

Bull Town Bulletins

By
Bill Ellis



IS PROCRASTINATION one of your biggest problems? Do you wait until the last minute to shop for birthday or other special-occasion gifts?

Do you put off making decisions until you absolutely have to? Even after you make a decision, do you drag your feet about acting? Has putting off making decisions proven costly—even financially?

Are you so regularly late to appointments or events that your friends don't even start to expect you until it's several minutes beyond the appointed hour?

Do you often miss the opening credits of a movie, and regularly spend Christmas Eve at the shopping mall, or last available gift-buying outlet?

Then chances are, you could join Ye Editor's club, but Carol would insist that I be named president, since she, of all people, recognizes me in all of the instances described above, yet she has exhibited an uncommon amount of patience and compassion.

It is said that our business of journalism is perhaps the worst possibility for procrastinators. Writers, somehow, seem to be the world's worst at putting things off until the absolute deadline (or beyond it).

However, it may be that those bringing things to the newspaper may have tendencies along this line, too. Many times we are asked "What's the latest I can get something in for the paper?" when it probably would be just as easy for them to give you the article or advertisement right then.

We've had people tell us on Monday that they definitely wanted an ad that week, but that they couldn't possibly have it ready until Thursday morning. When contacted again on Thursday, they still haven't gotten "A Round Tuit."

So perhaps this is just a common human trait. We notice every April 15th the string of people shown by Amarillo TV news cameras bringing their tax returns to the post office, many just ahead of the midnight deadline.

These are no doubt the same people who could be found in libraries until closing time the night before final exams when they were in college. Does the term "cramming" bring back memories, or have a special meaning?

One researcher discovered a professional who put off buying gas to the extent that his car was constantly stalling on the highway.

Ye editor once had a Mercury station wagon whose gas guage was broken. Even with this handicap, I was always heading off to Hereford, Bovina or Clovis without first filling the tank. And more than once, we'd find ourselves hitching a ride into town with our gas can.

Must have at least something in common with they guy who made the survey.

Another fellow in the survey failed to pay his taxes—for 12 years. We haven't gotten to that point at our house yet. We may occasionally have to file an extension, but we eventually get the return to the IRS.

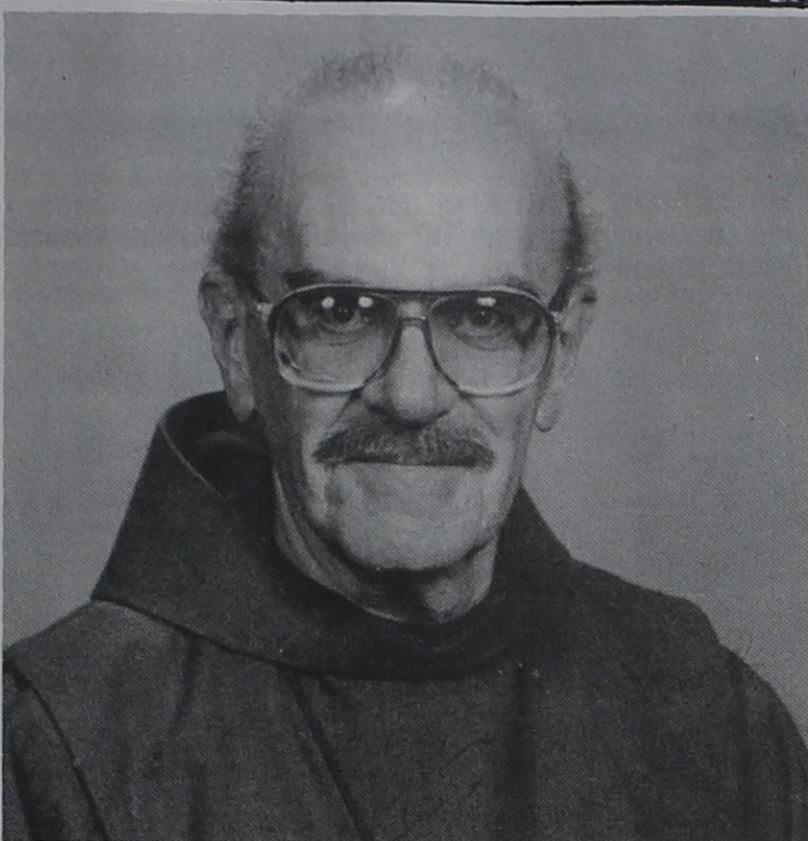
We used to hear the story about the alcohol-prone publisher who let the bottle be his excuse most of the week. Finally sobering up on press day, he had a brainstorm. He went over to the typesetter, and set just one line: "Last week's issue is being re-printed by special request."

