

## Star Lites



By Bill Ellis

## Chieftains Gaining Some Recognition

Their season cut short by one game that they had hoped for reaching, the Friona High School Chieftains this week began receiving some accolades in the form of post-season "dream teams."

The team gained five spots on the all-district offensive team and four on defense. They also landed four spots each on the second-teams offense and defense.

Followers of the team probably thought the Chieftains deserved more credit than they received on the all-district squads. A prime example was when the district coaches favored River Road's Rowdy Lundergreen over Friona's Kyle Grimsley at the quarterback spot, offensive team.

Looking at the teams' head-to-head meeting, Grimsley led his team to 486 total yards, while the Chieftain defense held the explosive Wildcats to 311 yards. That's a 175-yard difference in Grimsley's and Friona's favor.

Early this week, the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal released its "All South Plains" class 3A team.

On that team, Grimsley was picked for the quarterback, Angel Vega at wide receiver and Landon Wiseman at center, on the offensive team.

On defense, Quint Ellis was picked at defensive end, Fidel Rodriguez as a linebacker, and Aaron King as a defensive back.

Rodriguez led the team in tackles with 146, including 89 unassisted. Ellis had 87 tackles on defense, nine sacks, three fumble recoveries, a pass interception for a TD, a fumble recovery for a TD, and a tackle for a safety.

Coach James Morton was chosen by the A-J as the "Coach of the Year" for Class 3A.

As of this writing, the class 3A all-star team for the Panhandle area, as well as the "Super Team," both picked by the Amarillo Globe News, had not been named. The former should be in Friday or Saturday's G-N, and the latter in Sunday's paper.

On the Associated Press Sports Editor's All-State team announced Wednesday, Ellis was picked as a second team lineman, while Angel Vega made the team as an honorable mention receiver.

**SOMEHOW or OTHER,** Ye Editor has refrained to make editorial remarks in this space in regard to the Fabulous Friona Chieftains and their ultra-successful season.

Of course, we made up for that oversight during the latter part of the season and through the playoff season, with our special "playoff sections," or pages.

Maybe Ye Editor was superstitious and didn't want to do anything different down the stretch that would jeopardize his favorite team's chances in their upcoming game. (How many superstitions, or good luck charms can we have??)

Well, the season is over now, so here goes.

Thanks, Chieftains, for giving many long-suffering fans such as myself the chance to watch you during the most successful football season in FHS history.

Thanks for your dedication, that started with two-per-day practices in early August, into two scrimmage games, a regular ten-game season, and as a bonus, a five-game "playoff season."

Up until this year, we had only followed in the papers or on TV, while the "football factories," such as Odessa Permian, the 4A Sweetwater Mustangs (did you see those accomplishments on the scoreboard at Mustang Bowl??), and other schools with a proud football heritage did one of their runs toward a state championship.

We had been watching, out of the corners of our eyes, how a group of young athletes started their junior high school years by winning all of their games, in the seventh and/or the eighth grade, and many of us had been thinking (and talking) about what might happen when this contingent of athletes got to the varsity level.

At about the same time that this group of athletes sprang upon the scene, Friona also became very lucky when a young man by the name of James Morton was made their head coach.

Having worked with Coach Morton for four or five years prior to this one, it just seemed that all of the right ingredients might come together about this time in FHS' football program.

And they did! Coach Morton told Ye Editor this week that he wanted to pay tribute to his coaching staff, and made the remark that he had the best coaching staff in the state. We'll say amen to that statement. And since Friona is one of the top teams in the state, it would stand to reason that in order to achieve that honor they would have to have the help of some unique professionals, which they do.

Did Coach Morton believe, even in his wildest dreams, that the Chieftains could have a 15-game season, put together an unheard of (around Friona) 13-game winning streak, and take part in the state semi-finals, on the carpeted turf of Texas Stadium?

Morton says that after the Chieftains played Littlefield on almost even terms in their first game of the season, having a shot at winning on the Wildcats' home turf, he began to think big things might be in store for his team.

"Littlefield had a number of boys back from their 1995 team, that lost out to Ballinger in the regional finals last year. The score of that game was a tie, with Ballinger advancing on 20-yard line penetrations, and went on to the state semi-finals." Coach Morton told us.

Morton says he began to think at that point that Friona could do what Littlefield and/or Ballinger had done the previous year.

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**FRIONA'S PRIDE....**Members of the Friona H.S. Chieftains stand at attention following their game against the Tatum Eagles at Texas Stadium. Players in the front are Luis Ramirez, Landon Wiseman, Ricardo Mendez, Eloy Trejo, Mario Pina, Jeff Hamilton and David Shelby.



## Chamber Afghans Are Here

Are you looking for a Christmas gift for someone special? The Chamber of Commerce has what you are looking for! "Friona" custom woven afghans remain for sale and are in stock at the Chamber office at 621 Main.

The afghans, which depict Friona and various items it is noted for, are priced at \$46.00 each and are great gift ideas for any occasion.

Stop by the Chamber office to purchase your afghan so it will be under the tree on Christmas morning.

## Exit Test Schedules Are Given

Individuals who have met all requirements for high school graduation but have not passed one or more sections of the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) or the Texas Educational Assessment of Minimum Skills (TEAMS) may take the test this February.

Testing will be on the following dates: TAAS--February 25, writing; February 26, mathematics; February 27, reading; TEAMS--February 26, mathematics; February 27, English language arts.

All individuals who wish to take the TEAMS test(s) must register in advance. This includes students currently enrolled in Texas public high schools as well as individuals who have completed all other high school graduation requirements.

The only individuals who must register for the TAAS test(s) are those who are no longer enrolled in school who have not met minimum expectations on all sections of the TAAS test or a student who will be testing in a district other than the district that they are enrolled in. A registration packet may be picked up at any high school campus, district central office of education service center.

Your completed registration form must be received in Iowa City, Iowa, no later than 5 p.m. January 24, 1997.

If you have any questions about which test to take or how to register, contact a high school counselor or call toll-free, 1-800-552-0302.



**SEASON UNDERWAY....**The annual pheasant season kicked off in Parmer County last Saturday, December 14, and will continue through December 29. Hunting is expected to remain a challenge, due to low bird population.

## Hereford's Holly Sugar Plant To Remain Open

By KAY LEDBETTER  
Amarillo Globe-News  
HEREFORD--Holly Sugar in Hereford will keep its doors open at least one more year, Imperial Holly and Texas-New Mexico Sugarbeet Growers Association officials decided in a meeting Tuesday.

The association put out letters two weeks ago advising producers that Holly must have 25,000 acres committed for the 1997 crop by December 15 to keep the operation profitable.

"The response received from the association's request for early acreage commitments has been encouraging," the two parties said in a joint statement Tuesday.

"Based on the level of commitments received and indications from growers who have not yet committed that they are going to grow beets for the 1997 campaign, Imperial Holly has decided to operate the factory to process the 1997 crop," the joint release said.

Kenneth Frye, president of the Texas-New Mexico Sugarbeet Growers Association, said about 20,000 acres were committed for the 1997 crop, and the push will continue for more acres.

Old growers and new growers are signing up, he said. Frye said some positive growth is expected in the Dalhart area as well as the

stateline area south of Bovina.

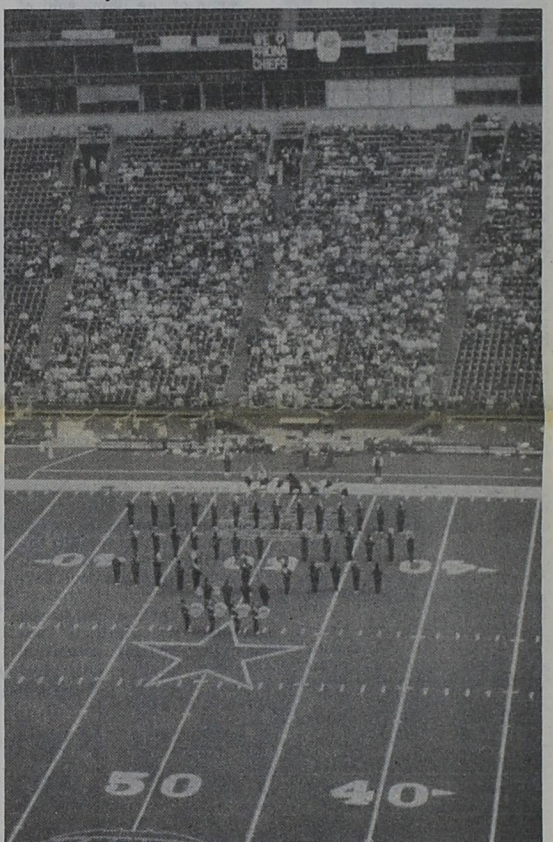
"They realize that we need to all pull together and keep striving to get that 25,000 acres to keep this factory going now and in the future," Frye said.

