



Thanksgiving Memories

--By Helen Turnbull Phelps

If I could choose one yesterday
and live it o'er again,
I'd go back down to Grandpa's farm
to visit all my kin.
Ah, yesterdays on Grandpa's farm
... what memories linger still!
In dreams I see the gurgling stream,
and hear the old windmill.
Thanksgiving time at Grandma's house
... she met us at the gate.
The kinfolks came from miles around;
we kids could hardly wait.
For dinnertime, when we would sit,
each in a favored place
Around the hand-carved tabletop
while Grandpa said the grace.
'Cause Grandma made huge pumpkin pies,
and stuffed the turkey hen
With savory dressing spiced with sage
... food tasted better then.
She knew the special favorite dish
of every girl and boy
She cooked them each and every one
with extra love and joy.
Somehow they seemed to have a knack,
a gentle winsome way,
Of turning autumn's thankful feast
into such a special day.

Friona's United Way Continues

Those who have not contributed to Friona's United Way campaign are urged to do so, by leaving a check at Friona State Bank.

This year's budget is \$39,200.

The agencies which benefit from the annual campaign are as follows:

Agency	Budget
Boy/Cub Scouts	6,500
Girl S./Brownies	6,500
Boy/Girls State	1,400
Kids Inc./Friona	3,200
Meals on Wheels	2,000
Sr. Citizens	7,500
Red Cross	2,500
Salvation Army	2,500
Panhandle	
Com. Services	2,000
Empty Stocking	1,200
Emerg. Fund	750
UW of Texas	150



THIS FOURSOME WAS PHOTOGRAPHED at the Monday luncheon at Friona Sr. Citizens Friendship House. From the left are Doris Ann Lange of Houston, publisher Bill Ellis, M.C. Osborn and Hugh Moseley. We think the "common thread" was that they all read the Friona Star. (ron carr)

WITH 14 RIGHT Eddie Guana Wins Week 11 Contest

Eddie Gauna of Friona has been playing the annual football contest for a long time. We came across his picture in a 1986 issue receiving a first place check. This week he gets another one.

Eddie managed 14 of 18 correct in what proved to be

another week riddled with upsets and low contest scores. He missed only one high school and three pro games.

Martha Rodriguez of Friona also picked 14 correct but Eddie won on the tie-breaker of Dallas 3, Eagles 36. He was 27 points off and Martha was 38 points off.

Three players had 13 correct to battle for third place. Enrique Rodriguez of Friona, at 22 points off, was the third place winner. He edged out Don Max Vars (24 off) and Clint Mears (26 off).

Mike Hutson, Eddie Raymond, Mark Zachary, Claire Brown, Leslee Redwine and Scott Brown were the only other contestants to pick 12 correct. The rest of you were at 11 or less.

The overall point race tightened up some more. Jim Johnston is still in the lead by one game. Eight contestants are chasing him only one game back. Standings are included elsewhere in the paper.

The contest in this issue is the last one. In case of a tie for the top prize, tie-breakers from all 13 weeks will be tabulated and the contestant with the lowest tie-breaker score wins. Good luck and good pickin'!

Santa's Coming To City Park

Christmas in the Park on Sunday, December 2, will feature a visit by Santa Claus. Santa should arrive about 4:30 p.m. Little ones can have their picture made with Santa and refreshments will be served too.

All this is available thanks to the Women's Division of the Friona Chamber of Commerce. See you there!!

HOSPITAL TO BENEFIT Project Xmas Card Kicks Off For 2001

The sign-up period is underway for the 2001 "Project Christmas Card," and continues through December 15, co-sponsored by Modern Study Club and the Friona Star.

Project Christmas Card is being co-sponsored by the study club and the Friona Star for the 46th consecutive Christmas season.

The annual Project Christmas Card raises money to buy equipment for Parmer County Community Hospital.

As of the Star's early deadline this week, a target amount, or items needed had not been determined, but we need to alert those who wish to take part, since the December 14 deadline will be here before we know it.

Since its inception, Project Christmas Card has raised over \$135,000 for new hospital equipment. This is in addition to over \$19,000 in advertising space donated by the newspaper.

Last year's Project Christmas card money was donated to the building fund for the new clinic, which is now being enjoyed by hospital employees as well as patients.

Donations to Project Christmas Card may be made at Friona State Bank, as well as at a number of business firms throughout the community, including the Friona Star.

The premise behind Project Christmas Card is that residents are asked to donate the amount of money which they would customarily spend to send out Christmas cards to local friends.

In turn, those who donate to the project will have their names published as a public service in a community-wide greeting in the Friona Star's annual Christmas edition, which will be out on December 21.

Donors are reminded, if they haven't mailed cards recently, that the price of both cards and postage has increased considerably during the last several years.

Area Receives Excellent Rain

One of the best November rains that local folks could remember fell last Wednesday-Thursday-Friday, and it was "just what the doctor ordered," according to farmers and local elevator officials.

The moisture total in Friona's official gauge came to 2.54 inches, and every bit came like a "mountain shower," as every drop should have soaked into the needy ground.

It was the first general rain for the area since way back on August 11-12, when a rain measuring two inches was received. The month of September registered only .12 inches locally, and .42 inches in October.

For the local area, a slow, steady rain began falling just prior to midnight last Wednesday evening and continued through midnight the following day, with additional rain received in the early morning hours on Friday.

A further benefit was that the moisture came in the form of rain instead of snow. Had the temperatures been some 20 degrees lower, the area could have received around two feet of snow.

The rain in the Rhea area amounted to about the same that fell in Friona and Bovina, according to Joe Allen of Sherley-Anderson's Rhea elevator. "It was a good one. The least amount I have heard about was 1.75. Allen

said the moisture should be a big boost for the winter wheat crop, and at least get the crop up and growing.

It appears that we will hit Thanksgiving without a hard freeze. The temperature fell to 32 degrees on Monday and Tuesday of this week, but still no hard freeze.

Except for the cold front that blew in on Sunday and caused the latest drop to 32 degrees and a high on Monday of only 47, November has featured the nicest weather you could ask for. Highs have been in the 70s nine days, and hit 82 twice and the sixties three times.

Week's temps:

Date	High-Low
Wednesday, Nov. 14	58-48
Thursday, Nov. 15	58-47
Friday, Nov. 16	58-46
Saturday, Nov. 17	61-46
Sunday, Nov. 18	70-32
Monday, Nov. 19	47-32
Tuesday, Nov. 20	58-32

Star Needs Santa Letters

The Friona Star will begin accepting Santa Letters to be forwarded to the North Pole, beginning Monday.

Just drop your letters off at the office at 916 Main Street or they can be mailed to P.O. Box 789, Friona, Texas, 79035.

Chamber's Christmas Promotion Underway

The Friona Chamber of Commerce announces that their "Ho! Ho! Home for the Holidays" promotion for the 2001 Christmas season kicked off on Thursday, November 15, with 18 local merchants participating.

Shoppers can register for prizes worth a grand total of at least \$700.00 when they shop with those giving the Friona Bucks.

A drawing will be held on December 18 at each participating business for

\$25.00 in Friona Bucks which can only be spent at that business.

In addition, all of the registration tickets will be combined for at least three grand prizes of \$100 in Friona Bucks. These can be spent at any of the participating businesses.

Taking part in the 2001 promotion are An Added Touch, Bi-Wize Drug, Lowe's Marketplace, Big Ticket Video, Friona Star.

Also, W.T. Services, Town and Country, Malouf's, Hardin Tasty Cream, J. & K. Hardware, Los Arcos Restaurant and Hi-Pro Feeds & Animal Health.

Also, A-1 Service Center, Sugar Shack, Ingram's Dept. Store, Ivy Cottage Flowers & Gifts, Kendrick Oil and Western Chevrolet.

The promotion is sponsored by the Retail Development Committee of the Friona Chamber of Commerce. The promotion encourages everyone to shop in Friona for Christmas.

"This year, more than ever before, it is vital for us to support our local merchants as much as possible," said a representative of the Chamber committee.



Thanksgiving Creates A Powerful Life

A Guest Column
by Rev. ALVIN PETTY

Thanksgiving Day began in America in 1621 after the Plymouth pilgrims' first harvest. There were annual days of national thanksgiving during the Revolutionary War as suggested by the Continental Congress.

