





## Frionans' Granddaughter Is Curry County Queen

Romni Wood is the 18-year-old daughter of Eddie and Erin Wood. She is a 1998 graduate of Grady High School.

Noyle and Lorena Wood of Friona and Collene Yates of Clovis are her grandparents.

Her future plans include achieving her college degree and set a Christian example to others in everything she does. She plans to major in physical therapy and minor in the Spanish language.

She is a member of the High Plains Junior Rodeo Association, Cowgirl's Rodeo Association and Grady 4-H. She has achieved honors in Spanish and in intensive Spanish in Cuernavaca, Mexico.

Other honors include being named 1996 basketball Homecoming Queen, being named to the first team all-state in volleyball in 1996, was an all-state selection in basketball, selected to the North-South all-star team and Who's Who in New Mexico Sports in 1998.



ROMNI WOOD

She has a rodeo and volleyball scholarship to Lamar Community College in Lamar, Colorado, and will represent Curry County at the 1998 New Mexico State Fair to compete for the title of New Mexico State Fair Queen.

Romni is a member of Forrest Community Church and has also served as co-captain of FCA at Grady High School.



**SUMMER TREATS....**April Pope, left, takes a break from the record heat this week to try a shaved ice. Stop by and try a "jungle juice or cheesecake" from the proprietor, V'Laura Wilcox, right. She and her sisters operate the stand on Highway 60.

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## Study Club Has Final Meeting For 1997-98

Sixteen Modern Study Club members met at the Women's Clubhouse for their May 19 meeting. This was the last meeting of the club year 1997-98. The club meetings will resume in September for the 1998-99 club year.

The purpose of the program was to increase the awareness of the need on continuity of unity within the club, district, state and nation among federated members.

Mary Johnston was installed by Allo Reeve as president for a two year period, 1998-2000. The following ladies were installed as officers for the two year period: Donna Mears, vice president; Fay Reeve, secretary; Lois Norwood, treasurer; Gerry Taylor, reporter; Norma Thompson, parliamentarian.

Nellie Shelton, who has served as president for the last four years, was presented a gift and the club pressbook.

The book was made by Elizabeth Gore and Eva Dean Kimbrough.

A salad supper was served by the social committee: Carmaleet Truitt, Lois Norwood, Deanna Duke, Allo Reeve, Eva Miller and Norma Thompson.

## Senior Citizens Meet Tuesday

The Friona Senior Citizens monthly covered dish luncheon will be held June 16 at Friendship House.

If you need more information, call 295-6438. There will be blood pressure and blood sugar taken by a health worker.

Following the luncheon, a program will be presented by Marty Brumley and Ann Lutie Stone of Amarillo. If you enjoy cowboy poetry and harmonica playing, come and enjoy this program.

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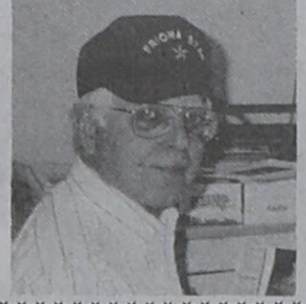




**DO I HEAR A DOLLAR?....** Was Garth Brooks or Jimmy Swaggart in Bovina last Saturday? No, it was just county commissioner Johnny Tannahill working his auction therapy for a big crowd of trash and treasure hunters. See Ron Carr's Out Here column for a closer look.  
ron carr photos

# Out Here

By RON CARR



## Still flyin' over the Cuckoo Nest.

The older I get the more I am convinced that we are all crazy in our own special ways.

There is good crazy and bad crazy and we each have one or the other.

Most of our laws have a little bit of crazy built into them. And there are laws to put you away if you "do a really big crazy."

In Dallas, B. W. Morrow, owner of BW's BBQ Cafe was sentenced to four years probation, a \$5,000 fine and \$900 restitution to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

His guilty plea also included an agreement that he purchase advertisements in the Austin newspaper and the Dallas Morning News to apologize.

What did old B. W. do? He lied about killing a deer. He said that he killed a 12-point buck in 1996. He had the antlers to prove it.

It was judged the top deer killed in 1996 and B. W. had his picture in Texas Trophy Hunters magazine with his rifle and the record-setting 12-point antler rack.

Trouble is, a collector in Missouri recognized the antlers in the picture as a set he had sold to B. W. The deer had actually died in a fight with another buck. A hunter had found the two deer horns still interlocked and sold the trophy to the collector.

