

## "MY TURN"

By  
Carol Ellis



**THE LITTLE PEOPLE** have been back in school for a couple of weeks now, so it's time for a holiday!

One last trip to the lake before next summer; one last picnic lunch with all those yummy summer delicacies; one last red, rosy sunburn to insure ourselves of the possibility of melanoma sometime in the future. Except for that, what does Labor Day stand for anyway?

Do we celebrate the fact that organized labor has increased the cost of manufactured goods until America can no longer compete with the Japanese? Or maybe we have Labor Day to honor such wonderful gentlemen as John L. Lewis and George Meany. Perhaps we should celebrate this holiday by digging up the Giants' baseball field in New Jersey to see if Jimmie Hoffa is really buried there.

One thing's for sure...it's always hot as blue blazes on Labor Day! I suppose there is some unwritten law about this. There are actually a few folks who would rather celebrate Labor Day while sitting in front of the air conditioner.

Now there's something to celebrate about! Who invented the air conditioner, anyway? Mark Twain once said, "Everybody talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it." Well, the inventor of the air conditioner did something about it. We should name a holiday after that person, let out school, hold festivals, picnics and parades.

Food spoils, cars overheat, babies get rashes, and old folks have heat strokes when the temperature gets past the nineties. Can you picture those families ca 1850 heading out west in their covered wagons with no air conditioning? And there wasn't a Dairy Queen every twenty miles or so, where you could stop to cool off with an ice cream or a cold soda. The water barrel on the back of the wagon was about all they had for refreshment. They must have been a lot tougher than we are today. But at least they didn't have to wear pantyhose (ladies) or neckties (men). However, there are those who manage to beat the heat by wearing nothing at all. I've heard there are nude sunbathers on the beaches in the South of France. I, not having the wherewithall to be a well-traveled person, have not viewed this spectacle myself, so it is merely heresy at this point. After a brief glance at my own sagging avoirdupois in the mirror on the way to the shower, I find it difficult to believe that anyone would venture out in public without the benefit of some drapery to hide that vulnerable temple which houses the noble human soul.

Of course, kids have their own ways of keeping cool when temperatures take an upswing, such as running through the lawn sprinkler and then standing in front of an open refrigerator door, staring into that frosted cavern with a pained expression. "That's no way to cool off the kitchen," you explain. "I'm hungry. What's that green fuzzy stuff there in back of the empty water bottle?" he replies.

So, slather on that sunscreen, grill those burgers, chow down that potato salad and enjoy that last hot day of freedom before we all have to buckle down to the assigned tasks. Because, even as we stand here perspiring, nature's forces are busy sweeping together the great jet streams which will cool the earth and are arranging the snows and ice storms which will arrive in a few short months.

Then we'll gather around the fireplace with woolly afghans tucked around our feet and cups of hot chocolate to warm us, and remind each other what fun we had last Labor Day. And then won't we be glad when it warms up just a bit!

### TEMPERATURES

Date	Hi-Low-Rain
Saturday, August 24	86-62 .00
Sunday, August 25	86-61 .00
Monday, August 26	86-22 .00
Tuesday, August 27	87-62 .00
Wednesday, August 28	88-62 .01
Thursday, August 29	88-60 .03
Friday, August 30	89-63 .00

## Co. Officials Given Raises

Parmer County employees and elected officials were given a raise in the 1991 proposed salary schedules, in a split vote by the commissioners in a recent meeting.

The salary increase will amount to five per cent for employees and seven per cent for elected officials, and a dollar amount of \$52,000 in the budget.

Voting for the motion were commissioners Robert White and Tom Ware, with commissioners Ernest Anthony and Raymond McGehee opposed. County Judge Bonnie Clayton broke the tie with a favorable vote.

In other matters on the agenda, two bids were awarded to Friona Motors for dump trucks for Precincts 2 and 4. The bid was \$44,975 for the truck for Precinct 2, and \$44,496.17 for the truck for Precinct 4.

The other bid received on the trucks was by a Lubbock firm that had a used truck for sale.

Bids were also opened as per the recent legal notice for repairing 1.5 miles of pavement running north from FM 1731 to West Plains Feed Yard in Precinct 1. Parmer County and the feed yard share equally in the cost of this project.

Successful bidder was Appian Construction of Hereford with a low bid of \$14,474. This was more than \$5,000 below the other

bid received, from Lipham Construction Co. of Aspermont.

A proposal by Friona Independent School District to use part of their funds from the Permanent School monies in the amount of \$30,258.62 was approved. The money is to be used to make improvements to the junior high fieldhouse in Friona.

A motion was passed to pay \$3534 for foster children care in Parmer County.

Approval was given for uniform allowances for Bob Davis and Randy Gerles.

The commissioners canvassed and approved the results of the Constitutional Amendment election August 10. A total of 215 county voters voted in favor of Amendment #1, with 210 against. The second proposal was defeated locally, 256-170.

Soil conservation work was approved, when machines were in the area and not needed otherwise, for Nick Collier and Mike Riethmayer.

