

FRIONA STAR



Library Is Open!
The Friona Public Library, which has been closed for the past few weeks due to their expansion, is back open and ready for everyone to come by and see how they have grown.

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BOY'S & GIRL'S STATE...The local American Legion Post sends two students to Boy's State and Girl's State each year. Landon Martin and D'Nae Murphree, center, attended last summer. Monday night they were honored with a dinner by the local post, led by Post Commander Joe Bob Mann and auxiliary president Dale Mann.

Banquet Ticket Sales Begin Mon.

Tickets for the 44th annual Chamber Banquet will be on sale starting Monday, March 13. Tickets may be purchased at the Chamber office at 621 Main Street or from any member of the Chamber's board of directors.

Prices for the advance tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$12.00 for students. Tickets purchased at the door will cost \$17.00 for adults and \$14.00 for students.

Wayne Beigle will be speaking at the banquet on Thursday, March 23. This year's theme is "Celebrate the New Century."

K-Bob's of Hereford will be serving prime rib starting at 7 p.m. at the Friona Community Center. Following the meal, awards will be given for Man, Woman, Citizen, Employee, Teacher and Students of the Year.

Those who purchase tickets to the banquet will be eligible to enter a drawing for two round trip tickets from Southwest Airlines. Ticket holders will be asked to sign their names on the backs of the tickets. The tickets will be collected at the door and then dropped into a bucket for the drawing later in the evening.

Call the Chamber office at 250-3491 for more information.

LAST WEEK someone asked me who I was going to support in the Sheriff's race. How stupid do I look? We aren't giving out that sort of information. Here's why.... This is a small town in a small county, and nearly half the population is related in some way to the other half. People tend to get their feelings hurt and hold grudges for years.

"MY TURN"

By Carol Ellis



Regardless of who wins any of these local races, we (meaning this newspaper) must be prepared to work with those persons in the future in order to bring our readers the news of what is going on in your local and county government.

Say, for instance, Mr. X and Mr. Y were both running for the same office and the newspaper went out on a limb to endorse Mr. X. But on voting day, Mr. Y won the race and took the oath of office. Mr. Y would not have particularly warm feelings toward the local paper, since they had endorsed his opponent. So anytime a reporter from the paper showed up to ask him for facts concerning local news events, Mr. Y might just have a tendency to clam up and say nothing at all. Quite often you would be reading this statement in your paper: "Mr. Y was unavailable for comment at this time."

Only the larger city newspapers have the freedom to endorse local candidates. However, all state and federal political happenings are fair game for newspapers of any size. In fact, candidates on the state and federal levels anticipate having to work with people from newspapers, large and small, and they do their best to keep an open rapport with them. In fact, they usually tell us they don't care what we say about them, just so we spell their names right.

Elections of the past two decades have proven that Parmer County folks lean mostly toward the right and tend to vote Republican. It is difficult to stay in the middle of the road, when so many decisions made by our governmental leaders greatly affect our lives and the future of our children.

For the past seven years, we conservatives have had to try to make the most of a bad situation in our nation's White House. In the pages of your local newspaper, we've tried to lighten up the situation a bit with jokes and innuendos which have come to be known as "Clinton Bashing." Gosh, we're going to miss making fun of the amoral Bill and Hill when they leave office in January next year. We've never had such wild, wacky, way-out material to work with in the past, and they deserve everything we've dished out. We can only hope the person who takes over the next presidency, will return some dignity to our highest office.

To those of you who are already busy getting out your pen and paper to write me (or Ron) another of your pious-puss, holier-than-thou, we-all-make-mistakes, anonymous unsigned letters. I have this to say to you: GET A LIFE! I think it is better to try to find some humor in a bad spot than to grumble, moan and cry about it.

As you head out to your precincts next Tuesday to vote, remember; not all fairy tales begin with "Once upon a time." Some of them begin with "After I'm elected."

It's going to be a rough campaign between now and November, so here's one more Clinton joke while we still have him in office to make fun of. When Clinton was asked what he thought about foreign affairs, he said "I don't know. I never had one."

GOOD TURNOUT EXPECTED

Sheriff's Race Tops Primary Vote Tues.

The race for Parmer County Sheriff has energized the early vote to an all-time primary record turnout, giving indication of a record total vote at next Tuesday's Republican primary.

Incumbent Walt Yerger is opposed by Friona Police Chief Randy Geries. Both men live in Friona.

Adding to the participation in the GOP primary is the Precinct 1 race where incumbent commissioner Johnny Tannahill has drawn opposition from challenger Kirk Frye.

Neither race has opposition in the Democratic

party, and with no contested local races on the Demo ballot, this is another reason officials expect a possible record vote overall, and a definite high for the Republican primary.

Yerger, 53, has 30 years' experience in the field of law, and has served as Parmer Co. Sheriff for the past three years. He was first appointed by the commissioners to replace Rex Williams when he resigned the spot, then won election to a two-year term (completing Williams' term) in 1998.

During his time in office, Yerger has targeted illegal drugs—particularly narcotics. "We have had a number of seizures of drug money that has paid for our cars and a crime scene unit that haven't cost the taxpayers anything," Yerger said.

He pointed out that the county jail occupancy was averaging about four per day when he took office, and at this time it is averaging about 16 per day.

Yerger came to Friona in 1994 and spent a year and a half as captain in the Friona Police Department. He began his law career March 1, 1970 with the Amarillo Police Department.

While with the Amarillo PD, Yerger worked with virtually every division, and was a charter member of the APD's Special Crimes Unit. He had attained the rank of detective sergeant.

Yerger next spent four years as Chief of Police for the Amarillo College police force, and also taught classes for AC in the college's Police Academy. Yerger also served as guest lecturer at West Texas A&M's Political Science Department.

During the above time period, Yerger earned a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Wayland Baptist University, plus a master's

degree in political science from WTA&M University.

Yerger also logged 18 months with the Hemphill County's Sheriff's Department. Yerger and his wife Evelyn live at 1601 West Seventh Street in Friona.

Geries, 39, is a Parmer County native. He started school at Bovina and graduated high school at Farwell. He has a bachelor's degree from West Texas State University, and a master's certification in law enforcement from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Education.

Geries joined the Friona Police Department in 1991, and became Chief in 1995. Previously, he worked with the Canyon Police Department, and also with the Randall County Sheriff's Department. While there he worked in the homicide division of the Special Crimes Unit.

He worked with the Parmer Co. Sheriff's Department for a year prior to coming to the Friona Police Department.

"We have some serious problems in Parmer County, and I hope to address them. I feel that we have improved the technology and law enforcement with the Friona P.D., and hope to do that with the sheriff's department," he said.

"My roots are here. This is home, and I believe I'll be the people's choice," he added.

Geries and his family live in Friona. He is married to the former Sarah Mears. Their children are Mandy, 15, Amy, 13, Andrea, 12, and Ryan, 10, who attend Friona schools.



MASONS REMEMBERED Texas Public Schools Week by providing donuts to all local teachers last Monday morning. Masonic Lodge members Floyd Reeve and Larry Knowles tempt high school assistant principal Becky Riethmayer.

Polling Places For March 14 Primaries

Here is a list of the polling places for the Democratic and Republican Primaries in Parmer County on March 14, 2000.

(See map of Friona's Voting Precincts on Page 3)

PRECINCT	LOCATION
101	Calvary Baptist Church
201	Bovina EMS Bldg.
202	Friona Community Center
203	Rhea Community Center
301	Farwell Community Center
302	Oklahoma Methodist
303	Bovina Ridgelea School
401	Lazbuddie School
402	Fire Station-Friona

Council Approves Sealcoat Budget and Sets Elections

The City Council of Friona met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 6 in the council chambers at city hall.

Mayor Monroe called the meeting to order. Members present were Aldermen John Taylor, Mark Osborn, Mark Neill, and Jim Atwell. The invocation was given by Mayor Monroe.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The council considered a trailer house variance request for property located at 505 Cleveland. The property is owned by Mary Madrigal who had permission to place a trailer there but had moved the trailer off the property last November.

Presently, Mr. Cosme Moralez wants to purchase the lot and place a trailer house on it. All of the required signatures were obtained for the variance.

Atwell made a motion to approve the trailer house variance, Neill seconded and the motion carries 4/0.

The council then considered on the second reading an ordinance prohibiting "jake brakes" in the city limits. One member of the public spoke to the council on the issue, voicing concern that there are some legal jake brakes that do not make the noise that the illegal ones do.

Taylor made a motion to

approve the ordinance on the second reading prohibiting "Jake Brakes" in the city limits of Friona. Seconded by Osborn and approved 4/0.

After review of the month's accounts payable for February, Taylor moved to approve them for payment, Atwell seconded, carried 4/0.

The council considered a resolution calling for a joint election with FISSD on May 6, 2000. Council approved the resolution calling for a joint election with Friona ISD and to appoint the election judges.

City engineer Dave Charest addressed the council about this year's sealcoat program. He stated that because of the bid price of \$0.613 per square yard, the total amount for the yardage selected will put the project over budget by approximately \$2,710.

He stated the increase was due mainly to the higher price of asphalt and diesel. Taylor made a motion to sealcoat all of the yardage selected and approve the increase in the budget by \$2,710. Osborn seconded and the council approved 4/0.

Charest then gave a report on the recent tank cleaning at the North Well Field and the progress at the assisted living project. Police Chief Geries then gave a brief police report. The meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.

Trial Date Set In King's Suit Against Friona ISD

In a hearing on Monday, March 6, 287th District Court Judge Gordon Green upheld a temporary injunction against Friona ISD which allows FHS senior Nathan King to remain on the school's baseball team.

Earlier in the day, FISSD attorneys had argued that the King's lawsuit against the school board and the school district should not be in the court's jurisdiction.

They contended that grievances against disciplinary actions by a school district should proceed through the Texas Education Agency all the way to the State Education Commissioner before court action is allowed.

Dee and Cindy King and son Nathan filed the suit against the school trustees and certain coaches and administrators on February 7. The suit seeks unspecified monetary damages from the defendants and injunctive relief to allow Nathan King to be reinstated to spring athletics, i.e. baseball.

The suit contends that Nathan King was barred from athletics last December based on "hearsay" by basketball coach Hayden Merket that King had been ticketed by sheriff's deputies for minor in possession of alcohol.

When Nathan King refused to take the punishment provided for in the school's athletic code, one week's suspension and five days of "rolls", he was suspended from basketball and spring athletics.

A temporary injunction by the court reinstated him in time for the final two basketball games and baseball.

The school district contended that the court did not have jurisdiction to

overrule the school's disciplinary actions.

In a two-day hearing on February 21-22, the court kept the injunction in place and Nathan King remained on the baseball squad.

In the hearing last Monday, Judge Green once again ruled that the King's lawsuit would remain in his jurisdiction and set a trial date the week of September 25 for the damages issue.

Green heard arguments from school attorneys, who are from the Texas Association of School Boards office in Dallas, that Nathan King should not be allowed to remain in spring athletics. They said that the court did not have authority to overrule a coach's disciplinary decision at this local level.

To complicate the proceedings, it was brought out at the March 6 hearing that Nathan King was seen smoking on March 1 which is also a violation of the athletic code. King admitted to smoking at least three different times since the February 21 court hearing.

The school said this recent violation and the previous disciplinary problem should dissolve the injunction and remove King from the baseball program.

Judge Green disagreed and ruled in favor of the plaintiffs. King will be required to accept the school's punishment for the smoking incident which is one week's suspension from baseball and 5 days of rolls. King had agreed to the punishment during the hearing.

At press time it was unknown whether the school district will appeal on their motion to dissolve the injunction.

Mickey Mingus Is Buried On Monday

Funeral services for Lloyd C. "Mickey" Mingus, 75, were conducted Monday, March 6, at First Baptist Church of Friona, with Rev. Joe Hub Collier, retired minister, officiating.

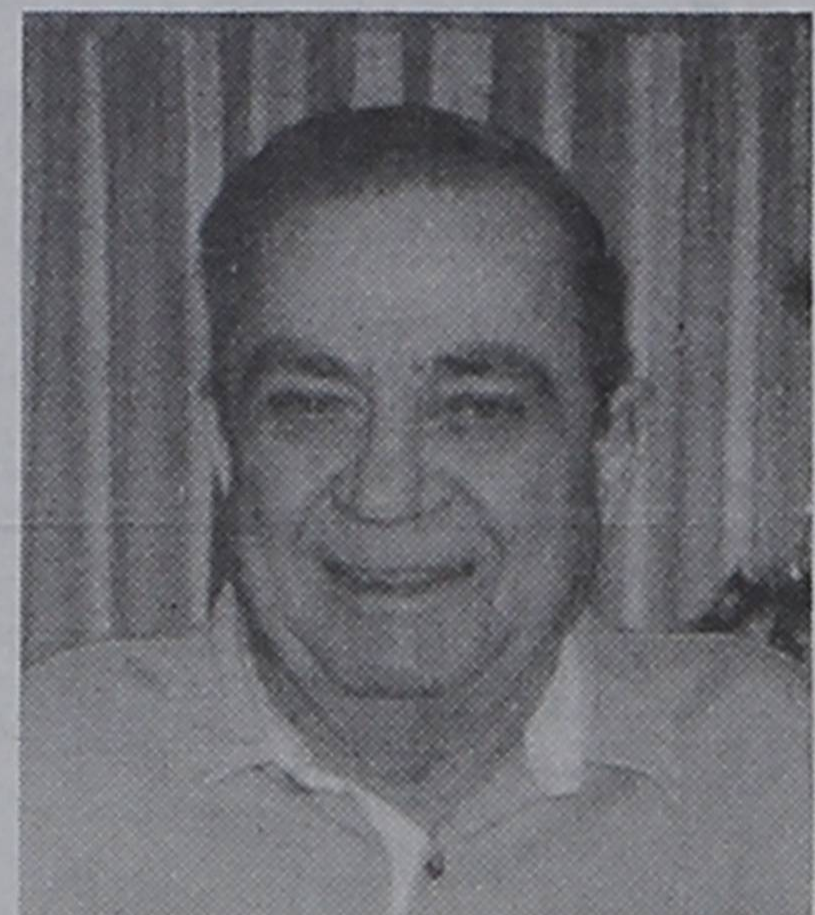
Burial was at Friona Cemetery, under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Mingus passed away Saturday, March 4 at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo, following a lengthy illness.

He was born February 4, 1925 at Arnett, Oklahoma, but moved with his parents, G.L. and Ethel Mingus, to a farm south of Friona when Lloyd was 11 months old. He went to San Francisco after attending Friona schools, and worked in the Richmond Shipyards.

Mingus was drafted into the U.S. Marines, and served in the Marine Corps from 1943 to 1946 during World War II. He was presented the Purple Heart during his tour of duty with the Marines. After his discharge, he returned to Friona, purchased some land adjacent to his father's place and continued to farm.

He married Mildred Watkins on August 6, 1947, in Carlsbad, N.M.



MICKEY MINGUS

He had been a member of First Baptist Church of Friona, and the American Legion Post 206. He had been presented his 50-year pin from the American Legion.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred of the home; a son, Gary L. Mingus and wife Suzi and daughters Carly, Kimberly and Christy of Amarillo, a daughter, Janet Rose and husband Fred of Ennis; two sisters, Mildred Agee and Elsie Allen, both of Friona.

Pallbearers were Bill White, Ted White, Ben Osborn, Chris Ingram, Chris Sanders and Billy Wayne Sisson.