Well B. W. did not receive any money for his deer rack, but he did earn every hunter's dream: bragging rights. Everyday lying is okay for hunters and fishermen, but official lying? Forget about it, bud. Old B. W. is crazy if he thinks he is going to get away with lying to us.

Of course it is okay with bubbas and bubbettes for Billy Jeff Clinton to lie about the trophy "dears" he bags, but B. W. crossed the line when he starts lying about killing an animal.

Stuff like this reminds me of the classic movie, "One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest" when the inmates turn out to be saner than the doctors and nurses, but they are all crazy in one way or another.

Last Saturday I decided to observe some "crazy" research up close and personal. I knew that Dr. John Tannahill was conducting a group therapy session over in Bovina.

It was a nice day and Dr. Johnny had scheduled his session outdoors. He planned for a large crowd and an intensive 5 or 6 hour session.

Johnny Tannahill is a county commissioner, farmer, and philosopher, among other things. He rides around in his white pickup with his skinny old black and white bulldog, Festus.

Even Festus is a little touched. He knows how to jump out of the pickup window but you have to open the door to let him back in the truck. (John Gurley's dog, Pogo, can jump through a truck window both ways.)

I know that Johnny is concerned about the well-being of Parmer County residents. After all, he is a commissioner and a politician and cares about the people.

Knowing though that folks will never admit they are crazy, Johnny invites folks to his version of cuckoo's nest therapy which he cleverly disguises as an auction.

Boy does it work. Johnny Tannahill is both the Garth Brooks and Jimmy Swaggart of auctioneering. People

came with horse trailers and flat bed trucks to hear Dr. Johnny preach.

Armed with a white stick in one hand and a bottle of Gatorade in the other, Dr. Tannahill put on his remote microphone headset and conducted five hours of intense therapeutic immersion counseling under a hot Bovina sun.

He told the patients that there would be no lying. Lying at an auction, like lying about a 12-point buck, ain't good.

Even raising your hand to ask a question could earn you the right to carry home a box of pretty useless stuff.

Some patients wandered aimlessly among the cardboard boxes of treasures and junk, picking up an old bottle here or a piece of junk jewelry there for closer examination.

One attendee was heard to exclaim "How did I get so much junk all of a sudden?" Other patients were interacting with each other in private conversations: "Do you want to sell some of that stuff you just bought? I'd buy that doily if you don't want it."

I spotted a box of brown plastic syrup bottles with the

Mrs. Butterworth labels still on them. One particular glass-eyed patient was studying the syrup bottles as though some divine vision would suddenly tell her what she could use them for.

In the background, Dr. Johnny could be heard shouting, "There's a little bit of everything in here!" as he praised yet another box of stuff.

The crazier patients carried around white cards with numbers on them. I noticed that when they started acting tense and wierd, Dr. Johnny could calm them down just by saying the word "SOLD" and calling out their number.

"Take a chance, Columbus did!" he kept telling people as he challenged them to take personal risks in their lives. Through charismatic persuasion, Dr. Johnny made a lady feel really good about spending \$75 for five mixing bowls.

A lady standing near me leaned over and whispered, "What does she know that I don't know about those bowls?" I couldn't answer, but she didn't seem to mind.

I think she was drugged out on Teenie Beanie Happy Meals, a malady many of

Saturday's participants suffered from. I murmured that I was thirsty and a friendly lady told me to go out to her van and help myself.

"We've got fourteen Happy Meals and cokes out in the van. Just go help yourself. We'll never eat them all."

Some friendly folks fly around the cuckoo's nest.

Some are not so friendly. While Dr. Johnny wasn't looking, some cuckoo stole a 4-drawer chest and two televisions that had been sold to somebody else. He had a special message for the thieves but I can't print it.

I left about 1:30 p.m. because I had to go to Lowe's in Friona to cover another logical event, the Oreo stacking contest. This one was for juvenile cuckoos. The winner eventually stacked 24 oreos and won a watch.

Tired and hungry, I drove up to McDonald's in Hereford and ordered a penguin and an elephant. "Did you want some food with that?" the perky young McDonalette chirped.

"No thanks, but could you tell me if you are going to have any teenie beanie cuckoos any time soon?"

## NOTICE OF HEARING

### Parmer County Appraisal District

The Review Board hearings will be held on June 30, 1998, starting at 9:00 a.m. until all appointments have been met. The hearings will be at the Appraisal District board room at 305 Third Street, Bovina, Texas.

