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INSANITY" is a verdict which will INOT GUILTY BY REASON OF
be much discussed in the years to to be much discussed in the years to
come, so as a commentator on the come, so as a commentator on the
national news scene, we might as well
get our two cents worth in print, get our two cents worth in print,
along with everyone else's. In the first place, we never have felt as though the "insanity" plea was
fair, but simply a scam devised by the legal profession as a last-gasp effort to get their clients off the hook when
it is a well-accepted fact that they are guilty of whatever charges for which they are being tried.
By the same token, the legal
profession might as well introduce "not guilty because my client was enraged at the time he was charged for murder"; or "not guilty by reason that he had a bad day at the
office," or how about "because hee
just didd't have a happy childhood." office, or how about "because he
just didn't have happy childhood."
The non-conviction of The non-conviction of John
Hinckley, J . for the shooting of
President or defense attorneys in this country and one can only hope that the witl cause from the American people wecond look at some of its legal
seopholes, which allow murderers to
loc 30 free, rapists to freely roam the while intoxicated or under the nfluence of drugs, to continue to operate their vehicles until they have
slaughtered thousands of innocent slaughtered thousands of innocent
victims.
The rights of the criminals have The rights of the criminals have
more than been sevved during the past more than been served during the past
generation. At this point in time, it is
隹 generativ. Athat the leaders of our
imperative
country recogrize the importance of protecting the rights of its lawabiding citizens.
If Lee Harvey Oswald had been
able to stand trial for the assassination of President Kennedy, we
wonder if his defense could have been as successful as was that for John Hinckley.
Somehow, we doubt that it would ave. Due to the extreme national een virtually impossible to have found 12 people out of the entire nation's population who would not
have voted to throw the bcok at Oswald.
And, if Hinckley's aim had been an inch or two better the verdict been different.
But, due to his acquittal, has not he courts further endangered the lives of public officials, since would-
be assassins can now say to
themselves "I can get away with it anyway,"
In a time when violence needs to be quashed, when lawbreakers need to
be shown that offenders will be punished, we feel that the jury in the
Hinckley case took a giant step Hinckley case took a giant step
backward in making it safe for our backward in making it safe for our
elected officials, particularly the president.
Luckily for President Reagan, the
medical staff at George Washing 30 medical staff at George Washing गn
Hospital was a good one, and was abspital wave his life that afternoon in March of 1981 . They received the hanks and admiration of the entir
nation. Unfortunately, the prosecuting
attorney and his staff of lawyers was not quite as skilled as the surgeons,
because they could not convince peoople that Hinckley was guilty of a act that virtually the entire nation was able to winess on heir televisio It was an historic verdict, and an interesting one. And, we predict that
the verdict will be much-discussed for the verdict will bear.
We just wonder if the 12 jurors will be ready to shoulder the responsibi-
lity, the next time that Mr. Hinckley or any other would-be assassin
commits an act during a time of commits an act during a time
"temporary insanity."

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MORNING STORM....The Friona area was treated to quite an electrical display early Friday morning, which left a total of . 61 inch of rainfall locally. The "fireworks" lasted for more than

## Weatherman Unveils "Fireworks Display"

Friona residents must have thought
the July Fourth fireworks display hed the Juily Fourth fireworks display had
started early, when they were awakened early Friday morning were
a tremendous electrical display a tremendous electrical display which
lasted for more than two hours. When the storm had subsided, the
Whate official city yguuge showed a total of
61 inch of rainfall had fallen as .61 inch of rainfall had fallen as of
a.m.
Lucky for the local residents, the Friday morning shower was minus
any of the hail which has plagued any of the haii which hass plagued. Sut there were times during the hevy. commence to hail at eny minute. But it turned out just to be good
rainfall. Added to the 12 inch which New Product Offered For Rural Folks
A new business was announced this
week by Joe Wilhelm of Wilhelm Television \& Appliance. Known as Satellite Antenna
Systems of company will sell, install and service satellite ground stations, which allow rural residents to receive countles
numbers of television channels. numbers of television channels.
Wilhelm is in partnership with Wilhelm is in partnership with
Tommy Murphy of Hereford in the venture. The
Hawkeye systems Hawkeye systems.
"We did a consi
research, to find a would stand up a satellite disc which part of the country, weather in this pais one will," Wiihelm said. Wilhelm and Murphy attended a training school on sales and service of
the discs this the discs this week in Kansas City,
where the product is manufactured.


