



ANGEL SIGNS WITH WT....Chieftain standout Angel Vega is shown with his parents, Uriel and Cynthia Vega and Coach Sid Whiteley as he signs a scholarship with West Texas A&M University in Canyon. Vega will play football for the Buffaloes. ron carr photo

Hail Damage Hits Excel Last Sunday Afternoon

Last Sunday's hailstorm caused considerable damage to Excel Corp's Friona plant, mainly to its roof and cooling apparatus located on the roof.

Carol Aistrup, Excel spokesman, said that insulated ammonia piping on the main plant's roof were damaged by the wind and hail. Also, the plant's main office suffered water damage to its roof and ceiling and air conditioning. The damage is expected to run between \$500,000 and \$1 million.

Plant production was not affected by the damage.

VOTE SATURDAY!

The election for two seats on the Friona school board will be held Saturday, May 2, 1998. Hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Friona Fire Station.

Candidates for the school board are Shirley White, Joe Lafuente, Danny Black, and Kathryn Gurley.

There is no city election. The city election was cancelled because the incumbents were unopposed.

PEOPLE WHO WRITE COLUMNS should be allowed to brag about their grandchildren once in awhile, just as long as they don't make it a weekly habit. The newest branches on our family tree happen to be two lovely little ladies; one is a "rug rat" age 4, and one is an "ankle biter" age 11 months.

"MY TURN"

By Carol Ellis



Except that the ankle biter might more appropriately be called an "ankle gummer," since she has no teeth. This is an Ellis trait that we proudly pass along to the grandchildren. None of our three children had any teeth before age one. Their grandparents were getting pretty frantic, never having heard of such a thing, and they were on the verge of ordering some baby dentures when the first little buds finally made their appearance on little pink gums.

Our rug rat, "Little Miss Melodrama" loves to help out in the kitchen, making cookies, decorating cup cakes, chopping potatoes and eating lots of raw ones in the process. Miss M's mommy wrote down some of her recipes for us. The recipe for sandwiches is pretty wild: "Tomatoes and stuff, jelly, peanut butter, ham and bread." Her recipe for ice cream sundaes goes like this: "Chocolate, cherry, nuts, eat it." Notice there's no ice cream included in the list of ingredients.

The last time Miss M came to visit us, her mommy was busy with "Baby Climbs-a-lot," so I fixed a breakfast of bacon and eggs.

"Mommy always has hot biscuits for breakfast," she told me. So I hurriedly popped some biscuits into the oven. When I offered Miss M a hot biscuit, she politely said "No, thank you."

"I thought you said Mommy always makes hot biscuits for you?"

"She does," the little darling replied, "but I never eat them." Picky eaters also run in the Ellis family.

Her mommy has recently had a bad bout of the flu, so sweet little Melodrama decided to be the nurse. She fluffed the pillows and brought a magazine for her mother to read. And then she even showed up with a surprise cup of tea.

"I didn't know you even knew how to make tea," Laura said.

"Oh yes," little M replied. "I've watched you put the tea bag in a cup of water and put it in the microwave and punch the buttons. But something happened and the tea bag broke open and little black speckles were floating in the tea. I don't know where the strainer is, so I used the flyswatter instead."

"You what?" Laura screamed.

"It's okay. I didn't use your new flyswatter. I got Daddy's old one out in the garage."

The Divine Miss M has been trying to help Baby Climbs-a-lot learn her colors. Here are her instructions:

"Be sure to play with your food at dinner time and watch Mommy turn green. Get up on a chair and flip the light switch on and off real fast. Then Daddy will get real mad and turn purple.

"If you break a balloon and then cry real loud, you can watch Mommy turn red while she blows up another one. Leave your roll-around toy on the front doorstep and when Daddy falls down on it, he'll turn black and blue.

"Bring Mommy that wonderful dead lizard you found and watch her turn white. Mommy's lipstick is pink and it works just like a crayon when you decorate the walls."

The precocious little dear holds up four fingers to show how old she is and says, "On my next birthday I'll be a real handful!" We figure she's probably right about that!

DAMAGE REPORTED

City Gets Hail; Storm Warning On Sunday

Friona area residents were treated to (or endured) a variety of weather situations last Sunday afternoon, April 26, and at least two of them were weather forms they could have done without.

To begin with, early in the afternoon, a weather front brought some quarter-sized hail (at least), which lasted for 10-15 minutes. Then, at about 2:30, the city sounded a tornado warning, which was also broadcast on local TV sets.

Although no actual funnel was sighted, the main cloud that passed over the city was one that had to be respected.

"There was a lot of rotation in the cloud, and folks from as far away as Hub to north of town were calling the emergency numbers to warn them of how bad the cloud looked," said Roger Fields, City of Friona spokesman.

Just as it happened with the 1995 tornado that hit the city, the cloud was more visible from outside the city than in.

Starting at about sundown, long after the bad cloud had passed over, the city and area received a nice rain shower, which was more than welcome. The official measurement in Friona was .67 inch.

The hailstorm caused some bad damage to hail crops near Friona, and was blamed for a "fender-bender" vehicle wreck a couple of miles west of town. When the hail ended, there was three or four inches of hail and ice on the highway.

It was reported that what had been a lush, two-foot tall field of wheat on Ted White's place just south of Excel was completely destroyed. White was about to bale the wheat to sell.

Bad hail damage was also reported on Clarence Martin's place west of Friona, farmed by Loren Martin. The hail caused 500 mother cows and calves to get out of their pasture, and the Martins and volunteers had to round up the strays.

Don Huckabee at West Friona Grain said the hailstorm was at least two miles wide, and an

undetermined length. Another weather "phenom" happened in the Rhea community, where snow fell for the better part of two hours. "It was a good, wet snow-big flakes. It just about covered the ground. The grass was covered," said Joe Allen of Rhea.

Allen said the size of the snowflakes made it hard to estimate the actual moisture from the rain-snow mixture. His small rain gauge registered .6 inch, but he figured the moisture might

have amounted to at least .8 inch.

"It will help the wheat, but we'll need some more moisture to insure a crop," Allen said. Wheat prices are not looking good at the present. "Fellows will have a hard time making any money on grain crops, unless something changes," he said.

On the plus side, there was no damaging hail reported near Rhea. "Jarrell Wright was the only one I heard about with damage," Allen added.

Women's Luncheon Is Slated

Friona area ladies are invited to attend the sixth annual Spring Luncheon sponsored by the Women's Division of the Friona Chamber of Commerce. Theme for the event is "Tea Time" and it will be held from 11:30 a.m. till 1:00 p.m. Saturday, May 9, at the High School Cafeteria.

A spokesman from the Chamber office said "Peggy Monroe and her committee have been working very hard for several months to make this the nicest luncheon ever."

On the schedule is a style show sponsored by Ingram's with lots of local models, good fellowship with friends, creative decorations, and plenty of door prizes sponsored by the local merchants. Allsup's has furnished the paper goods and flatware for the meal.

Best of all, admission is free, but everyone is asked to bring a salad or dessert.

Month's Moisture On Light Side

Sunday's shower-plus hail yielded .67 inch of moisture, and made the total for the month of April 1.10.

This was considerably lower than the 6.16 received in April, '97, which set an all-time record. For the year to date, Friona has received 3.93 inches, below the 7.75 at the same time a year ago, most of which came in April.

Temps

Date	Hi-Low
Friday, April 24	87-52
Saturday, April 25	78-46
Sunday, April 26	64-38
Monday, April 27	55-38
Tuesday, April 28	57-35
Wednesday, Apr. 29	69-39
Thursday, April 30	80-45
Moisture: .67" April 26.	

Sophomores Earn High TAAS Scores

The Texas Education Agency recently released the results of the Spring T.A.A.S. (Texas Assessment of Academic Skills) for the Texas sophomores.

T.A.A.S. is a statewide assessment for students in grades three through high school; however, mastery is a graduation requirement for Texas seniors.

Friona I.S.D. sophomores, the class of 2000, obtained exceptionally high mastery level; writing 91, reading 97 and math 94.

"This is very exciting news for our district. These scores are the highest T.A.A.S. scores ever obtained in our district and it is through the effort of our students, parents and educational staff that we can celebrate this success!" said Hal Ratcliff, superintendent.