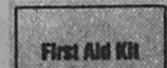
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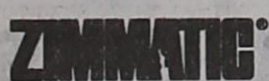
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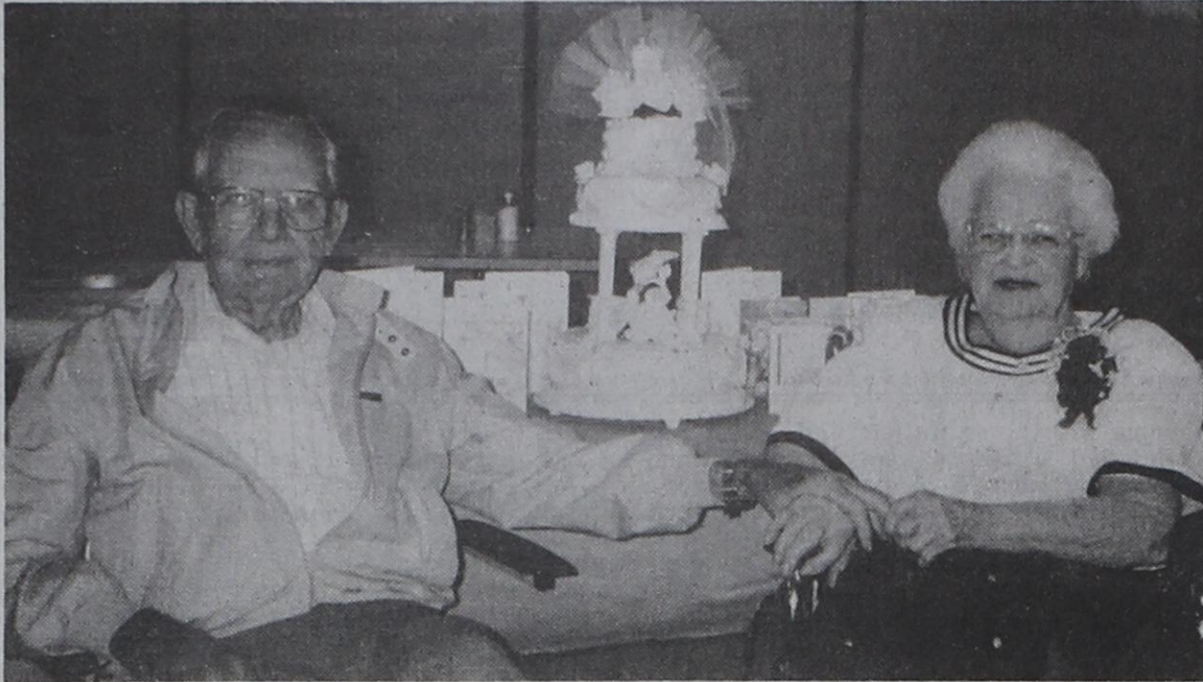
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### B. Lindeman Service Held

Memorial services for Bev Russell Lindeman, 22, of Hondo, Texas were held at 2 p.m., June 8, 1998, at First Methodist Church in Hondo.

He is survived by his parents Rusty and Lea Lindeman of Hondo; two sisters, Brandy Lindeman of Lubbock and Becky Lindeman of the home; grandparents, Clara Gast of Farwell, Jackie Looper of Hondo, Homer Lindeman of Friona, and Joy Trimble of Bovina.

Memorial contributions may be made to the "Bev Lindeman Scholarship Fund" care of the Community National Bank, Hondo, Texas 78861.

**SIXTY YEARS TOGETHER....**Ray and Polly Whatley celebrated their 60th anniversary on June 5, 1998 at Prairie Acres. Polly is a resident at the home. Ray and Polly were married in Lockney in 1938. In 1958, Polly was a proof reader for the Friona Star for a brief time.

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### On Your Payroll

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\*Cong. Larry Combest, 511 Longworth Office Bldg., Washington, D.C., 20515; (202) 225-4005

\*Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, 283 Senate Russell Bldg., Washington D.C., 20510; Ph. (202) 224-5922

### New FM Radio Station To Open Soon In Hereford

Buddy and Alva Lee Peeler, owners of Liveoak Broadcasting Corporation of Hereford, have announced that a new Class C2 FM radio station will begin broadcasting activities within a matter of days.

The new station (KNNK) will provide one of the strongest FM signals in the Deaf Smith-Castro-Parmer-Bailey county area, operating at 43,000 watts on a frequency of 100.5 mhz.

