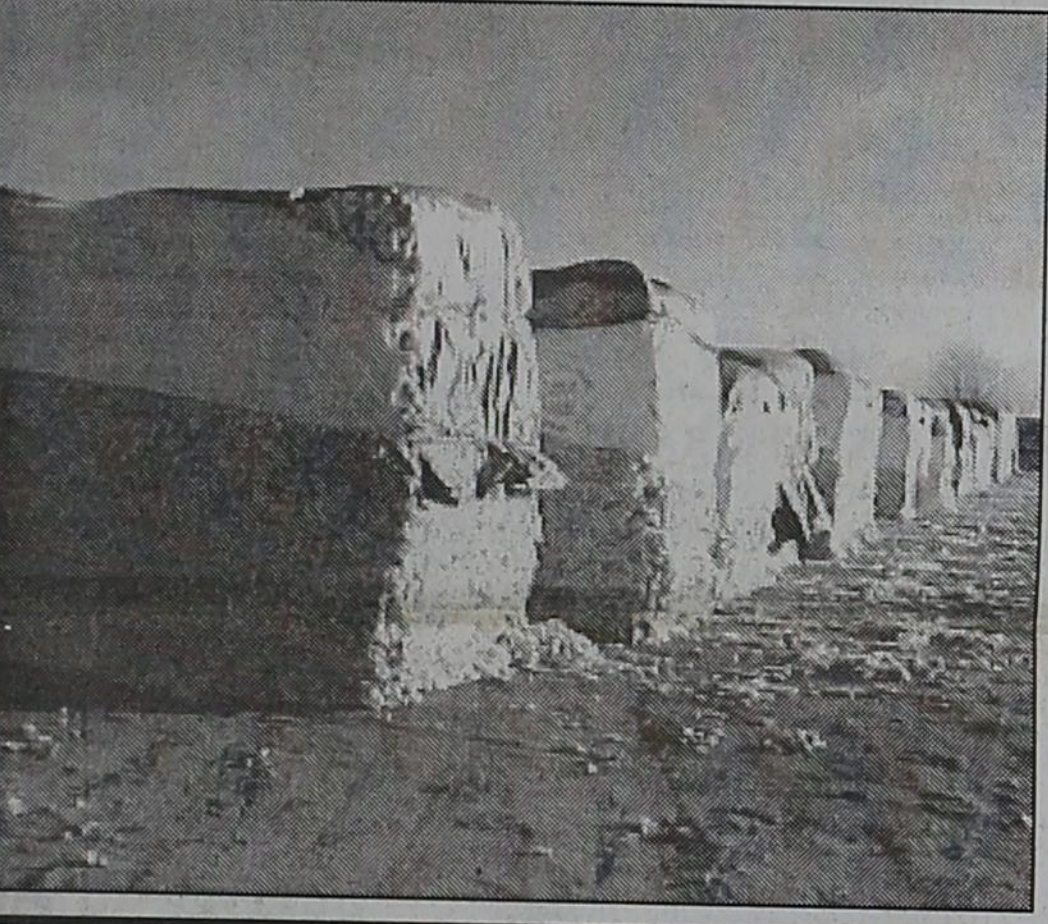
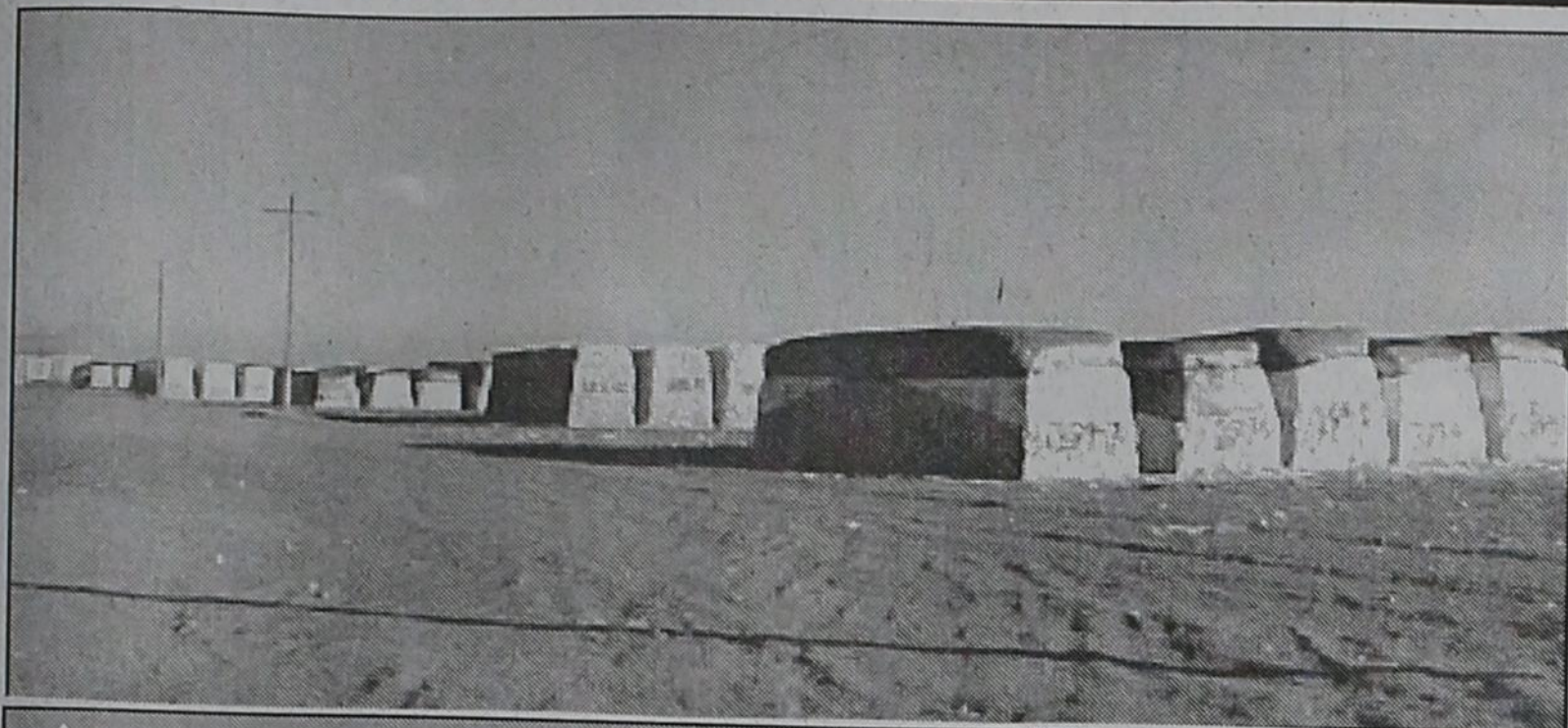


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Local Area 'Enjoys' White Christmas

Those who wanted a white Christmas got their wishes this year, as a late December storm dumped 6.25 inches of snow on Friona Monday, December 23.

The snow fell fairly straight down, although the wind speed increased during the afternoon Monday, which caused considerable drifting.

Folks going out of town, or having company coming in for the Christmas holiday early may have had some anxious moments, but all in all, folks made out fairly well.

"We have had no major accidents due to the snow and ice, just a few fender-benders," said the dispatcher at the Friona Police Department late on Christmas Day.

Roads in and out on Highway 60 were cleared by Monday afternoon, although Highway 214 had a snow pack most of the day on Monday.

Official measurement in Friona was 6.25 inches of

snow, and a "melt" of .63 inches. That brought Friona's snowfall in December to 8.55 inches, and the moisture to 1.29 inches.

December's moisture brought Friona's moisture for 2002 to a total of 14.72 inches. No surprise to farmers, of the year's total, 9.24 of the total has come since the first of August.

For calendar 2002, the snowfall has amounted to just less than 12 inches, but the 2002 December snowfall compares to none at all in December, 2001. Cotton farmers had been racing to finish stripping, with some still lacking many acres.

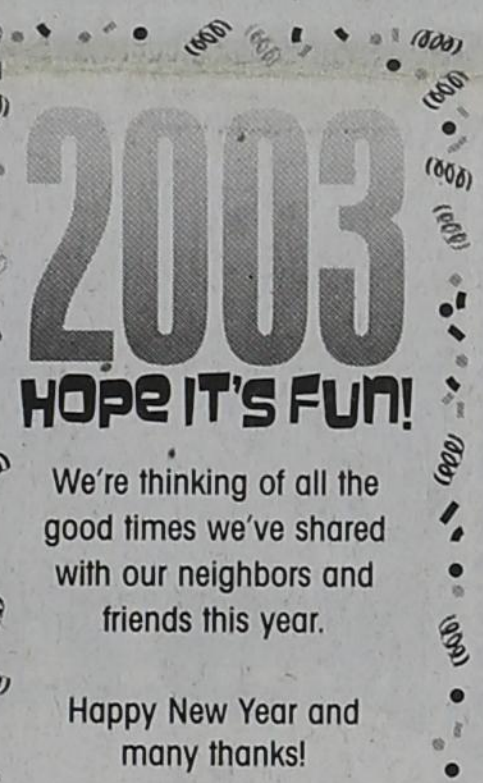


LIFETIME AWARD---Fire Chief Jim Taylor presented Lee Campbell with a lifetime achievement award at the FVFD's annual Christmas banquet. The 50-year award is dated 1952-2002. ron carr photo

As of December 19, 2002

118,073

Bales of cotton had been ginned in Parmer County!
Friona Star Survey



Happy New Year and many thanks!