A request for Sid Felon, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, to be permitted to be a member of Parmer County Health group was approved, and a request from Anne Norton, County Treasurer, to combine the Road and Bridge Fund with the General Fund for bookkeeping convenience was approved. The R&B Fund amounts to only 1.1 per cent of the taxes.

## Mustang Gridders In 2nd Scrimmage

Bovina's Mustangs head into their second scrimmage contest on Friday against the Tahoka Bulldogs at Littlefield.

The Mustangs and Texico played to a scoreless scrimmage at Texico last Friday.

Bovina dominated the first part of the scrimmage, driving inside the Texico one-yard line, but failed to score.

"We had a fairly well-balanced attack. Joe Torres and Isabell Maruffo ran the ball well, and Kory Mitchell had a key pass reception from Hector Guevaro. We just didn't get the ball into the end zone," said BHS Coach Rock Stanley.

During the second segment of the scrimmage, both teams appeared tired, and did not move the ball as well.

Bovina amassed 210 yards total offense, which Stanley said wasn't bad for a first scrimmage.

Bovina's defense created five fumbles, and Stanley said that in a real game, "That would have been significant."

Defensively, everyone did a good job in the scrimmage, but since Texico had a fairly young team Stanley said the Mustangs were go-

ing to have to work harder in the future.

This week's opponent, Tahoka, scrimmaged tough Whiteface to a 2-2 tie, and Whiteface is expected to gain the playoffs.

Stanley said the 'Faces have three runningbacks over 190 pounds. "They're big and quick. We held them to one touchdown last year, but it may be a challenge to do that again," he said.

Physically, the Mustang coach said his team had the regular bumps and bruises, but nothing major. "We'll have to avoid injuries this year, since we just don't have the depth we need," he concluded.

## City Hall Closes Mon.

The Bovina City Hall will be closed Monday, September 2, in observance of Labor Day.

The City Hall will be open at the regular time on Tuesday to conduct business, a spokesman for the city said.



PRIZE WINNER...Tony Neal poses with "Alley," a two-year old Alpine dairy goat that won "Best Doe" at the Curry County Fair last weekend, over all breeds.

## Football Contest Begins In This Issue

The annual Bovina Blade football contest is making its 1991 debut in this week's edition of the Blade, with \$22.50 in cash being offered each week to local football fans.

In addition, contestants will be shooting for a grand prize of \$100 in cash, to be awarded at the close of the 13-week period.

Entry blanks may be brought by the Blade office on Third Street each week, or mailed to Drawer B in Bovina. Contestants are asked to bring their entry blanks by the Blade office by 5 p.m. Fridays, or have their entries postmarked by 5 p.m. on Fridays, in order to be eligible for the weekly contest.

Tabulation of the individual scores will be kept all season long, and at the end of the 13-week promotion,

## Exhibitors Win At C.C. Fair

Local exhibitors did well in the goat show at the Curry County Fair, Saturday, August 24. Tony and Dottie Neal have a five-year-old Alpine dairy goat that won her class. Their two-year-old Alpine dairy goat won her class and went on to win Champion Challenge. She also finished up to win "Best Doe" in the show in the overall breed competition.

J.T. Roach, son of Jerry and Kay Roach, took fourth and eighth place with twin five-month-old Nubians. J.T. Roach and Scott Sherrill showed the pair.

the Grand Prize winner will be named.

In case of a tie for one of the top weekly places, or for the grand prize, the tie-breaker scores will be used to break ties.

Contestants are cautioned to be sure to fill in these tie-breaker predictions each week on their contest form.

Contestants must be ten years of age or older. Everyone except for employees of the Bovina Blade and their families are eligible to enter.

Scores of all the leading contestants will be posted at the Blade office as soon as the grading has been completed.

Sponsoring the contest, along with the Bovina Blade, are Parmer County Spraying Service, Terra International, First Bank-Bovina, Bovina Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, Zia Spraying of Clovis, and Sherley Grain. Also, Charles Oil and Gas, Inc., Bovina Pump Company, Bovina Gin, Excel Corp., West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative and Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative, Paco Feed Yard, Friona Motors, and Caprock Industries.

## New Law Affects Vehicles

In September, the simple matter of registering a motor vehicle in Texas will become a little more complicated.

The change is a result of insurance reform enacted by the 72nd Legislature.

Beginning September 1, the owner of a motor vehicle must submit current proof of financial responsibility with an application for initial registration, renewal of registration, or transfer of registration. This new requirement is a must, regardless of whether registration is accomplished in person or by mail.

The most common evidence of financial responsibility is a liability insurance card issued to the policy holder by the insurance company. Examples of other types of acceptable proof include insurance policies and binders, pool coverage documents and certificates of self-insurance, bond, etc.

The original or a photocopy of the evidence will satisfy the requirement for proof of financial responsibility. All original documentation will be returned.

Questions about proper evidence of financial responsibility may be directed to your automobile insurance company, your local County Tax Assessor-Collector, or to the local Division of Motor Vehicles Regional Office.

