

Congratulations Friona!
They Finally Got It Done!

Main Street Finished--At Last!

AFTER A YEAR

Residents Reclaim Long-Lost Street

BY RON CARR

Last Friday afternoon, April 10, a Lipham Construction truck left town pulling a trailer full of the barrels and barricades which had been a familiar sight on Friona's Main Street for almost a year.

Lipham Construction was the prime contractor for the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) in the overhaul of the portion of State Highway 214 that comprises Friona's Main Street.

Construction began on May 25, 1997. Lipham's contract with TXDOT called for completion of the project in 100 working days. At the time, officials estimated that the project could be complete by October of 1997.

The first phase of the project, pouring new curbs

and sidewalks on both sides of the approximately 1/2 mile stretch of roadway, was completed quickly.

However, bad weather timing caused numerous delays of the project. Friona received record amounts of rainfall during 1997, and snow and cold weather interrupted attempts to complete the paving.

During one particularly wet period, the intersection at Highway 60 and Main Street became almost impassable, prompting an agreement with TXDOT to concrete that intersection instead of laying hot mix.

There were also delays due to low temperatures. The hot mix could not be poured unless the temperature stayed above 50 degrees.

According to David



WELCOME HOME MAIN.... City Manager Paula Wilson holds the scissors as city officials, Chamber of Commerce members and ambassadors gather this week for the official Main Street re-opening ribbon cutting. *ron carr photo*

Harper in TXDOT's area office in Littlefield, Lipham's contract was set to expire about April 4. After that date, the contractor would have been subject to daily liquidated damage fines for each day the project was not complete.

However, since the concrete work at the intersection was not a part of the original contract, TXDOT granted Lipham Construction a 7-day extension.

Lipham then subcontracted completion to Williams and Peters Construction who began the final work on Monday, April 6.

The Williams and Peters crews started early and stayed late. The hot mix was poured, pressed and smoothed, while traffic was moved from lane to lane.

By Thursday, April 9, the stripes were painted, the bumps at the cross street intersections were gone, and workers swept sidewalks while vehicle traffic resumed on a brand new Main Street. *(Continued on Page 10)*

Chamber To Host School Board Candidate Forum

The Friona Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture Legislative Affairs Committee will sponsor and conduct a candidate forum on Monday, April 20, at the Junior High cafeteria at 8 p.m.

The candidates for school board are Danny Black, Kathryn Gurley, Joe Lafuente, and Shirley White. All of the school board candidates have been invited to participate. The public is invited.

A two minute time period will be allowed for introductory remarks, then there will be a question and answer session with questions selected prior to the forum. Thirty minutes prior to the forum, each candidate will be given a list of all the questions to be asked but will later draw to see which particular question they will address.

The forum will be videotaped and broadcast on channel 6 on Thursday, April 23 at 7 p.m. and Thursday, April 30 at 7 p.m.

Early voting begins Wednesday, April 15 and continues through Tuesday,

April 28. Anyone interested in voting early may do so at the Friona Schools Administration Building at 909 E. 11th from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The election will be held on Saturday, May 2 with voting taking place at the Fire Station at 102 E. 8th Street. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

"Voting for public officials is not only a right in our country, but a privilege which some people in our world do not have," said Chamber Executive Director Kathryn Goddard. "We urge everyone who is eligible to exercise this privilege."

Kids, Inc. Baseball Tryouts Sun.

It is almost "batter up" time for youngsters in the Kids Inc. summer baseball program.

Tryouts will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 19, at the Friona baseball park in south Friona.

Boys and girls ages 7 to 15 years are invited to play. After Sunday's tryouts, coaches will have a "draft" to select their teams.

There is a \$20 cost per child to play this season. Further information is available by calling Kids Inc. president Rick Barnett at 247-2210.

Kindergarten Pre-Reg Scheduled

Pre-registration for kindergarten for the 1998-99 school year is set for Monday through Friday April 20 through April 24 from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the primary office.

A child must be five years old on or before September 1 to attend kindergarten during the 1998-99 school year.

Parents should bring the child's birth certificate, social security card and immunization records. A copy will be made of each item and the originals will be immediately returned.

Wilcox Enters Guilty Plea In Lubbock

Terry Wilcox, former owner of Friona Motors, plead guilty to bank fraud in U. S. District Court in Lubbock.

According to Wilcox's attorney, Howard Bailey of Lubbock, the plea was entered on Thursday, April 9. Court documents showed Wilcox cost Lubbock National Bank \$75,201 and Friona State Bank \$27,201 through fraudulent transactions.

Bailey said it would be at least ninety days before a sentencing hearing is held.

Friona PD Capt. Yerger To Be Interim County Sheriff

BY RON CARR

Friona Police Captain Walt Yerger, 51, was selected by Parmer County commissioners to fill the county sheriff's post effective May 1. Yerger will serve the 6 months remaining due to the resignation of Sheriff Rex Williams.

Yerger will then run for the sheriff's position in the November election.

Ten applications were received by commissioners to replace Williams. Submitting applications were Bryan Thurmond and Gary Blair,

THEY'RE COMING TO TAKE ME AWAY...HEY, HEY! "Your money or your life!" I hope you got your taxes ready by last Wednesday or filed an extension.

The first three and one-half months of each year, we worry about getting that annual tax return filled out, finding enough money somehow to pay the check, and get the whole mess into the mail on April 15 by the time the local Post Office closes at 4 p.m. Then for the nine and one-half remaining months of the year, we can sit back and worry about getting audited. Currently, one in every six persons is in trouble with the IRS.

Of course, a lot of the problems are caused from the multitude of complications in the current tax code. The tax return was a simple one-page form back in 1913. Now there are 569 different tax forms and the tax code itself is more than 17,000 pages and growing every year. Twenty years ago you could mail your tax return with one stamp. Due to the government's "paper-work reduction act," it cost me and the Good Old Boy \$1.24 to mail our 24 page return last week. I figure that's about the average.

The IRS toll-free hotline gets about one hundred million calls each year and gives out more than 24 million wrong answers. That's almost 25% of the questions being answered incorrectly. So you can see that the 100,000 workers at the IRS are just about as befuddled over all this as is the ordinary tax payer.

The IRS is actually not the villain in this respect. The blame for all of this can be placed on Congress. IRS folks are there simply to make certain that John Q. Public is complying with all those complex rules, and only Congress can change them.

I happen to think that most people are honestly trying to get it right and don't mind paying their fair share to keep this great country running properly, but the IRS seems to believe that it is dealing with a nation of cheaters.

The average American taxpayer has to work almost 185 days, more than half the year, to pay for the costs of federal, state and local government. Then you get the next 180 days to earn the money to feed, clothe and house yourself and your family.

The number of two-earner families has more than doubled since 1960, when there were 30 million moms and dads both working to try to make ends meet. Now there are over 60 million double-income families, plus the hours in the average work week have also increased from 40 hours to 44.

If these young families somehow manage to sock away a few after-tax dollars into a savings account with an eye toward the "American Dream" of making a down payment on a home, they'll get to pay taxes again on that tiny bit of interest their savings account has earned. That's double-jeopardy anyway you look at it, but the government labels it as "capital gains tax."

If you purchase anything on credit, you'll be paying almost four times the amount of interest that your little savings account can earn. Plus, you no longer get to take a tax deduction for a portion of the amount of interest you've paid on those credit purchases.

Add to all of this the worry over a possible nightmarish tax audit, and you can see that the average working people in this country are under a back-breaking amount of stress. It is little wonder that high-blood pressure, strokes and heart attacks are taking over the work force.

Stopping to smell the roses is almost a luxury that we can't afford.



WALT YERGER

MY TURN

By Carol Ellis



both current deputies; Roy McGaa, Farwell Police Chief; also Mel Clark, John Armstrong, Richard Bonham, Ted Zolman, Roy Smith, Friona Police Chief Randy Geries, and Yerger.

Commissioners then narrowed the field to four finalists; Thurmond, Blair, Geries, and Yerger. Oral interviews were conducted last Wednesday.

According to Randy Geries, city officials called him Wednesday morning and made him an offer to remain as Friona Police Chief.

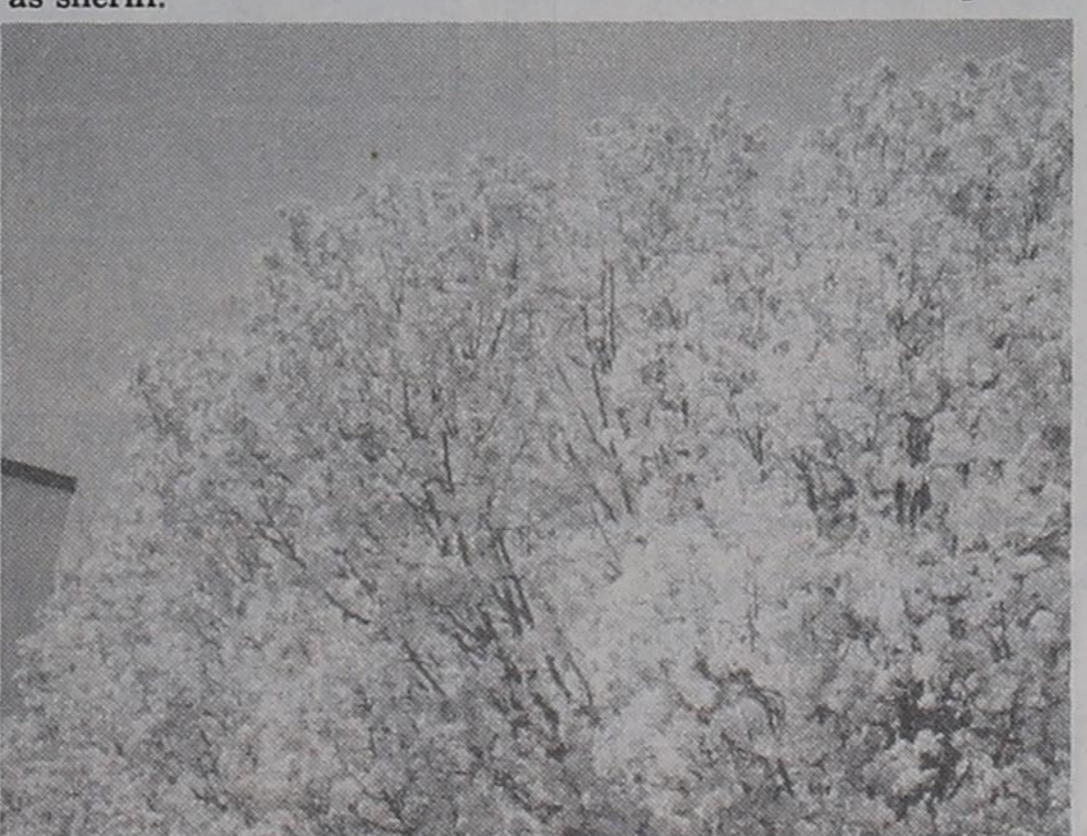
Geries said he accepted the offer, then appeared before the commissioners, withdrew his name, and offered his support for the appointment of Captain Yerger.

Geries said he was grateful to the city for its show of support and confidence and was happy about the opportunity to remain as Friona Chief of Police.

Yerger moved to Friona in June, 1997, to assume his role as Friona Police Captain. He has 28 years in law enforcement and was an instructor at Amarillo College's Law Enforcement Academy prior to his move to Friona.

Yerger and his wife Evelyn will continue to live in Friona. He said, "I have five grown children and one grandson and now have the time necessary to devote to the job as Parmer County Sheriff."

At a Parmer County Crimestoppers meeting in Farwell Thursday night, Deputy Gary Blair, one of the finalists, told the group, "I have known Walt Yerger for a lot of years. He is a superb investigator and we look forward to working with him as sheriff."



WINTER AGAIN?...A mild wet winter has produced some beautiful blooming fruit trees and flowering shrubs all over town. Temps dipped down into the 30s on Thursday, threatening to freeze budding beauties around the Panhandle area.



HEADING HOME...The Friona EMS offered Prairie Acres residents a "free trip home" for Easter Sunday, and Steve Bavousett took them up on the offer. Sheila Clark is the EMS attendant in front.

Friona EMS Reports On April Calls & Activities

BY SHEILA CLARK REPORTER

For the month of April, the EMS has answered four calls so far.

4-2 9:19 a.m. dispatch to high school for a medical emergency. Transported one person to PCCH. Crew was Paula Wilson, Bryan Harris, Shain Clark, and Dana Hendrix.

