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One-Act Play Cast Has Right To Be Proud

BY RON CARR

Mare's sweat. Erotic pottery. A gaggle of geese. Just a few of the "fun" things that can happen on the way to the forum.

I invited myself along with Friona's one-act-play cast and crew last Saturday to the area one-act-play competition in Plainview. Coach Morton said it was okay. (There are two "Coach Mortons" at FHS, ya' know)

The local troupe had advanced through zone and district "play-offs" in spite of, or maybe because of, the untimely death of teammate Jason Slagle in an automobile accident in February.

Jason's lead was assumed by good friend Justin Grimsley, as FHS drama coach Joy Morton reassigned roles in the production of "A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum."

After zone and district competition, the Friona and Muleshoe casts advanced to the area competition at Wayland Baptist University's auditorium in Plainview.

Rounding out the six-school area competition were Vernon, Lubbock Cooper, Bowie, and Seminole.

I wanted to follow the youngsters around to see what kind of effort goes into

VFW Chicken Dinner Set

The Friona VFW will hold a chicken dinner Sunday, April 13. The meal will be served from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at Sixth and Euclid.

Tickets are \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for those under twelve years of age. Take-out orders are available.

The menu includes fried chicken, gravy, salad, potatoes, green beans, dessert and drink.



OH MANDY.....Mandy Henry, center, wields the scissors at the grand opening of Mandy's Country Restaurant. Officers and ambassadors of the Friona Chamber of Commerce were on hand to welcome Mandy's at the Friona Country Club. (Ron Carr Photo)



1997-98 OFFICIALS....Friona Texas Federal Credit Union officers and directors gathered after last week's annual meeting. From left, Coy Jameson, Sam Mears, Barbara Maynard, John Baxter, Monty Allen, Henry Gauna, and Ted Procter. (Ron Carr Photo)

CAROL AND I had planned to go to San Antonio over the Easter weekend to visit our son Stan, who has lived in the Alamo city since last August.

But some weeks prior to Easter Stan called, and proposed that we wait until the weekend following Easter. "Then we could attend the Billy Graham Crusade--and it might be our last chance to see Billy Graham in person," Stan said.

So, we changed our flight plans. Thanks, Stan: that turned out to be the best suggestion you've come up with in a long time. (He also knew that his dad had been a lifelong fan of evangelist Graham.)

Billy Graham was the idol of my friend (and evangelist) Wayne Bristow. While in high school, Wayne and I teamed and did some "youth-led" revivals in churches around Muleshoe. For a time I hoped to be Wayne's George Beverly Shea--or Cliff Barrows--but I discovered late-on that to pursue such a career I needed a lot better background in music than I had in public school (which was zilch).

With that we had the space (and ability) to describe the Sunday's crusade wind-up. You have no doubt heard the expression that if you go to such-and-such a Christian event expecting a blessing, that you won't be disappointed. The only thing I can say is I must have been expecting this blessing for at least 45 years.

The crusade received excellent coverage in the *San Antonio Express-News*, as well as television. I guess you could say the crusade was San Antonio's Super Bowl.

A total of 721 churches, spanning 49 denominations banded together for the South Texas Crusade. Over 20,000 volunteers have been working for some months, even years, toward the event.

Over 66,000 people crowded into the Alamodome Sunday, which is designed to seat more like 55,000. (The four-day total approached 250,000 in attendance). All of the seats in the stands were packed. The Sunday crowd overflowed onto the stadium floor, and several thousand others watched from nearby HemisFair Park, via big-screen TV.

We started toward the stadium at about 2 p.m., for its 4 p.m. start. The City of San Antonio asked people to park at certain large mall parking lots, and they ran buses to and from the event.

When we got to the stadium, you would have thought that it was the Super Bowl game, and that they were offering free admission (which they did) to the first 60,000 people who could find a seat.

When we discovered that both the first and second levels were completely filled, and that most of the third level was filled, the crowd became somewhat frantic. One lady tripped over a box of programs and went sprawling.

They had special sections for non-English speaking Hispanics, Chinese, Laotians, and one or two other groups. The only way the Ellises got a decent seat was that several of us took seats toward the top of the section that had been roped off for Chinese-speaking attendees.

The mood of Sunday's service, and enhanced by Dr. Graham's message, indicated that many people are hungering for something concrete they can attach their lives to, and as he has done for more than 50 years, Dr. Graham offered Jesus as the answer to people's needs.

"Today's generation has a void in their lives. They are looking for love. Jesus Christ will love you back," Dr. Graham told the audience.

Billy Graham preached (Continued On Page 7)

the production of a one-act-play. The bus was to leave about 9:30 a.m.

Miss Morton cautioned me that we would be back late. She wasn't kidding. I got home at 12:00 midnight.

The group was to meet in the high school auditorium by 9:30 a.m. One by one, as they signed in, Joy Morton gave each one of them \$12 cash meal allowances.

I showed up with camera bag, a bottle of water, and some peanuts.

When the last student had arrived, Morton told the cast that during the afternoon performance, she needed them to "give her back" 30 seconds off the total time of the play.

A one-act-play is allowed 40 minutes. A play that lasts longer than 40 minutes is disqualified.

Also she reminded them that the stage at Wayland was not quite as wide as ours, so watch the timing for entrances and exits.

The fact that the Wayland stage was not the same as Friona's had become painfully clear the previous Thursday.

The group had traveled to Plainview for a scheduled dress rehearsal. Instead of a straight line at the front of the stage, the Wayland stage curves inward on each side.

As the dress rehearsal began, with house lights dark, cast member Gaines Butman took a step and fell into the 8-foot deep orchestra pit.

The impact knocked him unconscious, gave him a bruised head, and a shattered collarbone. After a call to 911, and a trip to the hospitals in Plainview and Amarillo, young Butman was back on stage for Saturday's competition, sore and braced, but ready to perform.

After the accident, the troupe returned to Friona and (Continued On Page 5)



TOP GUNS....Three Eagle Scouts were honored by the Parmer County American Legion Post last week. L-r, Garland Buske, Joe Bob Mann, Tony Williams, & Clinton McCoy. Williams was presented a \$500 scholarship by the Post. He was named top Eagle Scout in Texas by the Department of Texas American Legion. (Ron Carr Photo)

FHS Seniors To Host Steak Dinner

The Friona High School seniors will host their annual steak dinner Sunday, April 20 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the junior high school cafeteria.

All proceeds will benefit the seniors' all night drug free party for graduation. Advance tickets for adults are \$7 and \$5 for children and can be purchased at the bank or from any senior parent.

Tickets at the door are \$8 for adults and \$6 for children.

Stock Show Sale Buyers Recognized

Buyers of sale animals at the 1997 Parmer County Junior Livestock Show auction will be honored at a "Buyer Appreciation" hamburger cookout on Saturday, April 12.

Serving will begin at 7 p.m. at the Friona Community Center.

"We would like to show our appreciation to the buyers for the support they show these youngsters year after year. We invite all buyers and their families to attend the cookout," a spokesperson for the Parmer County Livestock Association commented.

Opry Night Set Here April 25

The Friona Youth Commission will sponsor Opry Night, Friday, April 25 at the Friona Community Center from 7-10 or 11 p.m.

There will be a charge for the barbecue meal. Live bands from local and surrounding areas will perform.

No alcohol or dancing will be allowed. Proceeds will benefit the future Activity Center.



LET'S GO PLAY.....Juan Almaguer and Eric Espinoza lead the one-act-play troupe as they prepare to leave for area one-act-play competition in Plainview last Saturday. See story for details. (Ron Carr Photo)

Women's Group Plans Annual Luncheon April 26

The Friona Chamber of Commerce's Women's Division is holding their spring luncheon Saturday, April 26 at the Friona High School Cafeteria. Those attending are asked to bring a salad or dessert.

Everyone attending will be treated with a style show,

door prizes and coupons from local merchants.

All ladies of the community are urged to attend the luncheon and participate in the fun and fellowship. For further information, contact the Friona Chamber of Commerce at 247-3491.

Baptist Choir To Present Musical April 19 & 20

The Adult Choir from First Baptist Church will be presenting the musical, "God With Us," Saturday and Sunday, April 19 and 20 at 6:30 p.m. each night.

The musical features large banners with the names of Jesus, great solos, duets and a wonderful choir.

"It was God's plan from the very beginning to dwell

with us. He never wanted us to have to work our way into His presence. You will be blessed, not by just the music, but by joining with others as we worship together," said Mark Taylor, music director.

"Make plans now to be here at the First Baptist Church as we celebrate the presence of the Lord," Taylor added.

April Weather: Topsy-Turvey

Naturally, it isn't unusual for the Friona area to have some cold weather in the month of April. Why, as some folks have pointed out, we really hadn't had our "Easter cold spell." Maybe the one we had Wednesday and Thursday (and threatening Friday) was it.

Possibly, what caused the cold spell of this week to "hurt so much," was the fact that we had had so much warm weather for the past month or more.

In March, for example, there were 14 days, about half of the days of the month, when the temperature climbed above 70 degrees, including two days in the 80s. In addition, there were four other days when the mercury reached into the high 60s.

April had produced five days of 70ish temperatures, before things began to plunge on Wednesday.

During the nighttime hours on Wednesday, the temperature climbed gradually, until it was 50 degrees by 8 a.m., and 70 degrees for a high in the early afternoon. After that, things went to pot again, as the bottom fell out in the temperature department.