Since Ye Ed doesn't drink and has never been seen in a drunken condition, we doubt that we'd be able to get away with that scheme.

The advent of computerized typesetters has made some of us deadline-crowders even worse.

In times past, we'd at least try to have a little sympathy for our (human) typesetter at the newspaper, and get our columns and/or articles in by a reasonable time. Now that we have a computer at home, and can bring the columns and/or articles back to the office on a disk for quick printing, that gives us even a later deadline.

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FR. TIMOTHY DRAN

Rites Conducted For Father Dran

Rosary for the Rev. Timothy Francis Dran, S.A., 70, of Bovina, pastor of St. Ann's Catholic Church and of St. Theresa's Catholic Church in Friona, was recited Monday, July 12 in St. Ann's Catholic Church.

Another Rosary was recited Sunday in St. Teresa's Catholic Church.

Funeral Mass was celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday in St. Ann's Catholic Church and at 2 p.m. at St. Teresa's Catholic Church, with Bishop Leroy Mathiesen of the Amarillo Diocese officiating.

Interment was to be in Friar's Cemetery at Graymoor, Garrison, N.Y. Bovina and Friona arrangements were by Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

The Rev. Fr. Dran died Sunday morning, July 11, 1993, after suffering an attack during his sermon at St. Ann's.

He was born September 28, 1922, in The Bronx, N.Y., and attended parochial schools in Union City, N.J. He entered the Friars of Atonement College at Graymoor in 1941 and graduated from Catholic University of Washington, D.C. He was ordained to the priesthood at Graymoor June 17, 1950.

He had had numerous pastorates in the United States and in Canada, where he was elected regional superior of friars in British

Columbia and served as port chaplain in Vancouver, B.C., and Montreal, Que. He had served the Bovina and Friona pastorates since January 10, 1987.

He is survived by a sister, Kay Schiller of Somerset, N.J.

Memorials to St. Ann's Catholic Church and St. Theresa's Catholic Church are suggested.

Screening Set For Aug. 18 At Hospital

On Wednesday, August 18, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and High Plains Baptist Hospital Mobile Mammography Unit will be in Friona, at Parmer County Community Hospital, 1307 Cleveland.

Exams are done by appointment only. For information or to schedule an appointment, call 1-800-377-HOPE (4673) or (806) 359-4673.

The total cost of the screening is \$70.00. This includes the x-ray, physical breast exam and the radiology fee for reading the mammogram. Funding has been provided by the Texas Department of Health to allow for free breast screenings for women who qualify.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

By RHONDA HOLDEN

Joe and Dorothy Harris were like many people when they moved to Bovina. They were looking for a "better place to raise our children and work." They expected it to be a short stay, but 33 years later they can't imagine calling anywhere else home.

The Harrises live at 302 9th Street, where they raised their six children, Betty, Carl, Jimmy, Pat, Ruby and Danny. They are both retired now and enjoy life's slower pace and the grandchildren.

In 1956, the Harris family moved from Dallas to Bovina, where Joe went to work for Vernon Estes as a farm laborer from 1956 until 1969. Then he spent the next 20 years at Caprock Industries, which was originally Parmer County Cattle Feeders. He retired in 1990.

Dorothy has always enjoyed two hobbies of sort, yard work and football.

She says she's a yard person. "I love to work in the yard," she said. She jokes that football was a topic of discontent with Joe. "I love that football," she said. Joe now enjoys the game since his retirement, she explained.

Of their six children, two, Ruby and Danny, chose to live in Bovina. Ruby has three children and works at Pay-N-Save. Danny is a devout bachelor and works for a feedlot in Farwell.

Betty and her husband, A.J. Sheppard, and their three children live in Levelland where she is a teacher's aide. Carl and his wife, Kathy, and their four children live in Amarillo. He drives a truck for Wal-Mart.

Pat is the only child living outside Texas. She works for a telephone company in Glendale, Arizona. Jimmy, along with wife, Laura, and their three children live in Muleshoe. He works at Wheelabrator Coal Services in Lazbuddie.