Star Will Not Publish 1-3-03

The Friona Star usually skips publication between Christmas and New Years, but due to a need to publish several legal notices ending on December 27, the newspaper will skip Friday, January 3, 2003 instead.

Thank you for your consideration. See you the first full week of January!



A SWEET PERFORMANCE from the Palo Duro Chapter of the Sweet Adelines was a benefit concert for Friona's Pioneer Heritage Museum the week before Christmas at the high school. Brenda Patterson is seen left, center row, as a member of the popular vocal group. ron carr photo

LAST WEEK, OUR friend Claire Blanco stopped off at North Plains Printing in Hereford to fetch a copy of our newspaper while it was still "hot off the press!"

Claire was on her way to the airport, catching a plane to carry her to California for Christmas. Since she had our newspaper with her, it made it to the West Coast while it was Friday evening, the same day as our dateline on the paper.

That's pretty remarkable, since there are places in Parmer County where you "almost can't get there from here."

We had a call from a subscriber in Farwell who was having trouble getting her Bovina Blade before the weekend is over.

We did our best to explain that while Farwell and Bovina are only about 12 miles apart, here's how ALL the mail between these two county neighbors is delivered:

The papers are sorted and delivered to the Bovina post office, where the mail truck carries them up to Amarillo, with stops in Friona, Hereford and Canyon along the way.

In the Amarillo office, the sacks bearing our papers are directed toward another mail truck, which will drive them during the night from Amarillo to Lubbock.

Sometime in the wee hours, those papers (which have already been on two trucks, remember) are routed into another truck, which will take them to Farwell's post office.

The best we can tell, those papers, which started out only 12 miles from their destination, have covered very close to 300 miles, maybe a few over, since the Lubbock office is probably in the south part of that city.

With all that in mind, it's any wonder that mail ever makes it in less than three days between any of the towns in this county.

There is a place out on the Bovina rural route where you can almost throw a rock into the area served by Farwell's HCR 1. That same rock, if mailed to Farwell, would have had to travel about 320 miles. Go figure!

OFFICE MEMO, To: All Employees, from the management.

Effective immediately, employees should follow the guidelines in compliance with FROLIC (the Federal Revelry Office and Leisure Industry Council).

1. Running aluminum foil through the paper shredder to make tinsel is discouraged.
2. Playing Jingle Bells on the push-button phone is forbidden. (it runs up an incredible long distance phone bill).
3. Work requests are not to be filed under "Bah humbug."
4. Company cars are not to be used to go over the river and through the woods to Grandma's house.
5. All fruitcake is to be eaten BEFORE July 25.
6. Eggnog will NOT be dispensed in vending machines.

In spite of all this, the staff is encouraged to have a Happy Holiday!

We at the Friona Star hope that you've had a wonderful Christmas, and that you have a safe and sane Happy New Year (don't forget your blackeyed peas).

A CORRECTION printed in a Canadian newspaper: "The Ottawa Citizen wishes to apologize for our apology to Mark Steyn. In correcting the incorrect statements about Mr. Steyn published Oct. 15, we incorrectly published the incorrect correction. We accept and regret that our original regrets were unacceptable, and we apologize to Mr. Steyn for any distress caused by our previous apology."

Star Lites

by Bill Ellis



Ex-Teacher's Rites Slated For Monday

Graveside services for Charles Augustus Turner, 65, of Pampa, are set for Monday, December 30 in Normanna, Texas.

Visitation will be held Saturday, December 28 from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. at Blackwell Funeral Home in Friona.

Turner died Saturday, December 21, at his home in Pampa. He was a former director of the Friona ISD Special Education program and was employed locally from 1965 to 1994.

He was born January 22, 1937, in Beeville. He was a member of the Parmer Co. Retired Teachers Assn., and was a Licensed Professional Counselor.

Turner was a member of Union Congregational Church.

Survivors are two daughters, Lucretia Hayes of Amarillo and Polly Rivera of Plano; a son, Richard Turner of Arlington and a grandchild, Ashleigh Hayes of Amarillo.



ANNUAL FSB EVENT---Larry Knowles, right, greets guests in the foyer at Friona State Bank at the bank's yearly Christmas tea held the week before Christmas. Checking out all the festive goodies are Von and Nancy Edelson, and Amber Drake, holding little Carly Drake.

FRIONA FLASHBACKS

...from the files of The Friona Star

75 Yrs Ago-Dec. 23, 1927

The second car load of Jersey milk cows to be shipped here during the past two weeks arrived on Wednesday morning and are being placed on Parmer County farms this week. The cows are being bought by farmers of this county and are coming from the famous Bob Malone herd at Plainview. Most of the cows are being bought by farmers in the Friona neighborhood.

65 Yrs Ago-Dec. 24, 1937

While hunting over on Landergrin Ranch at Sand Point, several miles northwest of Friona on Friday of last week, L.F. Lillard experienced the rare sensation of bagging two large bobcats. Mr. Lillard was accompanied on this hunting trip by Jim Griffith and J.R. Roden, both of this locality, and the three were out for the prime purpose of bagging a few quail for their respective dinner tables. Mr. Lillard stated that he has hunted deer, wild turkeys, geese, ducks, rabbits and other large and small game here and in New Mexico, but this is the first time he has ever had the thrill of any fierce animals such as the two bobcats were.

60 Yrs Ago-Dec. 25, 1942

From the "locals" Don, the small son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Reeve, who has been seriously ill at the McReynolds hospital the past two weeks, was sufficiently recovered to be taken home Sunday.

50 Yrs Ago-Dec. 25, 1952

Dear Santa--Please bring

me a set of guns and a cowgirl doll with lots of clothes. Bring all my friends the things they ask for. Jimette McLean.

Dear Santa Claus--I am 8 years old and tried to be a good boy. I want a BB gun and a football, and a pair of boots, a real pocket watch and a road grader. Larry Mabry.

Dear Santa--I want a cap rifle. I want a pair of guns and bring mother and daddy something nice, and bring John home. I want a football suit, too. Your friend, Mike McKee.

Dear Santa Claus--I want a sweetheart bracelet and a Tony Doll. Willene Baxter.

45 Yrs Ago-Dec. 23, 1957

Dear Santa--Please bring me a gun and some Lincoln logs. I will try to be good. Love, Jay Potts.

Dear Santa--Please bring me a Lone Ranger set with his hat, and mask, and two guns, and a Roy Rogers set with guns and hat, and a machine gun and a punching bag. Thank you, Danny Kendrick.

Dear Santa--I would like for you to bring me a big horn, a bowling set, some candy and other toys. Your friend, Scott Lillard.

40 Yrs Ago-Dec. 27, 1962

Loyde Brewer, class of 1933, who served as vice president of the association for the past year, was moved up to the office of president of the Friona Ex-Students Association at the annual reunion Wednesday night at the school cafeteria. A crowd of over 140 attended the

reunion. Mrs. Curtis Murphree was elected vice president, and Mrs. Billy Dean Baxter is secretary.

35 Yrs Ago-Dec. 21, 1967

Archie Tarter, retired farmer from the Lazbuddie area, was appointed Monday by the County Commissioners Court to serve as Parmer County Judge until the general election next November, at which time a special race for the office will be held.

30 Yrs Ago-Dec. 28, 1972

Gary Hicks was certified as Friona's and Parmer County's champion pheasant hunter in terms of longest tail feather entered in the competition.

Two Texas Highway Department employees were killed last Thursday afternoon in a spectacular wreck involving a cattle truck on the bridge across Running Water Draw, 12 miles south of Friona on State Highway 214. Wilford Sike, 45 was dead at the scene and Clemente Lopez, 41 was dead on arrival at Parmer County Community Hospital. The accident occurred when a cattle truck swerved to avoid hitting another truck and hit the two men who were making repairs just south of the bridge.

25 Yrs Ago-Dec. 25, 1977

Dear Santa--I want a dirt bike and please fill my stocking full of goodies. And Mary Frances wants a rag doll. I have been a good boy. John Cass.

Dear Santa--We have been good boys. We would like to ask for some presents. My little brother, Corbin, would like a record player and a fire rescue truck. Brent Riethmayer.

Dear Santa--I want a stevostan and a gunset and a Mir. mouth and snoopes runway set and a long ranger and his horse and a transet. From Reese.

Dear Santa--I have to go. I want a dog, a diamond ring, a strawberry doll. You have been very nice to me. Merry Christmas. Love Lori Fulks.

20 Yrs Ago-Dec. 25, 1982

Dear Santa--I want a cassette recorder for my stereo and then I want a Donkey Kong, Frogger, Defender for my Atari after that I want a stomper pulling set and a target rifle for my target shoots in 4H. Love, Shannon Cochran.

Dear Santa--I would like a three wiler. If you could get it please, please, please. Love, Boone Hand.

