



CAROL AND I HAD vowed not to discuss the O.J. Simpson case, since the subject receives about ten times the publicity that it deserves in the national press and television.

However, we learned something this week that we felt worthy of sharing with our readers; something they might not have seen or heard.

That is the fact that of the 12 jurors seated for the Simpson case, only one is a high school graduate. It seems that the defense attorneys (and maybe even the prosecution) tends to weed out the prospects who exhibit any inelligence, feeling that they can sway those with less than average IQs.

These jurors are the ones who will be asked to decide on the reliability of DNA evidence; when in fact they may not even know what DNA stands for.

Instead of being able to assure a person that they will receive a fair trial by a jury of their peers, it appears from here that the defense in the Simpson trial, as well as those in recent national-interest cases, are adept at working the system to the utmost, in most cases to get their clients off scott free.

All the defense has to do is to convince one of the 12 jurors that there is "reasonable doubt" that the defendant is guilty and they have accomplished their purpose.

In the case of the Menendez brothers, they didn't deny that they had killed their parents. Their confessions were a matter of public record. Yet they were exonerated by their "jury of peers," and may never serve a day in prison for their deeds.

California juries seem to be the worst in the land. Each one seems to be intent on outdoing the previous one in their unbelievable verdicts.

How about the jury that awarded a California woman \$2 million after she spilled a cup of hot coffee between her legs after a purchase at McDonalds. This is the type of legal reform that our Texas legislature is attempting to accomplish. Somehow, we need to get back to the basic idea that an individual needs to have enough brains to come in out of the rain--or else they shouldn't ever leave their homes in the first place.

Guilt or innocence is no longer the criteria. Cases are sometimes settled, or worse, thrown out of court, by the smallest of matters when a defense attorney can prove that lawmen did not follow the letter of the law during and following a defendant's arrest.

In fact, many of the criminals on death row are able to have the results of their trials thrown out by just such a technicality.

The legal system has bent over backwards in its efforts to assure that the criminal receives a "fair" trial. The victim and/or their family should also have rights, but too often they are completely ignored. This is the "affirmative action" of the legal system.

WHY IS IT THAT when there is an effort to balance our national budget, or reduce the national debt, the first thing to come up is the closure of numbers of our military bases?

A strong military system is still to be desired, even if it has been determined that the "Cold War" is over.

Why not start by trimming down some of the millions and billions of dollars in foreign aid being doled out, especially to countries who would quickly use such money to mount an attack against America or our military personnel?

How about cutting down on the government waste that congress itself indulges in, concerning their expense accounts, office furnishings, etc.? Teel Bivins said this week that our nation needs to return to the "citizen legislators" as it was originally intended, and not the professional politicians that we have gravitated to.

There are plenty of areas where we could cut down on waste, and perhaps limit the base closures to only the old and outdated ones, and enable our national defense to remain the envy of the rest of the world.

UNCLE AUSTIN SAYS: There's a big difference in free speech and talk that is cheap.

Applications Sought For Board Election

Wednesday, March 22 will be the last date for filing an application for a place on the ballot in the upcoming school board election. Applications can be picked up at superintendent Sue Nuttall's office at the Bovina School.

Persons interested in filing should keep in mind that the office will be closed during the week of March 13-17 for spring break.

Three places will be expiring on the local school board. Those places are currently held by Mike Beauchamp, Jerry Roach and Dennis Willard. So far, there have been no applications filed. The election will be held on Saturday, May 6.

Class Slates Ten-Year Reunion

Members of the Bovina High School graduation class of 1985 will be having their ten-year class reunion in Amarillo on August 5, 1995.

Tommy Hutto of Amarillo is getting information together for the reunion and needs all members to either write him or call him.

Tommy's address is Route 7, Box 363 A, Amarillo, Texas 79118 and his telephone number is (806) 622-0876.

Spring Break Scheduled

The week of March 13 through 17 will be spring break for Bovina Schools. School will dismiss at the regular time on March 10 and resume at 8:05 a.m. on March 20.

Alzheimer's Unit Opens At Farwell

The Farwell Convalescent Center had a ribbon cutting ceremony Tuesday for its new 14-bed certified Alzheimer's Unit.

The "E Wing" has been redesigned and renovated. It now includes a lounge room, extra kitchen and dining area, nurses' station, walk-in shower and other features.

Center administrator Ron Kilgore said it's the only certified Alzheimer's unit in the Texas Panhandle. It's been named "Jericho Road," from the Bible story of the Good Samaritan. "This also follows with the Good Samaritan Society's philosophy," he said.

On hand for the ceremony were staff, relatives of residents, board members, auxiliary members and Good Samaritan officials.

Long-time Resident Turns 90

By SCOOTER RUSSELL
Montie Turner was honored on her 90th birthday with a reception at the First Bank Community Room in Bovina, hosted by her daughter, Arlene McCallum, and several grandchildren.

Even though it was a cold, windy day with the chill factor dropping below zero part of the day, over forty people came to help her celebrate. She also received over forty cards from many friends and family.

Montie has one daughter, Arlene McCallum, five grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. Most of them were able to be with her on her birthday.

Mrs. Turner's long fulfilling life began on February 15, 1905 at Hollis, Oklahoma in Harmon County. Her parents were Isaac and Molly Dial and her father farmed all his life. She said when he was younger he worked as a cowboy for a time.

Montie had five brothers and three sisters. She had twin brothers: one died at birth and the other one was a complete invalid and only lived to be twenty-nine years old.



"Miss Texas" Arian Archer

THURSDAY

"Miss Texas" To Entertain At Local Chamber Banquet

The Bovina Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture will be having its annual banquet this coming Thursday evening, March 9, 1995 at 7 p.m. in the Bovina School Cafeteria.

The price of tickets are \$10.00 each and may be purchased from any Chamber member.

This year's speaker will be Arian Archer, "Miss Texas." Miss Archer will also be providing the entertainment for the evening and will be signing autographs afterwards.

This should be a fun-filled evening. We, the Chamber will also be presenting the Man and Woman of the Year, Educator of the Year and Boy and Girl of the Year awards.

We hope the community will come and have a great meal and a good time.

"Miss Texas 1994," Arian Archer, is a dynamic musician. She began her piano training at the age of eight and her vocal training at the age of 15. With a beautiful smile, and a unique style of her own, she charms her audiences with her wonderful personality.