Helping the situation was the fact that .67 inches of moisture were received this week. Added to the .84 inch that fell the previous week, the moisture for the first ten days of April amounted to 1.51 inches--not a drought-breaker, but definitely an improvement.

Date	Hi-Low
Friday, April 4	62-41
Saturday, April 5	70-42
Sunday, April 6	71-28
Monday, April 7	70-40
Tuesday, April 8	43-26
Wednesday, April 9	50-28
Thursday, April 10	70-29

Spaghetti Supper Set For Saturday

The annual Rhea Hollene spaghetti supper fund raiser will be held Saturday, April 12 at 6:30 p.m. (c.s.t.) at the Rhea Hollene activity center.

Suggested prices are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12, preschoolers are free.

"Bordertown Band" of Texico and Farwell will provide entertainment.

The Rhea homemakers club will be selling raffle tickets for a quilt and pillows they have made.

Everyone is encouraged to attend this annual event.

Shot Dates Are Given For April

Immunization clinics offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases are scheduled for April.

Protection is against polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps and HIB (Haemophilus Influenzae Type B).

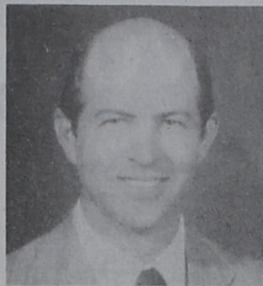
The Texas Department of Health is charging fees to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount of money charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay.

The vaccinations are available at the WIC Office, 704 Main St. in Friona, on Friday, April 18 from 10 a.m.-12 noon and 1-3:45 p.m.

Vaccinations will also be administered at the EMS Office, 109 Third Street in Bovina on Friday, April 25 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.



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STAN McCLENDON

Officers, Directors Named For Golden Spread Co-Op

Billy C. Harbin of Floydada was elected chairman of the board of directors of Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc., following the Annual Meeting of the Cooperative, Monday, March 31.

Harbin succeeds Robert L. Elliott, Jr. of Dalhart. Elliott, who served as chairman from 1991 and as vice chairman from 1984-1991, did not seek re-election.

Harbin is the executive vice president and general manager of Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Inc. and was formerly employed at Lamb County Electric Cooperative as engineering sales manager. He has held the positions of Golden Spread secretary and treasurer and was a member of the audit committee.

Jack L. Perkins was re-elected vice chairman, a position he has held since August 1971. Perkins is the CEO of Tri-County Electric

Cooperative, Inc. at Hooker, Oklahoma.

Gary Hooten of Muleshoe was elected to the position of secretary and treasurer. He is a member of the board of directors of Bailey County Electric Cooperative Association at Muleshoe and has ranching and farming interests in the Muleshoe area.

Stan McClendon, general manager of Greenbelt Electric Cooperative of Wellington, was elected to the audit committee.

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Farwell Teen Is Buried Tuesday



Services for Candace Renee Travis, 17, of Farwell were held Tuesday, April 8 in the Farwell High School Auditorium with the Rev. Beth

Harrington officiating. Burial followed at Sunset Memorial Terrace in Farwell.

Miss. Travis died Saturday in Farwell. She was born November 1, 1979, in Muleshoe.

She was a lifetime resident of Farwell and was a junior at Farwell High School, where she was a cheerleader and involved in basketball, track, golf and cross country.

She also attended Clovis Community College and was a member of Hamlin Memorial Methodist Church. She was a member of the National Honor Society and a member of four National AAU girls' basketball teams.

She is survived by her parents, Terry and Nedda Travis and one sister, Georgina Brea Travis of Farwell.

Also surviving are her grandparents, Jean Travis of Farwell and Georgie Foster of Oklahoma Lane; several aunts and uncles; and numerous cousins.

Pall bearers were her cousins, Monty Foster, Matt Foster, Shannon Foster, Jason Foster, Brandon Foster and Joshua Travis.

Memorial contributions may be made to a scholarship fund to be set up in Miss. Travis' name at Security State Bank in Farwell.

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IN TENNIS

Squaws Qualify For Regional

Friona High School's tennis players had qualified for two singles spots, and were hoping for a girls' doubles spot at the Star's press time.

Sarah Hendley and Alicia Baker both qualified for regional, as the duo ended up playing the championship match in girls' doubles.

Miss Hendley def. Melissa Turner, Dimmitt, 6-0, 6-2; def. Janie Lefevre, Perryton, 6-3, 6-0, and def. Alicia Baker, Friona, 6-2, 6-1.

Miss Baker def. Beth McDaniel, Dalhart, 6-1, 6-1; def. Val Hall, Perryton, 6-4, 7-6, def. Cambri Lewis, Muleshoe, 7-5, 6-4, before losing her match to Miss Hendley, 2-6, 1-6.

In boys' doubles, J.D. Aronce-Fidel Rodriguez lost to Cunningham-Stallings, Perryton, 1-6, 2-6; Barry Procter-Eric Espinoza lost to Portwood-Portwood, Dimmitt, 4-6, 2-6.

In singles, Jonathan Espinosa lost to Wes Mays, Dimmitt, 7-6, 6-1; Zubin Bhakta def. Ron Hutcheson, Dalhart, 6-3, 6-3; lost to Brad Beck, Dimmitt, 0-6, 0-6; and lost the third-place match to Aaron Faver, Muleshoe, 1-6, 0-6.

In girls' doubles, Shyla Wyly-Christina Santellana def. Marshall-Blackwell, Dalhart, 6-4, 4-6, 6-0; def. Cleavinger-Wood, Muleshoe, 7-5, 4-6, 6-3; and lost to Smith-Symons, Perryton, 3-6, 4-6.

Tiffany Blackburn-Sarah Campbell def. Symons-Tregalles, Perryton, 6-1, 6-4; lost to Doss-Orr, Dimmitt, 1-6, 6-4, 4-6.

The Wyly-Santellana team was facing Blackburn-Campbell on Thursday, with a possible playback for a regional spot.



GOLD VETERAN.....During the Texas Relays in Austin last week, spectators were treated to a race by Olympic gold medalist Carl Lewis, shown here saying hello to Matthew Whiteley.



HOLD STILL ERRONIUS.....Justin Grimsley practices his makeup techniques at the one-act-play area competition in Plainview. He paints facial lines on Gaines Butman, who can't apply his own makeup because of an 8-foot fall into the orchestra pit and a "busted" collarbone. (Ron Carr Photo)

AT AUSTIN, DIMMITT

Track Teams See "Split Up" Action

FHS track and field teams saw action last weekend all the way from Dimmitt to Austin.

Three athletes: Andy Kendrick, Charlie Milner and Whitney Ellis, competed in the giant Texas Relays in Austin, while their teammates were seeing action at Dimmitt.

Kendrick equalled his personal best (and school record) height in the pole vault, 15-6. Although it was his best height for the season, Andy had to settle for a tie for fifth place in the event.

"Andy almost had 15-9 cleared, which would have kept him going, but he just brushed the bar," said his coach, Sid Whiteley.

His cleared height was also that of the third and fourth-place vaulters, so Andy just missed a medal. He can take some solace in the fact that the other vaulters were from much larger schools.

Other vaulters were from Houston Memorial, Tyler Lee, Cypress (Falls), West Vigo and Aransas Pass in Texas, and from Duncan, Oklahoma. Duncan is a city almost as large as Clovis, N.M.

Miss Ellis placed fourth in the 100-meter hurdles, with a time of 16.10. She was just barely edged out for a medal - in fact, just being a split second away from a gold medal.

The girls placing ahead of Miss Ellis were from all sizes of schools. As with all of the high school events, contestants were from all classifications, from B to 5A.

Charlie Milner entered the discus event, but did not make the finals. Only throws of over 160 feet were measured, and Milner could not equal his season's best throw of 165 feet.

At Dimmitt, the varsity boys had wins by Quint Ellis in the 110-meter high hurdles with a time of 14.86, and by Landon Wiseman in the discus at 155-0.



ANDY, YOU'RE SO CUTE.....Andy Kendrick cozied up to the coach's daughter during the Texas Relays in Austin last week. Kyndall Whiteley, daughter of track coach Sid Whiteley, wishes Andy luck in the pole vault.

Jeff Hamilton placed third in the pole vault with a height of 11-6.

Aaron King placed second in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.7, and Ellis placed third in the 300-meter hurdles in 42.82.

Other Chieftain marks included: discus: Daniel Wiseman, 126-11, Ellis, 123-0; shot put: L. Wiseman, 38-0; D. Wiseman, 39-0.

The varsity Squaws had a win by Amanda Pope in the triple jump, at 35-7. Miss Pope also placed second in the long jump with a leap of 15-4.5, and placed third in the 100-meter dash in 13.27.

Diamond Aguirre placed second in the 200-meter dash with a mark of 28.09.

The JV Chieftains placed second as a team with 79 points.

Matthew Kendrick won the 400-meter dash with a time of 54.4.

Noel Grajeda won the 800-meter run with a mark of 2:14.27.

Jeff Rando won the long jump with a leap of 18-5.

Otherwise, Tony Williams was second in the discus at 128-4; Rando was third in the triple jump at 38-7; Justin Daniel was second in the high jump at 5-8, and also placed third in the 110 hurdles at 17.3.

Landon Martin was fourth in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 46.52; J. Allen was sixth in the triple jump at 37-0; J. Smith was fifth in the 110-meter hurdles in 17.6.

Friona's 400-meter relay team placed fourth with a time of 48.06. Team members were Allen, Kendrick, Rando and Daniel.