Dear Santa--My sister and I love you very much. We try to be good girls. Please bring us a go-cart, strawberry shortcake dolls and two Koala bears. We will leave you something for you to eat under the Xmas tree. Your little angels, Lana and Leslie Fangman.

Dear Santa--I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a strawberry baby doll, tape recorder, and a baton. I love you Santa, Amanda Taylor.

15 Yrs Ago-Dec. 26, 1987

Dear Santa, I would like a watch and some G.I. Joe men. I want some electric football teams too. I want some bible story men like David and Goliath. Love, Jeff Hamilton

Dear Santa, I would like a new ten speed bike, a new dog house, a sled, one of the new born cabbage patch kids and a new house for my mom and dad. Love, Amber Martin.

10 Yrs Ago-Dec. 25, 1992

Mr. and Mrs. W.M. Massie will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary, December 27, 1992. Meryle and Olive met in Lubbock while he was stationed at Lubbock Air Force Base (now Reese) and she was a student at Texas Tech. They were married December 27, 1942 in Wilson, Texas.

5 Yrs Ago-Dec. 25, 1997

Dear Santa, I want a real dog and a tv a doll a real cat and a new bed and santa if you are busy that's fine with me but please tell your elves to get my toys ready Vanessa



VISITING AND GRAZING was the order of the day at Friona State Bank's Christmas Tea last week. Above, l-r, are FSB employees Larry Knowles and Casey Sharrock with customer Jim Dixon. Clint Mears provided Christmas music for the occasion.

ron carr photos

Candice Baca Graduates At Angelo State

Angelo State University conferred degrees upon 371 students during the 2002 Fall commencement exercises December 13 in San Angelo.

The 2002 Fall graduates include Candice M. Baca, Bachelor of Science.



FRIONA STATE BANK marketing manager Marca Lynn Herring, center, corraled bank customers Jaime Cruz and Mildred Welch and encouraged them to fill a plate with some of the goodies available at the bank's annual Christmas Tea last week.

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Lorenzo Villa Completes Basic Combat Training

Lorenzo Jerit Villa, the eighteen year old son of Tommy and Kathy Villa, graduated from Basic Combat Training on November 8. The graduation ceremony of Alpha Company, 2nd Battalion, 54th Infantry took place at Fort Benning, Georgia, also known as "The Home of the Infantry."

He completed fourteen weeks of training, earning a badge in physical training, the achievement of Honor Platoon, medals for marksmanship in weapons and expert in grenade.

The day before graduation, the soldiers and their families attend a ceremony for "Turning Blue." This is a special ceremony for soldiers training to be infantrymen. The blue rope



LORENZO VILLA

located on the right shoulder of a soldier indicates that he met the qualifications needed to become an infantryman. Only infantrymen are given the privilege to wear the symbolic rope on his Class A uniform.

He is now stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas. Attending his graduation were his mom Kathy Villa, his sister Alyssa Villa, his grandmother Lucy Everett and his aunt Carrie Melton.



HONORED WITH RECEPTION...Olive and Meryle Massie were honored Sunday, December 22, on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary.



SCENES, above and below, from Santa's visit to Prairie Acres' Christmas party Thursday, December 19. Santa and Prairie Acres employees handed out gifts to residents.



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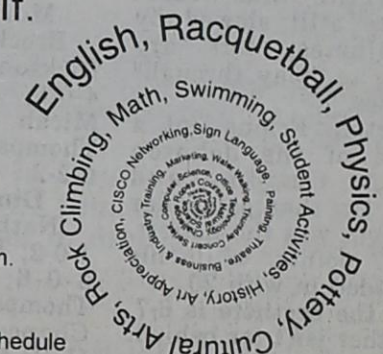
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However. . .the time has come. As of January 1, 2003, Sherry will no longer be making DONUTS. Some of you came every day for donuts. . .you will be especially missed!

BUT. . .Kenda will continue to have her BAKERY at the same location, and I hope that you will give "KENDA'S SUGAR SHACK" the same awesome support that you have given to us during the past two years.

This has been, as many of you know, a really hard decision for me to make. . .thus the lack of prior notice to the public. I'm sorry for that, but the new year will bring lots of exciting changes, so be watching your Friona Star for all the latest!

As many of you know, Kenda makes beautiful and delicious cookies, cakes, pies, and other "goodies." Just let her know your bakery needs. Give her a call at the Sugar Shack (806-250-2895), located next door to the newspaper office.

Thanks again for all of your support for the past two years! It has been a fun adventure.

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P.S. Thanks especially to Jim for his hard work and support! Also to Kenda, Shannon, and Dad, and the 6th St. Church of Christ. I couldn't have done it without all of you!

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TIGHT SECURITY...Andy Carthel (30) found that airports aren't the only place with close security, as Dimmitt's Matthew Gauna (11) and Patrick Hunter (15) defend. Friona's Brock Field (11) is in the background. (ron carr photos)

Chieftains Lose Pair During Week

The Chieftain varsity lost both of their games during the past week, to Morton on the road, 82-26, and to Dimmitt at home Friday, 79-37.

Two senior Chieftains, Nathan Haile and Adam Bandy, are still slowed by ankle injuries, but are attempting to "play through" their injuries.

At Morton, Friona got a good dose of the Johnson brothers, Calvin and Kendrick. On that particular night, Calvin was the hottest, scoring 27 points, while his brother glided in with 20.

One of the brothers is 6-7, and the other isn't far behind. The best news out of this scenario is that Morton dropped out of Friona's district, falling to Class A, so at least the Indians aren't district opponents for a couple of years.

Morton held leads of 20-8, 35-12 and 65-18. Bandy was Friona's leading scorer with

JV Chiefs Play Close But Lose

The Chieftain Junior Varsity played a pair of good games prior to the Christmas break, but came up just short in both of them.

At Morton on Tuesday, December 17, the young Chiefs found themselves trailing, 39-20 at the half, managing just ten points in each of the first two quarters.

But in the third quarter, Rudy Gonzales warmed up, hitting a two-point basket, a three-pointer and a free throw, and teammates Chad Hutson, Matt Gammon and Jesus Nava contributed baskets, as the team "stayed with" Morton.

Hutson and Matt Gammon scored seven points apiece. Hutson hit three from the field plus a freebie, and Gammon hit a pair of twos, and a "treys," as the Chieftains outscored their hosts 21-17, for a final score of 74-57.

Nava led scoring with 15; Gammon had 14 and Hutson nine.

The team returned home on December 20 to face another tough team, Dimmitt.

Rivas and Gammon scored early baskets for the Chiefs JV, who trailed at the half, 22-18.

Nava contributed three baskets in the third, which ended with Dimmitt ahead 34-28.

Gammon scored seven points and Nava five in the fourth quarter, as Friona cut the final margin to four, 51-47.

Nava scored 15 and Gammon 11 to pace Friona.

Mort. 74, Cfs JV 57

Rudy Gonzalez 1-1*-1-6; Willy Castillo 0-1-1; Chad Hutson 4-1-9; A. Rivas 1-0-2; K. Hunt 4-0-8; Matt Gammon 4-2*-14; Jesus Nava 6-3-15; David Mendez 0-2-2.

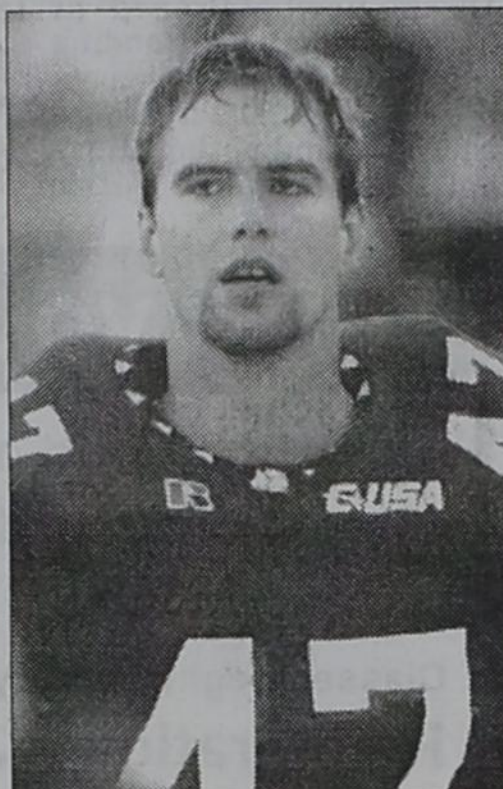
Dim. 51, Cfs. JV 47

Gonzalez 1-2-4; J. Miller 1-1-3; Hutson 1-0-2; A. Rivas 2-0-4; Hunt 3-0-6; Gammon 3-1*-2-11; Eduardo Godoy 1-0-2; Nava 7-1-15.

eight. Back home on Friday, the Chieftains weren't much better off. Dimmitt rolled to an easy win, as Friona was led by Ricky Dickson's nine points.

Mort. 82, CHIEFS 26
Brock Field 1-0-2; Ricky Dickson 1-0-2; Adam Bandy 4-0-8; Andy Carthel 2-1-5; Micah White 1-1-3; Dustin Thompson 1-0-3; Gabe Rivas 0-2-2.