Growing up, Arian has won several awards in piano and voice. She has been a member of the Texas All-State Choir, and a member of Texas Tech University Choir and the Texas Tech University Madrigal Singers.

The daughter of Richard and Crista Archer of Borger, Texas, Arian graduated from Borger High School in Borger, Texas with honors in 1991. Arian attended Lubbock Christian University and transferred to Texas Tech University majoring in All-Level Music Education. Upon the completion of her reign as Miss Texas, she plans to finish her Bachelor's Degree and pursue a Master's Degree in Choral Conducting.

In winning Miss Texas, Arian won a \$10,000 scholarship and represented the State of Texas at the Miss America Pageant in September. Arian was a semi-finalist winner and won \$6,000 in scholarship moneys.

Miss Archer's mother was the former Crista Evans, who was raised in the Friona area and was a former "Maize Queen" of Friona, so it can be said that Miss Archer has Parmer County "roots."

George Dial; their son-in-law, Glen Mitchell; Glen's brother, Rhea, who owned and piloted the plane; and also the pastor of the Lockney First Baptist Church.

In an instant, all four of Montie's grandchildren were left without their fathers.

Montie said the plane was a Beachcraft Bonanza and the wing fell from the plane in flight, possibly caused from high winds but no one knew for sure.

She said the hurt was so devastating and one day a couple of years later, her husband, George, came in and said, "If we are ever going to get over all of this, we've got to move out of here." So they sold their nice home and farm and moved to Bovina in 1955.

She said the Bovina people just took them in and made them feel so loved and welcome. Indeed, the healing began even though one never really gets over something like that, Montie said.

Montie joined the Methodist Church, which was near Childress in the country, when she was a young girl back in 1920 and said

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Gene Hutto Declares 'Severe Weather Week'

Bovina mayor Gene Hutto has declared the week of March 5-11 as "Severe Weather Awareness Week."

In his proclamation, the mayor said:

"WHEREAS, severe weather awareness week is March 5-11, 1995, and

"WHEREAS, while many areas of Texas were spared major tornado and severe weather damage in 1994, others were less fortunate. The vivid memories of storms in communities like Gainesville, DeSoto and Lancaster and of the flooding in Southeast Texas remain fresh in the minds of most Texans, and

"WHEREAS, each year brings the potential for violent weather-- tornadoes, flooding and flash flooding, lightning, hail and thunderstorms to our area; annually large portions of the State including the City of Bovina can be devastated by flooding and tornadoes, and

"WHEREAS, no part of Texas is immune to the vagaries of severe weather, and

"WHEREAS, the Governor's Division of Emergency Management, the National Weather service, and the Insurance Information Institute urge that all citizens and visitors to the City of Bovina become aware of the need to plan and prepare for severe weather, and

"WHEREAS, preparedness information is available from libraries, weather service offices, volunteer relief organizations, and the state and local emergency management offices; and the state and the City of Bovina offer help in learning about and preparing for severe weather emergencies, and

"WHEREAS, Governor George W. Bush has declared the week of March 5-11, 1995 as Severe Weather Awareness Week in Texas, Now Therefore

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and the City Council of Bovina, urges all citizens to participate in severe weather preparedness activities available, including attention to watch and warning instructions and their meanings, and the use of severe weather awareness literature for all ages and needs.

"IN OFFICIAL RECOGNITION WHEREOF, I the undersigned hereby affix my signature this first day March, 1995.

GENE HUTTO, Mayor of Bovina, Texas"

Combust: Reese Battle Enters Second Level

Congressman Larry Combust, in a special tele-conference with newspaper publishers in the area Monday, stated that the fight to save Reese Air Force Base from closure would now move to the second level.

A day prior to the official announcement that Reese would be on the list of bases recommended for closure, Combust told the publishers that this was one announcement he had hoped would not come to pass.

Reese AFB is one of four bases which have been seen as competitors to stay alive in the most recent government cost-trimming.

The other three bases were Vance AFB in Enid, Oklahoma; Laughlin AFB in Del Rio and Columbus AFB in Columbus, Mississippi.

Of the four, Reese's hometown of Lubbock was by far the largest city involved of the four. Some observers speculate that this makes Reese AFB more vulnerable, since it would impact its home community less than any of the others.

Combust told the publishers Monday that he questions the numbers used in determining the criteria for closing Reese.

"There is a two-page list of criteria used to determine the base closures--about 40 items in all. There are only four items in the list of 40 in which the other bases could overmatch Reese, and three of

these were expected to be the items used by the authors of the draft closure list," Combust said.

These three points were expected to be the base's size in square miles, the temperature/weather, and the distance from Lubbock to the base

"What about the other 36 points on the list?" Combust posed, adding that these three criterias were things that cannot be changed or corrected.

Asked by Friona Star/Bovina Blade publisher Bill Ellis if the bases chosen for closure might have been selected for political reasons, Combust replied "Someone would have to show me how."

However, the lawmaker went on to say that all of the bases in the group in which Reese AFB seems to be competing are in congressional districts with Republican representatives.

And the list of closures was expected to spare facilities in politically important states such as California and New Hampshire.

Combust suggested that Chambers of Commerce in the local communities contact the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce to see if there might be something the area communities could do to help salvage Reese.

Reese AFB ranked second overall in a 1991 Pentagon evaluation of the four Air Force bases undergraduate pilot training bases. Laughlin ranked first, Columbus ranked second, and Reese ranked third.

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MONTIE TURNER

Power Outage Hits Large Area Wed.

The Friona-Bovina area was hit by a power outage Wednesday morning, for approximately 17 minutes. The outage stretched from east of Hereford to Curry County on the state line.

Southwestern Public Service representative Danny Fiel of Friona explained that the outage was caused by a PT (potential) transformer on the company's interchange east of Hereford.

The "P.T. transformer" feeds the LTC (low-tap changer), to distribute electricity for this area.

"It took a little while to locate the transformer, then they got it repaired fairly soon," Fiel said. He said that the power was off in Hereford for approximately 21 minutes.

All businesses and residences in the area were affected, with some offices in total darkness.

Jo Blackwell, administrator of Prairie Acres, said the outage didn't affect the nursing home, as the company has a generator that kicks on, restoring light and power.

The Excel plant also has a standby system that kicks on, as does Parmer County Community Hospital.



LOCAL ACCIDENT...A 24-year old Amarillo man escaped serious injury after his Ford Explorer was involved in an accident near Friona on Monday. Theodore Kerr suffered minor cuts on his hand and a knot above his right eye. The accident occurred at 1:45 p.m. Monday about 5 miles east of Friona on U.S. Highway 60.