Letters To The Editor

Friona Star
Friona, Tx. 79035
Dear Bill:

It was so nice of you to take the time to drop me a note concerning (FHS) basketball in 1932-33-34. I well remember Russell "Rusty" Loflin. I can just see him dribbling that ball down the court. We were very dear friends. He has passed away.

He was married to A.B. Short's daughter, Virginia (Sis). She lives in Colorado. One of the little articles about the W.M.U. meeting had my mother's name in it. It sparked very many memories. I well remember "Uncle" John White, the first Star publisher. We were all so poor

during the depression. I hope I can make the school reunion in September.

Thanks again,
Bennah (Burton) Pratt

Editor:
To the person/persons who threw their beer cans out and trashed the street and yards by our house and neighborhood--

Did you not know there is a trailer by the police department where one can take their cans to help with the senior class party? Please take more pride in keeping our city beautiful.

Verna Patton
Friona, Tx.

FRIONA FLASHBACKS

...from the files of The Friona Star

70 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 14, 1930

Postmaster J.A. Guyer received word this week from the post office department in Washington, D.C. that the application for a new rural route out of Friona to the northwest had been granted by the department, and that the service will begin on July 1 this year. The route will be a little less than 62 miles, and will be carried just three times a week on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

60 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 15, 1940

Dr. Mann will be here during the Easter holidays, and will repeat the tonsillectomy clinic such as he conducted in December. The work done here during the Christmas holidays resulted in 16 tonsillectomies and four or five circumcisions. Fees are \$15 for a tonsillectomy and \$5 for a circumcision.

55 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 16, 1945

The Friona Squaws, district basketball champions for the past two years, won third place in the girls' state tournament at Hillsboro last week, chalking up three victories to one defeat.

G.B. (Pete) Buske lost some fingers on his right hand last Friday while grinding feed for his stock. He was taken to the hospital in Clovis for surgical treatment and is reported as getting along all right.

50 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 10, 1950

Friona State Bank was open for business Monday in its new \$50,000 quarters for the first time, after celebrating a most successful open house last Saturday. Frank A. Spring, cashier and director, said that more than one thousand visitors trekked through the new building on Saturday. The moving of the bank from the old two-story building on Fifth Street marks the passing of another era of Friona history.

45 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 11, 1955

Development of the White-way Addition in northwest Friona as an immediate housing project was assured this week by an Amarillo developing group and W.H. Flippin, Jr., who is selling the property to them. To operate here as Friona Building Company, the concern is headed by K.S. Reynolds, Roy Hunnicutt and E.E. Warnick. The property to be developed is north of Highway 60, between the highway and 15th Street, and to the north and west of Farmer County Community Hospital.

40 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 10, 1960

Unleashing a torrid attack that could not be repelled, the Friona Squaws defeated both opponents in the regional tournament held in Chapman Field House in Lubbock Saturday to win a berth in the Class AA state championship playoffs beginning Friday night in Gregory Gymnasium in Austin. The Squaws will meet the Bowie High School girls Friday at 7:30 p.m.

35 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 11, 1965

This weekend the Friona High School Squaws are competing in the state basketball tournament for the fourth time in six years, and tenth in all. However, this trip will be a new experience for the Squaws, who are for the first time making the tournament appearance as defending champions. Friona downed Spearman, 54-33, and Grandbury, 49-45, to gain the state meet.

25 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 9, 1975

Landowners who will be involved in needed right-of-way for the widening of the middle portion of State Highway 214 between Hub and Clay's Corner will meet with District Engineer Rhea Bradley of the Texas Highway Department and the Farmer County Commissioners Monday.

Construction continued full pace on the overpass which is spanning Santa Fe Railway south of Friona on Highway 214.

Dedication ceremonies for Friona's second historical marker will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 9, commemorating the site of Friona's first church building, the old Union Congregational Church.

20 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 9, 1980

Friona's oldest resident, "Aunt Della" Osborn celebrated her 100th birthday on Wednesday, March 5. She was honored with a party by her friends and relatives at Prairie Acres.

Friona Ambulance Service was called to Friona Feed-yard Friday morning where Jake Perea had his hand caught in a grain auger.

15 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 10, 1985

Central Plains Mental Health/Mental Retardation Center is proud to announce the opening of the Farmer County Counseling Center in Friona at 508 Cleveland Street.

Glenn Reeve, Ron Cain and Joe Reeve have purchased Cortese Oil Company from Mike Cortese. Cortese is retaining Cortese Engine Service.

10 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 10, 1990

Julia Warren won the "Best of Show" award for the high school Science Fair. Miss Warren's project was in the chemistry division.

The sale totals for the 1990 Farmer County Jr. Livestock Show hit what may be an all-time high, a grand total of \$87,314.

5 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 11, 1995

Hi-Pro Feeds has begun an expansion of the company's storage facilities in Friona, which will add 10,000 square feet of storage space, according to company chief Jack Hamill.

Friona's seventh grade boys basketball team won the district championship by going undefeated with a 13-0 record.

This is the first time a Friona seventh grade boys basketball team has gone undefeated since 1970.

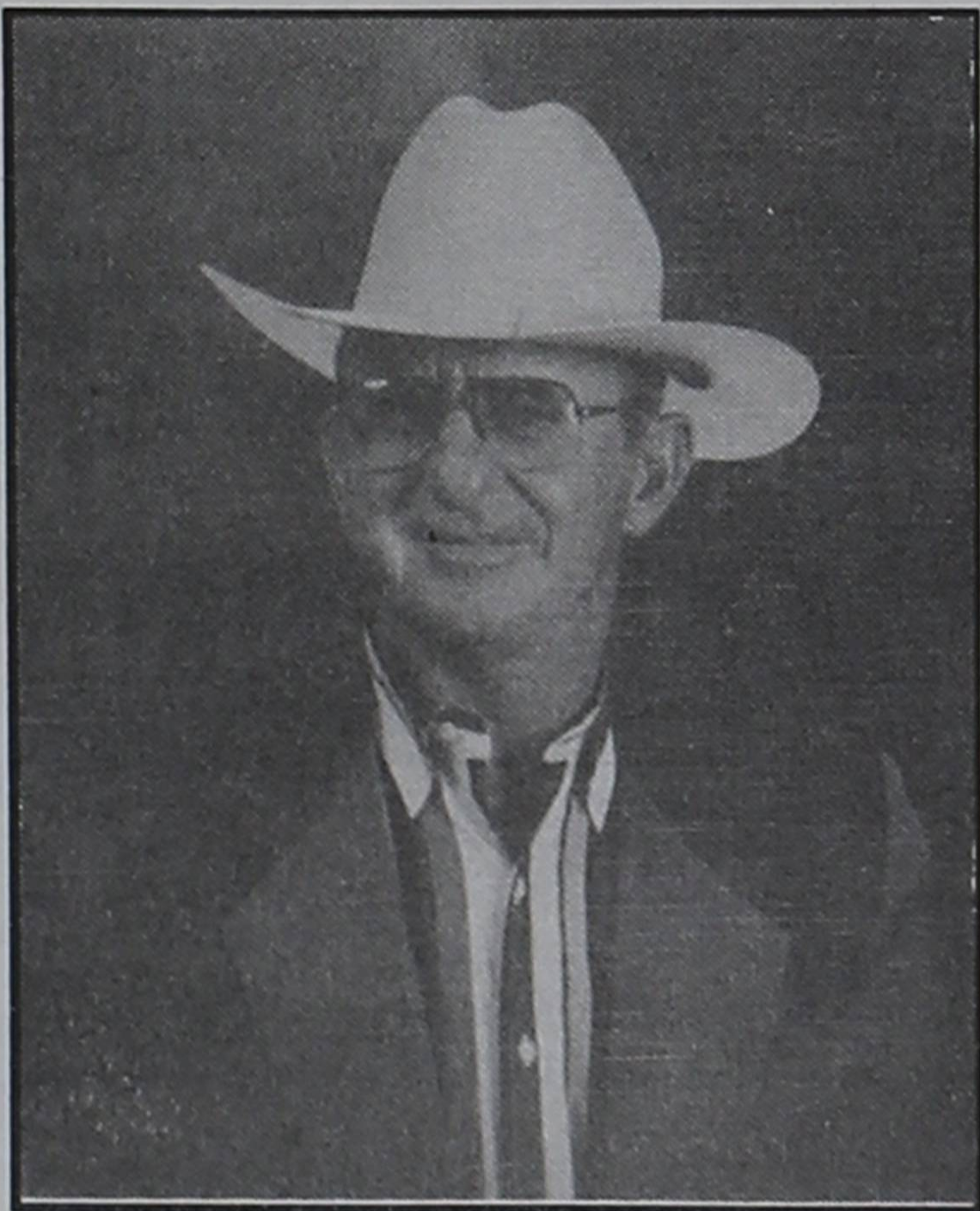
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HE'S WORKING IN YOUR INTEREST -- YOUR VOTE AND SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED!

(Pd. Pol. Adv. by candidate)

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**Local People
Local Decisions
Local Commitment
Local Investment**

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Friona State Bank has been making investments in and around Friona since 1919.



Mac Langford
Vice President
Employee Since Oct. 1988

As our boss says we invest in people and in people's dreams. We invest in farmers, local merchants, and you. We make small and large loans. We loan money for new homes and home improvement or remodeling of home and/or offices. We invest in your pleasure too. We help you buy new cars and pickups. There is no loan too small or large if the qualificatins are met.

Friona State Bank believes in Friona and wants to help make it grow and prosper. That means helping you. A REAL COMMUNITY BANK invests in their community by helping to meet the financial needs of those who live and work in the community.

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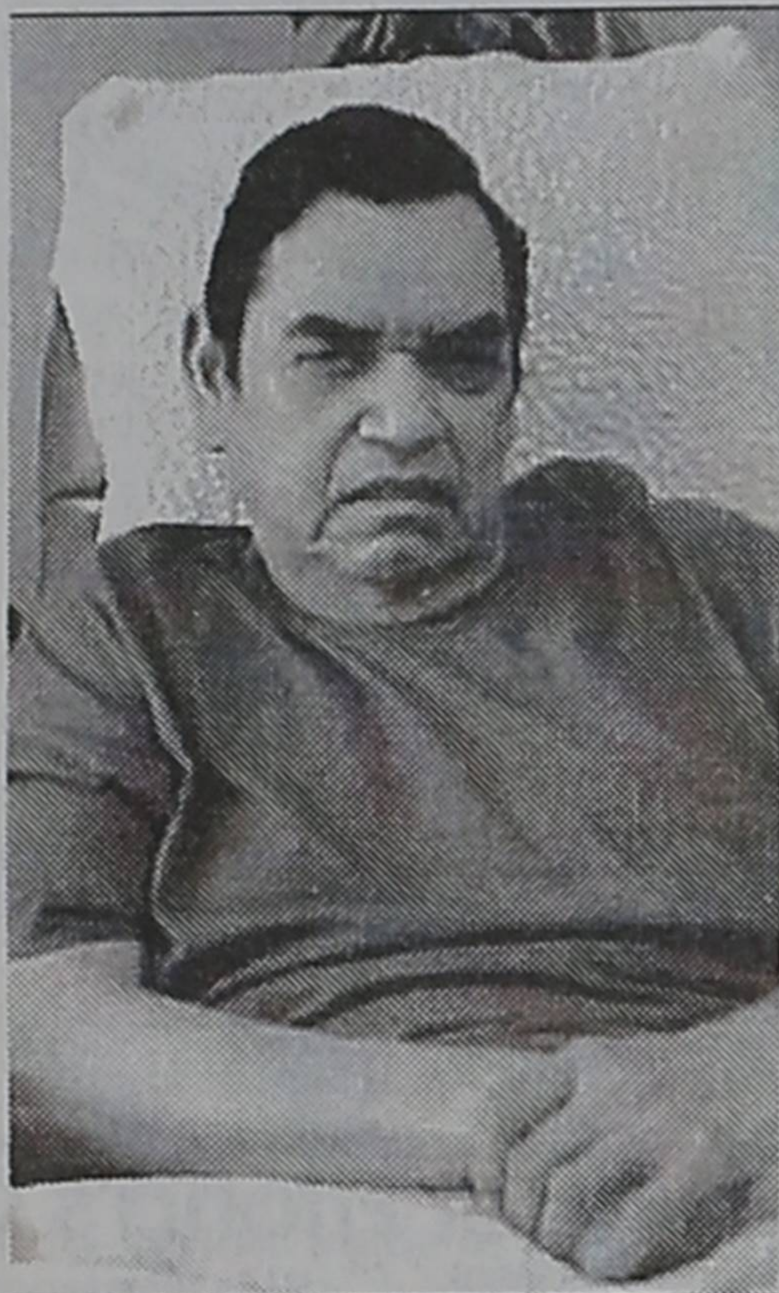




FRAMING WORK is underway on Friona's assisted living complex, "Friona Heritage Estates," giving an idea of what the new facility will look like. Located adjacent to Prairie Acres, the facility has a waiting list that could fill it up when complete. (r. carr)

Newsletter Features Cumpian

Every month a Prairie Acres resident submits a story about his/her life's history to for the home's newsletter, "The Prairie Times." This month we feature Leandro Torres Cumpian.



LEANDRO CUMPIAN

The family moved to Muleshoe, Texas in 1954. Leandro worked as a farmer at the age of 20 and went back to Navasota to get married to Tommie Aguilar on January 27, 1963 at our Lady of Guadalupe. They moved to Littlefield and had two sons, Leandro, Jr., born April 5, 1965 and Christopher born November 6,

1968. After fourteen years of marriage, they divorced on June 27, 1977.

Leandro's father passed away on March 13, 1984.

Leandro has four sisters, six brothers, five half-sisters and four half-brothers. He is known as "Lee" to his family and friends.

Lee's hobbies were singing, dancing, cooking and shooting pool. He liked joking around with others, likes to be alone and doesn't like being around crowds.