New York state adopted Thanksgiving Day as an annual custom in 1817. By 1850, many other states had followed New York's lead. Then in 1863, Abraham Lincoln appointed a day of national thanksgiving and it has generally been fixed on the fourth Thursday of November ever since.

Practicing giving thanks every day creates a powerful life. To be thankful is always a sincere form of faith in some capacity. As Thomas Aquinas said, "No one can be grateful to himself, for gratitude goes from one person to another."

It is most significant that the Pilgrims' first Thanksgiving on this continent came after their first and most difficult winters in which about half of their number died--wives, husbands, children.

They could have focused on their tragedy and said, "What do we have to be thankful for?" But they didn't.

All of the great religions correctly teach that there can be no growth of the good in one's life unless one is sincerely thankful for the good he has. What you focus on or give your attention to grows.

Focus on your worries and (bad) luck and things will get worse. Focus on what good you have and hope yet to attain and things will be prone to get better.

I believe one of the major distinctions between those in generational poverty (stuck in poverty generation after generation) and those in situational poverty (temporarily impoverished by circumstances) is that the situationally impoverished are more prone to be thankful for what they have and are more likely to have motivating hope that they shall overcome their poverty.

This thanksgiving and hope creates power to eventually rise out of their impoverished circumstances.

Was your last year full of sorrow and anguish, bereavement and reversals? Through your tears and in your pain, give thanks for what you have had, do have and hope to attain.

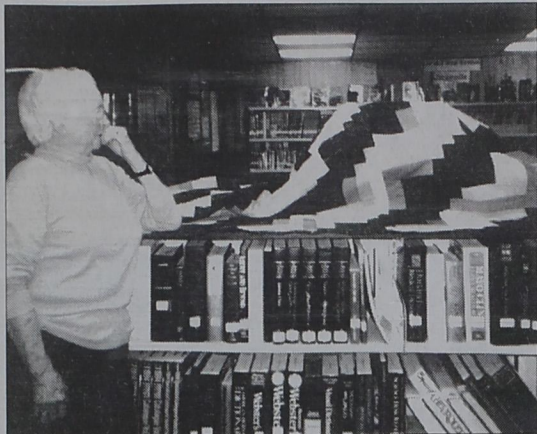
Whatever life brings, give thanks. As you steadfastly do so, you will be open and attractive of greater things. You can educate yourself to a greater life of usefulness and joy by beginning to think in a more grateful manner.

Otto Freidrich Bollnow wrote: "The virtue of gratitude...directly touches the ultimate foundation of human existence, for there is hardly another quality of man that is so suited to reveal the state of his inner spiritual and moral health as his capacity to be grateful."

The Bible says, "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." (I. Thess. 5:18)



WEEKLY WINNER...Eddie Guana was first-place winner in the Friona Star football contest this week. Mitch Smiley of Farm Bureau Insurance presents his winning check.



MUSEUM QUILT RAFFLE..Museum board member Mary Johnston made this "blue jean quilt" as a fund raiser for the Pioneer Heritage Museum. Tickets are \$1 and are available at the Friona Library.

Mrs. Adams' Rites Held Here Tuesday

Funeral services for Claudia Hinkle Adams, 87, were conducted Monday afternoon at Friona's First Baptist Church, with Rev. Mark Stovall, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Friona Cemetery, under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Mrs. Adams passed away Saturday, November 17, 2001, in Prairie Acres Nursing Home.

She was born June 6, 1914, in Fisher County, Texas. She married M. W. "Casey" Adams December 1, 1951 in Clovis. He died June 1, 1983.

Mrs. Adams moved to Friona from Amarillo five years ago. She was a member of Bykota Baptist Church in Amarillo.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and by a son, Rodney Hinkle, two brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include a son, Jerry Hinkle of Friona; a brother, Billy Holladay of Floydada, a sister, Eva Taylor of Crosbyton and a daughter-in-law, Oleta Kalka of Panhandle.



CLAUDIA H. ADAMS

Also surviving are seven grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Pallbearers were Delwin Hinkle, Roderick Hinkle, Thomas Hinkle, Ron Young, Brent Hinkle and Wade Hinkle.

Memorials are suggested to be made to Prairie Acres Nursing Home, or to Bykota Baptist Church of Amarillo.

E.R. Watson Dies Here November 10

Funeral services for Ector Ray Watson, Sr., 97, were conducted Tuesday, November 13 at the Fort Stockton Church of Christ, with Guss Eoff, of Llano officiating.

Burial was in Fort Stockton Cemetery, under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Mr. Watson passed away November 10 at Prairie Acres Nursing Home.

He was born October 5, 1904, in Collin County, the son of George Milton Watson and Olive Audree Back. He married Edith Windham in 1925. She died in 1977. He married Cordia Hicks in 1977.

Watson was a minister for over 70 years. He preached in Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Oregon, Washington and California. He was a

member of the Cleveland, Oklahoma, Church of Christ.

He had lived in Friona since June of this year, having lived in Cleveland for seven years.

He was preceded in death by a son, Barton Timothy Watson in 1981, and a daughter, Olive Lydia Riney in 1981.

Survivors include his wife, Cordia, of Cleveland, Oklahoma; a daughter, Vida Hodges of Ft. Stockton; a son, E.R. Watson of Friona; a sister, Artie Riley of Ontario, Canada and a brother, George A. Watson of McLean.

Thirteen grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren also survive.

The family requests memorials be made to the Tipton Home in Tipton, Oklahoma, or to Prairie Acres Nursing Home.

Around Town

Happy Thanksgiving from the Star

The staff of the Friona Star sends each and every one a special Thanksgiving wish this year. Thank you for your support and for reading our paper every week. We hope you have a peaceful holiday with family, friends and lots of food.

Christmas in the Park Dec 2

Santa will arrive at Friona city park on Sunday, Dec 2, about 4:30 p.m. during the annual Christmas in the Park sponsored by the Women's Division of the Friona Chamber of Commerce. All children are invited to come and visit with Santa at the Depot.

Holiday bazaar in Muleshoe Dec 8

The Moonlight Extension Education Club and Texas Cooperative Extension announce their annual Arts and Crafts Bazaar and Holiday Demonstrations. The event is Saturday, Dec 8, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Bailey County Civic Center. Admission is free. A Christmas parade is at 10 a.m. and Santa visits are 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Pearl Harbor history Dec 2

A history and explanation of the attack on Pearl Harbor will be presented by Terry Moore of Amarillo College and Bob Izzard on Sunday, Dec 2, at 2 p.m. at the Amarillo Public Library at 413 E. 4th St., 2nd floor room AB.

"Snug Bugs" for sale

"Snug Bugs" are being sold as a project for the 2002 senior graduation party. The "bugs" are available for \$25 each. Monograms can be added for an additional charge. Colors are red, black, purple, royal blue, green and maroon. Red versions are kept on hand. The other colors require a week. Call Jyl Grimsley, 250-5700, or Linda Welch at 265-3582. See a sample Snug Bug at the Sugar Shack donut shop.

Friona Flashbacks

...from the files of The Friona Star

70 Yrs Ago-Nov. 27, 1931

M.A. Crum and F.W. Reeve, two energetic members of the chamber of commerce highway committee, spent Tuesday visiting in Bovina and Farwell in the interest of a paved highway along the route of Highway 60 across Parmer County. The two are optimistic over prospects of securing at least a caliche highway for the county.

65 Yrs Ago-Nov. 27, 1936

Friona is ready to have a first-class and up-to-date picture theater, which will be located in the north room of the M.A. Crum Building at the corner of Main and Seventh Street. Wesley Hardesty and Boyd Prather, the proprietors of the new show, are both energetic young men, coming here from Abernathy where they are also operating a picture theater.

60 Yrs Ago-Nov. 28, 1941

Open house will be held by the Friona Woman's Club on Sunday afternoon from 3 until 5 o'clock at the Club House, it was announced this week by officials of the women's organization, who state that the entire community is invited to visit and inspect the new club house.

Miss Jacquelyn Wilkison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Wilkison, is listed among the 32 candidates for Texas Tech's yearbook beauty section.