Fillies Ready For 1995 Track Season

The Bovina Fillies will begin their 1995 track campaign with their first meet of the year on Saturday, March 4 at Whiteface.

First-year track coach Kathy Rundell says, "Numbers and enthusiasm are high. We have 25 girls out for high school track, and 17 girls out for junior high track. Attitudes are great and all of the girls are working extremely hard. We're really looking for some positive, great things from these young ladies this year."

The Fillies return with a lot of experience from last year's squad. Senior Brooke Charles returns with state experience in the 1600 meters and 3200 meters.

Senior veteran Sally Noriega brings a wealth of relay experience to the Fillies. Sophomore Amber Willard was a regional finalist in the 200 meters last year.

The Fillies look to be very competitive in the distance races with endurance specialists Charles, Carmen Campos, Maria Fragoza, and Lennie Brito.

Relays expect to be very competitive this year with a lot of work on technique and hand-offs. Fillies vying for relay spots will be: Kasey Bell, Lisa Hromas, Noriega, Willard, Melissa Cantu, Rachael Turner, Lori Beauchamp, Bonnie Quintana, Alex Dopp, Jackie Gonzales, Tammy Stormes,

and Marcy Guevara. Hurdling for the Fillies will be Dopp, Gonzales, D'Anne Jones, and Hromas.

Bovina field events will be much improved this year. The entire coaching staff is helping out with all the field events and this expertise should relate to a much more competitive field event team.

The shot put and discus promise to be very competitive events with Willard, Priscilla Martinez, Stormes, Hromas, Fragoza, Turner, Guevara, Paula Borquez, Dopp, and Maria Ampan.

Long jump and triple jump participants will be Quintana, Amy Venable, Cantu, Guevara, Sandra Mendoza, and Fragoza.

Willard will be high jumping for the Fillies.

"The Bovina Fillies will be a very exciting team to watch. We'd like to encourage all parents and community members to get involved and follow and support the teams as they participate this year," Coach Rundell concluded.

D.S. Electric Co-op Tells Meeting Date

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative members will receive capital credit refunds from 1980, 1981 and a portion of 1982 totaling \$1,500,000 at the cooperative's annual meeting and dinner Tuesday, March 14. The meeting begins at 5 p.m. in the Hereford Bull Barn.

A fish, chicken, and beef dinner will be served and the Florida Boys will provide the entertainment following the meal.

A short business meeting to elect two directors will follow the Florida Boys first performance.

Incumbent Jerry Roberts and nominee Morris Blankenship are candidates for Position 1. Candidates for Position 2 are incumbent Wendol Christian and

nominee Leon Ware. Another highlight of the evening's activities will be drawings for door prizes totaling more than one thousand dollars. A color television set will be awarded as the grand prize.

The Florida Boys, making their third appearance at Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative's annual meeting, have been singing as a group for over 40 years. Along the way, they have established some impressive landmarks.

They hosted The Gospel Singing Jubilee, the most successful gospel music television program in history and winner of many "Dove" awards.

FBLA Declares Dividend

The Board of Directors of the Federal Land Bank Association (FLBA) of Muleshoe has declared a 10 per cent dividend to its stockholders of record as of December 31, 1994. Checks will be mailed on or about April 1, 1995.

The FLBA of Muleshoe is a cooperative lending institution where the purchase of stock by borrowers is required by law. Dividends paid on this stock will reduce the effective loan rate paid by borrowers on their loans.

Funds for the dividend are made possible by the improved agriculture economy in the area resulting in an improved financial situation for the Association. A five per cent dividend was paid out in 1994.

The Association has also reduced costs to members by eliminating a one per cent loan closing fee on new loans.

The FLBA of Muleshoe is a member of the Farm Credit System and makes loans to purchase farms, ranches, homes and to make improvements. Loans are made on fixed and variable rates up to 25 years.

Bill Liles is president of the FLBA of Muleshoe, Donald Christian serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors and Jimmie Pitcock, vice-chairman.

Other members elected directors are Billy D. Baxter, Jim Pat Claunch and Jack Benham. Don McDonald serves as the director-elected director.

Congressman Discusses AFB Closings

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With Lubbock's educational and medical facilities, airman's spouses are always able to find work in the fields in which they are interested. "They have always put their top personnel here. We had hoped that there would be someone in the Air Force who would use their head in the selection process, and not let a machine make the final decision. The 'Chief Executive Officer' should be the one making the decision," Combest stated.

"However, we need to remain upbeat and optimistic. We haven't gotten where we are by being cry-babies. We need to show Washington that the base has the support of the whole region," the congressman concluded.

It was pointed out that Reese's neighbors never have been complainers. The annual air shows traditionally draw close to 100,000 spectators.

Reflections

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

35 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 2, 1960
Roger Ezell, junior mainstay on the Bovina Mustang team, has been selected to a position on the All-District 2-B team.

Four candidates have been nominated for the April 2 school board election which will name two members. They are D. R. Bushnell, Grady Sorley, J. B. Barrett and M. R. Broadman.

Wilson's Super Market's 13th anniversary celebration was climaxed Saturday evening with a drawing and prizes. 13 baskets of groceries, 25,000 Gunn Bros. stamps and an electric skillet were given to lucky customers.

Bovina High School's entry in the district one-act play competition has been cast. Members of the cast include Verna Marie Estes, Marilyn Brandon, Patsy Hart, Cynthia Patterson and Suezzy Estes. Title of the play is "Gratitude." Roy Whisler, high school principal, is director.

30 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 3, 1965
Playing like a sextet of Cinderellas in the final quarter, Coach Milt Pitts' Bovina Fillies downed Cotton Center, 51-48, with a come-from-behind effort Monday night at Littlefield. The Bovina girls advance to the regional tournament this weekend at Canyon.

Ignoring the fact that March is the first month of spring, winter weather dumped the area's largest amount of snow of the year Monday, the first day of the month. The two-inch snow was preceded Sunday night by a small amount of rain.

Nine have filed for next month's school board election. They are Edward Isaac, Johnnie Horn, Vernon Estes, Leon Grissom, Billy Marshall, Lloyd Gober, Paul Jones, Leslie McCain and Eddie G. Steelman.

Alan Carson, BHS freshman FFA member, was successful in catching a calf at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. He received a \$150 certificate to be used to purchase a beef heifer.