KNNK's main studio will be in Hereford, with the transmitter and tower site located near Summerfield on Highway 60. Construction of the 496-foot tower was completed last week.

Co-owner and manager Buddy Peeler said "KNNK will strive to serve a mainstream audience, focusing on inspirational music including primarily the categories of Southern Gospel, Praise and Worship, Traditional, and lots of 'Gaither music' for followers of the Gaither Vocal Band and Homecoming Friends.

Special programming will include 'Music Thru the Night' a late-night offering of music,

### Mattie Rushing Feted On 100th Birthday

Mattie Rushing celebrated her 100th birthday on June 1, 1998. A dinner honoring Mattie was served on May 29 for her family.

Those attending were Roberta Holland of Houston, Bonnie Holland of Annapolis, Maryland, Eric and Linda Rushing and family, George and Leslie Rushing and family of Friona.

Also Janet and Lynn Phipps and family of Clovis; John Holland and family and Jim Holland of Houston; Barbara and Paul Perry of Annapolis, Maryland; Tom and Dot Frost of Houston.

A reception was held in her honor on Sunday afternoon. Many friends attended.

Mattie and her late husband E. V. Rushing moved to Friona in 1926 from Oklahoma. They owned and operated a general mercantile store and later a variety store.

In 1936 E. V. Rushing

was elected county clerk and the family moved to Farwell where he served eight years.

In 1944 they moved to Clovis where they owned and operated various businesses. Later they moved south of Clovis where they ranched until his retirement.

Mattie has two daughters, Roberta Holland and Bonnie Holland. She has eight grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, and five great-great grandchildren.

Her husband, E. V. is deceased as are a son, Eric M. Rushing of Friona and a grandson, Billy Rushing.



MATTIE RUSHING

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And how you always sat in your rocking chair.  
I'll miss how you asked me what was going on.  
And no matter what 302 9th Street was my home.  
Even though you have passed on from this world  
I will always be your baby girl.  
I know you don't want us to cry  
But it is so hard to say goodbye.  
I miss all the time that we shared.  
I regret all the time I wasn't there.  
You put up a good fight.  
I'm glad God came to get you in the night.  
You've passed in perfect peace.  
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(Written by Wendy Jones, granddaughter of Joe Harris of Bovina, who passed away last week at the age of 72.)



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**ARTIST OF THE MONTH....**Sixteen-year-old Jeremy Smith is the youngest member of the Friona Art Association. His art work can be seen in the lobby at Prairie Acres Nursing Home during the month of June. He will be a junior student at Friona High School next fall and is the son of Debbie and Larry Williams. Jeremy has been interested in art since kindergarten and currently studies under Bobby Wied. He hopes to make a career of some phase of art after graduation.

## J. Pattersons Attended World War II Reunion

Jack Patterson recently attended the 49th reunion of the 94th Infantry Division that he fought with in World War II and said it was wonderful to see all the old buddies again.

"Even after all these years, there is still an almost unexplainable bond among those of us who fought together. It isn't just friendship that binds us together. I think it goes back to knowing that when things were really tough, we stuck it out and lived through it. It is knowing that we have been to hell and back together."

"I have attended many other kinds of reunions, but never do I feel the bond of brotherhood that I feel when I am around my combat buddies. Even though we have all changed a lot physically in the last 53 years, it seems like just yesterday that we

were fighting together, and deep within all of us is the same sense of brotherhood that we had during those horrible days of war.

"As we visited, the memories began to come back, memories of things that we have tried to forget because remembering is painful. We all tried not to let on how deeply we cared about each other, but when the memorial service was over and Taps had been played, there were lumps in our throats and tears in our eyes as we remembered those that we fought beside who didn't make it back."

"On the way home, I told my wife, 'Gee, it was good to see them again.' And it was. Old Willy may have put on 40 pounds, but he sure could fire that M-1 rifle. John moves slower and is in bad health, but he was quite a

sergeant in those days. Yes, the memories flooded my mind as I headed for home, and because we are all getting older I can't help but wonder who might be missing next time.

"No one knows the feeling except those of us who were there. Fighting in the war was hell and we have many terrible memories of death and destruction, but the bond between those of us who shared that hell is not like any other friendship. The friendship of combat buddies is something that the passing years doesn't affect. It is a friendship that lasts forever."