Mike Read was the winner in the 1990 contest, which was the 30th consecutive year for the Blade to conduct the Football Contest. Following is a list of former champions:

1960--Neil Smith; 1961--Erith Hawkins; 1962--Emmett Tabor; 1963--Paul Jones; 1964--Jeanne Kerby; 1965--Allen Cumpston; 1966--Truck Lusk; 1967--Leroy Lance; 1968--Bill Roberts; 1969--Larry Wardlaw; 1970--Donna Criswell.

1971--Ted Graham; 1972--Gary McCormick; 1973--Harry J. Charles; 1974--Emmett Tabor; 1975--A.M. Wilson; 1976--Greg Hromas; 1977--Allen Cumpston; 1978--Harry J. Charles; 1979--David George; 1980--Johnny Curtis.

1981--Ken Horn; 1982--Larry Wiseman; 1983--Richard Shepherd; 1984--Howard Card; 1985--Teresa Cary; 1986--Brad Lance; 1987--Tilly Card; 1988--Jerry Bentley; 1989--Kay Roach; 1990--Mike Read.

## Cockerham Is Injured

Steve Cockerham, son of Jimmie and Barbara Cockerham, was injured Saturday evening, August 24 while trying to pen a bull.

According to family members, Steve was riding his horse and in attempt to pen the bull, it charged at the horse causing Steve to be flipped off head first.

Steve suffered a hair-line fracture to his wrist and a lacerated right eye. He underwent surgery on his eye Saturday night. He is in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo, (Room 424) and should be home in two to three days.