25 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 4, 1970
At least 26 houses will be moved here on a three-block plot of land on Second and Third Streets south of Highway 86 and will be known as Eastview Addition. The project, estimated at about \$300,000, was completed here within the past few days.

Dr. Cornelius Blesius will be in Bovina on weekends, except the last one in March, to see patients at Bovina Medical Center, as a temporary measure to help until a doctor can be found. Dr. Blesius practiced here about 18 months before going into residency Jan. 1 at Baylor University, Dallas, studying cardiology.

New directors elected to Bovina Chamber of Commerce are Don Spring, Billy Smith, Mrs. Judy Fillpit, Charles Flynn, Jerry Wright and Johnnie Horn.

20 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 5, 1975
Some 325 people attended the annual German Sausage dinner Sunday at St. Ann's Catholic Church.

Ken Horn, president of the Bovina Jaycees, has been honored by the Bovina Chamber of Commerce with the Good Guy award.

The Jaycee-sponsored community farm sale, the second annual event for Bovina, was unveiled Saturday at the Bovina Gin yard, and

proceeds totalled \$46,443.50 at the end of the day.

10 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 6, 1985
150 people attended a barbecue hosted by Clayton Farm Center. Parmer County Spraying Service hosted a fish fry with 200 people attending.

Wayne "Butch" Shultz has been hired as Bovina patrolman and went to work March 1.

Robert Olvera was nominated for the "7 Who Care" volunteer recognition program.

Lawrence and Carolyn Widner were honored on their 30th wedding anniversary with a quilt with names of all their family members on it.

5 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 7, 1990
Gene Scott made a wish for a feather from a beautiful Reeves pheasant raised on his farm and friends Jim Russell, Don Bandy, and A. L. Nuttall gave him the whole bird, mounted.

Montie Turner

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She had always felt close to the Lord.

She was a charter member of the Thrifty Club and enjoyed that for years, but most of her time was spent taking care of her family.

Mrs. Turner said she felt so lucky to have lived in town with daughter, Arlene, and help with the grandchildren. She feels very fortunate to have a fine son-in-law in Dean McCallum and said, "They just don't come any better than Dean!"

Montie still drives and takes friends to Clovis quite often shopping and eating out.

George, Montie's husband, passed away after almost sixty years of being married. He died July 27, 1986. He was a fine man, and we all remember him as being a witty character and fun to be around. He was so loved by his family.

Montie lives alone and has her little poodle, GiGi, to keep her company and keeps her busy.

She enjoyed telling about the fun times she has with good friends, Tiny and Margaret Moore, who see to her every need. She said they were fine people and she counted it a blessing to have them in her life.

Montie's past forty years have been spent in Bovina and she said she thought this town was probably the finest place in the world!

1995 Bovina High School Track Schedule

- March 4-----Morton (meet at Whiteface)
- March 10-----Whiteface
- March 18-----Friona
- March 24-25-----Hart
- March 31-----Sudan
- April 8-----Boys: Dimmitt
Girls: Melrose, New Mexico
- April 13-----District Meet at Sudan
- April 22-----Regional Qualifier Meet
- April 28-29-----Regional Meet at Levelland
- May 6-----State Qualifier Meet
- May 12-13-----State Meet at Austin

Bovina Middle School Track Schedule

- March 3-----Morton (meet at Whiteface)
- March 9-----Whiteface
- March 24-25-----Hart
- March 31-----Muleshoe
- April 8-----District Meet

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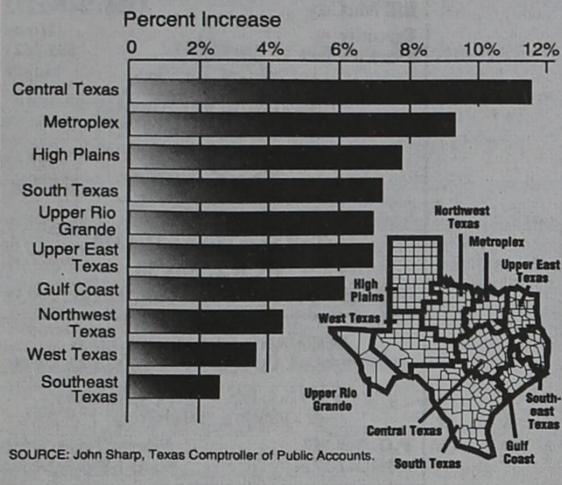
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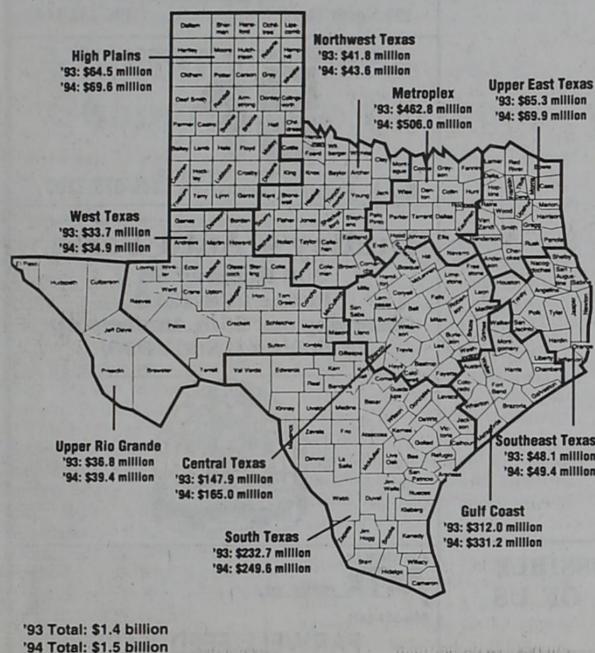
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Cities Show Increases In Sales Tax Collections

"A special analysis by our office shows that local sales tax collections in cities across the state in 1994 averaged 7.7 per cent higher than 1993--proof that the Texas economy continues to strengthen," Comptroller John Sharp said this week.

"The adjusted local sales tax revenue among the more than 1,000 cities that charge a local sales tax was \$1.5 billion for 1994, while the adjusted revenue for 1993 was \$1.4 billion, once the non-economic factors were deleted," Sharp said.

"Sales tax revenue is one of the best barometers we have to measure local retail sales activity. To more accurately gauge the true level of this local economic activity, we've adjusted local tax revenues to delete such non-economic factors as sales tax rate changes, audits or reallocations," Sharp said. "These adjustments allow us to better compare apples with apples, or more importantly, sales tax revenue for 1994 with that of 1993."