WELCOME COACH SCOTT.....FISD superintendent Hal Ratcliff welcomes FISD head coach and athletic director Mike Scott at the school administration building. Scott was assistant football and baseball coach at South Garland High School. ron carr photo

Coach Scott Settling In

Friona's new head coach and athletic director, Mike Scott, is finding his way around FISD.

Scott has been in Friona meeting with players and staff and trying to anticipate filling assistant coaching positions.

Speculation is that 3 or 4 current assistant coaches may follow Coach James Morton to Lubbock Monterey which requires Coach Scott to build a coaching staff for the

Chieftains and Squaws.

Scott said that his wife Michele would be visiting Friona this weekend along with their two children, Derek, 2, and Allison, 8 months.

The Scott's own a home in Rowlett, Texas, which they have put up for sale. Michele Scott will remain in Rowlett to sell the house before the Scott family will be permanent Frionians.

Friona Seniors Enjoyed Bus Trip To "The Hill Country"

Twenty-four tired but happy people returned home Sunday evening from a bus tour of the "bluebonnet country" in down-state Texas. It was Friona State Bank's second senior bus trip, and from all reports it was a big success.

The group spent the first night in Austin, visited the flower farm at Brady, the Castle Avalon near New Braunfels and on to San Antonio. There they had lunch in the Space Needle,

visited the River Walk and enjoyed the mariche music of the Fiesta. A tour of the LBJ Ranch, and a trip to historic old Fredericksburg was next on the agenda. They spent the last night in Kerrville, then on toward home.

Those who participated in the tour were: Mary Crump, Edith Johnson, Violet Finley, Thelma Jones, Meryle and Olive Massie, Clyde and Georgia Fields, Wyona Clark, Allo Reeve, Katherine Smith,

Marlene Drake, Joyce Veazey, Mary Lou Taylor, Lawrence and Pat Martin, Joyline Costen of Muleshoe, Lona Embrey of Lazbuddie, Barbara Brown, Nancy Roden, Opal Baxter, Opal's sister Jewel Seigrist from Oklahoma, Lottie Bails and Marca Herring.

The group said they were quite pleased to have had the same nice bus driver, Chuck Pierson of Trailways, who drove the group on the Bank's Branson trip last Fall.



FLOWER CHILDREN....The group of Friona residents who enjoyed a bus trip to central Texas last weekend is shown at one of their stops, about to board their bus. The group had a great time, it was reported. (courtesy photo)

Friona Flashbacks

...from the files of The Friona Star

70 Yrs Ago-May 4, 1928.

Into the history of the Friona Independent School District High School, at the close of next week, will be woven the chapter of another very successful term of educational endeavor. With a graduating class of eleven students, a class of fifty-two will finish seventh grade and be promoted to high school for the next school year.

50 Yrs. Ago-April 30, 1948

The Star is authorized to

SCHOOL MENU

Week of May 4-8

MONDAY-Sloppy joe, pepperoni pizza, combo sub, french fries, fresh veggie dippers, pork n' beans, applesauce, tossed salad, jello and milk.

TUESDAY-Sliced ham, cheeseburgers, corndog, burrito, cornbread, au gratin potatoes, okra gumbo, black-eyed peas, tossed salad, jello, pineapple, cottage cheese and milk.

WEDNESDAY-Steak fingers, tacos, burrito, hot dogs, rolls, mashed potatoes, green beans, peaches, cottage cheese, tossed salad, jello and milk.

THURSDAY- Pepperoni pizza, hamburger, tuna sandwich, corn, English peas, fruit cocktail, cottage cheese, tossed salad, jello, apple cobbler and milk.

FRIDAY- Taco pie, pepperoni pizza, chicken pattie sandwich, corndog, ranch style beans, Spanish rice, Mexicali corn, pears, cottage cheese, tossed salad, jello and milk.

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announce the name of Charles Lovelace of Farwell, as a candidate for the office of Sheriff-Assessor-Tax Collector of Parmer County, Texas, subject to the results of the Democratic Primary Election, to be held on Saturday, July 24, 1948.

45 Yrs. Ago-April 30, 1953

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed much of the Rockwell Bros. & Company Lumber firm in Friona Friday with flames swept by high west winds engulfing the entire west sheds of the firm in the matter of only a few minutes.

40 Yrs. Ago-May 1, 1958

Friona's high-stepping Marching Band, 76 pieces strong, strutted off the field in Canyon last week to take one of the three top marks given to bands in the contest. The band was presented with a handsome gold and wood trophy topped by a golden majorette for their pains at the contest.

Jesse Turner, 20, of Friona narrowly escaped death only by a miracle Sunday afternoon when he lost his footing and fell over 200 feet into Palo Duro Canyon. Turner is suffering from a broken arm and cuts and bruises from his fall. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Turner of Friona.

35 Yrs Ago-May 2, 1963

For the second time this school year, Friona's Future Farmers of America Chapter will send two teams of boys to a state FFA contest. Members of the dairy judging team are Larry Potts, Max Reeve, Don Collier and Jerry Cass. Members of the livestock judging teams are Dewain Phipps, Tex Phipps and Dennis Howell.

The need for expansion at Parmer County Community Hospital and a proposed building addition to meet the

hospital's needs were discussed at a breakfast meeting in Friona last Saturday.

Dr. Paul Sping, spokesman, said it was his opinion that ten additional private rooms would put the hospital in much better position in the 'rush months'.

30 Yrs Ago-May 2, 1968

Larry Frank Truitt, 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Truitt, and Becky Lou Coffey, 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Coffey, were named as valedictorian and salutatorian this week for the 1968 graduating class at Friona High School. Truitt edged Miss Coffey with a four-year grade average of 94.73. Her four-year mark was 94.60.

Missouri Beef Packers will begin slaughter operations at its new Friona plant on Monday, and plant manager, Bill Gilbert, said he hoped the plant could kill 150 head of cattle the first day.

25 Yrs Ago-May 3, 1973

Friona will be represented in the cast of the ever-popular "Texas" cast this year as Carl Evans, senior at Friona High School, was notified last Wednesday that he has been accepted as a member of the cast. Carl auditioned for the part at the Branding Iron Theater in Canyon in January with Reeve as his accompanist.

The First Baptist Church of Friona will be host to an open house at its newly-remodelled sanctuary on Sunday, May 6, according to Rev. Charles Broadhurst, pastor.

A changing of the guard occurred this week at Friona Wheat Growers, with the retirement of longtime manager Arthur Drake. Ronald Smiley was promoted to the manager's position. Drake has been with the local elevator since 1937.

20 Yrs. Ago-April 30, 1978

Friona's civic leaders, along with the board of directors of MBPXL, were given a special tour of the expanded facilities at the meat packing plant just west of Friona on Wednesday. The new fabricating department is scheduled to open by June 15.

Friona High School debaters, Bryan Johnston and Mark Edelman, argued their way to the Region I championship last Saturday at Texas Tech, and their final competition will be May 5-6 at the state UIL meet in Austin.

15 Yrs Ago-May 1, 1983

Wennetter Jackson qualified for the state track and field meet in two events for the Friona High School Squaws, at the regional meet at Odessa last weekend. Miss Jackson placed second in both the discus throw and the shot put.

Seven Friona Chieftains will attend the regional track and field meet at Odessa next weekend. They are Mike Neill, Mike Chaney, Richie Malouf, Alfredo Mata, Ricky Marquez, John Aguirre and Joe Garza.

10 Yrs Ago-April 30, 1988

Former Friona High School kicker Mark Montoya was signed this week as a free agent by the Kansas City Chiefs of the National Football League. Montoya will report to Kansas City's rookie camp on July 5. He will have to beat out the veteran KC punter in order to make the team.

5 Yrs Ago-April 30, 1993

Six of Excel's employees were recently recognized as being with the plant since it opened in 1968, totaling 150 years of loyal service. They are Rufugio Guevara, Hector Villarreal, Mike Scott, James Baca, Curtis Barber and Cecilio Samora.



ENJOYING NATURE....Nancy Roden stands in the middle of a patch of flowers during a stop in Brady last weekend. Mrs. Roden was among the Friona group who enjoyed a bus trip to Central Texas. (Courtesy photo)

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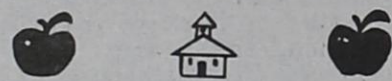
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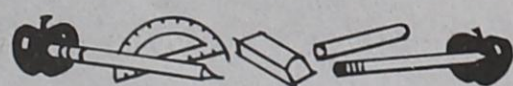
Friona Elementary School Library

2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.