## Winners Are Named In Co. Contests

Montana Leigh Steinbock, daughter of Charleson and Belinda Steinbock of Lazbuddie, and Rachel Embry, daughter of Sherry and Weldon Embry of Farwell, were honored for their outstanding contributions to the Texas Soil and Water Conservation Program in the poster and essay contest at an Area I awards banquet held on Tuesday, May 12.

The banquet was held at 7 p.m. at the Plainview Country Club in Plainview. Region I consists of fifty-two counties in the Texas Panhandle.

Categories in which awards were presented include: outstanding Conservation District; resident conservation rancher; resident conservation farmer; absentee conservation farmer/rancher; water quality management plan; business/professional individual; conservation teacher; wildlife conservationist; and conservation homemaker.

Additional awards are presented for outstanding posters and essays on soil and water conservation by youth in the area.

The purpose of the conservation awards program is to recognize and honor a Soil and Water Conservation District and individuals who have dedicated their efforts and talents to making wise use of renewable natural resources.

Sponsors of the area conservation awards program are the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts and the 216 local Soil and Water Conservation Districts in Texas.

## Nazareth Sets 26th German Festival Jul 11

The 26th annual Nazareth German Festival will be held in conjunction with "Suds and Sounds" on Saturday, July 11, 1998.

The Nazareth Art Club will once again be sponsoring the Arts and Craft Show in the school cafeteria from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Booths are 8' X 10' and cost per booth is \$20 and include one table and two chairs.

When you reply for a booth, please give your preference for either wall or center booth, whether you need the table, and information about what will be displayed in your booth.

Checks for a booth should be made payable to Nazareth Art Club. You must send money to reserve a booth, which are assigned on a first come basis. Last day to make booth reservations is Saturday, July 4.

A German sausage meal will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Nazareth Community Hall. A variety of entertainment will be taking place during the meal.

"Suds and Sounds" will be at the Community Center ball park east of town on Highway 86. Bands will begin performing at 6 p.m. until 1:00 a.m.

Sausage sandwiches and other foods will be served with proceeds to the Nazareth Community Hall and the Deaf Program sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

For more information contact Rose Mary Wilhelm at 806-945-2583, or Lucille Drerup, 806-945-2562.

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BY JOHN ZEHTI

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This is a dramatized version of facts taken from the book of I Samuel intending to show some of the customs of these ancient and traditional times

### SAMUEL AND SAUL

SAMUEL HAS HONORED SAUL AT A FEAST, MUCH TO SAUL'S SURPRISE FOR HE DOES NOT KNOW THAT THE LORD HAS PICKED HIM TO RULE ISRAEL, NOW

... SAMUEL COMMUNES WITH SAUL ON THE ROOF OF HIS HOUSE...

UP THAT I MAY SEND THEE AWAY!

... THAT I MAY SHOW THEE THE WORD OF THE LORD!

... AS THEY APPROACH THE GATES AT THE END OF THE CITY...

BID THY SERVANT GO BEFORE US, BUT STAND THOU STILL...

... AND SAMUEL ANOINTS SAUL WITH OIL, AND MAKES MANY PROPHECIES CONCERNING SAUL'S JOURNEY BACK HOME, ALL WHICH WILL PROVE THAT SAUL IS OBTAINED OF GOD!

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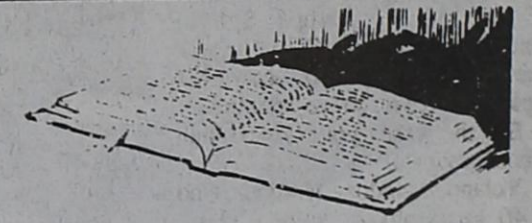
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**GOOD LUCK LUCRETIA.....**This pretty youngster, Lucretia Field, will be in Minneapolis/St. Paul on July 1st to compete in a National Gymnastics contest. She will perform in trampoline, floor, and mini-tramp events. She is the daughter of Dennis and Vickie Field of Friona. ron carr photo



**CAPITOL COMMENT**

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**APPROPRIATE PUNISHMENT AND TAX REFORM**

**P**undit and publisher William F. Buckley has said that he would like to electrocute everyone who uses the word "fair" in connection with federal income tax policies. While I think he exaggerates the appropriate punishment for using that particular description, I agree with his general premise: our tax system is far from fair.

Last year Congress enacted changes in the tax code aimed at making it more equitable. But we still need significant simplification and tax relief for all Americans. Forty-five years ago, the national average rate for federal income tax was 2 percent. Now, the average family in our country pays 38 percent of what it earns in taxes. This is wrong, and I am working on legislation that would build on the progress we made last year.

