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Nothing says agriculture quite like a Panhandle sunset silhouetting a lone tree and some old farm buildings. March 18-24 is National Agriculture Week.

National agriculture week March 18-24

By Todd Staples, Texas Agriculture Commissioner

The commerce of agriculture does not only involve those who plant and harvest crops or tend livestock. The industry may begin with growing and producing food, fiber and other agricultural commodities, but it ends with almost everything we eat, wear and use. We all depend on the tradition and heritage of American agriculture. The agriculture industry provides most of life's necessities—food, fiber, clothing and shelter.

National Agriculture Week, which this year runs March 18-24, is an annual event to honor the hard work and dedication of farmers, ranchers and producers involved in agriculture across the nation. National Agriculture Day occurs every year on the first day of spring, so on March 21, we recognized agriculture for providing safe, abundant and affordable products, a strong economy, a source of renewable energy, and a world of job op-

portunities. But the entire week is an occasion to show appreciation for our farmers and ranchers and to acknowledge the increasing importance of agriculture in our world today.

American farmers and ranchers work harder now than ever before, and it shows. Agricultural crops rank as our nation's top exports, and each American producer feeds more than 129 people with their production.

Texas has a rich heritage of farming and ranching. Agriculture remains our state's second-largest industry, employing nearly one out of every seven working Texans, and the food, fiber and horticulture industry generates about \$73 billion a year for the Texas economy. Although the percentage of people directly involved in agriculture production has declined, the impact and influence farming and ranching have on the growth and development of this state is undeniable. This heritage of farming and ranching is a legacy that has permeated every profession of our state.

Agriculture offers careers in biochemistry, communications, computers, engineering, processing, research, banking, animal

health and livestock pharmaceuticals, just to name a few. Also beyond growing and processing, farmers and ranchers continue to explore technological innovations such as precision farming, drip irrigation, optical scanners, robotic harvesters and

biofuels production.

It is easy to take for granted America's abundant, reliable and affordable supply of food. This is why we must recognize the rich heritage that makes all this possible, and express gratitude for those who have a hand in

almost everything we eat, wear and use. The stewardship of farmers and ranchers ensures a substantial resource base for future generations. Please join me in thanking our farmers and ranchers for their dedication to agriculture.

New Director of Business Development at PCCH

Parmer County Community Hospital is pleased to introduce Helen Carroll as the Director of Business Development. Carroll joined PCCH in February and comes to us from Portales, New Mexico.

She is a graduate of Eastern New Mexico University in Portales with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication with an emphasis in Public Relations. "This position is ideal for me," Carroll said. "It not only utilizes all the skills I obtained in college, it also gives me an opportunity to be part of an exciting time for Parmer County and PCCH."



Helen Carroll
Director of Business Development
Parmer County Hospital

Carroll has an extensive background in sales and marketing. Her most recent experience was with the Clovis News Journal as an advertising executive.

Lance Gatlin, PCCH administrator said, "Carroll possesses a wealth of advertising and public relations experience. We are excited about the skills and potential she brings to our management team at PCCH. She will play a vital role in the months ahead as we construct a new facility and expand the services available to our patients in Parmer County and the surrounding areas in Texas and Eastern New Mexico."

Ag Week Fact Sheet: Texas packs a punch

- Texas is the second-largest agricultural state in the United States, accounting for about 7 percent of the total U.S. agricultural income.
- The food, horticulture and fiber industry is the second-largest industry in the state and generates \$73 billion a year for the economy, or approximately 9.5 percent of the state's total gross state product.
- Eighty percent of the land in Texas is in some form of agricultural production.
- Ninety-two percent of Texas' agricultural operations are still run by individuals or families.
- Agriculture employs one out of every seven working Texans.
- Texas ranks first in the nation in the number of cattle and calves, accounting for 14 percent of the U.S. total. Texas also ranks first in the number of cattle operations and the value of all cattle and calves.
- Texas is the top producer of cotton, hay, sheep, wool, goats, mohair and horses. The state's top crops also include vegetables, citrus, corn, wheat, peanuts, pecans, sorghum and rice.
- Texas is one of the leading exporters of agricultural commodities. Texas' top agricultural exports are live animals and meat, cotton and cottonseed, feed grains and products, hides and skins, wheat and products, and feeds and fodder.
- Each Texas farmer grows enough food and fiber for 129 people in the United States and abroad.
- The Texas Department of Agriculture's Family Land Heritage Program has recognized more than 4,200 farms and ranches in 232 counties for being maintained in continuous agricultural operation by the same family for 100 years or more.

'Blood Wedding' one-act play presents public performance

The admission is free and the talent is terrific. The Friona High School thespians will present their one-act play dress rehearsal performance in the high school auditorium at 7 p.m. Tuesday March 27. The public is invited.

The one-act play members have been working hard on the play for UIL contest competition. This year's production is entitled "Blood Wedding", a drama about a mother and son and his approaching marriage. The play is set in southern Spain during the 19th century in a time when honor and pride were a major priority.

With characters such as Moon, Death, and Fate, the drama will no doubt be intense. One-act plays are judged in many areas of the performance, one of which is time. The plays are limited to 40-minutes. Once again, the admission is free so come and enjoy what promises to be a wonderful play.

This year's cast members include: Blair Smiley, Miranda Williams, Chris Haile, Deirdre Johnston, Aaron Hand, Meghan Hendrickson, Perla Guerrero, Jordan Jamerson, Hannah Stovall, Ryan Geries, Kathleen Wyly, Hollis Gurley, Paige Herbert, Victor Parra, and John Torres.

The lights, stage, and sound crew are Julie Echevarria, Chance Lewellen, Allison Jones, Alex Gurley, Corinne Hinton, Alex Ferguson, and Jordan Monroe. The director is Erika Montana.

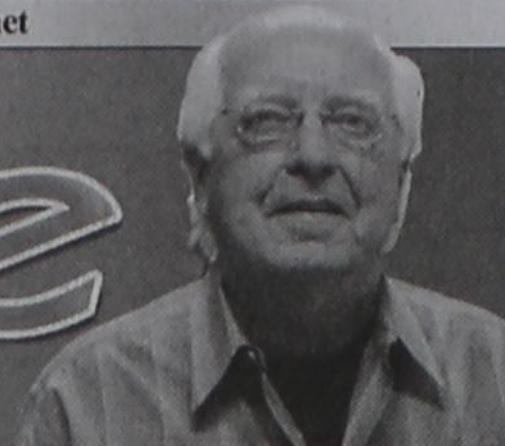


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The one-act play cast and crew will present Blood Wedding Tuesday March 27 at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Admission is free. District UIL one-act play competition is in Tulia Friday March 30. At left are, l-r, Paige Herbert, Hollis Gurley, Deirdre Johnston, Perla Guerrero, and Kathleen Wyly.

Out Here

By Ron Carr



bluetooth, a tub of cold beer, and funny headlines

Somehow the word bluetooth became a part of the vocabulary before I had even heard the term. Not that it would have mattered if I heard the term or not, I still can get along quite well without bluetooth, whatever that is.

It has something to do with wireless communication that can pick up signals from outer space as well as from the Internet coffee shop. They say if you have bluetooth in your car you can talk on your cell hands-free. The other day a friend of mine had a really ugly contraption sticking out of his car. It looked like a genetic growth, a big wart that was about to explode, or a really cheap hearing aid.

He said it was his bluetooth connection to his cell phone service. Now I am a pretty important guy myself but carrying my cell phone in my pocket pretty much works for me. No matter how much more important I get you can't make me stick one of those ridiculous blobs of metal on my ear. It may save you time and money and keep you connected but hey, you still look pretty dumb.

Did you read about the latest New Mexico law in the land of dumb laws. If the New Mexico state House gets its way, convenience stores in New Mexico can no longer put out tubs of ice-cold single beers. It is the same state that attempted to prohibit airlines serving New Mexico from selling booze on flights destined for New Mexico.

Miguel Garcia, a Democrat representative from Albuquerque, said the ready access to cans of cold beer makes it easier for underage or intoxicated people to "get hold of it." Instead of "getting hold" of one beer, booze customers will just have to mosey back to the freezer and "get hold of" a 20-pack. It seems to me if an underage drinker "gets hold of it" they still have to get out of the store with it.

Here's some good news: postage is going up to 41-cents in May but some combinations of postage are going down. Then there is the new "forever" stamp which simply means if you have a bunch of 41-cent stamps the next time they raise postage rates you can still use them up. Check with the post office if you are confused.

I don't usually reprint stuff off the Internet or mushy stuff people send me. I would rather write my own stuff. But in this case I am breaking my own rule. I had a phone message on my desk from local dentist Dr. Jon Mack Roden. That's scary when you get a phone call from your dentist except I don't have any teeth he can work on so I called him back.

In a dental magazine they had published a list of Actual Newspaper Headlines and he had made me a copy. Words can be tricky. These headlines prove the point. Thanks Jon Mack. You saved my bacon this week because I was pretty close to running out of things to say. Here are some Actual Newspaper Headlines:

- *Something went wrong in jet crash, expert says
- *Police begin campaign to run down jaywalkers
- *Typhoon rips through cemetery; hundreds dead
- *New study of obesity looks for larger test group
- *If strike isn't settled quickly it may last a while
- *Panda mating fails; veterinarian takes over
- *Man struck by lightning faces battery charge

- *Juvenile court to try shooting defendant
 - *Cold wave linked to temperatures
 - *Two Soviet ships collide, one dies
 - *Miners refuse to work after death
 - *Two sisters reunited after 18 years in checkout counter
 - *Enraged cow injures farmer with ax
 - *Killer sentenced to die for second time in 10 years
 - *Man minus ear waives hearing
 - *Red tape holds up new bridge
 - *New vaccine may contain rabies
 - *Stolen painting found by tree
 - *War dims hope for peace
 - *Teacher strike idles kids
 - *Steals clock, faces time
 - *Safety experts say school bus passengers should be belted
- Hope you enjoyed them. Thank you again Dr. Roden. See you all back here next week I hope.

commentary

No answers.....?

Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was quoted in USA Today: "If all of you gather and also invite your ancestors from hell, you will not be able to stop the Iranian nation."

The war in Iraq and the conflict in the Middle East and the threat of terrorism is a long way from Parmer County. We are not much of a target for a direct hit from terrorists. But that statement from Ahmadinejad points out the mindset we are up against.

We're not so worried about the effect on us older folks as we are about the future of our children and grandchildren and what the jihadists and radical Muslims have in store for our future generations.

Politicians talk about victory in Iraq but they never explain how we common Americans will know when victory is achieved. How will anybody know? The so-called "insurgents" will just come walking up a dusty Iraqi street waving a white flag? There are those who say, and the Bush administration disagrees, that the invasion of Iraq has actually created more terrorism in the world. I believe that.

Whether you are a Bush backer or a Bush basher, the truth is that we were lied to about Iraq and should have never invaded the land in the first place. Now, there is no good way out of the mess. The Middle East mindset does not allow for any sort of victory over there. At some point in everyday business or personal affairs it is necessary to "cut our losses" and get out of the deal.

If anyone has a good answer to the Iraq situation Washington, D.C. would like to hear from you. In the meantime go back and read the first sentence of this commentary and realize we have a big problem in America. What we need are politicians that care more about us than about themselves and that can begin to give us good answers to assure the future of our children and grandchildren before it is too late.

Kay Bailey calls Chavez messianic

By Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

When President Bush embarked on his recent five-nation tour of Latin America, he entered a region that has become more important to our national security than at any point since the Cold War. Back then, Latin America was a vital front in the fight against communism, and if recent events are any guide, it could become equally important in the war on terror.

