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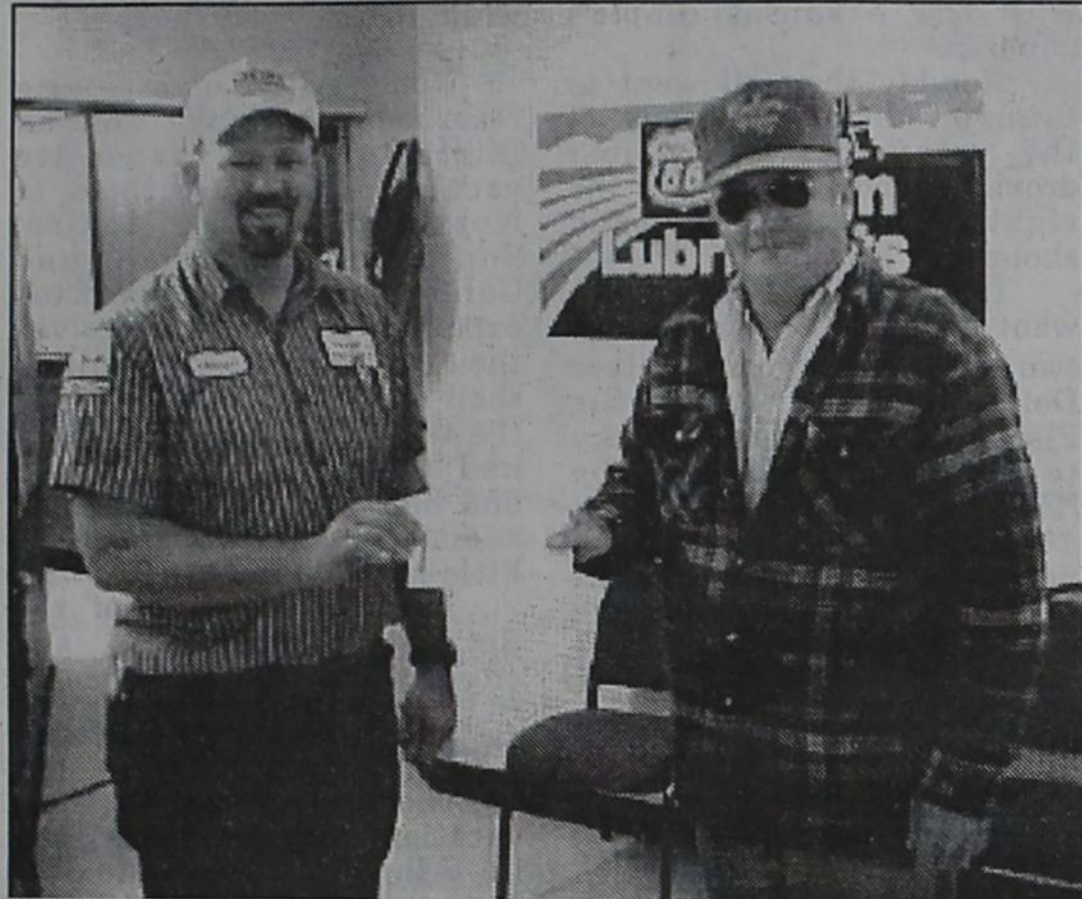
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WEEK 8 WINNER.....Charles Johnson, left, an employee of contest sponsor Charles Oil, presents all three prize checks for the Week 8 football contest to Glenden Sudderth. Glenden won 2nd place and two of his sons won 1st and 3rd prizes.

Sudderths Sweep All Three Prizes In Football Contest

Seven contestants picked 13 out of 14 correct games in the Week 8 contest. Six of them had the same last name. Sudderth. All six Sudderths who enter each week missed the same game, Stanford vs. So. Cal.

The seventh contestant to pick 13 was Mona Contreras of Bovina. There was no way that anybody could get close to the tie-breaker of Dallas 48, Arizona 7. Most people didn't figure Dallas to score 48 points for the rest of the year, much less in one game.

Applying the tie-breaker to the seven first place players, Scott Sudderth of Austin won the \$20. He was off by 31 points on the tie-breaker.

Second place and \$10 went to Glenden Sudderth of Bovina. His tie guess was 33 points off. Del Ray Sudderth won the \$5 third place money with his guess of 37 points off.

Last week, Glenden Sudderth got only six correct.

He says that the reason he did so well this week is because Dorothy Stowers there at the beauty shop made him mad when she teased him so hard the week before.