55 Yr. Ago-Nov. 29, 1946

One of the biggest cattle feeding operations in this area is being carried out in Parmer County, by Triplett and Pringle, cattle feeders and buyers of Bovina. At the present time the firm has 7,000 head of cattle grazing in wheat fields in Parmer and Curry counties.

50 Yrs Ago-Nov. 29, 1951

County Commissioners stalled for the third time in recognizing the right of Precinct 1 to form its own independent road district, at its regular meeting Monday in Farwell. The commission indicated its desire to go before the state highway commission in Austin before making its final decision.

45 Yrs Ago-Nov. 29, 1956

A head-on collision at the outskirts of Friona claimed two lives and badly injured another man last Wednesday night. Killed instantly was Clarence Franklin Davis, 55, Hereford, and Otis Deming, 21, of Clovis. Davis was driving a pickup and Deming was a passenger in a 1956 Ford car.

40 Yrs Ago-Nov. 30, 1961

Jack Patterson, Rhea farmer, this week announced his candidacy for county commissioner of Precinct 2. His candidacy is subject to the action of the Democratic

primary next May.

35 Yrs Ago-Dec. 1, 1966

Wayland Baptist College sophomores Danny Murphree and Dennis Howell won first and second place in the Friona Star Cotton Bowl football contest. Danny, in winning the grand prize, gets two tickets to the Cotton Bowl game, December 31 in Dallas, \$40 expense money and hotel accommodations at the Hotel Adolphus. Dennis was awarded two tickets to the Sun Bowl game December 24, \$25 expense money and hotel accommodations at the Downtowner in El Paso.

The Friona High School Squaws coasted to their fourth win of the season against Muleshoe, 54-30, but the Chiefs had quite a game of it, edging the Mules 42-40 for 3-0 record. In a girls' B game, Friona also won, 34-14, behind Missey Renner's 13 points.

30 Yrs Ago-Dec. 2, 1971

Cummings Farm Store, longtime Friona business, will sell out its complete stock and equipment next Tuesday at 10 a.m. according to Doyle Cummings, owner.

The 1971 pheasant season in Parmer County will be December 11-19, a nine-day period which includes two weekends. The announcement of the dates of season was made this week by Jack Patterson, president of Parmer County Game Management Association.

The Friona Chamber of Commerce this week announced its annual Christmas Lighting Contest, with three cash prizes totaling \$125.

25 Yrs Ago-Nov. 28, 1976

Benny Pryor couldn't stand to have his wife Mary get all the glory. Mary was the weekly winner in last

week's football contest, and lo and behold Benny came back to win this week's event.

The Friona Area United Fund Drive for 1976 was inching closer to its goal of \$10,325 this week, according to Fund Chairman Patrick Pace. As of Tuesday afternoon the UF had received \$9,739.41 in contributions.

The only Chieftain named to the 14 man all-district offensive team was lineman Koty Kothmann, a 205-pound junior. Named to the defensive team were lineman Mitchell Smiley, a 185-pound senior; cornerback Keith Martin, a 145-pound senior, and punter Edward Castillo, a 165-pound junior.

20 Yrs Ago-Nov. 29, 1981

Bill Wilshire, manager of Southwestern Public Service Company in Friona, received an award for service at a dinner at the Hilton Inn in Amarillo on November 12.

State Comptroller Bob Bullock Thursday sent checks totaling \$96.4 million to 948 Texas cities as their share of the one per cent city sales tax for November. Friona received a payment of \$12,013.41, which compared to last year's figure of \$12,701.36.

15 Yrs Ago-Nov. 29, 1986

Eight members of the Friona Chieftains football team were named to the all-

district teams this past week. Those making the elite team were Jeff Chaney, Lonnie Phillips, Sam Montoya, Shy Burney and Rusty Rainey. Chaney, Phillips and Montoya made the team on offense and defense.

The Friona High School Chieftains' best football season in history came to an end with undoubtedly the school's most heartbreaking gridiron losses in the team's area playoff game at Brownfield Friday night. In spite of a super performance, the Chieftains went down to defeat, 15-13, as Kermit kicked a winning field goal with only 33 seconds left on the clock.

10 Yrs Ago-Nov. 30, 1991

First Sergeant Vicki D. Knight has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for "exceptionally meritorious achievement while engaged in combat operations against an enemy of the United States during operation Desert Storm."

After being halted for a couple of weeks due to wet weather, the cotton harvest was resumed this week, when temperatures hit the 72-degree mark on Wednesday.

The Friona Chieftain basketball team has opened its season, and after an impressive win on the road at Morton on Tuesday, stood with a 2-1 record after three games.

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Coach Scott's Comments:

"We had our chances, but just couldn't take advantage. Not scoring on the drive before halftime hurt us real bad. We could have had the lead going in."
 "Bandy's run (91 yards for a touchdown) was outstanding. You don't see runs that long in playoff games very often."
 "We just didn't get many breaks. W.T. High fumbled several times, but always came out with the ball...a time or two they even gained yardage. Then, the late flag (on Friona's final drive of regulation time) was a back breaker. They called us for not having enough men on the line of scrimmage." That yardage was vital when Brian Wiseman's field goal attempt fell just a few yards short."
 "We might have been better off if their regular quarterback had played the second half. We had done pretty well defending against the pass while he was in, but just couldn't stop their running game. We have had that trouble all season."
 "We just haven't had the 'head hunter' on defense that we have had in some past years."



ANDY CARTHEL (7), like most of the Chieftains, played a great game last Friday at Dumas. Carthel makes a "flying tackle" (above), and another good one below, both on W.T. High's Jeremiah Kaslon, who scored two TDs for the Comanches. (photos by Ron Carr)



W.T. High 27 CHIEFS 21 (OT)

FHS		WTHS
18	First Downs	18
303	Net Yds Rush	262
73	Net Yds Pass	31
376	Tot. Net Yds.	293
10-4	Pass. Comp.	11-3
1	Pass Had Int.	0
1-1	Fumb. Lost	5-0
3-93	Punts, Yds.	3-105
31.7	Punt Avg.	35.0
4-20	Penalties	4-45

Score by Quarters
 FHS 13 0 8 0 0-21
 WTH 7 7 7 0 6-27
INDIVIDUAL SCORING
 1Q--Nathan Haile, 3 run (no kick, bad snap) 6-0. Adam Bandy, 91 run (Brian Wiseman kick) 13-0.
 3Q--N. Haile, 2 run. (Bandy, pass from Brock Field) 21-all.

INDIVIDUAL RUSHING
 Player TCB-Yds-Avg.
 Adam Bandy 19-187-9.8
 Nathan Haile 26-86-3.3
 Brock Field 7-30-4.3
 Tot.: 52-303-5.8

INDIVIDUAL PASSING
 Player PA-PC-Yds.
 Brock Field 8-3-37.5
 Adam Bandy 1-1-34

INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING
 Player PC-Yds-Avg.
 Corbin Neill 1-34-34.0
 Adam Bandy 1-16-16.0
 Andy Carthel 1-15-15.0
 Nathan Haile 1-5-5.0
 Tot.: 4-73-17.5

KICKOFF RETURNS
 Andy Carthel 1-35-35.0
 Nathan Haile 2-19-9.5
PUNT RETURNS
 Andy Carthel 1-12-12.0

BI-DISTRICT GAME

Overtime Jinx: Chiefs Fall In Heartbreaker

by BILL ELLIS

The Chieftains outplayed the W.T. High Comanches in every phase of the game except the scoreboard. The Comanches led in that department, 27-21 in an overtime thriller at Dumas last Friday. The Chieftains just couldn't buy a break in the game.

Consider that: *Friona caused five W.T. fumbles, but in every case the Comanches were able to recover.

*The Comanches won both coin tosses: to start the game, and prior to overtime. Going second in the high school version of overtimes lets you know what you have to do to win.

*Friona had just one turnover in the game, and that was when QB Brock Field suffered an interception when he was going for a possible touchdown pass.

*Friona had only 20 yards in penalties, but their last five-yarder moved them from what would have been a "makeable" field goal in regular time to the 45-yarder that they had to attempt, which fell just short.