Holly pays out about \$20 million to area farmers and employs more than 300 people during the harvest campaign. In 1996, about 350 regional beet farmers harvested 14,000 acres for processing, which only occupied 37 per cent of Holly's factory capacity, Frye said.

Holly officials said sugar prices are expected to remain strong in 1997 due to the short crops being produced in 1995 and 1996 and the resulting tight supplies of refined sugar.

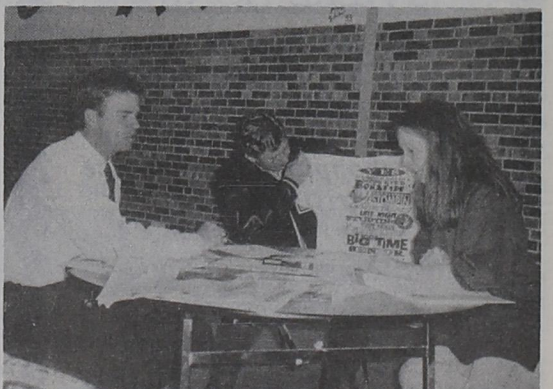
With the recent decline in grain prices, sugarbeets offer a particularly attractive alternative, association officials said. The recent changes to the sugarbeet purchase contract provide a higher payment at harvest and offer the grower in the Panhandle the best sugarbeet contract in the industry, they said.

"It's important that those growers who have not finalized their 1997 crop plans complete their commitment so as to ensure that the association reaches its committed level of 25,000 acres," he said.



**STADIUM CROWD....**The Friona High School band is shown on the field at halftime of the Friona-Tatum playoff game in Texas Stadium. Most of the large Friona crowd can also be seen in the background.

As of December 19, 1996  
**86,700**  
bales of cotton had been ginned in Parmer County.  
*Friona Star/Bovina Blade survey*



**THAT TIME ALREADY....**It may not seem possible, but FHS seniors are already ordering their invitations and senior T-shirts. Shown with Phil Behrens of Herff-Jones Co. (left) are Billy Garner, center, and Jennifer McDonald.





**LEARNING LIFE SKILLS.....**Jimmy Stewart, a member of the Friona Junior High Life Skills class helps run the class's booth at the Christmas Bazaar in November.

## Skills Class Formed At Friona Jr. High

The Friona Junior High Life Skills class recently participated in the Christmas Bazaar at the Friona Community Center.

This is a new class at the junior high. It has 15 members, ranging from second grade to ninth grade.

## Letter To The Editor

Dear Bill,  
I want to commend our Friona EMS crew for their professionalism and speed in carrying out their duties. They are polite, helpful and skillful in doing their job. I had to call 911 twice within three weeks to get an ambulance for my Doyle because he was too weak to move.

Mike Martin and Larry Martin were the ambulance crew that drove to Lubbock the first time after checking him at our own hospital. Both times I called 911, Police Chief Randy Gerries was at our house in minutes, with the ambulance close behind. The last time Randy Gerries and Dana Hendrix drove the ambulance.

It was such a traumatic time for me and I appreciated being able to turn his care over to them knowing that he was in good hands. The rest of the EMS crew are: Donice Jones, Cliff Daniels, Chuck Teague, Terry Sharrock and Tim Roberts.

My special thanks, too, to Dr. Jubay, Dr. Alexander and their staff at Parmer County Community Hospital. They are the best!

Sincerely, Judy Cummings

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# Friona Flashbacks

.....from the files of The Friona Star

**65 Yrs Ago-Dec. 18, 1931**  
S.F. Warren, Friona's leading poultry breeder, took a number of his prize-winning Rhode Island Reds to the Slaton poultry show last week, and bore away a number of the best prizes. This is the fourth show he has attended, all with good results. The others were the Tri-State Fair, Amarillo; South Plains Fair, Lubbock; and Tri-County Fair, Hereford.

**60 Yrs Ago-Dec. 18, 1936**  
O.C. Jones this week announces the opening of a Dodge-Plymouth agency here in Friona, with office and show rooms at his garage on Euclid Avenue. Mr. Jones will include at his agency both sales and service, and will also carry a stock of parts for these two popular makes of cars. Mr. Jones is a member of our city commission and one of our prominent machinist citizens.

**55 Yrs Ago-Dec. 19, 1941**  
Parmer County farmers are being urged to check over their farm machinery at once in order to see what necessary repairs can be made before spring planting, and then get their order for repairs and parts in the hands of their dealers at the earliest possible moment. Farmers also have been asked to assist in the national scrap iron collection campaign, to help supply iron and steel scraps to speed war industries.

**50 Yrs Ago-Dec. 20, 1946**  
The new uniforms for Friona High School's band began arriving last week, and four of the twirler uniforms have also arrived, according to D.G. Holmes, superintendent of the Friona Public Schools. The uniform fund was helped by a \$100 check from Leo Potishman of Fort Worth.

Wayne B. Stark, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Stark, was received his discharge from the service, and is now at home.

**45 Yrs Ago-Dec. 20, 1951**  
Work is speeding ahead at the Sloan Osborn A No. 1 test drilling location ten miles northwest of Friona this week, with actual spudding-in anticipated tomorrow or Saturday. Whether or not oil is found in this exploratory well, local citizens may have the assurance that a really "big time" rig is being used on the location, with the most modern equipment available.

**Odessa Rucker, Age 80, Passed Away In Amarillo**

Funeral services for Odessa Rucker of Amarillo were held Friday, December 20, at two p.m. at Parkview Baptist Church in Plainview, Texas, with Rev. Virgil Ichtetz, pastor of Friona's Calvary Baptist Church, officiating.

Florence Odessa Rucker, age 80, passed away Tuesday, December 17, 1996 in Amarillo. She was born in Rising Star, Texas, October 1, 1916, and had resided in Friona, Providence, Plainview and Olton.

She married Hollis Rucker in Clovis, New Mexico in March 1973. She was a member of Friona Woman's Club and Calvary Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Hollis Rucker, of the home. Also by two daughters: Barbara Garwood of Amarillo, and Recie Bigham of Lubbock; also two sons: Ernest Bell of Plainview and R. L. Copeland of New Braunfels; also one stepson, Tony Rucker of Phoenix; one sister, Earlene Smith of Rule; two brothers: Cleo Bush of Rule and J.A. Bush of Plainview.

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**35 Yrs Ago-Dec. 21, 1961**  
Letters to Santa included: Dear Santa: I want a Kitten doll and a little red spinning wheel. With love, Andrea Hurst.

Dear Santa: I am in the second grade. I would like a Tiny Tears doll, a sewing machine and an apron. With love, Kathy Horton.

**25 Yrs Ago-Dec. 23, 1971**  
Winners in the Friona Chamber of Commerce lighting contest were announced this week by Chamber president, Ralph Shirley. First place went to the Billy Jones residence. Jones will receive \$60 first prize. Second place was won by the Dale Houlette residence. The Houlettes will receive \$40 cash. Third place was won by the Charlie Wise residence.

**20 Yrs Ago-Dec. 19, 1976**  
Honorary Lone Star Farmer Degree was recently presented to David Pruitt, Area Development Manager for Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative, Hereford, for his work with the Future Farmers of America. The award ceremonies were held in Amarillo.

**15 Yrs Ago-Dec. 20, 1981**  
The Parmer County Commissioners are being faced in the near future with a proposed redistricting plan which will divide the county in disproportionate areas, including splitting the cities of

Friona and Bovina. The Parmer County History Books arrived this week, and distribution of the books has begun at the Congregational Church.

**10 Yrs Ago-Dec. 20, 1986**  
Sutter's Inn opened its new Friona facility last weekend and this week was feted with a ribbon cutting ceremony and a "coffee cart" by the Friona Chamber of Commerce. A good crowd of local chamber members attended the affair Thursday. A six-inch snowfall failed to put a damper on this greeting for the city's newest business.

Four members of the Friona Chieftains' bi-district champions 1986 football team have been honored by the All-South Plains class AAA team announced this week. Jeff Chaney and Sam

Montoya made both the offensive and defensive teams. Shy Burney made the defensive team.

In addition, Coach Tommy Moss, who coached the Chieftains to a new high in wins (9-3) and guided the football Chiefs to a new plateau in the playoffs, was named as the class AAA "Coach of the Year" on the South Plains.

**5 Yrs Ago-Dec. 21, 1991**  
Friona State Bank has announced that Larry Knowles has been selected as their Employees of the Year for 1991.

Members of the Friona Junior High School Band were recently selected to the All-Region Junior High Band. They were Julie Goddard, Corrie Igo, Jaclyn Peace, Leander Davila, Stephanie Burch and Aaron Rivera.