Dim. 79, CHIEFS 37
Nathan Haile 2-1-5; Field 1-0-2; Dickson 3*-2-9; Bandy 3-0-6; Carthel 2-0-4; Thompson 1-3-5; Rivas 1-0-2; Chance Hutson 1-0-2; Marc Haile 0-2-2. *3-point baskets.



QUINT ELLIS

A reminder to watch on ESPN on New Year's Eve at 2:30 to see Quint Ellis play in the Liberty Bowl.



AWAITS PASS...Andy Carthel (in white) waits for a pass from a teammate. Dimmitt's Hunter is in black. (Ron Carr photos)



DEFENSIVE STANCE...Trisha Winebrinner (40) is shown guarding her opponent in the Dimmitt game.

Meet Friona's Class of 2015



Estevan Rocha

Estevan is a kindergartner at Friona Schools.

His Parents are Antonio & Juana Rocha. His brother is Aaron. His Grandparents are Filiberto & Carmen Juarez and Antonio & Carmen.

His favorite activities include playing baseball and riding bikes. His favorite foods are pizza, hotdogs and chicken.

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Squaws' J. V. Places Second In Tulia Meet

The Friona Squaws' Junior Varsity came in second at the Tulia JV tournament December 12-13-14.

The team raced past the Littlefield ninth-graders, 57-8, took it to Nazareth, 51-38, before losing to the host Tulia JV in the finals, 41-37.

In their first game, Heather Clark had a hot first half, scoring six baskets from the field. Meagan Ingram added three baskets, while Melissa Vasquez and Brenda Murphree both hit three-pointers, as the Squaws led, 28-4 at the half.

The bad news for the young Littlefield players was that the two teams almost exactly doubled their scoring in the second half—good news for Friona and not-so-good news for Littlefield.

Brenda Murphree sank a pair of "treys" and a "deuce" in the third quarter as Friona hiked its lead to 38-4.

Miss Vasquez had a hot hand with four baskets (two were three-pointers) and a pair at the line, as the Squaws coasted to the win. Miss Murphree led scoring with 18, Miss Clark had 14, Vasquez 13 and Ingram 10.

In their second-round game, the JV Squaws got off to a bumpy start. Although Misty Adams had a three-pointer and two regular baskets, the team found itself trailing Nazareth, 19-14 at the quarter's end.

Coach Ky Graham had his team turn up their defense the rest of the game. The result was that Friona outscored the Nazareth girls, 37-19 the rest of the way. The Lady Swifts, remember, had scored 19 points in their first quarter.

Miss Clark had a pair of baskets as her team regained the lead, 22-19 at the half.

Miss Murphree scored three baskets and a free shot in the second half. Miss Ingram was four for four at the line; Miss Vasquez three for four and Miss Clark was three for six, as the Squaws scored a nice win, 51-38.

Clark scored 14, Miss Adams 13 and Murphree 11. Friona got off to a bad start against the Tulia girls on Saturday, trailing 24-11 at the half.

SQUAW JV 57, Lfd. 15
Meagan Ingram 5-0-10; Melissa Vasquez 4-1*-0-13; Yvonne Ramos 1-2-4; Brenda Murphree 2-4*-2-18; Misty Adams, 1-0-2; Heather Clark, 7-0-14.

SQUAW JV 51, Naz 38
Ingram 0-4-4; Vasquez 0-3-3; Ramos 2-0-4; Murphree 5-1-11; Jennifer Cardenas 0-2-2; Adams 2-2*-3-13; Clark 4-6-14.

TUL 41, SQUAW JV
Ingram 2-3-7; Vasquez 1*-0-3; Murphree 3-2*-3-15; Adams 2-5-9; Clark 1-0-2. *3-Point baskets..

Miss Ingram scored six points and Adams four, as Friona clawed its way to trail by a single point, 28-27 after three quarters.

Tulia outscored the team, 13-10 in the fourth quarter. Miss Clark fouled out. Murphree's 15 points paced Friona.



AMY MURPHREE is closely guarded by her Dimmitt defender in last Friday's action. Amy scored 15 points in the team's loss. (ron carr)

TEAM NOW AT 9-6

Squaws Split Pair In Week's Action

The FHS Squaws split their two games the week of December 16-20.

The team downed Morton at Morton last Tuesday, 49-25, and came home for a game against Dimmitt on Friday, falling by a score of 40-32.

In the Morton game, senior Amy Murphree hit a pair of shots from the field in the first quarter. Teammates Andrea Geries, Ashley Smiley and V'Lesha Wilcox had single baskets, and Trisha Winebrinner was two for two at the line.

When the buzzer sounded to end the first quarter, Friona had a 14-6 lead.

The Squaws continued their good offensive game in the second quarter, when Miss Smiley connected on three baskets and Miss Winebrinner made good on a pair, one from three-point range; Misses Geries and Wilcox added a basket apiece, and Friona went to halftime with a 29-12 lead.

Friona's only bad quarter in the game was the third, when they could manage only three baskets. One was a three-pointer by Lindsay North. Morton outscored the Squaws, 10-7, but could cut Friona's lead only to 36-22.

The Squaws' offense bounced back in the final quarter. Miss Winebrinner sank four baskets to lead the way, as Friona coasted to the 49-25 win.

Winebrinner led the scoring with 15 points, and Smiley scored 11.

In their last game prior to Christmas, the Squaws led for much of the way before falling to visiting Dimmitt, 40-32.

The Squaws had a hard time getting started against

the Bobbies. Murphree's three-point basket was almost half of Friona's first quarter points, as Friona trailed, 10-7.

Miss Murphree and Ashley Smiley warmed up a bit in the second quarter, Ashley hitting two baskets and going two for two at the line, and Amy adding two from the field, as the Squaws took a 22-19 lead to intermission.

The third quarter was a disaster for FHS, as Smiley had Friona's only points—two. Dimmitt scored eight, to take a 27-24 lead. The visitors held FHS to only eight in the fourth, to take the win, 40-32.

Murphree scored 15 for Friona and Smiley had ten.

The week's action left Friona with a 9-6 season record going into the Caprock Tournament.

SQUAWS 49, Mort. 25

Andrea Geries 2-0-4; Haleigh Herbert 1-0-2; Lindsay North 1*-0-3; Ashley Smiley 5-1-11; Amy Murphree 4-0-8; Trisha Winebrinner 5-1*-2-15; V'Lesha Wilcox 3-0-6.

Dim. 40 SQUAWS 32

A. Geries 0-2-2; North 0-0-0; Smiley 3-4-10; Murphree 5-1*-2-15; Winebrinner 1-1*-0-5. *3-point baskets.



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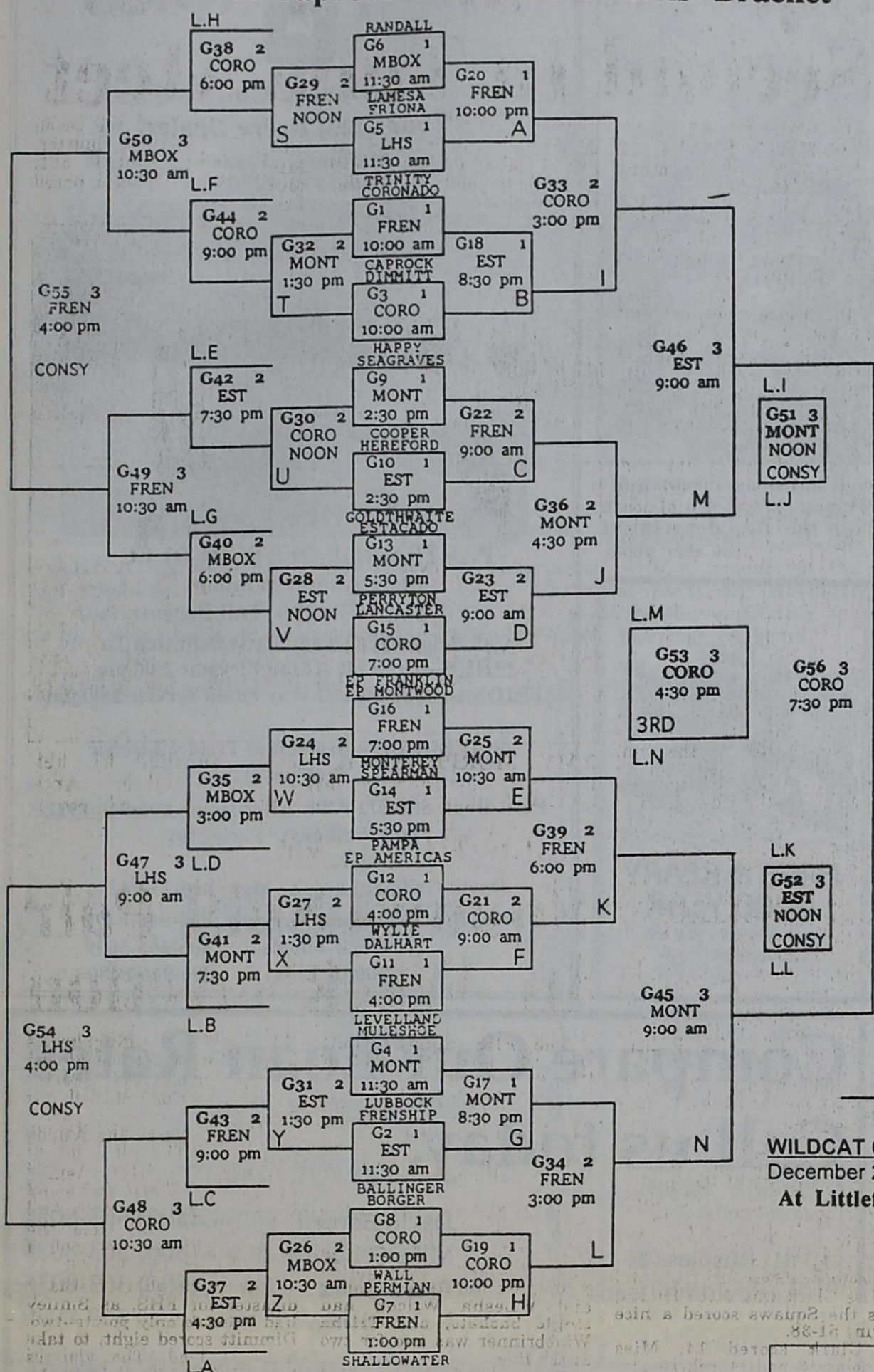
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*3-point basket