The other players with 13 correct and their points off the tie-breaker were: Mona Contreras (38); Janie Sudderth (44); Linda Sudderth (48); and Blake Sudderth (52).

Players with 12 correct were Aubrey Parson, Jessica Stowers, A. M. Wilson, Candy Hernandez, and Jan Smith.

Quite a few others managed 11 correct. Aubrey Parson and Francisco Torres vaulted into the total point lead with a total of 75. Five other contestants are right behind the leaders with 74 points.

There are five contests left. The point total list is elsewhere in the paper. Thanks for entering every week and thanks to our contest sponsors who make it all possible.

TODAY WE ARE mourning the passing of an old friend by the name of Common Sense.

Common Sense, also known as C.S., lived a long life...but died of heart failure at the brink of the millennium. No one really knows how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape.

He selflessly devoted his life to service in schools, hospitals, homes, factories and offices, helping folks get jobs done without fanfare and foolishness.

For decades, petty rules, silly laws and frivolous lawsuits held no power over C.S. He was credited with cultivating such valued lessons as to know when to come in out of the rain, working for a living, and that life isn't always fair.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you earn) and reliable parenting strategies (the adults are in charge, not the kids).

A veteran of the Industrial Revolution, the Great Depression, and the Technological Revolution, C.S. survived cultural and educational trends including body piercing, whole language, "new math" and the "It's not MY job" mentality.

But his health declined when he became infected with the "It takes a village to raise a child" virus. In recent times his waning strength proved no match for the ravages of overbearing federal regulation.

He watched in pain as good people became ruled by self-serving lawyers and "enlightened" government auditors.

His health rapidly deteriorated when schools endlessly implemented "zero tolerance policies," reports of six-year-old boys charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate, a teen suspended for taking a swig of mouthwash after lunch, and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student.

Finally, C.S. lost his will to live as the Ten Commandments became contraband, churches became businesses, criminals received better treatment than victims, and federal judges stuck their noses into everything from the Boy Scouts to professional sports.

He had a very bad time when the nation struggled with the definitions of "is" and "sexual relations." As the end neared, C.S. drifted in and out of consciousness, but was kept informed of developments regarding government regulations for low flow toilets and "smart" guns.

Finally, when told that personal integrity didn't matter in U.S. presidents, he breathed his last.

C. S. was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust; his wife, Discretion; his daughter, Responsibility; and his son, Reason. Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone.

RON MAY HAVE sworn off politics until after the election, but I didn't! A statement we received this week points out that Al Gore received special treatment in Vietnam, assigned as a journalist when he had worked as a newspaper trainee at the New York Times. (Actually, he was a copy boy).

After serving only five months in the service he was given special dispensation and a one-way ticket home to attend divinity school in Nashville. He dropped out of Vanderbilt (no record of any divinity classes) shortly thereafter.

Yet Gore assails Geo. W. Bush for his "special treatment" in regard to Vietnam. Let he who is without special treatment cast the first stone!

Bull Town Bulletins

By Bill Ellis



EXCEL Beef Units Receive Chairman's Quality Award

Excel Corporation's North American Fresh Beef division has received a Cargill Chairman's Quality Award which recognizes Cargill business units that have achieved consistent improvement.

Excel, which has its headquarters in Wichita, Kansas, is a subsidiary of Minneapolis-based Cargill, Incorporated. Eight other Cargill locations or businesses also received Chairman's Quality Awards. This is the third award for Excel's beef operations in the last four years.

"Receiving the Chairman's Quality Award is a welcome recognition of the commitment of the Excel team to being a leader in innovative customer solutions," said Bill Rupp, executive vice president of Excel and head of the beef business unit.

Among other things, award judges cited Excel's use of an index that measures the quality of the company's products and service.

"The components of the index are there because Excel beef customers identified them as being important," Rupp said. "These items were chosen and weighted by doing face-to-face customer interviews to insure that the items truly represented customer concerns."

Excel has fresh beef processing facilities in Dodge City, Kansas; Plainview and Friona, Texas; Schuyler, Nebraska; Ft. Morgan, Colorado; and High River, Alberta, Canada.

The Cargill Chairman's Quality Award has been presented annually since 1991.



PUMPKIN MAN guards this Bovina residence to greet trick-or-treaters on Halloween. Drive carefully on Halloween night and watch out for the little ghosts and goblins.