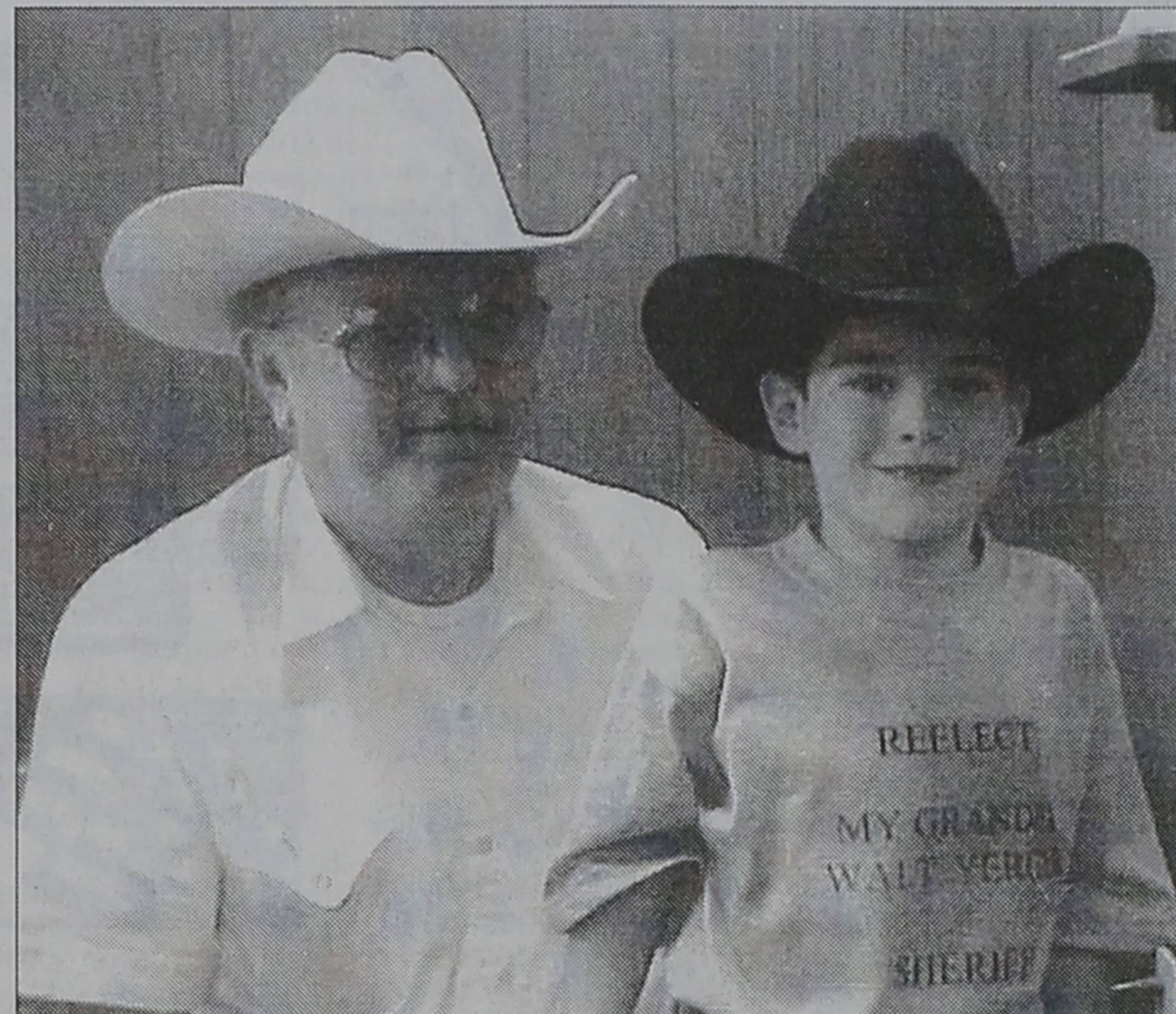
American Stroke Association.

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It keeps more than memories alive.

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION MEMORIALS & TRIBUTES

Zachary Gillespie of Friona, Texas Says 'Please RE-ELECT My Grandpa, WALT YERGER, For PARMER COUNTY SHERIFF.'



VOTE IN THE REPUBLICAN PRIMARY TUESDAY, MARCH 14

(Pd. Pol. Adv.)

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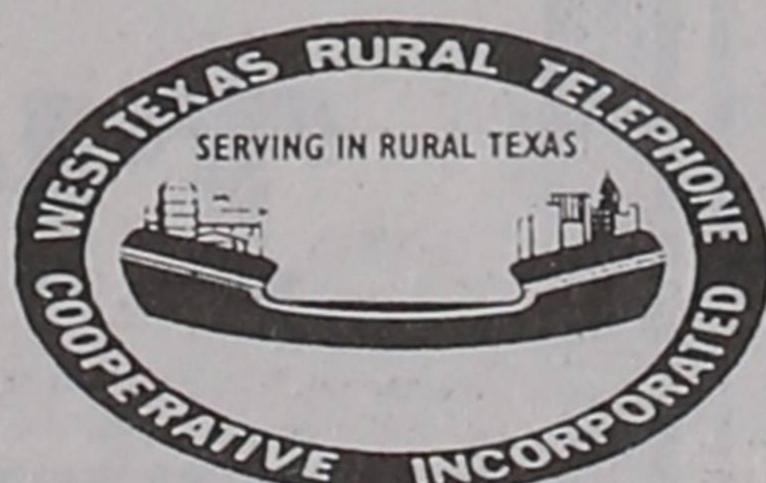
Plan now to attend the West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Annual Meeting
 Tuesday, March 21, 2000
 Hereford Bull Barn
 Hereford, Texas

A meal will be served for all present and numerous door prizes will be given away. Registration and dinner will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m. with the business session getting underway at 7:00 p.m.

There will be an election of three directors from the following nominees:

- HUB: Mr. Charles Myers, Jr. and Mr. Terry Copley
- PARMER: Mr. Floyd Schueler
- DAWN: Mr. Dick Fellers and Mr. Harold Sides



West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.



Out Here

By Ron Carr

"If You Don't Vote, Don't Gripe!"

The Saturday before Easter is officially observed as Confederate Flag Day in the state of Arkansas.

In case you have forgotten, Arkansas was the home state of impeached president Billy Jeff Clinton before he and his lovely bride Hill Rod bought a bungalow in New York State.

(For those of you who are thinking about not reading anymore of this week's column because it looks like it is going to be about Billy Jeff and Hill Rod again, thanks for tuning in and we'll see you next week I hope.)

I wouldn't be talking about politics this week but Tuesday is primary voting day in Texas. How this and future elections turn out will directly affect your personal life, so please go vote.

If you don't vote, then don't gripe about what we write.

I want you to listen to me. I am going to say this one more time. Billy Jeff, Algore, Hill Rod and all the rest of the Democrats want to control all of your life through bigger government.

And it does not matter what they have to do to stay in power: lie, cheat, steal, flip-flop on issues, whatever. The Democratic campaign against George W. will be vicious and nasty. Algore will attack him from all areas of his personal and political life.

Now back to the Confederate Flag. It has been a big deal to some in South Carolina. Billy Jeff and Algore and Dollar Bill Bradley have all meddled in South Carolina's business and told them they should get rid of their Confederate flags.

Yet in the state of

Arkansas where Billy Jeff's adult-only presidential library will be located, there is an official state holiday called Confederate Flag Day when all Arkansans are supposed to fly Confederate flags.

I heard this week that W. is even considering taking the plaques off the State Capitol that have some tiny Confederate flags on them.

Last week, Billy Jeff went to Selma, Alabama, to participate in a ceremonial walk across the bridge that was the scene of a similar march 35 years ago.

The peaceful protesters then were mostly black and they were on a 50-mile march to Montgomery, Alabama, when Selma police beat them up and stopped the march.

President Lyndon Johnson stepped in with troops and two weeks later, Martin Luther King led the 50-mile march all the way to Montgomery.

There is no doubt that there was racial prejudice, racism and violence in the 1960s and before. It was terrible and vicious and many of us are ashamed of that period in history.

While Billy Jeff was in Selma last week, he actually told the crowd that the march in Selma made it possible for people like him and Jimmy Carter (both from the South, both Democrats) to become president of America.

In New York, a jury of 8 whites and 4 blacks acquitted the four white police officers that killed Amadou Diallo, a black man from Nigeria. They fired 41 shots and hit the poor guy 19 times when he was reaching for a wallet that they said they thought was a gun. But the jury

acquitted them. That is the way our system works. Ask O. J.

Billy Jeff took the microphone in another of his fund-raising trips to California and said that if the white officers had encountered a white man in a white neighborhood, they would not have shot him.

Whether that is fact or conjecture is beside the point. The president of America has no business fanning the flames of modern day racism for racist black leaders like Al Sharpton and the Rev. Jesse Jackson.

But then, Billy Jeff and his cronies don't think much of the American justice system anyway.

In a recent tragic and pathetic incident, a 7-year-old black boy took a gun from the squalid house he lived in, took it to school and shot a 6 year-old white girl classmate.

The next day, a black man in Pittsburgh methodically shot five white persons, three of whom died. In his apartment police found all kinds of "white hate" material. One of his victims was a 71-year-old white fellow that was having his morning breakfast at McDonald's.

Pennsylvania prosecutors plan to charge him with "hate crimes" which should make the families of his victims feel much better.

After neither of these instances did the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Al Sharpton, or Billy Jeff call for new regulations that would eliminate discrimination against white victims.

There are already laws covering all these incidents. I guess we could have a law that says it is against the law to break a law. Come to think of it, we already have

that one too don't we?

All Billy Jeff could offer was to put gun locks on every gun in America, enact a few more so-called gun control laws, and accuse the Republicans of being hard-hearted and insensitive to the gun problem in America.

They want to take away handguns. (Truth is Algore wants to take away all guns.) Handguns are evil. Tell that to the families of the firemen and the deputy sheriff in Memphis that were murdered with a shotgun this week.

There is no gun problem in America. There is a serious people problem. People who keep falling for the Democratic mantra that they will take care of all that is troubling you so you will never have to worry again.

Vote Tuesday, while you still have some rights. If you don't vote, don't gripe!

USDA Sets Cotton Aid

Rep. Larry Combest (R-TX) is pleased to announce that the U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced plans to release approximately \$74 million in funding to help farmers and ginners offset losses from last year's low cottonseed prices.

The payment proposal was included in the final spending bill passed by Congress last October which gave the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, Dan Glickman, special authority to provide financial assistance to producers or first-handlers of the 1999 cottonseed crop. Cottonseed prices plummeted last year due to the excessive supply of worldwide oilseeds, causing many producers to suffer costly ginning charges.



A PAIR OF LUCILLES were selected for recognition for the month of March at Prairie Acres. Shown are employee-of-the-month Lucille Trevino and resident-of-the-month Lucille Rockey.

Immunization Clinics Are Set For March

Immunization clinics offering vaccines that give your children protection against several childhood diseases are scheduled in the area for March.

Protection will be against polio, diphtheria, lockjaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (Haemophilus Influenzae Type B) and varicella (chickenpox). Influenza vaccine and pneumococcal vaccine are now available.

The Texas Department of Health is charging fees to

help with the cost of keeping the clinic open.

The amount of money charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay.

The vaccinations are available at the WIC Office, 607 Main Street in Friona, Friday, March 17 from 10 a.m.-12 noon and 1-3:45 p.m.

Vaccinations will also be administered at the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Office, 109 East Third Street in Bovina, Monday, March 13 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

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'Phone Co-op Sets Annual Meeting

Patrons of West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative will come together to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the incorporation of their Cooperative, and will elect three directors at the annual meeting of the membership at 6 p.m. March 21, at the Hereford Bull Barn.

This year's meeting comes a few weeks in advance of the actual 50th anniversary date of the incorporation of WTRT on May 5, 1950. Special commemorative favors will be presented to members in attendance in recognition of the anniversary.

Proceedings get underway promptly at 6 p.m. with a catered supper and the business meeting is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

The terms of office of incumbent directors Charles Myers Jr. of the Hub exchange, Floyd Schueler of the Parmer exchange, and Dick Fellers of the Dawn exchange are expiring this spring. All three incumbents are standing for re-election.

Schueler will be unopposed in his bid for another term as the Parmer exchange director. Harold Sides will be a candidate for the Dawn exchange board seat held by Fellers, and Terry Copley will be a candidate for the Hub exchange seat held by Myers.

In keeping with WTRT bylaws, all of the candidates were named by the Cooperative's nominating committee at their meeting on February 5 at the Hereford Country Club.

Fellers, born and raised in Deaf Smith County, first came to the Cooperative board as Dawn director in 1984 and has served as board president, vice-president, and secretary. He and his wife, Pamela and their sons Randy and Will are active in farming and livestock operations in the Dawn area. Fellers has served as a member of the board of directors of the First State Bank of Happy. He and Pam have four grandchildren.

Schueler is currently serving as president of the WTRT board of directors. He has served as the Parmer exchange directors since 1985.

A native of Parmer County, he farms in the Rhea community and has served as a member and officer of the Rhea/Hollene Volunteer Fire Department.

He and his wife, Glenda, are the parents of two daughters. They have eight grandchildren and four great-grandsons.

Myers has served as the Hub exchange director since 1973. He has held board offices including president, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer. He is a Parmer County grain and cotton farmer.

Myers served on the Economic Development and Finance committees of the National Telephone Cooperative Association during his tenure with the board, and is currently a member of the NTCA's Education Committee.

Charles is a member of the board of directors of the Parmer County Farm Bureau. He and his wife, Loree, grew up at Lamesa, where they farmed for a number of years before coming to Parmer County. They have a grown son and daughter, six grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Copley, 49, grew up at Muleshoe, where he graduated from high school. He operates Terry Copley Construction and T&S Concrete in Friona. He had previously worked with Panhandle Concrete in Friona for 23 years, and was engaged in hog production southeast of Friona for a number of years.

He has worked with youth in livestock projects and in the 4-H program over the years. His wife, Vickie, works as a typesetter and layout compositionist at the Friona Star.

Sides, 47, grew up at Vega and is a graduate of Vega High School. He and his wife, Shirley, have farming and livestock interests in the Dawn area with their sons, Brandon and Jason. They also have a son, Brent, a resident of Austin, and a daughter, Crystal, who will graduate from North Texas University this spring.

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Caprock Industries Supports Area's Life Saver Food Bank

The local Cowbelle group of women involved in the beef industry have issued a challenge for cattle feeders to donate beef to the area food bank. The project began as a cooperative effort between Caprock Industries of Bovina, Life Saver Food Bank of Eastern New Mexico and West Texas, Brian's Custom Processing of Clovis and Curry County.

When Caprock Industries considers an animal unacceptable for the "feed out" operation, it is transported to Brian's Custom Processing for

