football field and baseball field.

Again, we want to thank all who have helped us with these projects.

Mayor Roger Stapp

Councilmembers:

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## Longhorns play in Greenbelt Holiday Classic

Lockney's Longhorn Varsity Boys Basketball competed in the Greenbelt Holiday Classic Tournament, at Clarendon, December 29.

In the first game against West Texas High, the Horns came away with a win of 64 points against West Texas High's score of 44 points.

The leading scorer for the 'Horns was Dahlen McCarter with 21 points. He was followed by: Brance Wilson, 14 points; D.J. Rosales, 8; Rion Aufill, 7; J.W. McPherson, 6; Landon Cotham, 6; and Chris Castorena, 2.

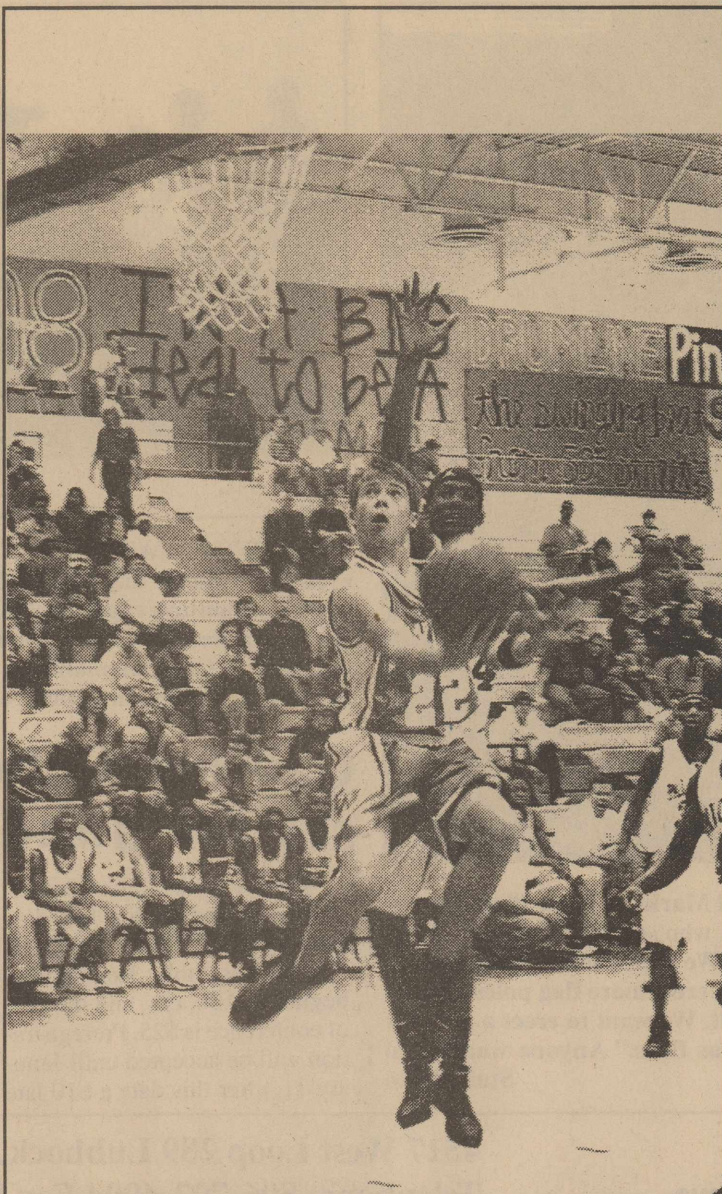
The 'Horns lost the 2nd game against Clarendon. The final

score was 'Horns, 35; Clarendon, 57.

The leading scorer with 12 points, was Dahlen McCarter. Chris Castorena had 9 points; Rion Aufill had 7; Tyler Kidd earned 3 points; Brance Wilson earned, 2; and J.W. McPherson had 1 point.

The final game on December 30 was against White Deer, and Lockney lost with 44 points to White Deer's 50.

Leading scorer of the game was Brance Wilson with 27 points--including five 3 point shots; Dahlen McCarter followed with 7 points; Tyler Kidd had 5; J.W. McPherson earned 3; and D.J. Rosales had 2 points.



**WHIRLWIND MAKING A REVERSE LAY UP** -Whirlwind Kevin Smith (22) is shown making a reverse lay up in the Lubbock Caprock Tournament. (see related story)

Photo by Jim Covington

## Whirlwinds go 3-1 in Caprock Tournament

By Coach Brattain

The Floydada Whirlwinds finished with a 3-1 record and a consolation trophy in the Lubbock Caprock Tournament. The team had a great time and experience in this tournament of schools ranging in size from 1a-5a.