Combest Predicting Bush Win Nov. 7

by BILL ELLIS

Bovina's congressman, Larry Combest (R-Lubbock) predicted this week that Texas Governor George W. Bush will win the presidential race November 7, and that if many states vote the way he thinks they might, the race might be a landslide.

"From what I hear from my colleagues, I think the momentum is definitely in Bush's direction. I think many of the polls we see in the media tend to slide some of the 'undecided' voters into

Gore's column. That's why most of the general public don't trust pollsters, so the polls tend to be somewhat unreliable," Combest said.

The congressman made the statements during a conference call with several newspaper editors in his district Thursday morning, and as a direct response to this writer's question. Combest also addressed the area's bad year for farming, and the so-called budget surplus.

"Republicans, as a rule,

turn out in higher numbers than Democrats, and this should be in Bush's favor. Plus, he says Bush is leading among most of the women voters, particularly married women, and voters with grown children, where Bush has a 60% edge.

Gore is leading mainly in the categories of unmarried women, traditional Democrats, and some minorities, Combest told the writers.

If things go like some (Continued on Page 3A)

St. Ann's Turkey Meal Set

St. Ann's Catholic Church of Bovina is sponsoring their annual turkey dinner, Sunday, November 5. Serving time is 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Texas Time) in St. Ann's Parish Hall on 3rd St. in Bovina.

The menu includes turkey, dressing, creamed potatoes, gravy, green beans, cranberry sauce, relish plate, homemade bread, desserts, tea and coffee.

Donations will be \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under six. Take-out plates will be available at no additional charge.

Band Scores Well In Weekend of Activities

BY BILL SHELLY

Band Director Saturday, October 21, at 9 a.m. the Bovina High School Band went to Texas Tech Stadium to perform at the UIL Marching Contest.

We returned Friday night about 11:15 p.m. from the Farwell game and had planned on leaving Bovina Saturday at 6 a.m. Unfortunately we got off to a late start at 6:20 a.m. The fog was so thick we traveled at 40 mph all the way to Muleshoe.

We missed our 8 a.m. McDonald's stop but we did get crackers and water on the road. At 8:30 a.m. we were scheduled to warm up in the tunnel. We arrived in the Tech parking lot at 8:30 a.m.

The band demonstrated their organizational skills by putting on their uniforms, grabbing their instruments and lining up by 8:40 a.m.

The group played and marched one of the best shows this season.

The Bovina band received a I, II, II rating from the three judges. Mr. Barnard's (assistant band director) years of experience growing up in the Texas school system as

well as teaching in New Mexico for 25 years has provided expert opinions on every day rehearsal techniques.

The major difference in this year's group is the level of pride and workmanship demonstrated daily by the young people that make up the Bovina Mustang Band.

Early Vote Dates Are Given

County Clerk Colleen Stover has announced the dates for early voting for the November 7 elections.

Early voting will be available in Friona at the Friona State Bank on the following dates: October 31 and November 1 and 2. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Early voting will be available in Bovina at First Bank on: October 27 and November 1 and 3. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Early voting is also available at the County Clerk's office in Farwell during business hours through November 3.