A fresh wave of authoritarianism—fueled by petrodollars, populism and anti-Americanism—has cast a dark cloud over the future of freedom in our hemisphere. In order to deal with this emerging threat, we need to dust off the Cold War playbook and become increasingly active in helping our friends to the south.

The problem starts (but doesn't end) in Venezuela, a nation that once enjoyed a 50-year democratic tradition, but is now in the early stages of a dictatorship. Venezuela's messianic president, Hugo Chavez, has basically become a power unto

himself. Earlier this year, elected representatives abdicated their responsibility and gave the Venezuelan leader the sweeping power to rule by decree for 18 months so he can impose sweeping economic, social and political change.

These dictatorial powers would be alarming in anyone's hands, but they're particularly dangerous in the hands of Mr. Chavez. The strongman rules an oil-rich nation that exports 1.1 million barrels of oil to the United States per day, which amounts to 14 percent of our total oil imports. Mr. Chavez has already colluded with other OPEC nations to raise oil prices, and when he rationalizes multi-billion dollar crude projects in the Orinoco Belt, there's a risk that prices could jump again.

This could have a severe impact on the pocketbooks of American families and small businesses. According to some economists, every time oil prices rise by 10 percent, on average 150,000 Americans lose their jobs. Mr. Chavez has used his

nation's windfall oil profits to buy political support at home and stir trouble abroad. He has said that Venezuela has a "strong oil card to play on the geopolitical stage" and "it is a card that we are going to play with toughness against the toughest country in the world, the United States."

In his struggle against U.S. "imperialism," Mr. Chavez has found a useful ally in the world's largest state sponsor of terrorism—the government of Iran. He is one of the few leaders to publicly support Iran's nuclear weapons program, and the Iranian mullahs have rewarded Mr. Chavez's friendship with lucrative contracts, including the transfer of Iranian professionals and technologies to Venezuela. In January, Mr. Chavez and Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad revealed plans for a \$2 billion joint fund, part of which will be used as a "mechanism for liberation" against American allies. This could help achieve Mr. Chavez's vision, shared

in an earlier meeting with Mr. Ahmadinejad, when he said, "Let's save the human race; let's finish off the U.S. empire."

Mr. Chavez has grown bolder by interfering in the elections of several Latin American countries, and his brand of revolutionary politics has made gains in some of them. Bolivia's newly elected president, Evo Morales, has nationalized the energy industry, rewritten the constitution and promised to work with Mr. Chavez and Cuban dictator Fidel Castro to form an "Axis of Good" to oppose the United States.

Perhaps most ominously, the former Soviet client Daniel Ortega has returned to the presidency of Nicaragua. During the 1980s, Mr. Ortega ruled his country with an iron fist until U.S.-backed freedom fighters ousted him from power. Nicaragua's democracy prospered for the next 16 years, but now he is back. In response to the Ortega victory, Mr. Chavez chanted, "Long live the Sandinista revolution!" Then, in his first week as president, Mr. Ortega met with Iran's Mr. Ahmadinejad, and told the press that Nicaragua and Iran "share common interests and [have common] enemies."

Left unchecked, Messrs. Ahmadinejad and Chavez could be the Khrushchev-Castro tandem of the early 21st century, funneling arms, money and propaganda to Latin America, and endangering that region's fragile democracies and volatile economies. If the two pariahs succeed, the next terrorist training camp could shift from the Middle East to America's doorstep.

We need to face reality and confront this threat head-on. At the pinnacle of the Cold War, Ronald Reagan seized the initiative and repulsed Soviet efforts to set up camp in our hemisphere. The Gipper's leadership should serve as a model in thwarting the advance of tyranny and terrorism in our times.

We should build new bridges to our friends in the region—pressing forward on free trade, development aid, military cooperation and exchange programs. Let's take the necessary steps today, so tomorrow we won't have to ask: "Who lost Latin America?"

Letters to the Editor

Ron:

Baker Duggins was a great girl's basketball coach and knew the game as well as any person I know. He placed Friona on the map and caused people throughout this state to know about Friona, where we are located, and to have great respect for our community simply by the great basketball teams he coached. Most people in Friona are well aware of his service to our school and community by these accomplishments.

However, many in our community are probably not aware of the countless students he served by encouraging them and helping them to find a way possible to secure a post-high school education. He not only helped them find a way to secure a liberal arts education, but technical training in all areas in the world of work. He motivated young people to find their place in our society by being able to become what they had a dream to become and to pursue the things that appealed to the things they liked and that was in their field of interest. He was instrumental in so many indi-

viduals becoming teachers, lawyers, doctors, mechanics, computer technicians, successful business men and women, chefs, and I could go on and on. If money and financial assistance were needed, he would research every avenue of financial aid to help them seek the training they desired.

His interest in helping young people attain their goals needs to live on in Friona. A scholarship fund in Baker's memory had been established at the Friona State Bank. I would encourage everyone to consider making a contribution to this fund to assist future students attain their goals.

Sincerely,
Tom Jarboe



Dear Friona Star,
Thank you for the hello in the paper this week. It was a nice surprise!

I enjoy living in California, but it will never be Friona (aka home). Nik, my son, who was born in Long Beach, claims Friona as his official "home" too. We usually

make it back at least once a year. We will stop by and say hi next time. Nik was in Amarillo last weekend celebrating his grandparent's 50th wedding anniversary—Ramiro and Matilda Caballero of Friona.

A little update on us.....
Nik is a sophomore at St. John Bosco Catholic High School. It is an all boy school, but don't feel sorry for him, there is an all girl school about one mile away. He really enjoys all the sports. (And I thought they took football seriously in Texas...two weeks after the season ends, they start off-season training with 5:30 a.m. workouts.) So between working and Nik's school activities we are an extremely busy family.

We always look forward to getting the Friona Star in the mail. (Thank you Dad for signing me up.) It brings a piece of home to us each week.

FYI, Mom and Dad (Raymond and Janis Auburg) live in Plainview now.

Thank you again!
Dora Garcia & Nik Caballero

Mark Your Calendar

March 23

Pancake & sausage dinner from 5:30-8 p.m. at the Calvary Baptist Church fellowship hall.

March 24

Friona Chamber of Commerce Ladies Spring Luncheon at 11 a.m. at the 6th Street Church of Christ. Admission: bring a salad.

March 27

Deaf Smith Electric Co-op annual meeting at 5 p.m. in the Hereford Bull Barn.

April 7

Citywide Easter egg hunt, 9:30 a.m. Friona city park

April 15

Senior Steak Lunch at the junior high cafeteria. Advance tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for children age 10 and under. Tickets at the door will be \$11 and \$9.

April 29

Friends of the library fundraiser at 2 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

May 3

Living History Day activities at Parmer County Museum. Call Wendy Carthel for info at 265-5712.

May 5

Parmer County Centennial Celebration at Farwell City Park

May 10

Friona cemetery clean-up day starts at 5 p.m.

May 13

Mother's Day
Kid-Fish at Reeve Lake 1-4 p.m.
EMS safety day at Community Center
Burger lunch for ambulance fund

May 25

Friona high school graduation in the junior high auditorium at 8 p.m.

June 22

Relay for Life cancer walk.
For information contact Jyl Grimsley at 250-5700 or Jamie & Greg Lewellen at 250-3545.

July 21

2nd annual Friona Cheeseburger Festival.

September 15-22

51st annual Maize Days celebration

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Card of Thanks is printed with border and are at the \$4 column inch rate with \$10 minimum.

Engagement, wedding, anniversary, and birth announcements are \$10. We reserve the right to limit the amount of space used for wedding announcements without extra charge.

LETTERS to the EDITOR

Letters to the editor are always welcome. Views expressed in letters are those of the writer and do not always reflect the views or opinions of the editor or staff of the Friona Star. Submission of a letter does not guarantee publication. All letters are subject to editing for grammar, style, or length. Letters must be signed and include name, address, and phone number of sender for verification. Anonymous letters are never considered for publication.

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Corn reform

U.S. Senators John Cornyn (Texas) and Jim DeMint (R-South Carolina) introduced the Academic Achievement and School Choice Act (PLUS). The bill would make reforms to No Child Left Behind (NCLB), providing schools the flexibility to improve student achievement. The bill is co-sponsored by U.S. Senators Jon Kyl (R-Ariz.), Mel Martinez (R-Fla.) and Sam Brownback (R-Kan.). U.S. Representative Hoekstra (R-Mich.) has introduced...

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Cornyn introduces bill to reform no child left behind

U.S. Senators John Cornyn (R-Texas) and Jim DeMint (R-S.C.) introduced the *Academic Partnerships Lead Us to Success Act* (A-PLUS). The bill would make key reforms to No Child Left Behind (NCLB), providing states and schools the flexibility needed to improve student achievement. The bill is co-sponsored by U.S. Senators Jon Kyl (R-Ariz.), Mel Martinez (R-Fla.) and Sam Brownback (R-Kan.). U.S. Representative Pete Hoekstra (R-Mich.) has introduced

companion legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives with more than 50 co-sponsors.

"We must move education decision-making out of Washington closer to where it belongs—with parents and teachers," Senator Cornyn said. "States should be given the flexibility to design educational programs that fit the local needs of individual districts, parents and children. This bill will reduce the bureaucratic red tape that often stands in the way of results,

accountability and superior schools."

"Republicans and Democrats agree that burdensome regulations are preventing our schools and students from achieving their best," Senator DeMint said. "It's time to give states the freedom to innovate and prepare our children to succeed in a global economy."

A-PLUS would give states flexibility to consolidate federal education programs and funding and redirect these resources to state edu-

cation reform initiatives. Currently, the U.S. Department of Education forces states to use federal education funds on specific programs, an approach that has shown little success. In exchange for the flexibility A-PLUS provides, states would be required to be transparent about academic results.

The current federal education system wastes resources on bureaucracy, regulations, and paperwork. According to the Office of Management and Budget, the No Child Left Behind Act increased the annual paperwork burden by 6,680,334 hours. Every hour that our educators spend weeding through burdensome federal paperwork is an hour they cannot spend educating our children.

Under the A-PLUS Act:
* All states would have the option of establishing a 5-year Performance Agreement with the Secretary of Education.

* States could consolidate funds from a few or all of the federal education programs and redirect them to innovative programs created at the state level.

* In exchange for this flexibility, participating states would be required to meet their state performance objectives for improving student academic achievement and demonstrate a narrowing of achievement gaps.

* If a state fails to improve academic achievement, its Performance Agreement would be revoked and it would revert back to the NCLB system.

* Accountability and student achievement would remain a high priority with A-PLUS, but unlike NCLB, A-PLUS allows states to use a variety of innovative accountability programs.

* Transparency would be ensured by requiring states to submit annual reports on student progress to parents and taxpayers.



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Friona High School Student of the Month Harvey Chico and the Friona High School Staff Member of the Month is Stephanie Barrett.

FHS student and teacher of the month

Friona High School is proud to announce the Student and Staff Member of the Month for February 2007.

Our Student of the Month is Harvey Chico. He was nominated for his leadership in the LifeSmarts Team as Captain. He is noted for encouraging everyone to give it their all. He spends many extra hours working and spends time preparing for service projects even when he could not attend the event and has planned and participated in projects for the Chamber. Chico is noted by Ms. Murdock for his responsibility, "You can leave him a list of things that need to be done and he will have them all done when you get back."

Our Staff Member of the Month is Stephanie Barrett. Mrs. Barrett deserves this honor for all the hard work she puts into TAKS preparation and creating a safe and conducive testing environment. She is very efficient and our testing days have gone smoothly. Even lunch was organized and snacks were available for our students. Thank you, Mrs. Barrett, for working so well with our staff, students and cafeteria to give our students the best testing environment possible.