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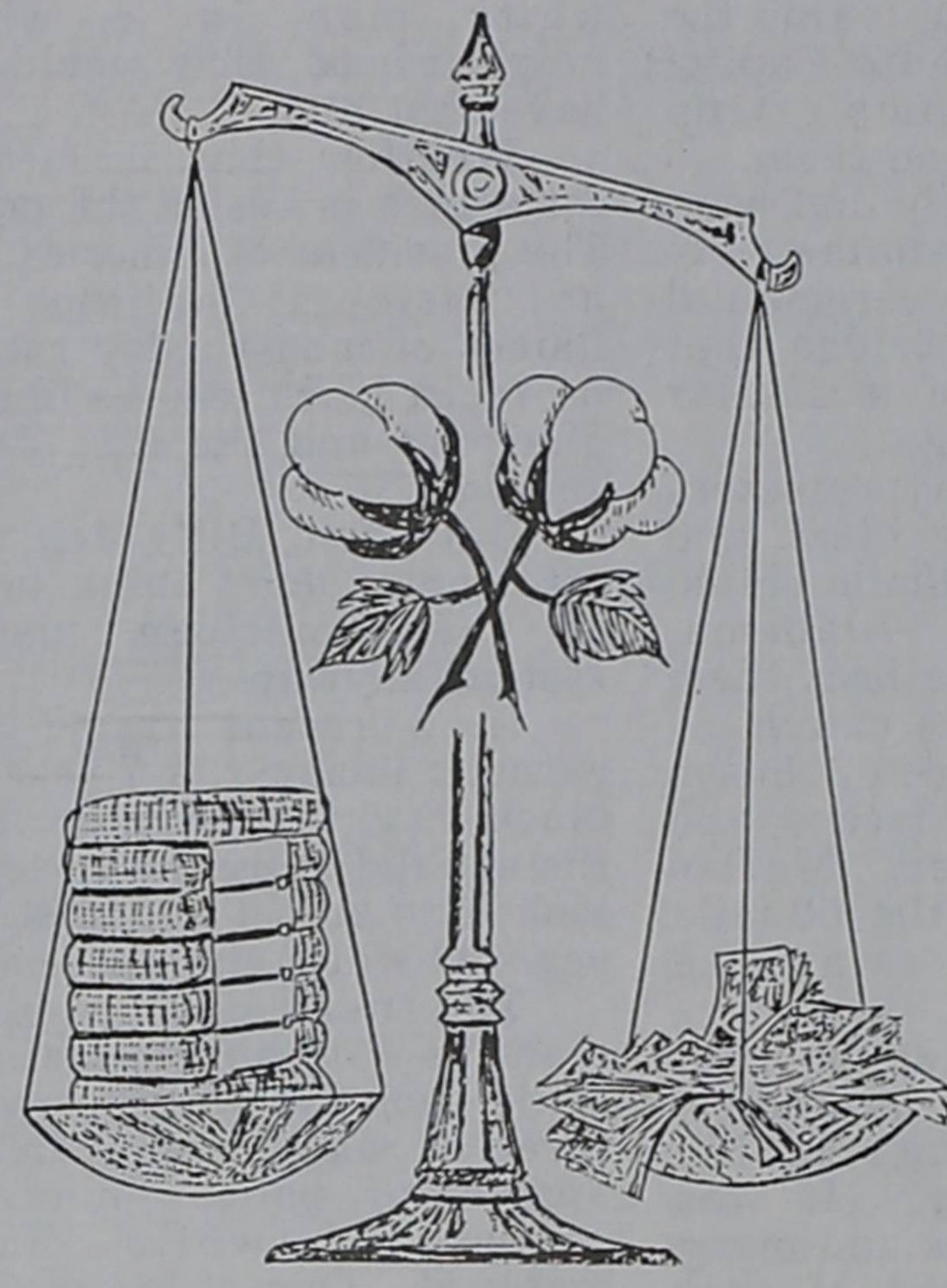
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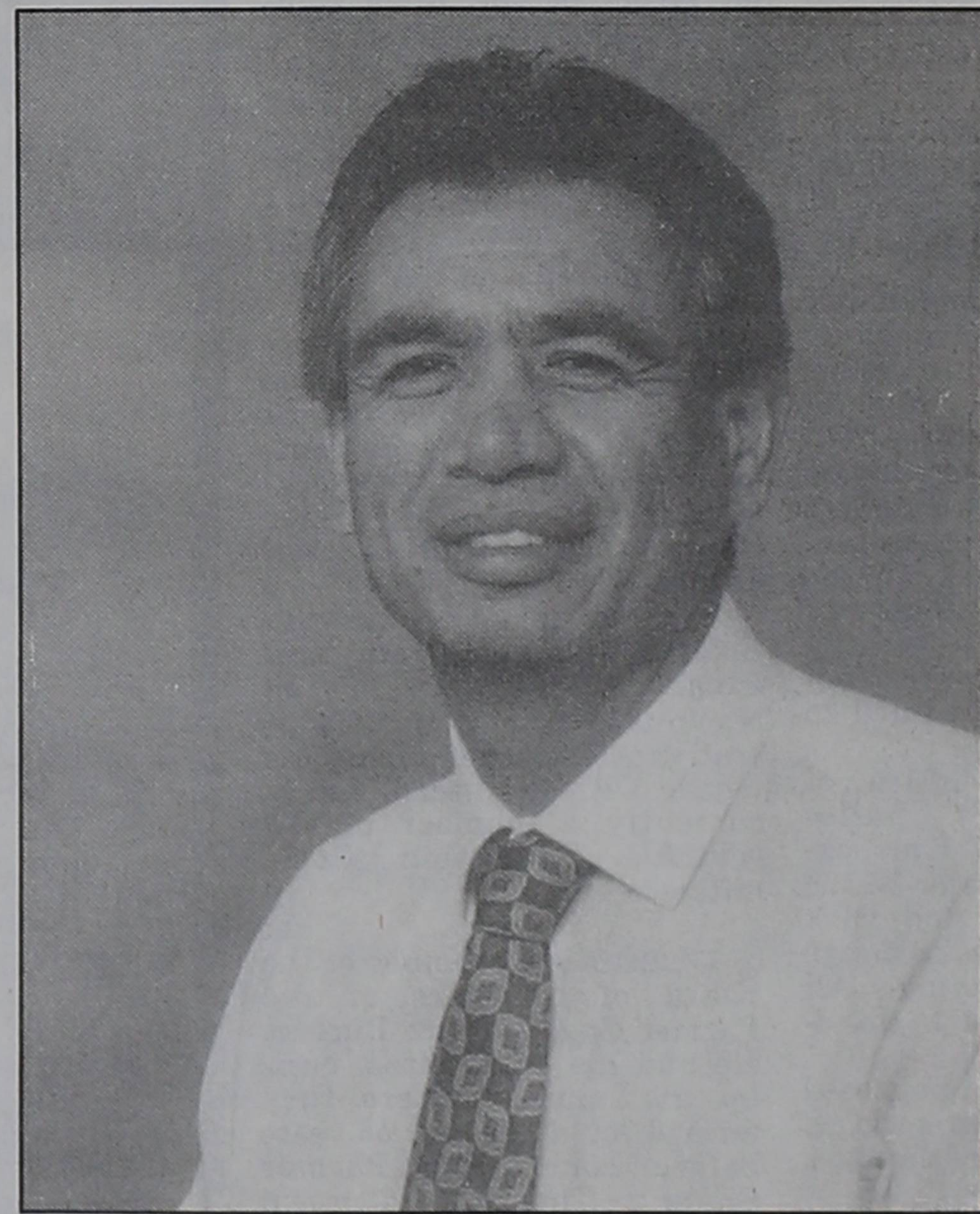
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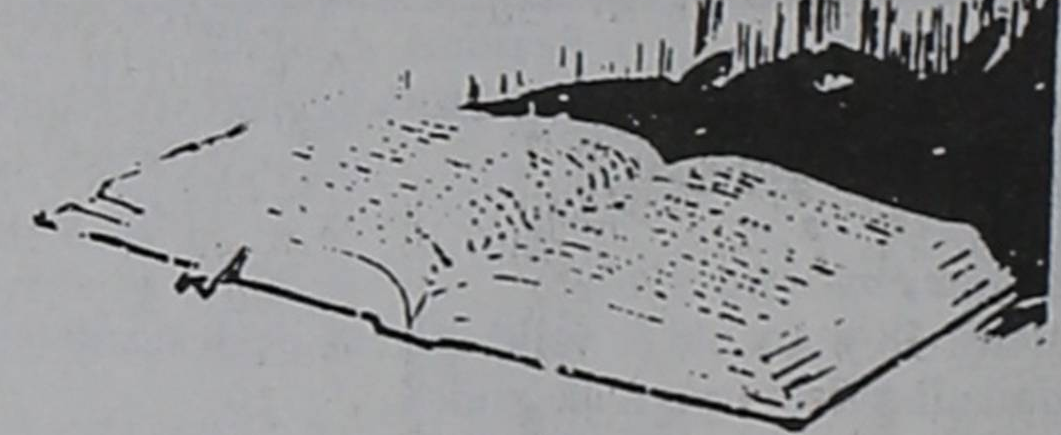


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Chieftain Track Team Shows Improvement

The Friona Chieftain boys track team traveled to Morton on March 3-4 to participate in the Last Frontier Relays. The boys scored 52 points in the meet and showed a great deal of improvement over the previous meet.

Chieftain results are as follows:

Shot put, Daniel Wiseman, 2nd place, 49'3 1/4". Discus, Daniel Wiseman, 1st place, 156'1". Kyle Wiseman, 5th place, 125' 10".

Triple jump, Adam Bandy, 4th, 40'2" and long jump, Adam Bandy, 3rd, 19'7".

110m high hurdles, Landon Martin, 5th, 17.00. 400m dash, Hector Aguilar, 5th, 54.98. 200m dash, Hector Aguilar, 3rd, 23.95.

1600m relay, Adam Bandy, Hector Aguilar, Michael Ortiz, and Cason White, 3rd, 3:43.69.

The JV Chieftains captured the team title at the Last Frontier Relays with 98 points. Their results are as follows:

Discus, Chris Wiseman, 4th, 103'9". Pole vault, Heath Gammon, tied for 2nd-3rd-4th, 10'6" and Randy Baca, 5th, 9'.

Long jump, Chance Hutson, 5th, 16'3". 3200m run, Porfirio Cardenas, 1st place, 12:00.90.

110m high hurdles, Andy Carthel, 3rd, 17.42. 100m dash, Ty White, 1st place, 11.92. 400m dash, Brian Wiseman, 2nd, 56.18.

300m hurdles, Andy

Carthel, 2nd, 46.99 and Chance Hutson, 3rd, 47.77. 200m dash, Ty White, 1st place, 25.15.

1600m run, Porfirio Cardenas, 1st place, 5:23.31. 1600m relay, Corbin Neill, Andy Carthel, Chance Hutson, Brian Wiseman, 2nd, 3:59.80.

Also competing for the JV Chiefs were Osvaldo Almaguer, Luis Arguelles and Gabe Rivas.

The next meet for the varsity and JV boys is Saturday, March 11 at the Friona Chieftain relays.

Come out and support the team.



NOEL DIGS IT OUT....Chieftain senior Noel Grajeda blocks a pitch behind the plate in a recent game. Grajeda and the Chiefs have a three-game win streak. ron carr photo



GIRLS WIN AT MORTON...The Squaws track team members are, back, l-r, coach Ben Kirton, Ashlee Hunt, Kelsey Welch, Kristie Jack, Cara Evans, Amy Terry, Christie Nava, Sandra Mendez, Jena Grimsley, Front, l-r, V'Laura Wilcox, Charee Lewellen, Felicia Lafuente (holding 1st place trophy), Betsy Clark, Lindsay North, and Lacye Presley.

Squaws Win Title At 'Frontier' Meet

The Friona Squaws won first place at Morton's Last Frontier Relays held on March 3-4. The girls scored a total of 116 points.

Individual results were:

100m hurdles, V'Laura Wilcox, 2nd, 16.05; 400m dash, Christie Nava, 6th, 69.6. Charee Lewellen also ran in the 400m dash.

200m dash, Kristie Jack,

4th, 29.30; Betsy Clark also ran in the 200m.

High jump, V'Laura Wilcox, 5th, 4'6"; 800m relay, Kristie Jack, Betsy Clark, Amy Terry, Cara Evans, 3rd, 2:01.3.

1600m relay, Christie Nava, Amy Terry, Cara Evans, Jena Grimsley, 2nd, 4:37.6. 3200m run, Jena Grimsley, 1st, 12:30.05; Lacye Presley, 5th, 13:54.21; and Sindy Hernandez ran 15.08.

1600m run, Jena Grimsley, 1st, 5:50.8; Lacye Presley, 6th, 6:25.07; and Felicia Lafuente ran 7:04.1.

300m hurdles, V'Laura Wilcox, 2nd, 50.95; Lacye Presley, 6th, 54.72. 800m run times, Charee Lewellen 3:00, Felicia Lafuente, 3:09, Sindy Hernandez, 3:11.

Shot put, Crystal Morton, 1st, 30'9". Sandra Mendez threw 27'0". Discus, Crystal Morton, 1st, 116'1", and Sandra Mendez, 3rd, 85'4".

400m relay, Kristie Jack, Christie Nava, Amy Terry, and V'Laura Wilcox, 3rd, 56.23.

Other field events begin at 10:30 a.m. and continue until 12 p.m.

The 3200 meter run finals for varsity girls, JV boys and varsity boys is scheduled at 9 a.m., followed by the running event preliminaries at 10 a.m.

The running event finals will be held at 2 p.m.

School competing will be (high school division) Brownfield, Tulia, Friona, Morton, Panhandle, Farwell (boys only) and Muleshoe (girls only). Junior high: Morton, Tulia, Panhandle, Dimmitt, Muleshoe, Friona and Highland Park.

Friona Track Meet Set For Saturday, March 11

The Friona track meets for Jr. High, JV and Varsity are being held this weekend.

The junior high meet is this afternoon, Friday, March 10. Field events begin at 4 p.m.

Also at 4 p.m. is the 2400m run for 7th and 8th boys and girls, followed by other running events at 5:15 p.m.

On Saturday, March 11, the Chieftain Relays will be held at Chieftain Field.

At 9 a.m. the JV boys pole vault and shot put and varsity girls long jump and

discus and varsity boys shot put, high jump and triple jump.

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FHS Tennis Team Has Strong Outing In First 2000 Meet

Friona High School's tennis team opened its season with encouraging results at Pampa last weekend. Friona finished third in team play behind two 4-A schools, Pampa and Dumas.

"Although Jonathan Espinoza was the only individual to medal, I felt like the team competed extremely well for the first tournament of the year," said Coach Ryan Rhodes. "I'm very encouraged by the work ethic and competitive spirit of this year's team."

"We really have some good leaders and everyone competes hard, this will pay off down the road," he added. The tennis team will compete again this weekend in Canyon.

PAMPA RESULTS:

Zubin Bhakta: defeated Fernandez (Borger) 6-1, 6-0; defeated Green (Dumas) 6-2, 6-1; lost to Cook (Pampa) 3-6, 6-7 (2-7); lost to Spearman (Pampa) 5-7, 2-6, (4th place)

Jonathan Espinoza: defeated Jobe (Boys Ranch) 6-3, 6-3; defeated Cantrell (Sunray) 6-3, 6-1; defeated Spearman (Pampa) 6-2, 1-6, 7-5; lost to Cook (Pampa) 2-6, 2-6, (2nd place)

Matt White/Micah White: defeated Zellar/Hargrove (Boys Ranch) 6-0, 6-3; lost to Heatwole/Heatwole (Canadian) 4-6, 3-6; defeated Minick/Culver (Canadian) 8-5, (5th place)

Michael Stanberry/Blane Winebringer: lost to Atkins/Hill (Pampa) 1-6, 0-6; lost to Anderson/Fausto (Caprock) 6-8; lost to Feese/Wingate (Borger) 0-6, 1-6; defeated Zellar/Hargrove (Boys Ranch) 8-4; (15th place)