The first game for the Whirlwinds was the Brownfield Cubs. This was a close game the whole way. The Whirlwinds won in the end with a final score of 64-63. Payte Beedy and Douglas Williams led the way for the Whirlwinds in scoring with 20 for Beedy and 17 for Williams. Floydada handed Brownfield their 3rd loss on the season.

Next up for the Whirlwinds was district opponent Dimmitt. Neither team came out fresh being that it was the second game of the day. The game was pretty ugly and in the fourth quarter the Whirlwinds finally turned it on and got up by 12 points on the Bobcats. The final score was Floydada 56 and Dimmitt 50. Payte Beedy had 20 points in this one too and Oscar Garza finished with 19 total points that included 5 three-point baskets.

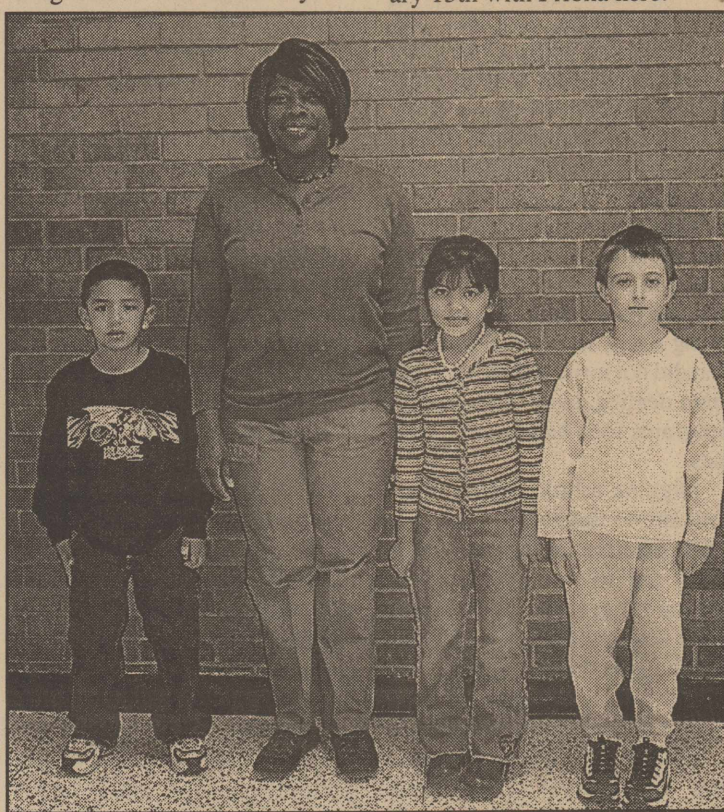
The next day, Floydada took on the #4 team in 4a in Palo Duro. The Whirlwinds 15 game winning streak was ended by the

Dons with a lopsided score of 84-50. Texas Longhorn signee Justin Mason finished the game with 26 points. The Whirlwinds were led in scoring by Douglas Williams with 11 points.

The final game of the tournament ended with the Whirlwinds taking on the 4a Plainview Bulldogs. This was a good game the whole way and Floydada came out on top 70-64. Oscar Garza led the way for the Whirlwinds with 21 total points. Douglas Williams had 17 and Payte Beedy finished with 12.

Each player for the Whirlwinds contributed the whole tournament and had a great time playing different and bigger schools. As a whole this was a good experience for the team and community. We are proud of this team and we recognize the work they put in to be successful.

The Whirlwinds records stands at 16-1 and as of today, they are still the #2 ranked 2a team in the state. Thank you for your support throughout the year. Please continue to support both teams as district play begins this week for the girls. The Lady Winds play Olton here on Friday. The Whirlwinds began district play the following week on January 13th with Friona here.



**A.B.DUNCAN STUDENTS & EDUCATOR OF THE WEEK:** Ruben Marmolejo (kindergarten), Anise Jackson (Early Education), Alyssa Castro (second grade), Bryce Thomas (first grade), not pictured Margarita Deleon (pre-kindergarten).  
Courtesy Photo

## 2005 A-J All-South Plains 2A Team



GRADEN LONG

Lockney - Senior  
2005 A-J ALL-SOUTH PLAINS 2A TEAM  
FIRST TEAM OFFENSE  
LINEMAN  
SECOND TEAM DEFENSE  
LINEMAN (69 tackles)