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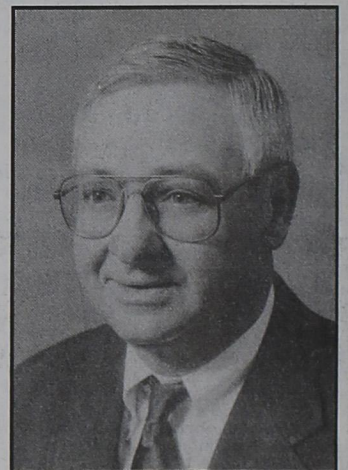
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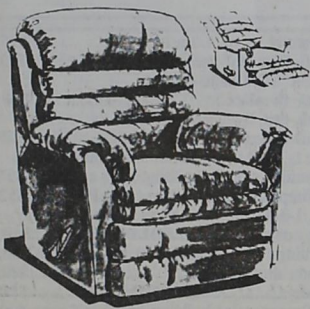
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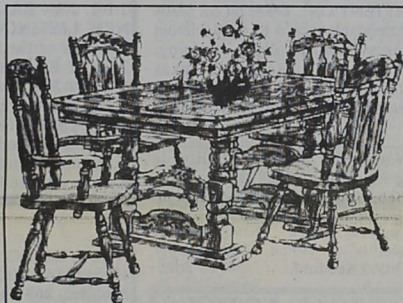
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Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, by John D. Aikin, whose address is 244 North Main, P.O. Box 1818, Hereford, Texas 79045 on July 3, 1996, in this case, numbered 7809 on the docket of said court, and styled,

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Dec. 13	DALHART (JV & Varsity Girls)	T	6:00
Dec. 17	LAZBUDDIE (JV & Varsity Boys)	T	6:30
Dec. 17	MULESHOE (JV & Varsity Girls)	T	6:00
Dec. 20	SANFORD-FRITCH	H	6:00
Dec. 26-28	CAPROCK TOURNEY (Varsity Girls)	T	TBA
Dec. 26-28	CLARENDON TOURNEY (Varsity Boys)	T	TBA
Dec. 30	FARWELL	T	4:00
Jan. 3	PERRYTON	T	6:00
Jan. 7	TULIA	H	6:00
Jan. 10	RIVER ROAD	T	6:00
Jan. 14	DIMMITT	H	6:00
Jan. 16-18	WHITEFACE JV TOURNEY	T	TBA
Jan. 17	DALHART	H	6:00
Jan. 21	MULESHOE	H	6:00
Jan. 24	SANFORD-FRITCH	T	6:00
Jan. 28	TULIA	T	6:00
Jan. 31	RIVER ROAD	H	6:00
Feb. 4	DIMMITT	T	6:00
Feb. 7	PERRYTON	H	6:00
Feb. 11	MULESHOE	T	6:00
Feb. 14	DALHART	T	6:00

\*District Game  
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WINNING STREAK SNAPPED

# Tatum's Speed, Heft Too Much For Chiefs

The Chieftain football team made more mistakes in the first half of their semi-final game against Tatum last Saturday than they had in all four previous playoff games.

And the speedy Eagles didn't need a lot of help. They romped to 414 total yards against a Chieftain team which had allowed less than half that much yardage in its previous 14 games.

The result translated into a 48-21 loss at Texas Stadium, and the end of Friona's state championship hopes.

"We had hoped to put the pressure on them and cause them to tighten up. But when they got that early jump, we couldn't do that," said Coach James Morton.

The Chieftain coach praised the offensive work of Quint Ellis. "He had an outstanding day in pass receiving. We didn't hdo a very good job of blocking. They were just too big and fast for us," Morton added.

Shane Blackburn ran 32 yards with the opening kickoff, coming very close to breaking it all the way for a touchdown. Blackburn's run gave Friona good field position at their own 42-yard line.

Kyle Grimsley was able to gain just a yard in two tries, and on third down he lofted a pass that webt over intended receiver Quint Ellis' head. The pass sailed right into the waiting arms of Tyrone Greenwood, and the Tatum defender had clear sailing up the left sideline for a touchdown.

The kick gave the Eagles a 7-0 lead. Only 1:34 had elapsed in the game.

David Shelby returned the second Tatum kickoff to the Friona 30. The Chieftains gained 13 yards in two plays, but unfortunately an offsidess penalty on first down worked against them.

And on third down, Grimsley faked a handoff to Andy Kendrick, and then was sacked for a five-yard loss.

Angel Vega boomed a punt that backed the Eagles up to their 19 yard line. But the revved-up Tatum team covered 81 yards in ten plays, and claimed a 14-0 lead with 2:39 left to play in the first quarter.

Just when Chieftain fans thought every bad thing had happened to the team that could possibly happen, Shelby fumbled the Tatum kickoff--something he had not done all season--and the Eagles recovered on Friona's 18-yard line.

It took the big and speedy East

Texans just five plays to capitalize on the second Friona turnover. Kendrick broke through to block the PAT, but Tatum had taken a 20-0 lead, and the opening period wasn't quite over (0:20).

Say for the Chieftains that they didn't tuck their tails in and quit. Vega gave the team a good kickoff return to the 32, and Kendrick gave Friona its first first down of the game with a 16-yard run with a pitchout to the left.

The drive stalled, and Friona had to punt. But Vega's kick was muffed by the Eagle receiver, and Juan Santiago recovered at the Tatum 22.

The Eagles were flagged for pass interference, moving the ball to the Tatum six. Daniel Cuevas gained two, and Kendrick then took the ball around the left end untouched. Vega's kick got the Chieftains on the board at 20-7, with 9:20 left in the first half.

Tatum picked up a first down and then QB Thomas Hightower fired a bullet to LaMarcus James, who caught the ball in full stride at the Chieftain five (five yards in front of his defender). It was estimated that the ball was in the air a good 60 yards. Yhe kick regained Tatum's 20-point lead at 27-7.

Kendrick ran 12 yards, and then took a pitch from Grimsley and darted 36 yards up the middle. Except for Tatum's lightning speed, Kendrick would have been gone. An Eagle defender tackled Andy at the Tatum 36.

Grimsley found Quint Ellis open for a 23-yard gain to the Tatum 12, as it appeared Friona would surely get their second TD.

But after having a first and goal at the six, Grimsley was caught for a six-yard loss on the option keeper, and then sacked for a big 10-yard loss back to the Tatum 23. Friona had gone from the six backwards to the 23.

On fourth down, Grimsley tossed to Ellis, who caught the ball at about the Tatum 15. Ellis ran a slanting pattern, and was caught at the six by the Eagle defender. What Quint couldn't see that those of us high in the press box could, was that if he had cut back toward the center of the field, he might have scored.

The half ended with Tatum ahead, 27-7.

The Eagles took the second half kickoff, and moved the ball well for awhile. Then, defensive plays by Fidel Rodriguez, Eloy Trejo and Cecil Cooper stalled the Eagles,

who faced a third and 26 situation after Cooper and Rodriguez sacked the Tatum QB.

To the Friona fans' dismay, the Eagles pulled a trick from punt formation, completing a pass that gained 28 yards--just three more than they needed for first down. From there, it took just four plays for Tatum to get back on the scoreboard, as they scored on another fourth down play to hike their lead to 34-7.

Grimsley hit Ellis for a ten-yarder, then fired a pass over the middle that Kendrick caught in full stride and might have gone all the way for the score, except that an Eagle defender seemed to step on Andy's trailing foot, which took him down after a 40-yard gain. Most times this season, that would have been a Friona touchdown.

The next pass Grimsley threw was intercepted at the Tatum two. But just two plays later, Tatum coughed up the ball and Ellis recovered at the Eagles' 17 yard line.

Vega caught a 14-yard gainer to the Tatum two, and Shelby ran into the end zone for the score. Vega's kick made the score 34-14, with 11:11 left in the game.

Ellis and Hugo Santiago made outstanding defensive plays for the Chiefs, and Ellis rushed the Tatum

QB who was trying to pass. Quint knocked the ball free, and Friona recovered at the opposition's 43-yard line.

The Chieftains then did what they had been doing all season--driving for a score. Grimsley threw three incomplete passes, before hitting Blackburn for a 12-yarder to keep Friona in possession on a big fourth down play.

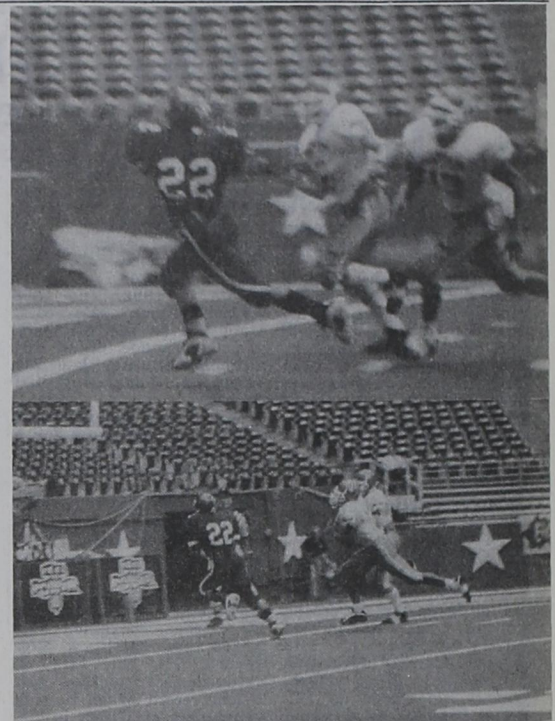
Then Grimsley-to-Vega worked for the 33rd time this season, and for the 11th time, it was a scoring play, when Kyle laid the pass right in the hands of his receiver, who had managed to get a step on his defender.