Friona was off to a great start in the bi-district battle at Demon Stadium, where they were followed by a nice crowd of fans for the playoff game, held on a comfortable mid-November evening with nary a breeze.

Taking the ball first, the Chieftains got great field position when Andy Carthel returned the kickoff from his own 10 to the 50-yard line. The last possible tackler forced Carthel out of bounds at midfield.

As they did so many times during the season, the Chiefs proceeded to drive for a score in their first possession.

Nathan Haile bolted ten yards for a first down, and facing fourth and one from the W.T. 32, Haile crashed through for five yards and a second first down.

A few minutes later, facing fourth and four from the enemy's 21, QB Field rolled out to his right, then

cut back for a nice 15-yard gain to the six, setting Friona up first and goal.

Haile did the rest, on two carries of three yards each. The Chiefs got a high snap on the PAT attempt, and couldn't get the kick off. But Friona led, 6-0 with 6:25 remaining in the first.

The Comanches, on the running of Jeremiah Kaslon, made three straight first downs on Kaslon runs of 13, 20 and 17, as Friona was respecting the passing threat by QB Riley Smith.

But Friona rushed Smith a couple of times, and his fourth down pass from the Friona eight went incomplete.

The Chieftains started out in the "shadow of their goal," but didn't stay there long.

On second down, Adam Bandy took a pitchout and headed toward the left sideline. Bandy spotted a "lane," and took a better slant to the sideline, which gave him a step or two on his defenders.

As Chieftain fans know, when Bandy is in front of the defenders, he hardly ever loses the race to the goal-line, and he didn't lose this one.

Brian Wiseman's kick made Friona's lead 13-0, and to that point the game resembled last year's runaway over the Comanches at Canyon.

But W.T. High had a razzle-dazzle on the kickoff, and returned the kick to the Friona 23.

This time, Smith was able to show his passing acumen, connecting for 14 and seven yards, the second one being for a touchdown. The PAT kick made it 13-7, Friona, with 26 seconds left in the opening quarter.

Bandy gave Friona a first down after the kickoff, and on a third and four, Field rolled out on the run-pass option, and turned it up for 12 yards and a first down to the Friona 45.

Three plays later, the Chiefs faced fourth and four from their 49, and opted to punt. They might as well have gone for the yardage.



CATCHES HIS BREATH....Adam Bandy (5) is shown taking a breather shortly after his 91-yard touchdown run last Friday against West Texas High. Bandy's run was a record-setter, beating by a yard the 90-yard run by Andy Kendrick in 1996 against Monahans in the area round at Lubbock. (ron carr)

It took the Comanches only two plays to advance the ball back to midfield, after a short punt. W.T. High then showed how they had ranked so highly in offensive statistics, covering 71 yards in 11 plays for a touchdown.

The kick gave the Comanches a 14-13 lead, their first, with 4:23 remaining before halftime.

Friona made a nice drive, sparked by Haile's 20-yard run to the W.T. 35. On third and three, Bandy slanted for five yards, giving Friona a first down at the Comanche 24.

Bandy gained four, and Haile broke through for ten yards, setting Friona up first and goal from the ten. There was 1:40 left before halftime.

In the unthinkable, Haile had the ball stripped from his hands on the next play, and W.T. took over, dodging a possible touchdown, or a certain field goal by Friona and held onto the 14-13 lead at halftime.

W.T. quarterback Smith sprained an ankle on a play before halftime, and did not return.

But the Comanches took advantage of a squib kick gone bad, getting the ball at their 45 to start the second half.

The opponents drove 55 yards in ten plays, getting the vital touchdown on a fourth down pass. The kick made it a 21-13 lead.

Friona couldn't drive, but an excellent punt by field backed W.T. up to their own 19, and when Friona held, a short punt set Friona up at the Comanches' 44.

On a fourth down play, Bandy took a pitchout, and lofted a long pass to halfback Corbin Neill who was tackled at the W.T. two after a 34-yard play.

Haile crashed in to trim the margin to 21-19, and on the PAT Field found Bandy alone in the end zone for a

two-point conversion, which tied the score at 21-all, with 1:45 left in the third.

On their next series, the Comanches fumbled on two straight plays, only to have the ball come right back to the carrier. They did have to punt, but so did Friona, after Haile was caught for a loss on a pitchout.

The Chieftain defense forced a punt, when senior Frank Dominguez sacked the W.T. QB for a five-yard loss.

Field made a first down on an option run, getting Friona out beyond their ten, and Haile broke for 13 yards to the 28. Field then hit Bandy for a 17-yard gain, and when he then hooked up with Carthel on another 17-yard gainer, it looked certain that the Chieftains were on a mission to take the lead.

Nine times out of ten, when Friona has this kind of drive, they have scored.

On third and three from the 26, Bandy managed a five-yard gain for a first down to the 21.

But on the next play Friona was flagged for something no one could figure out, and that broke the Chieftains' momentum.

Field was stopped for a loss, and on third down his pass went incomplete.

The line of scrimmage was the W.T. 27, and Wiseman was called in to try his magic. He had booted four of five for the season, his longest being 39 yards. This one was between 44 and 45 yards.

A more perfect snap might have made the difference. But when Carthel had to delay placing the ball down, it took a little off Wiseman's stride, and the kick fell about five yards short of the bar. Only 58 seconds were left.

W.T. gained 36 yards, to the Friona 30 and tried a field goal of their own. This one barely cleared the heads

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HAILE SCORES....Nathan Haile, center of photo, is shown crossing the goal-line to give Friona a 6-0 lead in last Friday's bi-district game at Dumas. In spite of a good performance, Friona lost, 27-20 in overtime. (ron carr photo)

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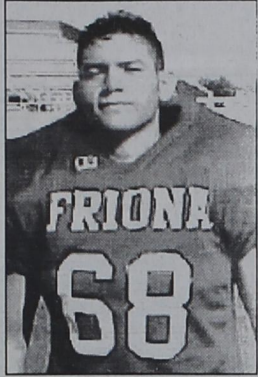
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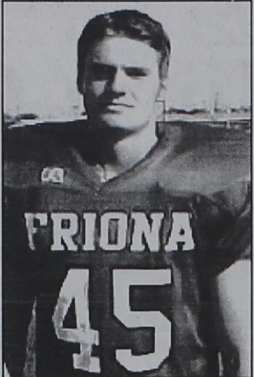
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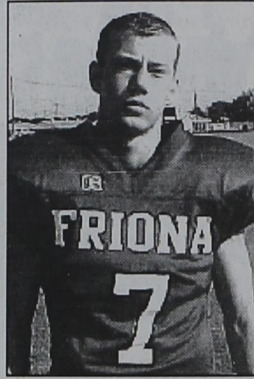
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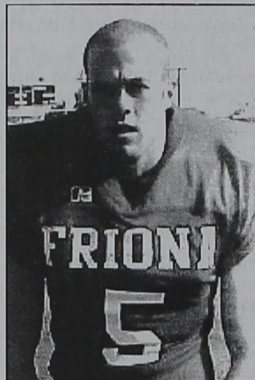
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Chiefs Land 15 On All-District Team

The Friona Chieftains landed nine offensive spots and six defensive positions on the All-District 5AA teams announced this week by district coaches.

Friona landed five players on the first team offense: Eric Rubio at Guard, Cody Grimsley at tight end, Andy Carthel at wide receiver, Adam Bandy at the running back spot and Nathan Haile at fullback.

Four Chieftains made second team offense: Joey Dominguez at center, Fabian Flores at tackle, Brock Field at quarterback and Brian Wiseman as kicker.

Five players gained first team defense. They were Eric Rubio, a unanimous pick on the defensive line, Cody Grimsley at defensive end, Nathan Haile at outside linebacker, Andy Carthel and Adam Bandy in the defensive secondary.

Gabe Rivas was chosen on the second team defensive line. Frank Dominguez was honorable mention pick as an offensive guard, and Dario Hernandez was honorable mention as outside linebacker.

"We were pleased with the recognition our players received in the all-district voting," said Coach Mike Scott.

Tough Loss...

(Continued from Page 3) of the kicker's offensive line.

Going into overtime, Friona put the ball in play at W.T.'s 25. Bandy gained five, and then the Comanches were flagged for a late hit on Field, moving the ball to the 12.