The adjusted sales tax revenue varies by regions of the state. According to Sharp's analysis, local sales tax revenue increased in each of the ten economic regions of the state, as follows: Central Texas, up 11.5 per cent; Gulf Coast, up 6.1 per cent; High Plains, up 7.8 per cent; Metroplex, up 9.3 per cent; Northwest Texas, up 4.3 per cent; South Texas, up 7.2 per cent; Southeast Texas, up 2.5 per cent; Upper East Texas, up 6.9 per cent; Upper Rio Grande, up 6.9 per cent; and West Texas, up 3.6 per cent.

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Vaccination Schedule Is Announced

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

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

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

Immunizations are available in Friona at the WIC Office, 703 Main Street, on Friday, March 17 from 10-11:45 a.m. and 1-3:45 p.m.

The vaccinations will also be available at the Bovina Medical Clinic, 509 Avenue I, on Monday, March 13 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

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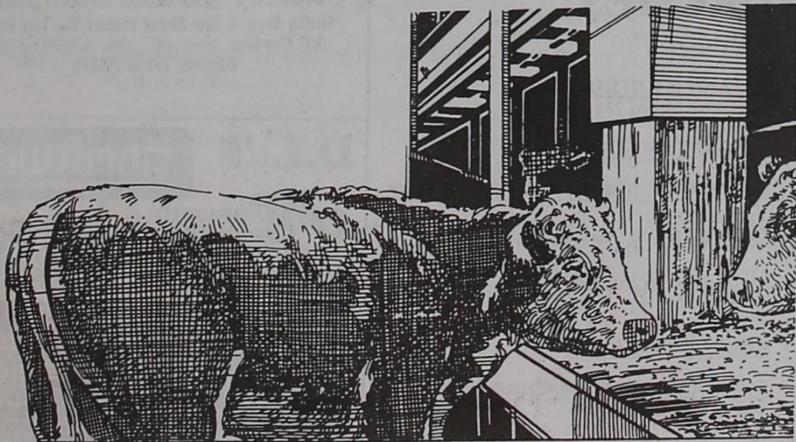
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Facts About The **BIBLE** BY JOHN LEHTI

THE OPPRESSOR FROM MIDIAN!

TRADITIONALLY, THE MIDIANITES WERE ENEMIES OF THE ISRAELITES, ALTHOUGH THE FATHER-IN-LAW OF MOSES WAS, HIMSELF, A MIDIANITE (EX. 3:1)! BAD FEELINGS PROBABLY EXISTED FROM THE TIME WHEN MIDIAN, A SON OF ABRAHAM BY KETURAH AND THE PROGENITOR OF THE FUTURE TRIBE OF MIDIAN, WAS SENT AWAY WITH GIFTS INTO THE WILDERNESS, TO FEND FOR HIMSELF (GEN. 25:1-6). THEN AGAIN, IT WAS MIDIANITE MERCHANTS, WHO WERE WITH A CARAVAN OF ISHMAELITES, COMING FROM GILEAD, WHO BOUGHT JOSEPH FROM HIS BROTHERS AND CARRIED HIM TO EGYPT WHERE HE WAS SOLD INTO SLAVERY (GEN. 37:25, 28, 36). IT WAS THE MIDIANITES, JOINED WITH THE MOABITES, WHO HIRED BALAAM TO CURSE ISRAEL AND SEDUCE THE PEOPLE INTO IDOLATRY AND LICENTIOUSNESS (NUM. 22:4, 6, CH 25). CONSEQUENTLY, THE ISRAELITES WERE DIRECTED TO MAKE WAR ON THEM, KILLING THEIR FIVE KINGS (NUM. 31) AND SO, BY THE TIME OF THE PERIOD OF JUDGES, AS WAS STATED ABOVE, THEY HAD BECOME TRADITIONAL ENEMIES! AT THIS TIME, THE MIDIANITES, NOW IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE AMALEKITES, ENTERED CANAAN, WITH ALL THEIR CATTLE AND TENTS AND ALL THEIR OTHER WORLDLY POSSESSIONS, MUCH LIKE A SWARM OF INVADING LOCUSTS, AND WITH THEIR MULTITUDES, PROCEEDED EVERYWHERE TO APPROPRIATE THE BEST GRAZING FOR THEIR HERDS, THE BEST CROPS FOR THEIR PEOPLE, TO THE EXTENT OF REDUCING TO THE GREATEST DISTRESS THE PEOPLE WHO HAD ACTUALLY SOWN THE CROPS AND TILLED THE SOIL AND TENDED THE LAND — THE ISRAELITES!! THIS OPPRESSION LASTED SEVEN YEARS, EACH YEAR BECOMING WORSE THAN THE LAST! FINALLY, GOD RAISED UP GIDEON TO DELIVER THE PEOPLE FROM THEIR FOREIGN OPPRESSORS — BUT ONLY AFTER THEY HAD SHOWN THAT THEY WERE TRULY REPENTANT FOR HAVING STRAYED AWAY FROM GOD'S WAY OF LIFE — A DECISIVE BATTLE WAS FOUGHT IN THE PLAIN OF JEZREEL, RESULTING IN COMPLETE VICTORY FOR ISRAEL AND, THE BIBLE STATES, THE LAND HAD PEACE AND REST FOR THE NEXT FORTY YEARS. (JUDGES 8:28)



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Scooter's Scoops

By Scooter Russell



Someone said Bovina had a six-inch rain on Saturday morning, and what they meant was two drops of rain fell six inches apart. It was a beautiful day on Monday with the temperature reaching 70 degrees but by Tuesday morning freezing drizzle was falling with light snow predicted.

NEWS AROUND TOWN...
Zefrino Villarreal suffered heart problems and was taken by ambulance to the Clovis Hospital and then taken by helicopter to Lubbock Methodist Hospital.

I talked to Zefrino's wife, Rita, on Monday night and she said most of his arteries were blocked and they would determine if he could have the surgery or not. They are continuing with tests.

Several in Bovina attended the Pastor's and Laymen's Conference in Plainview at Wayland Baptist University on Monday and Tuesday of last week. They included Brother

Richard Grisham, Don and Juanda Murphy, Grady and Dorothy Sorley, and Jay and Sue Barrett.