The Harrises are originally from Avalon, Texas, which is

Area Receives Beneficial Rains

We don't have to tell you that our area has been in the midst of a drought situation, that has adversely affected farming operations.

This week, hopefully a different trend has started, with the area getting the most general rainfall than it has received in quite some time.

The official Bovina guage caught .58 inches on Wednesday night, and this was in addition to .03 inches on Sunday and .07 inches on Monday.

This brought the city's total rainfall to 4.89 inches for the year, according to Maggie Moore, recorder.

However, the good news is that

most of the farmland received considerably more rain than fell here in town.

"We've heard reports all the way from a half inch up to two inches. Rhea received 1.3 inches, and Lazbuddie from two to four inches, and all of it fell just right," said Ronnie Ward at Sherley Grain.

"The corn is just in the right stage where adequate water is critical. And it should boost the milo along," Ward added.

According to who you talked to in the Rhea Community, it rained from 1.8 inches to three inches during the past week.

Jim Dixon reported that he had received 3.1 inches of rain at his

place from Sunday through Wednesday. Dixon received an inch of rain Sunday night, July 11; another .60 on Monday the 12th; .50 inches on the 13th, and an inch on Wednesday the 14th.

"This should make the grass green up considerable, and should boost the maize crop," Dixon said.

Jack Patterson, also in the Rhea community, reported an inch from Wednesday night, and 1.8 inches overall.

Other rainfall amounts reported in the Bovina area were: Houston Bartlett 1.0; Les McCain, .5 inch; Ricky Jamerson 1.2; Grady Sorley, 1.5 inches.



READY, SET...The Bovina High School Cheerleaders, captain Kim Kirkpatrick, Misty Renner, Kasey Bell, Brooke Charles and Lori Beauchamp, practice earlier this week for the upcoming football season at Kim's home.

Local Sales Tax Rebates Are A Mixed Bag In July

A 6.9% increase of city and county sales tax payments over a year ago are boasted by John Sharp, State Comptroller. In Parmer County, payments are varied.

Bovina, which has a current sales tax rate of 1.0%, received \$1495.22 for July's payment. It is a .59% increase over the same month a year ago.

June's payment of \$1589.12 was a large increase of the same month the prior year. Yet, there is a \$93.90 drop in July of this year.

Friona, which has a current

sales tax rate of 1.0%, received \$7623.14 for July, 1993 and for the second straight month, it is a decrease of the same month of the prior year. Last month, Friona received \$7720.25 which was 2.91% drop from June of 1992. For July, Friona received \$7523.14 which is 4.75% drop of July, 1992. July's payment is also \$192.11 less than June, 1993 payment.

In the county, Farwell received the highest increases both from the prior years, but also from June. Farwell has a current sales tax rate of 1.5%. In July they received \$3408.01, which is 12.99% increase over June, 1992 payment of \$3016.16.

In June, Farwell received

\$3028.65 which was an increase of 14.64% over June, 1992. This month's payment is \$379.36 over last month's payment.

Year to date figures show that both Farwell and Bovina continue to show steady increases over the prior year, but Friona lags behind figures from last year. Farwell has received, up-to-date, a total of \$24,541.58 or 12.57% increase over last year. Updated figures show Bovina at \$13,652.19 or a change of 4.47%. Friona's current figures are \$66,361.73 or a loss over last year of 4.36%.

Other Texas cities are beginning to show increases over last year, which Sharp defines as economic growth.

Bovina Veterans Honored On The 4th

Veterans were recognized during the Bovina 4th of July celebration Sunday. Each vet announced received a red carnation. Those who were recognized along with their term and branch of the service are, as follows:

A.L. Kerby from 1944-46 during World War II with the U.S. Air Force. Linn Paladi served from 1989-1992 with the U.S. Air Force during the Panama Invasions and Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

James Clayton served with the U.S. Army in 1962. Webb Gober served during World War II from 1942-45 with the U.S. Navy.

Bryan Mason served in Desert Storm and from 1988-92 in the U.S. Air Force. Stan Miller served for four years in the Navy during the Vietnam war.

Lawrence (Larry) M. Strobe, Jr. served in Vietnam during a 1963-76 stint in the U.S. Army. Robert E. Wilson served in the European Theater in World War II from 1942-46 in the U.S. Army.

John Tabor served with the U.S. Air Force from 1951-55 in the Korean Conflict. Bob Owen served during peacetime in 1954-56 with the U.S. Army.