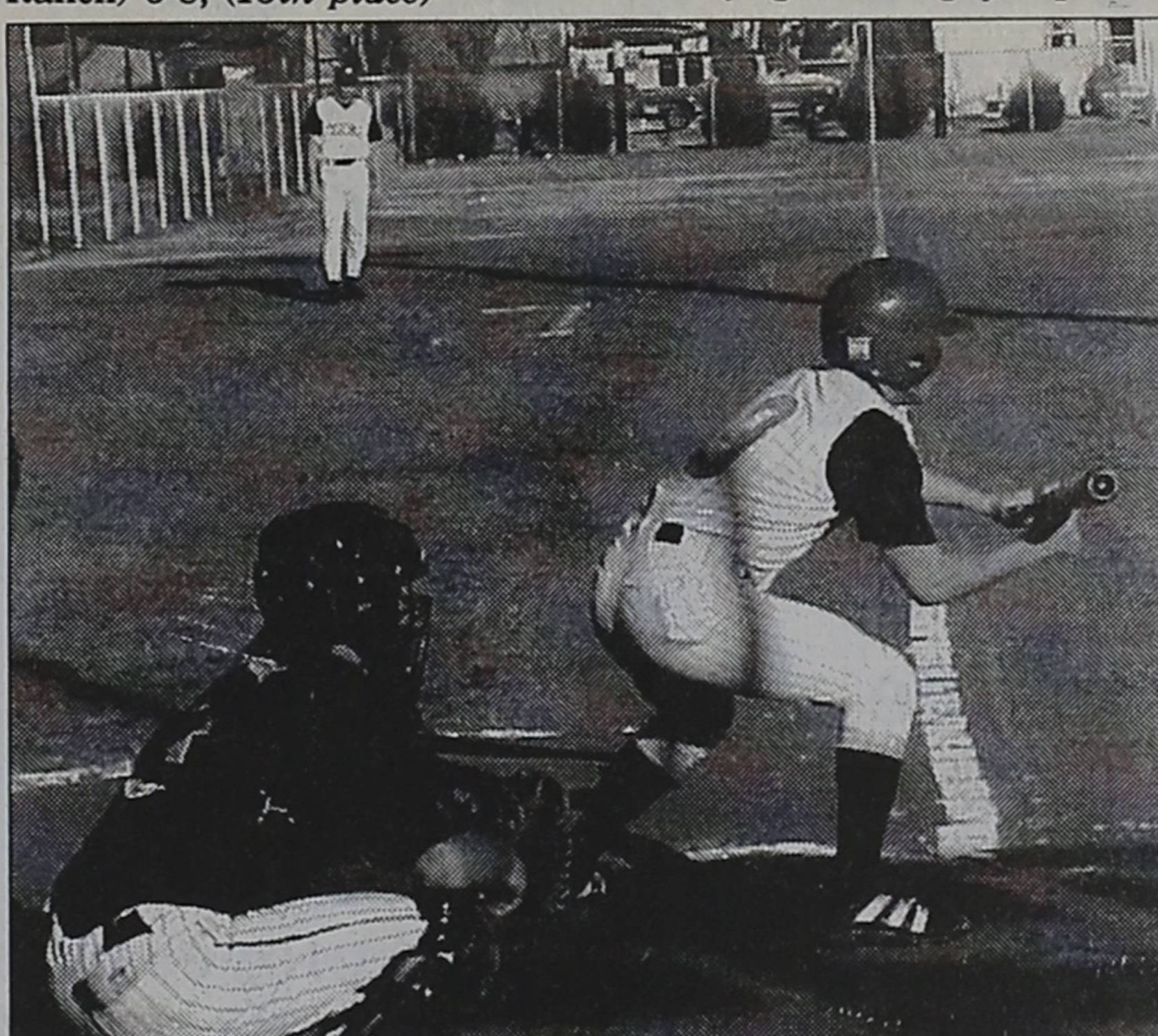
Jessica Perez: defeated Horn (Plainview) 6-0, 6-4; lost to Kindle (Pampa) 2-6, 2-6; defeated Patton (Sunray) 8-4; defeated Harris (Sunray) 8-5, (5th place)

Kristen Carson: lost to Aleman (Caprock) 5-7, 4-6; lost to Foster (Boys Ranch) 7-9; lost to Forrest (Canadian) 4-8; defeated Buisson (Caprock) default, (5th place)

Kahlie Ingram/Amber Wylly: defeated Forrest/Jerige (Borger), default; lost to Parker/Larson (Plainview) 2-6, 7-6 (7), 4-6; lost to Martin/Belk

(Dumas) 3-8, (7th Place)

Mandy Gerries/Amber Widner: lost to Bradley/Brookes (Pampa) 1-6, 2-6; lost to Lochrer/Saenz (Sunray) 2-8; lost to Avery/Novak (Boys Ranch) 6-8, (15th place)



TAKE A WALK.....Chieftain second baseman Josh Burleson squares around on a 3-0 pitch in the Chiefs game with Morton last Tuesday. The Chiefs are off to a 4-3 start as Coach Fair experiments with the lineup. ron carr photo



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Class of '00 Names Who's Who At FHS Open House Tuesday

Friona High School teachers and students announced their selections for Who's Who at an assembly during a Texas Public Schools Week open house on Tuesday.

Students chosen and their categories were:

D'Nae Murphree and Noel Grajeda, Most School Spirited; V/Laura Wilcox and Landon Martin, Most Competitive; Adriana Favela and Porfirio Cardenas, Most Courteous.

Also, Christian Hanes and Adrian Cruz, Most Dependable; Crystal Morton and Adam Bandy, Most Talented; Lynette Jubay and Jesse Allen, Most Stylish; Kayla Wyly and Zubin Bhakta, Most Likely to Succeed.

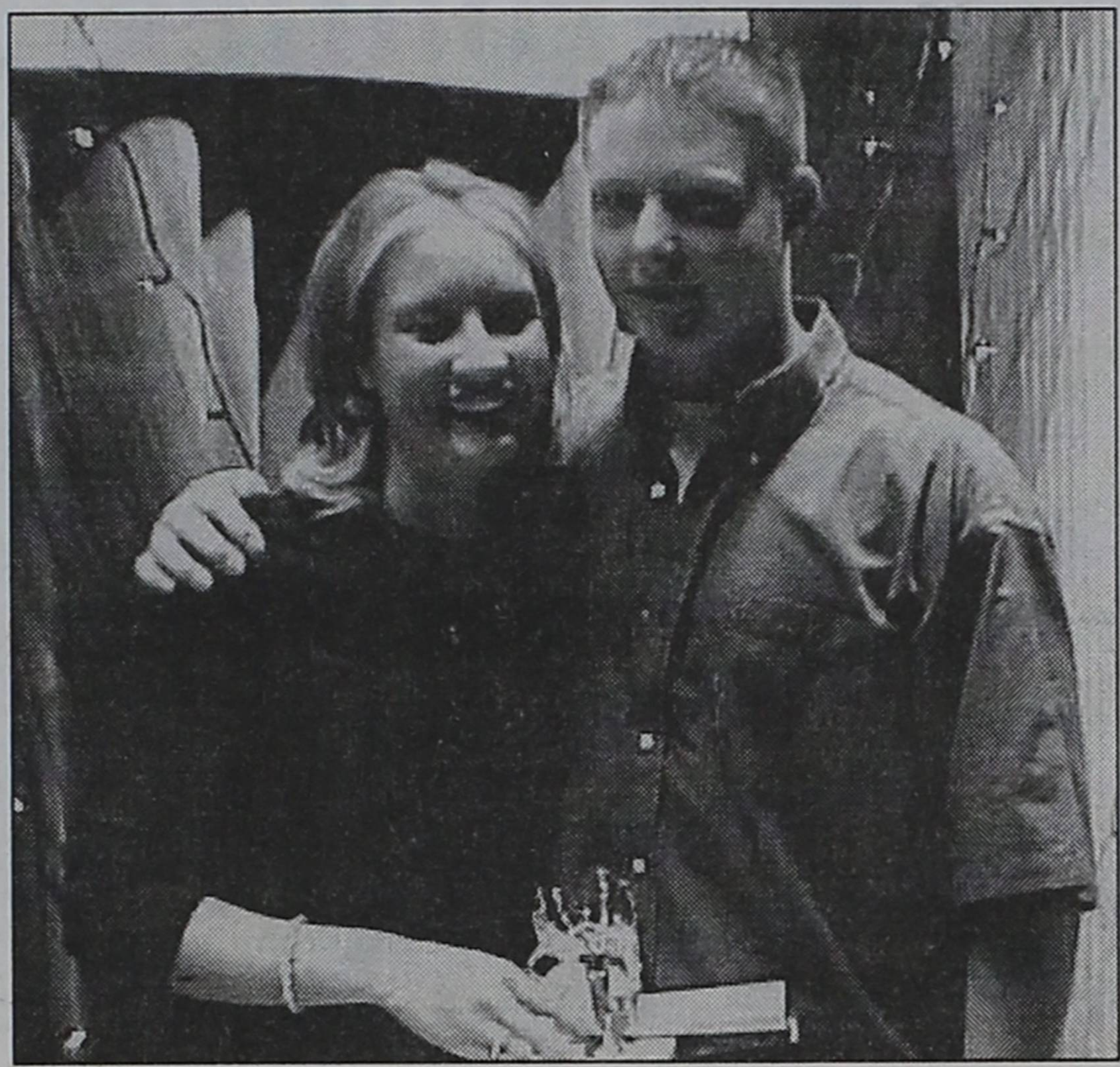
Also, Valerie Bandy and Victor Favela, Friendliest; Candace Ingram and Osvaldo Almaguer, Most Cheerful; Lesli Fiel and Kyle Wiseman, Most Studious; Marisa Rodriguez and Dale Williams, Best Sense of Humor.

Class Favorites chosen were Crystal Vega and Victor Favela, Freshman; Lupe Juarez and Cody Williams, Sophomore; Tania Hand and Garland Buske, Junior; Jamille Hand and Landon Martin, Senior.

Jamille Hand and Landon Martin were also selected as Mr. and Miss FHS for the Class of 2000.



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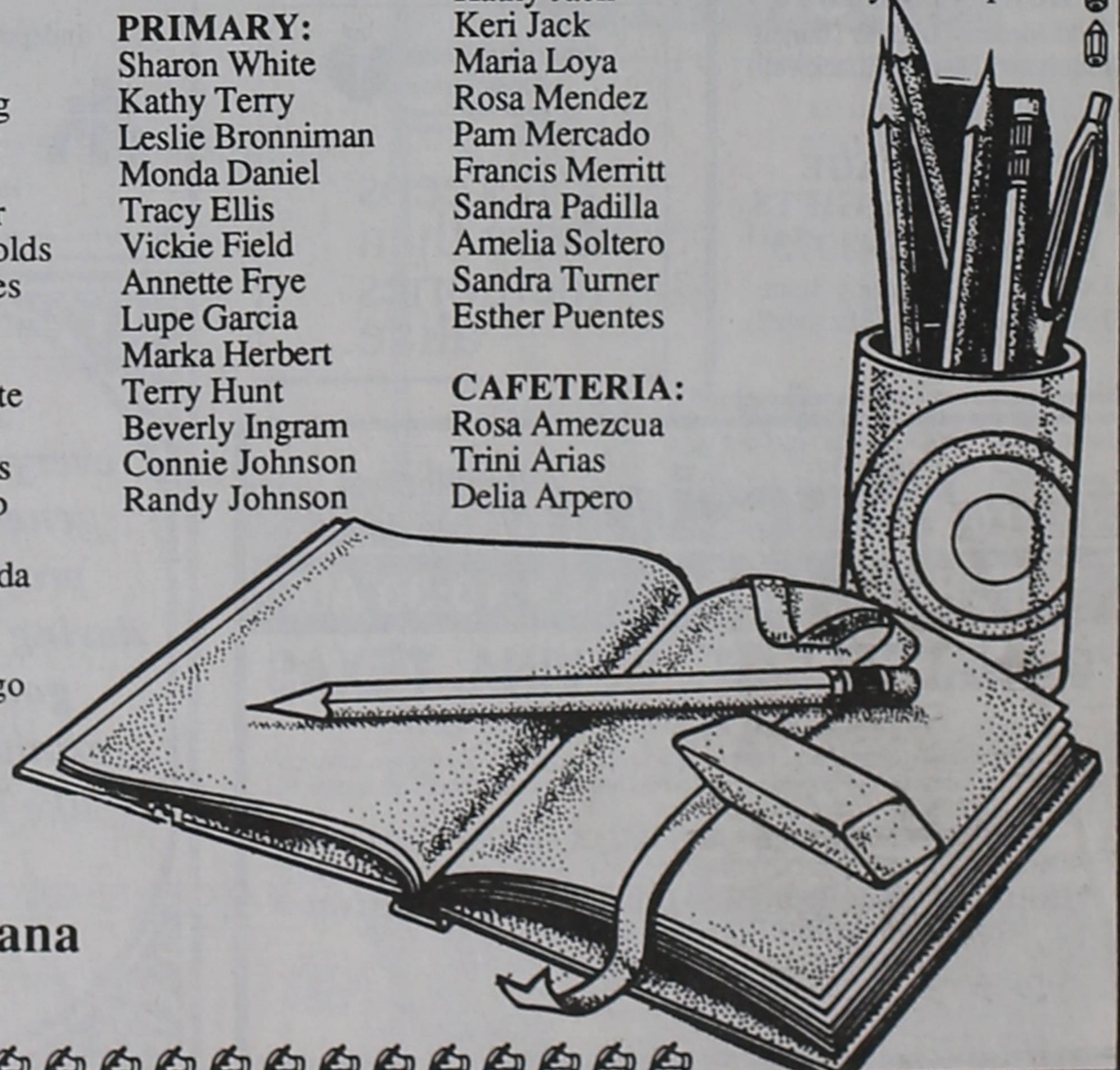
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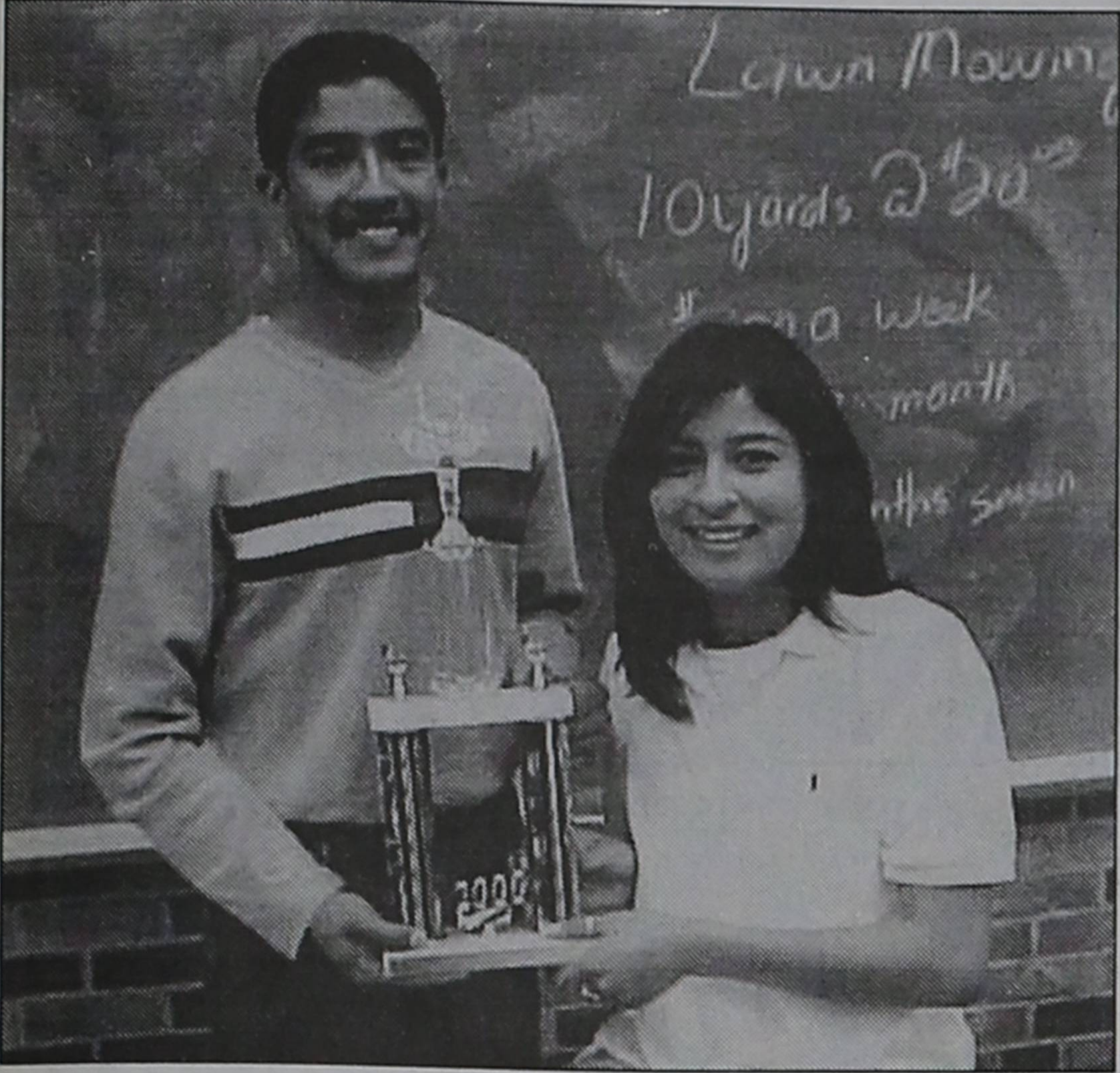


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KENTUCKY BOUND...Sergio Pena and Leslie Reyes are shown with their trophy from state competition in Corpus Christi in Marketing Education (DECA). Sergio and Leslie advanced to the nationals competition in Louisville, Kentucky, April 28-May 3.