The JV's 1600-meter relay team placed fifth. This foursome was made up of Kendrick, Grajeda, Wiseman and Rando.

Other marks by the JV team included:

Discus: C. Centeno 106-0; K. Wiseman, 98-6; shot put: Centeno 34-6; T. Williams 34-0; 100-meter dash: Allen, 13.06; 400-meter dash: Rando 58.0; 300-meter hurdles: J. Smith, 50.3.

FHS Netters Win Honors In Tourney

Friona High School's tennis team had some good results at the Lovelland tournament April 4-5.

Tiffany Blackburn-Sarah Campbell won the third place trophy in girls' doubles, and Christina Santellana-Shyla Wyly won the consolation championship.

Results tabulated by Coach Mario Martinez were:

BOYS' DOUBLES: J.D. Aronce-Fidel Rodriguez def. Pritchard-Ruthard, Whiteface, 8-0, lost to Gurierez-Martinez, 5-8.

BOYS SINGLES: Zubin Bhakta lost to Justin Lee, Muleshoe, 7-9; def. Ben Johnson, Whiteface, 8-2; lost to Sid Hill, Lubbock-Trinity, 3-8.

GIRLS' SINGLES: Alicia Baker def. Julie Adrian, Muleshoe, 8-1, lost to Cathy Cryer, Frenship, 5-8.

GIRLS' DOUBLES: Christina Santellana-Shyla Wyly def. McCasland-Cano, Whiteface, 8-2; lost to Bell-Minchow, Denver City, 2-8; def. Ruiz-Perez, Meadow, 8-0; def. Rodriguez-Valentine, Brownfield, 9-8; def. Wolf-Fehr, Seminole, 8-1. (Consolation title).

Tiffany Blackburn-Sarah Campbell def. Kilmer-Crawford, Frenship, 8-1; def. Hooker-Woolsey, Denver City, 8-0; def. Yowell-Hardy, Brownfield, 6-2, 6-0; lost to Grace-Chenault, Anton, 2-6, 2-6; def. Urnosky-Urnosky, Frenship, 7-6, 6-2.

FHS To Perform Play Sunday

The Friona High School drama class would like to invite everyone to their production of "A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum," Sunday, April 13 at 4 p.m. in the Friona High School Auditorium.

A dessert supper will follow the free performance. Tickets for the supper are \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

One-Act Play Cast: Resilience In Action

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performed a dress rehearsal here Thursday night. Then on Friday, they went back to Plainview for another dress rehearsal.

When I asked Miss Morton what happened if an actor was unable to perform at the last minute, she said the crew members were also backup actors. Most know more than one part.

Heather Martin filled in for Gaines Butman during the pre-contest rehearsals.

After loading costumes, props, music stands, makeup, and coolers of soft drinks, bus driver Glendel Jones pointed us toward Plainview at the legal school bus speed limit of 50 mph.

The young thespians migrated to the back of the new, comfy, utility bus, leaving coach Morton, her niece, 5th grader Sarah Widner, and me, up front to keep an eye on Glendel's driving.

Coach Joy Morton has been an English and drama teacher at Friona High School for more than 30 years, since the "other" Coach (James) Morton was a mere lad.

While her drama groups have reached the "playoffs" in the numerous times over the years, in 1975 she took a play to the state finals. She said it was titled "Aesop's Fables".

Some of those 1975 cast names might be familiar: Pattijon Talley, Gary Stone, Phillip Duggins, Carol Bavousett, and Jeanine Jarboe.

Her niece, Sarah, in fifth grade this year, is quite a drama enthusiast and participant in the summer drama workshops. She is campaigning for "Aunt Joy" to continue teaching drama until she reaches high school.

At the Wayland campus, each participating school was assigned a dressing room area. Friona was quartered in the television studio, amid a conglomeration of couches, tables, chairs, and spotlights.

The students unloaded the bus, grappling with the wind's attempts to sweep the costumes into the neighboring county. Each actor had their own hand decorated makeup box.

When the bus was unloaded, it was only 12:00 noon. Friona's play was scheduled for 4 p.m. Muleshoe was up first, at 1:00 p.m., followed by

Vernon, Lubbock Cooper, then Friona, Bowie, and Seminole. The students were in general agreement that they didn't want to be first or last. Most seemed pleased that they had drawn the number four position.

They passed the time with impromptu versions of a TV talk show, complete with questions from the "audience." Home packed lunches, soft drinks and cookies whiled away more minutes.

The entire cast attended the 1:00 p.m. Muleshoe play. After it was over around 2 p.m., the group began the makeup and costume process for the third time in three days.

Each school is responsible for the set-up and tear down of their own sets. About ten minutes is allotted for each process, with the 40 minutes in between for the play.

Friona's team consisted of 15 actors and 7 crew members. Crew members helped with makeup, hairstyling, setting up the scenery, etc.

In this contest there was only one judge. He was a college drama teacher from Corpus Christi, who sat alone in a roped off area in the center of the front section, with a small table and a reading light. It was the only light in the auditorium outside of the stage lighting.

When the judge entered the auditorium, the room became quiet and the play began. As soon as a play ended he left the room, always with an escort supplied by the university.

By 3 p.m., most of the Friona actors had changed to costume. Each was before a mirror, applying stage makeup or curling hair, mostly with the help of a teammate.

Because the play was set in ancient Roman times, the 21st century teenage hairstyles had to be slicked, parted, and combed into more of a Roman ruin style.

Spirits were high as the 4 p.m. curtain time approached. Voices were warmed up and final prop details and line rehearsals were done.

The university official escorted each school backstage at the appointed time. Since the "Forum" setting required three "houses" as props, there was a flurry of screens, curtains, steps, and benches to create the old Roman street scene.

"A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum" is a very fast paced comedy, with almost constant actor movements on and off the stage, in and out of the houses.

It requires rather precise timing of movement and spoken lines, allowing for audience laughter too, which can throw off the timing, or result in spoken lines that the audience misses due to the laughter.

Both of these issues, playing to the audience and timing of lines would become a factor in the judging.

To me it was an excellent performance. Very funny. Contrary to the other schools' more serious themes, the audience was in constant laughter participation during Friona's 40 minutes.

Much of the physical action required slapstick precision. Facial expressions and spoken inflections were very well done by everyone.

When the play was finished, Friona was definitely the crowd's favorite. The buzz among the crowd and the other schools was that Friona was a cinch to advance.

Unfortunately, the sole judge had a different opinion. The final school, Seminole, finished about 7 p.m. but the day was not over for these youngsters.

At 7:20 p.m., with all casts gathered in the auditorium, awards for the days contest were presented. Eric Espinoza and Blaire Jones were selected as honorable mention all-star cast.

Justin Grimsley, the stage leader, was selected to the all-star cast.

The best play? Well, that went to Seminole, the sixth and last performer of the day. Best actor went to the young man from Seminole who played Henry David Thoreau.

In what seemed to be a surprise to everyone, Bowie was selected as the other group to advance to next week's regionals.

Were the Friona Players disappointed? Yes, of course they were. It was a long year and they overcame some major obstacles along the way.

The judge critiqued each school. He told the students that they did an excellent job under the circumstances. He criticized for lack of contrast



BRING US LUCK.....One-act-play troupe members relax and try to conjure up good luck in Plainview for the area competition. Jennifer McDonald, Leslie Fangman, Heather Martin, and Sherri Jubay entertain Goofy and Norman, their good luck mascots. (Ron Carr Photo)

in some of the comedy scenes.

Some words and lines, he said, were lost to the audience. More timing. Some jokes were very fast. Too fast, he said.

They needed to work on their pacing, and play more to the audience instead of each other, he said.

The pros who have been around drama competition for a long time, say that with a different judge and a different day, all the results would have been different.

We left the campus about 8:30 p.m. The troupe trooped to the Cotton Patch to eat supper. Finally, my peanuts and water had run out long ago.

The long day began to show. All the kids were orderly, polite, and definitely hungry. Chicken fried steaks, salads, vegetables, and big slices of pie paraded around the table where waiters were doing their best to keep up with 25 separate checks.

We left for Friona shortly after 10 p.m. The youngsters were tired, but not ready to sleep.

I found a place up front and did some serious dozing.

Chieftain Band Golf Tourney Set April 19

The Friona Chieftain Band Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, April 19 with a shot gun start at 8:30 a.m. The format is a two-person scramble.

Entry fee is \$35 which includes cart, green fees and Mulligan. Caps purchased by Friona Motors or visors purchased by Tolzien Music will be given to each participant in the tournament.

Prizes for landing on the green on hole #7 are as follows: one car wash donated by Scott Oil Change and Wash, \$15 gift certificate from First Printing Office Supply and two \$10 gift certificates from A to Z Tire, all of Hereford.

Amarillo businesses making donations include:

Officers Named For AHA Group

Ten persons were present for the Tuesday noon meeting of the Parmer County chapter of the American Heart Association at Headquarters Restaurant.

Newly-elected officers are Floyd Reeve, president and Danny Fiel, vice-president.

Plaques were presented by Debbie Wright, director. John Blackwell received the outgoing president's award; Mary Johnston received the educational award and Field received the new member award.

A report on the appreciation of many cardiologists of the research which is being financed by the American Heart Association, was given by Ms. Wright.

Those attending were Dana Hendrix, paramedic, who is the director of emergency services for the City of Friona; Emily Green, Vergil Ichtarez, John Blackwell, June Floyd, Floyd Reeve, Homer and Frankie Lindeman, Debbie Wright and Mary Johnston.