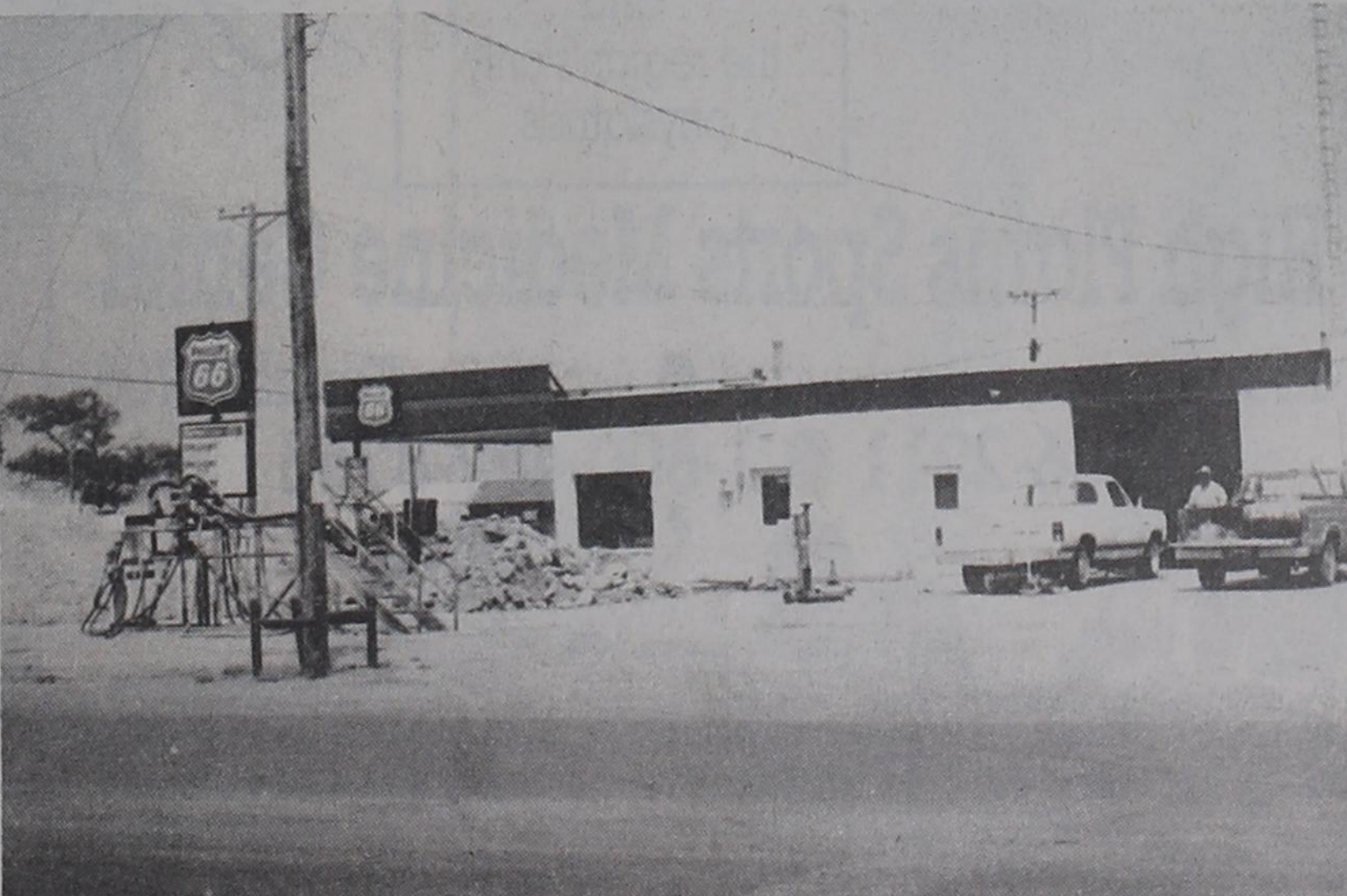
## VFD Will Conduct Drive

The Bovina Volunteer Fire Department will be sponsoring a "Fill the Boot" drive to be held on Labor Day, Monday, September 2 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Fire Department volunteers will be riding around in the fire truck and going from door to door taking donations for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Anyone wanting to make a donation through the Fire Department but miss the truck, may take their donations by the Bovina City Hall.

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MORE WORK UNDERWAY...Yet another underground tank is being unearthed at Charles Oil & Gas Co. in Bovina. Other tanks had been unearthed earlier this summer at the facility on U.S. Highway 60.

# REFLECTIONS

....from the files of The Bovina Blade

## 35 Yrs. Ago--August 29, 1956

Superintendent Warren Morton is making preparations to begin his first year as head of Bovina Public Schools. Morton, his wife and two school-age children, recently moved to Bovina from Chilli-cothe, where he served as superintendent of schools for the past four years. Morton succeeds W.H. Willoughby, who resigned to accept a similar position at Gruver.

Ralph W. Yarborough, who was apparently nosed out in his bid to upset favored Price Daniel in the gubernatorial race, carried Parmer County Precinct 3 (Bovina) in Saturday's runoff election by a 107 to 106 margin.

Bovina School Band will pre-

## Letter To The Editor

The Bovina Blade  
Bovina, Texas

We would appreciate publication of this as a letter to the editor to help us contact a family traveling by van from San Jon, N.M., south on Sunday, August 18, at about 4:30 p.m.

A sudden blinding rain storm just as we topped out on a sharp curve above the Caprock forced us off the road, and through a fence about 100 feet ahead. We were left stranded there in a drenching rain. The van stopped and the young man driving came to our rescue. He got pliers from his van, cut the wire to enable us to get back on the road safely. We reported the accident to a Curry County deputy sheriff in Grady, but were advised it was out of his jurisdiction across the Quay County line.

In the confusion, we failed to get the name of the young man in the van. He had refused our offer of payment, but we would like very much to have him write us or call collect so that we can tell him the amazing outcome of the adventure.

In summary, let us say that there are some very kind and thoughtful people in eastern New Mexico and the Texas Panhandle.  
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sent a brief, public outdoor concert in the patio of the school building Friday, August 31, at 7 p.m. W. Wayne Stevens, band director, has announced.

## 30 Yrs. Ago--August 30, 1961

Mrs. Lady Armstrong returned recently following a visit to Spokane, Washington, where she visited her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Mager.

Janee Russell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Russell, celebrated her sixth birthday with a party Tuesday afternoon at her home.

Bovina Schools hit its highest opening day enrollment in history Monday with a 485 total. Superintendent Warren Morton says he expects the figure to swell over the 500 mark within two weeks. A total of 456 registered at this time a year ago.

## 25 Yrs. Ago--August 31, 1966

Another rain, totaling as much as four inches in parts of the area, fell here Sunday night. The moisture came while the area was still water-soaked from last week's heavy downpour.

Kindergarten classes will be conducted in Bovina this year by Mrs. W.E. Williams, a veteran first grade teacher in Bovina Schools. Mrs. Williams says she expects to have a minimum of 13 students when classes begin Tuesday.

Mike Grissom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Grissom, won first place in a tennis tournament last weekend in Clovis. Mike was in the 16-25 year-old division. He will be awarded a trophy by tournament sponsors.

## 15 Yrs. Ago--September 1, 1976

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon in Bovina for Wilbur Charles, 81, who passed away about noon Wednesday after a short illness. Charles was serving as Justice of the Peace for the Bov-

ina precinct, a position he had held for the past eight years. He was a retired farmer.

Gladys Spring has been named News Editor for the Bovina Blade, it was announced this week by publisher Bill Ellis. Mrs. Spring replaces Lou Nuttall, who recently resigned the position after holding it since 1970.

Superintendent L.F. Jacobs reported Monday that school enrollment is up over the first day total of 501 students. As of August 30, kindergarten through fifth grades had 251 students, junior high has 133 students and high school reported 148 students. This brings the total to 532.

## 10 Yrs. Ago--September 2, 1981

Tammy and Dennis Willard were pictured on Page 1 with the newest addition to their family, twins Joshua Trent and Jeremy Brent, born August 18 in Lubbock. They have a sister, Amber.

Robert Ulibarri is the newest member of the Bovina High School coaching staff. Ulibarri served as a member of the scouting team and prior to that was an assistant to Paul Topliff when he was head coach at Texico.