When Vega successfully kicked his 32nd extra-point, Friona had  
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**Tackles:** Andy Kendrick 12; Fidel Rodriguez 10, Cecil Cooper 10, Juan Santiago 9; Quint Ellis 8; Luis Ramirez 7; Hugo Santiago 7; Kyle Grimsley 6, Eloy Trejo 4; Aaron King 3, Shane Blackburn 3, Jesus Mata 2, Jeff Hamilton 2.

**Sacks:** Fidel Rodriguez, Trejo, Ellis, Cooper and Ramirez, 1 each.

**Fumble recoveries:** Ellis 1, King 1.



OLD TIME MOVIE.....Angel Vega performs an action sequence touchdown out of an old time movie as he is captured by two different cameras a split second apart. Look rapidly from top to bottom and he seems to be moving. Top photo was shot by Ron Carr and the lower by Stan Ellis. Vega scored the final touchdown of a splendid 13-2 season for the Chieftains.

Statistics

FHS	THS
15	24
104	308
192	106
296	414
19-8	6-5
2	0
4-2	5-3
2-76	0-0
38-0	0-0
5-29	8-60

Tatum	20	7	7	14--48
Chiefs	0	7	0	14--21

**Individual Rushing**

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.
A. Kendrick	11	79	7.1
A. Vega	1	26	26.0
D. Shelby	5	13	2.6
D. Cuevas	2	3	1.5
K. Grimsley	5	(-7)	
Team Losses	1	(-10)	
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>4.2</b>

**Individual Passing**

Player	PA-C.	Yds.	TD	Int.
Grimsley	19	8	192	1

**Individual Receiving**

Player	PC	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Q. Ellis	4	101	25.2	0
A. Vega	2	39	19.5	1
Kendrick	1	40	40.0	0
Blackburn	1	12	12.0	0
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>1</b>



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# Kendrick, Grimsley Top Chieftain Offensive Stats

Do You Recognize These Friona Chiefs --Then And Now--

Seniors Andy Kendrick and Kyle Grimsley led two of the team's offensive categories, in figures compiled this week.

Grimsley led the team in passing, with 1,288 yards, and was second in rushing with 993 yards. Grimsley's total offense figure (rushing plus passing), came to 2,281 yards, which is the highest single season total since individual records are available, starting in 1962.

Grimsley completed 66 of 134 passing attempts, and connected for 14 touchdown passes, suffering only four interceptions. The Chieftain signal-caller gained 993 yards rushing on 153 tries, a 6.5 yards-per-carry average.

Kendrick was the team's rushing leader for the second straight year. He gained 1,376 yards on 163 attempts. Daniel Cuevas was the third leading rusher, gaining 811 yards on 149 carries. Cuevas' total would have been good enough to lead the team in many FHS seasons, but had to settle for third place this year. David Shelby added 604 yards on 126 attempts.

Kendrick also led the team in scoring for the second straight year, scoring 21 touchdowns and four points on rushing PATs, for 130 points. Angel Vega was runnerup with 105 points. He scored 11 touchdowns, 32 kicking point-after, two running PATs and a field goal.

Kendrick's point total (130) was the most-ever for a team leader. Added to his total of 66 points his junior year makes Kendrick the all-time varsity leader with 196 points. Tony Perea had been the scoring leader since he scored 188 points in three seasons (1966-67-68).

Andy now ranks in second place for career rushing, with 2,194 yards in two years. Tony Perea gained 2,823 yards over a three-year high school career.

Grimsley now is Friona's total offense leader, career, with 3,204 yards. Broken down, that is 1,265 yards rushing and 1,937 yards passing. Grimsley narrowly passed up Blair Burney in this department. Burney, who started three years at QB and played three games as a freshman, totalled 3,195

yards for his 33-game career. Grimsley got his 3,204 yards in 25 varsity games.

Grimsley's passing yardage were the most since Blair Burney passed for 1,511 yards in 1992. The 1996 Chieftains didn't pass nearly as much as the '92 team. Grimsley made 66 of 134 attempts. Burney had 273 attempts, completing 107 passes.

Kendrick's rushing total, 1,376, was the most for a team leader since Tony Perea set the FHS season record with 1,736.

Angel Vega's 852 yards receiving is a new season high at Friona High School, although Brian Herring's 46 catches in 1992 is still the highest number of catches. Vega made his yardage on 33 catches, averaging 25.8 yards per catch, a new record. His 11 TDs on receptions is another new Friona record. When Herring caught his 46 passes in '92, he scored just four TDs.

The 1992 team was Coach Morton's first year as head coach. The passing totals were a bright spot in the team's 0-10 season record.

The 1996 season, which

was packed with excitement from start to finish in Friona's first 15-game season, saw these individual efforts:

Kendrick had the longest run from scrimmage, 90 yards, in the Monahans game. Grimsley had an 80-yard scoring run against River Road.

Kendrick had a game-high 227 yards rushing in the Monahans game. It was the seventh highest mark in FHS' football history, and Kendrick was the first Friona player to top the 200-yard mark in a game since Ismael Rocha gained 243 yards against River Road in 1990.

Grimsley hooked up with wide receiver Angel Vega on a 73-yard scoring pass play against Perryton in an afternoon game. Vega snagged three TD passes in the game. It was Friona's biggest passing game of the year, 213, just edging the 192 total against Tatum in the state semi-finals.

The Chieftains set a single-season record with six consecutive games with over 400 total yards. Their highest total was 506 yards against Dalhart. Friona gained 415 yards rushing

against Dalhart and 414 against Sanford-Fritch.

Vega had a 70-yard punt return against Perryton.

The Chieftains are by far the highest scoring team in FHS history with 454 points. However, they have to share the points-per-game average of 30.3 with the 1951 team, which outscored their opponents, 273-47 while fashioning a 7-2 record for Raymond Cook.

The '51 Chieftain team's 47 points are the fewest for a season of at least nine games. That's an average of just 5.2 points per game, which still challenges FHS teams after 45 years.

On defense, Fidel Rodriguez led in tackles with 146, nearly 50 per cent above the second-place tackler, Luis Ramirez, who had 105. Rodriguez had 57 unassisted tackles, and Ramirez had 31. Eloy Trejo was third with 103 tackles and Juan Santiago had an even 100.

Cecil Cooper led in sacks with 11; Quint Ellis had nine and Hugo Santiago eight.

King led in interceptions with 10, eight coming in four playoff games. Ellis and Cooper each had three fumble recoveries.



JESSE MENDEZ



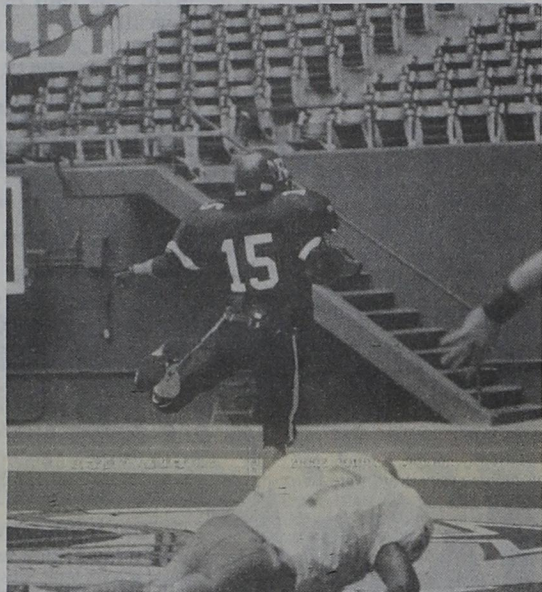
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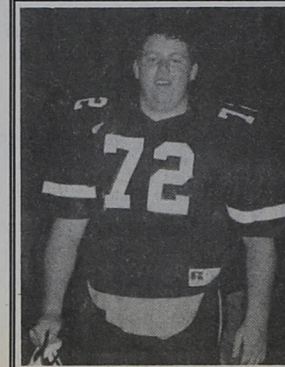
JESSE MENDEZ --Six Months Old--



BILLY GARNER --Two Years Old--



GOING AWAY.....Chieftain running back Andy Kendrick (15), top, dances into the end zone at Texas Stadium for one of Friona's touchdowns. (Stan Ellis Photos)



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## Chieftains/ (Continued from Page 5)

trimmed Tatum's lead to 34-21, and those with any mathematical skills could quickly see that if Friona could do that twice more in the last 7:28 of the game and somehow hold the Eagles scoreless, they could take the lead.

But the East Texas bunch had that figured out as well, and they put together a scoring drive of their own, when Ken Shelton turned the corner at the right sidelines, turned on the afterburners, and may have burned the hash-marks as he sped up the sidelines for Tatum's sixth TD. The kick made it a 41-21 Tatum lead.