The next meeting of this organization will be in September.

\$15 gift certificate from Bennigan's, \$15 gift certificate from Western Sizzlin' Steak House, two Golden Choice Buffets donated by Golden Corral, \$10 gift certificate from Cattle Call, one putter from Cliff Cook Golf Equipment and one lady's golf shirt from SWBYP's.

Other area merchants making donations include a satin jacket donated by Made to Order in Lorenzo and three sleeves of golf balls, tees and markers donated by Chris Rhea from Chick-Fil-A.

Friona businesses were once again very generous with their donations for the tournament. Those businesses making donation include: Ingram's Department Store; one music box, three large and two small candles, two solid brass picture frames, one Victorian picture frame, five gold-plated golf balls and one bath sponge.

Bi-Wize Health Mart: one juice extractor, one 18" electric griddle, one lady's watch, one clock radio and one man's watch. Friona Ladies Golf Association: one pen/knife set and one sleeve of golf balls. State Farm Insurance: five road atlases. Pappy Jack's: two dozen donuts.

White's Video and Wilhelm's Video: two free movie rentals each. Back to Country, a new business in Friona, donated one large pizza. Friona Heating and Air donated furnace service with filter and An Added Touch donated two large scented candles. A-1 Service Center: one oil change with filter.

Sonic offered two chicken strip dinners and Tasty Cream donated two burgers, fries and drinks. The Headquarter's Restaurant has donated two Sunday buffets. Hero's Allen, one t-shirt.

This list does not include the cash that is also available. Those making cash donations for #7 include: Western Clarklift & Supply of Amarillo; Mechanical Techniques, Edward Jones, First American Bank, all of Hereford; and Friona businesses: B&S Cellular, Property Associates, Friona Texas Federal Credit Union, Kendrick Oil Company, Parmer County Pump Company, Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home and Hurst Real Estate.

A concession stand, sponsored by D.L.'s Thriftway and the students in the band, will be made available at the tournament.

Prizes will be awarded for places 1-6 in three flights. If you are interested in participating, please call Janis Polson at 247-2788 or 247-2010 before April 17.



OFF TO COLLEGE.....Eagle Scout Tony Williams, elected top Eagle Scout in Texas by the Texas American Legion, received a \$500 scholarship from the local American Legion Post, presented by Joe Bob Mann.

Lee Roy Capps' Rites Conducted In Bovina

Funeral services for Lee Roy Capps, Jr., 75, of Farwell-Oklahoma Lane were held Monday, April 7 at Bovina Church of Christ with Cecil Bunch of Clovis and Alfred White of Claude officiating.

Burial was in Sunset Terrace Cemetery in Farwell under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Capps died Friday, April 4 at Palo Duro Nursing Home in Claude.

He was born September 4, 1921 in Groesbeck, Texas. He married Millie Marie Young March 19, 1946 in Littlefield. She died August 28, 1982.

Capps was a member of

the Bovina Church of Christ, where he had served as a deacon. He had lived in Parmer County since 1956, moving from Lamb County. He farmed in the Sudan, Friona and Farwell areas for 50 years. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Gary and JoDell Capps of Panhandle; one daughter-in-law, Brenda Capps of Farwell; one sister, Hazel New of Farwell; and two grandchildren, Ryan and Jason Capps of Panhandle.

He was preceded in death by a son, Roy Craig Capps, in February 1997.

Ex-Friona Resident Buried In Woodrow

Services for Rosario Mendoza Hernandez, 86, of Abernathy were held Tuesday, April 8 at the Northside Baptist Church with the Rev. Joel Perez officiating.

Burial followed at Peaceful Gardens Cemetery in Woodrow.

Hernandez died Sunday, April 6, 1997, at his residence.

He was born August 30, 1910, in Donna. He married Anita Renteria in 1931 in Edinburg. She died April 17, 1967. He moved to Abernathy in 1977 from Friona. He was a member of the New Creation Baptist Church.

Survivors include six sons, Juan of Elsa; Rosario Jr. and Reynaldo, both of Hale Center; Rodolfo of Clovis, New Mexico; Rene of Portales, New Mexico; and Oscar of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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W. Rhodes' Have New Grandson

Richard and Devera Albertson of Lubbock are the parents of a baby boy born Monday, February 24 at 11:48 a.m. in the Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

The couple's new son was named Evan Dial. He weighed seven pounds and was nineteen and one half inches long.

Evan has two brothers, Aaron, 5 and Brennon, 2.

Grandparents are Wayne and Judy Rhodes of Friona and Clarence and Barbara Albertson of Muncie, Indiana.

Great-grandparents are Maybrian Rhodes of Friona, Margaret Albertson of St. Petersburg, Florida and Pauline Haygood of Wharton, Texas.



RIBBON WINNERS---Local artist Carol Ellis took first prize in oil painting this week at the Muleshoe Art Show and received a Merchant's Award at last week's Clovis Art Show in the Clovis Mall. She is shown here with Marie Tidwell of Clovis, third prize winner, and Beth Martin of Littlefield, second prize. The Muleshoe show will be on display at Muleshoe State Bank through April 18.

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Out Here

By RON CARR



World politics are in a mess. Washington has gone haywire. I miss communism.

Last week, Tommy Weemes at Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative and I were discussing my previous column about the death penalty.

Tommy said that there is one country that has a swift and often surprising administering of the death sentence. He said they have gun ports in the cells where a guard can slide a gun in and shoot the offender unexpectedly.

Sometimes, he said, they would simply shoot the killer from behind as they were walking from the court room back to the jail.

Tommy said this kind of swift justice was carried out in Russia. When he said Russia, a light went on for me.

That's what I've been missing. I miss old-fashioned communism. Do you remember what life was like when we had the "reds" to hate. And fear too.

Man, those were the days. Pinkos, commies, dictators. Snarly mean looking guys with deep voices that stood toe-to-toe with the U.S. and threatened us on the 6 o'clock news every night.

Film clips showing thousands of tanks and artillery rolling through Red Square and limos delivering Russian leaders through the Kremlin gates.

They were indeed a world power to be reckoned with and instilled U. S. pride in many of us boys who couldn't wait to grow up and kick a commie.

Who could forget the confrontations between President John F. Kennedy and Premier Nikita Khrushchev. During an address to the United Nations, Khrushchev actually banged his shoe on a table to make a point.

I toured Russia in the late '70s during my travel agent days. Visited cities like Sochi, Odessa, Kiev, and Moscow. Yes, I walked around inside the Kremlin walls, stood in Red Square, viewed Lenin's tomb, and traveled two nights by overnight sleeper train from Moscow to Kiev to Odessa.

It is a vast and beautiful country, all of which, at the time, was owned by the State.

Russian people were not allowed to own real estate. The government owned it all. The government also gave everybody a job and told all students where they would go to college.

To get married, you made an appointment with a state-run bureau, showed up at the appointed time, got in line with other couples, and said your vows. After the ceremonies, the couples placed their wedding flowers on one of the many Russian statues or monuments to honor Mother Russia.

To own an automobile, citizens would routinely have their names on a waiting list for several years. If your family outgrew its living quarters, you had to get permission from the state to move somewhere else and they assigned you a new apartment.

Newspapers, like Pravda, were state owned. The news (remember propaganda?) was whatever the state wanted you to know. There were no advertisements in the state-run newspapers because there was not much in the way of retail merchandise for them to buy.

Did I mention that I also toured Berlin, Germany once upon a time. Remember the Berlin Wall and Checkpoint Charlie?

Along with a tour bus load of airline and travel agent people, we entered communist East Berlin through the checkpoint know as Charlie. It was the most famous entry point into East Berlin.

I remember the "red commie" guards boarding the bus to check each passport, while other guards rolled a mirror underneath the bus to check for illegal smuggling.

Ah, yes, those were the good old days. We could see the enemy back then. We knew who they were and where they were and spent a lot of time bluffing each other.

Well, of course, we finally beat Russia during President Reagan's reign. The wall came down, and Mother Russia broke apart into independent Republics.

The mighty Russian Army is in ruin. Soldiers beg money on the streets, or simply go AWOL and go home.

In the end, we killed them with democracy and capitalism. They are trying to be like us, and it ain't

working. Did you see the recent news reports of citizens marching in protest because they had not been paid in months.

And then there is Boris. Poor old doofus Boris Yeltsin. Party boy Boris, leading a country that doesn't want to be led. Who can forget the film clips of Boris dancing with the rock band. What a pitiful sight.

"I knew Nikita Khrushchev. He was a friend of mine, and Mr. Yeltsin, you are no Nikita Khrushchev."

Well, Bill and Boris, the International Blues Brothers, had a meeting last week. What a heart wrenching story. Boris and his heart surgery. Bill and his knee surgery. Smiling and exchanging tender greetings, comparing ailments.

Agreeing to disagree about NATO. That's great, isn't it? Not accomplishing anything. Not even yelling or banging shoes.

Bill had to hurry home and talk to all those wonderful Middle East leaders again. We keep calling them over here, they smile, shake hands, lie to us and each other, then go home and kill each other some more.

The old saying, "You look like

you've been whipped with an ugly stick" was written in honor of Yassuh Arrowfat, the ugliest and meanest little midget that ever wore a piece of carpet.

Israel's Prime Minister Netan'yahoo, a rather distinguished and well-spoken gentleman, flew over and told Billy Jeff this week that he was determined to do what he wanted to in Israel, in spite of the U.S. or Palestine. So Billy told them we would send 'em some more friendly money right away.