TREVOR MORRIS

Lockney - Senior  
2005 A-J ALL-SOUTH PLAINS 2A TEAM  
SECOND TEAM OFFENSE  
LINEMAN

### Military News



ABEL RODRIGUEZ

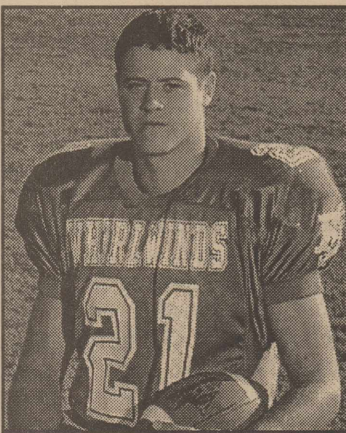
**Rodriguez completes basic training**

Abel Rodriguez completed basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

Rodriguez graduated from Lockney High School in 2004. He is now stationed in Fort Eustis, Virginia.

Rodriguez is married to Benita and has a two year old daughter, Eliza. His parents are Javier and Lupe Rodriguez of Lockney.

### 2005 A-J All-South Plains 2A Team



JACOB REDDY

Floydada - Senior  
2005 A-J ALL-SOUTH PLAINS 2A TEAM  
SECOND TEAM DEFENSE  
PUNTER

### COLLEGE NEWS


#### Dietrich earns degree from Wayland Baptist

Jolee Ann Dietrich of Lockney received her Bachelor of Business Administration degree in business administration, graduating cum laude. She is the wife of Aaron Dietrich and the daughter of Tracy Fletcher of Lockney.

#### Bybee and Stoerner graduate from San Angelo

Tyler Don Bybee and Heath Stoerner both received B.S. degrees from Angelo State University during the 2005 Fall Commencement exercises, December 17 in San Angelo.

Degrees were conferred on 308 students in undergraduate and graduate studies.



**The Lady Horns open district play on Friday, January 6 at Tulia, and the Longhorns will play Seagraves in Lockney. Come out and support the Longhorns and Lady Horns as they prepare for district action.**

### Lockney School Menu

**January 9 - January 13**  
**Monday**  
Breakfast-French toast or cereal, toast, juice, milk  
Lunch-Pig in a blanket or PBJ sandwich, corn, baby carrots, peaches, milk  
**Tuesday**  
Breakfast-Scrambled egg or cereal, toast, juice, milk  
Lunch-Steak fingers or corndog, potatoes/gravy, green beans, appleslicks, wheat rolls, milk  
**Wednesday**  
Breakfast-Breakfast pizza or cereal, toast, juice, milk

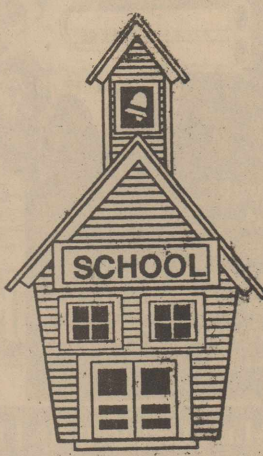
**Lunch**-Chicken quasadillas or tuna sandwich, pinto beans, salad, pineapple, milk  
**Thursday**  
Breakfast-Oatmeal or cereal, toast, juice, milk  
Lunch-Lasagne or baked potato, tossed salad, applesauce, bread stick, milk  
**Friday**  
Breakfast-Cinnamon roll or cereal, toast, juice, milk  
Lunch-Chicken patty on bun or grilled cheese, lettuce and tomato, baked fries, grapes, milk

### COLLEGE NEWS

#### Phillips earns degree from Wayland Baptist

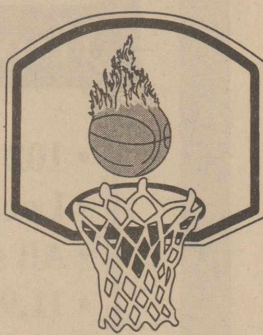
Lacy Dashell Phillips of Lockney received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in agribusiness, graduating magna cum laude. She is the wife of Tyler Phillips and the daughter of Ronnie and Elaine Austin.