The Parmer County Shared Service Arrangement representing Friona, Bovina, Lazbuddie and Farwell Independent School Districts, is offering a **FREE DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC** for children 3, 4 and 5 years old who seem to have a learning problem or developmental delay. Certified specialists will be working with children at this clinic which is to be held at the Friona Elementary School Library, Thursday, May 14, 1998 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

If you are concerned about your child's growth and development, bring your child to this clinic. If you need additional information, call Sue Beene, Director of Special Education at 250-3315.



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Out Here

By RON CARR

The Minnow People Are Mad

You've got water people and you've got minnow people and they don't always get along.

The minnow people have filed a lawsuit in New Mexico "seeking immediate final regulatory action" to list the Arkansas River shiner as an endangered species.

The Sierra Club and the Southwest Center for Biological Diversity filed the lawsuit. They are the minnow people.

The High Plains Water District and other agencies oppose the lawsuit. We'll call them the water people.

According to my friend Roscoe Dean Biffle, a true Texan, folks up here in the Panhandle tend to be more

Howdy Doody Turns Fifty

He wore a plaid shirt, blue jeans and cowboy boots. Forty-eight freckles--one for each state then in the union--dotted his face.

Fifty years ago last December, Howdy Doody began his 13-year run on television. He would become the first Children's TV superstar.

During the show's heyday almost 30,000 pieces of mail arrived each week addressed to Howdy. In 1948 he ran for president and received over one million votes--more than independent candidate Henry Wallace.

The studio audience, or "Peanut Gallery," seated 40 children. Ticket demand was so strong that pregnant women requested seats four years in advance for their unborn children.

In 1950, Howdy-licensed items, including comic books and records, earned \$15 million, or \$100 million in today's money. Three Howdy albums were on the *Billboard* Top 20 at the same time.

He became NBC's top moneymaker. By 1953 Howdy's daily audience was 15 million, more viewers than Barney currently attracts weekly--and four times more American households now have television sets.

There were three Howdy Doodys. The original resides in a display case in Buffalo Bob's North Carolina living room. Twin brother Double Doody is in the Smithsonian. The third, Photo Doody, used for publicity pictures, recently sold for over \$113,000.

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passionate about water than minnows. As Roscoe says, "If you ain't got water, you don't need no minnows."

He leaned out the window of his '87 Club Van. "As I see it, the only thing little fish are good for anyway is to feed the big fish. Kind of like politicians."

The minnow people say that pumping water out of the ground from the Ogallala Aquifer should be restricted to save the Arkansas River shiners. They didn't say what we were saving the little fish for.

They also want the right to release water from Lake Meredith to sustain the minnow habitats downstream. Water in Lake Meredith is used to supply water to Amarillo residents and about eleven other areas in the Potomale.

The water people think that it is more important to use the already limited water supply to irrigate crops, take a bath, and wash their cars.

The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service proposed to put the Arkansas River shiner on the endangered species list in 1994 but they haven't done it yet. That is what the Sierra minnow people are filing a lawsuit over.

The USFWS contends that the fish is threatened "by habitat destruction and modification from stream dewatering and depletion due to diversion of surface water and excessive ground water pumpage, water quality

Diagnostic Clinic Set

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Certified specialists will be working with children at this clinic which is to be held at the following locations on Thursday, May 14, 1998: Farwell Elementary School Library 8:30-9:30 a.m.; Bovina Ridgelea Elementary School 10-11 a.m.; Lazbuddie School Library 12:30-1:30 p.m.; Friona Elementary School Library 2-3:30 p.m.

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degradation, and construction of impoundments."

If you can understand that statement I'll buy you some fried shiner at the Long John Silver's drive-thru.

It has been pointed out at numerous hearings that listing the Arkansas River shiner as endangered would jeopardize private property rights and public water supplies.

For two years, 1994-96, Congress imposed a moratorium on any new listings of endangered or threatened species.

In 1996, Billy Jeff Clinton stayed in town long enough to lift the moratorium, but by then the USFWS decided not to classify the minnows in the emergency category which made the minnow wackos really mad.

The Sierra Club is one of the most radical and fanatical wacko organizations in the U.

Friona Beats Bovina 4-3 In Soccer

The Friona Pumas soccer team defeated the Bovina Cobras 4-3 last Sunday in Bovina.

Friona and Bovina teams are members of the 12-team Northwest Soccer League, composed of teams from Bovina, Friona, Clovis, Hereford and Plainview.

Two games are scheduled on Sunday, May 3, at the soccer field in Friona. At 12 p.m. noon, the Friona Pumas take on the Hereford Milan.

Then at 2 p.m., the Bovina Salamanca hosts the Plainview Chivas.

S. They are the same group who tried to save some owls in the Northwest by driving spikes into trees, endangering loggers who cut into the spikes with their logging saws.

Now, in order to save some minnows, they want to endanger the drinking water supply to the eleven-member cities served by the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority.

The minnow people think farmers are using up too much underground water to water their crops and cattle. Better to let humans starve than mess with the minnow playhouse.

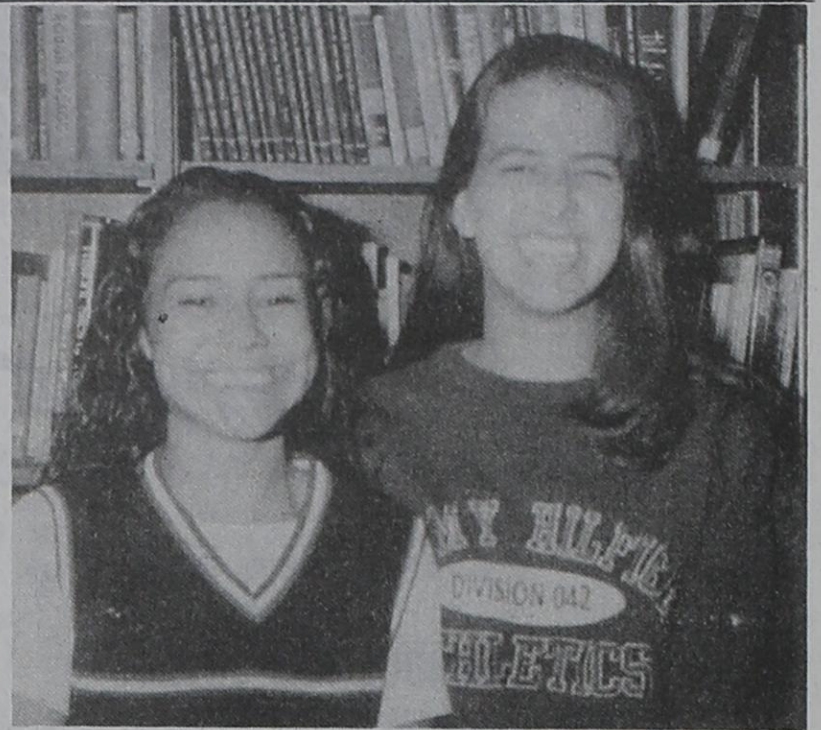
You can only imagine what the Parmer County Implement coffee bar bubba club had to say about the minnow people's philosophy. "You want me to sacrifice my wheat crop for a what?"

Not being a great animal person, I don't care much if I ever see an Arkansas River shiner. If all the Bengal Tigers suddenly disappeared, it wouldn't bother me either. Elephants are good, but I'm not inviting one over this weekend.

In 100 years kids will sit at home and watch a digital zoo by popping in an animal CD, complete with sounds and smells.

Take your own survey about the Arkansas River shiner disaster. Ask the next 100 people you see whether the Arkansas River shiner has had a major impact on their lives.

Careful who you ask though. If it is a mad minnow person, you might end up with a shiner you didn't want.



REGIONAL QUALIFIERS....Scottie Brown and Rachel Rodriguez, Lazbuddie students, have qualified for the Regional Track Meet to be held Friday and Saturday, May 1 and 2 at South Plains College in Levelland. Brown placed second at district and will compete in the 3200 meter run. Miss Rodriguez placed third at district and will be able to compete in the 800 meter run. Parents of the students are Scott and Claire Brown of Muleshoe and Bernardo and Billie Rodriguez of Lazbuddie.