WHAT'S SHOWING....Michael end Steven Mann and Julte and
Cody Bracken check to sce what's showing June 30 at the library.
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was received Wednesday evening, the
week's total rainfall came to 73 inch Week's total rainfall came to .73 inch electrical storm was Frion Cablevision, which was knocked of
the air during the storm. Service the air during the storm. Service wa
resumed shortly after the fireworks
Club Prepares 7th Barbeque
Tho Friona Noon Lions Club, at its
tast regular meeting, put the finishing
touches on thecir pians to feed 600
people the best barbeque in the Parhandle.
Tiere will be approximately 300 pounds of sausage seasoned an
stuffed by the Friona Noon Another 400 pounds of beef will b barbequed in a pit 20 hours preceding
the annual dinner. Over 100 pound the annual dinner. Over 100 pounds
of beans and cole slaw will be served to finish out the menu.
The largest crowd ever served was in 1976 for the bi-centennial
Although the crowd was dow slightly in 1977, the numbers have been increasing ever since. This year's chairmen are Lions Danny Black and Joe Wilhelm. A
net profit from the barbeque will b going to numerous organization such as Girlstown, Texas Lions Cam
for Cripled Children, Hi-Plains Eye for Crippled Children, Hi-Plains Eye
Bank, Water, Inc., eyeglasses for Bank, Water, Inc., eyeglasses fo
local children who cannot affor them and other worthy causes.
The barbeque will be held The barbeque will be held o
Monday, July 5 from $11: 30$ an Monday, Suly 5 from 11:3 a.m. $1: 1: 30$
p.m. at the Community Center. p.m. at adult ticket and a $\$ 2.50$
s4ildren's
chict children's ticket ( 12 and under) will buy ail the barbeque you can eal
Please contact any member of the Noon Lions for your advance tickets Tickets will be $\$ 4.50$ for adults and
$\$ 3.00$ for children at the door. 0

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and aceve a Swim for Heart $1-$ ahint and a certificate.
> for the city's annual Independencence
Day celebration, which will be held for the most part on July 5 this year due to July 4 falling on Sunday.
One exception is One exception is an added event, announced this week by Friona State
Bank, which will host a free watermelon feed for the community all day Friday, July 2 , between the hours or io a.m. and 3 p.m. Sth are water polo matches, to be sponsored by the Friona Fire
Department. The fireworks fund went over the The fireworks fund went over the
top this week thanks to gifts by Friona State Bank ( 5200 ); Frion
Ford Sales Ford Sales ( $\mathbf{3 1 0 0 0 ) \text { ; Friona Riding }}$
Club Club ( $\mathbf{l}{ }^{2} 100$ ); Friona Cablevision
Corp. ( $\mathbf{5 5 0}$ ); and Rex Blackburn

Reception Set
On Sunday For
Jerry Lewises
The Friona Chamber of Commerce
and Agriculture will host a reception Sunday, June 27 from 4.6 p.m. for
Friona City Manager Jerry Lewis his wife, Helen. Lewis move assumed duties as city manager on
February 1 His position as teacher as Melen, held posizon as teacher at Missouri City.
Texas, and has just recenty joined
her husband in Friona. her husband in Friona.
Friona seception will be held at the Friona reception Bank 'se Community
Room, and everyone is invited to Room, and everyone is invited to
come by, get acquainted and welcom Jerry and Helen Lewis to Frio
United Fund Co-Chairmen Are Named Keith Black and Mike Hanes hav
been named co-chairmen of the 198 been named co-chairmen of the 1982
Friona United Fund campaign, it was announced here this week.
The budget for 1982.93 The budget for
announced at $\$ 12,-350$ was also announced
represents a slight increase from the previous year, according to Lois
Norwood, chairman of the Norwood, chairman of the United
Fund board. A tentative kickoff date has been

## Seminar Is

Slated For
"Drug War"
The Friona Police Department will be sponsoring a meeting on
Thursday, July 22 at $7: 30$ p.m. at the "Texas Wer On Drues:" Shirley Crawford Soordinator for the Texas Warr on Druess committee will sonduct the
meeting. She is in charge of Everyone is invited to attend this seminar, to learn facts about our drug Swim-A-Thon Set July 15
The American Heart Association
will be sponsoring a Swim for Heart wim-A-thon on Thuriday, July 15, at the Friona City Swimuinist Pool. Anyone interested in swimming for he Heart Assocerestion is asked to ign-up as soon as possible at the
pool. Deadline for entering the Swim
or or Heart is July 12 .
Swimmers sea pledges for the me hour and wach they can swim in