### Through the Halls



### Little Dribblers Basketball

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5-6 grade girls and boys

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### Floydada School Menu

**January 9 - January 13**  
**Monday-Breakfast** - Cheese pizza or cereal, Graham crackers, juice, milk  
**Lunch** - Pizza, green salad, corn, fruit, milk  
**Tuesday**  
**Breakfast** - Sausage in a biscuit or cereal and Graham crackers, juice, milk  
**Lunch** - Taco salad/meat and cheese with lettuce and tomatoes, pinto beans, Jello, milk  
**Wednesday**  
**Breakfast** - Pancakes, syrup or cereal, Graham crackers, juice,

milk  
**Lunch** - Chicken fried steak, quick baked potatoes, green beans, hot roll, pudding, milk  
**Thursday**  
**Breakfast** - Oatmeal and cinnamon toast or cereal, Graham crackers, juice, milk  
**Lunch** - Corn dogs, fries, carrots, cookie, milk  
**Friday**  
**Breakfast** - Breakfast burrito or cereal, Graham crackers, juice, milk  
**Lunch** - Hamburger, chips, salad, cobbler, fruit, milk



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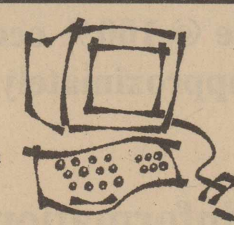
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### LOCKNEY 2005-2006 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site	Teams	Time
1-13	*Olton	T	JV & Var. B, G	4:00, 5:15, 6:30, 8:00
1-17	*Dimmitt	T	JV & Var. B, G	4:00, 5:15, 6:30, 8:00
1-20	*Friona	H	JV & Var. B, G	4:00, 5:15, 6:30, 8:00
1-24	*Tulia	H	JV & Var. B, G	4:00, 5:15, 6:30, 8:00
1-27	*Floydada	T	JV & Var. B, G	4:00, 5:15, 6:30, 8:00
1-31	*Olton	H	JV & Var. B, G	4:00, 5:15, 6:30, 8:00
2-3	*Dimmitt	H	JV & Var. B, G	4:00, 5:15, 6:30, 8:00
2-7	*Friona	T	JV & Var. B, G	4:00, 5:15, 6:30, 8:00
2-10	*Tulia	T	JV & Var. B	6:00, 7:30
2-14	*Floydada	H	JV & Var. B	5:00, 6:30

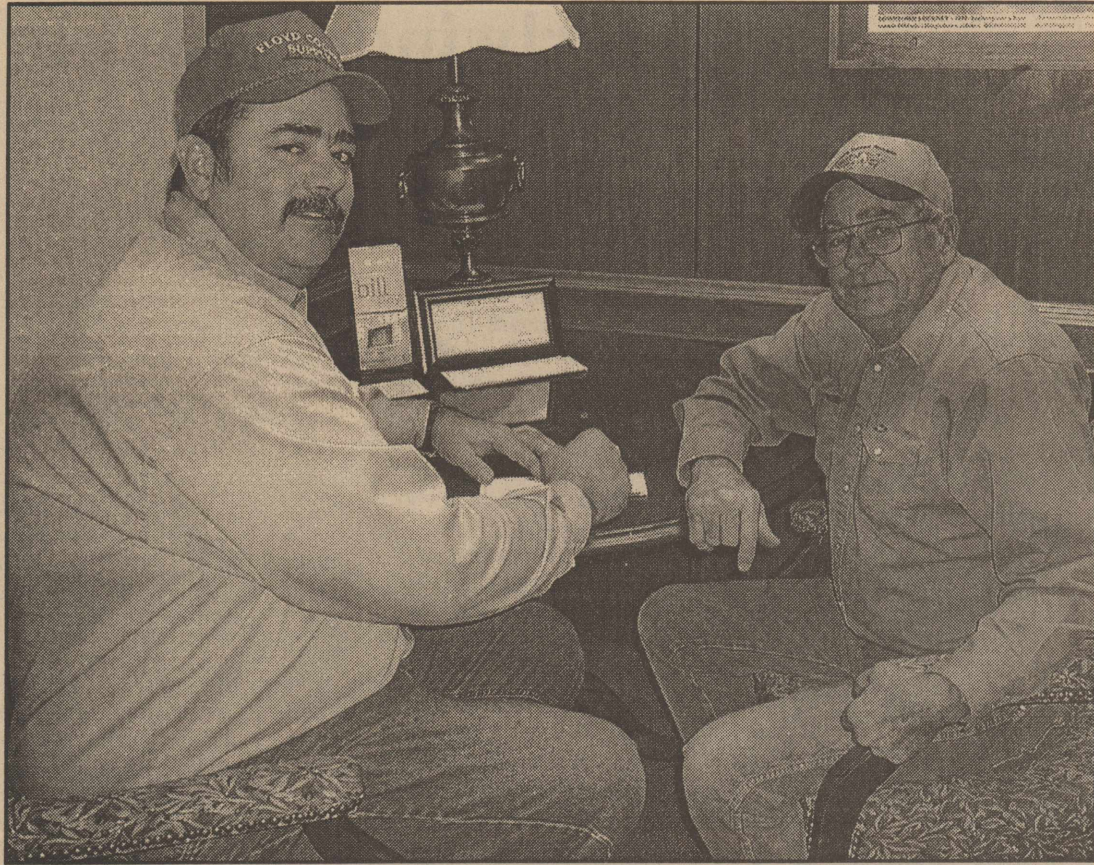
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**LINDAN MORRIS** of Lockney (left), is shown donating \$400 to Ed Marks of Texas Plains Veterans Association for a flag pole in honor of his father, Dean Morris, who served in the U.S. Navy. The flag pole will be erected in the new Veterans Memorial Park. "We appreciate Lindan and all others who have donated," Marks said. "We are needing funding to erect more flag poles. If anyone wishes to sponsor one, we'll put a plaque with their name on it. We want to erect a pole for each branch of service, Coast Guard, POW's, American and Texas flags." Anyone wanting to purchase a flag pole, please contact Ed Marks at 652-3157. Staff Photo