4-3 9:11 a.m. Paula Wilson, Roy Ortiz, Dana Hendrix, and Shain Clark went to PCCH for a medical transfer to Baptist St. Anthony's in Amarillo.

4-4 10:24 p.m. Shain Clark and Donice Jones dispatched to PCCH to transfer a medical emergency to Baptist St. Anthony's West.

4-4 2:18 a.m. Sheila Clark, Dana Hendrix, and Lynn Clark were dispatched to residence for self-inflicted injury.

In April, we will have four people complete intermediate class and two finish the basic class.

We also have two people in the basic class in Farwell. They are Roger Fields and Rusty Peace, so start looking for new friendly, helping faces.

For Easter some of the EMS volunteers are donating their time to residents at the nursing home who need transportation from the nursing home to a local residence to spend Easter with their families. Anyone interested, please contact Dana Hendrix at 247-2761.

Friona Flashbacks

...from the files of The Friona Star

70 Yrs Ago-April 20, 1928

Wheat in the vicinity of Friona has reached the stage where its existence as a crop is a matter of days, and if rain does not come very soon, it is estimated that very little wheat will be grown here. Some farmers have already given up hope for their crop and are planning to turn their cattle onto the fields in order to get some pasture value from it.

60 Yrs Ago-April 15, 1938

Lazbuddie School won high point honors in the Parmer County Interscholastic Track Meet held here on Monday afternoon. Lazbuddie won first place in the low hurdles, pole vault and shot put. Friona will send two men to the district, Price Brookfield, winner of the half mile, broad jump, discus and javelin throw, and Martin Todd, winner of the mile run.

55 Yrs Ago-April 16, 1943

While on the streets recently, we met with the rumor that it is probable that our two modern cafes may close their doors to the public before long. Not from choice, but from necessity arising from the fact that their limited amount of "ration points" are not sufficient to allow them to secure enough food to meet the demands of their customers.

50 Yrs Ago-April 16, 1948

About 150 businessmen and farmers assembled at the Grade School Auditorium, Wednesday night to hear the temporary board of directors make its report on the work so far accomplished toward the permanent organization of a Chamber of Commerce for

Friona and community.

45 Yrs Ago-April 16, 1953 With five schools participating in the District 10-B track meet at Friona last weekend, Friona took top honors with 74 points total, followed by Farwell with 39 points. Other schools entering were Bovina, Vega and Adrian.

40 Yrs Ago-April 17, 1958

Winners of a "one" rating at the Junior Band Contests from the Friona Junior Band include Ira Parr, trombone; Brenda Deaton, clarinet; Bob Welch, cornet; Royce Douglas, French horn; Kay Coffey, flute; and Dianne Jennings, flute.

35 Yrs Ago-April 18, 1963

The Friona Planning and Zoning Commission postponed action Tuesday on a proposed headquarters for a new labor association which wants to be located in Friona. Nineteen citizens were present at the Tuesday meeting, objecting to the location of the labor association headquarters in their part of the city.

30 Yrs Ago-April 18, 1968

Dedication and open house for Missouri Beef Packers' new \$3.5 million beef packing plant is slated here Saturday and Sunday. Cattleman Jay Taylor of Amarillo will deliver the address. On Sunday, the public open house will be held, with tours of the building between the hours of 1 and 5 p.m.

We're printing the largest issue in history of the Friona Star this week (42 pages) to give a Texas sized welcome to

Missouri Beef Packers. Since Mo. Beef has the largest single-shift packing plant in the world, we couldn't stop without producing our thickest paper ever.

25 Yrs Ago-April 19, 1973

Friona High School Principal Raymond Cook has released the names of the three top students in the 1973 graduating class. Valedictorian is Darlene Harper, with a four year academic grade average of 96.35. Carol Reeve, is the 1973 salutatorian with a four year average of 95. Carl Evans is third place student at F.H.S. with a four year grade average of 93.33.

The Friona Star won four awards at the annual Panhandle Press Assn. convention last weekend in Amarillo. "Star Lites," the regular column written each week by publisher Bill Ellis, won the first place plaque in the column writing division of the annual newspaper contest. Other awards won were the second place citation in the Best Special Edition category; and third place awards in "Best News Pictures" and "General Excellence."

20 Yrs Ago-April 16, 1978

An ownership change was announced this week for Parmer County Implement Company, I-H dealers for the county. New owners are Dwayne Greathouse, Bob Hurst and Travis Graves. Selling his interest in the business was Andy Hurst.

15 Yrs Ago-April 17, 1983

The Friona High School Chieftain Band won the Sweepstakes award following the UIL sight reading and concert competition last Friday in Dimmitt. It had earlier received a first division rating in the UIL marching competition last fall. Three members of the Friona Squaws track team

qualified for six events in the regional meet as a result of the district meet at Tulia last Saturday. Sherry O'Brian won the 400-meter dash in 61.7 and the high jump at 4-10. Wennetter Jackson won the shot put at 38-4, and discus at 108-1. Diane Johnston was second in the high jump and second in the 200-meter dash.

10 Yrs Ago-April 16, 1988

The City of Friona was hit with a power outage that lasted almost two hours late last Friday, April 9. A raccoon apparently caused a short-circuit at the sub-station just south of Friona when he crawled from one insulator to another and touched both insulators.

5 Yrs Ago-April 17, 1993

Friona High School qualified 14 individuals in ten events for the regional UIL level, at the recent UIL Literary meet. Friona placed second overall in the literary meet, behind district-winning Tulia. They are Brian Herring, Cody Simmons, Jon Parker, LaTawn White, Teresa Taylor, Chad Henry, Lee Ann Ford, Renee Martin, Amy Renner, Kristin Holland, Amanda Taylor, Tonya Stovell, Terron Talley and Christy Ichtertz.

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NOTICE OF Trustee ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION)

To the Registered Voters of Parmer County, Texas:

(A los votantes registrados del Texas.)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 2

19 98, for voting in a Trustee election, to elect two (2) trustees for two (2) full terms.

(Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales citadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 2 de Mayo

de 19 98 para votar en la Elección para elegir dos (2) miembros dos (2) termino completos.

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES
(DIRECCIONES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES

Friona Fire Station, 102 East 8th Street, Friona, Texas 79035.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at
(La votación en adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en)

Office of Superintendent, 909 East 11th Street, Friona, TX 79035
(location) (sitio)

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning on April 15, 1998 (date)

(entre las 8 de la mañana y las 4 de la tarde empezando el 15 de Abril de 1998 (fecha)

and ending on April 28, 1998 (date)

(y terminando el 28 de Abril de 1998 (fecha)

Additional early voting will be held at the same location as follows:
(La votación en adelantada además se llevará a cabo en el mismo sitio de tal manera:)

| Date (Fecha) | Hours (Horas) |
|--------------|---------------|
| N/A | |

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán enviarse a:)

Karene Cass
(Name of Early Voting Clerk)
(Nombre del Secretario de la Votación En Adelantada)
909 East 11th Street
(Address) (Dirección)
Friona, Texas 79035
(City) (Ciudad) (Zip Code) (Zona Postal)

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Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el)

April 24, 1998
(date) (fecha)

Issued this the 2nd day of April, 19 98.

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[Signature]
Signature of Presiding Officer (Firma del Oficial que Preside)

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AROUND TOWN

Introducing Around Town

The Friona Star staff has designed a new and more convenient community news calendar entitled "Around Town." The purpose will be to list scheduled events and brief news items of interest to area residents. Clubs, individuals, church groups, and other organizations are invited to submit information on upcoming events for the calendar by calling 806-250-2211 by Wednesday noon, or drop by the Star office and visit with Marlene, Ron or Bill about your news items.

FSB senior club has big plans

Friona State Bank's over-50 club will leave next Thursday for a tour of the bluebonnets and points of interest in the Hill Country, returning next Sunday evening.

The next function for the seniors' group will be the Bank's monthly game session on May 14.

The group plans to visit the Ranching-Heritage Center in Lubbock on May 23. It is time now to put your name on the list for this trip.

'88 Class needs addresses

The 1988 graduating class of Friona High School is planning a 10-year reunion to be held August 1.

The organizers still need addresses of former classmates. If you can help please call Rachel Clark at 295-6811.

Bike-A-Thon planned May 16

The Friona EMS will sponsor a bike-a-thon for the St. Jude's Children's Hospital on May 16. Students may sign up through their school or get more information by calling Hendrix at 247-2761. Deadline for sign-up is May 10.

Early voting continues to Apr 28

Early voting for the school board election began April 15 and runs through April 28. Early votes can be cast at the Friona ISD Administration Building on Highway 60.

Chiefs baseball on channel 6

Watch last Tuesday's Chieftains vs. Muleshoe baseball game on Classic Cable channel 6 at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 18, hosted by the local duo of Clint Mears and Mike Hutson.

Kid's Inc. tryouts Sunday, April 19

All youngsters ages 7 to 15 years who wish to participate in summer baseball are invited to tryouts at 2 p.m., Sunday, April 19, at the baseball park in south Friona.

Amarillo Symphony at Palo Duro

The Amarillo Symphony's second annual Palo Duro Canyon Pops will be presented April 24 and 25 at the "TEXAS" Pioneer Amphitheatre. Concerts begin at 8 p.m. both evenings. Tickets are available by calling the Amarillo Symphony office at 376-8782.

Seniors drug-free night donations

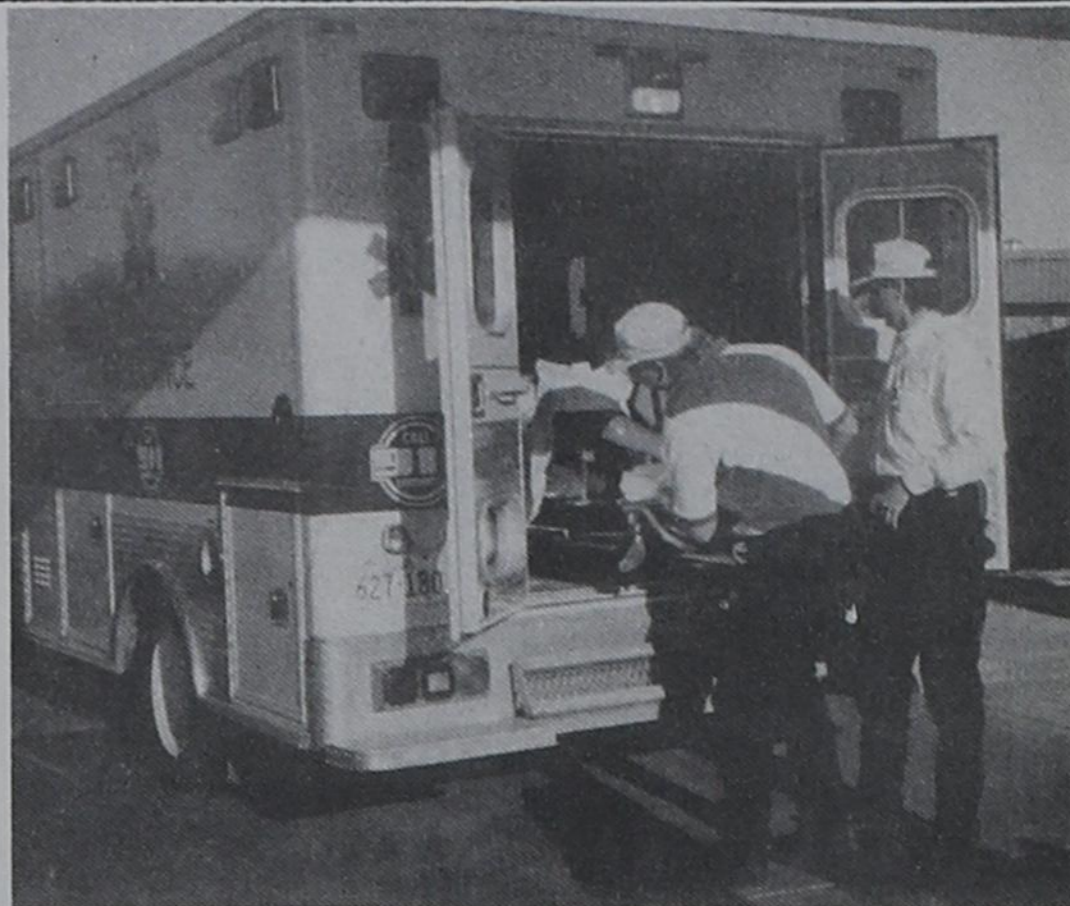
Any individual or business interested in contributing cash or prizes to the all-night drug/alcohol free party for the 1998 graduating class can contact Cathy Spencer or Debbie Goodwin at Friona State Bank. Remember to donate your aluminum cans at city park.