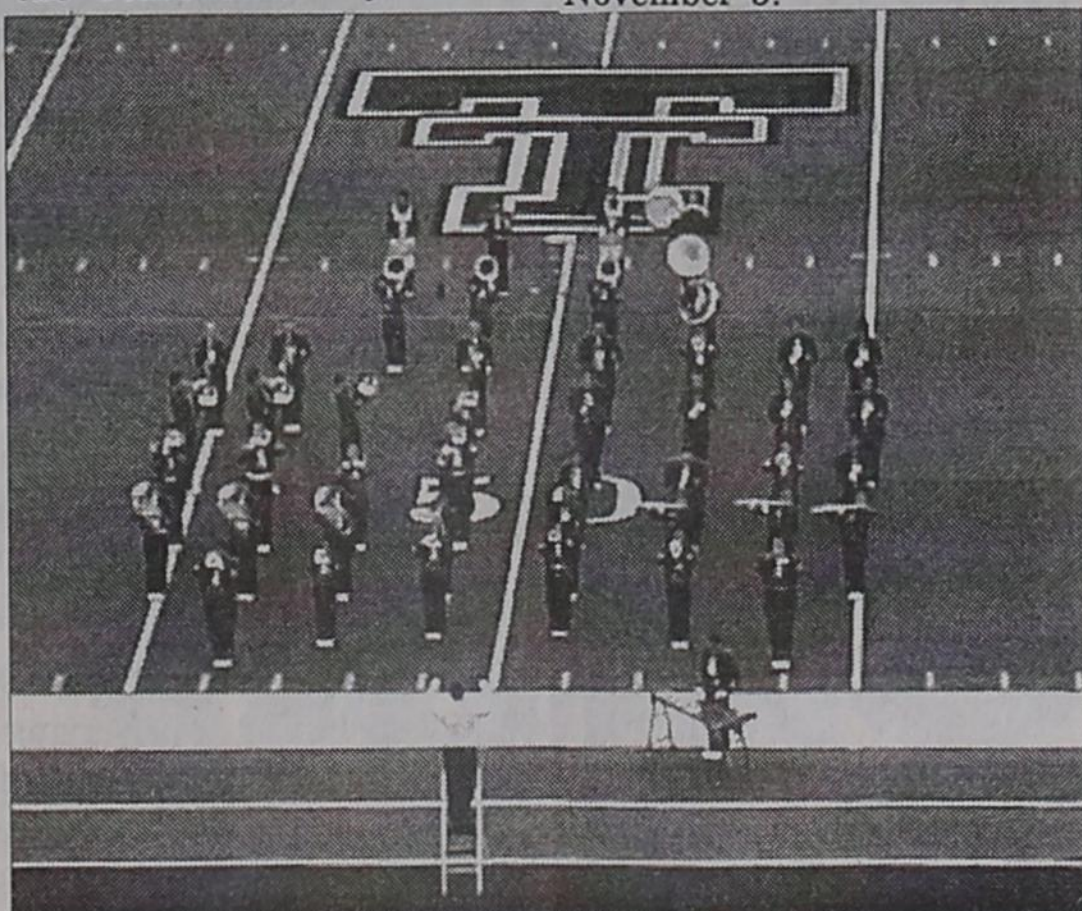
See Inside For Sample Ballot And Voter's Guide For The Upcoming Elections—November 7!



NAPA AUTO PARTS



LUCKY WINNERS.....Kevin's Auto held a grand opening last weekend with hot dogs, Cokes, and door prizes. Winner of the microwave were, top, Vi and Gene Hutto, right, with Suzan and Padyn Hughes. Below, winner of the tool box were Steven and Trace Stevenson, left, with Padyn, Haylee and Suzan Hughes.



THE MUSTANG BAND is shown on the field at Texas Tech Stadium during the UIL Marching competition last Saturday. Band director Bill Shelly said he is proud of the band for their great performance.

As of October 26, 2000

7,763

bales of cotton had been ginned in Parmer County.

Friona Star and Bovina Blade Survey



LIBRARY DOLL...Drop by the library and buy a ticket for the drawing to win Kit. Library director Darla Bracken shows off Kit who is on display at the front desk. Tickets are \$2 and the drawing is November 18. ron carr photo

Bovina FB Contest Standings Week 8

For the \$150 Grand Prize! Here is the point total listing after Week 8 of the Bovina football contest. We list point totals for contestants who submitted an entry in the current week.

If your name is not here, you did not enter Week 8 of the contest. If you enter next week, your name will be shown in the listings.

There are 5 more contests with a total of 70 points possible. Here is the point listing after Week 8:

- 75 Aubrey Parson, Francisco Torres
- 74 Frank Gonzales, Jr., Dorothy Stowers, Del Ray Sudderth, Eufemia Torres, A. M. Wilson
- 73 Candy Hernandez, Frances Johnson, Jerry Roach, Janie Sudderth
- 72 Mona Contreras, Jessica Stowers, Linda Sudderth
- 71 Daniel Hernandez, Susan Kerby, Tyson Kerby, Mike Read, Blake Sudderth
- 70 Josh Kerby, Virginia Steele, Christen Stowers, Glenden Sudderth
- 69 Dorothy Harris, Al Kerby, Jr, Jan Smith
- 68 Cameron Charles, Cody Jamerson, Doug Johnson, Luis Ramirez, Scott Sudderth
- 67 Bobby Johnson, Melanie Stanberry, Roy Lee Stowers
- 66 Denise Anderson, Jimmy Harris, Elva Hernandez, Deena Ramirez
- 65 Jo Blackwell
- 64 Zane Anderson, Danny Harris, Travis Stanberry, Kay Venable
- 62 Dean Stanberry
- 61 Travis Lockmiller
- 60 Gilda Garner, Sally Gonzales
- 59 Lisa Lane, Benny Rivera
- 57 Peggy Hargeove, Liz Torres
- 54 Wayne Hargrove
- 51 Doyle Garner
- 48 Bruce Scroggins
- 46 Adam Mejia
- 11 Chris Antillon