Musical Show Set May 9 In Dimmitt

The Carlile Country Showcase will present an evening of bluegrass, classic country, and gospel music at the Carlile Theatre in Dimmitt on Saturday, May 9, at 7 p.m.

Scheduled to perform are the U. S. Pickers from Plainview; Stephanie Silhan of Morton; Jerry Jaquess of Lubbock; and several of Dimmitt's finest performers.

The U. S. Pickers performed at the Carlile in October, 1996, to an enthusiastic crowd. They are a full band consisting of Joe Bass, guitar and vocals; Elton Bass, mandolin, vocals; Donna Jones, guitar, vocals; Cecil Jones, bass, vocals; and

Betty Jones who sings and plays several instruments. They play bluegrass and gospel music.

Stephanie Silhan has also performed at the Carlile. She plays guitar and sings gospel favorites and original compositions. Jerry Jaquess has performed around the Lubbock area. He sings old-time country and bluegrass and plays guitar.

The show is sponsored by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce and the Carlile Theatre. Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased at the Chamber office or the Carlile Theatre, or by calling 806-647-2091. Group discounts are available.

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Chiefs Hand Rangers Worst District Loss

The Chieftain baseball team thumped district-leading Perryton, 12-7 in a game here last Saturday. The loss, only the second for the Rangers in district play, dropped them into second place in the district standings with a 6-2 record.

River Road leads the standings with a 9-1 district mark. The Chieftains are tied with Muleshoe with 6-4 records. Friona still has a mathematical chance to make the playoffs, but would need the Rangers to lose two of their final four games, while Friona would have to win out.

Friona outhit the Rangers, 11-7, and took advantage of four walks by Perryton pitching. Three of the walks led to runs.

Ismael "Izzy" Juarez pitched four innings for the win, although the Rangers walloped Friona reliever Luis Ramirez for a grand slam home run in the sixth inning to climb back into contention.

Friona had been up on the district leaders, 11-1, but the two runs the Rangers scored in the top of the fifth kept them alive.

The Chieftains grabbed a 5-0 lead after the first inning. Joey Pena walked to lead off, and Jesus Mata socked a home run, to put the Chiefs up, 2-0. Quint Ellis then singled and Jeff Hamilton reached base on an error. Perry Hanes doubled for an RBI, and Friona led 3-0 without any outs in their first. Aaron King's fly out to centerfield scored Hamilton with Friona's fourth run. Two batters later Nathan King whacked a double to score Hanes and the score became 5-0.

Juarez walked to load the bases, as Friona threatened to break the game wide open, but Perryton got Pena, up for the second time in the inning, to fly out to end the inning.

The Chieftains added two more runs in the third on a walk to Ellis on four pitches, and a home run by Hamilton, to go up, 7-1.

Friona went back to work in their fourth, sending eight men to the plate. With one



HOME RUN HABIT.....Jesus Mata (15), is greeted at home plate by teammates after blasting his second home run against the Perryton Rangers last Saturday. The two homers gave Mata six home runs for the season which is an FHS record. *ron carr photo*

out, Nathan King singled, and with two outs, Pena walked. Mata socked his second home run, a three-run shot, to hike Friona's lead to 10-1. This homer was Mata's sixth of the season, and it is thought the six homers is a season record for FHS.

Ellis then singled, stole second base and scored on Hamilton's double, to make Friona's lead 11-1. When Juarez walked the lead batter in Perryton's sixth and yielded a double, he was replaced on the mound by Ramirez. Both of the Ranger runners scored, as the visitors kept the game alive, 11-3.

Ramirez and Pena both singled to begin Friona's sixth, but Mata, who had two homers in his first two at-bats, hit into a double play. Ellis singled to score Juarez for a 12-3 lead, and Hamilton reached base on an error. Hanes was coaxed into a ground-out to end the Friona threat, with two runners stranded.

That's when Perryton made things interesting. Mata's fielding error allowed the lead batter to reach base. With one out, Ramirez walked a batter and

Alexander's single loaded the bases.

Alan Adkisson, remembered by Friona sports fans as the Rangers' great runningback, showed that he could swing a bat as well. In his first plate appearance, he knocked the ball out of the park for four RBIs, and suddenly it was a 12-7 game.

Ellis was called in to get the side out, which he did although leaving two stranded. He then struck out the side in the seventh to nail down the win.

FHS 12, PHS 7
 Joey Pena, ss 2-2-1; Jesus Mata, 3b 4-2-2; Quint Ellis, lf 3-3-3; Jeff Hamilton, c 4-2-2; Perry Hanes, lb 4-1-1; Aaron King, cf 3-0-0; Cecil Cooper 3-0-0; Nathan King, 2b 4-1-1; Izzy Juarez, p 1-0-0; Luis Ramirez, p 1-1-1; Tammy Spencer, c 0-0-0. HR: Hamilton, Mata (2). 2B: Hamilton, Hanes, N. King, Ramirez.

7th Braves Are District Champs!

Friona Junior High School boys tracksters were named district champs at the district track meet held in Muleshoe April 18 after taking nine first place spots.

Ty White brought home two first places, 200 meter dash with a time of 26.64 and 100 meter dash with a time of 12.68. Nathan Haile had three first places, 300 meter hurdles with a time of 48.43, 110 meter high hurdles with a time of 19.14 and triple jump with a distance of 33' 9".

Jesus Trejo had two first places, 800 meter run with a time of 2:20.12 and 2400 meter run with a time of 8:52.40. Brian Wiseman placed first in discus with a distance of 103' 10". Alex Wilkerson placed first in shot put with a distance of 34' 5".

Eighth grade boys brought back two second places. Luis Garcia placed second in 800 meter run with a time of 2:15.36. Cody Williams placed second in long jump with a distance of 16'10.5".

Complete results follow.

- 7TH GRADE BOYS**
 1600m Relay: 2. Brian Wiseman, Trejo, Adam Bandy, Haile 4:07.08.
 1600m Run: 2. Victor Favela 5:58.88; 3. Chance Hutson 5:59.81.
 200m Dash: 1. White 26.64; 6. Chris Wiseman 28.88.
 300m Hurdles: 1. Haile 48.43; 4. Andy Carthel 52.66; 6. Jared Cunningham 54.80.
 400m Dash: 2. Adam Bandy 1:00.54; 4. Brian Wiseman 1:03.64; 6. Andy Garza 1:06.07.
 100m Dash: 1. White 12.68; 6. Wiseman 13.72.
 110m Hurdles: 1. Haile 19.14; 2. Hutson 20.37; 6. Cunningham 21.73.
 800m Run: 1. Trejo 2:20.12; 3. Hutson 2:30.23; 4. Garza 2:31.62.
 400m Relay: 2. White, Bandy, Favela, Carthel 52.38.
 Triple Jump: 1. Haile 33'9"; Bandy 33'8.5".
 Long Jump: 2. Bandy 16' 4.5".
 Discus: 1. Brian Wiseman 103'10"; 2. Chris Wiseman

- 100'8.5"; 4. Haile 95'4.5".
 Pole Vault: 2. Cody Grimsley 7'6"; 4. Randy Baca 7'6"; 5. Neill 6'6".
 Shot Put: 1. Alex Wilkerson 34'5"; 5. Logan Lacy 31'5".
 High Jump: 6. Favela 4'6".
2400m Run: 1. Trejo 8:52.40; 2. Favela 9:17.28.
8TH GRADE BOYS
 1600m Relay: 3. Osvaldo Almaguer, Frank Dominguez, Luis Garcia, Roy Loya 4:13.71.
 1600m Run: 4. Lorenzo Villa 6:02.34.
 200m Dash: 6. Villa 27.78.
 300m Hurdles: 4. Garcia 48.49; 5. Almaguer 51.40.
 400m Relay: 4. Cody Williams, Dario Hernandez, Villa, Dominguez 50.66.
 800m Run: 2. Garcia 2:15.36; 5. Almaguer 2:28.92.
 Discus: 5. Dominguez 99'9"; 6. Almaguer 98'7".
 High Jump: 4. Williams 5'.
 Long Jump: 2. Williams 16'10.5".

FHS Track Qualifiers Take Wins

Friona Chieftain tracksters competed in a Regional Qualifiers meet at Abernathy last weekend, with some good results.