Candidate Workshop Will Offer Good Information

Area school board candidates and interested citizens can learn more about the demands and rewards of school board service at a candidate workshop, Thursday, March 23, 7-9 p.m. at the Region 16 Education Service Center (1601 S. Cleveland, Amarillo).

The workshop will provide interested community members and individuals thinking about running for the board with a better understanding of what is involved in being elected and serving as a trustee. Experienced school board members will explain board members' key responsibilities and outline the qualities necessary for effective service.

Topics to be covered include the school board's duties and responsibilities, important ethical practices during board service, how board members are accountable for the education of students, and keys to responsible campaigns. Participants will also view *A Call to Service*, a Texas Association of School Boards' video highlighting many aspects of board service and featuring several experienced school trustees.

The workshop is open to anyone. Admission is free. For more information, call Kathy Dundee at TASB, 512-467-0222 or 800-580-8272, extension 6171.

Cast Your Vote on Tuesday, March 14th

Harry and Hannah Lookingbill had family here this week. Hannah's brother and sister-in-law, Ernest and Bertha Brown, from Belton, Texas stayed with them for four days.

Hannah said they had a nice time catching-up and visiting. Tuesday night they cooked hamburgers. Sons Rick Carr of Dumas and Ron of Friona cooked the burgers.

Roy Miller spent five days in the Parmer County Community Hospital recently. Eva said Roy had a bad reaction to a medication he was taking.

Roy is doing better and is ready for this Saturday's celebration of the couple's 70th wedding anniversary.

A luncheon will start the festivities at noon. The grandchildren will then present a program honoring Roy and Eva. An open house will follow from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m.

All friends and neighbors of the family are invited to attend. An evening meal for the family will end the day. All festivities will take place at the home of their daughter, Donna Mears, 1215 Elm. The couple requests guests only bring themselves, no gifts please.

T.A. and Ann Kelley are in the process of selling their home and hope to move to Hereford soon. Ann said they have found a house that is only four houses from their

daughter, Audry Rowell.

The couple has lived in Friona since 1963. They have a daughter, Randi Hamilton, that lives in Friona and another daughter, Tammi Lafuente who lives in Lubbock.

Ann said that T.A. will still be operating his radiator shop until such time as they are able to move.

JoJo and Matt Osborn are happy to have two month old Sterling finally home and doing well. Sterling was 16 days old when he was hospitalized with RSV, an infant lung virus. The RSV turned into pneumonia and Sterling stayed in the ICU at Northwest Texas Hospital for five weeks.

JoJo said they came home on a Wednesday but returned the following Sunday for more hospital care. Sterling has been home one week Tuesday and is improving daily. He has breathing treatments throughout the day that JoJo administers. Big brother Sawyer, who is five, is happy to have his little brother home-we are too.

Mavis and Bill Burnam have bought a house in Hereford and moved from Friona this week. The couple built their home on Maple Street in 1964.

Bill has dialysis three times a week in Hereford and Mavis said the move will be easier for him to get his

treatments. The Burnams have a son and daughter-in-law, Billy and Gean, who live there.

Publisher Bill says he and Carol will miss these great neighbors!

Friona State Bank hosted a noon lunch for Main Street business owners and employees Wednesday. Chubby Buns of Friona cooked the brisket, the bank ladies provided the salad, beans and tossed salad. Yummy deserts included cake, brownies and fruit salad. Rhetta Hand made the fabulous, unbelievable cheese rolls that everyone devoured.

Marca Herring said the bank likes to show their appreciation to Friona businesses and their employees.

The Star employees appreciated the hospitality and the food. Thanks!

Saturday evening, March 4 was a night of "big surprises" as family and friends of Opal Hitt gathered at K-Bob's Steak House in Clovis to celebrate Mrs. Hitt's 93rd birthday.

After the party had begun, the party was "crashed" when the Harveys from California, unannounced, came in the room. No one knew they were coming, and everyone sat in shock and disbelief.

Those coming from California were Opal's sister-in-law and one of the group's favorite aunts and two of her sons and a daughter-in-law, who traveled 2400 miles just for the special occasion.

Due to Mrs. Harvey's health, the group made their return to California the next morning. Mrs. Louvie Harvey and her husband John ("Elmer") lived in the Rogers, N.M. community, where they farmed and had a blacksmith shop and started their family.

Those attending the party in addition to Mrs. Hitt were Mrs. Louvie Harvey of

Oxnard, California, T.D. Harvey, Wayne and wife Sue of Oxnard; Dr. Herbert Bergstrom of Lubbock, who gave the invocation; Leon and Twila Hitt of Friona; James, Brenda, Jimmy, and Shane Russell of Wichita Falls.

Also, Steven and Tanya Russell of Amarillo; Darrell and Patsy Bode of Ruidoso, N.M.; Monte Avery of Artesia, N.M.; Murray Avery, Alamogordo, N.M.; Gary, Monica, Shi and Shae Nuchols, Portales, Lloyd and Ethel Hitt of Lubbock; Sharon Blackman, Happy, Ray and Kathleen Bailey, Lubbock, J.T. and Lilly Belle Toombs of Pep, N.M.

Also, Arlin and LaVonne Coke of Abilene, T.Z. and Katherine Duncan of Causey, N.M.; Helen Jones of Dora, Kirby and Adele Talley of Portales, Floyd and Freeda Walker of Clovis, Ronald, Doylene, Daryl and Cody

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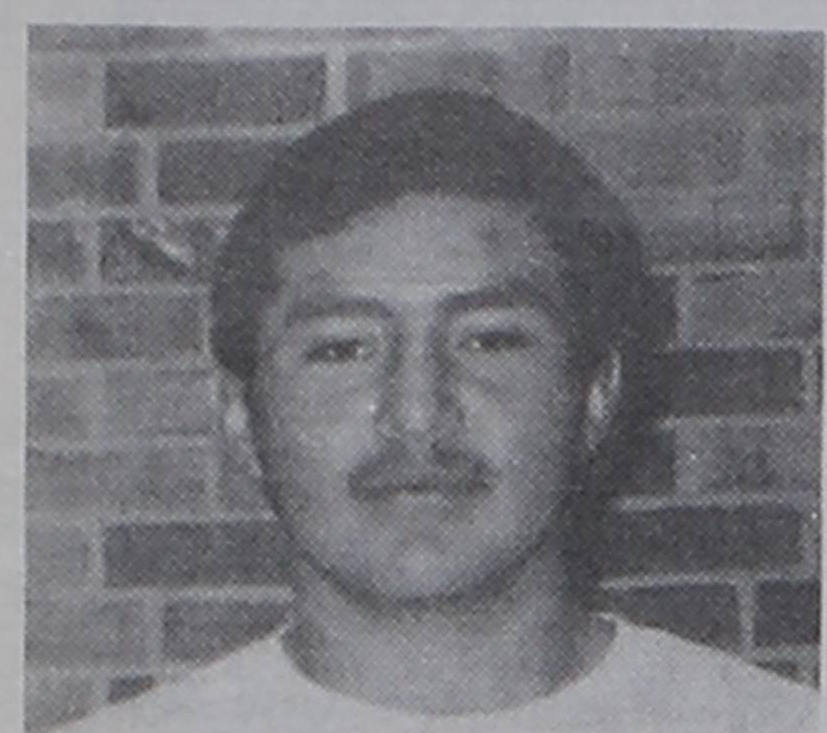
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By DANIEL ROSALES
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The Marketing Program teaches students responsibility and also great preparation for their future. By working, this program will also give the students the opportunity to learn good money management skills and also great communication skills.
I would like to give thanks to Mr. Field for allowing me to be in the Marketing Program, and also Joe Santellana and Raymond Spencer for giving me the opportunity to work at Hi-Pro.

Happy Birthday Friona Folks....

Week of March 12-18
Friona residents observing birthdays next week include;

March 12--Lonnie Wilkerson, Mindy Wilson, Justin Grimsley, Amy Geris, Dianne Hendricks, Mike Mills, Berta Cooper, Elaine White Harmon, Justin Boyd.

March 13--Holley Hand, Larry Moyer, Connie Parker, Leslie Adams, Jayson Grimsley, Lisa Fulks, Eric Espinoza, Tommy Tatum, Sheldon Turley, Rainbo Snyder.

March 14--Jacob Osborn, Rudy Rios, Goldie Harrelson.
March 15--Randol Allen, Ricky Vera, Amber Martin, John Rule, Moses Reyes, Gary Zervas, Christian Alexander.

March 16--Glenda Sifford, Gary Wright, Tommy Jones, Julie Reeve, Wendell Jones, Robert W. Tapia, Amy Murphree, Parker Reeve Banfield, Sydney Dean.

March 17--Frankie Allen, Ron Smiley, Mendon Dixon, Matthew Mata, Tammy Atkins, Gabriela Benavides, Ray Whately, John Pierce.

March 18--Bobby Drake, Ryan Cash, Mac Fields, Ben Johnson, Beth Weatherly, Paula Tucker Bolten, Ralph Shirley, John Carson, Bob Ferguson.

If you or someone in your

family has a birthday coming up soon, call the Friona Star office at 250-2211 and report it.



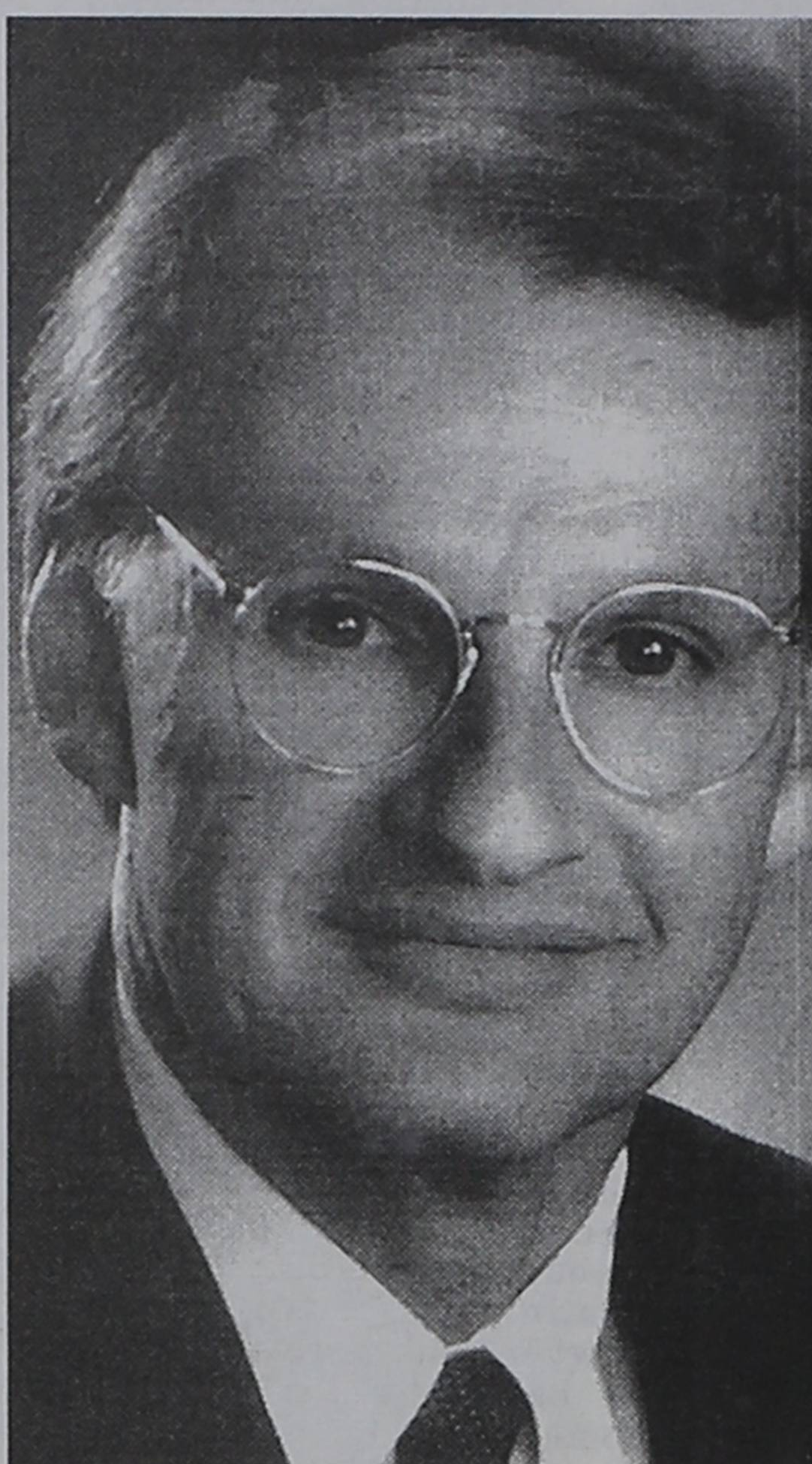
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(Condado de) PARMER COUNTY, TEXAS

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"Yo soy Republicano y comprendo que no estoy elegible para votar o participar en la elección primaria o la convención de algún otro partido político durante este año electoral."
Solamente use el marcador provisto.)

Preference for Presidential Nominee (Preferencia para un Candidato Nombrado para Presidente)

- George W. Bush
- John McCain
- Gary Bauer
- Charles Bass Urban
- Orrin G. Hatch
- Steve Forbes
- Alan Keyes
- Uncommitted

United States Senator (Senador de los Estados Unidos)

- Kay Bailey Hutchison

United States Representative, District 19 (Representante de los Estados Unidos, Distrito Núm. 19)

- Larry Combest

Railroad Commissioner (Comisionado de Ferrocarriles)

- Charles R. Matthews

REPUBLICAN PARTY PRIMARY ELECTION (ELECCION PRIMARIA DEL PARTIDO REPUBLICANO)

MARCH 14, 2000

(14 de marzo de 2000)

Railroad Commissioner, Unexpired Term (Comisionado de Ferrocarriles, Duración Restante del Cargo)

- Michael L. Williams
- Andy Draughn

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 1 (Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 1)

- Valerie W. Davenport
- Nathan Hecht

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 2 (Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 2)

- Priscilla Owen

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3 (Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 3)

- Rod E. Gorman
- Al Gonzales

Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals (Juez Presidente, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales)

- Tom Price
- Connie J. Kelley

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 1 (Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 1)

- Sharon Keller
- J. Gary Trichter

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2 (Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 2)

- Alan Curry
- Guy Williams
- Charles Holcomb
- Tom Greenwell
- John Boston

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2 (Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 2)

- W.B. "Bennie" House
- Barbara Parker Hervey
- Sally L. Ray
- Jim Wallace
- Pat Barber

Justice, 7th Court of Appeals District, Place 1 (Juez, Corte de Apelaciones, Distrito Núm. 7, Lugar Núm. 1)

- Brian Quinn
- Deborah Smith McClure

Justice, 7th Court of Appeals District, Place 2 (Juez, Corte de Apelaciones, Distrito Núm. 7, Lugar Núm. 2)

- Don H. Reavis

County Attorney (Procurador del Condado)

- Charles Aycock

Sheriff (Sherife)

- Randy Genies
- Walt Yerger

County Tax Assessor-Collector (Asesor-Collector de Impuestos del Condado)

- Teresa C. Ancira

County Commissioner, Precinct No. 1 (Comisionado del Condado, Precincto Núm. 1)

- Kirk Frye
- John Tannahill

County Chairman (Presidente del Condado)

- Write-in (Voto Escrito)

Precinct Chairman (Presidente del Precincto)

- Write-in (Voto Escrito)

INSTRUCTION NOTE:
Darken in the oval provided to the left of the statement indicating the way you desire to vote.
Use only the marker provided.