Friona was then flagged for illegal procedure. Haile gained five and Bandy two, bringing up third and eight.

Field rolled to his right and tried to pass across his body. A W.T. defender cut in front of Bandy and Carthel to make the interception.

The Comanches converted a fourth down to keep alive at the Friona 15 in their turn with the ball in O.T. Kaslon carried twice, for nine, then six, and that last run ended Friona's season, when he crossed the goal-line.

Friona led in yards rushing, 296-262, in passing, 73-31, and in first downs, 12-10.

But W.T. advanced to the "area" round, avenging their humiliating 55-14 loss to Friona at this same point a year ago.



OPTION STOPPED....Nathan Haile (white jersey) lays a hit on W.T.'s Jeremiah Kaslon, who had taken a pitch from QB Riley Smith (14). Friona stopped the Comanches' potent passing attack, but lost the game in overtime, 27-20. (ron carr)

Junior High Girls Open With Bang

The seventh and eighth grade Maidens opened their seasons in the past week with good success:

The eighth graders downed Hale Center, 42-36 in their opener, but stumbled to Lockney, 58-27 on Monday. Heather Clark scored 23 points against the Owlettes, and 18 against the Lady Mustangs.

The seventh Maidens clobbered Hale Center, 89-2 last Thursday, led by Courtney Adams' 19 points and Julie Echevarria's 18. Friona also won the "fifth quarter" game, 8-0, led by Briana Wright's four points.

The team downed Lockney Monday, 39-20, as Miss Adams scored 12 and Tiffany Vasquez had ten. Friona won the fifth quarter, 4-0.

Braves Gain Experience

The eighth grade Braves fell to Hale Center, 33-13. Andrew Chico scored six for Friona. The team fell to Lockney, 43-21, led by Chico, six and Hayden Patton, six.

The seventh Braves fell to Hale Center, 34-13. Caleb Miller scored five, Tolby Wilcox and Stephen Campbell each had four. The team dropped a 43-11 game to Lockney Monday. Phillip Saiz scored six and Miller five.

"These first two games were really a learning process for our players. We have a lot of work to do, and our skills will need to improve on a daily basis, and we will work toward that goal. The players are giving a good effort



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Architect Elijah Myers' original vision for the Texas State Capitol in Austin, was never fully realized, but his 1882 watercolor drawing of the grand building is making somewhat of a comeback this year. Myers' drawing, which still hangs in the Capitol, is depicted on the 2001 edition of the Capitol Ornament Series created in 1996 by Nelda Laney, the wife of Texas House Speaker Pete Laney.

"I was thrilled at the success we had that first year and delighted that the series of ornaments has grown in popularity," Mrs. Laney said.

The project has raised about \$1.5 million for Capitol preservation and education programs, including the restoration of historic artifacts, a Capitol Dome model for display in the Capitol Visitors Center and a display case for the Texas Declaration of Independence.

The latest ornament features the artwork of Myers, who designed the state Capitols in Michigan and Colorado and was one of the architects who submitted 11 designs for the Texas Capitol. The Capitol Board approved

Myers' design and he was hired for \$12,000.

"When completed in 1888, the Capitol didn't look exactly like Myers' original drawing," Mrs. Laney said. "But that drawing laid the groundwork for what the building was to become."

The 2001 Capitol Ornament, finished in 24k gold, features Myers' drawing in porcelain surrounded by columns and an arch similar to the one at the south entrance to the building.

"These ornaments are a great way for Texans to show their Lone Star pride and help preserve the Capitol," Mrs. Laney said. "They make beautiful additions to holiday arrangements and raise funds that help enhance the experience for Capitol visitors year-round."

The 2001 ornament, as well as the ornaments from previous years 1996 through 2000, can be ordered locally through members of the Community Heritage Society in Friona for \$18.00. Spokesman for the Heritage group is Peggy Monroe who can be reached at 250-3028. If ordered before the first of December, they will be here

in time for Christmas.

The Community Heritage Society oversees the ongoing upkeep of the old Santa Fe Depot building in the City Park. If ordered locally, a small portion of the proceeds will stay in Friona to assist with the Depot project, in addition to the main portion being used for the preservation of the Capitol in Austin. This is fitting in light of the fact that the XIT Ranch lands, which took in most all of the western half of the Panhandle and all of Parmer County, were sold off in the late 1800s to raise funds to build our state Capitol Building.

D. Vinson Is Buried In Bovina

Funeral services for Delpha Vinson, 80, were held at 10 a.m. Friday, November 23, 2001, at Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home in Friona.

Barry Tilley, pastor of Cornerstone Assembly of God Church in Lubbock officiated. Burial was in Bovina Cemetery.

She died Wednesday, November 21, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Mrs. Vinson was born April 15, 1921, in Hector, Arkansas. She married Rufus Vinson November 27, 1937 in Hector. He preceded her in death on July 2, 1980.

She was a member of the Assembly of God Church in Friona. She was a resident of Bovina and had moved to Lubbock three years ago. She was also preceded in death by her parents and two brothers.

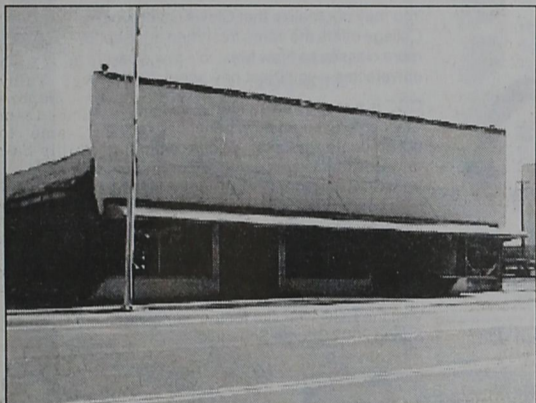
Survivors include five daughters: Shirley Jackson of Friona; Brenda Coffey of Lubbock; Sue Richardson of Russellville, Arkansas; Eva Vickery of Penn Yan, New York; and Diana Woodford of Midwest City, Oklahoma.

She is also survived by eleven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

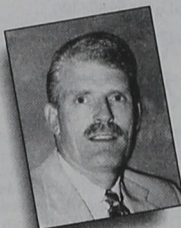


JACOB HEFNER WITH HIS DAD TOMMY

FRIONA'S CUB SCOUTS, boys in grades 3 and 4, needs members. Kody Kimbrough and Tommy Hefner are the cub pack leaders and would like to encourage boys to join. The pack currently only has two members but they have been on a fishing trip, camping, and participated in the Cubmobile races in Hereford. Above, Jacob Hefner latches on to a fish during the Colorado fishing trip. For information on the Cub Scout pack activities and how to join, contact Kody Kimbrough at 250-5607.



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Western Chevy Awarded Bid On 5 Trucks

Western Chevrolet of Friona and Western Ford of Hereford were successful bidders to furnish seven new vehicles for Deaf Smith County.

Deaf Smith County commissioners awarded the bids on Monday, November 12, after a bid from another dealer was submitted 30 minutes after the 9 a.m. Monday deadline.

The Friona dealership, also owned by Roy Riley of Hereford, will provide five of the seven vehicles. Western Chevrolet manager Jerry Ripley said the total amount of the bid to Western Chevrolet would be about \$117,000.

Western Chevrolet will sell Deaf Smith County five pickups. All five are Chevrolet Silverados. Three are extended cabs and two are regular cabs.

The total of the bids accepted by Deaf Smith County from Western Ford and Western Chevrolet was about \$167,000.

Residents Attend Fall Conference

Parmer County Retired Teachers and School Personnel was represented in Amarillo by Virginia Cleveland and Nancy Edelman at the fall conference of the District XVII Texas Retired School Personnel Association.

The district president, John Krodel of Amarillo, conducted the business meeting. Break-away groups were available concerning various positions held in the local chapters.

Several special guests had an opportunity to speak. The immediate past president of the Texas Retired Teachers Association, Dr. Kenneth Laycock of Amarillo, spoke about the current plans and funding of the TRTA building in Austin across from the capitol.

There will be a state convention in Waco in April followed by a district spring conference in May in Amarillo.