44th Annual Caprock Tournament--Girls' Bracket



#1--Thurs., Dec. 26th; #2--Dec. 27; #3--Dec. 28

Squaws' Jr. Varsity Hike Record To 14-3

The FHS Squaws' junior varsity won both of their starts the week prior to Christmas, to run their season record to a stellar 14-3.

At Morton last Tuesday, the young Squaws knocked off the Indian Maids, 41-24, leading from start to finish.

Misty Adams helped FHS get off to a 6-1 lead in the first quarter, and Heather Clark scored all six points for Friona in the second, as the team led 12-6 at the half.

Miss Clark and Adams scored three baskets each and Brenda Murphree and Meagan Ingram one each as the Squaws stretched their lead to 28-14.

Vega came in to score ten points in the fourth as Friona won going away.

Clark led scoring with 17, and Adams also had ten. Hosting Dimmitt, the JV Squaws clicked on all cylinders, popping the JV Bobbies, 58-37.

Clark started off with three baskets in the first, with Brenda Murphree and Yvonne Ramos each hitting a three-pointer, as Friona bolted to a 19-2 lead.

Miss Clark came back with six more in the second, and Adams had five, giving the Friona team a 37-21 halftime lead.

Murphree continued to bomb from long distance, with a pair of three-pointers in the third. Friona was leading, 50-29 at the end of the quarter.

Clark had 16, Murphree 12 and Vega nine.

- JV SQUAWS 41, Mort 24**
 Meagan Ingram 1-0-2; Melissa Vasquez 0-0-0; Brenda Murphree 1-0-2; Misty Adams 5-0-10; Heather Clark 7-9-17; Vega 5-0-10.
- JV SQUAWS 58, Dim. 37**
 Ingram 2-1-3; Vasquez 2-0-4; Ramos 2-1*0-7; Murphree 4*0-12; Rosas 0-1-1; Adams 2-2-6; Vega 4-1-9; Clark 6-4-16.

*3-point baskets.

FHS Teams In Holiday Tourneys

Both the Squaws and Chieftains are entered in holiday tournaments. The Squaws (9-6) are entered in the 44th Caprock Holiday Tournament in Lubbock. They face Trinity Christian in their opening game, at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at Lubbock High School.

Coach Richard North says he has noticed some of Trinity's scores, and they appear to have a good team.

Friona will play the winner or loser of Lamesa-Randall on Friday at Frenship. Other teams in Friona's bracket include Dimmitt, Happy, Seagraves, Cooper, Hereford, Goldthwaite, Estacado, Perryton, Lancaster and El Paso Franklin.

The Chieftains (7-6) are already forfeit winners over Tahoka in the Littlefield Tournament. Tahoka got a better offer after the brackets were printed.

Friona will play the winner of Whiteface vs Lockney on Friday at 9:30 a.m. at Littlefield. Farwell, Tulia, Smyer and Littlefield fill out the lower bracket in the 16-team field.



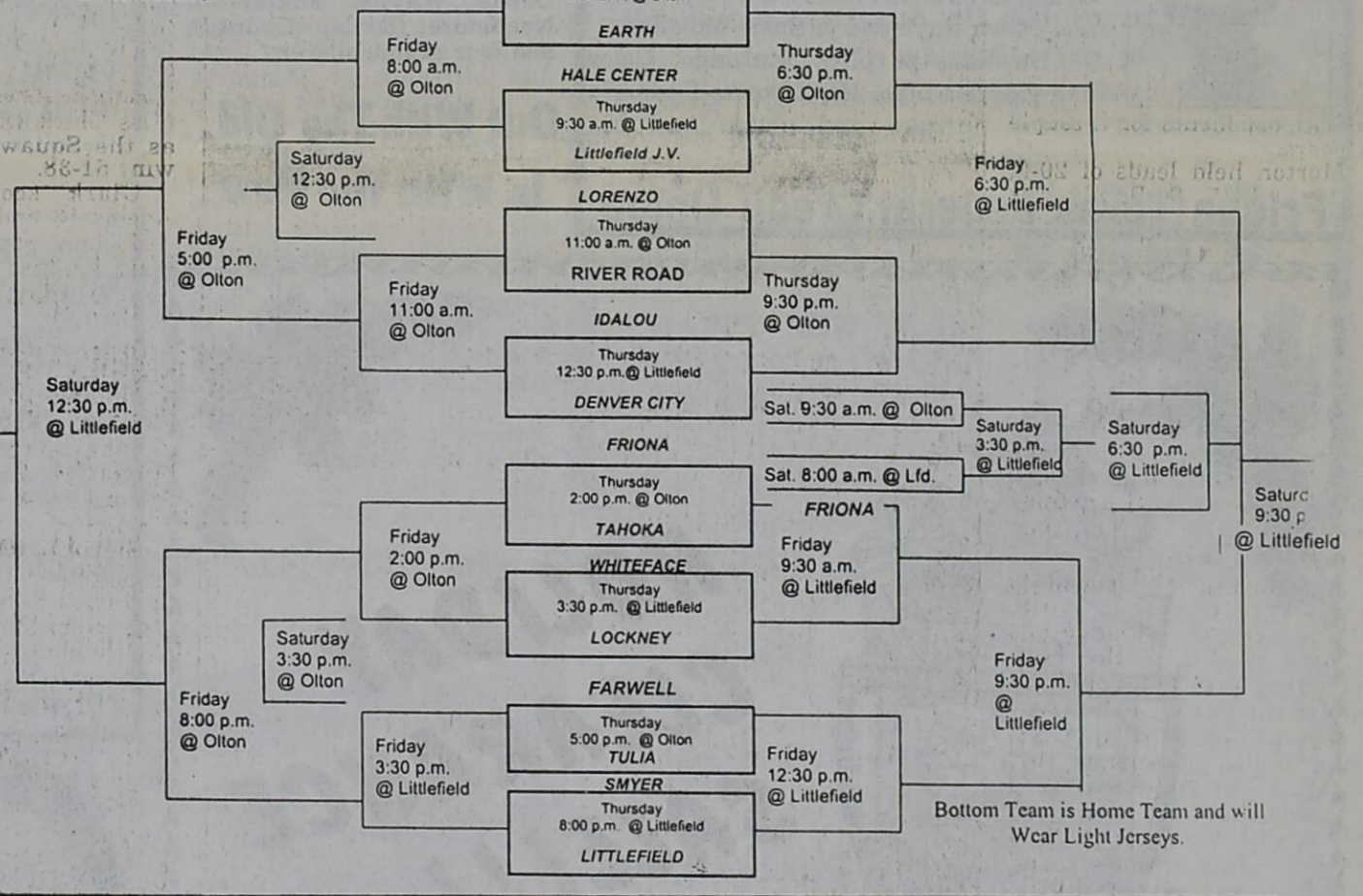
HALEIGH HERBERT guards her opponent in the Dimmitt game. Friona lost the game, 40-32. The Squaws play in the Caprock Tourney Dec. 26-27-28.



MANDY GERIES is shown bringing the ball downcourt vs Dimmitt. Dimmitt's Caitlin Buckley is shown. (That's the ball in dark part of floor circle)



WILDCAT CLASSIC December 26, 27, 28 At Littlefield



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After Holiday Games Are Scheduled

The holidays will barely be over when the Squaws launch district play, at Abernathy on Friday, January 3. They will host Olton in their second district game on Friday, January 7.

The Chieftains travel to Hart for a December 30 (Monday) game, then host River Road on January 6.

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DRAWING FOR prizes at Friona Banking Centers's open house last week were, top, Britny Pope and Meagan Sharrock, and below, Sharon Newton and Macy McLennan.