## 5 Yrs. Ago--September 3, 1986

Travis Stanberry, two-year-old son of Dean and Wendy Stanberry, suffered second-degree burns when he pulled a pan of grease off the stove. The grease burned the left side of the youngster's body, arm and face.

Bovina Junior High School cheerleaders attended Cheerleading Camp at ENMU in Portales. Cheerleaders are Crystal Trim, Donna Griggs, Christy Scott, Mendy Rhodes and Keri Mitchell. Sponsor is Virginia Rhodes.

Billy and Suezy Smith will be honored with a reception hosted by their children, Arlene Smith, Darlene Smith and Kevin Smith, in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary.

## Happy Birthday

(Note: If someone in your family has upcoming birthdays, please call the Blade office in advance, or mail them to us at Post Office Drawer B, so we can list them on our community calendar.)

August 31--Nettie Wilson.  
September 1--Billy Harbison.  
September 2--Bessie Webb.  
September 3--Kristopher Guest, Virginia Rhodes.  
September 4--Margaret Durben.  
September 5--Jerry Wilburn, Leon Schilling.

## School Lunch Menu

Week of September 3-6  
**TUESDAY**--tacos with cheese, lettuce and tomato salad, corn, chocolate cake and milk.  
**WEDNESDAY**--chicken nuggets, potatoes, gravy, green beans, rolls, fruit and milk.  
**THURSDAY**--pizza pockets, celery sticks, strawberries and bananas and milk.  
**FRIDAY**--hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, French fries, brownies and milk.

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### NOTICE OF HEARING

Parmer County's 1992 Proposed Budget is currently on file in the County Judge's Office and may be examined by any interested citizen weekdays during business hours. The total budgeted expenditures are expected to be \$2,554,000.93. A budget hearing will be held on Monday, September 9 at 5 p.m. in the County Courtroom.

All interested citizens will have the opportunity to give comments during that session. Bonnie J. Clayton, Parmer County Judge.

## Wedding Reminder

The wedding of Melanie Ann Kenney and Charles Edward Trimble will be held on Saturday, September 7, 1991, at the Lake Tanglewood Church in Amarillo, Texas.

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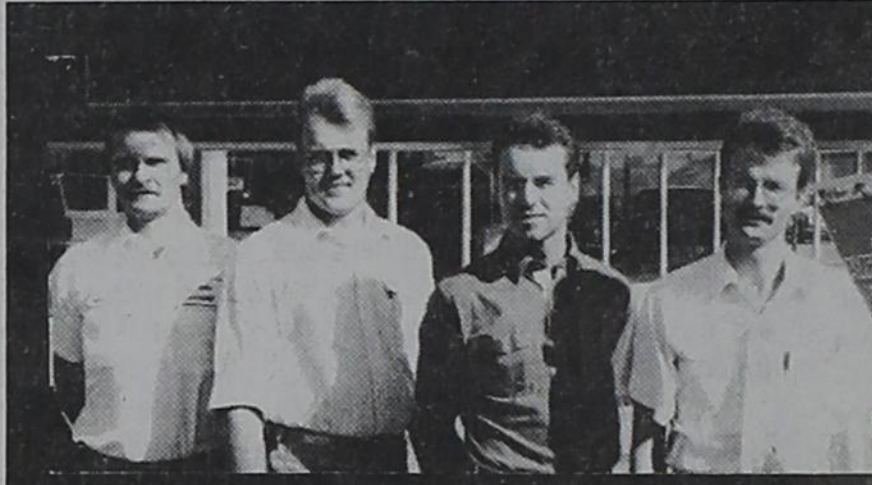
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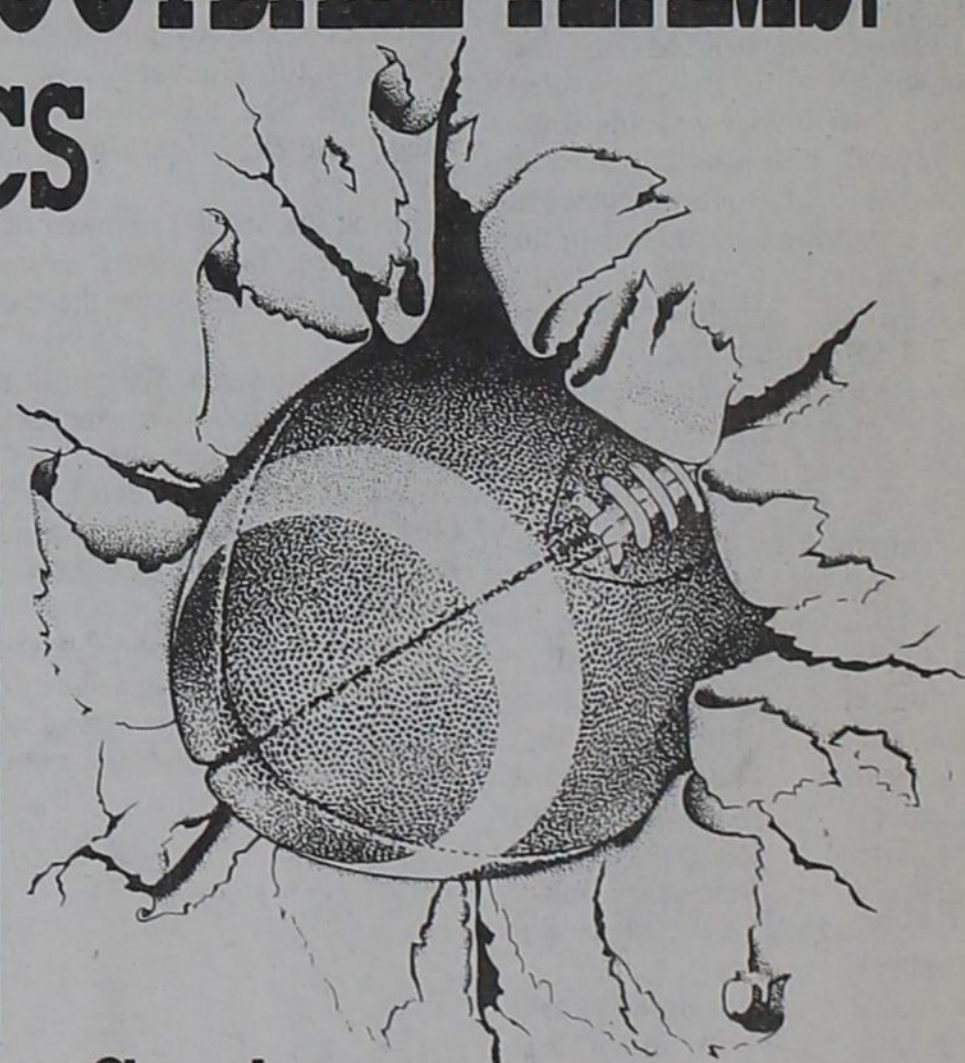
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## Killing The Spirit Of The Child "Why Their Fathers?"