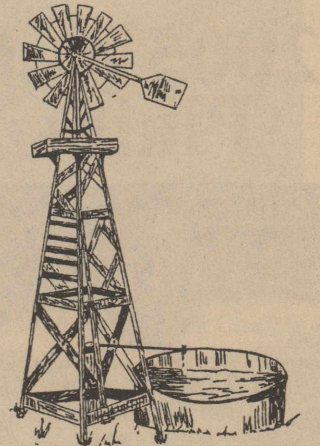
**2005 KID'S PHEASANT HUNT**--Thanks to the efforts of local Game Warden Mark Collins and area landowners, Ray Macha, Mike Mathis and Glenn Quebe, some kid's (and adults) enjoyed a pheasant hunting experience, December 28, 2005. Pictured (l to r), Game Warden Brent Satsky, Game Warden Jay Oyler, Kimberly Oyler, Game Warden Mark Collins, Lindsay Collins, Brandon Gilroy, Greg Hannabus, Audrey Collins, Lisa Collins, Brazos Williams, Floyd County Constable Ray Macha, (not pictured, Judy Macha), and hunting dogs Maddie, Bogie and Susie. Staff Photo


## Caprock Cotton Conference set for January 17, 2006

The Caprock Cotton Conference is scheduled for Tuesday, January 17, 2006 at the Plains Baptist Assembly. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and the cost of conference is \$25. Preregistration will be accepted until January 11, after this date a \$10 late

fee will be collected.

The registration fee includes lunch, conference cap and program materials. 3.5 CEU's will be given for the conference and 2 other CEU's will be offered for those producers needing additional hours.



**Cotton**  **News**  
By Shawn Wade

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You would think that U.S. Ag industry groups, and most particularly the cotton industry, would be feeling a little more upbeat as 2005 comes to a close.

After all, there seems to be a lot to be happy about following Congress's passage of a final budget reconciliation package that includes no real reductions in commodity program payments and the conclusion of the WTO Hong Kong Ministerial Meeting that did not involve the U.S. trade team dealing away U.S. support programs for a handful of promises.

Digging a little deeper however shows that these outcomes, while positive for the short-term really did little to make producers and the groups that represent them very confident about what may happen down the road.

The Senate's approval of the "Deficit Reduction Omnibus Reconciliation Act" on December 21 almost completed Congress's work on budget reconciliation. In order to get the bill to President Bush's desk the House of Representatives will have to vote to accept an amendment involving Medicaid when they return from the holiday break.

If approved, the package will surprisingly let farm program payment "off the hook." Most importantly the bill makes NO reduction in the amount of Direct and Counter-Cyclical program payments producers will receive, but does, as expected, eliminate cotton's Step 2 program effective August 1, 2006.

The one change that most producers will encounter involves the Direct Payment program's advance and payment option. The bill reduces advance Direct payments to 40 percent for the 2006 crop (unless a producer has already requested and received a 2006 advance payment at the 50 percent level) and reduces the advance payment to 22 percent for the 2007 program year.

Unlike commodity program payments, current Conservation, Rural Development and Research Programs were not treated as well. At least that's your impression at first glance.

In an ironic twist it may ultimately turn out that some of the programs that have to endure cuts or deal with new spending caps as part of budget reconciliation could become long-term winners when Congress gets around to working up the 2007 Farm Bill.

To compensate for trimming funds available for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program and the Conservation Security Program Congress included language to extend the two programs beyond the life of the current Farm Bill. By virtue of the extension the funding baselines for EQIP and CSP can't be reduced during the Farm Bill debate.

In a political arena where the available funding baseline ultimately controls the fate of a program means conservation interests have a sturdy foundation from which to work during the 2007 Farm Bill debate.