(NOTA DE INSTRUCCION)
Llene completamente el espacio ovalado a la izquierda de la frase que indica la manera en que quiere votar.
Solamente use el marcador provisto.)

Proposition No. 1 (Proposición Núm. 1)

- Yes (Sí)
- No (No)

"Shall student initiated prayer be allowed at school sporting events?" ("¿Deberá ser permitido oraciones religiosas iniciadas por parte de los estudiantes durante eventos deportivos escolares?")

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"I am a Democrat and understand that I am ineligible to vote or participate in another political party's primary election or convention during this voting year."
Use only the marker provided.

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"Yo soy Demócrata y comprendo que no estoy elegible para votar o participar en la elección primaria o la convención de algún otro partido político durante este año electoral."
Solamente use el marcador provisto.)

Preference for Presidential Nominee (Preferencia para un Candidato Nombrado para Presidente)

- Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.
- Bill Bradley
- Al Gore

United States Senator (Senador de los Estados Unidos)

- Charles Gandy
- H. Gerald Bintliff
- Don Clark
- Bobby Wightman
- Gene Kelly

Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals (Juez Presidente, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales)

- Bill Vance

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2 (Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 2)

- William R. Barr

State Representative, District 85 (Representante Estatal, Distrito Núm. 85)

- James E. "Pete" Laney

District Attorney, 287th Judicial District (Procurador del Distrito, Distrito Judicial Núm. 287)

- Johnny Atkinson

Sheriff (Sherife)

- Michael Howard

DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRIMARY ELECTION (ELECCION PRIMARIA DEL PARTIDO DEMOCRATICO)

MARCH 14, 2000

(14 de marzo de 2000)

County Tax Assessor-Collector (Asesor-Collector de Impuestos del Condado)

- Jesse Cantu, Jr.
- Bobbie Pierson

County Commissioner, Precinct No. 3 (Comisionado del Condado, Precincto Núm. 3)

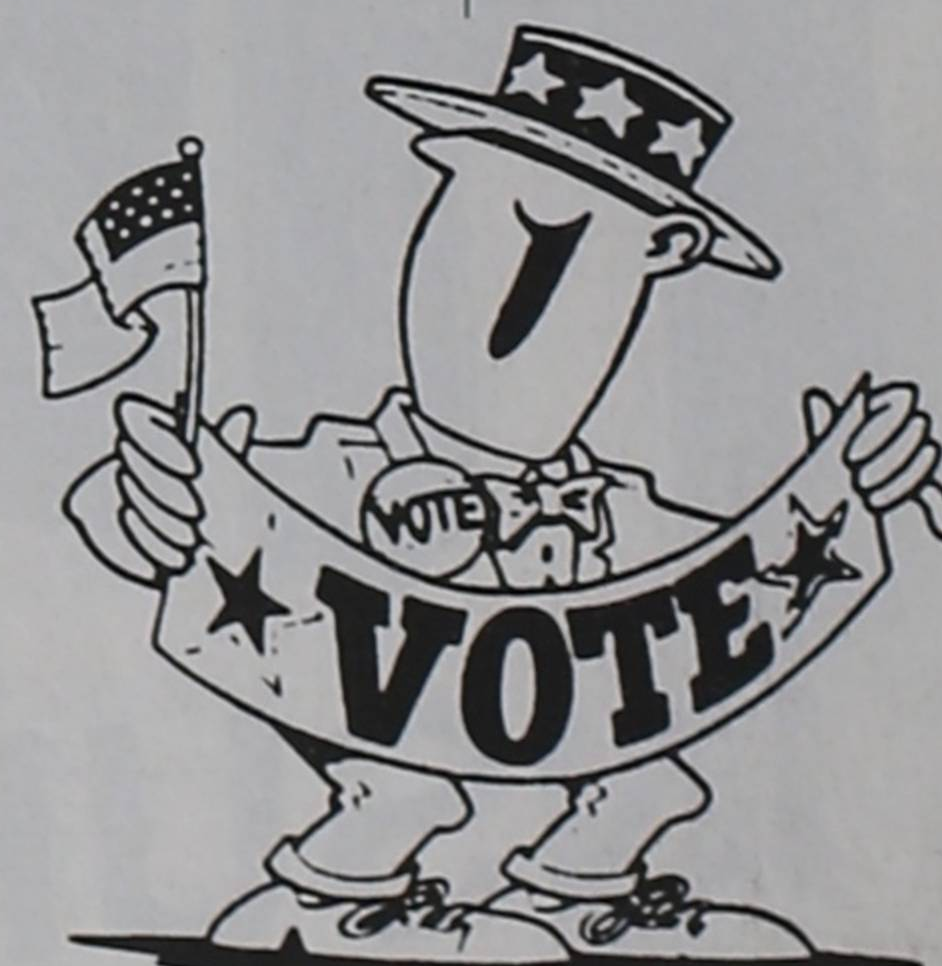
- Ronald Byrd
- Ed Corn

County Chairman (Presidente del Condado)

- Robert White
- Write-in (Voto Escrito)

Precinct Chairman (Presidente del Precincto)

- Write-in (Voto Escrito)



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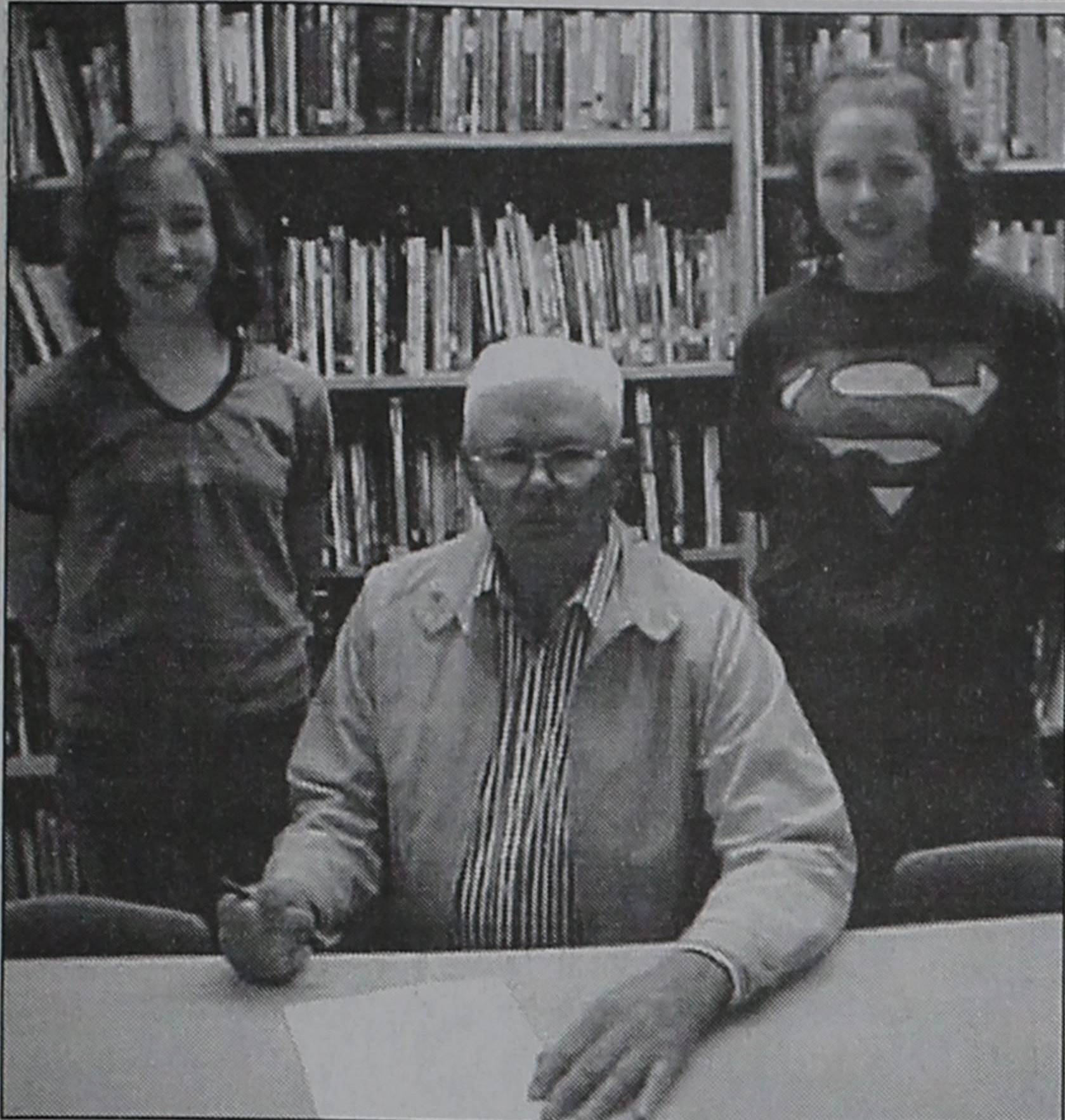


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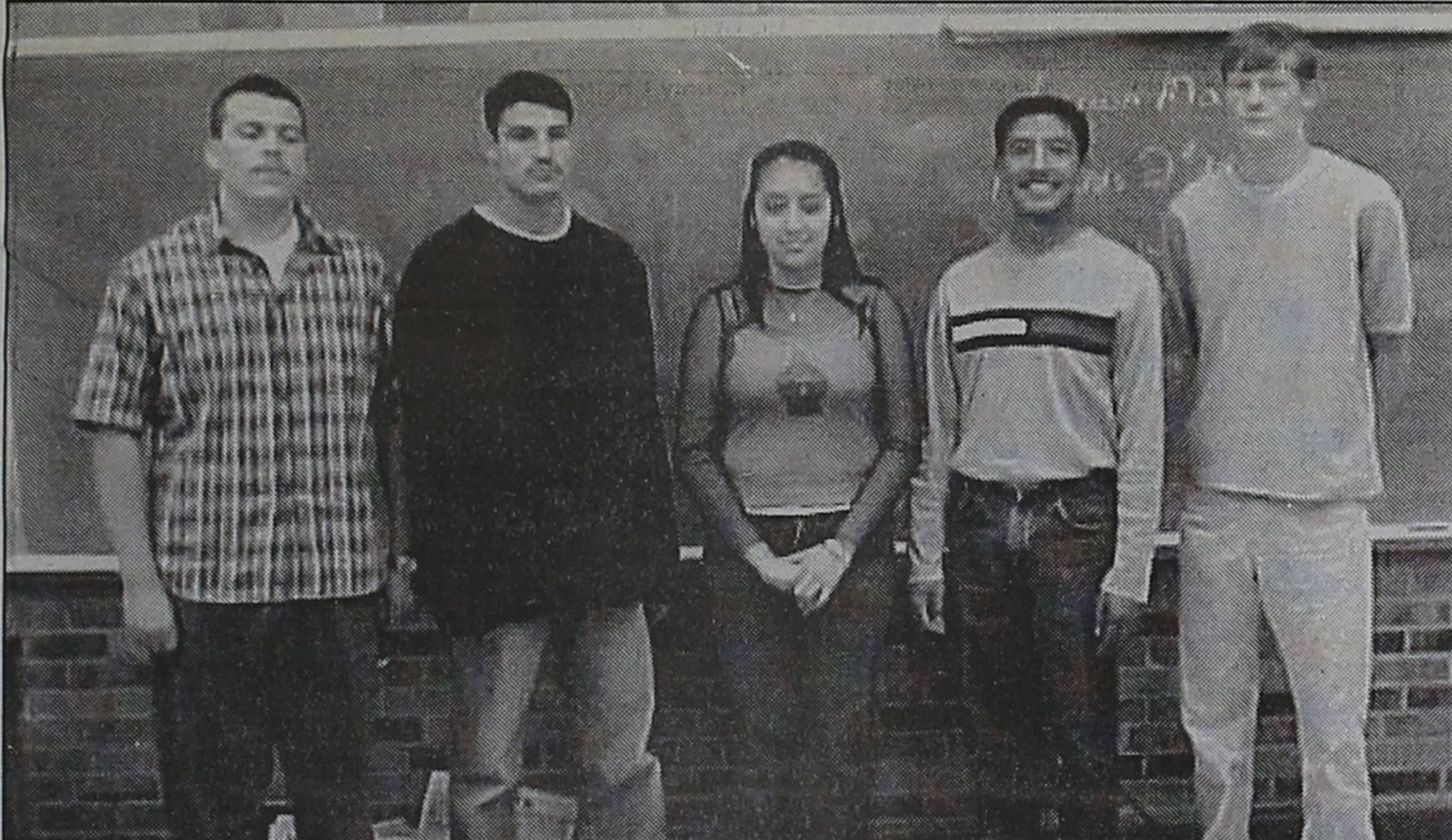
By ALVIN PETTY



ENERGY DAY PROCLAMATION.....Friona Mayor Clarence Monroe signed a proclamation for the Friona Junior High student council's Energy Day on March 10. The students urged everyone to save electricity for one day to conserve energy. Shown are student council members Amy Gerles and V'Leshia Wilcox.



SMILES ON SUNDAY were prevalent at St. Teresa's Mexican dinner which was a sell-out. Shown are, l-r, Becky, David and Nellie Aronce with Father Ed Sweeney, pastor of St. Teresa's.



ATTENDING STATE competition in Corpus Christi in Marketing Education (DECA) were, l-r, Antonio Diaz, Adrian Cruz, Elida Rivera, Sergio Pena and Jeremy Smith. The kids were accompanied to Corpus by instructor Dennis Field and his wife Vickie. Not pictured is Leslie Reyes.



FIRE FUNDS FROM THE COUNTY....Parmer County Commissioner John Tannahill, center, is presenting a check from the county for \$8,000 to the Friona Fire Department toward the purchase of their new fire truck. Assistant fire chief Glenn Reeve, left, and training officer John Taylor accept for the city and the fire department.

St. Patrick's Day will be here March 17. Its nearness makes me ask what kind of Saint you are, a light one or a dark one?

Every follower of Jesus The Christ is a Saint in spite of their sin or level of spirituality. For Saint means simply one who has chosen to be set apart for God's use and service. The New Testament has some very rowdy, immature Saints as well as some high class spiritual performers. Most baseball teams have a majority of .240 to .275 hitters with only one or two excellent .300 hitters, and these great hitters only succeed a little over 3 out of 10 times but they are all players on the same team.