By Diane Rodgers

Why do fathers sexually abuse their children? One out of 100 women will be sexually abused by their fathers before they reach 18 years of age.

A 37-year-old man's story starts out this way. The husband and wife are dependant on each other. Strained communication develops between him and his wife. The wife is hospitalized. This causes the 11-year-old girl to step into her mother's role.

He says, "She took care of us all. I loved her and she loved me. I'd sit and watch television and she would snuggle up next to me. I began to fondle her. Then it got to be more." He said that he would quit for a few months, because he knew it was harming the girl, but it would always start up again.

In these cases, the child victim is set up at an early age. These children become little adults. One woman said, "It was as if she was a spectator, sitting on a shelf, watching other children at play. Stolen is their childhood."

All types of people molest their children. The ethnic and economic breakdowns of families conform to the overall population. The average

offender is white, he is a professional or skilled blue collar worker. While basically middle-class, they are not involved in the community. They lack an extended family. They are isolated.

There is no typical offender. Some of the characteristics that many sexual offenders share are:

(1) A rigid and authoritarian background. The man makes every decision.

(2) Heavy alcohol use. One-third of sexual assaults involve use of alcohol by the offender. The offender uses alcohol as an excuse to abuse, the alcohol does not cause the abuse.

(3) Someone who was abused as a child seems more likely to abuse as an adult.

(4) Men who batter their wives will frequently abuse their children as well, often sexually. They may also sexually assault other children.

(5) Loners. Someone with difficulty relating to people of the same age.

Be aware that none of these are certain indicators of danger to the child. "The best protection for the child is knowledge and an open line

of communication with YOU!"

In the eight years I have worked with these children, I have seen more of the chain reaction: grandfather sexually abuses his children, these children grow up to sexually abuse their children. The girls in these families will grow up to marry men who will sexually abuse their children. It will go on if the chain is not broken. The best way to break the chain is to help the child.

In both cases, the offender will deny the abuse if caught. It comes down to the abuser's word against the child victim's. If the abuser admits to the crime, he will blame the child by saying, "The child seduced him."

The mother is a very dependant woman. She was probably sexually abused as a child; her self-esteem is very low, and chances are the offender is physically abusing her. He tells her he will kill her and the children if she tries to leave him. She chooses not to believe her daughter and stays with the abuser.

The child cannot return home under these circumstances. The vic-

tim is placed into the emergency housing or foster home.

The social workers will do all that is possible to get the family together again. Counseling for parents and child, parenting classes, and visits with the child will be arranged. If the parents accept this help and are willing to work on the problems, the family can be saved.

But this seldom occurs. Children can be in foster care for years. These children are living in limbo, going from foster home to foster home, social worker to social worker, until the child reaches the age of an adult or runs away, whichever comes first.

In some cases, children are returned home because judges are not educated to the problem of sexual abuse. These children have no chance. They will be abusive parents, while turning to crime and prostitution.

There are a few children who do make it. Their lives have changed and they have broken the chain of abuse. The others we continue to love and pray for and we hope that sometime, they will overcome the abusive chain.