The refusal of the Administration and the House leadership to confer the same treatment to the

Commodity Title and its programs, however, leave the door open for changes to the Commodity Title funding baseline down the road.

Arguments for not including Senate Ag Committee Chairman Saxby Chambliss extension of the commodity title in the conference report center on the point that since commodity program funding was not reduced there was no need to do anything extra to maintain the baseline.

While this is most likely true, it is just as true to say that spending authority for the Commodity Title is still at risk because unless program authority for this session is extended, the Congressional Budget Office can still use any assumptions they want when establishing the baseline for the next farm bill.

Regardless of your interpretation, commodity programs are, for now, simply on shakier ground than are conservation programs heading into the 2007 Farm Bill debate.

### WTO Declaration from Hong Kong Ministerial fails to ease U.S. cotton concerns

Going in, U.S. cotton industry officials knew that the World Trade Organization's Hong Kong Ministerial meeting was another high profile snake-pit and that cotton had little opportunity of escaping unscathed.

After reviewing the final draft of the WTO declaration published at the conclusion of that meeting it appears that those feelings have been completely justified.

To hopefully improve cotton's chances of not losing ground, the National Cotton Council has been working closely with the U.S. Trade Representative's office and Ambassador Rob Portman for months in preparation for the meeting. In some ways it appears that the effort may have paid off, at least in light of the fact that cotton issues are still being negotiated within the context of the overall agreement on agriculture.

Unfortunately cotton continues to be singled out in the final

declaration approved in Hong Kong and the industry was unable to find a way to redirect efforts to single cotton out for some level of individual treatment. The final text contains language calling for a more aggressive implementation time frame for changes in cotton compared to other commodities.

Specifically it calls for elimination of all cotton export subsidy programs in developed countries in 2006, providing duty-free, quota-free access to cotton exports from Least Developed Countries and includes the language stating the objective that trade-distorting domestic subsidies for cotton should be reduced more ambitiously and quickly than for agriculture in general.

The cotton industry remains concerned by the perpetuation of cotton specific language in the ministerial declaration because it is not consistent with the concept of a single undertaking for agriculture.

According to a statement by the National Cotton Council the continuation of a program to treat a single commodity, cotton, differently from the rest of the prod-

ucts covered by the general agriculture agreement establishes an unwelcome precedent for WTO trade negotiations.

The ministerial declaration suggests that future negotiations will proceed in a business as usual fashion with the U.S. and the European Union asked to make significant cuts quicker, to give preferred access to foreign products without gaining access for U.S. products in return and quite possibly to end export subsidies for cotton before the implementation period of the new agreement is likely to begin.

For now U.S. cotton programs are stuck in the same position they were before Hong Kong in terms of the WTO process.

White some may have hoped that progress could be made to reduce the focus on cotton the reality is that the "cotton problem" is still being couched in moral terms and their demands for major U.S. concessions are an attempt to guilt the U.S. into dismantling its support structure for agriculture.

The U.S. cotton program is not responsible for poverty in Africa. If the WTO process does away with U.S. cotton programs

to assuage the guilty feelings of those willing to ignore the economic and political factors involved, it won't be doing African cotton farmers any favors and will not have done anything to truly help improve their situation.


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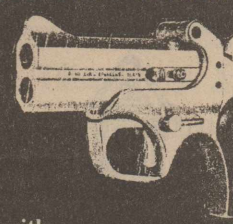
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All creditors having claims against the estate are hereby notified to present them to the undersigned at the address shown below within the time prescribed by law.

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# Obituaries

## MIGUAL IRLAS

Miguel Irlas, 52, of Floydada died Wednesday, December 28, 2005 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

He was born December 20, 1953 in Lubbock, to Domingo and Thrindad Irlas. He was a lifelong resident of Floydada.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Isreal Irlas.

Survivors include his father; three brothers, Lupe, Isabelo and Robert Irlas; four sisters, Eloisa Fuentes, Linda, Teresa, and Jessie Irlas.

Funeral services were at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, December 31, 2005 at the Templo Getsemani Assembly of God in Floydada with Reverend Ray Gonzales, officiating. Burial was in the Floydada Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Floydada.

## LOLA KNIERIM POHL

Funeral services for Lola Knierim Pohl, 93, of Matador were held Friday December 30, 2005 at the First United Methodist Church in Matador. Rev. Winfield Davenport and Rev. Montie Wike officiated. Interment was in the East Mound Cemetery at Matador.