I do miss the Big Red Bear of Russia all right. Kennedy banging his fist and Khrushchev banging his shoe.

All we have today are a bunch of penny-ante international sleaze-balls that throw rocks and shoot rubber bullets and blow up innocent people in cowardly bomb attacks.

The Russians would have never blown up a sidewalk cafe and killed a couple of innocent women. The Russians were real terrorists.

Boy I miss communism. I miss the Russians. I hope they will be back some day. But not until we get a real president.



MR. and MRS. GARY STEVENSON....Barbara Bass and Gary Stevenson were married March 18 in Waileai, Hawaii. The ceremony was performed by Rev. James Brewster of the Ala Lani United Methodist Church, Maui, Hawaii. A reception honoring the couple followed on March 29 at the Friona United Methodist Church. She is the daughter of Estis and Zonah Bass of Friona. Stevenson is the son of the late Earl and Lee Stevenson of Bovina. The couple will reside in Austin, Texas. He is self employed in health care consulting.

Bill's Column.....

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basically the same general message that we've heard him preach since the early 1950s. He doesn't apologize for his Bible-related approach, and he hasn't "spruced up" his format.

One thing Dr. Graham has done, is to include some younger musicians in his crusade staff, and we saw Amy Grant perform a mini-concert prior to the main service. This served as an excellent way to reach young people.

"Today's youth are looking for a leader. They need something positive to follow. Christ is still the answer," Graham said.

Referring to the recent suicides in California, the preacher pointed out that on any given day, 20-30 people (mostly young people) commit suicide in the U.S. "Our country's suicide rate doubles that of the next 25 nations combined," he said.

Chiding residents of today's America, he stated "We are entertaining ourselves to death. The television set is the last thing we turn off when we leave the house, and the first thing we turn on when we return.

When it came time for the evangelist to give his "invitation," we saw a very unusual sight. People were jumping up from their seats and quickly getting into the aisles which led them down from the stands.

My first thought was "Can this many people be so rude as to want to beat the traffic jam; wanting to get out of the stadium first?"

But very soon we saw the

hundreds of people re-emerging on the stadium floor, and going up toward the platform, where members of the crusade team were to receive them.

By the time the crusade leaders called a halt to the service, virtually the ENTIRE stadium floor was filled (almost to an uncomfortable level) by those coming forward. The newspaper on Monday said that over 22,000 commitments were made during the crusade, with probably 7,000 of this number coming forward on Sunday.

We wished that every preacher who has served in the ministry could have seen this sight.

Billy Graham, whose physical abilities are limited somewhat by Parkinson's Disease, took his seat for much of the invitation time, with his head bowed. Then, when he gave his charge and instructions to those making new commitments, a Mexican preacher came to the microphone and interpreted each line for the evangelist.

What a thrill it is, especially in today's world, to see a man who has dedicated his life to God, and has done a remarkable job of "practicing what he preaches," where some in his profession have fallen short.

Mr. Graham, 78 years of age, and two members of his team, George Beverly Shea (himself 88), and Cliff Barrows (who kept his age a secret) have teamed up for almost 50 years--a remarkable accomplishment.

Thanks, Stan. Our "Easter" came a week late, but it was well worth the wait.



FARM AWARD...The Parmer County Soil and Water Conservation District presented its annual Conservation Farmer Award at the Farwell Chamber of Commerce banquet. The award was presented by board member, Troy Christian (left), vice chairman of the district board. Receiving the award are Mark, Greg and W.D. Howard of the Farwell area. They have demonstrated sound conservation of their land and water resources by innovative farming techniques, efficient sprinkler systems, grass corners and apple production ventures.

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9	382	399	337
10	425	425	363
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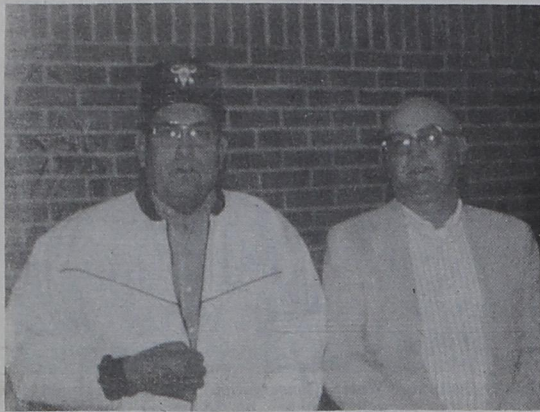
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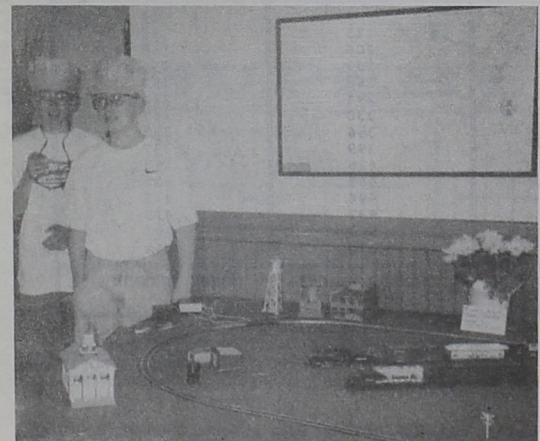
HOW'S YOUR CREDIT?.....At the Friona Texas Federal Credit Union annual meeting, Lee Romo, left, was elected to a 3-year term on the credit committee. Mike Lamb was elected to a one-year term. (Ron Carr Photo)



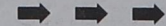
THE ENTERTAINER---The crowds at the Heritage Society's Thursday Luncheons in the Depot are entertained by Cherry Wells as she performs a medley of popular old railroad songs such as "Chattanooga Choo Choo" and "I've Been Working On The Railroad." This year's luncheon theme is "A Day On The Santa Fe."



HISTORICAL FACTS---Judy Cummings is shown giving a historical presentation during the Heritage Society's Luncheon in the Depot. She tells about her experiences when she worked in the Friona Depot back in the 1940s.



TRAIN ENGINEERS---Chance Hudson and Mike Stanberry serve as young engineers to keep the miniature trains running at the Heritage Society's Spring Luncheons in the Depot. The set of old miniature Santa Fe trains were loaned by Stan Ellis. Also a collection belonging to John Gurley is on display. There will be two more of the Thursday luncheons on April 17 and 24.



THIS IS TEXAS COUNTRY....

In more ways than one. The band is Texas Country from Hereford. They entertained the crowd attending the Friona Texas Federal Credit Union's annual meeting. Miss Jo Lytal, center, lives in Friona. Her cousin and uncle also perform with the group.

(Ron Carr Photo)



RELIGIOUS BROADCASTING: 10 YEARS LATER

Televangelists of yesteryear fade from media landscape

By Martha T. Moore
USA TODAY

Heritage USA, the theme park envisioned by televangelist Jim Bakker as a Christian Disneyland, is now a down-at-the-heels property owned by Radisson Corp. The only trace of its former leader is his book in the gift shop.

The title: *I Was Wrong*. The faithful were shocked, and everyone else fascinated 10 years ago this month when the scandal at the heart of Bakker's book broke.

It seemed to have most of the seven deadly sins covered: The TV preacher trysted with church secretary Jessica Hahn and betrayed his wife, the comically overmade-up Tammy Faye. He sold thousands of nonexistent time shares in his theme park, bilking followers of his PTL Network. His fellow TV preachers condemned him and fought over the ruins of his empire, only to be caught up in scandal themselves.

Already followed by millions, Bakker and other televangelists captured the public's imagination as never before.

Or since. Ten years later, there are still preachers on television, from the positive thinking of Robert Schuller, a sometime adviser to President Clinton, to the faith healing of Benny Hinn, recently the subject of a CNN expose. But the outsized figures of a decade ago, with their outsized audiences, are gone. And they're not coming back.

"Televangelism ... is not taken seriously by most Americans anymore," says Stephen Winzenburg, a professor at Grand View College in Des Moines, who has studied Bakker and his empire.

The reasons are both worldly and spiritual.

For one thing, the media landscape has changed with the rise of cable TV. There's more to watch now than there was 10 years ago. So it's harder for any program, not just religious broadcasts, to command truly big audiences. The Family Channel, which carries Pat Robertson's *700 Club*, was a cable pioneer when it was started in 1977. "There was a time when they were one of 20 channels. Now they're one of 250 channels," says Larry Gerbrandt of media research firm Paul Kagan Associates.

Other prominent media figures, such as Rush Limbaugh, who advance a conservative "family values" agenda have helped eclipse televangelists.

Networks have added shows that are more overtly religious, such as CBS's *Touched by an Angel*. For the less reverent, there are other shows on television — daytime talk shows — that offer confessions of sinfulness. And for those who just miss Tammy Faye's mascara, there is *The Drew Carey Show*, a sitcom about a Cleveland office worker and his painted nemesis, Mimi.

"Mimi is the secular version of Tammy Faye," Gerbrandt says. "America needs a blonde with way too much eye make-up somewhere in their TV diet." (In fact, Tammy Faye made an appearance on the show as Mimi's mother.)

Some of the devout who followed televangelists have found other kinds of spiritual nourishment. "I think a lot of people in the evangelical community are pouring themselves into their local churches," says Ralph Reed, director of the Christian Coalition.

"Mega-churches," such as Willow Creek Community Church in South Barrington, Ill., are providing local



In August 1989: TV preacher Jim Bakker is taken for a psychiatric examination after breaking down during his trial. He was later found guilty of bilking his followers.