I hope to eliminate the marriage tax penalty. Keeping that priority in mind, here are some other ideas I am working on to create a good package of middle-class tax relief measures:

First we need to revisit and redraw the tax brackets into which middle-income families fall. Specifically we should raise the levels of income at which Americans' tax bills go up, that is, the point at which they fall into the 15 percent and 28 percent tax brackets.

In 1998, if you earn up to \$25,350 in adjusted gross income, you will be taxed at a rate of 15 percent. My plan would raise that threshold to \$35,000. If you are married, the threshold would be \$50,000, up from \$42,350; if you are the head of household, it would be \$40,000, up from \$33,950. The 28 percent bracket, next up, would be adjusted as follows; from \$61,109 to \$71,050 for singles, from \$102,000 to \$109,950 for couples and from \$87,000 to \$93,750 for heads of households, before you would move into the 31 percent tax bracket.

This will direct the vast majority of tax relief to those who currently carry the heaviest burden: lower and middle-income taxpayers. In addition, these changes are consistent with the long-term goal of a flatter, simpler tax code.

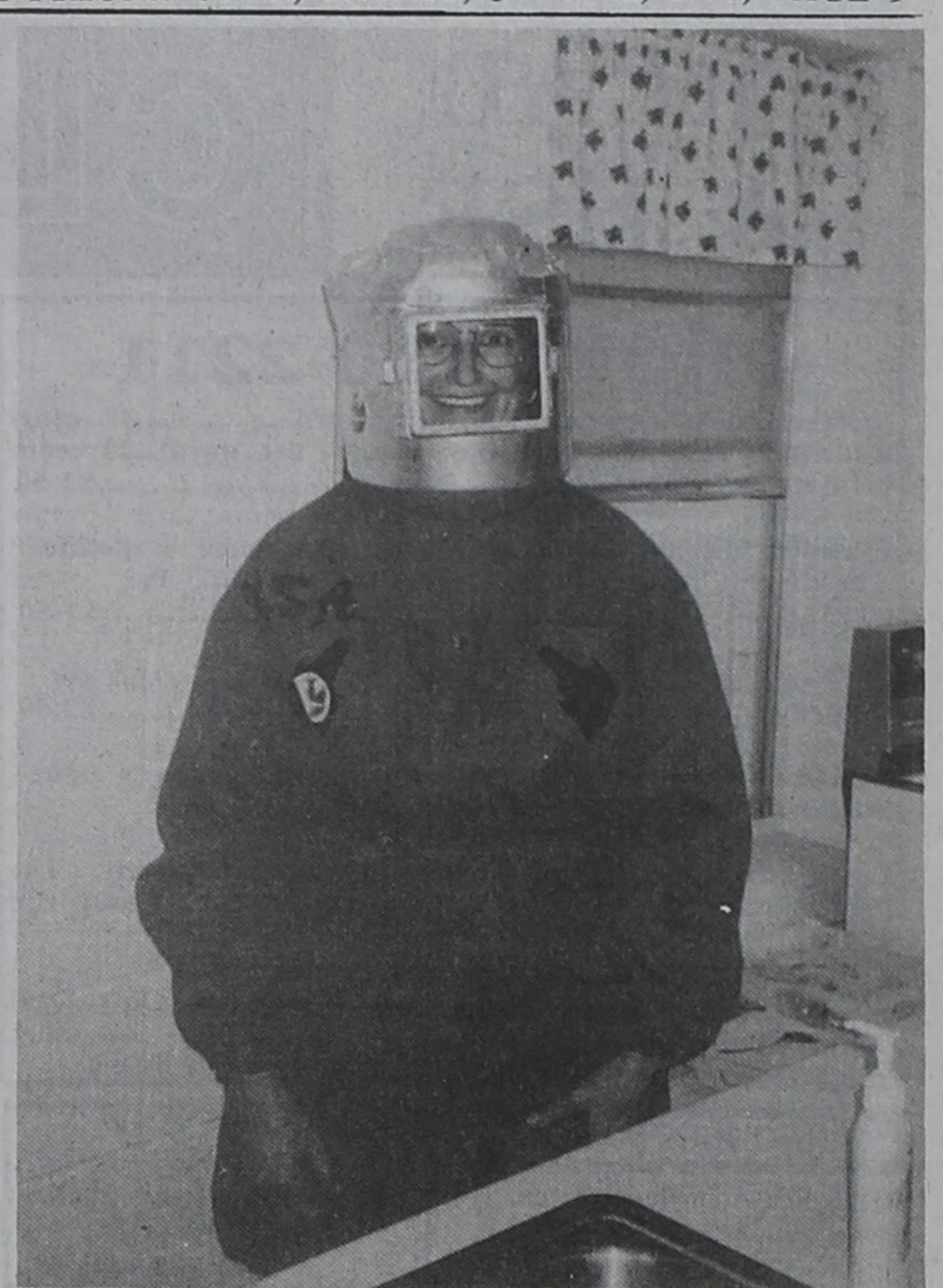
I also believe we should reduce the top estate tax rate from 55 percent to 38 percent. At heart, I don't believe in the inheritance tax at all. It discourages hard work and savings.