Mrs. Pohl passed away Tuesday December 27, 2005 in Lubbock. She was the daughter of Charlie L. and Eva E. Chesnutt Knierim, pioneers of Floyd County. She lived in the Fairview community before moving to South Plains at the age of 15.

She graduated from Lockney High School in 1930 and continued her education at the West Texas Teachers College in Canyon. She married Frank Pohl on May 11, 1935 at the First Baptist Church in South Plains and moved to Matador. Mrs. Pohl was an Elementary School teacher for 4 years in the Daugherty, Cone, and Whiteflat School Systems. Mr. and Mrs. Pohl purchased Household Supply Company from Homer Sheets at Matador in March of 1946 and operated it until selling the business in 1981. She was a lifelong member of the First United Methodist Church in Matador where she was active in the church choir and played the organ and piano.

Lola was also active in the Eastern Star and the Eternas Study Club for over 50 years. Mrs. Pohl was preceded in death by her husband Frank J. Pohl on August 10, 1997. In the year 2000 she moved to the Lakeside Rehab and Care Center in Lubbock.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Carolyn and Howard Limmer of Snyder; two grandsons; and five great-grandchildren.

## GEORGE POWELL

George Fletcher Powell, 84, passed away at his residence on December 30, 2005. Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church in Anna, Texas, Monday, January 2, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. under the direction of Flesher Funeral Home in Van Alstyne.

The service was officiated by Joe Lightner.

He was born on February 17, 1921 to Sherley and Ethel (Cromer) Powell in Anna, Texas. He married Hazel Lewis on July 4, 1942. George was a retired farmer and a member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Anna, Texas.

He is survived by 3 sons: George Ray Powell of Houston, Johnny Edward Powell of Princeton, Kenneth Wayne Powell of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; 6 daughters: Linda Ruth Turner of Franklinville, New Jersey, Shirley Jean Emert of Spring Branch, Wanda Gilbreath of Terrell, Diane Hill of Floydada, Glenna Powell of Terrell and Pamela Enriquez of Italy, Texas;

25 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren; 2 sisters: Freida Kimich of Waller, Texas, Dessa Adams of Anna; 3 brothers: Edward & Tillman Powell of Anna and Kenneth Powell of Floydada.

George was preceded in death by his wife, Hazel Lewis Powell in January of 1988; 1 brother, W.D. Powell; 3 sisters, Catherine Poteet, Carrie Sanborn, and Mary Francis Powell.

## WILLENE TYLER WILLIAMS

Willene Gundla Tyler Williams, 87, died November 14, 2005 at Baylor Medical Center.

She was born October 13, 1918 in Linton Springs, Texas to Cundla Havorsen, a Norwegian immigrant, and Noah Enoch Tyler, a Nazarene minister.

She grew up in Bell County and moved to Dallas from Floydada in 1941. One of 13 children in her family, she was the last surviving sibling.

She was a member of the Central Church of the Nazarene. She retired from Woolworth after 29 years.

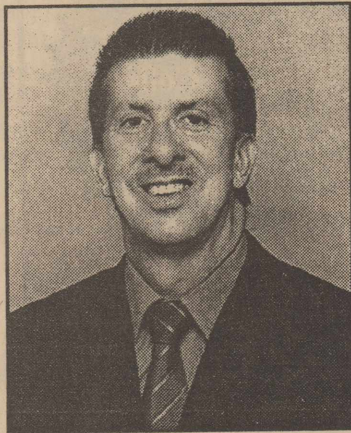
Survivors include her husband of 68 years, Vyron Williams; two sons, Dan Williams and Glenn Williams, both of Dallas; three grandchildren; two great-grandsons and one great-great-grandson.

Funeral services were held at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, November 17, 2005 at the Restland's Wildwood Chapel.

**Jerry and Carlyn Crawford express their deepest appreciation for the faithful prayers and constant encouragement they have received over the past few months from members of this community while Jerry was receiving treatment for leukemia at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.**

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### EVANGELIST

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Born and raised in Baton Rouge area, Mike has been married for 25 years and has two grown sons. He graduated with both his bachelor and Master's degrees from Criswell Bible College in Dallas.

South Plains Baptist Church Pastor Joe Weldon invites everyone to their revival. The time of service on Sunday the 15th will be 11:00 a.m. There is no evening service. Monday through Wednesday, the Revival will start at 7:00 p.m.

### THIS WEEK'S

#### AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

The American Cancer Society, Floyd County Unit will meet Monday, January 9, 2006 at 5:15 p.m. in the Community Room of the First National Bank of Floydada. Board members please be present.