Friona's 400-meter relay team won their event with a time of 43.6, just .2 off their season's best time. Making up the relay team were Matthew Kendrick, Angel Vega, Joseph Bandy and Quint Ellis.

Joseph Bandy, a regional alternate in the event, won the long jump with a 21-4-1/2 effort.

Ellis placed second in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 14.41, his best time of the season.

Ellis and Bandy also ran the 300-meter hurdles but did not finish in the top six. Ellis ran a 40.86 and Bandy recorded an 41.92.

Landon Wiseman threw the discus 137-5 for eighth place and Aaron King ran a 11.38 in the 100-meter dash.



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L. Bracken Celebrates Her 80th Birthday

Lucretia Bracken of Friona was honored with a surprise 80th birthday party, Sunday, April 26 at the Tenth Street Church of Christ. The event was hosted by her three children, eight grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren and their families.

Martha Lucretia Walker was born April 24, 1918 in Hopper, Arkansas. She has lived in Friona since the early 1930s.

Festivities began on April 24 with a family meal and birthday cake and also included an original poem, "Until I Became A Mother, Too," presented by her daughter, Barbara Hill, a card shower and a "This is your life" family history story.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FRIONA

Week of May 3-9

Friona residents having birthdays next week include:

May 3--Shay Smith, Angie Gomez, Gene Brito, Cathy Spencer, Jenae Fleming, Brandon Tebeest.

May 4--Dr. Gary Cash, Nathan Brockman, John Duke.

May 5--John Osborn, Peggy Cabrera, Willow White, Ralna Roden, Charlene Mann, Shaun Aguirre, Nate Keyes.

May 6--Calvin Shields, Nancy Peace, Lois Weatherly, Staci Mueller Duran, Crystal Chilton.

May 7--Jordan D. Peace, Misti Davis, Stephanie Cabrera, Clara Trowbridge, Karen Baker, Gwendolyn Woods, Julia Alexander.

May 8--Susie Davis, Jennifer Lamb, Floyd Schueler, Randy Boeckman, Hazel Sifford, Mary Pipes.

May 9--Greg O'Brian, Ben Landrum, Sally Putman, Janie Martinez, Linda Rushing, Kayrene Krauel, Barry Bowden.

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

On Sunday, refreshments of pastel hat cakes of cherry, lemon, vanilla and chocolate, pastel M&Ms, Chex party mix, cheese cubes, pink lemonade and coffee were served to approximately fifty-five guests. Table decorations included hurricane lamps filled with spring flowers and garlands of pansies. A white wicker parlor setting with a dogwood tree was available for family pictures. A dogwood blossom corsage, guest register and a fresh spring flower bouquet were also among the family gifts.

This surprise party held a little extra surprise for those attending when the tornado siren was sounded at the very beginning of the party. The entire party had to take refuge in Joy Osborn's nearby basement. The party resumed afterward for more food, family and fun.

Special guests besides the honoree were: Julius and Margarete Bracken of Munday; Bobby and Mary Frances Kemp of Fritch;

Robert Neelleys Have Grandson

Tony and Leigh Boatman of Lubbock are the parents of a baby boy born Sunday, April 19 at 10:18 a.m. in Lubbock Methodist Hospital.

Named Charles Neelley, he weighed six pounds, three ounces and was eighteen inches long.

This was the first child for the couple.

Grandparents are Mickey and Nancy Boatman of Howe, Texas, Charles and Marsha Vest of Sherman, Texas and Robert and Connie Neelley of Friona.

Great-grandparents are Ruth Boatman of Sherman, Texas, Bob and Anna Randall of Sherman, Texas, Bert and Melba Neelley of Lubbock and Janice LaMaster of Perryton.

Study Club Goes North

The April 21st program of Modern Study Club focused on international affairs/cultural exchange. The members and guests "traveled" with Jerry Taylor to visit the United States northern neighbors in Canada and Alaska.

The Study Club heard the quote, "The good neighbor looks beyond the external accidents and discusses those inner qualities that make all men human and, therefore, brothers," Martin Luther King, Jr.

Program director, Elizabeth Gore, introduced Jerry Taylor, who is an enthusiastic traveler. Taylor visited Canada and Alaska in 1997 and just recently returned from a tour of parts of Australia and New Zealand.

Taylor provided many facts about Canada. A few include the fact that Canada is divided into ten provinces and two territories. Toronto is the capital of Ontario and is the largest city in Canada. It is the most important business and manufacturing center in Canada.

Montreal, in Quebec, is the second largest city in Canada. About 5 million of Quebec's 7 million people are French or have a French speaking background. Like Alaska, Canada is noted for its magnificent scenery. It is a land that offers much to the visitor.

Alaska is the 49th state of the United States. It is more than double the size of Texas, with 591,000 square miles of land. Juneau is the capital of Alaska and is the largest states capital in the United States. Taylor stated, "To know Alaska is to explore it. To love Alaska is to experience it."

Modern Study Club president Nellie Shelton welcomed thirteen members and seven guests to the meeting and presided over the business session.

Special music guests were students of Charles Turner. They were Kayla Smiley, Ashley Smiley and Candace Frye. They entertained those present with several piano selections.

Social hostesses for the evening were Martha Rutherford and May Lou Taylor.



LUCRETIA BRACKEN

Jimmy Don and Betty Kemp of Levelland; Steve and Sally Davidson of Idalou; Walter and Barbara Hill of Hopper, Arkansas; Tony, Cissy, Kori and Lucinda Morphew of Langley, Arkansas; Gwen Hill of Hot Springs, Arkansas; Stuart and Julie Davidson of Olton.

Family attending from Friona were: Ron and Melba Smiley; Mitchell, Kim, Kayla, Ashley, Blair, Clayton and Haden Smiley; Cindy, Gaines, Chance and Kristin Butman; Dennis, Vickie, Brock and Lucretia Field; Rex and Darla Bracken; Cody, Lana and Lexie Bracken.

Friends from Friona braving the storm to attend were Mary, Victoria, Rachel and Renee Pipes; Bob and Lydia Wylly; Brian and Linda Evans; Debra, Corben and Cameron Baxter and Teddy Fangman.

Frionan Earns CMA Credentials

Norma Cruz Mendoza, CMA, of Friona, earned the prestigious Certified Medical Assistant (CMA) credential by passing the January 30, 1998 American Association of Medical Assistants' Certification Examination.

She is a graduate of the medical assisting program at Mountainview College in Dallas and is employed by Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

The Certification Examination, administered by AAMA's Certifying Board, tests clinical and administrative knowledge needed for competent medical assisting practice.

Although medical assistants are employed in a wide range of health care delivery settings, medical assistants are the only allied health practitioners trained specifically for the physician's office.

There are over one million medical assistants working in the United States. According to the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, medical assisting is projected to be one the fastest growing occupations through the year 2005.

The American Association of Medical Assistants is a professional association headquartered in Chicago, Illinois.



CHRISTI MARTIN Sings At So. Plains

On April 27, the group Ricochet performed at the Texan Dome at South Plains College in Levelland.

A South Plains College performing group called Thursday Night Live sang at the opening act for the Ricochet concert.

Thursday Night Live has performed once a month throughout the school year on a live musical variety television show broadcast on SPC-TV.

The 13-member group includes Christi Martin, a 19-year-old freshman commercial music major at South Plains. Christi is the granddaughter of Clarence and Wynona Martin of Friona.



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7th Grade Tracksters Take First At Dimmitt

Friona Jr. High seventh and eighth grade boys' track teams competed recently at the Dimmitt Jr. Bobcat Relays. The seventh grade boys placed first with 205 points. The eighth grade boys placed sixth.

Seventh graders took eight first place spots in individual events. They were Jesus Trejo in the 2400 run with a time of 44.94 and in the 800 m run with a time of 22.53; Chris Wiseman in the discus with a distance of 110; Nathan Haile in the 110, hurdles with a time of 18.5, in the 300 m hurdles with a time of 48.03; Adam Bandy and Haile tied in the triple jump with a distance of 33 feet; Ty White in the 100 m dash with a time of 12.86; and Chance Hutson in the 1600 m run with a time of 54.41.

Complete results follow.

800m Run: 1. Trejo 22.53; 3. Hutson 32.69; 4. Andy Garza 33.99.

Triple Jump: 1. Bandy and Haile 33'; 5. Carthel 30.