4-H county roundup April 20

The Parmer County 4-H county roundup will be held April 20, 6-8 p.m. at the Farwell Community Center. Youth planning to present a demonstration at district must perform Monday night. Parents, grandparents, and friends are encouraged to attend. Drinks and snacks will be provided.

School Board candidates will speak out

Plan to be on hand Monday night at 8 p.m. in the Jr. High cafeteria to hear the four candidates for Friona School Board present their remarks. The forum is being sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.



EMS AT EASTER...EMS volunteers Shain Clark and Leland Harris load a Prairie Acres resident in the ambulance Easter Sunday to give them a ride home for the day. EMS provided free rides to those who wanted to spend the day at home. ron carr photo

VFW Taking Brisket Orders

Friona's VFW and auxiliary will smoke only 50 briskets available for pick-up on May 9, just in time for Mother's Day. The 8-10 pound briskets will be smoked, and cut and wrapped if you prefer. The Veterans are selling them for \$25 each, but will cook only 50.

To order contact any VFW or auxiliary member or call Avis Henry at 247-3762.

Also, the Veterans wish to thank everyone for participating in their monthly chicken dinners. Since they do not cook during the summer, the next chicken dinner will be scheduled in September.



LITTLE DRIBBLERS...Chasing a loose ball during Little Dribblers competition are Andrew Aguirre, left, and Steven Campbell. In the back is David Salinas. ron carr photo

Happy Birthday Friona

Week of April 19-25
Friona residents having birthdays next week include:

April 19--Danny Campbell, D'Aun Sisson, Karene Bass, Jason Floyd, Clint Hand, Monica Lynn Davis, Eli Gonzales, Lorraine Welch and Daphne Cunningham.

April 20--Twyla Roth, Ronnie McLellan, Beverly Ingram, Peggy Martinez, Michael Chaney.

April 21--Rex Bracken, Norma Alexander, Dempsey Jordan, Riley Rector, Jean Hartwick, Vandra Milloy, Louis Pederson.

April 22--Sandy Sprng, Hayley Herring, Stephen Thornton, Stan Miller, Melva Rule Short, Carl Martin, Andy Carthel.

April 23--Troy Bass, Derek Allen, Daniel Rios, JoAnn Berend, Mike Styles, Jerry Cass, Jenny Cunningham, Caralee Brockman.

April 24--Evelyn Hart, Lucretia Bracken, Kathrine Blackburn, Kade Kent, Trista Hand, Bill Nichols.

April 25--Alison Lea

Hardgrove, Levi Landrum, Darrell Roth, Mike Riethmayer, Felicia Nicole Florez, David Woodruff.

If you or someone in your family has a birthday coming up soon, call the Friona Star office at 247-2211.

FSB Group Set To Leave For Bluebonnet Tour

Twenty-five members of Friona State Bank's over-50 club will leave next Thursday, April 23, for their down-state bus trip to the Hill Country to view the fields of bluebonnets, returning late Sunday, April 26.

The group will stop in Austin, have lunch at the Castle Avalon Bed and Breakfast in New Braunfels, tour the little town of Wimberly and will spend the next night at the famous old Menger Hotel in downtown San Antonio. There they will visit the River Walk and have a meal at the Space Needle. Next will be a visit to Fredricksburg and the Wild Flower Farm, then on toward home.

Now, don't you wish you'd signed up for the trip?

Shade Trees Offered By Foundation

Ten free shade trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during April 1998 as part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The ten shade trees are Red Oak, Sugar Maple, Weeping Willow, Green Ash, Thornless Honeylocust, Pin Oak, River Birch, Tuliptree, Silver Maple and Red Maple.

"These trees were selected to provide shade and beauty and a variety of forms, leaf shapes and beautiful fall colors," John Rosenow, the Foundation's president, said.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting in April or May with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE SHADE TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, Nebraska, by April 30, 1998.

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'98 Mustang \$294 mo. 10% DN+TT&L WAC 5.9 Apr. 60 mo. \$294.88



'98 Taurus SE \$314 mo. 10% DN+TT&L WAC 35 pmt. \$314.1 Final 10,235



'98 Contour \$289 mo. 10% DN+TT&L WAC 23 pymt. \$289.1 Final 9878 5.0 Apr



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'98 Grand Marquis 5.9 APR.



'98 Mystique 2.9 APR.

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Amy Taylor - Dewey Rambo
De'Ann Jones - Brock Baker
Julia Warren - Paul Ulanich
Charlie Snead - Jennifer Chaney
LesLee Taylor - Brian Lickey
Janet Rector - Roger Denton
Deena Willard - Steve Sellars

AN ADDED TOUCH Phone 250-2184
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Charlie Snead - Jennifer Chaney
Deena Willard - Steve Sellars



SULTANS OF SWAT...The top five men in the Chieftain lineup combined to set a school record Tuesday with seven home runs to pace Friona past Muleshoe, 13-9. From the left are Jesus Mata, Quint Ellis, Jeff Hamilton, Perry Hanes and Joey Pena. Hamilton and Hanes are holding a pair of baseballs indicating they each had a pair of four-baggers. (Pam Hamilton photo)

HIT SEVEN HOMERS TUESDAY

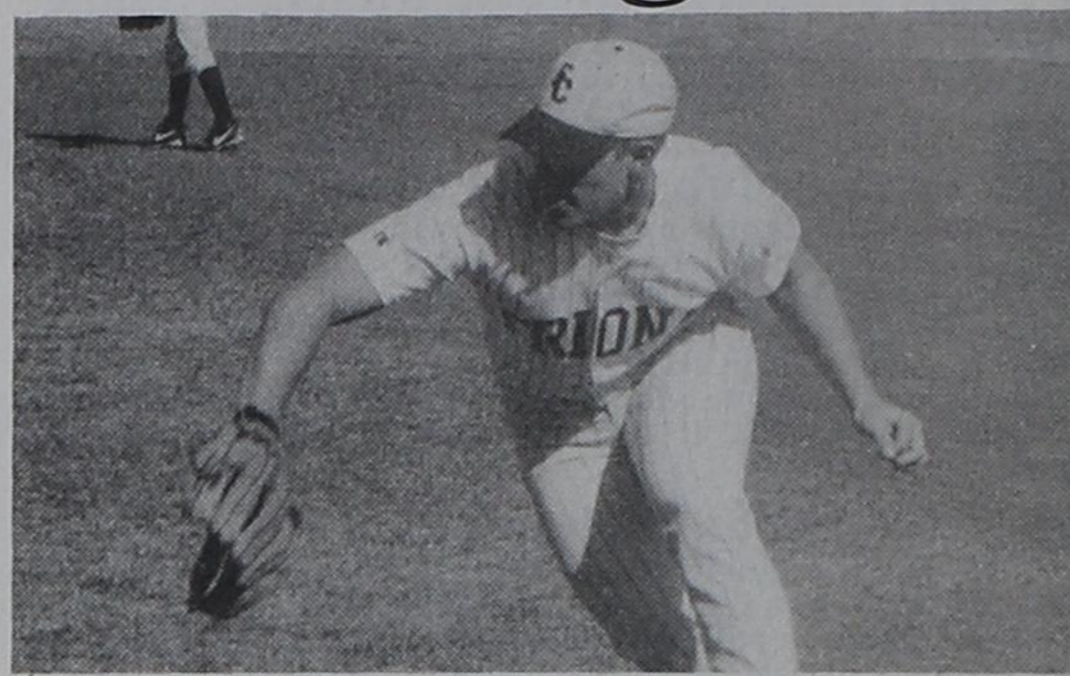
Chieftains Win Pair Of District Slugfests

The Chieftain baseball team won a pair of slugfests in the past week. The team came up with a nine-run sixth inning and some timely pitching by Justin Daniel on the edge past Dalhart on the road last Friday, 14-13.

Then on Tuesday, the Chiefs swatted a team record seven home runs—including two each by Jeff Hamilton and Perry Hanes, to outlast Muleshoe, 13-9.

The wins ran Friona's district record to 4-3, and kept them in the race for a playoff spot. River Road and Perryton each have 6-1 records and Muleshoe is at 5-2.

At Dalhart last Friday, the Wolves teed off on Quint Ellis and Ismael Juarez for 13 runs in 6+ innings, and took a 13-5 lead. Hamilton's two-run home run in the fifth got the Chiefs within 10-5, before the



FIELDS GROUNDER....Perry Hanes, first baseman for the Chieftain baseball team, fields a ground ball. Hanes contributed a pair of home runs as Friona beat Muleshoe, 13-9 Tuesday. (ron carr photo)

Wolves scored three in their half of the inning. But in the sixth inning, Joey Pena singled, Hanes, Daniel and Cecil Cooper all walked. Ellis, Juarez and Sammy Perez had RBI hits as Friona rallied to tie the score. After Ellis reached base on an error in his second at-bat of the inning, and stole second, Hamilton drove him home with the lead run at 14-13.

Daniel had relieved Juarez in the sixth inning after the Wolves went on top 14-5 and scored three strikeouts to end the rally. He continued his good pitching in the seventh, striking out the top of the order, to record a save. Daniel struck out all six men he faced.

On Tuesday, Muleshoe scored some runs, but the Chiefs banged out 15 hits—seven of them being home runs.

Pena and Jesus Mata reached base in the first inning, and scored ahead of Ellis on his three-run blast over the fence.

Hamilton likewise homered, and Hanes made it three in a row, as Friona took a 5-2 lead.

After Muleshoe tied the score six-all in the third, Hanes socked his second home run to lead off Friona's third, for a 7-6 lead. Muleshoe responded with three runs in the fourth for a 9-7 lead.

Pena and Mata hit back-to-back solo home runs in Friona's fourth to tie the score at 9-all. Friona got their

winning rally in the sixth on a single by Pena, a double by Mata to score Pena, an RBI double by Ellis and Hamilton's second home run, a two-run blast.

Daniel came on to pitch the fifth, sixth and seventh, and allowed zero runs to earn the win. The lanky Chieftain hurler did hit a batsman and walked one in the sixth, but got three Mule sluggers to pop out to the infield. He finished off the game with a pair of groundouts sandwiched around a strikeout to give Friona the win.

"Daniel did a great job for us, and the team was hitting exceptionally well. If we could just avoid the errors, we'd be all right," said Coach Bob Ferguson. Friona pinned the loss on Muleshoe's Alanis, only his second of the season.

FHS 14, DHS 13

Joey Pena, ss 3-1-1; Nathan King, 2b 4-0-0; Perry Hanes, 1b 3-2-0; Quint Ellis, p, dh 5-3-4; Jeff Hamilton, c 4-2-2; Ismael Juarez, rf 5-3-2; Cecil Cooper, cf 4-1-2; Justin Daniel, 3b-p 4-1-2; Sammy Perez, lf 3-1-1; Tammy Spencer, lf 0-0-0. HR: Hamilton; 2B: Ellis, Juarez.

FHS 13, MHS 9

Pena, ss 3-3-2; Jesus Mata, 3b 4-4-3; Ellis, cf-p 4-2-3; Hamilton, c 4-2-3; Hanes, 1b 4-2-2; N. King, 2b 4-0-1; Juarez, p 4-0-2; Cooper, rf 3-0-1; Daniel, lf 3-0-0. HR: Hamilton 2, Hanes 2, Pena, Mata, Ellis. 2B: Mata, Ellis.

Friona, Mortons Part Ways, But A Special Bond Will Stay Strong

By JON MARK BEILUE

Early last week, James Morton, wife Suni and seven-year-old daughter McKayla were driving back from Lubbock to Friona where Morton had just ended an agonizing decision over several days to accept the job as head football coach at Monterey High School.

"McKayla loves Friona," Morton said. "We were coming back, and I said, 'Let's take a vote on who wants to go to Lubbock.' It was 2-1 to go to Lubbock. She wanted to include a couple of her dolls in the voting to outweigh us."

Had Morton offered that vote to the folks in Friona, McKayla wouldn't have needed any dolls. It would have been about 3,800 to two to get right back to the Chieftain fieldhouse and get that off-season work going.

Thursday was the official end to one of the most unique and close relationships ever in the area between a coach and a community. Oh, the Friday night wins were plentiful. A District 2-3A championship in 1994, the first in 29 years. A remarkable 13-2 run to the 3A semi-finals in 1996. An unbeaten regular season just last year.