Congratulations to Harvey Chico and Stephanie Barrett for such a well deserved honor. You represent Friona well.



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Representatives of J. D. Heiskell & Co. were guests at the Friona Noon Lions meeting and gave the program. From left are Lion Robert Jones, Heiskell's Dick Holland and Rick Watson, and Lion Tommy St. Clair.



Lions Club News

BY RON CARR, PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN

Lion Clint Mears filed this week's report. There were 15 members present at Thursday's meeting. Guests were Dick Holland and Rick Watson of J. D. Heiskell & Co. who gave a short program about the company.

Holland gave a brief intro then showed members a 20-minute video about J. D. Heiskell & Co., which just celebrated its 125th anniversary in 2006. Holland said

that makes Heiskell the same age as Coca-Cola.

The Noon Lions will be cooking fries and funnel cakes at the 100th Parmer County anniversary celebration in Farwell May 5.

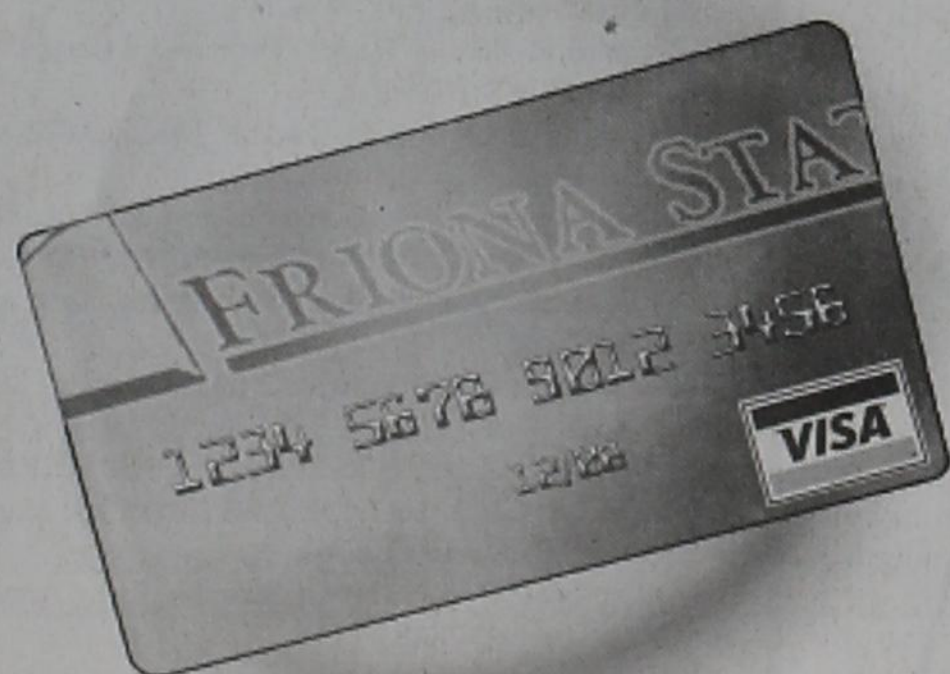
The next meeting of the Noon Lions will be Thursday, April 5. Guests and prospective members are always welcome. Meetings are at Headquarters Restaurant.

Do you have a debit card?

We recommend you DO NOT use your debit card for:

- Hotel/motel reservations
- car rental reservations
- to purchase gasoline

These businesses may put a temporary "hold" on your account pending your final purchase amount, the number of nights you actually stay, or the number of days you keep a rent car.



For hotels, car rentals, or gasoline purchases we recommend you use your credit card, not your debit card.

Also a reminder that you have until April 17 this year to contribute to your IRA account because April 15 is on a Sunday. Come in soon to add to your IRA

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from 1992 and 1993 will be returned
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- PLUS... A short business meeting!
- PLUS... A meal of beef, fish and chicken!
- PLUS... Entertainment by John Erickson
- PLUS... Door prizes valued at more than \$1,500 will be awarded!



Sheriff's Report

The following is reported weekly by Parmer County Sheriff Randy Geries office:

March 12, 2007, Ignacio Romero, 31, of Clovis, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and charged with theft by check, pending County Court.

March 13, 2007, Tabitha Najjar, 22, of Littlefield, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with driving while intoxicated, pending County Court.

March 13, 2007, Jennifer Gonzales, 44, of Friona, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and charged with theft by check, paid fine, court costs, and restitution.

March 13, 2007, Sinque Polk, 25, of Friona, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and charged with contempt of court, pending District Court.

March 13, 2007, Pearl Fabela, 23, of Littlefield, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with public intoxication, paid fine and released.

March 13, 2007, Patrick Dow, 38, of Clovis, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and charged with possession of marijuana less than two ounces, pending County Court.

March 13, 2007, Elva Larrea, 52, of Bovina, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and charged with theft by check, pending County Court.

March 13, 2007, Len Allemann, 62, of Clovis, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with theft by check (Deaf Smith County), posted bond and released.

March 16, 2007, Fabian Reyes, 20, of Farwell, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with driving while intoxicated, pending County Court.

March 14, 2007, Daniel Ponce, 25, of Bovina, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and charged with criminal non-support, pending District Court.

March 15, 2007, Noe Estraca, 29, of Clovis, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and charged with unauthorized use of a vehicle, pending District Court.

March 16, 2007, Fabian Reyes, 20, of Farwell, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with driving while intoxicated, pending County Court.

March 17, 2007, Daniel Rodriguez, 30, of Friona, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and charged with driving while intoxicated-2nd, pending County Court.

March 17, 2007, Abigail Rivas, 41, of Muleshoe, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with driving with an invalid license, pending County Court.

March 18, 2007, Luis Alvidrez, 21, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police Department and charged with driving while intoxicated, pending County Court.

March 19, 2007, Hasmid Vargas, 19, of Clovis, was arrested by the Friona Police Department, and charged with reckless driving, pending County Court.

March 19, 2007, Juan Lozano, 19, of Clovis, was arrested by the Friona Police Department and charged with tampering with a government record, pending Grand Jury.

March 19, 2007, Ceasar Rodelo, 17, of Clovis, was arrested by the Friona Police Department and charged with failure to identify, pending County Court.

March 19, 2007, Armando Rivera, 38, of Portales, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with public intoxication, paid fine.

March 19, 2007, Maria Lopez, 34, of Portales, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with possession of a controlled substance, pending Grand Jury; possession of a prohibited substance in a correctional facility, pending Grand Jury; and driving while intoxicated, pending County Court.

On March 6, 2007, in 287th District Court, with Judge Gordon Green presiding:

— Margaret Soria Jr., 43, of Amarillo, charged with DWI with child under 15 years old, was sentenced to 180 days to two years in a state jail facility, probated for two years; \$416 court costs; \$750 fine; \$350 attorney fees; loss of driver's license for 18 months; and obtain outpatient alcohol treatment.

— Randal Lynn Boeckman, 47, of Hereford, charged with subsequent DWI, was sentenced to five years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, probated for five years; ten days confinement in county jail; \$416 court costs; \$1,500 fine; loss of driver's license for 18 months; and confinement at CRCT at Brownfield for a term of not more than 24 months.



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The Friona police department has two new patrol units. Sgt. Isidro Jimenez is shown with one of the two 2007 Dodge Chargers, which are equipped with automatic video camera equipment. The Charger sports the new black and white paint job being used on all FPD vehicles.

Friona's library endowment campaign off to great start

The Friends of the Friona Public Library began an endowment campaign as their Centennial Project in 2006. The purpose is to preserve the legacy of public library services begun in 1963 as a project of the Modern Study Club.

The Friends organization was established in 1968 when the City of Friona accepted operation of the

library. The goal for the endowment is \$150,000 in the three year campaign.

Donors are all recognized in several ways depending on the amount given. This announcement in the *Friona Star* is the first of several special recognitions that will acknowledge contributions received.

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The Friends Endowment Campaign recently received a gift from 1st National Bank, Friona Banking Center which qualifies them as the first donor to reach the Parmer Pioneer level.



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Ab Hendley, branch manager and senior vice-president of 1st National Bank Friona Banking Center presents Library Director Darla Bracken a check for the Centennial Endowment Campaign project of the Friends of the Library. Karen Renner, president of the Friends of the Library and Wade Easley, president and CEO of 1st National Bank look on.

Crimestoppers reward for vandalism

Parmer County Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward for information regarding vandalism to West Texas Rural Telephone risers and cable on County Road 11.

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If you have any information, please call PCCS at 1-800-774-TIPS (1-800-774-8477).

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The Friona high school powerlifting team placed at the recent regional meet. Levelland. It is the highest Friona team has ever placed regional.

Two lifters, Dillon Welch and Victor Guerrero, qualified for the state powerlifting meet held this weekend.

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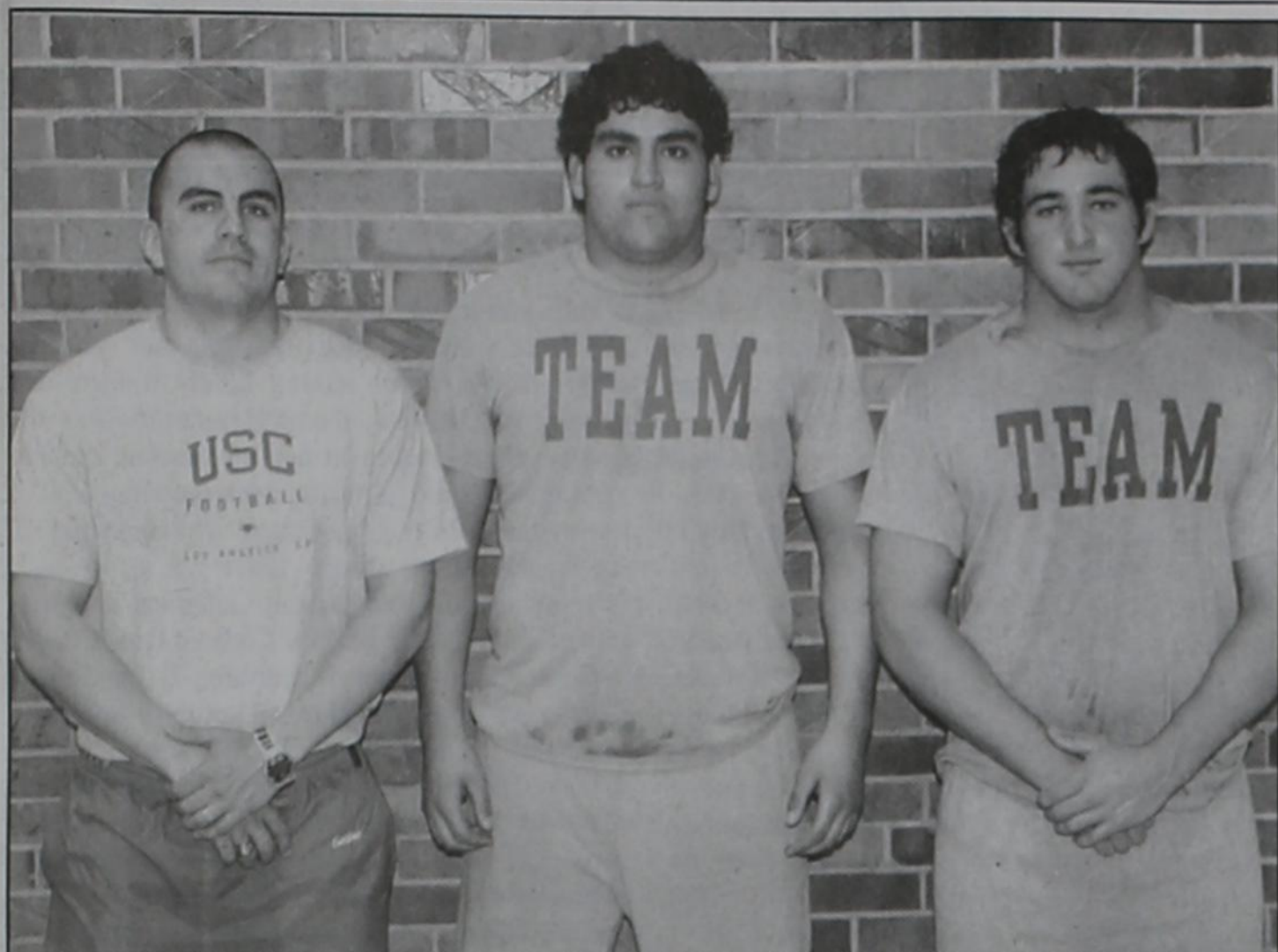
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Off to Houston for the state powerlifter meet are, l-r, Coach Jimmy Arias, Victor Guerrero, and Dillon Welch.