1600m Run: 1. Hutson 54.41; Favela 55.61.

200m Dash: 3. White 27.43; 5. Chris Wiseman 28.57; Isaac Arzola 32.64.

Shot Put: 3. Alex Wilkerson 32"; 6. Logan Lacy 31"; 7. Favela 31".

1600m Relay: 2. Friona 13.73.

Pole Vault: 3. Cody Grimsley 7'; 4. Corbin Neil 6'; Heath Gammon.

400m Dash: 2. Bandy 61.82; Brian Wiseman 66.06; Garza 66.06.

8TH GRADE

400m Relay: 6. Friona 51.22.

800m Run: 2. Luis Garcia 22.11; 4. Osvaldo Almaguer 28.26.

100m Hurdles: Trevor Fields 24.37.

100m Dash: Manuel Mendez 13.46; Dario Hernandez 13.94; Miguel Cadenedo 14.96.

Long Jump: Cody Williams; Hernandez; Mendez.

400m Dash: 4. Williams 59.05; Almaguer 63.34; Roy Loya 67.39.

300m Hurdles: 3. Garcia 49.32; Fields 63.05.

Shot Put: A.J. Carrasco; Loya.

Discus: Almaguer, Frank Dominguez, Fabian Flores.

200m Dash: Mendez, Vela, Cadenedo.

1600m Run: 6. Lorenzo Villa 54.45.

1600m Relay: 6. Friona 13.81.

High Jump: 6. Cody Williams 5'; Almaguer 4'10".

7TH GRADE

2400 Run: 1. Trejo 44.94; 2. Victor Favela 15.41.

400m Relay: 2. Friona 51.86.

Discus: 1. Chris Wiseman 110'; 2. Haile 108'; 4. Brian Wiseman 93'.

110m Hurdles: 1. Haile 18.5; 3. Hutson 19.94; Jered Cunningham 21.26.

100m Dash: 1. White 12.86; 5. Andy Carthel 13.81; Randy Baca 14.82.

Long Jump: Adam Bandy 6.25"; Carthel 8.5; Jeff Zamora.

300m Hurdles: 1. Haile 48.03; 4. Carthel 53.57; 6. Cunningham 54.43.

John S. Thompson's Rites Held Locally

Funeral services for John S. Thompson, 80, of Friona were held Tuesday, April 28, at First Baptist Church in Friona. D. L. Harguess and Rev. Waide Messer officiated. Burial was at Friona Cemetery under direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Mr. Thompson died April 26, 1998, at Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona. He was born September 26, 1917 in Gage, Oklahoma.

He married Maxine Wolfe on May 24, 1937, in Gage,

Oklahoma. He had lived in Parmer County since 1942, moving from Gage. He was a farmer and rancher, an avid fisherman, and a motorcycle rider.

He was preceded in death by two grandchildren: Terry Thompson in 1972 and Tim Thompson in 1973.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Darel Thompson of Friona; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.



REGIONAL DISCUS TOSS...Chieftain senior Landon Wiseman will compete in the Regional track meet today, Friday, May 1. He will participate in the discus throw. ron carr photo

Fairrie Parker, 94, Is Buried In Pearland

Services for Fairrie Parker, 94, of Friona were held Tuesday, April 28 at 6th Street Church of Christ in Friona with Leon Talley and Rev. Waide Messer officiating. Burial was in South Park Cemetery in Pearland, Texas, Wednesday, April 29 with Geary Brogden officiating. Burial was under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Mrs. Parker died Sunday, April 26, 1998 at Prairie Acres Nursing Home in Friona. She was born November 6, 1903 in Bonham, Texas. She married Carl Winchester in 1921 in Sherman, Texas. He preceded her in death in 1963. She then married Charlie Parker in 1965. He preceded her in death in 1982.

Fairrie moved to Friona in September 1984 moving from Bells, Texas. She was a member of the 6th Street Church of Christ in Friona. She was a member of the Eastern Star in Houston.

Survivors include two daughters, Marlene Drake

AROUND TOWN

Senior class forms are due

The 1998 FHS graduation issue of the Friona Star will be published on May 22. This annual section features all members of the 1998 graduating class.

Blank senior information forms to complete are available at the high school office. Seniors are asked to complete the form and return it to the school office along with a first grade picture. The pictures will be returned.

Parents are asked to help by urging their seniors to fill out the form as soon as possible. Thanks.

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.

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.

Taos art at Panhandle-Plains Museum.

To celebrate the centennial of the founding of the Taos art colony, the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon will present an exhibition of paintings by Taos artist E. Irving Couse. The exhibit, "Green Mountain: E. I. Couse in Taos" will open May 9 and run through August 23.

Women's spring luncheon May 9th.

The Women's Division of the Friona Chamber of Commerce invites all community women to their Spring Luncheon on Saturday, May 9 at the high school cafeteria, beginning at 11:30 a.m. Those planning to attend are asked to bring a salad or dessert.

All ladies are encouraged to attend and enjoy a style show, door prizes, fun and fellowship. For more information, contact the Chamber at 250-3491.

Springlake hamburger supper May 4

The Springlake fire department will host a hamburger supper on Monday, May 4, at 7 p.m. in the Springlake Community Building. Donations will be taken to purchase bunker gear which costs about \$600 per fireman.

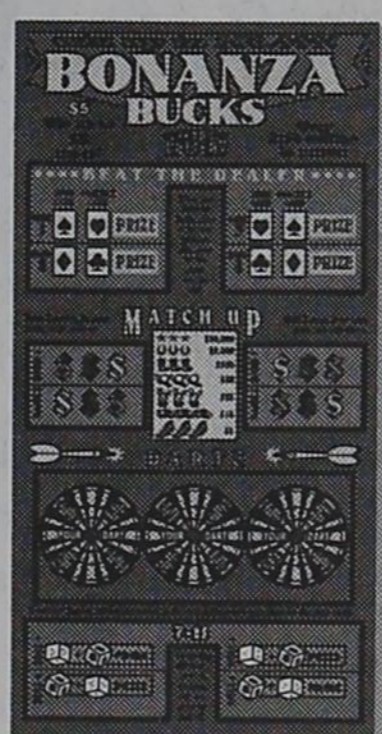
FSB bus to Heritage Center May 23

Friona State Bank will host a one-day trip to Lubbock on May 23 to visit the Lubbock Ranching & Heritage Center and have lunch at the Chuckwagon Gathering. Transportation will leave at 9 a.m. and cost approximately \$10. Call Marca Lynn Herring at the bank, 247-2706.

Dimmitt city-wide sale on June 6

The annual Dimmitt city-wide garage sale has been scheduled for Saturday, June 6.

END OF GAME NOTICE



Three of the Texas Lottery's instant games will close on May 31, 1998: Weekly Grand, Bonanza Bucks and Roadrunner Riches. You have until November 27, 1998, to redeem any winning tickets. You can win up to \$1,000 per week for 20 years playing Weekly Grand, up to \$50,000 playing Bonanza Bucks

and up to \$4,000 playing Roadrunner Riches. You can claim prizes of up to \$599 at any Texas Lottery retailer. Prizes of \$600 or more are redeemable at one of the 24 Texas Lottery claim centers or by mail. Questions? Just call the Texas Lottery Customer Service Line at 1-800-37-LOTTO (1-800-375-6886).



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J. Johnson, E. Godoy In FHS Work Program

By JONI JOHNSON
I am the 17 year old daughter of Joe Bob and Connie Johnson, a senior at Friona High School and am in my second year of the co-op program. This is also the second year I have been employed by Hi-Pro Animal Health.

Being in the work program has taught me responsibility and the value of hard work. The work program has also given me a boost toward college by better preparing me for the future by allowing me to have work experience. I have also learned about the importance of customer need and satisfaction.

I would like to thank Mr. Bronniman for finding me a job, Hi-Pro for hiring me, Dick Hill and Kathy Falkenberg for having the patience and willingness to put up with me while I learned about my job.

By ERICKA GODOY
I am a senior attending

Friona High School and the daughter of Salvador and Maclovia Godoy. This is my second year to be in the co-op program. I was employed by D.L.'s Thriftway.

Now I see that my high school years will soon be over and that the life of a young adult is near, I realize that working while attending school will help me out after graduation. I will then have the knowledge of how to keep a job and have learned many useful things both at work and in the co-op class. Students that are in this program will have an advantage when they go to college.