## Plans Fanalized For "July Fifth" Fete

The fund drive was pushed by the
Friona Star after the chamber board Friona Star after the chamber board
voted it could not carry he the expense themselves this year. As usual, one of the main highlights of the day will be the
annual barbecue meal annual barbecue meal sponsored by the Friona Noon Lions, which will be
held Monday, July Sth, from 11:30 a.m. to $1: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.
Barbecued beef an Barbecued beef and sausage will be
on the menu. Advance ticerts on the menu. Advance tickets are
$\mathbf{S} .00$ for adults and $\$ 2.50$ for children under 12, and tickets at the
door door will be higher, it was
announced. So, it would benefit those announced. So, it would benefit those
planning to attend to buy their tickets pianning to atrend to buy their tickets
in advance from members of the club. Other events on tap for the day include a tennis tournament,
volleyball volleyball tournament, World's
Championship Turtle Race, bicycle races, softbail Throw and ping pong
tournament. A concession stand will be operated
by members of the various Friona by members of the various Friona
study clubs, with proceeds going to
help renovate the Frions hudy clubs, with proceeds going to thevate the Friona Woman's
help Most of the events will be held at o in the vicinity of the Community Those wishing to enter Those wishing to enter the
volleyball tournament may call Lis Howell at 247.2211 or $247-7322$.
Those wanting to enter the tennis Those wanting to enter the tennis
tournament may call Paul J. Smith or (ournament may call Paul J. Smith or
Dale Houlette. Making donations to the fireworks
fund have fund have been Hardin's Tasty
Cream, Friona Star, Cream, Friona Star, D. D.L.'
Thriftway, Ellis-Blackwell Home, Wilhelm T.V. and Appliance Ethridge-Spring, Friona Noon Lions Wrib. Fulgham, Friona State Bank
Club, Frion Sales, Friona Riding
Cablevion Friona Ford Sales, Friona Ridin,
Club, Friona Cablevision and Re
Blackburn.


PRINCIPALS....The three partners in Ells-Blackwell Funerel Home are shown. Left to right are managing partner John Slackwell, Frank Ellis and Frank Ellis III.

## Funeral Home Changes Given

Announcement was made this week
that Frank Ellis and Frank Ellis III of that Frank Ellis and Frank Ellis III of
Muleshoe and John Blackwell of Friona have purchased Percy Persons' interest in Parsons-Ellis Funeral Home.
Blackwell, who moved to Friona in
April of 1980 , will continue to be manager of the funeral home. At the same time, it was announced
hat the name of the funeral home had been changed to Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.
Ellis and Blackwell have been
associated with the local funeral associated with the local funeral
home since 1972, when with Percy Parsons they purchased Jay Parsons move; to Dimmitt in May of 1980, opening a funeral home
"Trey" Ellis is the son of Frank
he business since 1979. He is a
graduate of West Texas State graduate of West Texas Sate
Univesity, and the Dallas Institute of
Mortuary Science Mortuary Science.
Blackwell was bemed was raised in Amarillo. he became associated with Ellis, and has been ever since, exceppt for a year out to attend the Dallas Institute of
Mortuary Science. Blackwell is a g
High School of Amarillo and attended WTSU of two years. His wife J is administrator of Prairie Acres
Nursing Home. They are parents of Nursing Home. They are parents of
two daughters, Melanie, 15, and Marcia, nine.
The Black wells attend the Baptist Church. He is a member of the Friona Noon Lions, is a director for the Chamber of Commerce, is on the The Chamber of Commerce, is on the
Friona Volunteer Fire Department, a

## UCC Celebrating Its

 74th Birthday Locally

## Evangelical and Reformed Churches and the Congregational (Pilgrims)

 and Christian Churches. The United Church of Christ as adenomination is a people of God rich denomination is a people of God rich
in diversity, spirit in diversity, spirit and tradition. That
diversity, spirit and tradition is seen diversity, spirit and rradition in seen
not only in their preent ministries, not only in their present ministries,
but also in their ppest ections. They
selebred the celebrated the first Thankssiving.
they hid the Liberty Bell, they wert they hid the Liberty Bell, they were
the first in America to create a
Mission Board and to send out missionaries At the $11: 00$ service on June 27 , Union Congregational Church, $1600^{\prime}$
Eucid, will have a special service celebrating both the 74 hi anniversary of the local church and the 25ith
anniversary of their denomination