Powerlifters qualify for state lifter meet

The Friona high school powerlifting team placed 3rd at the recent regional meet in Levelland. It is the highest a Friona team has ever placed at regional.

Two lifters, Dillon Welch and Victor Guerrero, qualified for the state powerlifting meet being held this weekend in

Aldine, a suburb near Houston. At the regional meet Welch placed 1st in his weight class and Guerrero placed 2nd which qualified them for the state competition.

In Bovina, Frank Martinez qualified for the state meet also. Coaches Arias of Friona and Guevara of Bovina plan to

team up to take the boys to Aldine.

Other lifters at regional were Alex Dunnam 4th, Octavio Moreno 7th, Adam Carrasco 8th, Fernando Moreno 9th, Ricardo Monreal 9th.

Youth basketball program being organized now

It is that time of year to begin Friona Youth Basketball. League director Ross Paiz has said that this year there will be teams for 1st-6th grade boys and girls.

A meeting is set for tonight, Thursday March 22, at 6 p.m. in the high school cafeteria for anyone interested in coaching, refereeing, or any other volunteer capacity to assist with the Friona Youth Basketball League.

"We look forward to your children participating in our program this year," Paiz said. For more information or for questions contact Ross at 806-566-5020.



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The Little Chiefs, a 3rd-4th grade basketball team, won a tournament in Logan, New Mexico, last Saturday. Back row, l-r, Coach Dean Sasser, Joshua Barnett, Mason Lofflin, Brayden Pope, Haden Smiley, Gavin Douglas, Coach Charlie Pope; front row, l-r, manager Logan Lofflin, Cole Stowers, Jacob Dickson, Brent Hickman, Cody Stowers, and manager Weston Sasser.



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Big Chief Phillip Saiz takes a swing at a fastball in the game with Fritch. See the baseball at right. The Chiefs are 1-6 and host Muleshoe Saturday to open district play.

Happy Birthday

March 25, 2007-March 31, 2007

Mar. 25-Halie Herring, Tye Phillips, Nikki Love McDowell, David Brown, Tony Castaneda, Tony Williams, J. Ryan Seright, Sydney Grace Frye, Mark Englant

Mar. 26-Ken Stowers, Tara Shae Rector, Delia Roth, Morgan Barnett, Bryan Blake Stover, Joni Lyn Johnson, Joan Grimsley, E.G Steelman, Gene Hutto, Ken Jamerson

Mar. 27-Billy Sanders, Randy Allen, Keven Clark, Jon Goddard, C.B. Eddins, Macy Diana Reeve, V'Lesha Wilcox, Alysa Cooper, Jessie Stone

Mar. 28-Robert Osborn, Gaylene Sunderlin Varner, Neola Reed, Alan Clark, Dean Butler, Joel Van Valkenburg, Kay O'Brian, Geri Taylor, Jo Osborn, Kaleb Steen, Juanda Murphy, Robert Osborn

Mar. 29-Ryan Potts, Lisa Neill, Ryan Paul Brookfield, Loy McLellan, Briar Barnett, Stephanie Williams

Mar. 30-Jana Barnett, T.J. Reed, Vernon Roberts, Annette Loflin, Feller Hughes, W.D. Buske, Margie Bridges, Jimmie Cockerham, D'Anne Baker, Andrea Villareal

Mar. 31-Wayne A. Jones, Trisha Gibson Duff, Kathy Steen, Kelly Wied Mann, Jeremy Layne Schueler, Billy Joe Jackson

Chieftain baseball report

The Chieftain record so far this baseball season is 1-6. Now that spring break is past and spring weather is here, Coach Greg Hazelwood hopes to gain some consistency in the lineup. District play opens here Saturday as the JV and varsity host Muleshoe. The JV game is at 11 a.m. and varsity is scheduled for 1:30 p.m.

Last week the teams traveled to Fritch on Thursday. The varsity lost a heartbreaker. After leading 9-1 in the 5th inning, the Chiefs gave up 9 runs in the 6th and 7th innings to lose 10-9. But the JV boys followed with 28-17 win over Fritch JV. Justin Dominguez was the winning pitcher.

The JV needed the win as they lost three games in the Bovina tournament, losing to Cotton Center 10-2, Olton 7-2,

and Whiteface 14-2.

Tuesday March 20 the varsity Chiefs hosted Bovina and recorded their first win of the season downing the Mustangs

11-1 on 9 hits and 2 errors. Sean Lookingbill was the winning pitcher. Standouts in the victory were Ritchie Casas with 3 hits including 2 doubles and

one RBI; Matt Martinez 2 hits; Sean Lookingbill 2 hits 2 RBIs; Stephen Campbell 1 hit 1 RBI; Garrett Clark 1 hit 1 RBI; and Matthew Stanberry 1 RBI.



megan carr photo

Chieftain Ritchie Casas dives back to first base to avoid a pickoff throw at Fritch. He was safe. The Chiefs lost 10-9.

Junior high at Tulia track meet

The Friona junior high 7th and 8th grade boys participated in the Tulia Homet Relays Friday March 9.

The 7th grade boys placed 3rd with a 168 point total. Discus, Collin Thompson 3rd 78'6"; high jump Caleb Monroe 2nd 4'8", Michael Ortiz 5th 4'4"; long jump, Jesus Sanchez 1st 15'1", Serifin Vazquez 5th 12'6 1/4"; triple jump, Gabriel Avalos, 4th 27'3 1/2", Ismael Rocha 6th 26' 4 1/2".

Pole vault, Jesus Sanchez 1st 7'6", Caleb Monroe 3rd 6'6"; Dillon Kelley 4th 6'; 2400m run, Victor Reveles 5th 11.02, Sammy Rosas 11.41; 400m relay, Friona 2nd, Avalos, Monroe, Sanchez, Molina,

54.64; 800m run, Weston Wyly 5th 2:57; 110m hurdles Caleb Monroe 1st 21.22, Michael Ortiz 3rd 22.23; 100m dash, Jesus Sanchez 2nd 13.25, Alan Tafoya 6th 14.15; 800m relay, Friona 1st, Avalos, Ortiz, Tafoya, Vazquez 1:59.71.

400m run Jonathan Molina 3rd 65.26, Lorenzo Garcia 4th 69.91, Valentin Rocha 6th 73.06; 300m hurdles, Michael Ortiz 2nd 53.58; 200m run Gabriel Avalos 2nd 28.42, Henry 3rd 29.03; 1600m run Weston Wyly 4th 6:35; 1600m relay, Friona 3rd Paden Henry, Monroe, Rocha, Tafoya 4:39.

Results for the 8th grade boys: discus Kirby Frye 1st 97'6"; shot put Claytoh Smiley 2nd 36'8", Frye

5th 34'11 1/2"; high jump, Frye 3rd 4'10"; long jump, Zack Fair 4th 15'3 1/2"; triple jump, Fair 34'9"; pole vault, Devin Brown 3rd 7'6"; 2400m run Miguel Reveles 4th 10.10.52; 400m relay Friona 5th Brown, Monreal, Smiley, Ortiz 53.73.

800m run, Miguel Reveles 4th 2:36, J Gurley 5th 2:42.38; 110m hurdles, Frye 2nd 18.48, Dominique Kellum 4th 19.41; 100m dash Fair 2nd 13.05; 400m run Nick Ortiz 1st 58.00, Juan Martinez 6th 63.66; 300m hurdles, Frye 3rd 49.33; 200m run Chris Garcia 2nd 26.49; 1600m run, Martinez 4th 6.25, Raul Anchondo 6.27.44, J Gurley 6.27.78; 1600m relay Friona 1st Ortiz, Fair, Monreal, Garcia 4.04.

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Bowden climbs insurance ladder in D/FW

BY RON CARR

Local girl makes good. This is that kind of story. Proud papa Hollis Horton alerted us to an email press release about his daughter, Tracy (Horton) Bowden. She is moving on and moving up as a recent promotion attests.

Mrs. Bowden's sister, local attorney Kathryn Gurley, said that Tracy lives in Dallas and has both an accounting degree and a law degree. The press release from RenaissanceRe Holdings, Ltd. said Bowden was promoted to Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Glencoe U.S. Holdings Inc, the holding company for RenaissanceRe's individual risk business, and Chief Compliance Officer of Glencoe Specialty Holdings Inc., the holding company for RenaissanceRe's U. S. insurance entities.

She will have overall responsibility for the corporate, legal, regulatory and compliance aspects of Glencoe U.S. Holdings Inc. William Ashley, CEO of Glencoe, commented, "We are delighted to recognize Tracy's achievements with this promotion and look forward to her continued contributions in upholding a superior legal



Tracy (Horton) Bowden

and compliance function at Glencoe. She brings excellent experience and capabilities to her new role."

Richard Primerano, Chief Financial Officer of Glencoe U.S. Holdings Inc. noted: "Glencoe continues to benefit from Tracy's ongoing work in enhancing our corporate operations and reporting methodologies. Her promotion to Chief Compliance Officer recognizes the increasing scope and importance of corporate and regulatory compliance. We are very pleased to acknowledge her accomplishments with this promotion."

Previously Bowden held the role of vice-president and general counsel at Glencoe U. S. Holdings. She also was vice-president and associate general counsel at TIG Insurance in Irving. She earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Texas at Austin. She is a member of both the Texas Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

Tracy (Horton) Bowden is the daughter of Hollis and Lunell Horton of Friona.

West Texas Rural Telephone annual meeting

Co-op members of West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative enjoyed a Rafter G's BBQ and trimmings meal at the 53rd annual meeting Tuesday night at the Bull Barn in Hereford.

Co-op manager Tom Hyer had good news for members as the co-op continues to grow and earn profit. Hyer pointed out a "windfall" in 2006 of \$1,697,702 in RTB stock redemption revenue, which added significantly to the \$8,131,065 in annual revenue reported in 2006 and a net margin of \$2,468,093.

Co-op attorney Byron Boyd presided over the election of directors. Carl Straffuss of Milo Center, Ernest Flood of Westway, and Jimmy Cockerham of Tharp were all re-elected to the board. Hyer presented service awards to several employees. Among them was Teresa Serna of the WT Services office



Teresa Serna
WT Services-Friona
5-year service award

in Friona who received her five-year plaque.

Many door prizes were given away to end the evening. The grand prize of a \$200 beef certificate was won by Carlton and

Gail Richardson of the Frio exchange.

View photos taken at the meeting on the Friona Star website, frionaonline.com.

Plains Cotton Growers to host annual meeting

The 50th annual meeting of Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., is Friday April 13 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center banquet hall.

Registration is at 8:30 a.m. and the program begins at 9 a.m. Featured speakers will include Rep. Jerry Moran, ranking member of the subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management; Jim Wiesemeyer, Informa Economics of Washington D. C.; and Larry Combest, Combest, Sell and Associates of Washington, D. C.