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<p><b>AIKEN BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Jay Simpson, Pastor Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship .... 6:00 p.m. Wednesday ..... 7:30 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 810 S. 3rd, Floydada Darwin Robinson, Pastor 983-5278 Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship .. 10:50 a.m. Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m. Wednesday ..... 7:30 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>CALVARY'S CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP</b> Floydada Armando Morales, Pastor Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m. Bible Study ..... 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>CARR'S CHAPEL</b> Service Every Sunday: Morning Worship .... 9:00 a.m. Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m. *****</p> <p><b>CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> West College &amp; Third, Lockney Steve McLean - Minister Morning Worship .. 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship .... 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Ken Free- Minister Floydada Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship .. 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship .... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study .... 7:30 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Anthony D. Sisemore, Pastor Bill Swinney, Minister of Ed./Music Eric Kaiser - Min. Students Sunday School ..... 9:15 a.m. Morning Worship ... 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship .... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study ... 7:00 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Lockney</b> Carl Moman, Pastor Chad Cook, Youth Min. Phil Cotham, Music Min. Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship .... 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m. Wednesday ..... 6:30 p.m. Wednesday (Youth).....7:15 pm *****</p> <p><b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Floydada Rev. Les Hall, Pastor Early Worship ....8:30 am. Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship ...10:50 a.m. Youth (Sunday).....5:00p.m. Youth (Wednesday)..7:30 p.m. *****</p>	<p><b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Lockney Rev. Neely Landrum, Pastor Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m. Worship Service ... 10:30 a.m. Evening Service .... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Jr. High .....5:30 p.m. Wed. High School... 6:30 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST</b> Joe Bennett, Pastor Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m. Evening Service ..... 7:30 p.m. Tuesday ..... 8:00 p.m. Wed. Service ..... 7:30 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Lockney Jay Don Poindexter, Minister Bible Study ..... 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship .. 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m. Wednesday ..... 7:30 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Floydada Rev. Ralph Jackson 401 N 12th St (983-5805) Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Study .. 7:00 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>NEW SALEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Floydada Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges (806) 637-0430 Sunday Singing .... 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship ... 11:00 a.m. *****</p> <p><b>POWER OF PRAISE FULL GOSPEL CHURCH</b> Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor 704 N. Main, Lockney Sunday Services .. 10:00 a.m. Sunday Evening ... 5:00 p.m. Wednesday ..... 7:30 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA</b> Lockney Jesse Caballero, Pastor Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m. Worship Service ... 11:00 a.m. Evening Service .... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service ..... 7:30 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA</b> Floydada Rev. Lupe Rando Sunday School .... 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship .. 10:55 a.m. Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Evening ..... 7:00 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> Lockney Jim McCartney, Pastor Wed. Communion .. 8:00 p.m. Sunday Mass ..... 11:30 a.m. *****</p>	<p><b>SOUTH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Joe Weldon, Pastor Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship ... 11:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting..... 7:00 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>TEMPLO GETSEMANI ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> 701 W. Missouri Rev. Ray Gonzales 983-5286 (church) 983-3047 (parsonage) Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m. Evening Service ..... 5:00 p.m. Wednesday ..... 7:00 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> Floydada Father Jose Relente Deacon Ricky Vasquez Phone: 983-5878 Sunday Mass ..... 11:30 a.m. Mon./Wed. Mass ..... 6:30 p.m. Confession Sat. 10:00-11:00 a.m. *****</p> <p><b>TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM</b> Lockney Pedro Reyes, Pastor Sun. Prayer Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School ..... 9:45 p.m. Worship Service ... 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Washington and 1st St. Rev. Eliseo Ovalle 983-6202 Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship ... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service ..... 7:00 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>TEMPLO NUEVA VIDA</b> Rev. Herman Martinez 308 W. Tennessee, Floydada Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m. Evening Worship ... 5:00 p.m. Tuesday ..... 7:30 p.m. Thursday Service ... 7:30 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>TRINITY ASSEMBLY</b> 500 W. Houston Floydada Henry Russell, Co-Pastor Vance Mitchell, Co-Pastor 983-5499 Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship .. 10:40 a.m. Sunday Evening ..... 6:00 p.m. Wednesday ..... 7:00 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> Providence Community on FM 2301 293-3009 Rev. Burnell Lund, Minister Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m. Evening Worship ... 11:00 a.m. *****</p> <p><b>WEST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Floydada 983-3548 Sunday Worship ... 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening ..... 5:00 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>FLOYD COUNTY COWBOY CHURCH</b> Unity Center - Muncy 1st Sunday of the Month Meal - 6:00 p.m. Services - 7:00 p.m.. *****</p>
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