CHUCK TEAGUE, left, was selected as Fireman-of-the-Year by his fellow firemen. Fire Chief Jim Taylor presents the award at the fire department Christmas banquet. ron carr photo

Bruce Shafer Rites Held On Monday

Funeral services for Bruce Shafer, 56, longtime Friona resident, were conducted Monday afternoon, December 23, with Rev. Archie Echols, former pastor of Friona's First United Methodist Church, officiating.

Burial was in Friona Cemetery, under the direction of Blackwell Funeral Home. Shafer died Friday, December 20, 2002.

He was born April 25, 1946, in Clovis, N.M. He moved to Friona, where he had lived since 1965.

He was a member of the Baptist Church, and had worked as a cattle buyer.

Survivors include a daughter, Traci DeSplinter of Houston; two sons, Cully Shafer of Canyon, and Shawn Shafer of Dumas; a brother, Lewis Wayne Shafer of Needmore (Bailey County); and four grandchildren.

Out With The Old... In With The New

Meet Friona's Class of 2015

Jeremy is a kindergartner at Friona Schools.



Jeremy Raymond

His parents are Jeremy & Sylbia Raymond, he has 1 brother, Justin. His Grandparents are Mario & Nelly Gomez and Steve Raymond & Susie Mclellan

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SWEET ADELINES, Palo Duro Chapter, entertained with a concert at the high school auditorium and at Prairie Acres' Christmas party on December 19. Director Julie (Owen) Bender, a 1979 FHA grad, is shown leading the group. The concert was a benefit for Friona's Pioneer Heritage Museum.



Friona News

By BECKY LONDON

Phone 238-1146 or 250-2211 With your News Items.
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Don and Eva Kimbrough spent this week in Albuquerque, N.M., in the home of their daughter, Phyllis Sandoval. While there, the Kimbroughs visited with Phyllis' children. They are Genica Lee and her daughter Poema; Brianna Sandoval and her fiancé Billy Lehman, and Israel Sandoval.

The Kimbroughs also saw their son Cris during their stay. The family members celebrated his birthday Monday.

Earlier, Don and Eva went to Santa Fe to see Cris in the production "A Christmas Carol." He played three roles: Fred, young Ebenezer and Old Joe.

Cris has played in such productions as "Up the Down Staircase," "Camelot," "The Music Man" and "The Importance of Being Earnest." A lead role in the Las Cruces Community Theatre's production of "The Fantasticks" has been the highlight of his career to date.

Burton of Shallowater and daughters Ellen, Jenna and Haley.

Ed and Doris White's family gathered in the home of their son and daughter-in-law, John and Nita White at Girlstown for the holidays.

Those present included John and Nita's children Tera and Clay, and their adult daughter and family, Misty and Oren Peden of Levelland and children; Ed and Doris' son and family, Larry and Anita of Lubbock (mentioned in the Perkins' story), and Jason's fiancé, Jackie and friend Greg. Tera came home to Friona with the Whites for a few days.

Ed and Doris are expecting their daughter and grandson, Sami and Jamal Dean of The Colony this weekend for another family gathering.

The home of Bonnie and Mike Pope of Friona's 5th Street was busy this Christmas. Their three children and grandchildren were home, as were many

extended family members.

The Pope children are April, who is a senior at the U. of Texas in Houston; Amanda Roth of Dallas and daughter Katlyn, and son Charlie and wife Britny and children Brayden and Bailey of Friona.

Also visiting in the Pope home were Bonnie's sister and brother-in-law, Linda and Pat McKean of Amarillo; Mike's brother and sister-in-law, Gary and Frances Pope of Muleshoe and their son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Lori of Muleshoe and their children, Kevin, Aaron and Kristen, and Mike's mother, Betty Freeman of Hereford.

Don't forget to visit the AGP Cooperative Elevator at Rhea to wish Joe Allen a happy retirement this Saturday from 8 a.m. until noon. His friends and co-workers have prepared a nice reception for him and they would really enjoy your presence as they bid Joe farewell.

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The proposed increase will not effect the Company's other gas rate schedules. The change will apply to Residential, Commercial, Small Industrial, and Public Authority customers. The Company proposes the following increased service charges:

	During Business Hours	After Hours
Turn on new service with meter set	\$32.00	\$48.00
Turn on service (shut-in test required)	\$23.50	\$35.25
Turn on service (meter read only required)	\$15.00	\$22.50
Reconnect delinquent service or service temporarily off at customer's request	\$37.50	\$56.25
Miscellaneous service calls	\$11.25	\$16.88

The proposed service charge changes are expected to increase the Company's annual revenues by approximately 4% and therefore do not constitute a "major change." The proposed changes could affect approximately 215,000 gas customers in the following communities and surrounding rural areas:

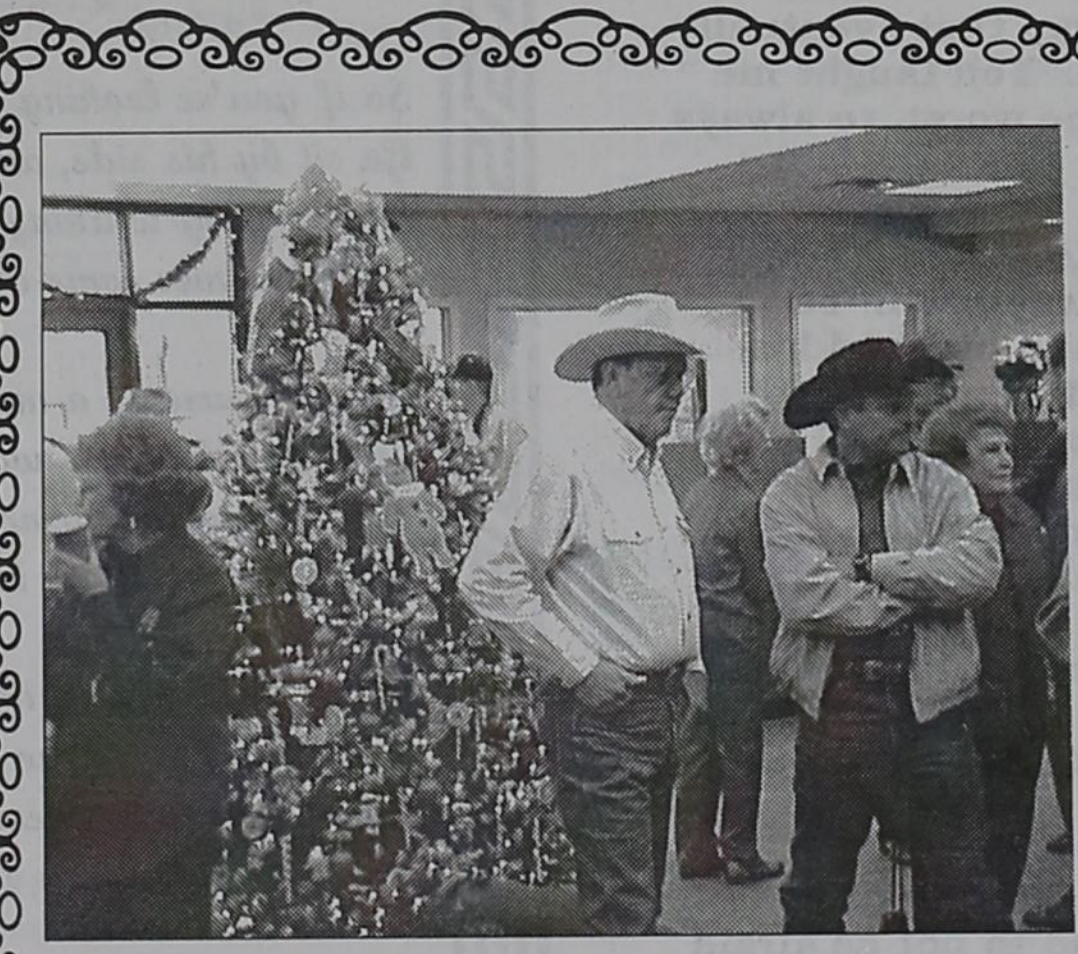
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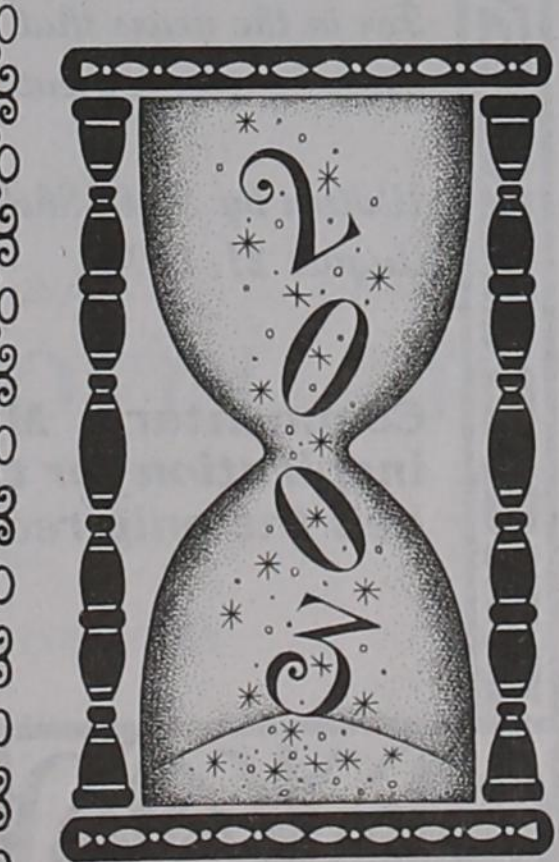
Copies of the filing are available at the Atmos Energy Office at 5110 80th, Lubbock, TX 79408-1121 or at an Atmos Energy Office nearest to you. Affected persons whose gas rates are subject to the original jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission may file in writing comments or a protest concerning the proposed changes with the Docket Services Section of the Legal Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, at any time within 30 days following the date on which the change would or has become effective.