OBITUARY

Velma Jones

Velma Jones, 98, passed away Wednesday, March 14, 2007 in Friona. Graveside services were held Saturday, March 17, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. at the Friona Cemetery with Reverend Steve Patterson, pastor of the Friona United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was in the Friona Cemetery under the direction of Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Velma Jones was born on June 28, 1908 in Fletcher, Oklahoma to Frank and Estella Roberts Loflin. She moved to Texas in 1928 with her family to the Hub Community where her father and brothers started farming.

Velma graduated from Friona High School in 1929. She met and married Sam Jones on September 4, 1931. To this union was born two daughters, Betty Delores and Beverly Sue. Betty Delores was killed in a car accident in 1947.

Velma worked in the Friona High School cafeteria until her retirement. She was a very active member of the First Assembly of God Church, and was so, until her health started to fail and she moved to Prairie Acres.

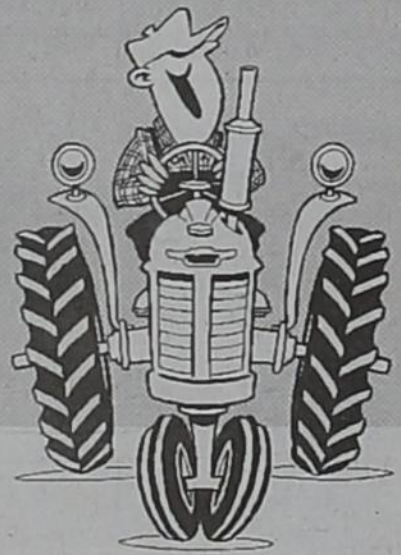
Velma enjoyed making quilts for her nieces and family, and loved getting together with her sisters and brothers, having family dinners and playing ROOK with them. Her family was the most important thing in her life, second only to serving the Lord. She enjoyed traveling and if anyone said, "Do you want to go somewhere?" she was always ready.

Velma is survived by one daughter and son-in-law, Beverly and Sherley Cook of Green River, Wyoming; one grandson and wife, Ted and Susie Cook also of Green River, Wyoming; one great grandson, Justin and wife Tami Cook of Warner Robins, Georgia, where Justin is stationed in the U.S. Air Force; and two great-great grandchildren. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews, and one remaining sister-in-law, Virginia Loflin of Springfield, Colorado.

Velma was preceded in death by her husband, Sam; one daughter, Betty Delores; one grandson, Rockie Cook; two sisters, Thelma Eskew and Dorothy Tate; and three brothers, J.A. Loflin, Russell Loflin, and Carroll Loflin.

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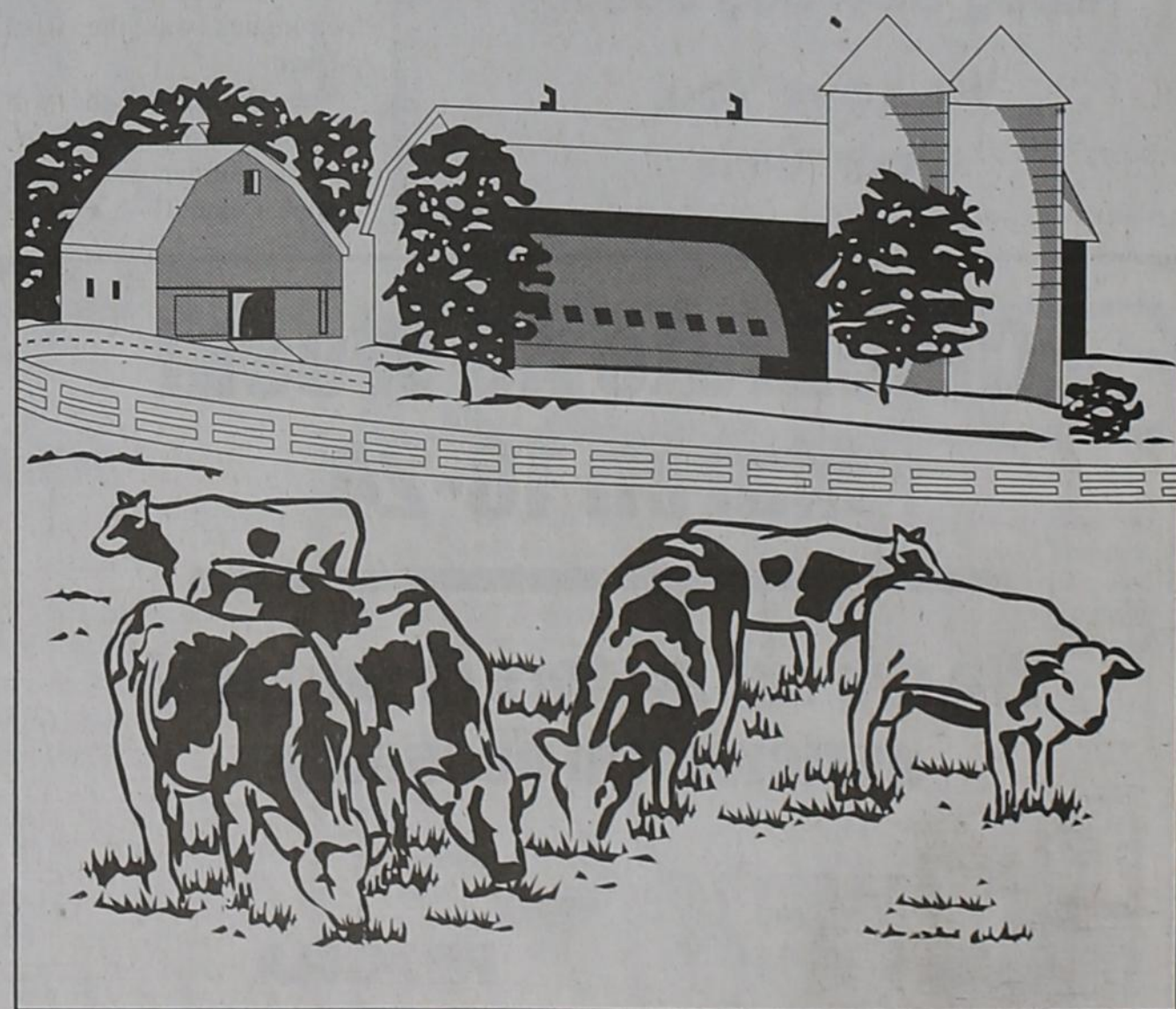
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Who's in control around here?

BY T. LEON TALLEY, Sixth Street Church of Christ

There are at least six different aspects of God's sovereignty. I want to identify three of them in this article.

There is God's **Creative Sovereignty**. This means that God is the Lord of creation, the source of all things. God brought the world into being and He guides His creation toward a meaningful end. God's creativity is not the result of chance or randomness. His creativity holds promise and purpose according to God's intentions.

Then, there is **Moral Sovereignty**. God's authority over creation is grounded in His essential nature which is moral. God is to be obeyed not simply because He is mighty, but because He is righteous. Asaph said, "The Heavens proclaim his righteousness, for God Himself is judge", (Psalms 50:6). God judges His creation on the basis of His profound moral character. He is both the source of all creation and the source of all goodness.

There is also His **Transcendent Sovereignty**. God's sovereignty is transcendent, beyond our comprehension. "Isaiah saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple", (Isaiah 6:1).

God is separate from His creation and He works in ways that human beings don't understand. His transcendence is closely related to His Holiness and His surpassing moral purity.

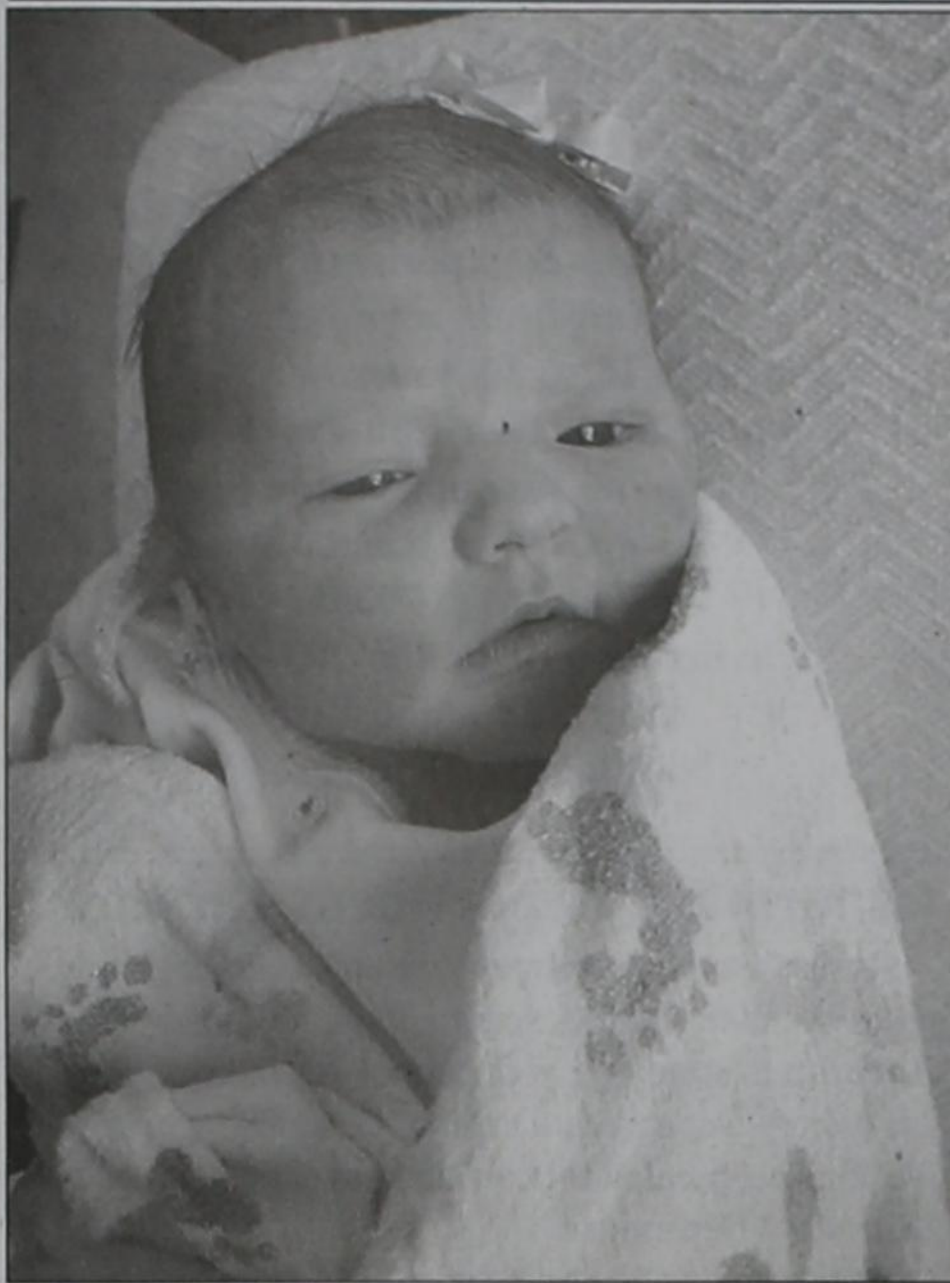
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Supper to benefit scholarship fund

A pancake and sausage supper will be held Friday March 23 from 5:30-8 p.m. at the Calvary Baptist Church fellowship hall. Also there will be a silent auction.

Donations will be accepted for the J. P. Sims Scholarship Fund. Church officials invite everyone to come eat and fellowship together.