The current highest income tax rate is 39.6 percent. So why is the highest estate tax rate 55 percent? This is unfair on its face, and unfair in the results it produces. Why should Uncle Sam benefit from someone's lifetime of hard work to a greater extent than that individual's family? Estates and inheritances should not be taxed at a higher rate than income.

Finally, I want to reduce the 18-month capital gains holding period to 12 months, and index capital gains for inflation. Tax brackets and the personal exemption are indexed to inflation, but no similar protection exists for those who earn investment income.

We are not talking about high-rollers here. This is an issue of middle class tax relief: 56 percent of capital gains are reported by families with less than \$50,000 income a year; 66 percent of mutual-fund shareholders have household incomes of less than \$75,000 a year. All totaled, 66 million Americans receive income from interest-bearing accounts, and in fact, capital gains taxes are paid, disproportionately, by our elderly citizens. This, clearly, is in need of adjustment.

Many in Congress believe the government has first dibs on what families earn, and that Americans should be grateful for what crumbs the government lets them keep — the exact opposite of what I believe. We are aiming for a tax system that is less complex, less punishing, more understandable to the average taxpayer. Slowly but surely, we are moving in the right direction.



**AN ODD ODYSSEY....**This alien from "Star Quest" invaded the Calvary Baptist vacation bible school this week. The space theme for the kids was carried out by Bessie Holt. ron carr photo

**Property Owners Honor Combest**



Recognized for a 100 per cent voting record in protecting the rights of private property owners, U.S. Representative **Larry Combest** Tuesday was named "Champion of Private Property Rights" by the League of Private Property Voters.

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"One's ownership and use of their private property is basic to our American liberty," said Combest. "Our part of the country has particularly close ties to the land—in being good neighbors and good stewards of the soil. I am proud to stand up for our rights in Congress," he concluded.

**Friona Woman's Hard Work Pays Off With H. S. Diploma**

A Friona woman was a member of the Clovis High School graduating class of 1998. She was one of 418 students to receive her diploma at the recent ceremonies.

But she wasn't your typical high school graduate.

Yolanda Mendoza Martinez, who is 40 years old, completed classwork at night, driving round-trip to Clovis four nights a week after working at a full-time job at Prairie Acres Nursing Home during the day.

"She has been an inspiration," said LaNell Leatherwood, principal of the Clovis Evening School.

A longtime resident of Friona, Yolanda was determined to earn her diploma this time, after two false starts. She dropped out of school as a ninth-grader in 1973, trading her homework for a job. She has just completed her 19th year at Prairie Acres.

In addition to working and helping raise family members, Mrs. Martinez also took on the responsibility of caring for a sister who suffered a massive stroke.



**YOLANDA MARTINEZ**  
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She first tried to return to school 20 years ago, but the effort was derailed. Despite the setback, she

never lost the desire to obtain her high school diploma.

At the urging of her husband, Mauricio Martinez, she enrolled in the Clovis Evening School last fall.

"I always wanted to come back to school," she said. "I prayed about it and said 'O. K., Lord, help me out,' and he did."

Leatherwood said Martinez had to graduate under current standards, which are more demanding than what she would have encountered 20 years ago.

But the extra work didn't stop her. The Friona lady was described as an "exceptional student." She was an inspiration to some of her classmates, motivating several others to continue. "I wanted to show them that it's never too late to accomplish something," she said. "If I made it, they can, too," she added.

Receiving her diploma is not the end of her studies, Yolanda says. "I want to go on to college now. I want to be a nurse," she concluded. And she'll probably make it.