Confessions: Televangelist Jim Bakker and then-wife Tammy Faye captured the attention of Americans 10 years ago when he admitted he had an affair.



Hahn



Swaggart



Roberts



Robertson



Falwell

Photos by AP

Some pressing on, some 'starting over'

Where the key figures in the televangelist era are now:

► **Jim Bakker** served almost five years on federal fraud charges after bilking PTL followers out of \$158 million. He was released from prison in 1994 and is living on a farm in North Carolina.

► **Tammy Faye Bakker**, now Tammy Faye Messner, divorced Bakker while he was in prison. She married former PTL contractor Roe Messner in 1993; he has since been convicted of federal bankruptcy fraud, and they have both battled cancer. She has appeared on sitcoms and talk shows and has a wig company.

► **Jessica Hahn** lives in Bel Air, Calif., and is hoping to find work hosting a radio show. In the past 10 years,

she has had a radio show, posed for *Playboy* and appeared in movies and on Howard Stern's radio show. Now, she says, she's "starting over, really, literally. It's just me and my dog Priscilla."

► **Jimmy Swaggart** remains on the air. His show is carried on 39 stations, compared with 287 stations covering 98% of the USA before the scandals. In 1994, he settled a defamation lawsuit, for \$1.85 million, brought by fellow televangelist Marvin Gorman. Gorman said Swaggart spread rumors of sexual misconduct to destroy his ministry. It was Gorman who charged that Swaggart had had sex with a prostitute.

► **Oral Roberts** appears on a weekly show, *Miracle Now!*, with his son Richard Roberts, who has taken over much

of the day-to-day operation of his ministry and Oral Roberts University.

► **Pat Robertson** hosts the *700 Club* daily on the Family Channel. He is chairman of International Family Entertainment, its publicly held parent company. Robertson is president of Regent University in Virginia Beach, Va. He founded the politically powerful Christian Coalition and the American Center for Law and Justice, a public interest law firm. His evangelical focus now is on international outreach, spokesman Gene Kapp says.

► **Jerry Falwell** continues to host the *Old Time Gospel Hour* and appear on news programs and talk shows. He is chancellor of Liberty University and pastor of Thomas Road Baptist Church in Lynchburg, Va.

1987: A YEAR OF SIN AND SCANDAL

The televangelist headlines of 1987:

After revelations that he had had a tryst with employee Jessica Hahn and then paid \$265,000 for her silence, Jim Bakker resigned from the PTL Network he founded. He was convicted of defrauding 116,000 followers of \$158 million, largely by overselling time shares at his Heritage USA resort in Fort Mill, S.C. A 45-year sentence was reduced; he served almost five years.

Bakker's transgressions were condemned by fellow preachers Jimmy Swaggart and Jerry Falwell. Bakker accused Swaggart of plotting to take over PTL. Falwell was tapped to run PTL after Bakker's departure but re-

signed after six months.

Also in the news: ► Swaggart was defrocked in 1988 when he confessed that he had sinned and begged for forgiveness. The charge was that he had sex with prostitutes.

► Faith healer Oral Roberts cemented the stereotype of money-hungry TV preachers when he said that God had told him he must raise \$8 million or die.

► And when Christian Broadcasting Network founder Pat Robertson ran for the Republican presidential nomination in 1988, the personal scrutiny common in political media coverage revealed he had married when his first child was on the way.

religious communities instead of the electronic ones offered by TV preachers.

New Christian organizations, such as the fast-growing men's group Promise Keepers, have a similar appeal. The Christian Coalition offers political activists a forum.

After the collapse of PTL, audiences began deserting religious TV shows: Viewership fell from about 10 million viewers a month in 1987 to 7.5 million in 1988, according to Winzenburg.

They took their dollars with them. Donations to the ministry of Jerry Falwell, the Moral Majority founder who briefly took over PTL after Bakker resigned, fell from \$110 million in 1987 to \$85 million in 1988. (Last year's donations totaled \$110 million, the same as a decade ago.)

Being a TV preacher then "was like owning a good savings and loan during Keating days. You just shouldn't own it," Falwell says. "We all got called televangelists."

Now, religious broadcasts draw an

audience of 4.8 million viewers a month, according to Winzenburg, though that figure doesn't include the four religious cable networks.

Pitches for money have become a little more subtle. Viewers are more likely to be invited to call prayer lines, to request free literature and, in the process, to join mailing lists that are then used for direct-mail fund-raising solicitations.

Falwell and Robertson, though less prominent in public life than they once were, are still on television. Neither wishes to be known as a televangelist. Falwell describes himself as a pastor. Robertson's spokesman, Gene Kapp, calls him a commentator.

Schuller, who preaches the power of positive thinking like his mentor Norman Vincent Peale, also declines the moniker. "I'm a pastor," he says.

Statistics on religious broadcasting are hard to come by. But the trade group National Religious Broadcasters includes 257 TV stations with religious formats, one out of every six stations in the country. That's up from 84 stations in 1988.

"Many of the traditional broadcasters are surviving," Gerbrandt says. "I don't think any of them will ever return to where they were when televangelism was really a phenomenon."

Contributing: Lori Sharn and Jack Kelley.

From USA TODAY, Wednesday, March 26, 1997

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CHRISTI CHAPA and STEVEN DICKSON...Mr. and Mrs. Randy Dickson of Friona announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their son, Steven, to Christi Chapa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Steven Garner and Rudolfo R. Chapa of San Antonio, Texas. The couple plans to be married May 31 in the Dallas, Texas Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. They will reside in College Station and continue educational pursuits at Texas A&M University.

FHS-Ex Graduates Magna Cum Laude From Tech

Rene' Noland Bryant, Friona High School graduate of the class of 1982, graduated from Texas Tech in December of 1996, Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelors of Science degree in early Childhood Education.

While at Tech Mrs. Bryant was a member of several organizations including the Westwind Elementary PTA in Frenship, executive board member and membership chairman; the National Science Teachers Association; Texas Association for the Improvement of Reading; Association of Texas Professional Educators; Association for Childhood Education; South Plains Association for the Education of Young Children; Human Science Council; and Candlelighter's, a children's cancer support group.

In addition to belonging to the many organizations, she was also a recipient of numerous honors including Who's Who Among American Universities; Mortar Board National Honor Society; Phi Upsilon Omicron Honor Society; Golden Key National Honor Society; The National Dean's List; President's List; and was the recipient of the Vernon and Elizabeth Haggerton Scholarship.

Rene' is married to Kirk Bryant. Their children are Bo, 7, and Brooke, 3. Her mother is Diana Delisle, also formerly of Friona.

High School Students Named On "All A" Roll

The Friona High School honor roll for the fifth six weeks was released this week by Frank Belcher, principal.

Students making the list include:

ALL A'S
Freshmen--Zubin Bhakta, Adrian Cruz, Jessica Perez, Leslie Reyes, Sandra Rivera, Dale Williams and Kayla Wyly.

Sophomores--Clint Burney and James Evans.

Juniors--Carrie Cox, Sarah Hale, Jeff Hamilton, Perry Hanes, Heath Patterson, Juanita Salinas, Lacy Venhaus and Shyla Wyly.

Seniors--Alicia Baker, Shane Blackburn, Coby Clark, Andrew De La O, Blaire Jones, Sherri Jubay, Greg Lewellen, Amber Martin, Heather Martin, Jacob Rios, Aaron Rivera and Sheila Wiseman.

ALL A'S AND ONE B
Freshmen--Lesli Fiel, Imelda Perez and Kyle Wiseman.

Juniors--Rachel Burleson, Gabe Goodwin, Joni Johnson and Sam Perez.

Seniors--Ruby Aronce, Jamie Cruz, Leander Davila, Monica Davis, Omar Garza, Jennifer McDonald, Cornelio Perez and Jamie Stokes.

ALL A'S AND TWO B'S
Freshmen--Antonio Diaz, Crystal Dow, Jamille Hand and Tyson Neill.

Sophomores--Whitney Ellis, April Pope and Juan Tafoya.

Juniors--Quint Ellis, Aaron King and Vanette White.

Seniors--Steve Arias, Candi Baca, Paulino Balli, Jesus Gallegos, Jason Lytal and Canna Ray.

JH Principal Releases Six Weeks Honor Roll

The fifth six weeks honor roll at Friona Junior High School was released this week by Kevin Wiseman, principal.

Those making the honor list include:

ALL A'S
Sixth grade--Jacob Alvarado, Adam Bandy, Kendra Carr, Andy Carthel, Betsy Clark, Heath Gammon, Amanda Gerles, Holley Hand, Chance Hutson, Raquel Mendez, Corbin Neill, Lindsay North, T.J. Randolph, Joshua Rivera, Ty White, Brian Wiseman and Jeffrey Zamora.

Seventh grade--Porfirio Cardenas, Stephanie Collier, Frank Dominguez, Cara Evans, Jacy Grimsley, Candace Ingram, Felicia Lafuente, Roy Loya, Jennifer Stafford and Amy Terry.

Eighth grade--Josh Burleson, Juan Gonzalez, Tania Hand, Ashlee Hunt, Lynette Jubay, Audra King, Clinton McCoy, Andrew Perez, J'Mae Randolph, Elida Rivera, Charlie Saiz, Kayla Smiley, Veronica Velasquez and Amber Wyly.

ALL A'S AND ONE B
Sixth grade--Randy Baca, Jered Cunningham, Adrian

Delgadillo, Michael Stanberry and Erica Tafoya.