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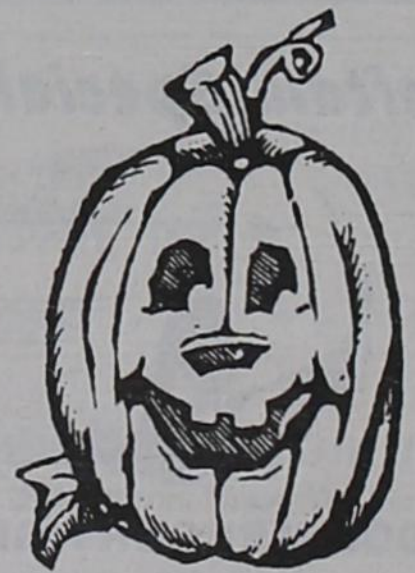
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Combest Plans Help For Rural Hospitals, Farmers

Rural hospitals and farmers can look forward to some assistance in the near future, Congressman Larry Combest told a group of rural editors/publishers on Thursday.

Combest explained that when the balanced budget was passed, it called for a reduction in assistance to Medicare. The agency made huge cuts, and hospitals, particularly rural ones, have experienced hardships.

"We plan to put back \$30 billion dollars for Medicare assistance, and this is in addition to the \$20 billion which was added back two years," Combest said.

On the side of agriculture, Combest said that the House Agriculture Committee, of which he is chairman, recognizes that this is the third straight year for farmers to have faced extreme problems in relation to producing crops, mainly due to droughts.

Combest sponsored a bill that the president has signed that will provide the most extensive change in crop insurance in the history of the program.

"Effective for the current crop year (for wheat) farmers will be able to get their crop insurance coverage for about

half the cost that it has been in recent years. All of our expectations are working out on this plan. We should see a big percentage of farmers participating. It will be a big help for farmers who are being financed on the crops they are producing," he said.

Combest said he planned to start early next year in putting things into law that he learned in the hearings he conducted in this area during the past year.

Asked about the economic effect of the current crop, Combest said no one will know until the harvest is complete and it is learned what was produced, and the quality, etc.

The price (of cotton) depends on the grade, and the late rains have not helped in that regard, Combest attested.

The congressman pointed out that unfortunately, the government payments and the farming cycles do not always coincide. He said that he and fellow Texas Congressman Charles Stenholm are very aware of the problems being experienced by farmers in the area, and would be working hard to do everything they could to help them out.

Other matters discussed during the conference

discussion included the tragic loss of U.S. Sailors in the Yemen bombing incident.

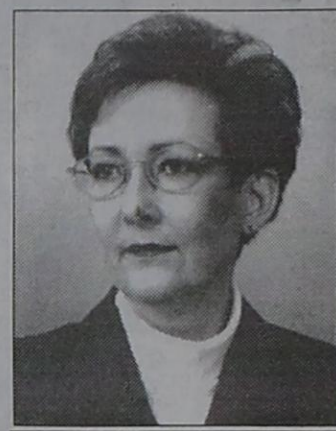
"The biggest problem in attempting to fight terrorism is the inability to know what is in a terrorist's mind. When someone is willing to sacrifice their lives to achieve their goal, it makes it hard to respond," Combest said.

Asked how the U. S.

might retaliate, Combest said he expected it might be militarily, and not through legal means. He also did not rule out the possibility that United Nation troops might be called in, and also said he realized that when you say "United Nation troops," the U.S. usually sends the lion's share.

--BILL ELLIS

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Combest Predicts Bush Win In President's Race..

(Continued from Page 1) Combest predicts that Bush could win 35 to 40 states.

Combest told the writers to watch the early returns from states in the Eastern time zone, particularly New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Florida.

Most of these states have been "written off" by many of the polsters as certain Gore wins. "If Bush wins ANY of these states, particularly Pennsylvania or Florida, I think it will be a long night for Al Gore."

Without the above states, Bush has an estimated 200 electoral votes, and he needs to win some of these states, as well as California, which would definitely tip the scales in Bush's favor. A presidential candidate needs to get 270 votes to be elected.