The Eagles separated Grimsley from the ball following the kickoff, and quickly converted another Chieftain mistake into points, when Demetric Moore scored from six yards out. That made it Tatum 48, Friona 21.

The Chieftains still didn't quit. Vega took the handoff on an end-around reverse, and sped 26 yards up the sideline, almost getting away.

Then Grimsley found Ellis for a 45-yard gainer to the Tatum eight, but only three seconds were left in the game. Ellis was open in the end zone on the final play, but Kyle couldn't find him, and the clock ran out on Friona's most successful grid season ever.

The Eagles not only sidetracked Friona's bid to make the state finals, but snapped the team's 13-game winning streak, which started in the second game, 'way back in early September.

Kendrick's touchdown added to his team scoring lead, and his 130 points are the most ever scored by an FHS football player.

Vega's TD and three points-after gave him 105 points, giving Friona two men over 100 points. Angel is the only non-backfield player to ever score that many points. His 11 touchdowns are a record number for a receiver.

### Friona Chieftains' 1996 Statistics--Through 15 Games

INDIVIDUAL RUSHING					
Player	Att.	Net Yds.	Avg	Longst	
(15) Andy Kendrick, rb	163	1376	8.4	90	
(13) Kyle Grimsley, qb	153	993	6.5	80	
(33) Daniel Cuevas, rb	149	811	5.4	67	
(40) David Shelby, rb	126	604	4.8		
(31) Shane Blackburn, rb	44	216	4.9		
(12) Aaron King, qb	13	65	5.0		
(23) Matthew Kendrick, rb	16	96	6.0		
(45) Quint Ellis, e	1	45	45.0		
(22) Angel Vega, wr	1	26	26.0		
Team Losses	15	-38	(-3.8)		
TOTALS	680	4168	6.1	(277.9 p/gn	
Opps.	---	2053	---	(136.8 per g	

INDIVIDUAL PASSING						
Player	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	TD	Int.	L.G.
(13) Kyle Grimsley	134	66	1288	14	4	73
Others	2	1	7	0	1	
TOTALS	136	67	1295	14	5	
Opp. Tot.			1077			

INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING					
Player	P. C.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	L.G.
(22) Angel Vega, wr	33	852	25.8	11*	73
(45) Quint Ellis, te	22	233	11.5	1*	45
(33) Daniel Cuevas, rb	6	72	13.0	0	
(15) Andy Kendrick, rb	3	49	16.3	0	
(40) David Shelby, rb	2	29	14.5	2*	
(31) Shane Blackburn	3	28	9.3	0	
(90) Steve Arias, wr	1	12	12.0	0	
TOTALS	70	1295	18.5	14*	

\*Vega also has 2 two-pt pass catches; Ellis has 5; and Shelby 1.

INDIVIDUAL SCORING					
Player	TD	PAT	2 Pointers	FG	TP
Andy Kendrick	21	0	2	0	130
Angel Vega	11	32	2	1	105
Kyle Grimsley	13	0	0	0	78
David Shelby	11	0	0	0	68
Daniel Cuevas	4	0	0	0	24
Shane Blackburn	4	0	0	0	24
Quint Ellis	1	0	0	0	6
Aaron King	1	0	0	0	3
Mario Pina	1	3	0	0	6
Eloy Trejo (safety)	0	0	0	0	2

### DEFENSIVE STATS

**Tackles:** Fidel Rodriguez 89-57-146; Juan Santiago 60-40-100; Eloy Trejo 65-38-103; Quint Ellis 51-36-87; Cecil Cooper 42-33-76; Luis Ramirez 72-31-105; Hugo Santiago 44-35-79; Jeff Hamilton 18-10-28; Andy Kendrick 46-46-92; Kyle Grimsley 26-17-43; Aaron King 35-28-63; Oscar Torres 23-8-31; Javier Lugo 5-2-7; Shane Blackburn 35-28-63; Perry Hanes 9-6-15; Jesse Mendez 9-4-13; Orlando Rivera 14-7-21; Jesus Mata 16-5-21; David Shelby 7-4-11; Ricardo Mendez, Billy Garner 2-1-3. (First # is assists, 2nd--unassisted)

**Sacks:** Cecil Cooper 11; Quint Ellis 9; Hugo Santiago 8, Luis Ramirez 6; Juan Santiago 2, Fidel Rodriguez 1.

**Interceptions:** Aaron King, 10; Andy Kendrick 3; Shane Blackburn, Jesse Mendez, 2 each; Fidel Rodriguez, Quint Ellis, Perry Hanes, Orlando Rivera, 1 each. Ellis scored a TD.

**Fumble recoveries:** Ellis 3, Cecil Cooper 3, Andy Kendrick 2, Grimsley, King, Mata, Ramirez, Hugo Santiago, Trejo, 1 each.

**Safety:** Trejo, Ellis.



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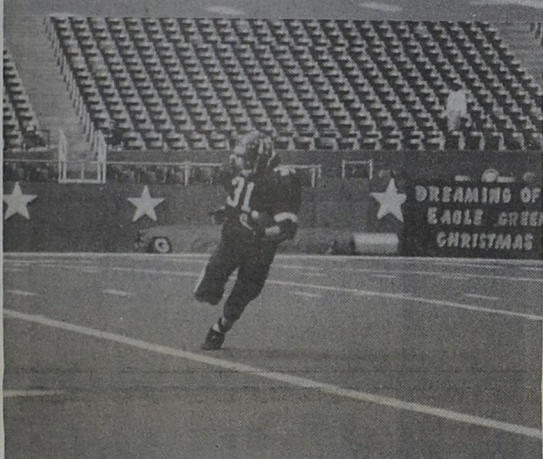
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**ODYSSEY BEGINS.....**Beginning the journey to Texas Stadium during Friona's history-making appearance in the 3A State Semifinals, top, quarterback Kyle Grimsley is interviewed by Amarillo TV at Friday's bus departure. During the game, Grimsley (13) launches a completion as Andy Kendrick (15) and Ricardo Mendez (62) block. Bottom, Shane Blackburn heads upfield with one of his many kick-off returns of the afternoon. (Ron Carr Photos)

## Coach Morton Says He Likes Situation Locally

Coach James Morton, in an interview with the Amarillo Globe-News last week, said that rumors that he was a front-runner for the WTA&M coaching job were unfounded, and that he wasn't going to apply for that job.

"I am satisfied with the situation in Friona," Morton said. He indicated that several factors enter in, when a job situation comes up, and that his family would always play a vital role.

Morton is completing his fifth year as head football coach. In spite of the 1992 team's 0-10 record, Morton stands just a game behind Don Light in career coaching wins. Morton has coached 32 wins, to 33 by Light, who coached at FHS five years. He's just 15 wins behind all-time leader Bob Owen, who had 47 wins.

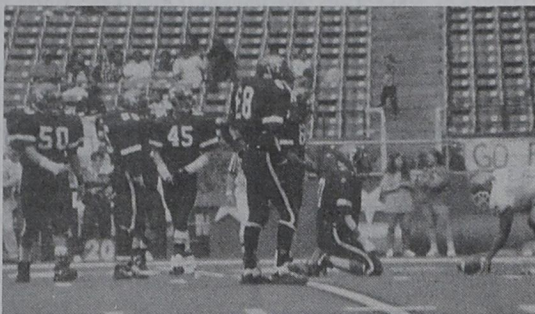
Coach Morton said he wanted to thank the community for its great support throughout the year, and especially during the playoffs.

"Also, I'd like to thank my coaching staff, which is the finest staff in the state of Texas," Morton said.

Members of the coaching staff, in addition to Morton, are Mario Martinez, defensive coordinator, and linebacker coach; Bob Ferguson, special teams coordinator, along with defensive ends; and Kevin Roberts, freshman team coach and the varsity defensive line.

Offensive coaches are Buddy Comer, offensive line; Mike Herbert, head junior varsity coach and running backs; Sid Whitely, JV offensive coordinator and varsity wide receivers.

Kevin Cooper is the freshman team's offensive coordinator and trainer (which Morton says is a vital position for the team), Jeff Isom and Raul Santillan, the seventh and eighth grade coaches.



**THE DEFENSE RESTS.....**Friona's defensive unit had a long afternoon at Texas Stadium. Awaiting the Eagle onslaught are Juan Santiago (50), Fidel Rodriguez (55), Quint Ellis (45), Cecil Cooper (68), Eloy Trejo (60), and kneeling, Hugo Santiago (77). (Ron Carr Photo)

## Chieftains Named To All-District

Playoff representatives Friona and River Road dominated the District 1-3A All-District team announced this week. However, some fans may raise their eyebrows to know that the Wildcats got just as many first-team selections as did the Chieftains, in spite of the fact that Friona whacked River Road 35-19, and advanced two spots further in the playoffs.