INFRIONA Taylor's Rites Are Held On Tuesday


Letter To The Editor (Editor's note: The following was
submitted by one of our readers, and submitted by one of our readers, and
appeared in the current issue of Better
Homes and Gardens. It expresses our Homes and Gardens. It expresses our
viewpoint as to what would happen if
vie deented to tet the local firew we decided to lot the local firework
display lapse.) Our town didn't have a fireworks
display on the Fourth of July last
year.
The city fathers thought the
$\$ 5.000$ price tag was too high, and the
cleanup was too much extra work for
maintenance workers. Besides that,
 the police chief said the Fourth of
July crowds and traffic were getting So Independence Day came and
too dificult to andle. So Independence Day came and
went. There were the usual activitieswent. There were the usual activities-
-pincics , barbecues, softrall games in
the park, and boating excursions on the river.
But nearly everyone 1 met sensed that something important
missing from the festivities. "It was a little like Christmas without a tree and lights," wrote
newspaper editor Earl Reeves newspaper editor Earl Reeves.
"A boom and a sparkling burst
he night A boom and a sparkling burst in
the night sky may not make a whole
lot of fiscal sense," Earl continued, morale and sense of tradition.".
M Mos of our townspeople appar
agreed with Earl's Most of our townspeople apparently
agreed with Earl's assessment, I know
Idid. Idid.
This year, the city's chief concern
was not to cut costs, but rather to was not to cut costs, but rather to
avoid a repetition of last year's lack-
luster holiday. A bit of extra cash was found,
much more was raised from private much more was raised from private
contributions, and now the whole
town is looking forward to this year's
firer fireworks display.
The episode has helped us all
appreciate the fact that a town needs appreciate the fact that a town need
more than streets and firemen-even
when money is tighi. I hope there'll be some booms and
sparkilig burst sin your town, too, on
this Fourth of July.


Welcome To Friona Churches o Friona's Churches
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County Commissioners' Court Gives Approval For Various Programs


Services Set Sat. For Judy Elam

Graveside services for Judy Lynn Elam, 27, will be held Saturday, June 26, at 3 p.m. in the Parmer County Memorial
Park with Rev. Archie Echols, pastor of the Friona United Methodist Church, officiating. Some of Friona.
Miss Elam was born November 18,1954 in St. Joseph,
Missouri. She had lived in Lubbock for the past. 16 years moving there from Whearridge, Colorado. She died Wednesday, June 23, at 10:20 p.m. in the Lubbock State
Wcheor School.
Survivors include her mother, Mrs. June Kendall of St. Joseph; her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Vendelbee of St. Joseph, Missouri; one sister, Mrs. Linda Barker of Friona; two brothers, Rodney Elam of FFiona; and one step-
brother, Kevin Kendall of St. Joseph, Missouri. Pallbearers will be Tommy Barker, Fred Barker, Jr., Steve Gregory, Ernest Anthony, James Anthony and Mark
Anthony.


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## Horse Show Results Are Given

| Show was held June 12 at the Farwell Rodeo Arena. Several out-of-county <br> The sponsors of the show want to offer a special "Thanks" to the judge, Doyle Stowe; announcer, David George and the secretaries. <br> They also offer a special thanks to the businesses who donated money to help the group. Donating were Friona Production Credit Association, Friona Veterinary Clinic Muleshoe Friona Veterinary Clinic, Muleshoo Animal Clinic, Rip's Western Wear, Worley Mills of Farwell, Security State Bank, Sherley Anderson-Lariat, Friona Wheat Growers, Oklahoma Lane Gin, Oklahoma Lane Farm Supply and the Farwell Fire Department for providing an ambulance and Kent Gast, the driver. <br> Results are as follows: <br> Grand Champion Mare--Ricky Bouldin; Reserve Champion Mare-Lacye Osborn; Parmer County Osborn; Parmer County Reserve Champion Mare--Tiffany Osborn. <br> Grand Champion Gelding-Randy <br> Bouldin; Reserve Champion Gelding- <br> J'Mai Cash; Parmer County Grand <br> Champion Gelding--J'Mai Cash; <br> Parmer County Reserve Champion Gelding.--Dustee Hand Gee. <br> Gelding.-Dustee Hand Gee. <br> Buckle for high point performance- <br> -Marc Johnson, 88 points; J'Mai Cash, 80 points; Kristi Spies, 73 <br> Cash, 80 points; Kristi Spies, 73 points (total points earned in <br> showmanship at halter, western <br> pleasure, horsemanship, reining, and |
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