NEW RC&D COORDINATOR....Thomas Reed of Friona has been selected to serve as Coordinator of the High Plains Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Area. The coordinator serves as a point of access to federal, state and local programs and services that help the RC&D Council address locally identified issues and achieve its objectives. Thomas is a resident of Friona and has 19 years of service with the Natural Resources Conservation Service. The office is located in the Parmer County Soil and Water Conservation District building.

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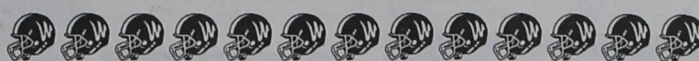
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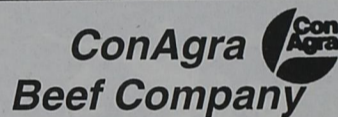
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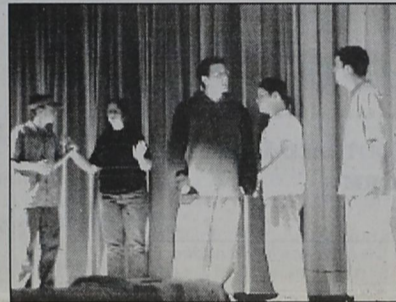
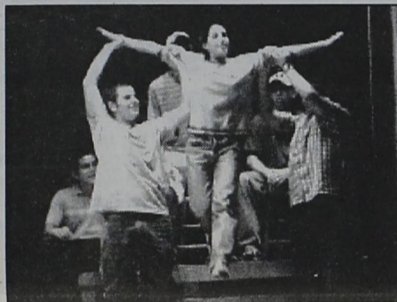


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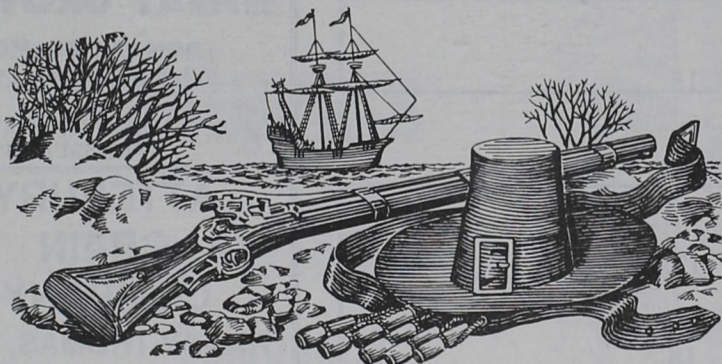


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November 26--Jamie Reeve Epperson, Don Maynard, Kim Ready, Jon Mack Roden.

November 27--Johnna Blackburn, Danielle Fleming, Jacob Nelson, Lana Bracken, Jordan Monroe.

November 28--Nelda Talley, Cason White, Rena Burnett, Nell Carlton, R.J. Barrett, Caitlin Davenport.

November 29--Mitchell Gibson, Lisa Cummings Gonzales, Nicole Potts Talley, Ky Graham, Timothy Padron, Terry Foster.

November 30--Shauna Maynard, Robin Rector, Dean Agee.

December 1--Ryan Sifford, Shannon Burnett, Shayla Lincoln, Scott Nelson, Kyla Wood, Virginia Cleveland.

When you see names which should be removed from our birthday list (moved away, names changed, deceased, etc.), call the newspaper and let someone know. Thank you.

If you or someone in your family has a birthday coming up soon, please call the Friona Star office at 250-2211 and report it.



SHANE BLACKBURN and ANGEL BRADLEY...
Mike and Johnna Blackburn of Friona announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their son, Shane, to Angel Bradley. She is the daughter of Rick and Rebecca Bradley of Georgetown, Texas. The couple will exchange wedding vows January 5 at 5:30 p.m. in the Berry Creek Country Club in Georgetown, Texas. The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Friona High School and is currently attending Southwest Texas in San Marcos, Texas, where he is majoring in industrial technology. The bride-elect is a graduate of Pflugerville High School and is serving in the United States Air Force as a computer operational specialist at Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

Myrna Salinas Is Named Blue Chip Teacher Recruit

Eleven West Texas A&M University students have been recognized as The Texas A&M University System's Blue Chip Teacher Recruits for the 2001-2002 school year. They join 66 other students from universities throughout the A&M System.

The Blue Chip Teacher Recruits are part of a recognition program associated with the System's Regents' Initiative for Excellence in Education.

Myrna Salinas of Friona,

a freshman bilingual/English as a Second Language major, was among the WTAMU students recognized as Blue Chip Teacher Recruits.

"We're excited about this opportunity to identify these people at this point in their careers who want to be teachers," Dr. Ted Guffy, dean of the College of Education and Social Sciences and professor of education, said.

The A&M System's universities are committed to increasing the number of teachers graduated and certified by 33 per cent by the year 2004. The System universities are actively recruiting potential teachers in several "high need" fields such as science, math, special education, bilingual/English as a Second Language, technology and foreign language.

Friona HS Honor Roll Is Released

The second six weeks honor roll at Friona High School was released this week by Kenny Austin, principal.

Students making the "All A" list were:

Freshmen--Misty Adams, Guadalupe Estrada, Artemio Garcia, Andrea Geries and Brenda Murphree.

Sophomores--Roxana Aguilar, Rebecca Aronce, Amy Geries, Haleigh Herbert, Keith Hunt, Andrew Merrell, Adam Perkins, Ty Potts, Bridget Soltero and V'Lesha Wilcox.

Juniors--Adam Bandy, Andy Carthel, Jose Dominguez, Amanda Geries, Nathan Haile, Holley Hand, Raquel Mendez, Amy Murphree, Corbin Neill, T.J. Randolph, Michael Stanberry, Alyssa Villa, Micah White and Amber Widner.

Seniors--Bobby Faires, Jacy Grimsley, Roy Loya, Katherine Thompson and Kelsey Welch.

Tech Grads Earn Degrees

At the summer 2001 graduation, Texas Tech University presented 1,014 students with degrees--754 bachelors, 211 masters, 43 doctorates and 8 law.

Brent Beene receives his Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in finance. He is the son of Jay Beene and Sue Wells.

Friona students receiving Bachelor of Science Degrees and their majors include: Sheldon Burleson, petroleum engineering, son of Greg and Janet Burleson; Rena Mason Groome, occupational therapy, daughter of Thomas Mason.

Also, Seth Houston, petroleum engineering, son of Sammy and Sandy Houston; and Holly Jack, human development, daughter of Galen and Keri Jack; and Rachelle Rice, multi-disciplinary studies, daughter of Doug Rice.

Burleson, Mrs. Groome and Ms. Jack graduated magna cum laude. Houston and Ms. Rice graduated summa cum laude.

FB Contest Standings

Here are the point total standings in the football contest after Week 11 with two more weeks to play.

139 Jim Johnston
138 Claire Brown, Eddie Gauna, Clint Mears, Eufemia Torres, Alesia Tucker, Don Max Vars, Bobby Wied, Mark Zachary

137 Raul Braillif, Dana Jameson, Glen Morton
136 Carmella Hernandez, Mitch Smiley

134 Davy Carthel, Richard Dickson, Larry Rogers, Shirley Steinbock
133 Wayne Amstutz, Colby Carthel

132 Liz Torres, Veca White
131 Andy Carthel, Jerry Hinkle, Mike Hutson, Larry Johnston, Mack McFarland

130 Myrtle Melton
129 Juan Hernandez, Rusty McFarland

128 Kelby Monroe, Ron Smiley
127 Eddie Raymond, Dorothy Stowers, Francisco Torres

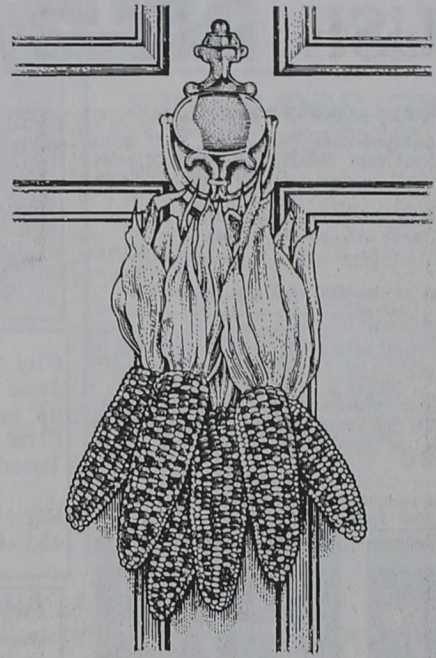
126 Jayson Blouch, Randall Roberson
124 Ronald Diaz, Tim Elmore, Jimmy Walker