In regard to the playoff differences, the teams are selected at the close of the regular district schedule, and not announced until all teams are finished with post-season play.

Getting first-team offense spots were wide receiver Angel Vega, running back Andy Kendrick, and linemen Landon Wiseman and Juan Santiago.

Although Kyle Grimsley has been chosen to a first-team all-regional team (by the Lubbock A-J), Grimsley lost out to Rowdy Lundergreen of River Road for first team all-district. (Ed's note: In head-to-head competition, Grimsley led the Chieftains to a yardage lead of 486-311. He scored on an 80-yard run.)

Grimsley was named to the second team all-district, along with running back David Shelby and lineman Fidel Rodriguez (offensive team). Offensive players gaining honorable mention awards were Charlie Milner, Quint Ellis, Javier Lugo, Ricardo Mendez and Perry Hanes.

Making the first team defense from Friona were defensive back Quint Ellis, linebacker Fidel Rodriguez, tackle Hugo Santiago, and defensive backs Aaron King and Andy Kendrick.

Named to the second team defense were end Cecil Cooper, linebacker Juan Santiago, tackle Eloy Trejo and defensive back Shane Blackburn.

Given honorable mention spots on the defensive team were Luis Ramirez and Kyle Grimsley of Friona.

### Star Lites.... (Continued from Page 1)

Then he set out to convince his assistant coaches, and the team members about what they could accomplish.

If you saw the team play this year, you'll already know that they improved with each passing game. They started their playoff competition, and it seemed that every week they would accomplish something, and you'd say to yourself "They can't possibly top this performance next week."

But Coach Morton and his Chieftains would have you eating your words when the following week's game was played out.

I think the tremendous outpouring of fan support was a good indication as to how the local folks felt about your dedication, Chieftains. Undoubtedly on this Thursday you got an idea of what the community thinks about you.


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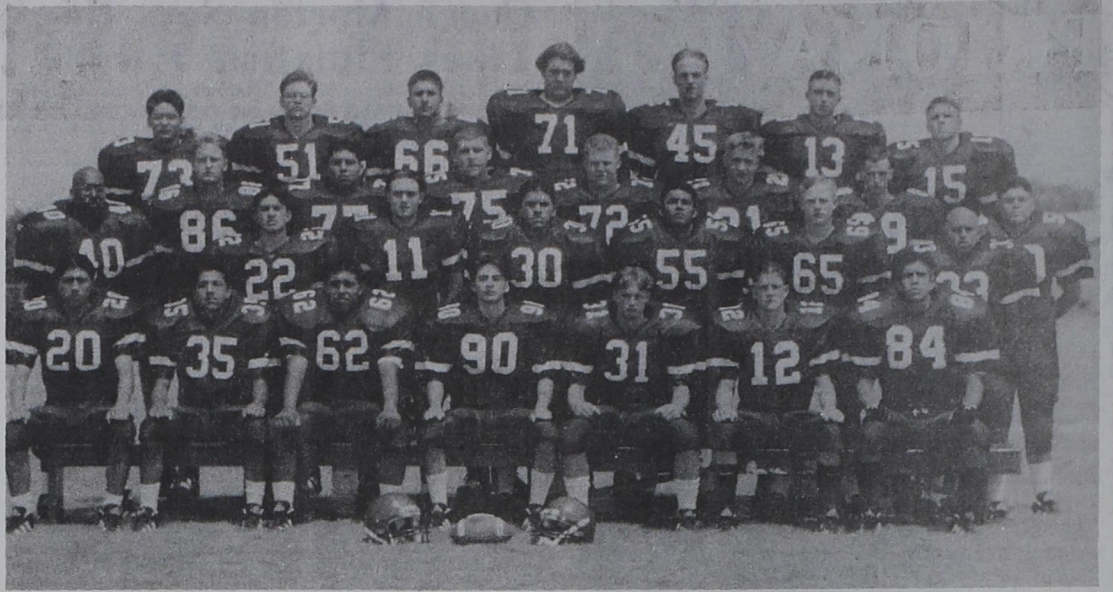




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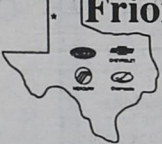

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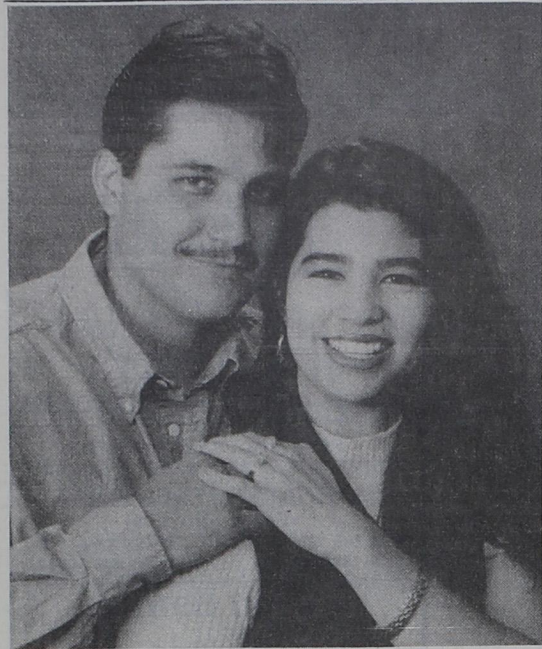
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**NOELIA MEDINA and ROBERT GUEVARA.... Bulmaro and Maria Medina of Friona and Refugio and Maria Guevara of Bovina announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Noelia and Robert. The couple will exchange wedding vows Saturday, December 28 at 3 p.m. in St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina. The bride-elect is a graduate of Tascosa High School in Amarillo and attends West Texas A&M University, Canyon. The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Bovina High School and attended West Texas A&M. He is employed by Excel, Friona.**

### City Woman Receives Her RN Degree

A pinning ceremony was held Wednesday, December 11 for members of the LPN and RN Nursing Programs at Clovis Community College, according to Ione Wood, director of the nursing program.

Kristy Gaussoin of Friona was among the students receiving Licensed Practical Nursing pins.

Faculty members who presented the pins were Nancy Bartholomew, Catherine Nutting, Lorraine Goodrich, Caroline Popescu, Leslie Paternoster, Susan Reidinger, Beck Nemrow, Ruth Wood and Marilyn Nishitani.

Following the pinning ceremony, the two classes of students recited their respective pledges. A reception was held for the graduates, their families and guests.

### Ex-Resident Is Buried In Dimmitt

Funeral services for Robert O. Clark, 69, of Dimmitt were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, December 19, 1996.

Harry Riggs, pastor of the 4th and Bedford Street Church of Christ officiated. Burial was in Westlawn Memorial Park in Dimmitt.

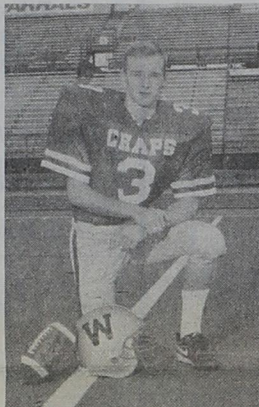
Mr. Clark died on Monday, December 16 in Dimmitt after a lengthy illness.

He was born in Webster County, West Virginia on November 29, 1927. He married Glendora Canfield on December 18, 1953, in Lewisburg, West Virginia.

Mr. Clark lived in Friona and Muleshoe before moving to Dimmitt in 1989. He served in the Army-Air Force in World War II and was a truck driver.

Survivors include his wife; five sons, Clinton, Robert, and Roger of Dimmitt, Charles of Slaton, and Bobby of Ossian, Indiana; five daughters, Bonita Sparkman of Charleston, Arkansas, Beverly Rouse of Lubbock, Regina White of Dimmitt, and Judy Reed and Terry Hawk, both of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania; three brothers, George "Joe", Fred, and Keith, all of Webster Springs, West Virginia; five sisters, Kathleen Pritt and Anna J. Brooks of Webster Springs, West Virginia, Eleanor Kremmel of Buckhannon, West Virginia, Fonda Wilkins of Berkeley Springs, West Virginia, and Mabel Evely of Pennsylvania; twenty-one grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society.



**TIM CARR**  
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### Tim Carr To Play In 5A Finals

Another Friona native will visit Texas Stadium on Saturday, December 21.

That is the site of the Class 5A State Finals between Austin Westlake and Abilene Cooper.

Tim Carr, son of Rick Carr of Friona, will see action as a defensive free safety for the Austin Westlake Chaparrals, who are 14-0 on the season.

Carr, born in Friona in July, 1979, is a junior at Austin Westlake. In addition to football, he participates in track, running the 1600-meter relay, 400-meter sprint relay and the 100-yard dash.

He is the grandson of Hannah and Harry Lookingbill of Friona.

Austin Westlake, who advanced to the quarterfinals last year, are in the State 5A playoffs for the sixth consecutive year. They made the state 5A finals with a convincing 42-21 semifinal victory over Houston Aldine.