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ONE WOULD THINK THE BIBLE WOULD BE WELCOME IN ANY PLACE ON EARTH—BUT THIS IS NOT THE CASE! NOR CAN ONE OPENLY BUY A BIBLE IN MANY COUNTRIES! IN RUSSIA IT'S ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE, IN EAST GERMANY, CHANCES ARE SLIM! BULGARIA? NO! HUNGARY, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, VERY DIFFICULT—AND IN ALBANIA IT IS AN OUT-AND-OUT CRIME!



NO WONDER THEN THAT FORTY ORGANIZATIONS CONSTANTLY SMUGGLE BIBLES INTO IRON-CURTAIN COUNTRIES. TRAINED TO HANDLE THIS EXTRAORDINARY VENTURE, PROFESSIONALS AND SKILLED AMATEURS CROSS BORDERS IN VEHICLES SUCH AS THE VOLKSWAGON "BUG" WITH BUILT-IN SECRET COMPARTMENTS SOMETIMES HOLDING AS MANY AS 500 POCKET-SIZE BIBLES. IF CAUGHT, THE BIBLES ARE CONFISCATED AND THE PERSON REFUSED ENTRY INTO THE COUNTRY—BUT SOME ARE NOT SO LUCKY—THE LONGEST PRISON TERM TO DATE—3 1/2 YEARS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA!

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# Bovina Scoops

Call 238-1523 With Your News Items

Bessie Webb is still a patient in Parmer County Community Hospital. Family members this week said they were planning to move her to Prairie Acres, but she suffered a heart attack on August 15. Her condition has not improved.

She is still in the ICU room at the hospital in Friona. Let's remember Bessie and her family in our prayers. Bessie will be 82 years old on September 2.

Karen Barham and family have recently moved to Plainview from Newbury Park, California. Her husband, Mark, is employed by ENMR Telephone.

The Barhams have three children. Karen is the daughter of Mary Merrell. She grew up and went to school in Bovina. Welcome back to the area.

Dwight and Andrew Merrell of Huntsville, Texas, Ezra and Heather Barham of Newbury Park, California and Eric and Chris Shufelberger of Bovina have spent time this summer with their grandmother, Mary Merrell. Mary said she enjoyed them all being here, but she sure was kept busy.

Virgie Adams is home after spending a week at Dumas visiting her son, O.W. (Dub) Adams and family. While there, she spent time with her two great-granddaughters.

Virgie's grandson, Jeff, took her to Amarillo to see her friend, Irene

Crawford. Jerry Ware and Mrs. Eubanks met Virgie at Irene's house and they all spent three days together. They enjoyed shopping, going out to eat and playing games.

Coleman and Melissa Young and children, Lacie, Matthew and Benjamin, went to Lake Mackenzie on a combined camping trip and "Young" family reunion. Melissa stated, "The kids went fishing for about five minutes and then Coleman took them tubing behind the boat." They all had an enjoyable time.

Most of the Young family members are from the Kress and Plainview area. Also attending was Coleman's dad, Earl Young of Bovina.

Steve Cockerham was injured when a bull charged his horse while he was trying to pen the bull. He received a serious eye injury and a fracture to his wrist.

Steve had surgery on his eye late Saturday night and according to family members on Monday, he is doing well and joking around some. We hope for a quick recovery and a good report on his eye.

Louise Hutchins recently returned from a three-week trip to points of interest in California. While there, she visited friends at Buena Park. She said she really enjoyed the time away and met many interesting people.

While there, the group toured

Disneyland and Knotts' Berry Farm. When first arriving at Buena Park, the weather was rainy but it turned off dry and sunny for the remaining stay. Louise said it was nice to be back home in Bovina.

Congratulations to Tony and Dottie Neal on their placing at the goat show at the Curry County Fair. Dottie was telling me about the unusual name of their five-year-old Alpine goat... "Xovangam." They call her Maggie for short.

Also, congratulations to Jerry and Kay Roach on their placing fourth and eighth at the Curry County Fair. They had twin five-month-old Nubians. J.T. Roach and Scott Sherrill did a fine job showing them.

Les and Rose McCain spent a few days at Red River. Rose commented on how nice the weather was. While there, it rained and they even had some sleet. They stopped by Conchas Dam on the way back home to visit with former residents, O.B. and Geneva Johnston.

Koie McCain was a visitor in the home of Les and Rose McCain. He dropped by from Portales to visit with cousin, Les.