As for the truly undecided voters, the congressman said that when these voters get into the booth and ask themselves "Who will I feel most comfortable about electing president, they will vote for Bush. This is called 'the comfort factor,' and I expect Bush to get a number of votes in this regard," Combest said.

(Editor's note: Cong. Combest told this writer back during Clinton's impeachment hearings, that he would much rather deal with Bill Clinton as president than Al Gore, due to Gore's radical ideas involving the environment.)

Asked what percentage Bush might get in Combest's 19th Congressional District, he said he had been predicting that Bush will win

with 78 per cent of the vote.

Combest also stated that New York state is probably headed toward a Democratic vote, due to its longstanding voting habits, and indicated that this would no doubt help elect Hillary Clinton to the senate.

Ex-Resident Is Buried In Lubbock

Funeral services for Carolyn Havis Lane, 66, of Lubbock were held Monday at Resthaven Abbey Chapel with the Rev. Paul Mohr officiating.

Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home.

She died on Thursday October 19, 2000, at Covenant Lakeside Medical Center. She was a former resident of Friona.

Mrs. Lane was born October 2, 1934, in Vernon. She married Jesse Lee Lane on November 19, 1960, in Lubbock. He died on July 14, 1989.

She graduated from Roaring Springs High School and Draughan's Business College. She worked for Lubbock Auto from 1955 to 1960. She was a homemaker in Dimmitt until 1986 when she moved back to Lubbock and became involved in property management.

Survivors include a daughter, Lana of Dallas; a son, Scott of Lubbock; and two sisters, Charlotte Andrews of Lubbock and Barbara Robbins of Idalou.

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- Pat Buchanan / Ezola Foster (IND)
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NOVEMBER 7, 2000

United States Representative, District 19 (Representante de los Estados Unidos, Distrito Núm. 19)

- Larry Combest (REP)
- John Turnbow (LIB)

Railroad Commissioner (Comisionado de Ferrocarriles)

- Charles R. Matthews (REP)
- Carolyn Fields (LIB)
- Gary Dugger (GRN)

Railroad Commissioner, Unexpired Term (Comisionado de Ferrocarriles, Duración Restante del Cargo)

- Michael L. Williams (REP)
- Anthony Garcia (LIB)
- Charles L. Mauch (GRN)

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 1 (Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 1)

- Nathan Hech (REP)
- Mike Jacobellis (LIB)
- Ben G. Levy (GRN)

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 2 (Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 2)

- Priscilla Owen (REP)
- Joe Alfred Izen, Jr. (LIB)

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3 (Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 3)

- Al Gonzales (REP)
- Lance Smith (LIB)

Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals (Juez Presidente, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales)

- Sharon Keller (REP)
- Bill Vance (DEM)

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 1 (Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 1)

- Charles Holcomb (REP)
- Rife Scott Kimler (LIB)

(7 de noviembre de 2000)

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2 (Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 2)

- Barbara Parker Hervey (REP)
- William R. Barr (DEM)

State Representative, District 85 (Representante Estatal, Distrito Núm. 85)

- James E. "Pete" Laney (DEM)

Justice, 7th Court of Appeals District, Place 1 (Juez, Corte de Apelaciones, Distrito Núm. 7, Lugar Núm. 1)

- Brian Quinn (REP)

Justice, 7th Court of Appeals District, Place 2 (Juez, Corte de Apelaciones, Distrito Núm. 7, Lugar Núm. 2)

- Don H. Reavis (REP)

District Attorney, 287th Judicial District (Procurador del Distrito, Distrito Judicial Núm. 287)

- Johnny Actkinson (DEM)

County Attorney (Procurador del Condado)

- Charles F. Aycock (REP)

Sheriff (Sherife)

- Randy Gerles (REP)

County Tax Assessor-Collector (Asesor-Collector de Impuestos del Condado)

- Teresa C. Ancira (REP)
- Bobbie Pierson (DEM)

County Commissioner, Precinct No. 3 (Comisionado del Condado, Precincto Núm. 3)

- Paul Dean Fulcher (REP)
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IT TOOK A CASE OF LEPROSY AND AN EARTHQUAKE TO STOP THIS KING!