I would like to thank D.L. Harguess for letting me work at D.L.'s Thriftway and would like to also thank Mr. Bronniman for giving me the chance of being in the working program. I would also like to thank Dee Ann Hutson and all the employees working there for being so nice to me.



JONI JOHNSON



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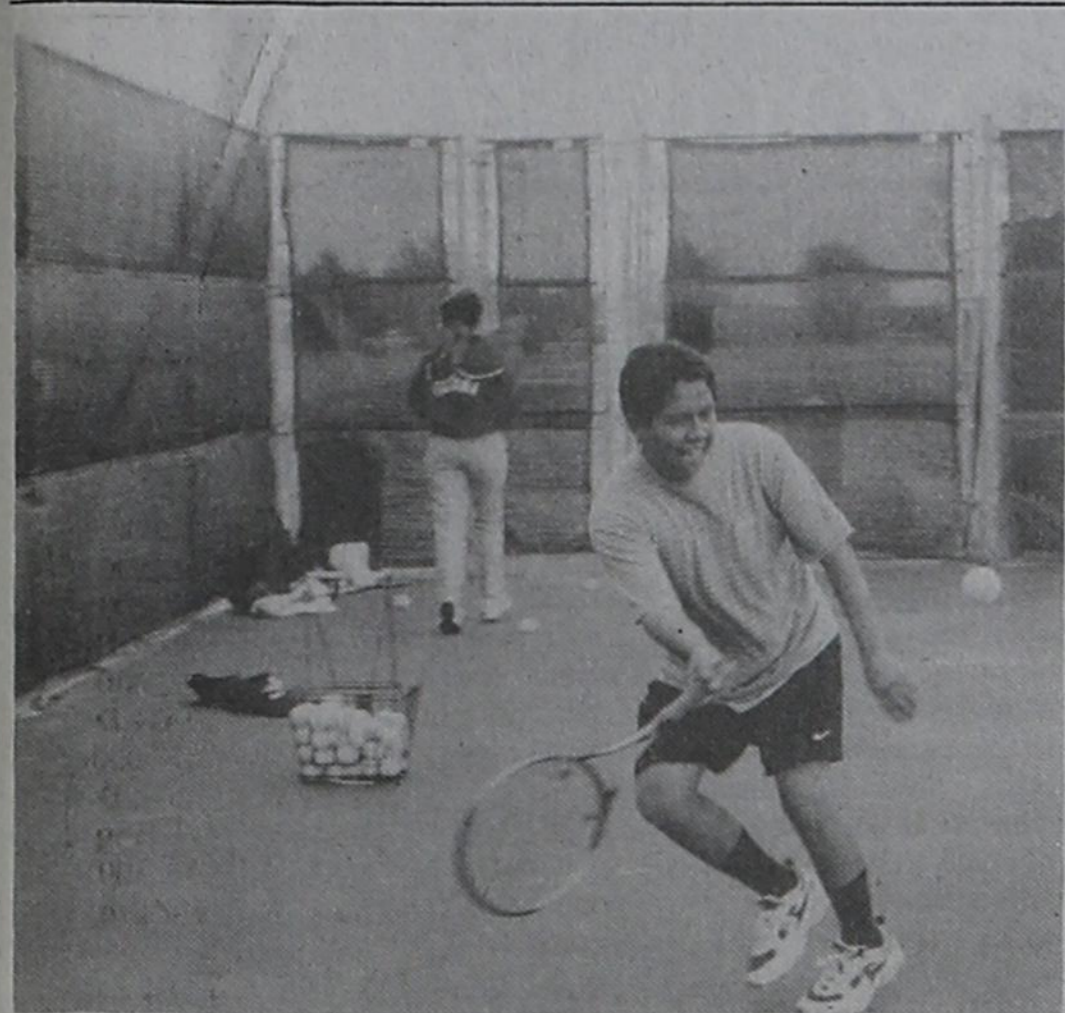
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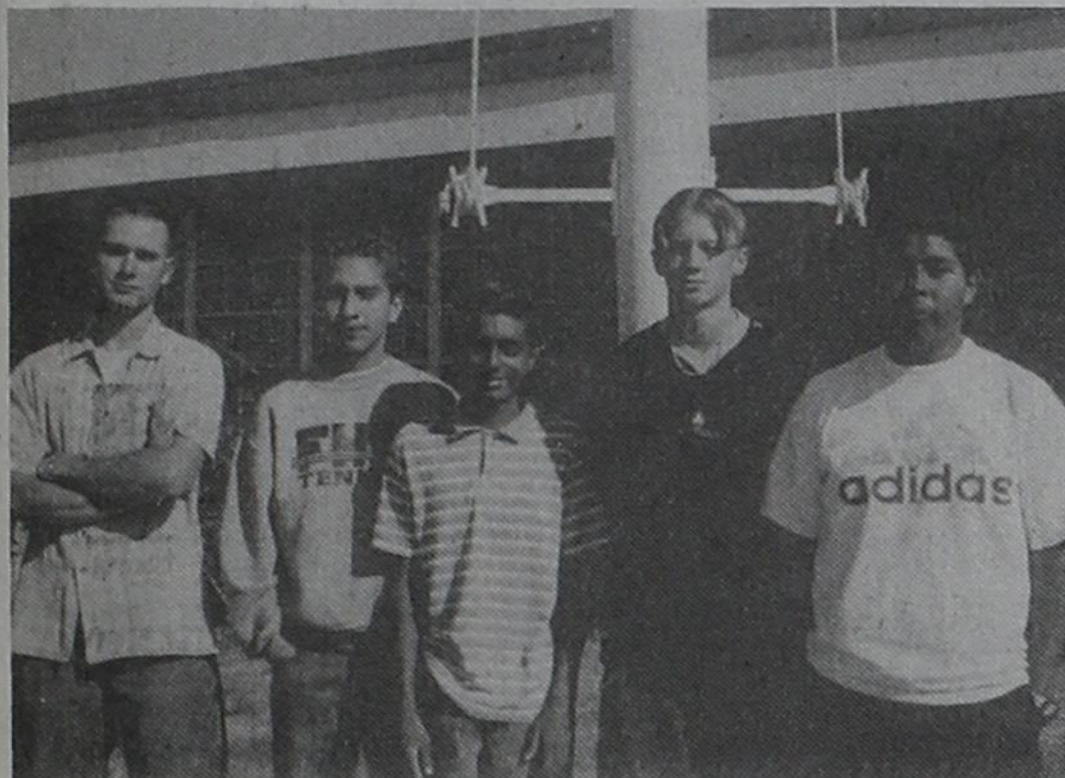
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TOUGH AT TENNIS....Jonathan Espinoza gets in some practice this week before the regional tennis competition in Odessa April 29 & 30. He finished second in boys singles to earn the regional spot. ron carr photo



VARSITY TENNIS.....The 1998 FHS varsity boys tennis team members were, l-r, Barry Procter, J. D. Aronce, Zubin Bhakta, Clint McCoy, and Jonathan Espinoza. ron carr photo



JV TENNIS.....The 1998 FHS JV tennisteam members were, l-r, Matthew White, Amber Wily, Dalinda Black, Audra King, and Matthew Messer. ron carr photo



STATE FHA TEAM.....Placing fourth at the recent state FHA/HERO competition in Houston with their "Keep Smiling" project were, l-r, Rusty Peace, Katie Jack, and Juan Tafoya. (Courtesy school photo)

FHA/HERO Students Compete In Houston

FHA/HERO students from Friona competed in state FHA competition in Houston.

Three students, Katie Jack, Rusty Peace, and Juan Tafoya placed fourth in the state competition. Their project, "Keep Smiling", was a focus on children, involving all Friona first grade students.

Ideas for the project surfaced as the high school students did observation at the Primary School as part of their Early Childhood Professions class.

The students conducted a mini-health fair emphasizing proper hand washing techniques, dental health, and the importance of good nutrition.

Each first grader received a "Keep Smiling" cookbook the FHA/HERO students

developed. Other FHA/HERO students competing at the state conference were:

Senior division parliamentary procedure: Courtney Clark, Jeff Hamilton, Christina Santellana, V'Lynda Wilcox, Vanette White, and Shyla Wily.