Mary Treinen underwent knee surgery on February 1 in Amarillo at the High Plains Baptist Hospital. She had out-patient surgery and husband, T-Bone, said that it was really rough on Mary for a couple of days and he wouldn't recommend anyone having out-patient surgery on a knee. She is beginning to get along better now.

Acquaintances of Darrell Lewis, former pastor of the First Baptist Church said he is now out of intensive care. He had a bacterial infection in his blood and had to be hospitalized in Duncan, Oklahoma. Rev. Lewis' condition has improved.

Gaylon and Shelby Rhodes went to Lubbock last Saturday and had

fun shopping and eating out with their daughter Pam, their eight-year-old grandson, Justin; and their daughter Mendy, who is a senior at Texas Tech.

Seems impossible to think about Mendy being a senior in college. Thinking back about what a cute little tyke she was, we remembered one day when her dad took her to Sunday School, and she got out of the car and started toward the church.

Gaylon called Mendy back and gave her money for the offering. She was a little impatient with him and said, "Daddy, every Sunday there are a lot of kids who don't pay, and they always get to stay."

Lee Stevenson is still a patient at the Clovis Hospital with double pneumonia but said she was feeling some better on Monday of this week. Perhaps she will get to go home in a few days.

Fred O'Hair suffered a stroke on Monday of this week and was taken by ambulance to the Clovis hospital.

Tuesday morning I talked with his wife, Artie Faye, and she said Fred could talk now but he was paralyzed on his left side. She said the doctor was hopeful that therapy would help his condition. Our thoughts are with the O'Hairs.

June Gay McMeans underwent lyroscopic surgery to remove her gall bladder on Monday. She went in early that morning at the High Plains Baptist Hospital and was released by noon. Her mom, Joe Looney, said they were going to spend the night at a motel in Amarillo before coming home and so far things were going good.

Jill Sorley celebrated her tenth birthday with a skating party and the group ate at the Pizza Hut in Clovis.

Those attending were her cousins, Kari and Callie Hill of Portales, New Mexico; her sister, Sara; and friends, Krysta, Skyla, and Shelby Cockerham, Courtney Jamerson, and Staci Roach.

Visitors over the weekend at Jerry Ware's home were her granddaughter, Jeri Hobdy of Roswell and her son and daughter, Gabriel and Micah. They came on Friday and stayed until Sunday. Jeri is a physical therapist.

Louva Kersey was taken to the Clovis hospital by ambulance and seemed to have a little trouble with her heart.

They kept her for observation for a couple of days but she is back home now. Louva said their daughters had spent time with her

Ex-Resident Is Buried At Lazbuddie

Services for Fannie M. Vollette, 71, of Lubbock were held Tuesday at Bellaire Baptist Church of Lubbock with the Rev. Scot Edmondson and the Rev. Michael Bartlett officiating.

Burial in Lazbuddie Cemetery was under direction of Rix Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Vollette died Saturday, February 25, 1995, at St. Mary's Hospital. She lived in Bovina and owned and operated a beauty shop about 37 years ago.

She was born June 1, 1923, in Floyd, New Mexico, where she graduated from high school. She moved to Lubbock in 1990 from Bryan. She married Alva J. Hudson on December 16, 1939. He died December 5, 1970. She married Fred A. Vollette on December 19, 1972, in San Antonio.

She was employed by St. Joseph's Hospital in Bryan.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Jimmy Lynn Hudson of Bakersfield, California; a daughter, Joyce Marie McGehee of Lazbuddie; a sister, Vergie Guttery of Mabank; a brother, Leroy Jones of Albuquerque, New Mexico; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Kevin McGehee, Mark Dent, Jack Barton, Claud Holmes, L.G. Hall, Jim Stull, Lloyd Bradshaw and Bill Collins.

The family suggests memorials to the Open Heart Club of the Southwest, PO Box 877, Lubbock 79408-0877.

and husband, Alvo, and they also had her niece with them.

Funeral services were held for Fannie Vollette, 71, of Lubbock, a former Bovina resident about thirty seven years ago. Fanny was married to Alva J. Hudson and she operated a beauty shop in Bovina.

Fannie was such a sweet person. She was survived by her daughter, Joyce McGehee of Lazbuddie and a son, Jimmy Hudson of California; also several grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Tommy Hutto is trying to get in touch with everyone in the 1985 high school graduating class of Bovina and would like for you who were in that class to either drop him a card or call him. The reunion will be held on August 5 in Amarillo. Tommy's address is Route 7, Box 363 A, Amarillo, 79118 and his telephone number is 622-0876.

Darlene Miller was taken to the Muleshoe hospital on Monday of this week and I talked to her on Tuesday afternoon. She said they are running tests.

Gene and Vi Hutto went to Amarillo and helped their six year old granddaughter, Jonnie, celebrate her birthday. Jonnie's parents are Tommy and Pam Hutto. The family enjoyed a hamburger cookout and birthday cake. Also with the family were Mark and Toya Englant and daughters, Tabatha and Randa.

Charles and Peggy Hargrove attended funeral services for Peggy's sister-in-law. She was Polly Chase and her husband was Everette, Peggy's brother.

The services were held at Wheatridge, Colorado. She was sixty seven years old and died of heart problems.

She was survived by four children and grandchildren.

THINK ABOUT IT: The closest most people ever come to reaching their ideal is when they write their resumes.

Have a good week and hope for moisture....Scooter.

Bovina School Lunch Menu

Week of March 6-10
MONDAY--chulapas, cheese, salad, corn, fruit, cookies and milk.

TUESDAY--chicken and rice, peas and carrots, vegetable sticks, rolls, fruit and milk.

WEDNESDAY--ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, chips, fruit, cookies and milk.

THURSDAY--barbecue franks, potatoes, green beans, biscuits, fruit and milk.

FRIDAY--hamburgers, fries, lettuce, fruit, brownies and milk.

Tax Rebates Show Increase Locally

State Comptroller John Sharp has delivered a total of \$230.9 million in monthly sales tax rebates to 1,072 Texas cities and 111 counties, including a record \$30.3 million payment to the city of Houston.

The monthly sales tax rebates grew by an average of 4.8 per cent over payments of \$220.2 million in February of last year.

Friona's total for this prior reporting period is \$12,929.08 compared to \$12,707.87 a year ago showing a 1.74 per cent increase. Bovina recorded \$6,042.27 compared to last year's \$4,015.70 for a 50.46% increase.