123 Scott Brown
122 Daniel Hernandez
119 Jon Field, Joy Morton

117 Maria Rios
116 Rebecca Raymond, Thomas Reed, Linvell Rose
115 Jennifer Gonzales, Wayne Terry

114 Shirley Fangman, Mark Walker
111 Raymond Diaz
109 Connie Cumpton, Candy Highsmith, Ray Stanley

107 Martha Rodriguez
103 Dario Hernandez
100 Violet Finley
98 Leslee Redwine
92 Enrique Rodriguez
90 Ernest Mills
88 Charla Chesher
82 Raymond Delgado, Sally Putman
74 Harrol Redwine



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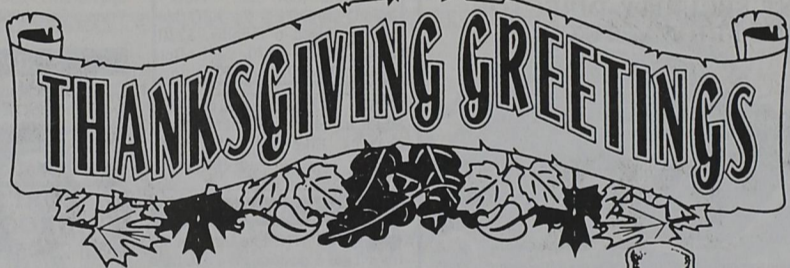
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Mary Dalton Crump

They left their homes to journey to a land that was unknown
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They struggled for a toehold there, to have a place to live.
Would we have had the courage and had the strength to give.

Our faith to God to see us through, with nothing but the land?
But, somehow, they still made it when they knew He held their hand.

They built here, on a foreign shore, foundations that would last.
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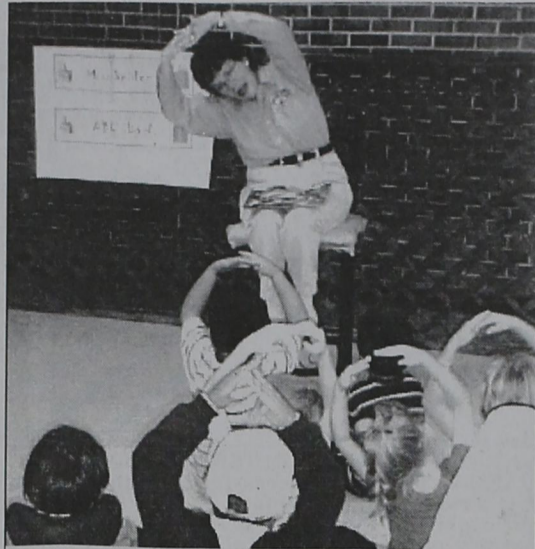
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- **Dry Bones and Quarantine* by McCathern.
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THE 2001 FIGHTING CHIEFTAIN MARCHING BAND completed a successful marching season last Friday night at Dumas as the Chiefs lost their playoff game to WT High. Shown in an earlier game are, l-r, Daniel Mullins, Charity Dalrymple and Juan Garcia. Band director is Tim Youree.

ron carr photos

YOUR EYES

Resting Your Eyes

Your eyes need to relax like any other part of your body to remain healthy. Too much stress will exert pressure on the optic nerve, the eye muscles and the retina as well as diminish the ability of veins to deliver blood to the eyes. If your eyes feel tired during the day, give them a short rest by closing them for a few minutes. To reduce tension in your face, tightly close your eyes and gently squeeze, allowing your facial muscles to draw up. Hold for a couple of seconds, then relax your face and open your eyes. Next, open your mouth wide while raising your eyebrows. Repeat both of these exercises a few times.

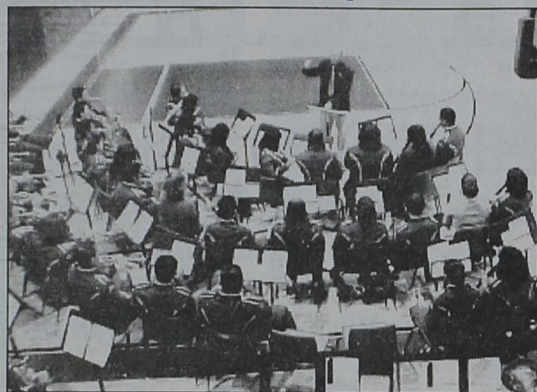


Changing focus is another way to give eye muscles a chance to relax, especially if you have been reading or staring at a computer screen for a lengthy time. Glance across the room or out the window from time to time and look at an object at least 20 feet away. Other eye exercises include rolling or blinking the eyes. If you do not blink enough, your eyes will become tired, sore and dry. Make a conscious effort to blink frequently to keep your eyes moist and relaxed. Inadequate vision can strain your eyes as well. Have your eyes examined annually.

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Confirmed Rabies Cases In Texas Are Increasing

The number of confirmed rabies cases in Texas is continuing to increase, raising the possibility that the state may set a record this year for rabies cases.

On October 6, the total number of confirmed rabies cases in Texas surpassed last year's total of 830 cases. Since then, the total has climbed to approximately 850 confirmed cases. There have been 87 more rabid skunks than last year—a 16 percent increase—and more cases are expected; over the past five years, and last three months of the year account for at least 22 percent of the rabid skunk cases, on average.

The state is also experiencing an increase in the number of rabid bats. So far this year, 155 rabid bats have been confirmed, an increase of 26 percent from last year at this time. The peak period for rabid bats runs from September to October, and about half of each year's total is diagnosed during the last four months of the year.

The Panhandle/South Plains region is also experiencing an increase in rabid animals. There have been 39 cases of rabies confirmed this year, compared to a total of 26 for the year 2000.

Gray County has reported the most cases: 17 skunks, with all but one being in or near Pampa. Other counties

that have reported animal rabies cases and their totals are: Bailey (one skunk); Deaf Smith (six skunks and one horse); Hale (two skunks); Lamb (one skunk); Lubbock (one skunk); Randall (four skunks and one bat); Sherman (one steer); Swisher (one cat); and Wheeler (two skunks and one raccoon).

People should continue to take steps to discourage skunks from approaching houses. Pet food and water should be moved indoors at night and areas which could be used as a den should be eliminated. If a skunk attacks a litter of puppies or kittens, the survivors should be euthanized to prevent human exposure a few weeks later.

All pets and livestock with frequent human contact or extraordinary value should be vaccinated to prevent rabies.

Bats that appear to be flying erratically during the day or which are grounded should be avoided since they have a high probability of being rabid. Students should not be allowed to take bats to school.

Anyone exposed to saliva of a possibly rabid animal through a bite or through contact with an open wound or the mucous membranes should seek medical attention. The local animal control authority should also be contacted to obtain testing of the animal, if it is available.

Domestic animals that are exposed to rabies must either be euthanized or vaccinated and be isolated for a 45-90 day period to ensure public safety.

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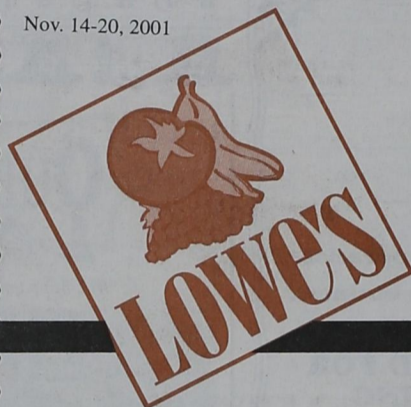
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Out Here

by Ron Carr

"I'm Feeling Lots Better About Flying Now!"

With the stroke of a ceremonial pen, President DUBYA put about 28,000 more employees on the Federal payroll this week.

You can fly with great confidence for at least the next three years. Government employees will be rummaging through your underdrawers looking for that hidden weapon you are taking to grandma's house.