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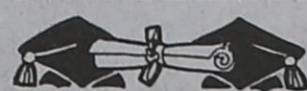
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### Frionans Receive Diplomas

Two students from Friona received their diplomas Friday, May 15 during South Plains College's 40th commencement exercises.

Recipients are Wesley Drake, Associate of Science Degree in general studies; and Chesley Ben Ray, Certificate of Proficiency, automotive technology.

Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Owen Drake and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ray of Friona.



**JOHN-PAUL GONZALES**, son of Booney and Lisa Gonzales (formerly of Friona), graduated from Azle High School, May 28. He was the starting midfielder for the Azle Hornet soccer team and was given district honorable mention for the 1998 season. He plans to play Select Soccer for the Fort Worth Phoenix this summer and will attend Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls this fall, where he will play for the MSU Indians' soccer team and major in business. His grandparents are Judy Cummings, the late Doyle Cummings and Genaro and Maria Gonzales, all of Friona.



**GENA WILLARD**, daughter of Dee and Connie Willard, graduated with honors from the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center on May 15 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in occupational therapy. She was listed on the President's and Dean's Lists, was a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society, Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority Alumni and various student organizations. Gena plans to serve her internship at Mercy Hospital in Oklahoma City in acute care and outpatient rehabilitation before her employment at Children's Rehabilitation Center in Amarillo, where she will specialize in early childhood intervention and school-based therapy. She also plans to pursue her Master's Degree in physical therapy.

### Summer Drama Workshop Scheduled For July 6-18

BY JOY MORTON

The Friona Fine Arts Summer Drama Workshop Program, which is designed to give young people an opportunity to enhance their creative skills in the area of drama, has set July 6-18 for the 1998 workshop.

Three age groups are served: K-5, junior high, and high school. Generally about 60-80 youngsters will be involved in the productions at the conclusion of the workshop.

The cost for the two-week workshop is \$25 per person. Families of three or more pay a \$50 family rate. Forms may be picked up at Friona High School, Friona Chamber of Commerce, Hometown Hardware, or Joy Morton (if you can catch her).

On July 6, K-5 should report at 9 a.m., junior high at 1:30 p.m., and high school at 7 p.m.

Two of last year's directors, Michael Griffin and Leslee Floyd have other obligations this year, so two new directors will be joining the production.

Allison Johnston, whose husband Bryan is a Friona native, will be directing the K-5 show. She has played the piano and helped in other ways with past productions.

Allison and Bryan have four children and three of them will participate this summer. Allison has been the choir director and TAPPS/PSIA coordinator for All Saints Episcopal School in Tyler since 1994.

She has directed "Lil Abner" and "Bye Bye Birdie" at the high school and has directed several musicals with elementary students at the school and also at church.

Allison is a member of the following organizations: TMEA, TPSMEA, TCDA, Choristers Guild, and Tyler Civic Chorale. She is "excited to have an opportunity to direct here and is looking forward to working with the Friona youngsters."

Brenda Beebe, who has taught high school for 19 years, the last 17 in Vernon, will be directing the high

school group. Her contest shows have earned 16 district titles with 3 alternates to state and one show advancing to state.

Brenda has had the State Prose Champion for the past three years and Vernon High School has also been the State UIL Champion when her debate teams placed first and second at the state meet.

She has directed summer workshop shows at WTAMU and was the guest director for Summer Youth Musicals at the Backdoor Theatre in Wichita Falls in 1993.

When Brenda was invited to direct in Friona, her response was "It is an honor and a joy to be asked to come to Friona to direct a show. I am not an awesome director; I just love kids. Friona kids are like Vernon kids, down to earth, fun to laugh with, sensitive and loving. What an awesome way to spend a summer."

Tal Lostracco, who is returning this year for his 12th year, will direct the junior high show. He has been a successful theatre/speech teacher at Canadian, Dumas, and Seminole.

The first show Tal directed here was "Sleeping Beauty," and he has certainly directed several since that one. He has also directed shows at Texas Tech and WTAMU summer workshops and has "hit the stage" himself several times in Amarillo College Summer Productions.

His list of credits is quite impressive. He has coached numerous students to the state meet, has had eight plays there with one third place, four second places and one state championship. He is a talented director and "loves working with the Friona kids." Maybe that is why he continues to return.

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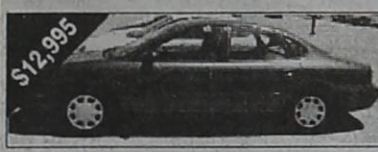
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