But if it were just the wins, just the playoff trophies, that would be one thing. If that were all, this could be written off as a good young coach goes off to bigger opportunities.

But if that were all to this, then Friona school secretary Randie Hamilton wouldn't have said, "I just can't hardly stand to think about this or talk about it without crying."

It was November, 1991, at about the end of the regular season when Morton, then a Friona assistant, had his world ripped asunder. Former West Texas State basketball player Megan Kinen, his wife of nearly 2-1/2 years, died without warning from a heart malfunction. He was left with his grief, an uncertain future, and a 14-month old daughter.

"With the situation we had, it pulled people closer together," Morton said. "The feelings I have for this community goes way beyond athletics."

It's been well-chronicled, but at a time when a young coach and daughter desperately needed open hearts and outstretched hands, Friona was more than willing.

"There were a lot of special relationships built here during a time that we really needed them," Morton said. "They're still a part of our life, just not to the degree it was."

As many as ten women, led by Thelma Jackson, helped fill the void the best they could. It was a tag team of tenderness, a relay of women, who depending on the time and day, took turns keeping what might as well have been The First Daughter of Friona.

In essence, for much of the next 4-1/2 years, they became McKayla's McMoms. And when Morton was promoted to the Chieftains' head coach in the summer of 1992, what with its added responsibilities and duties, their role as surrogate mothers became even greater as Morton's time demands increased.

Attached? You got no idea. This wasn't just a head coach and a little girl. This was their head coach and their little girl. And when the program did an abrupt about-face and started winning, and when the promising head

IN MILE RUN

Jena Grimsley Sets New Mark

Friona High School girls' track team placed second at the Dimmitt tournament with a total score of 99 points. The team brought back two first places, four second places and Jena Grimsley set a new school record with a time of 5:39.24 in the 1600m run.



JENA GRIMSLEY

Long Jump: 1. Pope 16'4.25"
Triple Jump: 2. Pope 33'; Wilcox.

Shot Put: Kayla Smiley, Tammy Spencer and Jamille Hand.

800 Relay: 2. Aguirre, Ellis, Rodriguez and Pope 1:51.4.

Discus: 2. Fiel 111'7"; Spencer 79'; Hand 78'.

1600 Relay: Hunt, Walker, Brown and Mejia 4:35.

400 Relay: 3. Aguirre, Ellis, Rodriguez and Pope 52.22.

3200m Run: 3. Grimsley 13.26.

1600m Run: 3. Grimsley 5:39.24 NEW SCHOOL RECORD; Pruitt.

Complete results follow.
100m Hurdles: 1. Ellis 15.34; 2. Wilcox 16.74.
400m Dash: 6. Maria Mejia 65.9; Korina Brown 69.
200m Dash: 3. Aguirre 27.6; Rodriguez 28.9; Ashlee Hunt 29.2.
100m Dash: 5. Pope 13.38; Kristie Jack 14.10; Louise Walker 14.60.
300m Hurdles: 3. Wilcox 51.55.
800m Run: Lindsey Pruitt 3:08; Brown 2:50.

coach married Suni in 1996, this started taking on the appearance of a Tom Hanks feel-good movie.

Except that in real life, the reel keeps on playing, and the young coach was sought by bigger schools. And with goals and ambitions, the Monterey job was just too right to say no.

"We knew it was coming eventually," said Don Carthel, a Friona farmer, but a former head coach at Eastern New Mexico and Lubbock Christian. "Very few towns can latch on to a coach for 20 years. He stayed a lot longer than he could have. We're thankful for the good years he gave us."

"All of a sudden, we're a football town. Six years ago, we were a laughingstock."

Everybody wanted to play us for homecoming. Now it's hard to schedule ten games because not many teams want to play us."

The overwhelming majority who followed the Chieftains across West Texas through Morton's six seasons understand.

They may not like it, but they understand.

"The tears started today (Tuesday)," Mrs. Hamilton said. "Every year we felt fortunate to have him one more year. Everybody wanted what he had. We understand, but we're just selfish....It was hard for him, too. He was torn."

The decision to leave was made somewhat easier for Morton knowing he had the opportunity to work for Lubbock ISD athletic director Greg Sherwood, one of the best in the business. And he wasn't going to, say, Tyler, but Lubbock. Had he been going across the state, Morton might have had to dodge crossfire at the city limits.

"His eyes have been bloodshot and he rubs his eyes every five seconds," Suni said of the ays leading up to Tuesday's decision. "It was just real hard."

One piece of business Morton did not relish was to tell those players of his decision. That tapped on every emotion.

"I didn't even try to write anything down because words couldn't express how I felt," he said. "The toughest thing was telling the team and administration. And when people come by and say goodbye, that was tough, too."

Mrs. Hamilton has joked—then again, maybe not—that Friona wasn't going to let the Mortons leave until McKayla graduated. Only missed it by 11 years.

"We're so lost and they're so fortunate," she said. "We claim him and always will."

(Jon Mark Beilue is sports editor of the Amarillo Globe-News.)

Chief JVs Top Mules By 22-7

The Chieftain junior varsity baseball team downed Muleshoe, 22-7 in a recent game here. The game was called after four 1/2 innings due to the ten-run rule.

Friona sent 21 batters to the plate in the bottom of the first inning, and 16 of them scored. Wildness on the part of Muleshoe pitching contributed to the Friona win. Eight Friona batters reached base via walks in the big first inning and a hit batsman also reached.

In addition, one Friona batter reached base after striking out when the ball got away from the catcher.

Josh Burselon, Corben Baxter, Matt Mata, James Evans, Storm London, Dustin Campbell, and Zach Barrett all scored twice in Friona's big first inning.

After Muleshoe scored four runs, the Chieftains erupted for five more in their half of the third. A two-run triple by Daniel Rosales was the key. Mata pitched three innings for the win. ***

JV 22, MHS 7

Josh Burselon, ss 1-3-1; Corben Baxter, 3b 2-4-1; Matt Mata, p 1b 4-3-2; Daniel Rosales, 1b 4-2-2; James Evans, cf 2-2-1; Logan Spencer 0-0-0; Storm London, lf 2-2-0; Victor Alvarado 0-0-0; Dustin Campbell 3-2-1; Eddie Mata, rf 0-0-0; Zach Barrett, 2b 1-3-1; Charlie Saiz, 2b 1-0-0; Danny Guerra, c 3-1-0. 2B: M. Mata, Barrett; 3B-Rosales.

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QUILT OF THE MONTH...Carol Ellis is pictured with one of two antique quilts which have been loaned to Prairie Acres for display during the month of April. The "double wedding ring" pattern displayed here was an heirloom handed down in Bill Ellis's family and is about 75-80 years old. The "drunkard's path" pattern quilt which is also on display, (not shown in picture) is thought to be nearly 100 years old and was made by Carol's great-grandmother.

Services Are Held For Marie Roberson

Services for Marie Roberson, 85, of Friona, were held Wednesday, April 15 at First Baptist Church in Friona with Rev. Waide Messer, pastor officiating.

Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery in Forney, Texas with Rev. Jerry Griffin Thursday, April 16 under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Miss Roberson died April 13, 1998 at Praire Acres Nursing Home in Friona. She was born June 13, 1912 in Forney.

She was a member of First Baptist Church in Friona and had lived in Friona since 1951 moving from Forney.

Miss Roberson was a sales clerk in a ladies shop for many years. She also had worked for the *Friona Star*



MARIE ROBerson *****

and Plains Publishers in the 1960's.

Survivors include a sister, Inez Hamilton of Friona.

Bovinan's Sister Is Buried In Plainview

Services for Fay Harmon, 64, of Hereford, were held last week in Plainview with Charley Pierson of Dell City and Billy Pierson of Houston officiating.

Burial was in Plainview Memorial Park.

She died Tuesday, April 14, 1998 in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Born June 30, 1933 in Silverton, she married Haskell Harmon on October 31, 1954 in Plainview. She graduated from Plainview High School. She attended the Assembly of God Church.

She attended licensed vocational nurse school in 1973, worked at the old Plainview hospital as a nurses aide, was employed by

the Lockney, Floydada and Deaf Smith County Hospital in Hereford, where she retired in 1983.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Norma Fay Davis of Austin; a son, Ronnie Eugene Harmon of Plainview; a brother, Homer Dudley of Plainview; five sisters, Lurine Dudley and Dora Biggerstaff, both of Plainview, Alma Lee Pierson of Bovina, Jimmy Crabtree of Muleshoe and Lenora Pierson of Hereford.

Five grandchildren and one great-grandchild also survive.

Ex-Resident Tom Crump Dies At 49

Tom Crump, 49, died Tuesday, April 14, 1998, from complications related to a brain tumor.

Tom was born in Memphis, Texas on December 6, 1948, to Bud and Bernice Crump. He grew up in Friona and Bovina, and graduated from Bovina High School in 1967.

After serving as a security police officer in the U.S. Air Force from 1968-72, Crump graduated from Amarillo Barber College in 1973. He moved to Austin in 1976, and was co-owner of Up Against the Wall custom picture framing.

Tom was preceded in death by his father, A.E. (Bud) Crump, maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. B.H. Hayes and paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Crump.

Survivors include his mother, Bernice Crump Wyble, step-father, Leo Wyble, both of Amarillo; three sisters, Carolyn Richards of Pflugerville, Cindy Kunselman of Austin, and Cathy Avery of Hereford, a brother, Eddie Crump of Leander.

Eight nieces and nephews also survive.

Services Held Saturday For Elmer Northcutt

Services were held for Elmer Northcutt, 84 of Cuervo, New Mexico, Saturday, April 11 at Broadview Church of Christ in Broadview, N.M. with Bob Martin officiating assisted by Don Thomas.

Burial followed at Hollene Cemetery.

Northcutt died April 9, 1998 at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo. He was born June 18, 1913 in Bellview, New Mexico.

He married Mavane Kemp November 26, 1938 in Clovis, New Mexico. He farmed and ranched in Deaf Smith County and in Ima, New Mexico.

Mr. Northcutt was a member of the Church of Christ in Broadview. He was a great supporter of FFA & 4-H youth projects.

Survivors include his wife, Mava of the home in Ima, New Mexico; children Jerry and Pam Northcutt of Broadview; Bill and Wanda Page of Grady, New Mexico;

and Tom and Judy Northcutt of Houston.

Also grandchildren, Kemp and Todd Northcutt, Rod Page, Lisa McCasland, Bryan and Scotty Northcutt; fourteen great-grandchildren; one sister, Gladys Polk of Clovis; and one brother, Bob Northcutt of Lubbock.

Northcutt was preceded in death by his parents, one son, two grandsons, two sisters, Millie Pearce and Lola Marie Northcutt and nine brothers, Cecil, Ralph, Bernie, Wes, Curg, Fred, Johnny, Loyd and Floyd.

Pallbearers were grandsons Kemp and Todd Northcutt, Rod Page, Stacy McCasland, Ted Tatum, Ted Rush, Tyrell and Greg Northcutt.

Honory pallbearers were all neighbors and friends.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Christian Childrens Home in Portales, New Mexico, Boys and Girls Ranch or Grady Alumni Scholarship Fund.

City Lady's Father Is Buried In Seagraves

Rosary services for Prudencio Garza, 79, of Seagraves were held Friday, April 10 at Head Family Funeral Home in Seagraves. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 11 at St. Paul's Catholic Church with Father John Casey officiating. Burial followed at Seagraves Cemetery.

Garza died April 9, 1998 at Lubbock Methodist Hospital. He was born December 5, 1918 in Gonzales, Texas to Santos and Ramona Garza. He married Juanita Villareal June 13, 1946 in Yorktown. He was a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church.

He was a lifetime Texan, and a farm laborer. He moved to Seagraves from Lamesa in 1959.

Survivors include his wife, Juanita of Seagraves; two sons and daughters in-law, Gilbert and Clara of Brown-

field and Jimmy and Silvia Garza of Brownfield; eight daughters and sons-in-law, Petsa and Juan Losoya of Odessa; Lupe and Johnny Ortiz of O'Donnell; Virginia and Johnny Zepeda of Seagraves; Mini and Kenneth Dority of Dallas; Rose and Don Boren of Friona; Annie Garza of Dallas; Linda Garza of Seagraves; and Mary and Michael Voigt of Ft. Worth.