I imagine the terrorists are ready to call it quits, don't you think. After all, government employees, supervised by more government employees and assorted politicians, are much smarter and more thorough than the common capitalist worker.

What will happen when the first weapons are sneaked through one of the government checkpoints?

You know that some TV station or investigative reporter is going to test the security system and try to slip a simulated nuclear bomb past the luggage inspectors.

When that happens I wonder if Senator Daschle and Congressman Gephardt, who always know what's best for America, will criticize their own workers as much as they've been cussin' the current airport screeners.

To listen to politicians, the lowest life-form in America these days are airport security employees.

Why they say these poor wretched souls are on the same pay level as McDonald's employees. That alone relegates them to the bottom of our American caste system. (If I was McDonald's I would sue for slander.)

They say there has been a high turnover rate amidst the privately run screening companies. Horror of horrors, they have even hired a few

former felons to look at your stuff. This is the same America that goes to the ballpark to cheer for some millionaire former felons, but won't let them hold a minimum wage airport job.

Airport security is too important to leave it to common people, you say?

The September 11 terrorists did not board the planes armed with guns and extra ammo. They didn't have knives galore, hand grenades, or nitroglycerin. They had what is now widely known as box cutters. A razor blade in a plastic handle that grocery clerks use to open boxes.

Need I remind anyone that on September 11, 2001, it was legal and okay to have one of these "box cutters" in your purse or briefcase. If you had shown up for a flight that day with a "box cutter" on your person, you would have been waved on through.

Seems to me that no security regulations were broken. So why are the security screeners now being ostracized and called everything but a human being for just doing their job?

The September 11 hijackings were the first airplane hijackings in America in 10 years. Why all of a sudden are airport security screeners so dumb and stupid they couldn't qualify as amoebas in a scum pond?

I'll tell you why. They are scapegoats for the ineptitude of the FBI, the CIA and the INS under the Clinton administration, in doing something about the terrorists while they lived among us for several years.

All the international intelligence operations we are supposed to have. All the domestic surveillance we

allegedly have in place. None of the high-powered government organizations whose job it is to keep America safe did their job in this instance.

So the blame goes to the poor common men and women just trying to get along by working for an airport security company. It is a strategy that has worked before for the Democrats. Find some average person or organization to blame; bring the power of the government to bear on them; and scare America into more and more government control of our daily lives.

My fear is that President DUBYA has been caught up in "the importance of the government" tide that is sweeping across the country.

I don't know why he signed the bill authorizing the government takeover of airport security. Up until the day it became law, he was opposed to it. Maybe he is suckering the Democrats so when it doesn't work he can say "I told you so."

What I do know is that since September 11 money and the budget and the Social Security lockbox are no longer issues. Education, which was the number one priority for President DUBYA, is no longer at the top of the list. The era of big government is back.

Truth is a few government employees looking for bombs and guns at the airport are not going to be more effective than common people. Terrorists have a lot of options besides the airport.

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Black Sunday Publication Depicts "Dust Bowl" Incidents

(Editor's note: By December 1, the *Friona Star* will have copies of "Black Sunday" for sale at \$19.95 each. We will also have copies of Wayne Bristow's "18 Miles from Earth" available for holiday giving.)

One giant, black dust storm of April 14, 1935 became the signature event of a devastating period in the history of the South Plains of the United States.

Frank L. Stallings, Jr., an English professor who grew up in Pampa during those days, has chronicled that traumatic event with media and other historic research, and testimony of witnesses for his new book, **BLACK SUNDAY** (Eakin Press, \$19.95) to be in area book stores and available on the Internet the last of November.

The storm covered areas of Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, New Mexico and Kansas. Various called Black Sunday, Black Easter (wrongly, because it was actually Palm Sunday), "the granddaddy of 'em all," and "that thing," the storm is pictured in hundreds of photographs kept by families as if to make sure everyone knows what it was like to go through "the end of the world" and live to talk about it.

The Dust Bowl of the 1930s was partly the result of indiscriminate plowing of Great Plains grasslands from the end of the nineteenth century into the 1920s, and using the land to raise wheat, other grains and feed for livestock.

The settlers who began the process were not aware that their plows would make the land blow away in the 1930s, when a combination of drought and wind blew uncovered soil from one place to another--storms that eventually gave rise to the term "Dust Bowl."

During the years when dust blew and topsoil-stripped (Continued on Page 3-A)



"DUST CLOUDS ROLLING OVER THE PRAIRIE" is the caption for this photo, contained in a new book, "Black Sunday," by Frank L. Stallings, which describes the worst of the 1930s storms, and will soon be available at the *Friona Star*.



THE BLACK DUSTER of April 14, 1935 is shown as it rolled into the city of Pampa on that Sunday afternoon. Photo was by F.L. Stallings, whose son has published a book on the storm, "Black Sunday," available this Christmas season.

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Black Sunday Depicts "Dust Bowl" Days....

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farmland were unable to grow much of anything, some people pulled up stakes and moved to California or other places where there were no dust storms.

Even though some left the area, most stayed where they were, survived as best they could, cursed the dust, and prayed for rain, while constantly being harassed by winds that blew dust that crept into every niche and crevice of their houses.

Bula Flynn of Pampa recalls that "papa tore up rags and stuffed them in cracks around the windows and doors. He also wet cloths and we held them on our faces so we could breathe better. We set the table with the plates upside down and kept a cloth over the table.

A "Kansas prayer" quoted from the Southwest Tribune in Liberal, Kansas, included these problems:

"Oh, Lord, the pioneer spirit has had about all it can stand! We've put up with Indians and grasshoppers, and depression and Democrats without bothering you too much, but these dust storms are going to drive us crazy. After we've worked all day long cleaning and scrubbing and mopping and sweating, and our hands feel like they've had a lye bath, then wake up in the morning and find that it has to be done all over again.

"If we stay at home, a film of dust settles on our glasses so we can't read. It's all over the food and the bed cloths; we can't take a bath because the tub is full of Kansas, Colorado and Oklahoma. If we do take a bath, we're covered with New Mexico, Texas and Nebraska before we can get dry!"

Dr. Stallings was born in 1928, and graduated from Pampa High School in 1946. He served in the Army, stationed in Germany in 1951-52, and later received a



THIS SCENE FROM Liberal, Kansas, shows the monster cloud approaching Liberal, Kansas, on April 14, 1935. The "Black Duster" raged for over two days, reached the Gulf Coast, and sand was noted by ships 200 miles at sea.

BA and MA in English from West Texas State College and his doctorate in English at the University of Texas, Arlington. After teaching at UT, Austin and Arlington, he was at Thomas More College in Edgewood, Kentucky and Northern Kentucky University where he is now professor emeritus. Family stories

about the Black Sunday storm inspired him to interview survivors and research newspaper accounts and other sources for the history. He and his wife, Virginia, live in Highland Heights, Kentucky, but will be in the Texas Panhandle and Oklahoma in early December for book signings.

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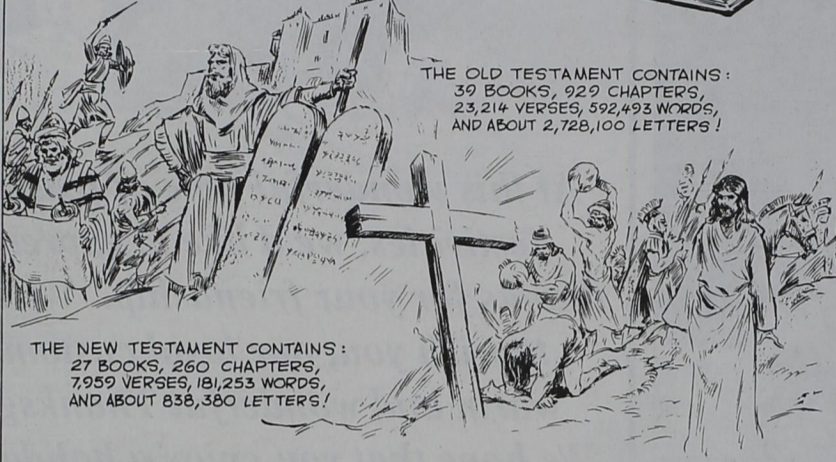
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