The game between Abilene Cooper and Austin Westlake will be shown on Fox TV beginning at 12 noon Saturday.

### Parson Is Promoted By USMC

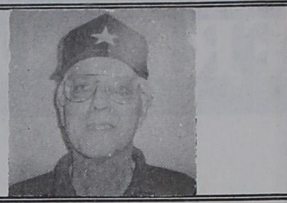
Marine Lance Cpl. Albert R. Parson, son of Thomas E. and Ruth C. Parson of Friona, recently was promoted to his present rank while serving with Headquarters, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines, 3rd Marine Division, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

Parson was promoted based on sustained superior job performance and proficiency in his designated specialty.

The 1995 graduate of Friona High School joined the Marine Corps in August 1995.

# Out Here

By RON CARR



Most newspapers, including this one, do not print anonymous letters. Even if they are nice anonymous letters.

Truth is, newspapers do not get many nice anonymous letters because if you have something nice to say, you usually want everyone to know you said it.

It occurred to me that this is the time of year when anonymity accelerates.

In other words, there are many anonymous good deeds performed, such as donations to assist needy families and countless volunteers who help out because they want to.

And there are many anonymous "bad guys" who take advantage of the goodness of the season to steal and pilfer.

Many people lose Christmas decorations from their front yards or Christmas gifts stolen from their cars. The takers certainly would prefer to remain anonymous.

People who have problems can seek help from many "anonymous" organizations like Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, and any of the other numerous 12-step anonymous programs.

In today's electronic inclined, instant communications, Internet, media frenzied world, a lot of people who would prefer to remain anonymous, aren't.

Like a first-grader who kisses his little girl classmate and is suspended from school for sexual harassment and makes national newspaper and TV headlines.

Most people thrust into the spotlight had rather remain anonymous. Others work hard to shake off anonymity and become famous (and rich).

One irony in the anonymous vs. famous issue that bothers me are those famous people who perform in athletics or show business, get paid millions of dollars, then want to be anonymous too.

They make millions because millions of anonymous fans buy tickets and tennis shoes they endorse, yet they shun the spotlight and refuse to give a kid an autograph.

Jesus Christ, whose birthday we will celebrate on December 25, began life in a stable. A man who started out as an anonymous baby, yet whose name and fame endure almost 2,000 years later.

So why all this sudden fascination with being anonymous? Well, several weeks ago I received an anonymous letter.

It was addressed to me, with an Amarillo postmark, handwritten on both sides of a piece of tablet paper.

For whatever reason, I didn't throw it away. I kept moving it around out of my way, and every now and then would read it again.

The first sentence said "I don't appreciate it very much for you to make the kind of remarks you do about our President."

It seems that in one of my "playoff prayer" columns I had been thankful that God kept "President Clinton and her husband" out of the country for ten days.

The anonymous writer had enclosed a clipping of that particular two paragraphs from my column.

"Shame on you, using God's name to say a prayer about it", the letter continued.

I will paraphrase a couple of other sentences: ".....its the remarks like you make that make me sick. The news media stinks and you are a part of it."

"Peoples thinking are messed up enough without people like you adding to it.....your article sometimes make me want to puke (sic)." (I think the author meant "puke". At least I hope they did.)

The part that bothered me the most was near the end of the letter. "Im very sure God will not listen to you about prayers like this....." The letter was signed "anom"

It is not my job in life to offend people. None of us can get through life without hurting some feelings or making another person

angry, but I still have a hard time with it.

On the other hand, it is not my job in life to satisfy the often single-minded anonymous community who prefer to tell me and you what to think and how to live.

It is my choice not to like Bill Clinton and I have no intention of referring to him as President Clinton. You are free to call him whatever you want to.

I am especially bothered when some shadowy figure is "very sure God will not listen to you....." What part of a prayer does God listen to?

Oh well, it is just a newspaper column. Besides, 'tis the season to be jolly.

Thanks for sticking

around all year and I hope you have the most joyous and peaceful Christmas season.

Even you, anom!!

Wed. Dec 18, 1996

Dear God,

Here is a copy of my column.

Since the person who wrote the anonymous letter seems to know more about you than I do, and invoked your name several times, I wanted you to have a copy for your files.

I thank you for all the blessings of the week, for the opportunity to see the Chieftains play in Texas Stadium, and for all the fans who returned home safely.

Touch the hearts and lift

the spirits of the Chieftain players and coaches who were good enough to play in a state semifinal contest and made it to the final four in 3A football.

It is okay for us to be disappointed along with them, God, but assure them that we are in no way disappointed in them.

Thank you for your many blessings and be ever with us throughout the holiday season.

Especially bless all anonymous people. May they forever stay that way.

Merry Christmas,  
Ron Carr

P.S. Just out of curiosity, God, which part of this did you listen to?



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# Town Talk

By JUNE FLOYD

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At least two Friona residents were in Dallas last weekend who did not attend the Chieftain-Tatum game in Texas Stadium.

Richard and Lillie Mae Perkins flew round trip on Saturday to attend the graduation of 113 men and several women from Parker College of Chiropractic, which is located in Big D.

One of their grandsons, Coby Perkins, received a Bachelor of Science degree in anatomy and his doctorate. He is the son of James Perkins of Hereford and the late Dianne Jack Perkins and a graduate of Hereford High School.

The Frionans were accompanied on the trip by Coby's maternal grandparents, Bertram and Verona Jack of Hereford, his father and sister, Brooke, and uncle and aunt, Bobby and Dianne Perkins, who live in Amarillo. Lillie Mae said, "We're very proud of Coby for his accomplishments and are also proud of another grandson's recent accomplishment in the field of art."

Glenn Perkins of Lubbock created the design for the Chieftain shirts especially for the game in Texas Stadium.

Many present and former residents of Our Town attended the game. One former resident said, "The crowd looked like an ex-students reunion with several family reunions combined."

Some of the out-of-towners who attended were Newman and Juanda Jarrell, who lived here during the fifties and sixties and are currently living in Oklahoma City; Larry Johnson of Las Cruces, New Mexico; Leigh Ann Neelley of Wichita Falls; Brad Moyer of Marble Falls, who was accompanied by his fiancée, Shea Darragh; Shane Woodard of Pflugerville, Texas; and Ray Gene Braxton of Austin, Texas.

Also, Shay Woodard and

Shannel Denson of Abilene, Texas; Dr. Guy Ellis of Levelland, Texas; Lynn and Janet Phipps of Clovis, New Mexico; Vandra Nichols Milloy of Olton, Texas; Dan Neelley and Daylen Gallman of Fort Worth; and Dean Church of Sweetwater, Texas.

Seven residents of Winnboro, Louisiana were also there. They were Waymon and Margie Wilkins and Lee, Dena, Cotton, Kay and Robin Renner.

The Renners were met by several of their Friona kin. R.J., Jr., Betty, John, Gary and Karen Renner went from here. They were accompanied by Aimee Renner, a student at Texas Tech and Casey Renner, who is attending Snyder Junior College.

Other family members present included Kevin McKelvy of Lubbock and Gary and Phyllis Renner Murphree, who are in the process of moving from Edmond, Oklahoma to Temple, Texas.

Brian and Kerry Blackburn, who also live in Edmond, joined several other Blackburns at the game.

Other Blackburns in attendance were Keith Lynn and his mother, Jo, who went down on Friday and spent three nights visiting in the home of his son, Bart, and his wife, Teri, and daughter, Melissa, who live in Arlington.

Also, Rex and Chuck, Mike, Johnny and Tiffany Blackburn, Mike, Lynn, Chance and Chad Hutson, all of Friona, and David and Laura Blackburn and Donna and Ronnie Smith of Amarillo.

As one group of Frionans was eating breakfast Saturday morning, they met up with Bill and Maxine Loafman. Their daughter, Teri, was getting married

that evening and some of the events were being held at the same place local people were staying.

Several members of the Lewellen family including Tommie Lou Goetz, were seen wearing identical sweatshirts, which had been designed and created by Tommie Lou in her shop at Texhoma, Oklahoma.

She and her husband, Gary, are both ex-students of Friona High School.

Had there been an award for the youngest person in attendance, surely little Conner Haile would have received it. He is the son of Neal and Kriste Herring Haile of Fort Worth and had been born earlier in the same week.

He was accompanied by his mother and maternal grandmother, Marca Lynn Herring.

Rick Ellis of Los Angeles is visiting in the home of his parents, Bill and Carol Ellis. This week he is in Lubbock visiting his sister, Laura Garcia, and her family.

Loy Loafman, who was taken to the hospital in Hereford by ambulance Saturday, is a medical patient there and his condition was serious as of Tuesday evening.

Wesley and Doris Barnett and all five of their children attended the game. Ricky and Erin Barnett went from here. Dr. Kyle and Melissa came from Shreveport, Louisiana and Scott, Kim and Zachary Martz live in Denton. Dr. Chris and Renae and daughters, Morgan and Macy, live in Carrollton, so the family had kind of a mini reunion.