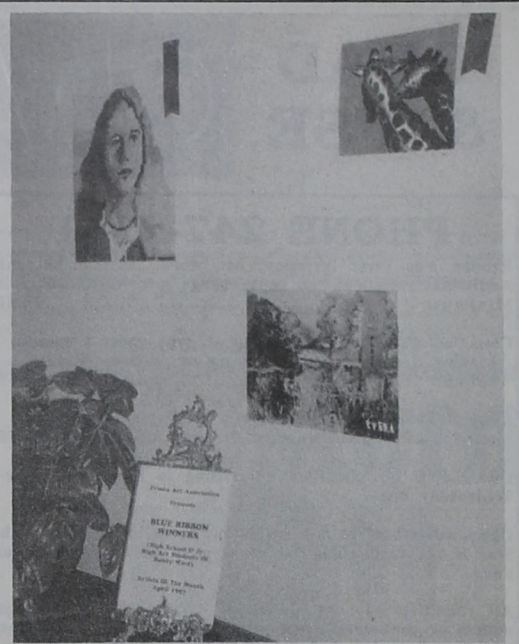
Seventh grade--Alice Allen, Irene Chavarria, Amanda Daniel, Trevor Fields, Guadalupe Juarez and Kelsey Welch.

Eighth grade--Valerie Bandy, Garland Buske, Lupita Corral, Jenny Cunningham, Ruben Diaz, Jena Grimsley, Aaron Hendrickson, Christina Ortega, Sarah Peterson and Cason White.

ALL A'S AND TWO B'S
Sixth grade--Ricardo Coronado, Jose Dominguez, Victor Favela, Cody Grimsley, Lacye Presley, Calvin Shields and Christopher Wiseman.

Seventh grade--Oswaldo Almaguer, Antoinetta Arellano, Jennifer Echevarria, Alberto Monarrez, Esmeralda Ortiz, Timothy Padron and Monica Santellana.

Eighth grade--J'Lond Jarecki, Vanessa Mata, LaFawnda Mays, Olivia Mendez, Diana Tirado and V'Laura Wilcox.



BLUE RIBBON WINNERS....Friona Art Association has announced that the Artists of the Month for April will be the high school and junior high art students of Bobby Wied, who won high honors at the recent Texas Panhandle Invitational Art Show in Amarillo. The blue ribbon winners who will have their work on display in the lobby at Prairie Acres this month are: Jeremy Smith, Dora Ibarra, Rick Coronado, Jennifer McDonald and Evera Andrade.

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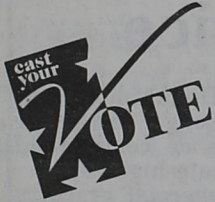
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- Both he and his wife Diana have a high regard for education. Joe has completed his associate's degree through night courses at Eastern New Mexico, and Diana teaches special education at Friona High School.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION

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To the Registered Voters of Parmer County, Texas:
(A los votantes registrados del Parmer County, Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 3, 1997, for voting in a Trustee election, to elect three (3) trustees for three (3) full terms.
(Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m., el 3 de Mayo de 1997 para votar en la Eleccion para elegir tres (3) miembros tres (3) termino completos.)

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES
(Direccion (es) De Las Casillas Electorales)

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

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

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

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning on April 14, 1997.
(entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 4:00 de la tarde empezando el 14 de Abril de 1997.)
and ending on April 29, 1997.
(y terminando el 29 de abril de 1997.)

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

Date (Fecha)	Hours (Horas)
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Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a:)

Karene Cass
(Name of Early Voting Clerk)
(Nombre del Secretario de la Votacion En Adelantada)

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Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on
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April 25, 1997
25 de Abril de 1997
(date) (fecha)

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NOTICE OF HOSPITAL BOARD ELECTION
(requires affidavit of publisher)

To the Registered Voters of Parmer County, Texas:
Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M., May 3, 1997 for voting in a Hospital District Board election for the purpose of electing two (2) board of director members.
Location of Polling Places:
Fire Station-Friona, Texas
EMS Center-Bovina, Texas
Community Center-Rhea, Texas
High School-Lazbuddie, Texas

Absentee voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday in Parmer County Community Hospital-1307 Cleveland Street, Friona, Texas between the hours of 8:30 and 5:00 P.M. beginning April 14, 1997 and ending on April 29, 1997.

Applications for ballots by mail shall be mailed to: Parmer County Community Hospital, 1307 Cleveland Street, Friona, Texas 79035.

Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 25, 1997. Earliest date for submission of application for absentee ballot to be voted by mail is March 4, 1997.

AVISO DE ELECCION HOSPITAL BOARD
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO APPLICANTS

Pursuant to Chapter 116 of the Texas Local Government Code, Notice is hereby given that the Parmer County Commissioners Court will select a depository bank for Parmer County Funds and Parmer County School Funds. Sealed applications must be brought or mailed to Bonnie J. Clayton, County Judge, 401 Third Street, Room 104, P.O. Box 506, Farwell, Texas 79325, to be received no later than 10:00 A.M., Monday, April 21, 1997, at which time all applications will be opened and considered. Please include an original and four (4) copies in your application packet.

Applications may be obtained from the County Judge's office.

The Parmer County Commissioners court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications.

By order of the Parmer County Commissioners Court, Bonnie J. Clayton, County Judge. 25-3tc

Courthouse Notes

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WD, Joe Brito, Hector Chavez, all Lots 11, 12 and 13 and E/pt. of L10 William Ind. Bovina
WD, Robert K. Wilson, Gaylon Rhodes, E35' of L3 all L4 B89 OT Bovina
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Town Talk

By JUNE FLOYD
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The good news this week is that we've had rain. Early Thursday morning of last week gentle rainfall began and continued most of the day. Amounts from six tenths to one and one half inches were being reported. Then, again early Tuesday morning some more rain had fallen but I've not heard any amounts.

The special gleams in the eyes of Granddad and Grandmother Bill and Helen Bailey recently have been the result of becoming grandparents for the first time.

Their newly adopted grandson, whom they plan to call Billy, and his mother, Cheryle, are visiting in the Bailey home. Their son Bill, who lives in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, plans to arrive this weekend then take Billy and his mother home with him.

Our very best wishes go to all the Baileys.

Out-of-town weekend visitors in Friona were Jimmy and Jennifer Hyde of Edmond, Oklahoma, who plan to move here before the end of the month.

The Hydys were houseguests in the home of Thomas and Lisa Reed and children, Shayli, Sawyer and Stetson.

Jimmy will be working as an associate minister with emphasis on the youth with Sixth Street Church of Christ.

Katy Osborn, one of Friona's nonagerians who has been in failing health for several months, was admitted to Parmer County Community Hospital at noon Saturday.

Out-of-town family members who have been here since she was admitted include Robert Hines and Elsie McFarland of Tucumcari; Charlene and Roy Lee Jones of Ruidoso, New Mexico; and Sally Whatley of Amarillo.

Bill and Carol Ellis flew down to San Antonio last weekend to visit their son

Stan Ellis who serves as operations analyst and head of the exceptions processing department at the Norwest Bank Regional Operations Center there.

Stan was recently honored by the corporation as a "Texas Best" nominee at an employee recognition event at the old Leon Springs Stagecoach Station. The group of honorees enjoyed a barbecue dinner and were entertained by several popular recording artists and cowboy musicians.

At the airport in Amarillo, Bill and Carol ran into a former Friona resident, Sharon (Crofford) Mills, who has been a longtime teacher in Canyon's school system. The Ellises had a brief visit with Sharon, who was enroute to Tulsa on school-related business.

On Saturday the Ellises went to Fredericksburg where they ran into a tour group which included Martha Mae Pruitt and her twin sister, which proves that you never know where Friona folks will turn up next. (As a matter of fact, both twins involved had husbands who were pharmacists!)

After checking out a few places of interest in Fredericksburg, the Ellises traveled the bluebonnet trail between there and the LBJ Ranch and enjoyed an afternoon of photographing Texas wild flowers.

Then they were among the 66,000 people who participated in the Billy Graham Crusade on Sunday afternoon at the Alamodome in San Antonio.

Another former Friona girl, Paula Fortenberry Sturm, was in the 5,000-voice choir at the crusade. The Ellises said this was a once-in-a-lifetime experience, and Bill has told us more about it in his "Star Lites" column.

Congratulations are in order for Joy Morton and members of the cast and crew of Friona High School's one act play, "A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum."

Although they did not

place in area competition at Plainview Saturday, everyone with whom I have visited after they had seen the plays, have given rave reviews.

Justin Grimsley was named to the all-star cast and honorable mention honors went to Blaire Jones and Eric Espinosa.

An accident during the Thursday evening practice session in Plainview took away some fun of the performance. Gaines Butman fell and was injured to the extent that it was necessary for him to be hospitalized for a short time having suffered a separated shoulder. However, he was released in time to play his part during the competition.

Leon and Jeffie Talley returned home Friday after a week's absence.

Their first stop was in Lubbock where they visited in the home of their middle son, Troy, and his wife, Nicole, who have recently moved into a new home.

From Lubbock they drove to San Antonio and spent some time before going to Norman, Oklahoma where they visited with Tracey, Suzy, Sydney, Madison and Trent Talley.

Leon reported, "We had a relaxing few days and enjoyed seeing our children and grandchildren."

Jack and Margaret Powell Dumas were Sunday visitors in the home of his mother and sister, Leola Powell and Marlene Hall.