UZZIAH, SON OF AMAZIAH, ASCENDED THE THRONE OF JUDAH AT THE AGE OF SIXTEEN TO REIGN FOR FIFTY-TWO YEARS (809-757 B.C.). DURING THIS RULE, HE SERVED AS A WISE AND PIOUS KING. HE REBUILT JERUSALEM, STRENGTHENED ITS WALLS, ENCOURAGED THE ARTS, WAS VICTORIOUS IN BATTLE WITH HIS NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES AND, IN FACT, RAISED THE KINGDOM BACK TO THE POWER AND GLORY IT ENJOYED IN KING SOLOMON'S DAY! HOWEVER, WHEN HE MADE HIS ONE AND ONLY MISTAKE, IT WAS AS STUPENDOUS AS WERE HIS MANY TRIUMPHS! ELATED BY ALL HIS GOOD DEEDS, HE DECIDED HE SHOULD ALSO BE HEAD MAN IN THE TEMPLE, CERTAINLY ON HIGH OCCASIONS—AFTER ALL, OTHER KINGS DID THIS, DIDN'T THEY? WHO BETTER TO SERVE GOD IN THE HOLY OF HOLIES THAN UZZIAH HIMSELF, WHO HAD DONE SO MUCH FOR HIS KINGDOM? **BUT...**



...WHEN HE MADE THIS ATTEMPT, HE WAS WARNED BY THE HIGH PRIEST, AZARIAH, THAT ONLY A PRIEST COULD LAWFULLY ENTER THE HOLY PLACE AND OFFER INCENSE ON THE ALTAR (2ND CHRON. 26:17-19). UZZIAH WAS ENRAGED AND ABOUT TO USE FORCE WHEN, THE BIBLE TELLS US, GOD, IN HIS ANGER, INTERVENED AND UZZIAH WAS SMITTEN WITH LEPROSY, THEN AND THERE! NOT ONLY THAT—THE DIVINE WRATH WAS SO TEMPESTUOUS THAT IT CAUSED AN EARTHQUAKE WHICH SPLIT THE ROOF OF THE TEMPLE AND SENT ONE HALF OF A MOUNTAIN, SITUATED TO THE WEST OF JERUSALEM, CRASHING INTO THE VALLEY BELOW, WHICH DESTROYED AND COMPLETELY COVERED UP THE ROYAL GARDENS! THIS WE HAVE ON THE WORD OF JOSEPHUS, THE ANCIENT HISTORIAN OF THE JEWS, WITH FURTHER CORROBORATION IN THE BIBLE (AMOS 1:1) (ZECH 14:5). FROM THAT DAY ON, UZZIAH HAD TO LIVE IN SECLUSION AS A LEPER, HIS SON, JOTHAM, ADMINISTERING THE AFFAIRS OF GOVERNMENT IN HIS FATHER'S NAME. A RATHER FORCEFUL REMINDER TO ALL ISRAEL THAT, NO MATTER HOW GREAT, NO ONE COULD GET AWAY WITH BREAKING GOD'S LAW!

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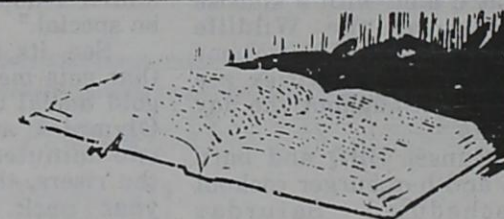
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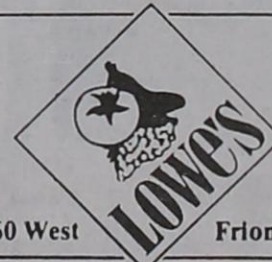
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Out Here

By RON CARR

"Kinda' Sorta' Out Of Sorts"

I have been out of sorts this week. I don't know why exactly.

That's what being out of sorts means. You are just out of sorts about nothing in particular and you don't know why. Folks younger than 40 probably aren't familiar with the term.

When I was a youngster, that's how adults defined people that were irritated or in a bad mood. Back then, people weren't "PO'ed" they were out of sorts.

I can remember pouting sometimes and my granddaddy would say, "What are you so out of sorts about?"

I can remember grownups talking: "Boy I saw granny today and she was really out of sorts." Or "I don't know what he is so out of sorts about."

Today if you are out of sorts there are all kinds of clinical names for the condition and quite a few bottles of FDA approved drugs to help you get over it. In the old days, people just avoided you if they could until you got some "sorts" back and weren't out of them anymore.

If you were a kid and got out of sorts, momma cured it by spanking you 'till you got some of that old time religion.

Anyway, I've been sort of out of sorts the last few days. Maybe it was because the Friona Chieftains had an open date last Friday and threw me out of my fall football routine.