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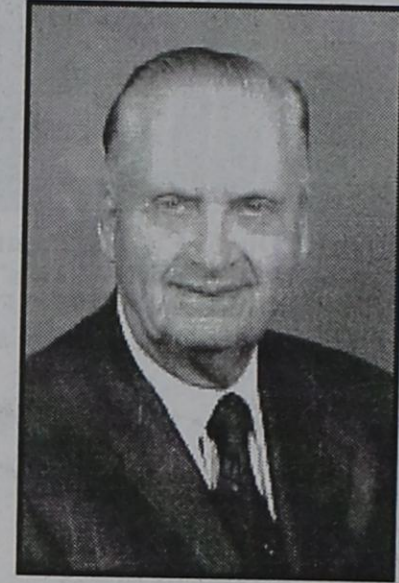
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A Tribute To Ralph Shelton By His Son, Kyle

(Author's Note: This tribute and poem were written for my father, Ralph W. Shelton, a few weeks before his untimely accidental death. I had planned to surprise Daddy by presenting it to him as a surprise, posted in the Friona Star. As I see things, perhaps Daddy can still enjoy it, from his easy chair in God's company above.)



RALPH SHELTON
1918-2002

Merry Christmas Daddy.

Over the years, throughout many wonderful times, I often have thought about the marvelous things that you shared with me; moments that molded my life in so many ways and taught me values, responsibilities, and love. Many of these moments went without words, some without notice by you, often without thanks from me. It is for these moments of gold through my life, that I now write you this open letter of deepest gratitude and sincerest love.

Mankind lives for many reasons, but only one purpose. Namely... our children. Whether they be our own "blood" children, or adopted, whether in our family or shared between different families, "Children" are why we are here. All the rest; all the world elsewhere, is just so much noise and distraction.

For these "children", we do many things, endless love carries us safely through the good times and tough times, shelters our hearts, and allows each one of us to learn, to survive, to love and pass on the best things that God Himself ordained for our very lives.

I remember the little lessons that you carefully crafted into our days' events. You taught me that a skinned knee is no reason "not" to get right back up and get back on that bicycle or horse. You taught me that there is no shame in not getting an "A" on a Report Card, but there is also no shame in improving my grades to the best of my personal abilities. You taught me the need to wake up and see the morning, the beauty and serenity of a quiet, peaceful world. You taught me to never give up, and to keep doing a job until it was correctly done, as well as the satisfaction in doing it well. You taught me the need to TRY to do something new, virtually every day. You taught me that kindness is rewarded, sooner or later. You taught me to never burn a bridge, that eventually we may have to cross "back" over it. You taught me to expect the best but to plan for the worst, to always have a backup plan ready.

Daddy, you always were there. Moreover, I now have the quiet serenity that you always "will" be there, inside me, inside "my" son, and his, and his. You took the best of your world and shared it with me, while protecting me from the worst of it. I too have done this with my son. You taught me to never stumble over a dollar to pick up a dime. To know that "family" will always be there, and to treasure "true" friends. Throughout endless examples, you showed me that a single person "can" make a valued difference in others' lives, and that everything we do affects others. That it is up to us to be certain that our lives exude a positive affect on those around us.

You made me proud. Proud to be an American. Proud to be a small town boy. Proud to not be afraid of the city, and things unknown. Proud to be "who" I was. Proud to be "your son"! Daddy, you taught me. And I learned. I learned how to be kind to those less fortunate. I learned how to be quiet when silence was needed, and yet, how to stand up and speak for my own rights when it was also needed. I learned too well what the value of a man is in today's world. I learned to be PROUD to say, "My Daddy CHOSE me for I am adopted!" Somewhere in all this, I also learned the magic of "family". Family inside our home, family on the road, family separated by distance and time. Family that means I never have to be alone. Family that comes from years of acceptance, love and devotion.

Daddy, I wish for you this Christmas all that a son can wish for his father. I wish for you eternal joy, happiness and love. I wish for you all the kindness in this world. I pray for those less fortunate than I, who have not had the Godsend of a father that you were to me and my sister. Daddy . . . you've always been the only real "hero" that I've ever known, or ever will. Merry Christmas Daddy, and may God bless you and keep you safe.

Christmas 2002

"Legacy"

*What is the measure of a mortal man?
Is it the value of all of his land?
Perhaps by the deeds that he does for the rest?
Or could it be whatever it is he does best?*

*Some would say that men are measured by gold,
Others, by the stories of them that are told.
There have been men who were said to be great,
Just because they ruled others, or won against fate.*

*History shows all of us, time and again,
That men are mere mortals, and not above sin.
That greatness never lasts, and all of us fail,
And given enough time, the brightest star will pale.*

*So if you're looking for the measure of a man,
Go sit by his side, and take up his hand.
For only by walking down his lonely road,
Can you ever come close to carrying his load.*

*The measure of a man is not what he does,
It's not what he's worth, and not what he was.
But rather, the memory and the feeling you get,
When you consider how his life changed those that he met.*

*If, to bring him to mind makes you want to say,
"He once helped me out," or "He brightened my day,"
And when you remember him, long past his years,
He still makes you smile, and brings happy tears,*

*Then you've given that man the best gift of all,
You've remembered his heart, and made his life stand tall.*

*For in the years that follow him, to those left behind . . .
Then he was a great man, carried forever, in their mind.*

*Written by Kyle Shelton
August 21, 1995*

*Commentary: My father was the
inspiration for this poem. Quite simply -
he's the only real hero I've ever had.*

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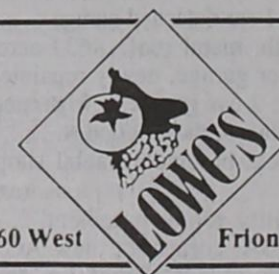


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NOTICE OF CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION APPLICATION
 TPDES Registration No. WQ0004572-000.

APPLICATION. DAVID LEE CARSON, LINDA KAY CARSON CHAPMAN, AND JOHN SCOTT CARSON, d.b.a.-Carson Farms, 3681 Hall Cemetery Road, Howe, Texas 75459 have applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a new TPDES Registration No. WQ0004572-000 to authorize the applicant to operate a new dairy cattle facility at 2,750 total head of which a maximum of 2,500 are milking in Parmer County, Texas. The application was received by TCEQ on September 23, 2002. No discharge of pollutants into the waters in the state is authorized by this registration except under chronic or catastrophic rainfall conditions. All waste and wastewater will be beneficially used on agricultural land.

The proposed facility will be located on the south side of State Highway 86, approximately 5.5 miles east of the City of Bovina, Parmer County, Texas. The facility will be located in the drainage area of the White River Lake in Segment No. 1240 of the Brazos River Basin.

The application is available for inspection by the public during normal business hours at the Bovina City Hall, 205 North Street, Bovina, Texas.

The Executive Director of the TCEQ has prepared a draft registration which, if approved, would establish the parameters and limitations within which the facility must operate.

PUBLIC COMMENT. Written public comments may be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address provided in the information section below, within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice. The Executive Director will consider all relevant information pertaining to whether the applicant meets the requirements for the registration and will issue a written determination as to any final action on the application for registration and a response to all comments.

INFORMATION. Written public comments should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For additional information, about the application or the procedure for public participation in the registration process, individual members of the general public may contact the Office of Public Assistance at 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.state.tx.us. Please note that the 77th legislature changed the agency's name from Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) to Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). Both names are interchangeable for a short period of time, until the phase-in is completed.

Issued: Dec. 17, 2002
 LaDonna Castanuela, Chief Clerk
 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

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TO: Jorge L. Calderon, GREETING:

You are commanded to appear by filing an answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday the 20th day of January, 2003 before the Honorable Judge Vivaliah Hutto, Justice of the Peace Court, Precinct 2, Parmer County, Texas at Bovina, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, by Albert Ricketts, agent for Parmer County Community Hospital, whose address is 1307 Cleveland, Friona, Texas 79035 on July 24, 2002, in this case numbered 260 on the docket of said court, and styled,

Parmer County Community Hospital
VS
Jorge L. Calderon

The nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Outstanding hospital bills and is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

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TO: Justin W. Ellena, GREETING:

You are commanded to appear by filing an answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday the 20th day of January, 2003 before the Honorable Judge Vivaliah Hutto, Justice of the Peace Court, Precinct 2, Parmer County, Texas at Bovina, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, by Albert Ricketts, agent for Parmer County Community Hospital, whose address is 1307 Cleveland, Friona, Texas 79035 on October 17, 2002, in this case numbered 349 on the docket of said court, and styled,

Parmer County Community Hospital
VS
Justin W. Ellena

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TO: Chad E. Jackson, GREETING:

You are commanded to appear by filing an answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday the 20th day of January, 2003 before the Honorable Judge Vivaliah Hutto, Justice of the Peace Court, Precinct 2, Parmer County, Texas at Bovina, Texas.