New Arrival



Avery Grace Dunn

Brent and Renee Dunn, of Plano, Texas are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Avery Grace Dunn, their first child.

She was born Friday, February 16, 2007, at 12:05 p.m. in the Presbyterian Hospital of Plano. Avery weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Her grandparents are Mike and Reta Martin of Friona; Jan Dunn of McKinney, Texas; and Jerry and Connie Dunn of Irving, Texas.

Great grandparents are Vera Heck of Tulia, Texas; Clarence and Wynona Martin of Friona; Yvonne Dunn Wiggins of Temple, Texas, and James and Jerrie Horton of Hart, Texas.

Avery's great-great grandmother is Leona Brook of Corinth, Mississippi.

More than a water pot

Rewritten from "When Did Caesar Become a Salad and Jeremiah a Bullfrog" by Martin Babb.

I thought it was going to be another ordinary day. At about noon my owner picked me up for our daily trip to the well. She was very good to me, if only because she had never thrown me at one of her husbands. Most of the women went to the well around sunset, talked with each other, and made a social occasion out of it. Not my owner. Her reputation in the community was less than admirable with the other women. As she walked, her eyes searched left and right for any of the local gossipers.

When we got close enough to see the well, she stopped so suddenly that I thought she would drop me. Strangely enough there was a man sitting there—a Jew at that! Now I may be just a water pot, but I knew we were about to have an awkward situation. (You see, Jews and Samaritans had hated each other for several hundred years.)

When we reached the well, instead of degrading her, the Jew asked my owner for a drink. He was not only being nice to a Samaritan, but He was talking to a woman! I figured this guy just fell off the sandal wagon or He knew something we did not. It took her completely by surprise because she simply could not imagine a Jewish man talking to a Samaritan woman.

As they began to talk, the Jew told her she could have

living water—if she drank it she would never thirst again. Well, I certainly had never heard of such a thing, and I knew she was too sharp to buy into it either. Then He said something that changed the whole tone of the conversation. He told her to go call her husband. When she said she did not have a husband, He said she was right—in fact, she had already had five husbands, and the man she was living with was not one of them. Wow! I knew He was either a prophet or had taken a slow walk through one too many vineyards.

They talked about worship, and I could tell my owner's attitude was beginning to change. Finally, she told Him she knew the Messiah was coming and He would straighten everything out. I thought that would end the conversation, she would fill me up, and we would be on our way. Boy, was I wrong. He looked at her with the most sincere eyes I have seen and said, "I who speak to you am He." That put her over the edge, and she took off like a scalded donkey. She ran to the village and told everyone that she had seen the Messiah.

From the look on her face, I could tell that because of this man, she would never be the same, and I realized that we now had something in common. She had become what I had been all these years...a vessel in the hands of the Master.

Easter egg hunt at Friona city park

A citywide Easter egg hunt sponsored by Calvary Baptist Church will be held at 9:30 a.m. Saturday April 7 in the Friona city park.

There will be divisions for toddlers to preschool, kindergarten to 3rd grade, and 4th-6th grade. All children are invited to come out and hunt Easter eggs and have a good time.

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Seeds from the Sower

By Michael A. Guido

An executive said, "I'm optimistic about the future of business."
"Why, then," asked a friend, "do you have such a worried look on your face?"
It pays to worry about your optimism," he said.
But it doesn't pay to worry about anything.
An old Chinese proverb says, "The legs of a stork are long, and legs of a duck are short. You can't shorten the legs of a stork, and you can't lengthen the legs of a duck. Why worry?"
To worry about what you can't help is useless. To worry about what you can help is stupid.
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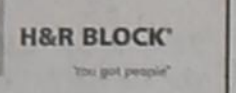
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Parmer County Centennial Moments

By Darla Bracken fridarla19@yahoo.com

Who was Martin Parmer?

There it is...the third signature under Sam Houston's...the signature of Martin Parmer, one of the signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence on March 2, 1836 at Washington-on-the-Brazos. Parmer had served on the committee to draft the Declaration of Independence...the same Martin Parmer for whom our county was named when Parmer County was first created August 21, 1876...one hundred and thirty years ago.

He was not a native Texan, but rather a Virginian by birth and rearing having been born there on June 4, 1778 as Martin Palmer (frontier usage changed the spelling and pronunciation of the last name). By the time he was twenty, he had ventured into Kentucky

and then on to Tennessee where he married his first wife Sarah Hardwick with whom he would have ten children. She died in 1826. (He would remarry 3 more times being widowed twice more, and would father 7 more children). While in Dickinson County Tennessee, he was superintendent of the Montgomery Bell Iron Works. This company made, among other things, cannonballs, which were used by Andrew Jackson at the Battle of New Orleans. He, himself, being the son of an American Revolutionary War Veteran, Martin entered the service in the War of 1812 where he attained the rank of colonel.

Always in search of a new frontier to tame, he moved to Missouri in 1816 at the age of

38. Here he became interested in politics when he served as a delegate to the Constitutional Convention of Missouri in 1821. He later served as both a state representative and as a state senator for the state of Missouri. By the time he came to Texas in 1826, he had quite a reputation for being an Indian fighter and evidently quite a talker always attracting an audience with his war stories and Indian tales. His own personal battle cry was that he was a 'ring-tailed panther from Missouri' i.e. quite a scrapper and never one to run from a fight—especially one he had started. So after coming to Texas it wasn't long before he found the fighting. Colonel Martin Parmer fought

with the colonists against the Mexican authorities in the Fredonian Rebellion in March 1827 overthrowing Samuel Norris, the alcalde or mayor, and his attorney Jose Antonio Sepulveda and placing Nacogdoches under martial law. The Rebellion failed, however; and he and his cohorts crossed the Sabine River into exile.

But he was back in Texas for the Consultation of 1835 representing the city of Tenaha and then serving as a delegate from San Augustine to the Constitutional Convention at Washington-on-the-Brazos in March 1836. It was here on March 2, 1836 (Texas Independence Day) that 58-year-old Martin Parmer, the oldest delegate present and the self-pro-

claimed 'ring-tailed panther from Missouri' became one of the 59 men to sign this important document. He served on the committee to draft the declaration. In a letter to his wife dated March 6, 1836 he states: "Texas has been declared free, but unless we have a general turnout and every man lay a helping hand, too, we are lost. Santa Anna and his vassals are now on our borders, and the declaration of our freedom, unless it is sealed with blood, is of no force." Signed: Martin Palmer. He also quotes from Lt. Colonel W. Barret Travis' Feb. 24th communiqué from the Alamo that "he must have help."

His son, Isom Parmer, served in the Texas army, the only one of his sons to do so, and was Sergeant at arms for the Convention. He had purchased a fine horse for the sum of \$400 Mexican dollars and when Sam Houston was appointed Commander-in-chief of the Texas forces and was in dire need for a new mount, Isom sold Houston the horse. It was this same horse that was later shot out from under Houston at the Battle of San Jacinto.

In 1839 Parmer was appointed Chief Justice of Jasper County. He died there March 2, 1850 at age 72. As Texas Ranger Captain, Creed

Taylor told in *Tall Men and Long Rifles*: "The Panther, as he was called, was a Virginian, and a typical backwoodsman, who had spent most of his life along the frontiers of Kentucky, Tennessee, Missouri, Arkansas and Texas and had much notoriety throughout the southwest as a fighter and a hunter. Palmer was a man of more than ordinary parts, of most extraordinary strength of mind and body and brave as a lion. He was of large stature and bronzed of feature, always dressed in buckskin hunting shirt and leather trousers, with a panther skin cap, wore his hair long and platted in Indian Style, and was indeed a unique figure. I first saw the 'Panther' at our home on Taylor's Bayou and he impressed me as a most extraordinary character. On this occasion the 'Panther' was well mounted and armed, and in high glee, eager for a brush with the enemy..." Martin Parmer was buried in Jasper County on the A.C. Parmer survey where a sandstone headstone marked the grave until it became illegible. In 1936 during the Texas Centennial, his remains were removed from Jasper County and re-interred in the State Cemetery in Austin where a granite marker preserves and honors his memory as one of the signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence.