Doris reported, "I feel sure there were more people in the Friona section than live in town."

Judy Cummings drove down to Lubbock on Friday. Then, when school was dismissed, her son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Donna Cummings, who teach there, joined her for a drive to Rockwall.

They were overnight guests in the home of Gary, Terri, Sara and Zake Zerfas. After the game, the Frionans drove to Azle for a brief visit with Kirk Cummings and Lisa and Boonie Gonzales and sons, JohnPaul and Eli, before returning to Lubbock.

Judy returned home Monday afternoon.

Isn't it remarkable that so many people made the trip to Dallas and back by plane, chartered bus and private automobile without any serious accident?

It would be interesting if we knew all the locals and out-of-towners who were there to support the Chieftains.

The 1996-1997 team has done well and the entire community is proud of its members. This team will have a permanent place in the history of Friona High School.

Some others who were seen at the game included Ralph and Waneta Taylor, who live at DeSoto, Texas; and their daughter, Jeanne; Dr. Gerald Daniel of Fort Worth; Richie and Joey Malouf; Shy Burney and Dean London of Amarillo; Johnny and Carla Bandy of Plano; Todd and Lori Bandy of Howe, Texas and Debbie Benge Shackelford.

Also, Burke and Phillip Hand of Dallas; Levada Hand Bush of Duncanville; Holly Sneed of Bedford; Penny Weatherly Hudson of Fort Worth; Mark Fancher; and Shannon and Rebecca

Layman of Celina, Texas.

Gary and Gail Hand and daughter, Tania, were among those who went by car. They stopped in Lubbock and picked up another daughter, Trista, a student at Lubbock Christian University.

The Hands were visitors in the home of Mark and Cara Hand Dennis and son, Chase, and also visited with their oldest daughter, Tamara, who lives in Fort Worth.

The Christmas coffee at the home of the David Goddards Thursday was one of the prettiest of the season and was well attended.

Doris Barnett and Kathryn Goddard host a coffee during each holiday season.

Probably the most surprised man in Friona at noon on Sunday was James Procter, who had observed a birthday a day or two earlier.

Plans had been carefully made in order that he would not become suspicious and his wife, Sue, and daughters-in-law, Libby, Cheryl and Glenda, had prepared a delicious meal for a large group of people and topped it off with a beautiful "Virginia Moyer" birthday cake.

Others present for the occasion included Ross and Edith Peterson of Lamesa; Joe and Helen McWhorter of Plainview; Wade, Cherise, Darla, Charlotte and Jeff Procter and Monica Newhold of Lubbock; and the following Frionans: Johnny, Elthie and Wessie Hand, Ashlee and Ailee Gee, Rene and Jinx Sneed, Nelda Benge, Mildred May, Ron, Dewayne, Ted and Barry Procter and Larry and Virginia Moyer.

Incidentally, Virginia tells

me that after twenty years of baking cakes for special occasions, she's planning to retire from the business at the end of this year.

Many of us appreciate her talented willingness to bake a cake and decorate it appropriately for any occasion we have coming up at the moment she receives a telephone call or personal request.

Thanks, Virginia! Your services are going to be surely missed!

## Scott Nelsons Have A Girl

Scott and Katy Nelson of Friona are the parents of a baby girl born November 20 at 9:50 a.m. in Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

Named Leah Gail, the new arrival weighed seven pounds, four ounces and was nineteen inches long.

Other children of the couple are Jacob, Hanna and Sarah.

Grandparents are Stanley and the late Connie Nelson of Dimmitt and Charles and Barbara Hanna of Tyler, Texas.

Great-grandparents are Gail Nelson of Dimmitt, Johnnie and Harriet Goodwin of Beaver, Oklahoma, Margie Westfall of Tyler, Texas and Delbert and Kathy Westfall of Dallas.

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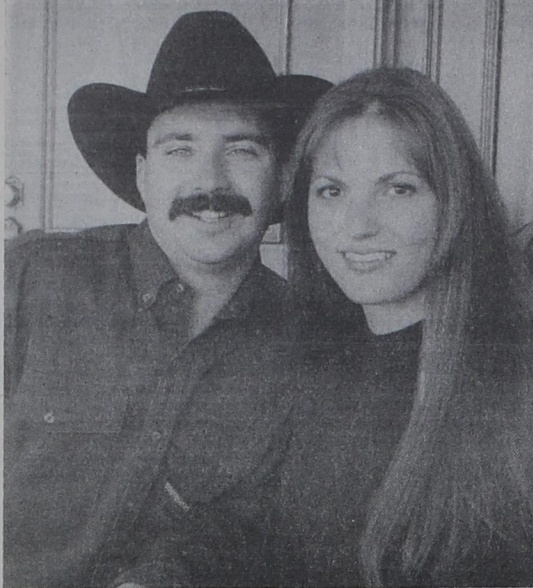
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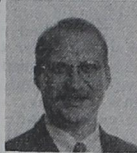
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**MONICA NEWHOLD and JEFF PROCTER...** Monica Newhold and Jeff Procter of Lubbock have announced their engagement and plans for a December wedding. They plan to exchange wedding vows at 2 p.m. Saturday, December 28 at South Plains Church of Christ. Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Newhold of Lamar, Colorado and Mr. and Mrs. Ron Procter of Friona. Invitations are not being mailed locally, but all relatives and friends are invited to attend.

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### Sector Funds Can Be Roller Coasters

Roller coaster riders like steep plunges. Investors don't.

To help minimize the risk of potential plummets, many investors turn to mutual funds. Because funds diversify your investment among a variety of securities, the risk of being hurt by a decline in any one security is reduced. To diversify your investment even more, most mutual funds invest not only in a variety of securities, but also in a variety of industries.

However, sector funds are different. They confine their investments to stocks of companies within a specific industry — for example, communications, electronics, health care, aerospace, precious metals, natural resources, foreign investments, utilities and more. Investors buy sector funds as a way to participate in one particular industry, yet own a variety of companies within that industry.

Owning a sector fund can be like a roller coaster ride. If the fund's industry does well, the fund can climb dramatically. But if the industry has a downturn, the sector fund can experience an even steeper drop than the overall industry.

In the 1970s, many people believed the world was headed for an unprecedented shortage of oil. The price of oil skyrocketed, and the experts predicted that we would have to rely on other sources of energy. Energy stocks began making new highs, and it didn't take long for energy sector funds to be developed.

Then the U.S. re-evaluated its dependence on foreign oil. Suddenly, the entire industry changed. Energy stocks declined across the board, and sector funds took an even harsher blow than the over-

all market.

Although sector funds can be hurt the most when an industry suffers, they also can perform the best when an industry is strong. Therefore, some investors move in and out of different sector funds, trying to forecast which industries will do best during market and economic cycles. This is called sector rotation trading, and it's often advocated by mutual fund newsletters that promote short-term trading.

While appealing on paper, sector rotation is elusive in practice. In "The Mutual Fund Letter," Dr. Gerald W. Perritt says that trading sector funds "is one of the best ways I know to ensure your investments under-perform the overall market." Professional investors find difficulty achieving superior results, and individual investors inevitably wind up with long-term returns that don't reward them for the risks they take.

This is not to say that nobody should invest in sector funds. They may be appropriate as part of a diversified investment portfolio. However, they require more study and understanding than the typical mutual fund.

When evaluating a sector fund, compare its investment record to the performance of the industry. Typically, sector funds follow the industry in good times and bad. With professional management, however, sector funds may offer better results than you could obtain by randomly picking individual stocks within your chosen industry.

Sector funds may masquerade as typical mutual funds. Be sure to find out what kind of roller coaster you're getting onto before you invest.

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December 24--Jon Osborn, Bert Osborn, Wana Brewer, Gabriel Baca.

December 25--Holly Mohr, Bob Hurst, Dr. Bob Sanders, Etoile Holley, Charles Carter, Michael McLellan, Betty Smock.

December 26--Wade Cargile, Lindsey Nicole Jennings, Guy Ellis, Tony Day, Opal Baxter, Gaylord Maurer, Teresa Taylor, Lynda Grimsley, Tyler Peace.

December 27--Joanna Schueler, Johnnie Walters, Roy L. Smith, Micha Duke, Levi Whitney Bandy.

December 28--Todd Long, Allen Stewart, James Chadwick, Sara Zerfas.

If you or someone in your

family has a birthday coming up soon, call the Friona Star office at 247-2211 by Wednesday noon.

### M. Smileys

### Have A Girl

Mitchell and Kim Smiley of Friona are the parents of a baby boy born Sunday, December 15 at 3:41 p.m. in Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

Haden Frye weighed eight pounds, thirteen ounces and was twenty and three-fourths inches long.

Other children of the couple are Kayla, Ashley, Blair and Clayton.

Grandparents are Ron and Melba Smiley and George and Aundrea Frye, all of Friona.

Lucretia Bracken of Friona, Johnnie Boothe of Dimmitt and Harland and Hertha Frye of Easter are the great-grandparents.

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