Junior division parliamentary procedure: Jenny Cunningham, Amanda Gonzales, Tania Hand, Kahlie Ingram, Kristie Jack, LaFawnda Mays, and Kayla Smiley.

Focus on Children/Senior division: Lindsay Buske.

Imelda Perez and Becky Balli attended the conference as voting delegates.

FHA/HERO advisors are Gayle Murdock and Patsy Allen.

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What's All The Fuss About Social Security?

A recent cartoon shows a fortune teller and her customer consulting a crystal ball. "I see you getting Social Security when you retire," the fortune teller says. Thinks the customer, "Now I know she's a fake."

Obviously, concerns over the future solvency of Social Security are growing, fueled by media reports spelling out the impending demise of our nation's retirement trust fund. Workers currently paying into the system wonder if there will be any money left by the time they retire, while the 33 million retirees and 10 million disabled workers, survivors and dependent children who are already drawing benefits wonder how long those checks will keep coming.

Before any of us start losing sleep over the future of Social Security, let's take a good look at how it works, what its current status is and what challenges lie ahead. Examining the facts may actually inspire some confidence in a system that has been very successful, by anyone's standards.

Contrary to what you may have been led to believe, Social Security is quite healthy and should remain so for many years. In fact, in 1996, Social Security received \$60 billion more in tax revenue than it paid out to beneficiaries. These extra dollars are held in the Social Security trust fund and are referred to as "surplus" funds. Current law mandates that these surplus funds be invested in U.S. Treasury bonds within the trust fund. With these facts in hand, it's clear that the current status of Social Security is good.

So, if there is enough to pay current beneficiaries, and a large surplus is tucked safely away in treasury bonds, why all the fuss about Social Security? The concern begins when we look toward the future health of the fund. In order to understand why the future could bring problems, we need to look first at the past.

Social Security was signed into law as part of the New Deal following the Great Depression. This 1935 law called for Social Security to pay full retirement benefits to eligible beneficiaries at age 65; yet, the average life expectancy at that time was less than 62 years. Initially, most people didn't live long enough to receive Social Security.

Today, most people live an average of 76 years, yet the eligible age for drawing full benefits is still 65. This means that Social Security is now pay-

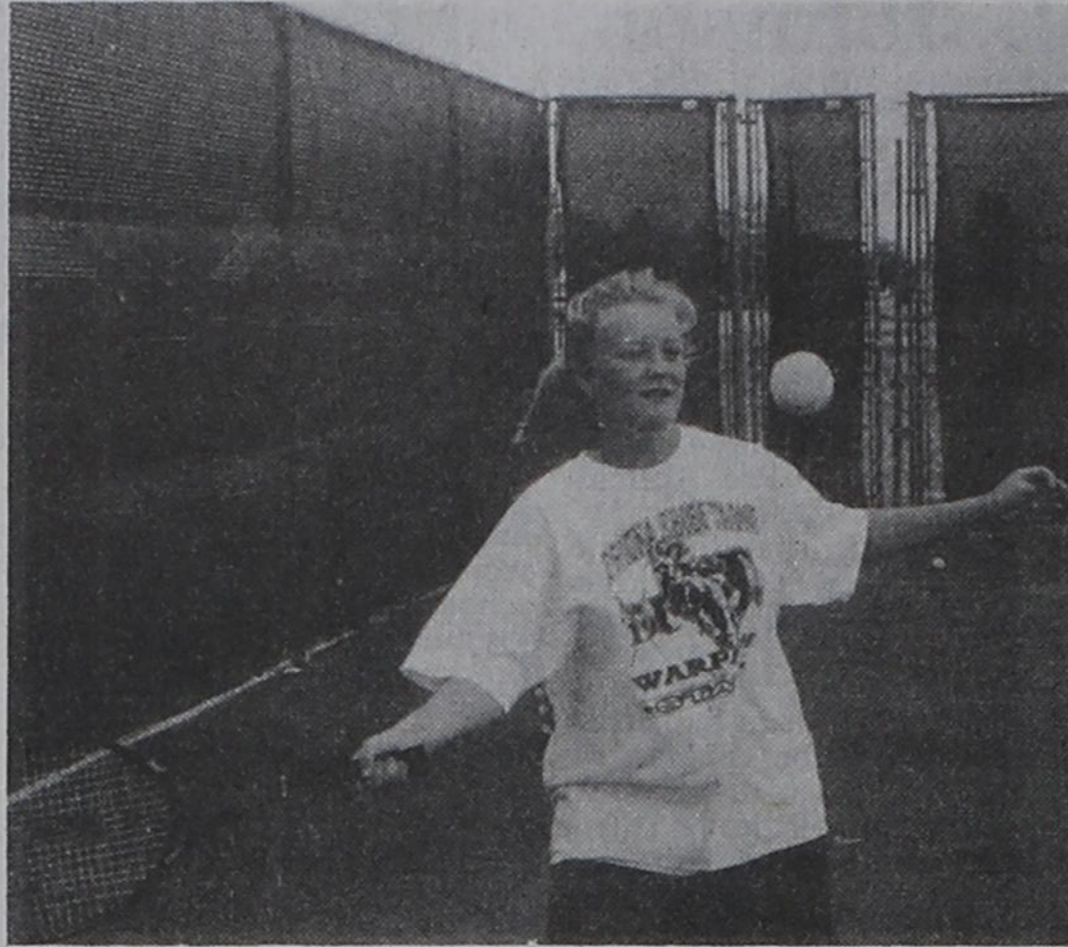
ing retirees for 10 to 15 years, and the system was simply not designed to pay for this long.

The original purpose of Social Security was to provide a social safety net that would keep the neediest of the retired and disabled above the poverty level. It was, and is, a pay-as-you-go system. Contributions from taxes on current workers are immediately given to retirees. When the system started, about 45 workers paid taxes for every retiree receiving benefits. Today, people live longer and have fewer children. The result is a current ratio of just 3.2 workers for every retiree. By 2030, when the last of the baby boomers retire, it will likely be 2-to-1.

To understand the impact these ratios have on the system's strength, take a look at the numbers. In 1995, about \$2,600 was paid into the system by every worker (including the employer's matching payment). The average payout to each Social Security recipient was \$7,944. With the current 3.2-to-1 ratio, a surplus of funds is still created. However, if the expected ratio of two workers for every retiree becomes a reality, it is clear that the current system will not be able to sustain its future obligations.

If Social Security is a pay-as-you-go system, why do we have a surplus in the trust fund? In 1983, Congress realized that Social Security would face big problems in the future since birth rates had declined and retirees were living longer. That same year, Congress passed laws that increased tax revenues into Social Security by raising payroll taxes and income taxes paid on Social Security benefits. These laws contributed to the surplus collections, which are designed to provide a cushion for a system that is expected to be underfunded within 15 years.

If you're wondering whether the fund's surplus can pick up the slack, the answer is yes. In 2012, when experts estimate payouts will exceed tax revenues to the fund for the first time, the trustees of the fund will start withdrawing interest and principal to make up for the revenue shortfall. This will allow Social Security to continue to meet its obligations - for a time. In 2030, it is estimated that all surplus dollars will be depleted, and projected tax revenue for that year will cover only 75 percent of the fund's expected obligations. This is why experts say the fund will be "bankrupt" in 2030.



REGIONAL PARTNERS...The doubles tennis team of Sarah Campbell, left, and Tiffany Blackburn placed second in district competition and were playing at the regional meet in Odessa, April 29 and 30.

ron carr photos

YOUR EYES

Checking For Glaucoma

Having your eyes tested for glaucoma is simple and painless. Since it has no symptoms until there's damage to your vision, it's important to have your eyes checked early on. In the United States, chronic glaucoma is one of the leading causes of blindness.



By the age of 40, you should have an initial screening. Then, depending on your risk factors, your optometrist can determine how often you should be checked. Risk factors include the following:

*Age. After the age of 40, your chances of developing glaucoma increase. *Family history. Glaucoma runs in families. *Diabetes. Diabetics are at greater risk for developing glaucoma. *Race. If you are black, you have a greater chance of developing glaucoma. *Former injuries. If you've had a serious eye injury.

The more risk factors you have, the more frequently you need to be tested. Routine screenings should take place every one to two years if you are over 65, every two to four years if you are between 40 and 64 and every three to five years if you are between the ages of 20 and 29.

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