In my opinion (and many others) St. Patrick was a light

Saint, where St. Augustine was more of a dark Saint. Both were on Christ's team. Both did a great deal of good in Christ's name. But the history of St. Patrick is one of light and human warmth while St. Augustine had a dark side that he never overcame and his darkness greatly influenced the western church in negative ways for 1400 years. St. Patrick's light and missionary compassion influenced Ireland and Ireland soon sent out the first Christian Missionaries to the barbarians of continental Europe. This and the Irish monastic preservation of Greek and Roman classical literature helped save western civilization after the fall of Rome and the ensuing barbaric dark ages. (See Thomas Cahill's book, *How the Irish Saved Civilization.*)

Augustine was a great thinker, the last great philosopher of the Roman world. He saw the Roman empire die when the barbarians sacked Rome in

410 AD. He wrote the classic, *The City of God*, to interpret the fall of Rome and the advancement of the Kingdom of God for the troubled fifth century world. He and Patrick shared this century, Patrick in Ireland, Augustine as a powerful Roman Bishop in North Africa.

Irish raiders kidnapped Patrick from his British home a age 15, he served several years of hard slavery as a shepherd in Ireland off near freezing and starving. He survived by the power of faith and prayer. God became very real to him. Eventually he escaped back to Britain only to soon feel a call to return to Ireland with the gospel of Jesus Christ. He prepared for and followed that call.

Patrick understood the preliterate, celtic, warring

Irish. He loved them and fought for their rights. He visited them one on one and told them stories of the faith in their own tongue. By example and word he taught them of the creator God who had made all of nature and there was no need to fear the demonic forces in nature or in themselves. A good God was in control of all and would work even the evil of the world together for good for those who loved God and were called according to his purpose. There should be no fear of life or of death. He also opened the door for the Irish to become a literate people and many Irish became passionate for learning.

Patrick comes across as wholesome and balanced in his sexuality. He wrote in his journal joyful statements like this one, "I Baptized the most beautiful and comely Irish

lass today. No Angel could be prettier and she shall melt scores of hearts through out this land." Patrick and other Irish even allowed women to high, authoritative religious offices in the work of the Irish Church.

Patrick's mission to Ireland began about 407 AD and within thirty years it had changed the face and psyche of Ireland. The people weren't perfect but they were sure better and brighter than they used to be and desire for learning was catching on like a forest fire in the dry season.

All of this was done without any bloodshed. Ireland was the first land to be introduced to Christianity with the blood of martyrs being spilt. Patrick was a believing man of light whose life radiated human warmth.

Augustine was a brilliant young man, raised in the church, well educated, a child of some privilege. He turned his back on the gospel and participated in a cult for many years. He was profligate in sexual immorality. His domineering mother controlled his life until she died. She was probably what kept him from ever having a fulfilling life of love with another woman.

Augustine eventually converted to Christ and worked as a servant of God with all his heart. He wrote some brilliant and helpful works, but self-destructive forces kept rising to dominance in his life. He practically hated women. Sex for him and original sin were strongly linked together. He taught that even sex in marriage was a venial sin and should be participated in as little as possible.

Fellow North African Priest, Julian, delighted in popping Augustine's cork by telling him how much he enjoyed hopping into bed with his delightful wife day or night. (Celibacy was not an absolute requirement for priesthood in those days). Augustine would spew in irrational rage at such testimony.

Augustine pretty well stayed in the ivory tower of his safe city. He almost never ventured forth to visit far-flung people under his bishopric. He was in some ways a rather cold fish.

With the donatists, a Catholic group in North Africa who disagreed with him, eventually justified the use of civil force to bring them in line. This was the seed of what grew centuries later to be the inquisition, the greatest evil against humanity every perpetrated by the church in the name of Christ.

I believe that both of these men were Saints belonging to the Universal Church of which I feel I am part of also. However I think it a shame that the church did not adopt more of St. Patrick's ways and a lot less of St. Augustine.

But what about us? Are we a joyful, human Saint or a dark Saint whose personal demons have not all been cast out? Do we have to control others and make them into our image or do we just expose others to the image of Christ and love them?



DISTRICT WINNERS in Marketing Education (DECA) at Wichita Falls were, l-r, Adrian Cruz, Carolina Rivera, Eddie Mata, Elida Rivera, Antonio Diaz, Sandra Rivera, Sergio Pena, Daniel Rosales and Jeremy Smith. Not pictured are April Cruz and Leslie Reyes.

Words cannot express our gratitude for the many expressions of love and concern shown to our family during Mick's illness and after his death. Special thanks go to all the hospital staff who cared for him, people who provided the food, the kind words, the visits, the flowers, memorials and cards. Most of all we thank you for your prayers.
 Mildred Mingus, Janet and Fred Rose,
 Gary and Suzi Mingus,
 Carly, Kimberly & Christy Mingus,
 Elsie and John Allen and family,
 Mildred and Maynard Agee and family F-1tc-3/10

THANK YOU
 To the Community of Friona, Texas,
 We would like to take this opportunity to personally thank everyone for all of your thoughts and prayers. The support of our hometown community has overwhelmed us, and we feel blessed to be associated with such an amazing group of people. Many thanks to each and every one of you. May God bless you all.
 Bette, Curtis and Keaton Brady
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LADIES AT LUNCHEON...A good sized crowd of ladies gathered at the Depot in the Park last Saturday for a spring luncheon and game session sponsored by members of Modern Study Club. Shown here left to right are Margaret Duggins, Bettye Jarboe, Mary Johnston, Gerry Taylor, Lilah Gaye Gee and Wana Brewer.

WTAMU Awards Diplomas To December Graduates

Degrees were officially conferred on 394 West Texas A&M University graduates at the December commencement ceremonies.

The University awarded master's degrees to 82 graduates and bachelor's degrees to 312 graduates.

Graduates with an overall grade point average of 3.50 or higher were recognized as honor graduates and were eligible to wear gold honor cords. The three levels of recognition are Cum Laude (3.50-3.74), Magna Cum Laude (3.75-3.89) and Sum-

ma Cum Laude (3.90-4.00). Thirteen graduates received Summa Cum Laude honors. Nine students graduated with Magna Cum Laude honors, and 25 students graduated with Cum Laude honors.

The graduating class represented 10 states and 61 cities and towns in Texas.

Friona area graduates include: Cory W. Hamilton, BBA, General Business; Jason L. Rector, BBA, Management; Celsa B. Rodriguez, BBA, General Business; and Gregory K. Stockstill, MED, Instructional Technology.

Youth Basketballers See Action Locally

Friona Youth Basketball participants saw a lot of action this past week. Results are as follows:

THURSDAY, MARCH 2 ELEMENTARY GYM

Lady Raiders 12, Lady Pacers 6
LR--Erin Anthony 2; Sabrina Barber 2; Stephanie Barber 2; Hollis Gurley 4; Erica Wylie 2. LP--Halle Merket 2; Jordan Monroe 4.

Raiders 12, Lakers 6
R--Aaron Hand 2; Andrew Diaz 2; Sawyer Reed 8. L--Alex Dunnam 2; Alex Vega 2; Kaison Graham 2.

Queen Bees 16, Lady Lakers 4
QB--Morgan Anthony 8; Ashley Ingram 2; Deirdre Johnson 6. LL--Monica Sanchez 4.

Pacers 26, Spurs 10
P--Rolando Castanon 2; Jared Boyd 8; Ryan Gerles 4; Alex Gurley 6; Dillon Welch 6. S--Omar Hernandez 4; Eric North 6.

**JUNIOR HIGH GYM
Belles 14, Queens 4**
B--Sandra Godoy 12; Kayla Estrada 2. Q--Breann Barnett 2; Morgan Leal 2.

Pacers 7, Raiders 6
P--Nathan Hoon 2; Hayden Patton 2; Steven Sanchez 3. R--Chance Lewellen 2; Sean Lookingbill 3; Ben Santiago 1.

Lady Raiders 20, Lady Lakers 14
LR--Lucretia Field 2; Meghan Hendrickson 2; Tiffany Vazquez 10; Andrea Garza 2; Beth Nava 4. LL--Courtney Adams 6; Isabel Romero 2; Tamra Aragon 2; Crystal Garcia 2; Dollie Lookingbill 2.

Spurs 26, Lakers 20
S--Eddie Graham 1; Caleb Miller 2; Hector Sanchez 2; Guy

Warren 2; Tolby Wilcox 4; Fabian Dominguez 11; Andrew Chico 4. L--Sergio Bustos 2; Brett Field 2; Andrew Aguirre 8; Justin Mercado 8.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3 ELEMENTARY GYM

Lady Lakers 8, Belles 6
LL--Brittney Mercado 2; Michelle Martin 2; Adrienne Osborn 4. B--Miranda Frye 2; Elizabeth Quintana 2; Blair Smiley 2.

Raiders 19, Spurs 11
R--Danny Amador 2; Aaron Hand 1; Tyler Shields 2; Sawyer Reed 14. S--Omar Hernandez 7; Trent Hudson 2; Eric North 2.

Queen Bees 16, Lady Pacers 2
QB--Morgan Anthony 2; Deirdre Johnston 12; Julissa Saenz 2. LP--Halle Merket 2.

Pacers 24, Lakers 2
P--Justin Dominguez 4; Jared Boyd 10; Alex Gurley 8; Dillon Welch 2. L--Alex Dunnam 2.

**JUNIOR HIGH GYM
Lady Raiders 18, Rockettes 8**

LR--Emmie Crutchfield 2; Lucretia Field 2; Tiffany Vazquez 8; Beth Nava 4; Krista Graham 2. R--Sandra Arenas 2; Yvonne Vega 6.

Lady Pacers 19, Belles 17
LP--Misty Molina 2; Staci Murphree 8; Denise Perez 5; Natasha Lafuente 2; Yvette Ramos 2. B--Kambree Davila 2; Sandra Godoy 10; Kayla Estrada 2; Kandace Frye 2; Brandy Hutson 1.

Spurs 25, Lakers 9
S--Eddie Graham 2; Caleb Miller 2; Hector Sanchez 7; Tolby Wilcox 2; Fabian Dominguez 10; Andrew Chico 2. L--Brett Field 4; Jimmy Centeno 2; Justin Mercado 2; Kelby Monroe 1.

Lady Lakers 13, Queens 11
LL--Courtney Adams 5; Crsytal Garcia 2; Dollie Lookingbill 6. Q--Briana Wright 2; Claudia Candanedo 5; Molly Carthel 4.

MONDAY, MARCH 6 ELEMENTARY GYM

Raiders 19, Pacers 17
R--Tyler Shields 2; Sawyer Reed 17. P--Jared Boyd 1; Ryan Gerles 10; Alex Gurley 4; Dillon Welch 2.

Queen Bees 8, Lady Raiders 8
QB--Ashley Ingram 4; Deirdre Johnston 4. LR--Erin Anthony 2; Sabrina Barber 2; Hollis Gurley 2; Erica Wylie 2.

Lakers 6, Spurs 6
L--Kaison Graham 6. S--Trent Hudson 4; Eric North 2.

**JUNIOR HIGH
Queens 12, Lady Pacers 7**
Q--Sharmaine Jackson 2; Breann Barnett 4; Claudia Candanedo 2; Molly Carthel 2; Morgan Leal 2. LP--Staci Murphree 5; Natasha Lafuente 2.

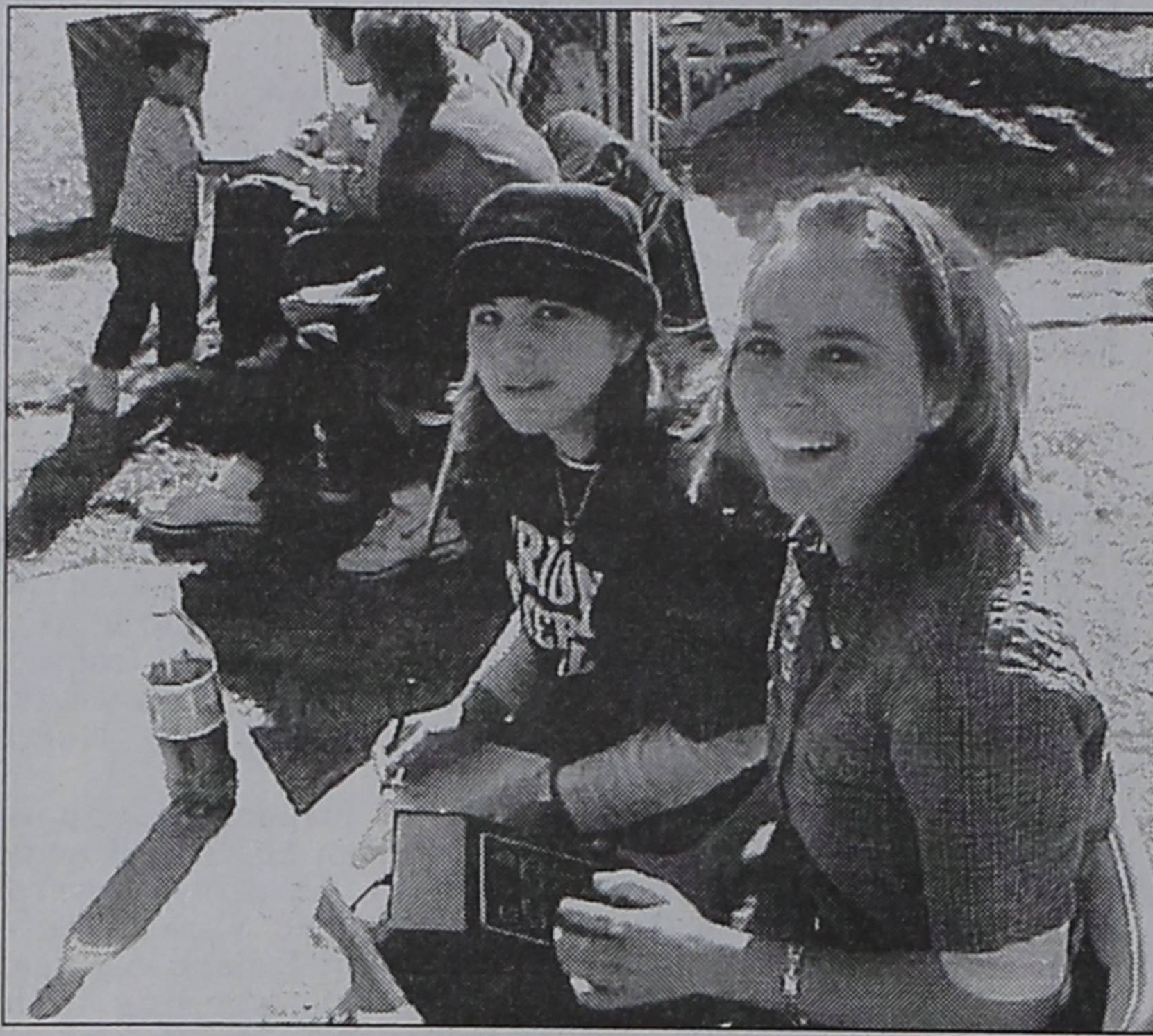
Raiders 12, Lakers 10
R--Sean Lookingbill 2; Phillip Saiz 2; Ramon Izaguirre 2; Ben Santiago 6. L--Brett Field 2; Andrew Aguirre 1; Justin Mercado 7.

Rockettes 18, Belles 15
R--Sandra Arenas 2; Julie Echevarria 2; Michelle Stanberry 2; Yvonne Vega 12. B--Sandra Godoy 4; Kandace Frye 4; Lindsey Neill 2; Deniss Vasquez 1; Kourtnee Williams 4.

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