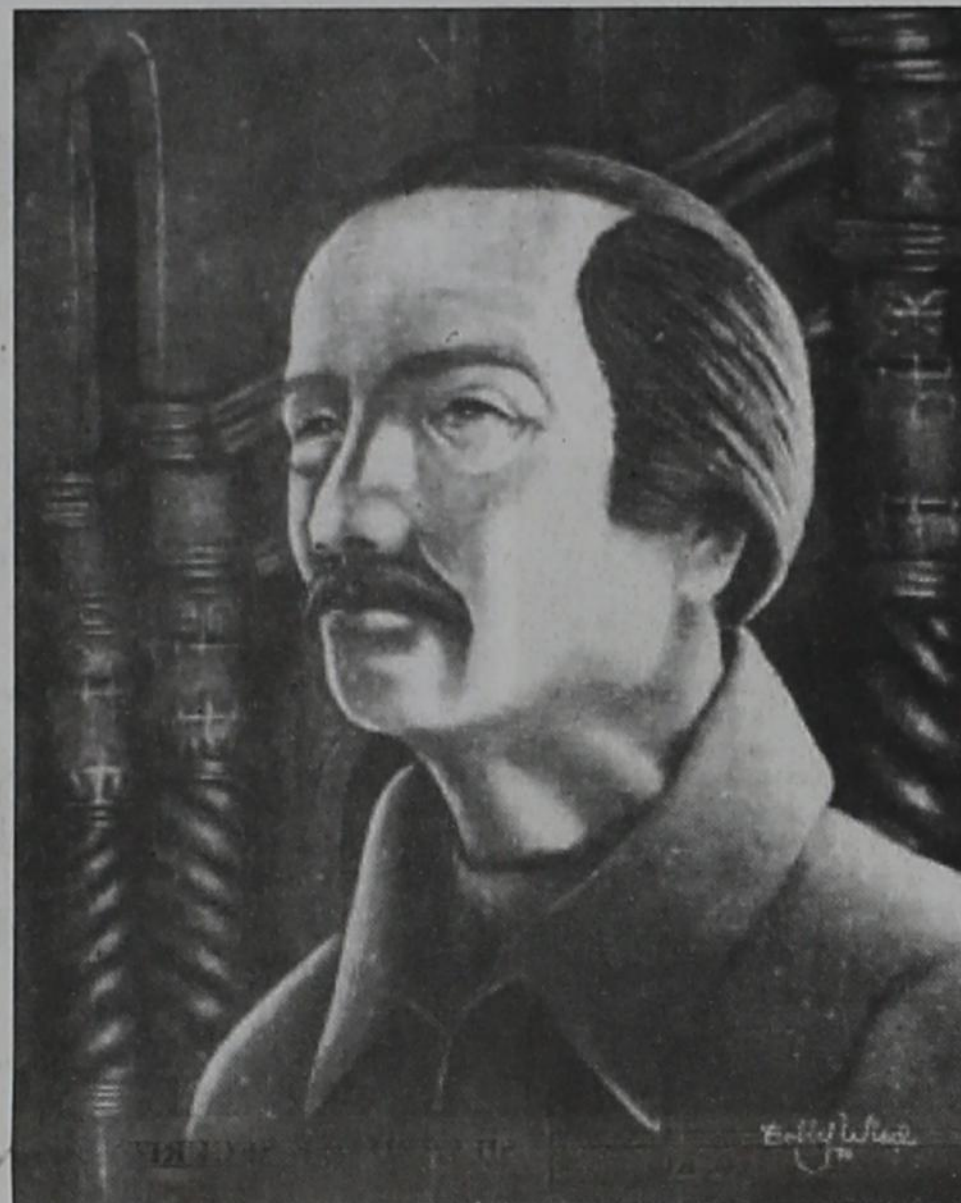


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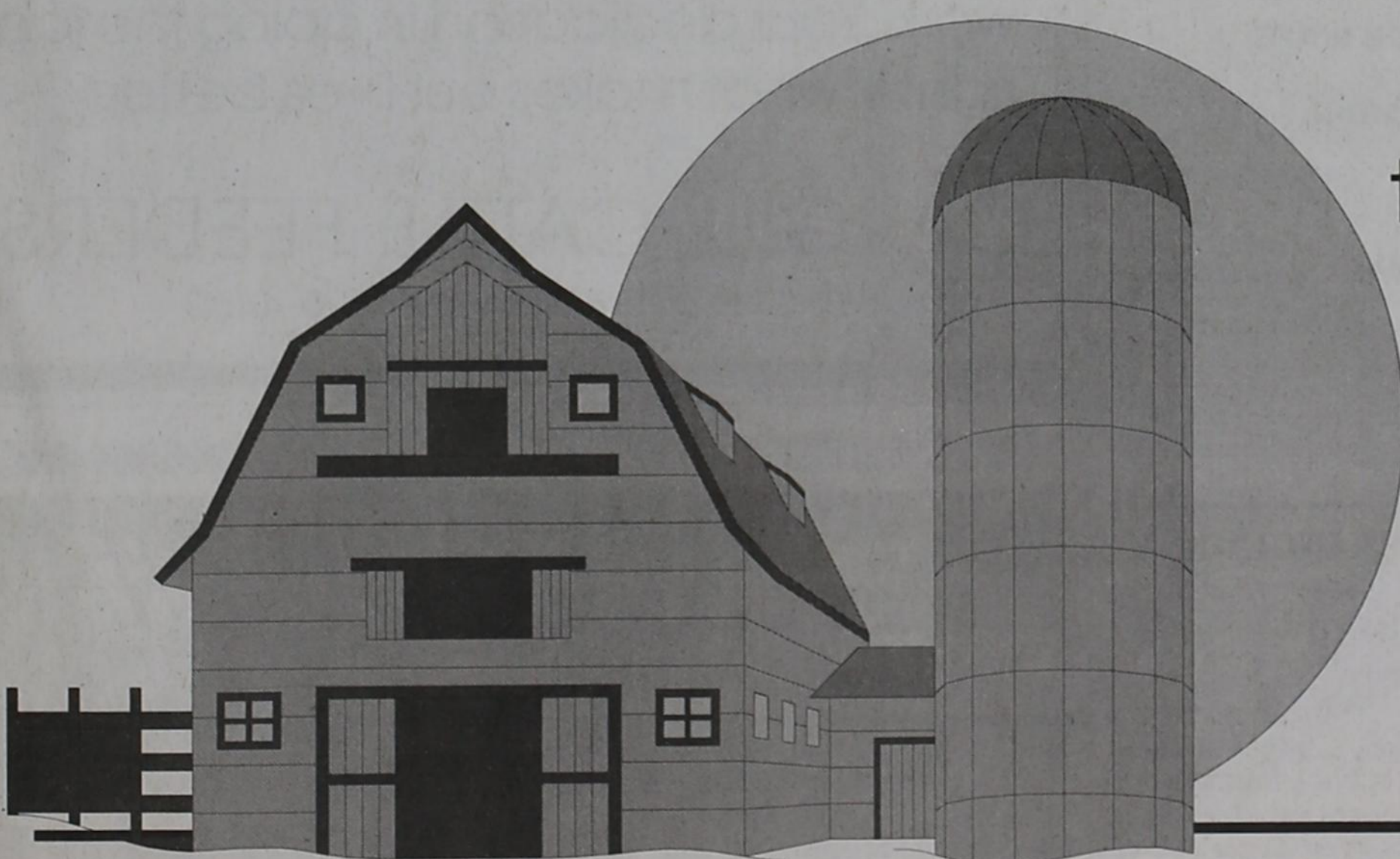
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Town Talk II

By Ron Carr

The sounds of.....summer? Spring was not quite here last weekend but you would have thought it was summer already. Saturday and Sunday found temperatures reaching the 80s and lots of folks out mowing and trimming their yards.

Some of the yard fertilizers these days are evidently green. My mother had her yard sprayed and fertilized. It looked like somebody had sprayed her brown grass green. I thought it was a St. Patrick's Day trick. What do I know?

Spring did officially arrive at 7:07 p.m. Wednesday March 21. The rain we were supposed to get all week hasn't shown up yet. In case you are wondering, summer will arrive on June 21, probably amidst some 100-degree days. In the meantime the lawn mowing entrepreneurs are cranking up for business. We are beginning to see pickups driving around with lawn mowers and gasoline cans in the back.

Here is my offer to you young lawn mowing business kids. If you are a student, or a crew of students, and plan to mow lawns for summer money, I'll give you a free classified ad for a couple of weeks. Just come by the office or call Marlene or Sherry at 250-2211 and tell us what to put in your ad. You'll need your name, phone number, and short list of yard services you provide. Probably about 15-20

words. Remember, if you offer it you have to provide it. Good luck.

Former Friona resident Judy Gurule was in town last weekend for Mary Lou Taylor's funeral. Judy is Mary Lou's niece. She lives and works in Albuquerque now. Judy asked me to pass on her thanks to the ladies of First United Methodist Church that furnished lunch for all of the family. She knew all the ladies in the kitchen and said it was nice to visit with them again.

In last week's story about the school board candidates I said Loraine Anthony had served as school board president. She corrected me. During her previous term on the school board Loraine was the board secretary, not president. I apologize for the error. Loraine, Ricky Barnett, and Alan Monroe are candidates for the two vacancies on the school board in the May 12 election.

Do you like our new community calendar feature? In the past we tried to announce upcoming events more than one time in the Star but it was a small hassle to remember to repeat articles each week. The new Mark Your Calendar feature on page 2 simplifies the process and assures that events of note are in chronological order and run until the event has been completed. We

hope you like it and that it is helpful to the organizations and to those who attend.

Also if you have a friend, kid, relative, or yourself you want to add to our birthday register give us a call or email. Our birthday list is a permanent ongoing file here at the office. We try to keep it current and you can help by adding (or deleting) names on the list. Thanks!

Ella Kirton just returned from a two-week return home visit to the Ukraine. Ella's husband Ben said she lost her luggage on the way over and it took three days to catch up with her. Ella is employed at the FISD administration office and Ben is assistant principal at Friona High School. They met in the Ukraine when Ben was on a mission trip several years ago. Nice story. We are glad to have Ella here in Friona as part of the community.

Good crowd at senior lunch Monday for meatloaf, cabbage, salad, pinto beans and cornbread. What a way to start a week. All seniors are invited to come to lunch each Monday and Thursday. Cost of a lunch is \$3.

Donita Martin said she drove to Oklahoma City last week to watch the Big 12 women's basketball tournament. On the way she stopped in Wheeler and

picked up former Friona resident Ruth Tucker. She said they enjoyed all the games. This is her third year to attend.

Gerry Taylor was back for lunch. She is now a resident at Heritage Estates assisted living facility. Tom Parson had a big bandage on his left hand. He said he was throwing a couple of boards and one of them had a nail in it and ripped his palm. You would think that at Tom's age he would know better. Tom's son T. E. Parson of Houston was a visitor.

Was in Wal-Mart Sunday in Clovis and greeted by Pat Kunselman of Bovina. She is a Wal-Mart greeter and a mighty smiley one. Also in Hereford Thursday I bumped into Kathryn Goddard at the cleaners. She is still a Friona resident but is busy traveling in conjunction with her presidency of an international sorority organization.

The former Big Earl's BBQ joint in Canyon is coming back as Feldman's Fieldhouse. It will have some of the same menu as Feldman's Wrong Way Diner, which is owned by the same group. Feldman's Fieldhouse will have a sports theme with 25 televisions. Decorations will be sports memorabilia, no doubt a lot from WTAMU. Patrons will place their order at a counter, get their drink, find a seat and their order will be brought to them.

Friona high school sports fans are familiar with Big Earl's, which closed in about four months. Those of us who travel to football and basketball games in the Canyon area dined at Big Earl's a couple of times. Now we can try out Feldman's Fieldhouse if it remains open until football season starts.

Speaking of openings, it appeared Tasty Cream had a big opening day Monday if cars on the parking lot and at the drive-

thru are any indication. We are going to try them out here at the Star Wednesday (yesterday). Every Wednesday we have lunch in the office so we'll let you know. Can't wait to try out the Tasty Cream burger and a big order of Texas Toothpicks. Welcome back Bill and crew.

This week's subscriber spotlight sends a big hello to Corbin Baxter in Derby, Kansas, and Eugene Nidey in Campo, Colorado. Thanks for letting us send the Friona Star each week. We appreciate our subscribers.

That big new shiny machine at Lowe's Supermarket is a rotisserie oven. Soon the grocery store will begin selling whole cooked chickens roasted on the rotisserie. We'll let you know when or you can just follow your nose when they start cooking. That does it for this week. Keep us in the loop for local news of interest or concern. Thank you.



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Winners in the dance contest at the Catholic Church banquet for the Senior class are: back row, l-r, Fernando Moreno, Omar Anchando, Valente Casas, Sean Lookingbill, Nathan Hoon; front row, l-r, Cindy Trevino, Eddie Ortiz, Leslee Avalos, Jordan Jamerson, and Krista Graham. More pictures of the Seniors at the banquet can be seen online at www.frionaonline.com

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The Parmer County Shared Service Arrangement serving the Friona, Bovina, Lazbuddie, and Farwell Independent School Districts, is offering a FREE DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC for children 3, 4, and 5 years old who seem to have a learning problem or developmental delay. Certified specialists will be working with children at this clinic which is to be held at the following locations on Tuesday, March 27, 2007.

FARWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SPEECH ROOM
8:30-9:30 A.M.

BOVINA RIDGELEA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
10:30-11:30 A.M.

LAZBUDDIE SCHOOL LIBRARY
1:00-2:00 P.M.

FRIONA ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
909 E. 11TH STREET
2:30-4:00 P.M.

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

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ESCUELA PRIMARIA DE FARWELL - En la salon de Terapia de Lenguaje
8:30-9:30 A.M.

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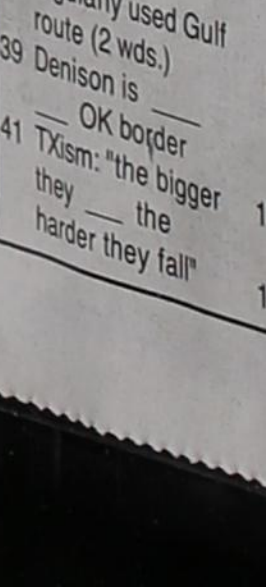
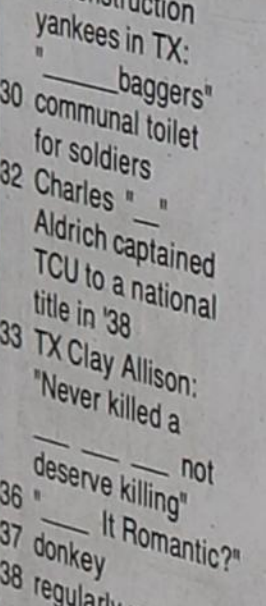
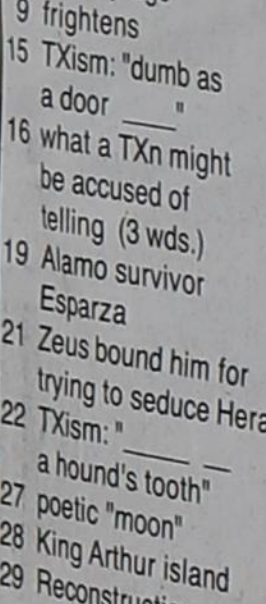
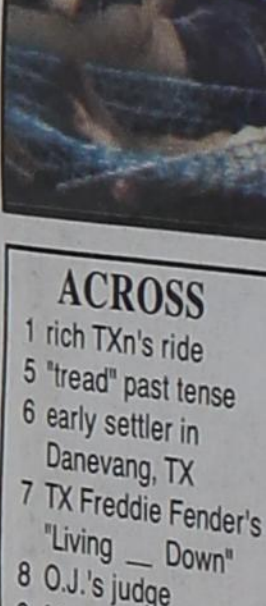
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hank basket

Future NFL star is a nice guy too

BY RON CARR

What do you give a future star wide receiver in the NFL? How about a bag of pecans.