Also, four brothers, Martin, Dionicio, Valente and Panfilo Garza all of Lamesa; fourteen grandchildren and one great-grand child.

Garza was preceded in death by one daughter, two brothers and one sister.

Pallbearers were Juan Losoya, Jr., Kevin Ortiz, Kristopher Zepeda, Kerry Ortiz, Santos Garza and Larry Villarreal.

Honorary pallbearer was Ponfilo Garza Jr.



TOP FARMER...Phil Brockman of Lazbuddie (left) was named "Conservationist of the Year" by the Farmer County Soil and Water Conservation District. M.C. Osborn, chairman of the district board, is shown presenting Brockman a plaque.

Comp. Sharp Sends Sales Tax To Cities

State Comptroller John Sharp has delivered a total of \$158.7 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,089 Texas cities and 118 counties. The amount represents an 11.4% increase over April 1997 payments.

This month's sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in February and reported by businesses filing monthly tax returns in March.

The net payment this period for Farmer County cities totaled \$19,713. Revenue breakdown was Bovina, \$1,734; Farwell, \$2,977; Friona, \$15,001.

Over the same period last year, Bovina showed a 19.93% increase. Friona's increase was 7.02%, while Farwell's revenue was down 7.74%.

However, all three cities have shown an overall increase in 1998 over the same period in 1997; Bovina, 9.36%; Farwell, 11.54%, and Friona, 6.14%. Total 1998 county revenue payments to date are \$99,014.42, compared to 1997 revenue of \$92,223.78.

For the 1998 period, Bovina has received \$8,843; Farwell, \$17,806; and Friona, \$72,364.

The First Texas Federal Land Bank Association

will host a retirement reception for **CARELEAN HAMILTON** Sunday, April 26th from 2 PM until 5 PM at the Bailey County Coliseum on West Highway 84 in Muleshoe. Mrs. Hamilton has worked for the Federal Land Bank Association and the First Texas Federal Land Bank Association-Muleshoe office since January 1, 1973. She previously worked at Friona State Bank when she and her husband, Gene, lived and farmed in the Rhea Community. She also worked at First National Bank of Muleshoe when they moved to Bailey County. Everyone is invited to come by and wish her a Happy Retirement!









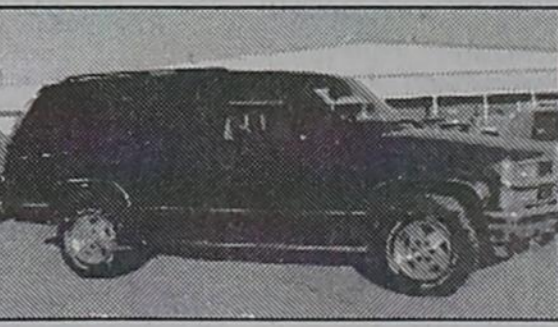



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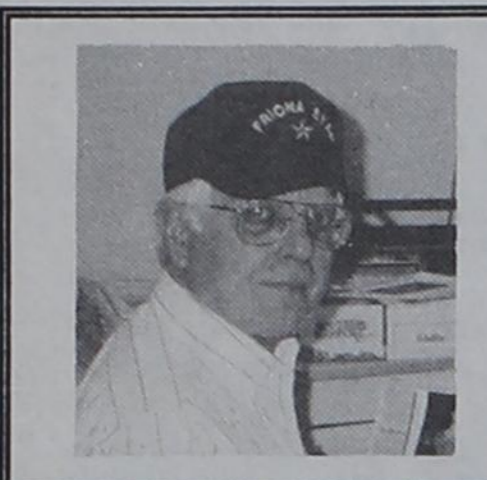
The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Farmer County Community Hospital, 1307 Cleveland Avenue in Friona on May 6 and 20, 1998.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening that includes a mammogram and instruction in self-examination by a registered nurse. The total cost is \$75.

A minimum of fifteen women need to register in order for the mobile mammography clinic to come to area towns. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call 359-4673 or 1(800) 377-4673 for more information.

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Out Here

By RON CARR

curmudgeon; n. 1. miser, 2. a crusty, ill-tempered, old man (or woman).

I don't have a clue about how most things work. I must have been at recess when God handed out handyman certificates.

I even tried to read one of those "How Things Work" do-it-yourself books once. I stopped at the chapter on how to install a garbage disposal.

It is guys like me that keep mechanics, plumbers, and electricians in business. I don't have a clue and they do.

Real early in life I figured out that I needed to pick a career that did not require a toolbox. So I became a pretty good travel agent for a long time.

The tools for a travel agent back then were some brochures, a telephone, and a line of bull. Talking my way through life seemed like such a good idea and just think how much money I have saved on Lava soap.

I have a tough time talking to people who do have a clue. My old Chevy started making a bigger noise than usual so I took it over to Gaylord Stowers' Shop and described the knock to Joe Bob Mann.

He said it was a gadget called a camshaft. When Gaylord came in, Joe Bob asked his opinion. Gaylord started the car, listened for about two seconds and said "it's the camshaft" while Joe Bob had one of those "see-I-told-you-so" looks.

They both tried to explain exactly what a camshaft did in the operation of a car. When they got to the piston/cylinder part, I

pretended like I was listening. All I really needed to know was about how much it would cost and when I could pick it up.

Joe Bob fixed my car. When I picked it up, he even showed me the old camshaft. It looked like a new one to me, except a couple of those little bumps were worn off.

As I got ready to leave, Joe Bob suggested that I might want to pay more attention to the oil. I didn't have the courage to ask him where the oil stick was.

My old Chevy runs real good now. In fact, my life runs real good as long as there are people like Joe Bob around to keep my things fixed.

On his 80th birthday an old friend told me that the longer he lived the less he knew. I laughed and said, "aw shucks, that's not true".

Well guess what? He was right. As we get older, we know less and we get grumpy, cynical, opinionated, and lose patience. We compensate for the younger folks knowing more than we do by becoming curmudgeon's. (see definition above)

That is our defensive position in the battle of life. Now that I am getting older, I can see that being grumpy has benefits. It is the same reason God gave skunks a stinky smell to use for defense.

If you are grumpy enough, you can keep people away. I find that handy. Not only being grumpy but making sure people know you are grumpy.

I thought about this when I discovered a book on my bookcase called The Portable Curmudgeon. It has more than 1,000 outrageous,

irreverent quotations from a list of world-class grouches.

Since I don't have a clue on anything else to write about this week, I thought I might share some famous curmudgeon quotations:

From W. C. Fields:
* A woman drove me to drink and I never even had the courtesy to thank her.

* Anybody who hates dogs and loves whiskey can't be all bad.

* Once during prohibition I was forced to live for days on nothing but food and water.

Once on Groucho Marx's television show, a woman who had 22 children told Groucho she "loved her husband". Groucho said, "I love my cigar too but I take it out once and a while."

Charles De Gaulle said, "In order to become the master, the politician poses as the servant."

Politics is the diversion of trivial men who, when they succeed at it, become important in the eyes of more trivial men. George Jean Nathan.

Being in politics is like being a football coach; you have to be smart enough to understand the game, and dumb enough to think it's important. Eugene McCarthy

All politics are based on the indifference of the majority, James Reston

And as Billy Jeff is off once again to make friends in South America, I thought this would be an appropriate curmudgeonly ending to an otherwise defenseless column.

"We who are liberal and progressive know that the poor are our equals in every sense except that of being equal to us." Lionel Trilling
See you all next week!



EASTER PARADE AT PRAIRIE ACRES.....The residents had some Easter fun on Good Friday as the Prairie Acres auxiliary provided food and decorations and Easter bonnets to everyone. ron carr photos

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| <p>VEHICLES/BUSES/CYCLES</p> <p>1984 Chev. 1/2 ton 4 Wheel Drive PU 1984 Ford F250 Diesel Ext. Cab 1980 Ford F150 PU 1982 Ford F150 1/2 Ton PU (2) 1980 Chev. 4 Door PU w/Utility Bed (89781 Miles) 1982 Dodge Ram 50 PU 1988 Chev. 1 Ton 4x4 Cab & Chassis 1958 Howe Defender Fire Truck Chassis 1986 Chev. Cavalier 2 Door Grey Car 1977 AMC Homet 1994 Chev. Caprice Classic 1992 Chev. Caprice Classic 1989 Ford Probe 1988 Ford Tempo 1976 Chev. 16 Passenger Bus 1979 Chev. 19 Passenger Bus (3) Kawasaki 125 Dirt Bike Cushman 3 Wheel Utility Cart (2)</p> <p>TRACTORS/EQUIPMENT/TRAILERS</p> <p>Ford Tractor I.H.C. 22 Yd. Scrapper M & W 18' Shredder Tiger Hydraulic Side Mount Shredder Caldwell 20' Shredder Rotocycle Drag Shredder John Deere 3 Point Quick Hitch Hyater Trailer (2) 1976 Trailer 400 Gal. Spray Tank on Trailer 6x8 Enclosed Trailer Pipe Trailer</p> <p>SHOP EQUIPMENT</p> <p>Lincoln Welder 100 Lincoln Welder 225 Libby Arc Welder 200 AMP Hobart Arc Welder Fomey Welder Charger Fomey Arc Wire Feeder 6-12 Volt Battery Charger Bantam Booster King Battery Charger Cummins HR6B1 Generator Yates American 14" Band Saw Ramco Metal Band Saw 12" x 36" Craftsman Metal Lathe Niagra 1001 Metal Sheer on Rolling Table Wilton 5 Speed Drill Press Wisconsin Air Compressor 20 Gal. Electric Air Compressor Green Line Force Air Heater Diesel Space Heater John Deere Power Washer 2 Ton Chain Horse Small Dental Bead Blaster Oliver 26" Disc Sander Butane Lead Burner Electromat Steam Cleaner 40 Ton Hydraulic Press 8' Work Bench (2) 5' Work Bench Hydraulic Lift Table w/Extensions Truck Ramp Set Trailer Ramp Set Engine Stand Electric Impact Wrench Hand Tools Wet & Dry Vacuum 50 pc. Tool Case</p> <p>LAWN & GARDEN EQUIPMENT 1968 Flail Mower & Parts</p> | <p>Toro 3 Gang Ground Drive Reel Mower Snapper Riding Mowers (2) McCulloch Gas Blowers (2) Ryobi Gas String Trimmer (2) Homelite Gas String Trimmer (2) Cyclone Broadcast Spreader Agri Fab Broadcast Spreader Imperial Spreader Lawnair Turf Grass Tool Lawn Mower Parts</p> <p>OFFICE EQUIPMENT COMPUTERS/ELECTRONICS</p> <p>Desks Chair Bases Chair Bases File Cabinets Computer Cabinet Book Shelves Drafting Tables (2) Typewriter Tables Chair Mats (2) Partition Divider Folding Chairs/Fold Down Rest (32) Zorex Memory Writer Typewriter (2) IBM Typewriters (15) Royal Manual Typewriter Panasonic Typewriter Otek 486 Computer Aebe 386SX Computer (3) IBM Personal Computer (8) Apple Computer (2) Tandy 286 Computer NCR Printer, Mainframe & 5 Terminals Keyboards/Monitors Epson Dot Matrix Printer Telex Daisy Printer ITT Modem IBM Modem Telephone System Telephone/Recorder Monroe Adding Machine Remington Adding Machine Barrett Adding Machine Fellows Paper Shredder Panasonic Copier Reel to Reel Recorder Video Recorders Video Cassette Players Cassette Players Bell & Howell Projectors RCA Projector Master Graph Projector 3M Overhead Projector Projector Screens Slide N Cut Paper Cutter Water Fountain Newco Coffee Maker Proctor-Silix Toaster Oven Microwave Oven Vacuum Cleaners Rathem Time Clock Free Standing Ashtray Cobra CB Base Radio Realistic 40 Channel CB Anvil Sound Equipment Case w/reel & 100' 16 Channel Cord Amplifier/Equalizer Mallory Unilite Electronic Ignition System Electric Microphones (3) Speakers (2 Sets) 12" Color TV 13" Color TV 19" Color TV</p> <p>MISCELLANEOUS/NON-CLASSIFIED</p> <p>Baby Bed Hospital Bed w/attachments (2) Portable Bed w/springs Small Cots (6) Walkers (2) Commode Chairs (2) 24" x 32" Wooden Cabinet Metal Cabinets w/Sliding Glass Doors (2) Stainless Steel 4 Shelf Unit 24 Opening Locker Unit Ceiling & Portable Fans 3' x 4' 4-Roll Paper Dispenser Rowing Machine Workout Bench Large Merry-Go-Round Trampoline Tricycle Bicycles & Parts Toilet Double Sink Light Fixtures Toilet Paper Dispenser Numerous Doors (23-34" to 36") Various Size 1/4" Glass Panes Carpet Padding Heavy Duty Dolly 6' 3 Shelf Tire Rack New Steel Belled Radial Tires P225/75R14 (2) Used Tires & Rims (Turf & Road) P235x15 Tire Chains (2 Sets) International 4 Cycle Gas Engine 7HP Briggs & Stratton Engine Detroit 318 CID Engine King Gas Heater w/Thermostat & Safety Valve Lennox Land Mark 26 Heaters (9) Lennox Land Mark 34 Heaters (2) Roof Mount Air Conditioner Electric Frylator Clark Micro Master Groen Steam Kettle Steamer Double Oven Whirlpool Electric Stove Stainless Steel Serving Line (Hot & Cold) Paint Stripping Machine Small Tank w/Pump Spray Tank & Engine Electric Fuel Pumps (2) Electric Motors (15) Daytona Electric 5 HP Motor Homelite 3" Trash Pump (3) Teel 2" Pump w/3 HP Gas Engine 2" Suction Hose (21) 1000 Gal Fuel Tanks (2) Solvent MSA Gas Mask Roll Computer Wire Case 50 Tractor Weights (11) John Deere Tractor Weights Lift Magnets 4' Metal Truck Bed Standards (50) Metal Gun Racks (8) Rear Window for 1981 GMC PU Rear Window for 1986 Ford PU Ford Tailgate Ford Radiator (79-80) PU Tool Box (2) Sideboards (2 Sets) New Walker Mufflers Right Angle Gear Box Assorted PVC Fittings Assorted Cushman Parts ...Lots More...</p> |
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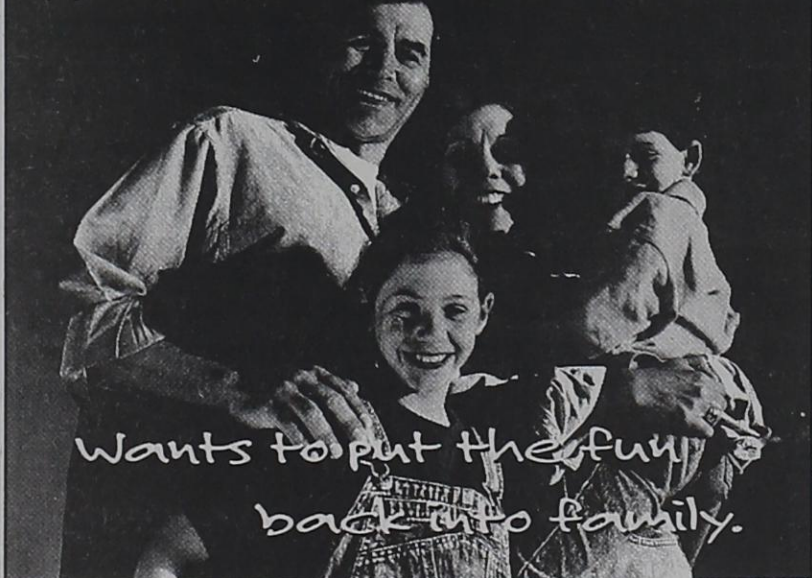
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- 3 BR, 2 baths, brick, fireplace, PRICE REDUCED.....\$59,900...\$71,500
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- 3 BR, 3 bath, 2-car, F/P, ± 2700 sq. ft. COUNTRY HOME.....\$79,900
- 3 BR, 1 bath, 1 car, fenced, nice storage, clean.....SOLD.....\$38,500
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Golden Spread Co-op Breaks Ground For New Power Plant

Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc., headquartered in Amarillo, opened a new chapter in its proud history of service to customers in Texas and Oklahoma when it broke ground on April 2 for Mustang Station, a \$145 million electric generating plant near Denver City.

The first phase of the 486-megawatt plant will produce some 285 megawatts and is expected to be in service in the spring of 1999. The second-phase addition will begin production in January of 2000. Mustang Station will be fueled by natural gas and will eventually require about 20 employees.

"This state-of-the-art facility will equip us to meet the needs of our member-customers for years to come," said Robert W. Bryant, president of Golden Spread EC. "It truly is a power plant for the 21st century."

The primary customers for Mustang Station will be the 100,000 member-consumers served by the 11 Golden Spread member cooperatives in the South Plains and panhandles of Texas and Oklahoma.

Golden Spread's subsidiary, GS Electric Generating Cooperative, will purchase a 50 per cent interest in Mustang Station when the generating units are completed. Denver City Energy Associates is the plant developer and will own a 50 per cent upon completion.

Denver City Energy Associates is an equal housing partnership formed by Quixx Corporation of Amarillo, an affiliate of Southwestern Public Service Company and LS Power, an independent power producer based in New Jersey.

Golden Spread, organized in 1984, is one of the first generation and transmission (G&T) cooperatives to move from formation to generation without the assistance of federal financing. Although eligible to seek federally guaranteed financing through the Rural Utilities Service (RUS), Golden Spread chose to arrange financing with



NEW POWER PLANT...Ground is broken for the \$145 million Mustang Station being constructed near Denver City, by the board of directors of Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, representatives of bankers CoBank and Societe Generale, and by Yoakum County Judge Dallas Brewer and Stan David, city manager of Denver City.

Denver-based CoBank, and Societe Generale, a bank based in Paris, France.

At a time when electric utility restructuring is moving forward at the federal and state level, with the Texas Legislature expected to consider restructuring during the 1999 legislative session, Golden Spread is adopting innovative approaches to power supply. Its new power supply portfolio and member sales agreements are designed to lower costs for consumers and enhance the competitive position of the electric cooperative and its members. Mustang Station is critical to Golden Spread's future success as a competitive electric supplier in the marketplace.

"Golden Spread embarked on this path to lower cost power many years ago, well before widespread industry restructuring was seriously contemplated by policy makers," Bryant said. For Golden Spread, the commitment to lower costs and innovation is not new—it is how Golden Spread conducts 'business as usual.'"

Friona ISD Lunch Menu APRIL 20-24

MONDAY-Chili cheese fries, pepperoni pizza, barbeque sandwich, combo sub, pinto beans, Mexicali corn, tossed salad, fresh fruit, jello and milk.

TUESDAY-Salisbury steak, hamburger, burrito, hot dogs, noodles, English peas, fruit cocktail, cottage cheese, tossed salad, jello and milk.

WEDNESDAY-Chicken and noodles, cheeseburgers, corn dog, burrito, sweet potato, green beans, broccoli, peaches, cottage cheese, tossed salad, jello and milk.

THURSDAY-Pepperoni pizza, tacos, tuna sandwich, corn, English peas, pinto beans, pineapple, cottage cheese, tossed salad, jello, chocolate cake and milk.

FRIDAY-Spaghetti, pepperoni pizza, chicken pattie sandwich, corn dog, bread sticks, green beans, corn, cauliflower, pears, cottage cheese, tossed salad, jello and milk.

Lazbuddie Srs. Sponsor "Shoot-Out"


The Lazbuddie senior class will present a 3 on 3 basketball festival May 14-16 at the Lazbuddie High School Gymnasiums.

Divisions available include elementary, junior high, high school, adult and co-ed. Co-ed teams consist of two men and two women.

There is a \$40.00 entry fee per four member team and the deadline for entries is May 7.

For additional information, contact: Lazbuddie High School, (806)965-2156; Debbie Weir, (806)965-2302; Sarah Black, (806)965-2149; Debbie Gallman, (806)965-2110 or any senior class member.

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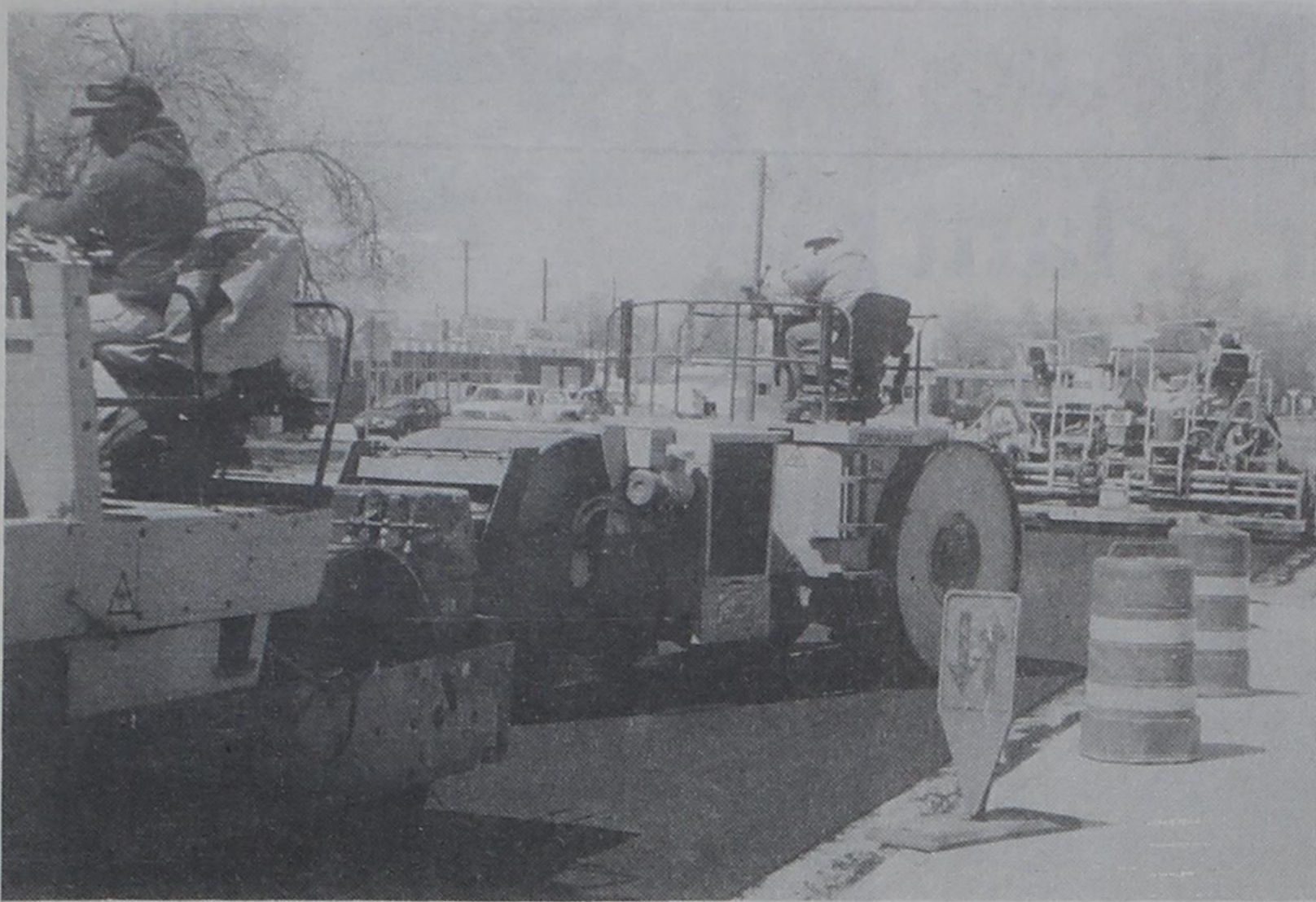
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NOW YOU SEE 'EM....Then you don't. Workers from Williams and Peters Construction Company are shown laying hot mix and rolling out bumps as Main Street construction was completed. ron carr photo



LOCAL SOCCER TEAM PLAYS SUNDAY...The Friona Pumas soccer team will take on the Plainview Leon at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the junior high practice field on Highway 60. Uriel Vega, second from left, is player/coach of the team. Sunday begins league play. ron carr photo



Police Dept. Phone # Has Been Changed

The Friona Police Department phone number has been changed to the new 250 prefix. The main number is now 250-2711. Please make a note of this important new number.

PRAIRIE ACRES ANGELS....These nice ladies are the Prairie Acres auxiliary who volunteer to assist residents. Helping on Good Friday were, l-r, Lucy Beth Hinkle, Jo Ann Mills, Jean Hamilton, Katherine Smith, Jane Dixon, Martha Hamilton, Martha Clements, Patsy Talley, Alva Bedgood, Marlene Drake and Gladys Day. The residents and staff at Prairie Acres appreciate the unselfish efforts of the auxiliary.