Coley Mosely served from 1946-51 with the Merchant Marines-Army. Jack D. Patterson served with the U.S. Army from 1942-45 during the war. Billy Smith served

in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam Conflict, from 1961-65.

Joe Fowler spent six years in the U.S. Navy from 1940-46 during World War II. Tom Caldwell served during World War II in the U.S. Air Force. J.T. Hammonds served from 1943-46 with the U.S. Navy during World War II. Gene Ezell served in the U.S. Army from 1944-46 during World War II.

Jay C. Boone served in World War II from 1943-45 as a 2nd Engineer-Special Brigade. Ros Blankenship served with the U.S. Navy from 1944-46 during World War II.

Billy B. Sides spent 1944-46 serving in the U.S. Navy in World War II. Herbert Schueler served with the U.S. Army from 1953-55 during the Korean Conflict. Louis E. Fritts served from 1955-59 in the U.S. Marine Corps, after Korea, in Oknaiva.

Marion H. Carson served with the U.S. Army in World War II from 1944-46. Donald Dale served in Vietnam from 1965-67 in the U.S. Army.

Antulio Barraza served in Vietnam in 1963 with the U.S. Army. Robert Fowler served during peacetime from 1972-76 with the U.S. Navy. Dean Hastings served in World War II with the U.S. Army from 1944-46.



MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR...Joe and Dorothy Harris enjoy the afternoon on their front lawn.

Reflections

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

35 Years Ago--July 9, 1958

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Charles were honored with an open house and reception in their home Sunday afternoon from 3-6 p.m. The occasion was the celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary.

Visiting the past week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Williams has been Miss Nancy Glover of Balmorhea. Mrs. Glover arrived a week ago Sunday to visit with the Williams' daughter, Eileen, and returned to her home over last weekend when her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N.A. Glover of Balmorhea, came after her.

Several local people went to Dumas over the weekend where they attended a family reunion. Members of the McCutchan family gathered in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. D.A. and Mr. and Mrs. D.L. McCutchan in Dumas, Saturday and Sunday.

30 Years Ago--July 10, 1963

Boyce Taylor underwent surgery Saturday morning at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. He is reported to be improving.

Mrs. Robert Edens visited her sister, Mrs. Lila Burnett of Frederick, Oklahoma, Sunday in the home of her nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Coleman of Muleshoe.

Mrs. Lady Armstrong was honored with a surprise birthday party Monday evening at her home.

Parmer County's 4-H Club Dress Revue will be held in Farwell at the homemaking cottage of Farwell High School, Thursday, July 18 at 2 p.m.

25 Years Ago--July 10, 1968

Three students left recently to attend a German language school in Lawrence, Kansas at the University of Kansas. The girls attending the course are Doris Corn, daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Corn, Karen Bell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Durward Bell, and Sheryl Lane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lane.

Mr. and Mrs. James Stevens of El Paso are the parents of a baby boy born Saturday, June 22. The new arrival weighed six pounds and is named John David after his paternal grandfather. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Stevens of Bovina.

20 Years Ago--July 11, 1973

Funeral services for Hugh L. Holderman, 66, of Bovina were held Monday morning in Elliott's Memorial Chapel in Abilene. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery there.

Four teachers submitted their resignations from the faculty of Bovina Schools Monday night at a regular meeting of the board of trustees of Bovina Independent School District.

Several members of the Pentecostal Holiness Church here are attending camp in Amarillo this week. The group left Monday and will return Sunday.

15 Years Ago--July 12, 1978

Barberette Sikes and her grandchildren were involved in an automobile accident in Hamilton, Texas, Sunday. The details of the wreck are not known. Mrs. Sikes was taken to the Hamilton Hospital and is reported in fair condition, according to Laverne Thatcher. The children's parents are Mr. and Mrs. R.B. Riley of Bovina.

George and Louise Douglas were honored with a reception on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary at the Wendol Christian home June 3.

10 Yrs. Ago--June 29, 1983

The work on paving the lot at the Senior Citizens location has uncovered a large gas tank, which had been all but forgotten. The project is expected to cost around \$15,000, to have it dug up and moved.

Cindy Caldwell Duntley of Denver, Colorado, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Caldwell, received with honors, her bachelor of arts degree in physical education from the University of Denver.

The Buster Cochrans are in the process of moving into town from the country where they have lived and farmed for the past forty years.