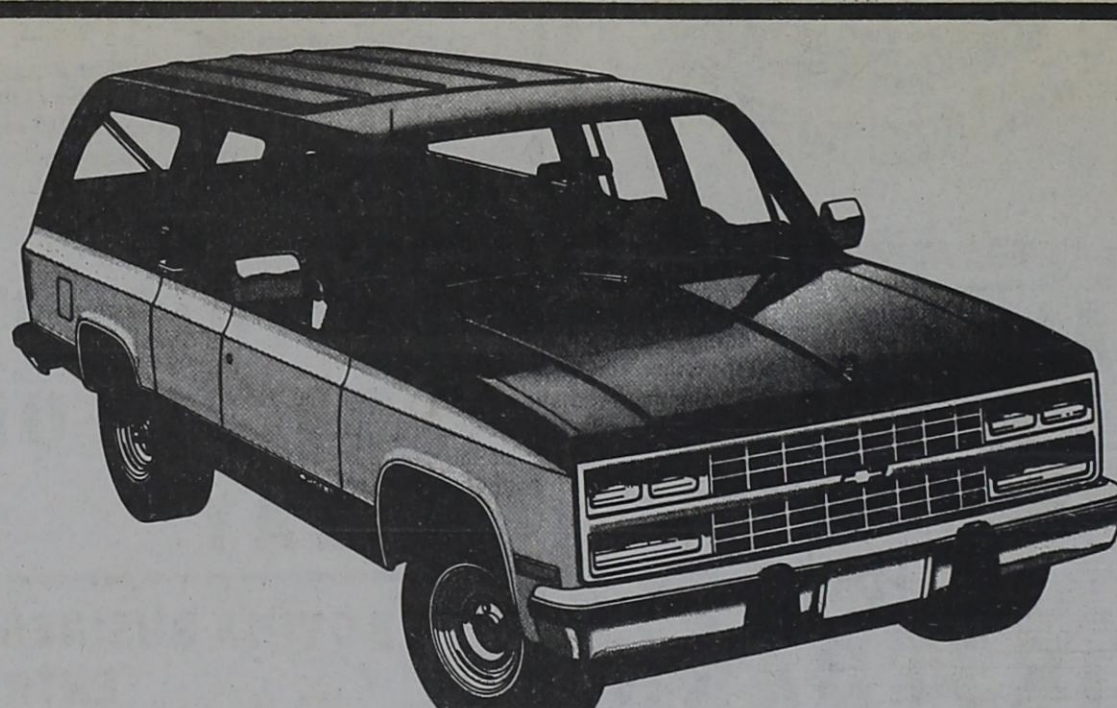
Thanks for your help with the Scoops. Call me Mondays and Tuesdays with your news items--Joyce Gilbreath.

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The legislature has enacted a statute on school funding to comply with a court mandate enforcing the state constitution. Under prior statutes (S.B. 1) the tax rate for last year provides \$4614 per student in state and local revenues. Under this statute (S.B. 351) that same rate now provides \$5146 per student in state and local revenues.

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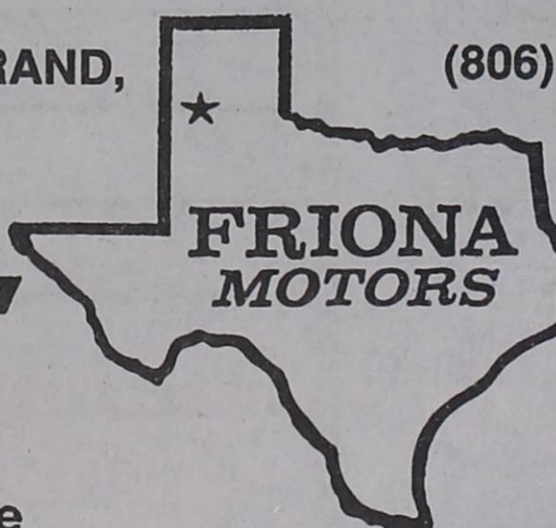
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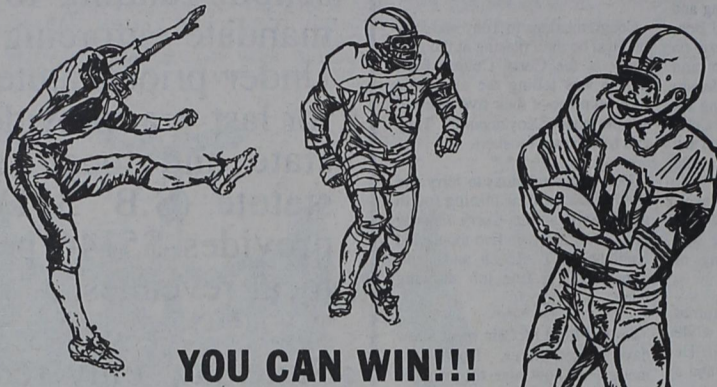
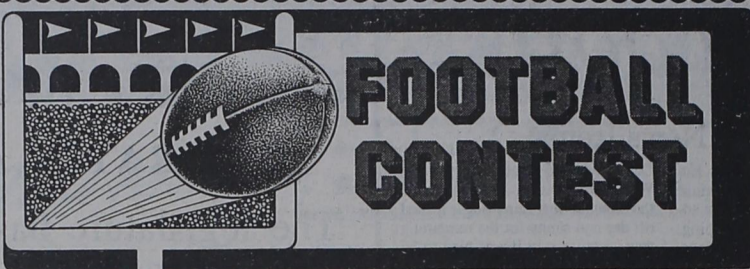
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