NGSP Announces Grain Sorghum Contest Changes

Pat George of Tulia, chairman of the contest committee for National Grain Sorghum Producers, announced that several changes have been adopted for the 1998 Grain Sorghum Yield and Management Contest.

"One division was eliminated and two new divisions were added," George said. "Beginning this year, contestants may enter the irrigated ridge-till division or the dryland mulch-till division; but, the irrigated no-till division has been dropped."

The contest will now have five divisions: dryland conventional till, irrigated conventional till; dryland no-till; irrigated ridge-till and dryland mulch-till.

"In addition to the changes in divisions," George

said, "we have established a Hall of Fame to recognize contestants who consistently produce the best crop within the framework set by their area's weather and soil conditions."

"These producers deserve special recognition," he said. "When they have won a national first place in a division three times, they will be inducted into our Hall of Fame and be retired from competition in that division. Their accomplishments will be recognized each year in the handbook."

George said the contest was started in 1985 to showcase good management skills and the scoring method allows for climate conditions to be considered in determining the winners.

The contest is not just about yield, but about using good management practices to produce the most under the limits set by typical weather for the area, he said. That's why we score each contestant against the county's five-year average yield. It allows contestants in areas that don't have ideal conditions to be able to compete.

"The Hall of Fame carries over the purpose of our

contest," George said. "The purpose of the contest is to recognize producers who manage their crops well under their area's conditions and to identify new leaders for agriculture."

"Many of our best leaders have come through the contest, since it provides a forum to introduce these producers to NGSP and the important work that is being done."

Complete rules and entry forms are available from the NGSP office, P.O. Box 530, Abernathy, Texas 79311; (806)298-4501.

Main St...

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On Monday, April 13, the new handicapped ramps at each intersection were given their coat of yellow paint.

Harper said that TXDOT waits 15-days from the final painting to sign off on the job. The 15-day period is to assure that the stripes and paint do not wear off and the "plastic" paint coatings adhere properly.

In the meantime, Main Street merchants are smiling again and local drivers are enjoying a smooth, brand new surface, thanks to TXDOT.

Organ Donor Cards Available Locally

Texans who want to live and then give can now designate their decision to be an organ donor on their driver license with a "DONOR" sticker.

Organ donor cards with the stickers are now available at all Texas Department of Public Safety driver license offices throughout the state. The stickers should be placed on the front of the driver license and not cover any information on the license.

Prior to September 1, 1997, a driver license applicant was asked by DPS personnel if he or she wanted to be an organ donor. A "yes" or "no" response was printed on the license.

That designation was recently removed from the driver license because professional organizations associated with organ procurement and transplantation believed that the decision to be a donor was a personal one that should be discussed with family members.

A million cards with stickers have been printed as part of a statewide organ donor awareness initiative--Live & Then Give. The program is sponsored by Texas Medical Association, Texas Transplantation Society, Texas Medical Association Alliance and Texas Medical Association Foundation. The project is supported by the state's three organ procurement organizations--LifeGift Organ Donation Center, South Texas Organ Bank and Southwest Transplant Alliance.

"The need for organ donors in our state is critical," Dr. Phil H. Berry, Jr., president of TMA and an organ transplant recipient, said. "The availability of these cards with stickers allows individuals to make

the decision to be a donor in the privacy of their own homes and also enables them to share their decision with their families."

DPS Major James Ratliff said the Department of Public Safety is pleased to be a part of the Live & Then Give program.

"This is an important cooperative effort, and we look forward to supporting it," Major Ratliff said.

Individuals can request a donor card by calling 1-800-560-7812.

4-H's Compete At SPC

Parmer County 4-H was well represented at the 1998 South Plains Livestock Judging Contest held on April 3, 1998. Parmer County 4-H competed against over two hundred 4-H's and FFA contestants across the South Plains of Texas.

The team members were Suzanne Aragon, Dan Patterson, Tobin Redwine, Jay Seaton, Wayne Terry, Tyler Vandiver and Alisha Wauson.

Complete results follow. Sheep Division: team placed fifth; Jay Seaton, fourth high individual; Tobin Redwine, fifth high individual.

Cattle Division: team placed fifth; Jay Seaton, fifth high individual; Tobin Redwine, fourth high individual.

Swine Division: team placed seventh; Dan Patterson, eighth high individual.

Overall contest Parmer County 4-H placed seventh high team.

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Moisture Needed To Bring Co. Soils To Field Capacity

Parmer County producers may need from two to ten inches of water from irrigation and/or precipitation to bring the five foot root zone soil profile to field capacity prior to spring 1998 planting, according to pre-plant soil moisture data released by the Water District and the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service.

At the time pre-plant soil moisture was measured in November/December 1997, approximately seven per cent of Parmer County needed about two to four inches of moisture to bring the soil profile to field capacity. About 45 per cent of the area will need from four to six inches and about 46 per cent needed from six to eight inches of moisture. About two per cent needed from eight to ten inches of moisture.

"Most of the Water District service area has received above-average precipitation since the conclusion of the 1998 pre-plant soil moisture survey last December," said Gerald Crenwelge, USDA-Soil Scientist.

"According to our data collected through mid-February, Parmer County has received an additional 1.2

Area Electric Cooperatives Concerned

According to a news release from Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative, several area cooperatives have reservations about electric utility restructuring.

"We are skeptical of the benefits of restructuring for our co-op customers," Mike Williams, President and CEO of Texas Electric Cooperatives, Inc. (TEC), told state lawmakers on March 25. TEC is the statewide association that represents Texas' 85 electric cooperatives, with a combined membership of nearly 3 million Texans.

Williams was speaking to the state Senate Interim Committee on Electric Utility Restructuring meeting in Grapevine, Texas. Lt. Governor Bob Bullock authorized the committee in the wake of legislative efforts last year to restructure the state's electric utility industry, an effort that ultimately failed. The issue is expected to be on the legislative agenda in 1999.

"Co-ops are unique; our customers are our owners," Williams emphasized. "We want to make sure that restructuring is the right path for our customers and all of Texas."

"We don't hear our members talking a lot about competition and restructuring," Libby Linebarger, a director of the Pedernales Electric Cooperative and a former state representative from Manchaca, told the committee, "and we have not seen any restructuring plans that would benefit our customers."

Several co-op representatives expressed concern about the Public Utility Commission (PUC), the state agency in Austin that regulates electric utilities. "While we're here discussing whether restructuring is going to take place, it seems the folks at the PUC are proceeding as if restructuring has taken place," Linebarger added, "in the name of deregulation, we have more regulation and it's expensive (for our customers)."

"It's important for the committee to hear from the folks in our area," said Steve Louder, President and General Manager of Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative, who attended the meeting. "We want to do what's right for Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative members. That's the way it's been since co-ops were formed."

Chaired by state Senator David Sibley (R-Waco), the Interim Committee on Electric Utility Restructuring has held five public meetings around the state. The Grapevine meeting was the first devoted to a discussion of the impact of deregulation on co-ops and municipal utilities.

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative, headquartered in Hereford, serves 12,818 meters in Deaf Smith, Castro, Parmer and Oldham counties.

inches of rain since the soil moisture was measured. As a result, soil moisture conditions should now be better than the data indicates. We highly recommend that producers check soil moisture conditions in their individual fields to determine if a pre-plant irrigation is necessary," Crenwelge added.

Soil moisture readings are taken by lowering a neutron probe into a semi-permanently installed aluminum access tube. Readings are taken every six inches down to the five foot level.

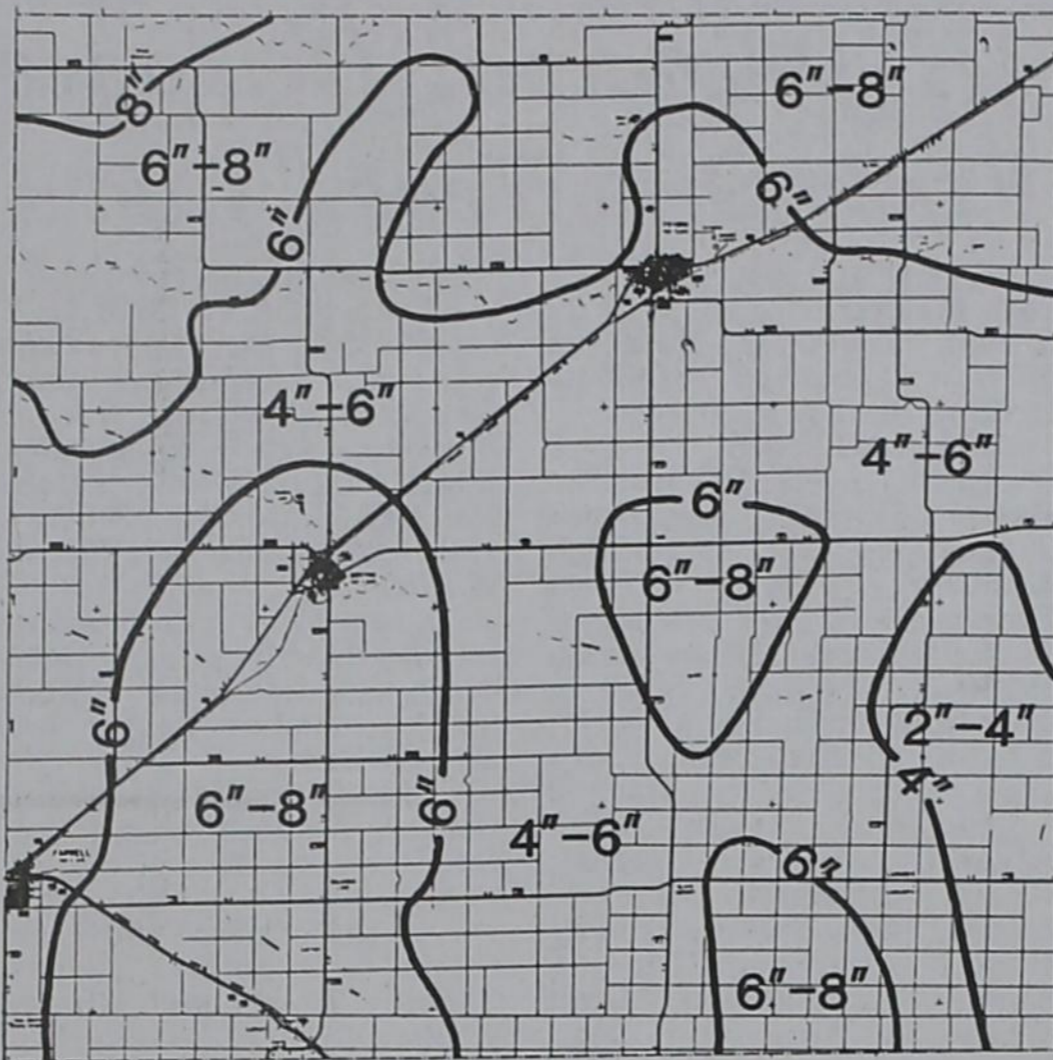
Historical data shows that above-average crop yields are more likely when the five foot zone soil profile is at or near field capacity at planting. "We hope that we will continue to receive precipitation like we have since the first of December. This rainfall is usually slow, and much soaks into the ground for use by the crop later in the year," said Crenwelge.

The precipitation received since December is very welcome and we will decrease irrigation requirements if the fields were prepared to receive the moisture. If the precipitation continues through the spring, producers who maintained their fields to absorb the moisture should reap the benefits. Practices that allow for maximum precipitation absorption include furrow diking, contour farming, minimizing plowpans and minimum tillage.

The annual pre-plant soil moisture survey data informs producers about general plant-available soil moisture conditions across the 15-county Water District service area. "Irrigators can use this information to estimate the amount of water needed to bring their soil closer to field capacity without wasting water by over-irrigating. It will be very important for producers to check soil moisture conditions in their own fields, because the area has received precipitation since the conclusion of the pre-plant soil moisture survey," said Crenwelge.

Persons residing within the High Plains Water District service area may request a free copy of the Water Management Note, "Estimating Soil Moisture By Feel and Appearance," by calling the Water District office at (806)762-0181.

Copies of the regional and/or Parmer County soil moisture survey maps are available by contacting your local USDA-NRCS office or the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock, TX 79405-1499 or by calling (806)762-0181. The Water District's web site is www.hpwd.com



Producers should check soil moisture conditions in their individual fields as precipitation has fallen since the conclusion of the 1998 pre-plant soil moisture survey.