For 1995, Friona has already reported \$21,193.72 compared to 1994's \$21,325.29 and Bovina has \$7,625.05 for 1995 compared to \$5,785.12 a year ago.

"Statewide, employment reached 7.8 million, another all-time high," Sharp said. "Continued service and construction growth in all the major metro areas has contributed to 17 consecutive months of employment growth of 3 per cent or better."

Texas cities received \$210.6

million in sales tax rebates, 5.2 per cent above the \$200.2 million delivered last February. Counties were delivered \$20.2 million for their February rebates, up 1 per cent over the \$20 million for the same period last year.

This month's payments include taxes collected on holiday sales in December and reported by businesses filing monthly returns in January, quarterly returns for sales made in October, November and December, and yearly filings for 1994.

The city of Houston's rebate of \$30.3 million was up 5.9 per cent from the February 1994 rebate of \$28.6 million. This reflected a healthy increase in consumer confidence for the holiday shopping season, and was the first time any monthly sales tax rebate in Texas has exceeded \$30 million.

"Houston trailed only Dallas in the total number of new jobs created, with the construction sector expanding by 7,900 jobs since this period last year," Sharp said.

The \$18.4 million payment to the city of Dallas for February was 1.1 per cent more than the \$18.2 million for February last year.

"The state leader with 73,100 new jobs in the last year, Dallas gained 6,400 jobs in the finance sector as First Tennessee National announced plans to consolidate in Dallas," Sharp said.

Foundation Offers Ten Trees

Ten free shade trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during March 1995.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The ten shade trees are Red Oak, Weeping Willow, Sugar Maple, Green Ash, Thornless Honeylocust, Pin Oak, River Birch, Tuliptree, Silver Maple, and Red Maple.

"These trees were selected to provide shade and beauty, and a variety of forms, leaf shapes, and beautiful fall colors," John Rosenow, the Foundation's president, said.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting in April or May with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's bimonthly publication, "Arbor Day," and The Tree Book with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to Free Shade Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, Nebraska 68410, by March 31, 1995.

Happy Birthday Bovina!!!

March 5--Zachary Graves.

March 7--Tina Sides, Nell Roach, Bobby Haney, Charles Gilbreath, Libby Holman.

March 8--Charolette Wilburn, Kay Venable, Bonnie Scaff, Tiny Moore, Sonja Maria Murillo.

March 9--Jane Trotter, Jimmy Gilbreath.

March 10--Ona Patterson, Kimberly Lide.

March 11--Nelline Spicer.

(Editor's note: If someone in your family is observing a birthday, please call 238-1523, in advance, to get the name on our birthday calendar.)

Sr. Citizens Meet Locally

The Senior Citizens met at the center on February 22 with fourteen members present and two visitors. The group enjoyed lunch and a short business meeting followed the luncheon.

They wanted to remind everyone about the ladies' coffee every Friday at 3 p.m. and everyone is invited to attend. They have lots of fun and have a good visit.

Those present for the meeting on the 22nd were: Julia Leake, Jerry Ware, Maesie Flynn, Ethel Johnson, Charlsie Eubank, Hattie Burnette, Howard and Minnie Kelso, Erra Jamerson, Dorothy Ellison, Joe Looney, Sid Lloyd, LaTrelle Muher, Mary Rejino, Oma Lee George, and Chris Dennison.

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Weight Watchers is now meeting every Tuesday in Bovina. For more information, please call 1-800-359-3131. tfnc

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Parmer County Commissioners Court is currently accepting bids for one (1) new, One-ton Truck, for use by Precinct #2. Bids must be mailed or brought to Bonnie J. Clayton, County Judge, at 401 Third Street, Room 104, P.O. Box 506, Farwell, Texas, 79325, to be received no later than 10:00 A.M., Monday, March 13, 1995, at which time bids will be considered. Please include an original and four (4) copies in your bid packet.

Specifications may be obtained from the County Judge's Office.

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The Parmer County Commissioners Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.

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Eligibility Rules Are Changed For Farmers

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Last October, the Federal Crop Insurance Reform Act of 1994 was signed into law. Beginning with the 1995 crop year, all farmers MUST purchase at least the lowest level of crop insurance to be eligible for certain farm program benefits including Consolidated Farm Service Agency (CFSA) (formerly FmHA) farm loans.

This level, which is called the catastrophic level, covers 50 per cent of your approved yield at 60 per cent of the established market price. Higher levels of protection are available from private crop insurance agents. The catastrophic level is available from private crop insurance agents and local CFSA (formerly ASCS) offices.

You must purchase insurance on every crop that is "economically significant." That means any crop that has contributed in the previous year, or is expected to contribute during the current year, 10 per cent or more of the total expected value of your share of all crops you grow in the county.

The cost to you is an administrative fee of \$50 per crop with a maximum of \$200 per county, not to exceed \$600 for all counties in which you farm. This fee must be paid when you apply for coverage.

Crop insurance must be purchased by established deadlines called sales closing dates. The sales closing date, for ALL insurable crops in Parmer County, is March 15, 1995. Insurable crops in Parmer County are as follows:

Barley, corn (including silage),

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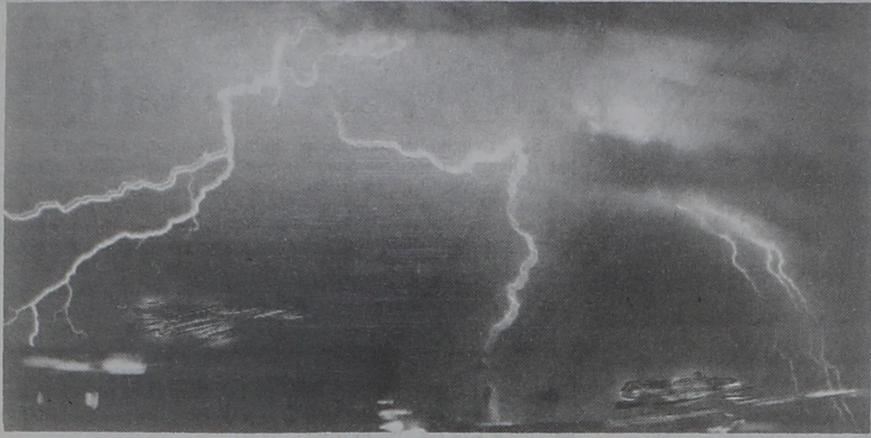
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JO BLACKWELL

Local Resident On PCS Board

The Panhandle Community Services recently elected officers and new board members for 1995 at a January board meeting.