Johne Rule, who lives in Amarillo, was a Monday visitor in the home of his maternal grandmother, Lillie Taylor.

Watson Whaley, who recently had surgery in Amarillo and has been a patient in the rehabilitation center, was dismissed and came home one day last week.

He was admitted to Parmer County Community Hospital a few days later and is making satisfactory progress.

C.L. Lillard has been home from Lubbock several days. he had spent ten days or so as a patient in Methodist Hospital following two major surgeries. At this time he is

convalescing satisfactorily at home.

Lucille Rockey was dismissed from Baptist-St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo Tuesday and admitted to Parmer County Community Hospital.

A report from a friend indicates she is making satisfactory recovery following hip surgery.

Attention Senior Citizens!! This coming Tuesday, April 15, will be the third Tuesday of the month, so you need to keep in mind that it will be the day for the regularly scheduled covered dish noon meal at Friendship House.

Festivities usually begin about 10 a.m. with a game session. A program follows the meal, which is served at noon and an afternoon game session concludes the day.

Zonah Bass, president, joins members in inviting everyone who is interested in attending to do so.

Incidentally, Zonah had eye surgery in Amarillo last week and on Monday reported, "I am doing well and expect to be fully recovered soon."

If you, like me, have been confused by the many different forms of addresses we see for residents of what used to be called "rural routes," read on.

All rural mail customers in the Friona area are being serviced by highway contract and should be addressed to HCR 1, HCR 2, or HCR 3 with the box number following.

This information came from Postmaster Larry Rogers who said, "HCR is proper, but HC will do."

More and more I am convinced that the only constant in our lives is change. When I was small, residents of the rural area of Beckham County, Oklahoma where I lived received mail came addressed to R.F.D. 6.

Later rural routes, which began and ended at the same post office and star routes, which were those between post offices, came into existence. Then, the star routes disappeared and all were rural routes.

Now, in some parts of the country we have to address letters and cards to CO RD, which I have been told stands for County Road, with a

Janet Rector To Appear On Show

The nationally award-winning Big Texas Opry in Amarillo will feature a very talented Friona resident, Janet Rector, on their show, Tuesday, April 15.

She will be joined on the show by Harvey Kinikin, CMAA's "Male Vocalist of 1996," from Dumas, Barbara Collins of Hedley, and Sheldon West, Dr. Ty Cobb, and Gayle Fitzhugh, all of Amarillo.

Janet is the daughter of Larry and Sharon Rector of Friona. She is a 1996 Friona High School graduate.

Janet auditioned at the Big Texas Opry on April 6 and was asked to perform on the April 15 show. "It is the talent and dedication to country music that she, and other Opry entertainers bring to our stage that has made the Big Texas Opry the success it is," said Neoma Nelson, Opry director.

"The Big Texas Opry is pleased to afford the opportunity for these, and other, performers to showcase their talent before a live audience, and hopefully to help them achieve their goals of a career in music," Mrs. Nelson said.

The Big Texas Opry is now in its fifth year. It is the culmination of a dream of Bobby Lee, co-owner of the Big Texan Steak Ranch in Amarillo.

It is a tribute to his efforts to bring this family entertainment to the area

that the Big Texas Opry was named 1996 "Opry of the Year" at the CMAA's Awards Show in Las Vegas in November.

Also capturing top awards at this show were Harvey Kinikin, Dumas, who won his "Male Vocalist of the Year" award and Sharla Lee Hayes of Amarillo won the prestigious "Rising Star" award, the same award won by Lee Ann Rimes just two years ago.

"It goes without saying the great pride we have in these talented performers, and the honor bestowed on the Big Texas Opry by our peers," said Mrs. Nelson.

Another Big Texan Opry performer, Dino Valverde is skyrocketing to the top, having just signed with Warner Brothers and "Fiesta Texas". He will be touring with "Fiesta Texas" and appearing at such places as Disneyland, San Antonio and Six Flags.

"We encourage family, friends and fans to come and support talent from the Friona area who appear on the show. They are prime candidates for future awards and recognition," Mrs. Nelson said.

The show is free with dinner and early reservations are recommended by calling 806-372-OPRY. Anyone interested in performing on the show should contact Mrs. Nelson at the same number for information.

number following. Who knows what will come next? Maybe in a few years we will all be numbered and have no need for names or addresses. Experience is often a very costly commodity that rarely has any resale value.

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ORLANDO RIVERA O. Rivera Participates In Program

By ORLANDO RIVERA
I am the son of Lazaro and Clementina Rivera. I am seventeen years old and am a junior at Friona High School. This is my first year in the Co-op Program. I am currently employed at Millard's Refrigeration.
By working at Millard's, I have an opportunity to enhance my working skills. I enjoy working at Millard's. I hope that in the near future it will help me become a dependable and responsible worker.
I would like to thank Tony Wiltgen for giving me the opportunity to work at Millard's Refrigeration and Alan for training me on the job. Also, a special thanks to Mr. Bronniman for giving me the opportunity to be in his program. Thank you for supporting me.

It's A Boy For Couple

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bailey of Greensburg, Pennsylvania, became parents of a baby boy by adoption last week.
He was born in Fort Worth at 4:29 p.m. Friday, March 28, was twenty-two inches long and weighed seven pounds ten and one-half ounces.
He was named William Gerald.
The baby's grandparents are Bill and Helen Bailey of Friona. Jerry and Carol Grant of Suffield, Connecticut, are the maternal grandparents and Arlene Sarty of Boston, Massachusetts is the great-grandmother.

It's A Girl For Lance Gatlins

Lance and Belinda Gatlin of Fort Worth are the parents of a baby girl, Maddie (Maddie) Taylor.
She was born March 7 and weighed seven pounds, five ounces.
Grandparents are Ron and Myrna Cain of Portland, Carroll and Sue Gatlin of Amarillo and Bill and Bernita Baker of Colleyville.
Great-grandparents are Emily Cain of Corpus Christi and Othelia Bennett of Friona.

Elementary Youths Complete BB Season

The elementary division of the Friona Youth Basketball organization completed its basketball season this week with final games being played in the elementary gymnasium Monday and Tuesday nights.

Trophies were presented to each third and fourth grader after each team's final game.

Fifth and sixth graders will continue with games until April 22.

This week's game results are as follows:

- MONDAY, APRIL 7
ELEMENTARY GYM**
Spurs 15, Celtics 12
S--Chris Carrillo, 2; Kyle Jamerson, 2; Jonathan Nava, 7; Joshua Shelby, 4. C--Matt Gammon, 4; Adrian Rivas, 8. Belles 10, Queen Bees 5
B--Yvonne Vega, 2; Brenda Murphree, 4; Megan Ingram, 2; Katy Welch, 2. QB--Beth Nava, 3; Patricia Mata, 2.
Pacers 14, Raiders 14
P--Hayden Patton, 3; Benjamin Santiago, 1; Ramey Alaniz, 4; Rudy Gonzalez, 4; Will Hughes, 2. R--Pedro Ramos, 2; Steven Abbott, 2; Michal Deaton, 2; Tyler Thurston, 3; Chad Hutson, 5.
JUNIOR HIGH GYM
Pacers 29, Kings 2
P--Brock Field, 6; Adam

- Perkins, 4; Victor Favela, 6; Heath Gammon, 7; Corbin Neill, 6. K--Gabriel Rivas, 2.
**LADY RAIDERS 4,
LADY PACERS 4**
LR--Crystal M. Vega, 4. LP--Holley Hand, 4.
RAIDERS 23, ROCKETS 20
RA--Adrian Flores, 4; Ulysses Solis, 1; Jered Cunningham, 4; Joey Dominguez, 10; Christopher Wiseman, 4. RO--Ruben Alvarado, 2; Jacob Dominguez, 2; Marc Haile, 6; Logan Lacy, 6; Ty White, 4.

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**TUESDAY, MARCH 8
ELEMENTARY GYM**
Lady Lakers 18,
Lady Pacers 4
LL--Samantha Stokes, 4; Trisha Winebrinner, 14. LP--Kristin Butman, 4.
Spurs 11, Lakers 6
S--Jonathan Nava, 7;

- Joshua Shelby, 4. L--Fabian Dominguez, 2; Joel Chavez, 2; Isaac Romero, 2.
Lady Raiders 8, Belles 2
LR--Andrea Gerles, 8. B--Brenda Murphree, 2.
JUNIOR HIGH GYM
Lakers 20, Kings 9
L--Andy Carthel, 4; Andy Garza, 13; Manuel Rodriguez, 2; David Salinas, 1. K--Jacob Miller, 3; Dustin Thompson, 2; T.J. Randolph, 2; Jeff Zamora, 2.
Lady Lakers 14, Belles 10
LL--Amy Murphree, 8; Lacy Presley, 6. B--Stephanie Jones, 2; Kerrie Ryan, 2; Veronica Torres, 6. Celtics 21, Spurs 14
C--Juan Chico, 4; Mark Silva, 2; Adam Bandy, 8; Cody Snyder, 1; Jesus Trejo, 6. S--Jason Gutierrez, 2; Emmanuel Vega, 2; Cody Grimmsley, 4; Bruce Ramos, 4; Marko Garcia, 2.

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There's another safety issue to consider, too. At the higher elevations of ski slopes, the sun's ultraviolet rays can be especially dangerous. Be sure that your goggles offer sufficient protection against both UVA and UVB. Best bet for the high-glare conditions on the slope are "special purpose" lenses that block at least 99 per cent of UVB and 92 per cent of UVA.

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