Or maybe it's because there doesn't seem to be an end to the campaign trail. Here is a typical symptom of being out of sorts:

CraneFest 2000 Set.

The 2nd annual CraneFest in Muleshoe will be held November 3-4. A variety of activities are scheduled for Friday evening and all day Saturday.

The Friday evening lecture series will begin at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Pie and coffee will be served and tickets are \$3.

On Saturday activities start at 6 a.m. with a sunrise breakfast at the Wildlife Refuge. Tours, demonstrations and children's activities are scheduled throughout the day Saturday.

A Sunset BBQ and barn dance and hamburger cookout is scheduled Saturday evening also.

For more information call the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce at 806-272-4248.

I don't know about anybody else here in the Panhandle, and I don't mean to be disrespectful, but am I the only one who is tired of hearing about Brandon Slay's Olympic medal controversy?

It's great to go to the Olympics, especially when you win a medal I guess.

Few of us get to experience that kind of victory. 'Course the Olympics are a commercial venture these days, complete with bribes and corruption.

It is not an amateur event anymore and Russia and East Germany don't exist so a certain amount of patriotic competition has been taken away from the games.

For our readers not in the Panhandle, Brandon Slay is a 1993 graduate of Tascosa High School in Amarillo who went on to NCAA wrestling success at Penn State or one of those Pennsylvania colleges.

Then he went to the Olympics with the help of many supporters from Amarillo. Collections were taken to help family members pay for the trip to Australia.

Brandon lost the gold medal to a German. He accused the German and the referee of cheating, refused to let the ref hold his arm after the match, and generally pouted about it.

Now, the German has been disqualified for taking unauthorized drugs and the Olympic committee has awarded the gold medal to Brandon.

The Amarillo ISD has offered to host a gold medal ceremony at halftime of the Tascosa-Amarillo High football game on November 3 at Dick Bivins Stadium. While Brandon appreciates the support of the ordinary Amarillo people, he has a different ceremony in mind.

"My ultimate dream would be to have it at Dick Bivins Stadium but I'm not sure about halftime of a football game," says Brandon. "This is wrestling, this is the Olympics. This might take longer than 20 or 30 minutes during a halftime. This is what I've dedicated my whole life for, to get a gold medal, and if I do, I'd like for it to be special."

See, its that kind of stuff that gets me out of sorts. The gold medal ceremonies at the Olympics are, what, about two minutes. You stand on the risers, they put it around your neck, and play your national anthem. Then you are out of there so the next medals can be awarded.

Young Brandon thinks 20-

30 minutes is not enough time for him to be honored. Now, there are rumors that he may not even accept the medal in Amarillo. Speculation is that he may be presented the medal in Hollywood, maybe on the Jay Leno show or something similar.

Amarillo has done about all it can to honor Brandon in the town that helped him the most. All this brouhaha over a medal that he didn't really win in the first place.

I think they should send it to him at his grandma's house via over-night UPS. The Olympics are a dim

memory to most of us now anyway. We're movin' on!

We have the World Series going on; three more district games for the Chiefs; cotton fields too wet to strip; farm prices are too low; the Palestinians are running out of rocks; there is a chance Algore might be president; and the Friday night high school football wrapup programs on Amarillo TV are the worst.

They say that somewhere between 60 and death, being out of sorts could become a permanent condition.

By durn I believe they are right!

Retired Teachers Set Annual Fall Meeting

District 16 of the Texas Retired Teachers Association will hold its annual Fall Convention on November 2 at the Region 16 Education Service Center.

District President Roy Pennington announced that the speakers will be State Representative David Swinford and Kenneth Laycock, immediate past president of the Texas Retired Teachers Association who will give a report on current events at TRTA.

The TRTA legislative committee representative Kenneth Gibson, will be discussing the legislative priorities that will be presented to the 77th Legislature when it meets in January 2001. A representative from the Teacher Retirement System (TRS) will present a general update on benefit information.

State and district standing committee chairmen will

give a report on the goals and activities planned for this year. These include the chairmen of the following committees: community volunteer services, health care, retirement education/planning and informative and protective services.

The Texas Retired Teachers Association has over 46,000 members and is the only state organization that works exclusively for retired public school and higher education retirees.

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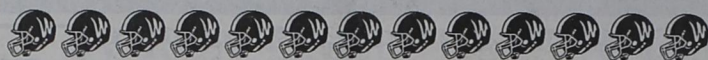
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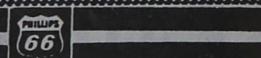
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