The Panhandle Community Services is an organization which delivers services for disadvantaged Panhandle residents. Their motto is "Helping People Help Themselves."

Included as a board member of the PCS is Jo Blackwell, a Parmer

County resident. She is replacing June Rhodes on the board.

Jo is a licensed nursing facility administrator and works at Prairie Acres Nursing Home in Friona.

She has been in nursing and nursing facility administration for about 30 years, 15 of those years in Friona.

Jo keeps herself pretty busy in her role as grandmother. She is guardian to her granddaughter until the parents move back from Las Vegas.

Jo also makes time for community involvement by serving on the Board of Directors of the Texas Association of Homes and Services for the Aged and has been on the Parmer County Welfare Board the last 14 years, currently serving as president.

Jo is originally from Muleshoe, is married with two children, two grandchildren and another one on the way. Her husband, John owns and operates Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home where she assists him when necessary.

Hobbies for Jo include reading, swimming, and playing with grandchildren. In response to goals, she related, "I'm attending Clovis Community College and working toward my CPA."

SWCD Makes Windbreak Tree Offer

The planting of windbreaks around farmsteads protect farm homes and outbuildings from icy winter winds as well as summer sun.

The planting of the proper types of trees in windbreaks can provide protection for a distance of ten times the height of the trees.

Windbreaks can help improve livestock performance. The trees help protect cattle and other livestock from blizzards and cold, driving rains thus producing less stress in the animals and reducing losses.

Windbreaks also help save energy in homes. For an average frame house, air infiltration from wind can cause about one-third of the winter heat loss.

Heat loss can be significantly reduced by planting a windbreak in the direction from which prevailing winds blow. This could reduce energy bills by as much as 25 per cent.

Windbreaks planted around croplands reduce wind speed thus decreasing soil erosion. In addition, they can significantly increase the yield of crops sheltered by the trees as much as 20 per cent or more in areas with hot, dry winds.

"We will gladly help you design a windbreak and an estimate free of charge with no obligation. We can also help you decide if drip irrigation would be economical," said Thomas Reed, spokesman for the Parmer County Soil and Water Conservation District.

All technical services are free and available regardless of race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, marital status, or handicap.

Tree orders through the SWCD are now available. For more information on windbreaks or trees, fruit trees, drip irrigation, weed mat, or wind protection call (806)247-2220 or come by 1306 West Ninth Street in Friona.

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Severe Weather Presents Challenge For Drivers

Weather in Texas is mercurial--one minute sunshine, the next minute gusting winds and pouring rain.

The onset of spring brings an increased intensity to shifting weather patterns creating severe weather and hazardous road conditions which Texas drivers would happily relinquish to any one of its neighboring states.

The Texas Automobile Insurance Service Office (TAISO) and the Texas Division of Emergency Management have some "wheel" safety suggestions to help Texans cope with severe weather driving.

Taking Defensive Actions: Texans experience a diverse range of atmospheric elements--snow, ice, rain, wind and fog for starters. Adverse weather conditions affect visibility, traction and vehicle control. If severe weather has been forecast, be prepared to take these defensive actions to help ensure your safety on the road.

*Clean or defrost your windshield and windows thoroughly before driving your car.

*Check the car's windshield wipers, washers and defroster to be sure they are in good working order.

*Be sure taillights, headlight, brake lights and directional signals are operational.

Former Resident Dies In Oregon

David Alton Berry, 76, died Thursday, February 16, 1995. He was born in Leonard, Texas.

He lived with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E.A. Berry, a brother and three sisters for a number of years in the Oklahoma Lane Community.

Berry attended Oklahoma Lane school and was very active in sports. He married Lucille Billingsley and they had seven children.

He served in the Marine Corps during World War II. He fought in the Pacific Theater, where he was in several amphibious tank landings, including Iwo Jima and Saigon.

Berry retired as chef from the Confederate Tribes of Warm Springs. He was a member of the St. Helen BPDE Elks Lodge.

He had lived in Scappoose, Oregon since 1984.

Graveside services were conducted February 21, in Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, Oregon under the direction of Young's Funeral Home of Tigard.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Lucille; seven children, Patricia Okleberry and John Berry both of Portland, Phillip Berry and Joy Stewart, both of Scappoose, James Berry of Bend, Richard Berry of Everett, Washington, and Doris Damewood of Estacada; three sisters, Ida Jean and Doris, both of Canyon, Vernell Campbell of Fritch, and one brother, James M. Berry of Clovis, New Mexico; 17 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

*Warm up the motor in cold weather to ensure reliable performance. The heater should be on to avoid sudden fogging of the windows.

*The first 20 to 30 minutes of a rainstorm is very dangerous because a soapy-slick film of oil and grease rises on the pavement's surface. After that time, this slippery residue has washed off and your car should have better traction.

*Turn headlights on low beam in fog, rain and extreme cloudiness, even in the daytime.

Coping with Adverse Road Conditions:

*Adjust your speed to the road's surface conditions. Slow down.

*Pump your brakes on slippery roads to avoid locked-wheel skids.

*If you skid, steer in the direction of the skid.

*Hydroplaning occurs when standing water on the pavement, worn tires and speed combine to cause a loss of steering and reduce traction. A wedge of water can actually build up between the tires and the road and lift the wheels from contact with the pavement.

Control Vehicle Conditions:

Chances of avoiding an accident are much better if your vehicle is in tip-top condition. Proper maintenance affects your ability to control the vehicle and increases your chances of avoiding an

accident.

*Defective turn signals can confuse other drivers about your intentions and cause a collision.

*Brakes which are worn or improperly adjusted need to be replaced or corrected.

*The gas tank should be kept full. Doing so will keep condensation from getting in the tank which can contribute to fuel line freeze-up.

*Good tire care is essential. Worn tires could cause a blowout and throw your car out of control.

*Keep headlamps and windshield wipers in top working order for optimum visibility.

*Always wear a seat belt and shoulder harness.

It's a good idea to practice these severe weather driving tips before the weather changes again. Rain or shine, following these tips will provide "wheel" safety for you and your family.

TAISO is a voluntary trade association of insurers writing auto insurance subject to Texas rate and form regulation. The organization was formed in 1927.

March 5-11 has been proclaimed by Governor George W. Bush as Severe Weather Awareness Week through the efforts of the Texas Division of Emergency Management and the National Weather Service.

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