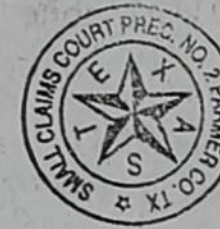
Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, by Albert Ricketts, agent for Parmer County Community Hospital, whose address is 1307 Cleveland, Friona, Texas 79035 on October 17, 2002, in this case numbered 361 on the docket of said court, and styled,

Parmer County Community Hospital
VS
Chad E. Jackson

The nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Outstanding hospital bills and is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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TO: Shawn Lacy, GREETING:

You are commanded to appear by filing an answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday the 20th day of January, 2003 before the Honorable Judge Vivaliah Hutto, Justice of the Peace Court, Precinct 2, Parmer County, Texas at Bovina, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, by Albert Ricketts, agent for Parmer County Community Hospital, whose address is 1307 Cleveland, Friona, Texas 79035 on October 17, 2002, in this case numbered 350 on the docket of said court, and styled,

Parmer County Community Hospital
VS
Shawn Lacy

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TO: Bradley Martin Sr., GREETING:

You are commanded to appear by filing an answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday the 20th day of January, 2003 before the Honorable Judge Vivaliah Hutto, Justice of the Peace Court, Precinct 2, Parmer County, Texas at Bovina, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, by Albert Ricketts, agent for Parmer County Community Hospital, whose address is 1307 Cleveland, Friona, Texas 79035 on November 4, 2002, in this case numbered 366 on the docket of said court, and styled,

Parmer County Community Hospital
VS
Bradley Martin Sr.

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TO: Guadalupe Mendez, GREETING:

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Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, by Albert Ricketts, agent for Parmer County Community Hospital, whose address is 1307 Cleveland, Friona, Texas 79035 on November 14, 2002, in this case numbered 437 on the docket of said court, and styled,

Parmer County Community Hospital
VS
Guadalupe Mendez

The nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Outstanding hospital bills and is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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TO: Larry Myers, GREETING:

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Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, by Albert Ricketts, agent for Parmer County Community Hospital, whose address is 1307 Cleveland, Friona, Texas 79035 on November 4, 2002, in this case numbered 381 on the docket of said court, and styled,

Parmer County Community Hospital
VS
Larry Myers

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TO: Truman Newsome, GREETING:

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Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, by Albert Ricketts, agent for Parmer County Community Hospital, whose address is 1307 Cleveland, Friona, Texas 79035 on November 4, 2002, in this case numbered 382 on the docket of said court, and styled,

Parmer County Community Hospital
VS
Truman Newsome

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TO: Manuel Ortega, GREETING:

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Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, by Albert Ricketts, agent for Parmer County Community Hospital, whose address is 1307 Cleveland, Friona, Texas 79035 on November 14, 2002, in this case numbered 443 on the docket of said court, and styled,

Parmer County Community Hospital
VS
Manuel Ortega

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TO: Ida Salazar, GREETING:

You are commanded to appear by filing an answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday the 20th day of January, 2003 before the Honorable Judge Vivaliah Hutto, Justice of the Peace Court, Precinct 2, Parmer County, Texas at Bovina, Texas.

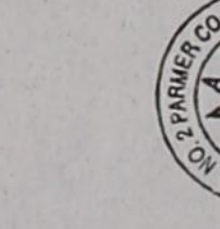
Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, by Albert Ricketts, agent for Parmer County Community Hospital, whose address is 1307 Cleveland, Friona, Texas 79035 on November 5, 2002, in this case numbered 399 on the docket of said court, and styled,

Parmer County Community Hospital
VS
Ida Salazar

The nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Outstanding hospital bills and is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of the said court, at office in Bovina, Parmer County, Texas, on December 3, 2002.



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Ignore Distractions. Basically, once you've established your personalized investment strategy, everything else is a distraction. Headlines about corporate accounting scandals are a distraction. Steep, short-term market plunges are a distraction. Your neighbor's tip on a "hot" stock is a distraction. They're all distractions - and there are hundreds and thousands more of them out there, too. If you can train yourself to ignore all these annoyances and focus exclusively on what you need to do to meet your goals, you will be putting yourself in the strongest possible position to get the results you want.

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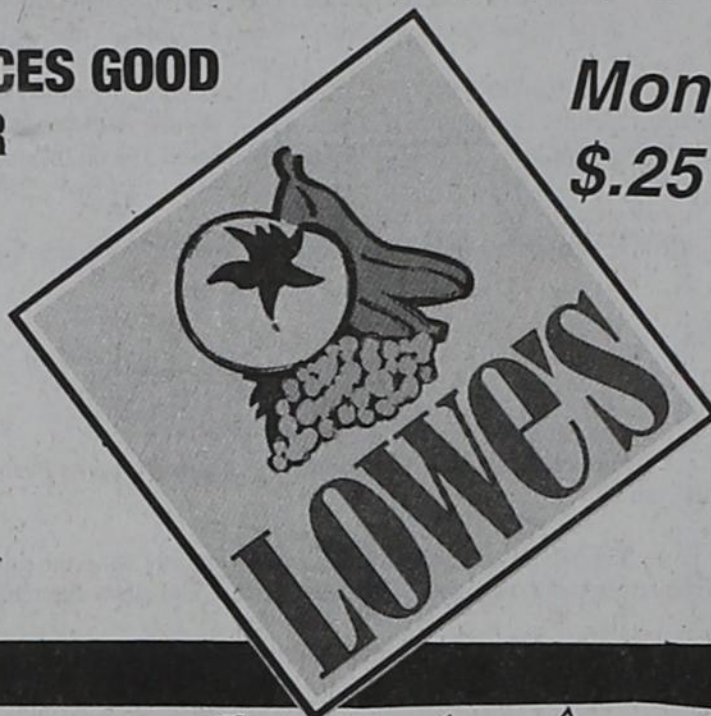


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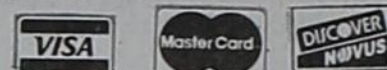
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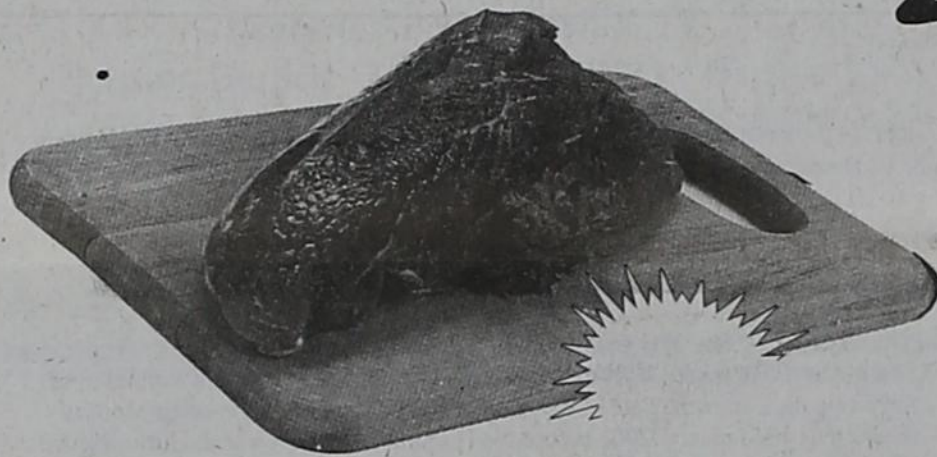
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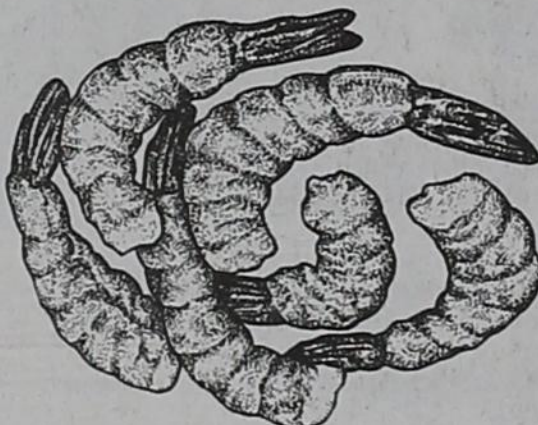
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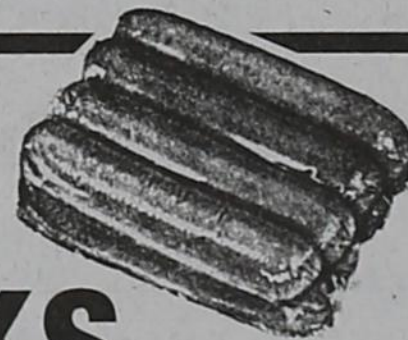
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