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(Survey Conducted Nov. 17, 1997-Dec. 5, 1997)

News From The Fire Department

BY DARRELL BARLOW

The last two weeks have been busy for the Friona Fire Department. Last Thursday we had an ensilage pit fire and managed to put it out in spite of the high winds that kept spreading the fire around the pit.

When we returned to the fire station, we had a meeting which was a school on confined space rescue. It was a good school.

On Saturday we all met at Ruben Taylor's for a breakfast at 7 a.m. before we picked up trash on Highway 60 East. The fire department has sponsored a 2-mile stretch on the adopt-a-highway project.

Ruben Taylor, Lee Campbell, Ralph Shirley, and Joe Bob Mann cooked the breakfast.

We would like to thank Rex Williams for bringing three men from Farwell to help out and also the city of Friona for three community service workers.

Monday to Thursday at 5 p.m. there is a fire school in Lubbock. The firemen will get home about 1 a.m. from the school.

Thursday, for the firemen that do not attend the Lubbock school, there will be a weather spotters school at the fire station in Friona. The instructors will be from Lubbock.

Students Honored

By HUGO PINA

I am the son of Moises and Irma Pina and a junior in Friona High School. This is my first year in the work program and was employed by D.L.'s Thriftway.

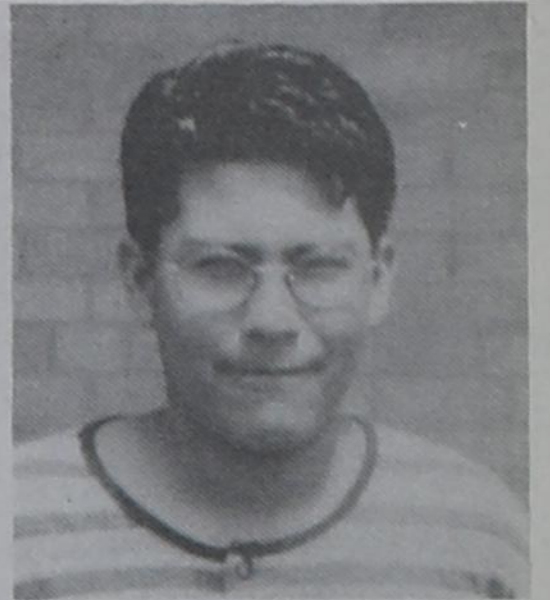
Having been able to work with the public, I am looking forward to having a good year in the working program and hope to gain more responsibility of having my own job. I hope to gain alot more of things needed to accomplish my goals in life.

I would like to thank Mr. Bronniman for giving me the opportunity to be in his class this year. I would also like to thank the people at D.L.'s for giving me the opportunity to work at D.L.'s Thriftway.

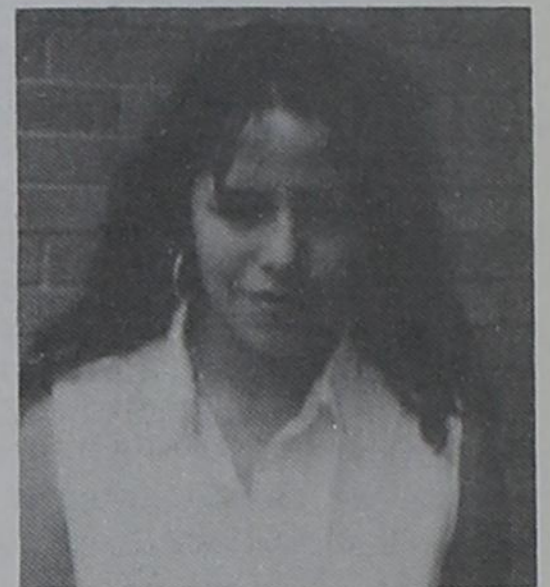
By Nancy Cigarroa
The daughter of Anastacio and Maria Cigarroa, I am a junior at Friona High School. I am in the vocational program and work at Bi-Wize Drug.

I would like to thank Mr. Bronniman for letting me be in the program, for being a nice and talented teacher and would also like to thank my parents for supporting and helping me.

I also thank Mr. and Mrs. Hanes for giving me a job



HUGO PINA



NANCY CIGARROA

and an opportunity to learn new skills. She enjoys meeting people and working with co-workers, and want to give special thanks to Betty Morgan for training me.

REVIVAL MEETING SAT-TUES, APRIL 25-28

7:30 Evenings.
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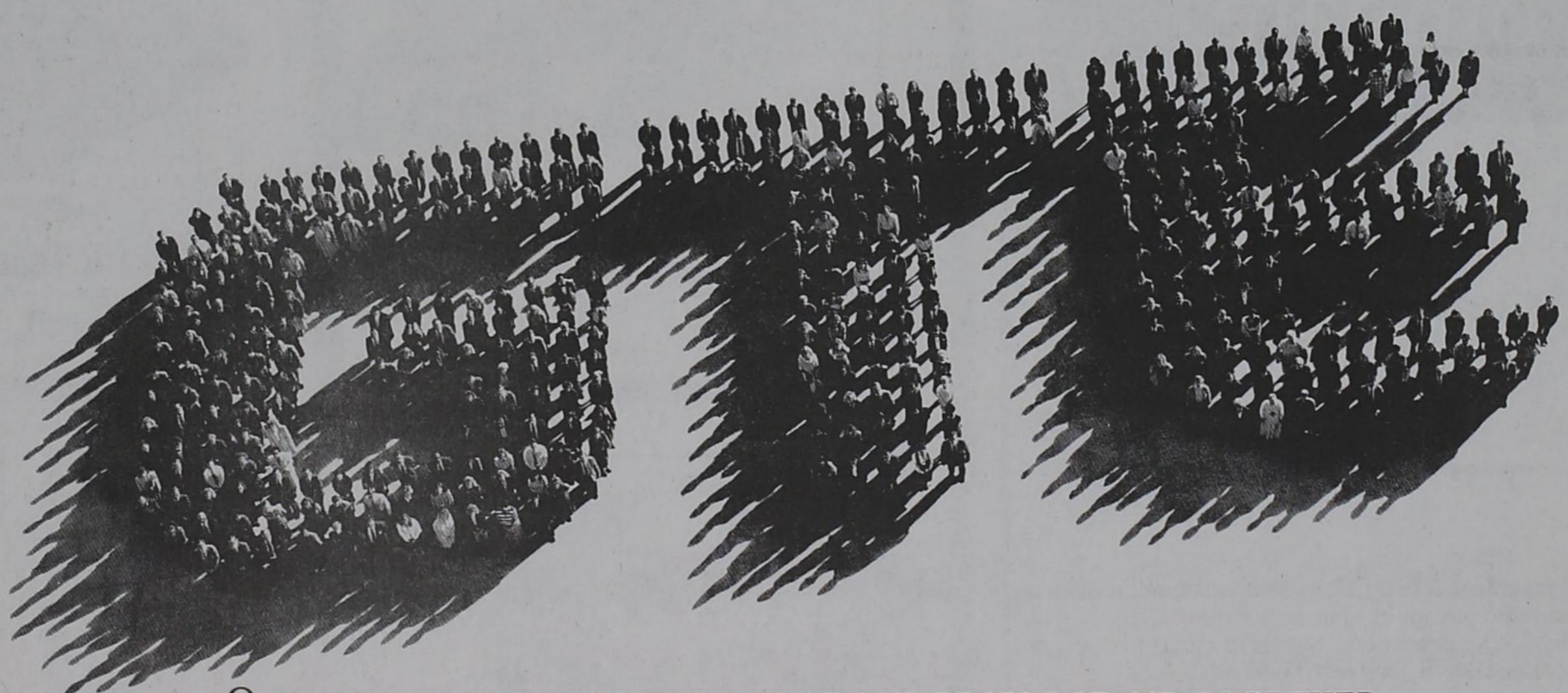
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THE BIG BEANIE....Beanie babies are popular but the bear named Princess is at the top of the heap. The purple beanie bear with a white rose was won by Joni Johnson, left, in a raffle recently held by Ingram's Department Store. Owner Sylvia Ingram congratulates Johnson. The collector's bear, a tribute to Princess Diana, is said to now be worth several hundred dollars.

JH Principal Releases Fifth Six Weeks List

The fifth six weeks honor roll at Friona Junior High School was released by Kevin Wiseman, principal. Students making the list included:

- ALL A'S**
 Sixth grade--Robbie Jan Barrett, Claudia Cruz, Brock Field, Amy Gerles, Haleigh Herbert, Hayes Jones, Stephenie Jones, Andrew Merrell, Jacob Miller, Adam Perkins, Bridget Soltero, Jessica Stafford, Jisela Torres, Mashay White and Lory Wyly.
 Seventh grade--Jacob Alvarado, Andrew Carthel, Heath Gammon, Amanda Gerles, Nathan Haile, Holley Hand, Corbin Neill, Lindsay North, T.J. Randolph, Micah White, Ty White and Brian Wiseman.
 Eighth grade--Frank Dominguez, Cara Evans, Jacy Grimsley, Felicia Lafuente, Roy Loya, Amy Terry and

- Katherine Thompson.
ALL A'S AND ONE B
 Sixth grade--Roxana Aguilar, Elisha Aistrup, Rebecca Aronce, Joseph Bentley, Juan Hernandez, Keith Hunt, Magdalena Mendez, Ashley Smiley, Melissa Vasquez and VLesha Wilcox.
 Seventh grade--Adam Bandy, Kendra Carr, Betsy Clark, Raquel Mendez, Calvin Shields, Amber Widner and Chris Wiseman.
 Eighth grade--Stephanie Collier, Amanda Daniel and Candace Ingram.
ALL A'S AND TWO B'S
 Sixth grade--Cindy Estrada, Bernice Lopez, Timothy Messer and Tiffany White.
 Seventh grade--Adrian Delgadillo, Lacye Presley, Alyssa Villa and Jeff Zamora.
 Eighth grade--Irene Charvarria and Alberto Monarrez.

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Bond Funds Growing In Popularity

Think of the term "mutual fund," and you probably think of a way to invest in the stock market. Yet there's another type of mutual fund -- the bond fund. Bond funds have become an important way for U.S. households to invest in the bond market.

A recent paper by the Investment Company Institute (ICI) examined the growth of bond mutual funds, the economic forces that influence bond fund sales and redemptions, and the impact that drops in bond prices have on bond funds. Here are some of the highlights of the paper.

Growth of bond mutual funds. Six bond mutual funds existed in 1940, and only three more were introduced in the next 25 years. During the second half of the 1960s and the early 1970s, as stock

prices declined, mutual fund sponsors organized more bond funds. By the end of 1975, 35 bond funds were in existence, with total assets of \$2.2 billion.

The Tax Reform Act of 1976 and the introduction of new products that provided investors with more choices spurred further increases in the growth of bond funds. The Tax Act made municipal bond funds more attractive by allowing the income earned on municipal securities to pass tax-free to mutual fund shareholders. Fund companies introduced 14 new municipal bond funds in 1976.

Between early 1989 and late 1993, bond funds experienced net inflows of \$207.2 billion, increasing total bond fund assets by 80.7 percent.

Ownership of bond funds. Individuals owned more than 75 percent of all bond fund assets at the end of 1995. Most individual holdings were outside retirement accounts. Individuals tend to prefer tax-exempt bond funds, which do not need the tax-sheltered status of retirement accounts.

Bond fund shareholders. Owners of bond funds are similar to the typical mutual fund shareholder. Bond fund investors tend to own more than one type of fund. More than 60 percent of mutual fund shareholders own at least two types of funds. About 80 percent of all bond and income shareholders also own equity (stock) funds.

Municipal bond fund shareholders tend to be slightly older and wealthier than the average mutual fund shareholder. This suggests a stronger demand among retirees for tax-exempt income.

Shareholder behavior. Although there have been redemptions in bond market declines since the mid-1980s, there is no evidence that bond fund shareholders redeem en masse, even when interest rates rise sharply. This behavior is similar to that of equity fund shareholders.

The ICI paper seems to confirm the pattern of most mutual fund investors. Both equity and bond fund shareholders appear to be focused on long-term movements rather than short-term market developments.

Keep in mind, bond funds are just one part of your fixed-income portfolio, just as stock funds are one part of an equity portfolio.



BACKHAND FORM...! Sophomore tennis whiz Sarah Hendley smashes a backhand during practice. Sarah won first place in district 1-3A competition this week in Amarillo.

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