To set the stage, Kenny Carson lives in Clovis, New Mexico. He is the father of Sherry Atwell, grandfather of Kenda Dunnam, and great-grandfather of Alex and Keeley Dunnam, all of Friona.

Over the years Mr. Carson had a couple of pecan trees in his front yard and a young neighbor that lived across the

street named Hank Baskett. Young Hank said he would come home after school, sit on the curb until the cars passed, then run over to pick up pecans out of the street and off the sidewalk. He might have picked up a few out of the front yard too.

The youngster went on to star in football at Clovis High School, in college at the University of New Mexico at Albuquerque, and last year as a

rookie wide receiver drafted by the NFL Philadelphia Eagles.

Which brings us to a few days back when Hank came home to Clovis and stopped by to see Kenny Carson. The Dunnam kids, Alex and Keeley, were there and got to meet him too.

Baskett makes appearances at schools and various functions when he is home in Clovis. He reminds kids that sports are only the icing on

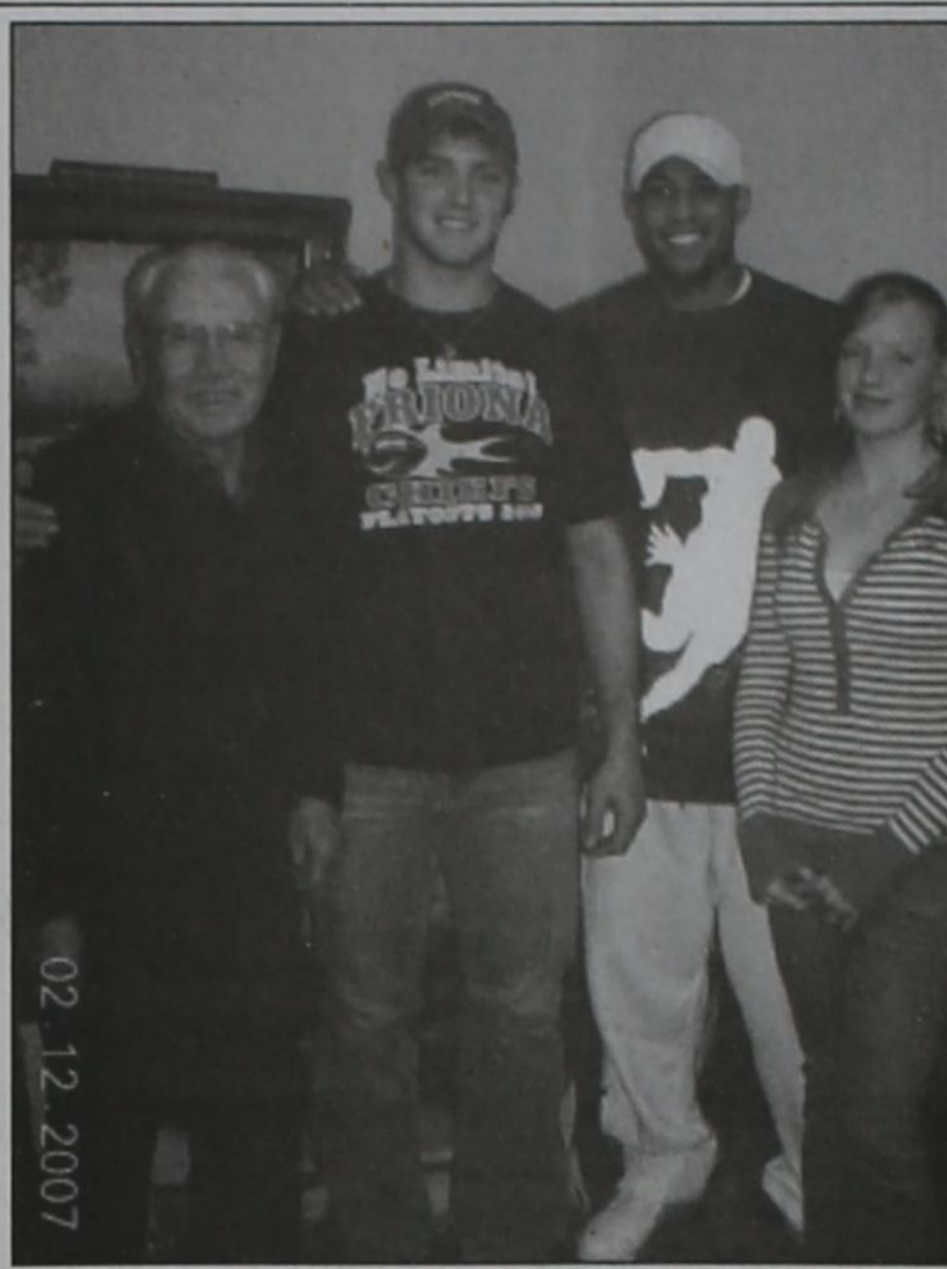
the cake, you have to also have a good foundation in education to carry you through.

Kenda Dunnam said Baskett encouraged Alex, a sophomore at Friona high school, to pursue playing college football and counseled Keeley about her asthma because he also suffered with it growing up.

Kenda gave Baskett a Sugar Shack cookbook to give to his mom but he said he likes to cook at home in Philadelphia so his mom might not get to keep it. Kenda said, "Who knows, the Eagles might be eating Sugar Shack treats as we speak."

Grandad Kenny Carson always bragged on Hank when he was growing up across the street and throughout his football career. As Hank was leaving, Mr. Carson gave him a parting gift with a memory.

He gave the future superstar a bag of pecans from those two trees in the front yard.



courtesy photo Philadelphia Eagles rookie sensation Hank Baskett, a native of Clovis, stopped by to visit an old friend recently. From left are Kenny Carson, Alex Dunnam, Baskett, and Keeley Dunnam. See related story for more.

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Personalized bricks to frame county's historical marker

The Parmer County Historical Commission has secured permission to move the Texas Historical Marker for Parmer County from its original site on Highway 84 east of Farwell to the courthouse grounds in Farwell. The marker has been the target of vandals and thieves for the past several years and the only way to preserve the marker, which was set in place in 1936, is to move it to more secure surroundings. The marker will be reset just outside the southwest corner of the courthouse, facing west.

The Parmer County Historical Commission plans to surround the marker with personalized bricks with the names of local pioneering families and those who wish to honor their families with a living memorial. The bricks will be sold in three sizes: 4X8 in., 8X8 in., and 6X12 in., at \$50, \$75, and \$100 respectively. The bricks will be printed with from 3 to 6 lines of print depending on brick size and logos may be added on certain sizes.

The commission wants to install the first bricks in time for the May 5 Centennial Celebration so that visitors can see the beauty of the memorial marker. Due to the time needed for printing and laying of the bricks, the first brick order must be placed by April 4. If you want to purchase a brick memorial to be included in the initial laying you

need to order your personalized brick by April 4.

Bricks may be ordered through any member of the historical commission. The members are Gladys Spring, chair, Floyd Reeve, Sharon White, Mack Heald, Mary Johnston, Bonnie Howard, Pat Howard, Joe Bob Mann, Hugh Moseley, Don Spring, Judy Cummings, Brenda Wilson, Kreg Wilson, Delwin Allen, and Wendy Carthel.

"We want everyone to understand that this is an ongoing memorial and that bricks may be added anytime in the future," said Mrs. Spring. "But we want the initial setting to be a beautiful sampling of the future of the memorial and one that will be visible to the visitors at the celebration."

Proceeds from the sales will be used by the Parmer County Historical Commission for improvements and funding of many projects in the county.

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Poison prevention week Mar 18-24

Prevent poisonings: clean out your medicine cabinet

Each year since 1962, the third full week in March has been designated as National Poison Prevention Week. On March 16, President George W. Bush signed a proclamation that will designate March 18-24 as National Poison Prevention Week for 2007. The week gives poison educators an opportunity to remind the public of the dangers of unintentional poisonings and demonstrate ways in which homes and communities can become "Poison Safe".

This year the Texas Panhandle Poison Center, which serves residents within the 71 counties that comprise Texas Public Health Regions I and II, is focusing on "Prevent Poisonings—Clean Out Your Medicine Cabinet" as its theme for National Poison Prevention Week.

Poison control centers nationwide receive more than one million calls annually regarding poison exposures involving children five years and younger and about 30 children younger than five years old die each year from unintentional poisonings. Most of these poisonings are from products commonly found in the home: personal care products, including baby oil and mouthwash containing ethanol; household cleaners, including drain openers and oven cleaners; over-the-counter pain relievers, including ibuprofen, acetaminophen, aspirin and cough and cold medicines; hydrocarbons, such as lamp oil and furniture polish; and adult-strength vitamins and supplements containing iron.

Ronica Farrar, who has been the educator for TPPC since 2000, says unused and old medicines are a common source for poisonings and should be cleaned out at least once a year. "Out of all of the calls that we get, the ones that involve exposure to medicines can be the most frightening," Farrar said. "Just one tablet or capsule of some medications can be extremely dangerous if it is taken by a child or by an adult

for which it was not prescribed." To clean out a medicine cabinet, Farrar says the goal should be to remove and safely dispose of any old or leftover medicines, whether prescription or over-the-counter. "If

you have questions about whether a medicine is still good or not, contact your pharmacist. Otherwise, when in doubt, clean it out."

She suggests cleaning out medicine supplies once a year at a time when interruptions are less likely to occur. "You don't want to take medicines out and have them accessible to children or pets while you're cleaning the medicine cabinet."

Farrar said flushing medications can be hazardous for the environment and that some communities

have household waste disposal programs in place to help people safely discard outdated or unused medicines. If no local programs are available she suggests placing solid medications in a one-gallon zip-lock baggie and crushing them. Next, add water to the baggie to dissolve the crushed medication and then add kitty litter or a solid kitchen substance like flour to the mixture. Finally, the baggie should be sealed and placed directly into an outdoor trash collection container or a secure indoor trash receptacle.

For added safety, Farrar said the entire baggie can be placed in a sealable container such as a small bucket with a lid or an old coffee can. She said liquid medications can also be placed in a sealable bag with water and kitty litter.

For more information about cleaning out a medicine cabinet or to obtain a free packet of poison prevention material, call 1-800-222-1222 and ask for a specialist in poison information or write to Texas Panhandle Poison Center, 1501 S. Coulter, Amarillo, Texas 79106.

School Lunch Menu

March 26- March 30

(All meals are served with Ice cold Milk)
Monday, March 26

Quick baked potato, hot rolls, cheese sauce, chili, garden salad, assorted gelatin, margarine cups.

Tuesday, March 27

Macaroni and cheese, hot rolls, green beans, peaches, brownies.

Wednesday, March 28

Pork patties, hot rolls, mashed potatoes, corn, gelatin w/fruit.

Thursday, March 29

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The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for public school purposes on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect any reduction in the rate of those taxes for the 2006 and 2007 tax years."

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