Tommy Hutto and Terry Moore were among 150 FFA members to attend the Area Leadership Conference at Clarendon College.

5 Years Ago--July 13, 1988

Chris Wilson, a student at Bovina Junior High School, has been selected to participate in Duke University's 1988 Summer Residential Program for academically gifted students. Chris is the son of Gregg and Brenda Wilson.

Agri-Sprayers is now under new management. Coleman Young is manager and comes from Hereford to Bovina. Young grew up at Kress, Texas. He received his degree in plant service in May, 1982 from West Texas State University in Canyon.

It's A Girl For Couple

Roger and Verna Harris of Lubbock are parents of a baby girl, Jessica Renee, who was born June 28 at 12:17 a.m. in the University Medical Center in Lubbock.

The infant weighed six pounds, thirteen ounces and is the first child for the couple.

Grandparents are Carl and Kathy Harris of Amarillo and Dr. and Mrs. Ray Seidel of Lubbock.

Great-grandparents are Joe and Dorothy Harris of Bovina and Marjorie Harris of Amarillo.

DPS Looking For Troopers

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL...Children listen to instructions while at the Baptist Church's Vacation Bible School.



BREAK TIME...Some children enjoy snack time during the Baptist Church's Vacation Bible School.



STORE MAKEOVER...Pay-n-Save Grocery received a facelift recently. Sales representatives and Affiliated Foods representatives moved, stocked and labeled their wares. The store, also, received a thorough cleaning.

Flossie Knight, 81, Is Buried

Funeral services for Flossie Ann Knight, 81, were conducted Sunday, July 11 at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Friona, with Charles Green of Bovina officiating.

Burial was in Bovina Cemetery, under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Mrs. Knight passed away July 9 at Prairie Acres Nursing Home in Friona, of natural causes.

She was born in Hollis, Oklahoma, and moved to Parmer County in 1951. She married L.D. Knight May 19, 1951 in Clovis, N.M. He passed away in October of 1984. She did substitute teaching in the early 1930s, and was a member of the Jehovah's Witnesses.

Survivors include three daughters, Margaret Meason of Bovina; Fern Jacks of Roswell, N.M. and Emma Ivey of Denver City; four sisters, VOLLIE Tidwell of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Versey Stephens of Tulsa, Oklahoma; Faye Sorrel of Denver City and Earthe Carey of Lindsey, Oklahoma.

Nine grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren also survive.

She was preceded in death by a son, Bobby L. Hix on May 24, 1990.

Pallbearers were Roy Ivy, Quinton Jacks, Neil Connell, Casey Meason, Don Meason and Rick Meason.

Crop Seminar Is Slated At Farwell

This time of the year, area cotton and corn producers have a tremendous number of management decisions to make that will impact their crop yields and their pocketbook. Crop pests are an important concern.

The Parmer County Extension Service is sponsoring a "Cotton and Corn Pest Management Seminar" to be held Thursday, July 22 at 1:30 p.m. in the Farwell Community Center. Producers can learn the latest on pest situations, scouting techniques, identification and control.

Hands-on training will be provided to all participants. Program speakers include Dr. Pat Morrison, Extension entomologist, Dr. James Leser, Extension cotton entomologist, and Dr. Peter Dotray, Extension weed specialist.

Two continuing education units (CEU's) will be offered for private applicators.

This program, conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, is to serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap or national origin.

Looking Up!

BY RICHARD L. GRISHAM

Have you read a good book lately? According to Leith Anderson in *A Church for the 21st Century* (Minneapolis: Bethany House Publishers, 1992), reading is on a decline. "Less than 10% of the population buys all the books sold in America" and "the United States has become increasingly post-literate."

Also, according to Phil Goodman's "Extra! Boomers Don't Read All About It!" in *The Boomer Report* (May 15, 1991, p. 8), the baby boomers, born 1946-1964, have become a visual-oriented generation due to television and movies, for more than today's senior adults.

And, the baby busters (born since 1965) have even less interest in reading due to the rise of the video generation. Video rentals have boomed, TV sets stay on an average of seven hours per day, and movie going is still a popular pastime.

Just think about it--when was the last time your child or grandchild asked, "When are we going to the library?" or said, "I need some money to buy a book at the bookstore." Rather, if your children are anything like mine, they have asked to rent a video or go to the movies or have been busy playing a video game on the TV set.

Personally, I am still very much a voracious reader. Perhaps this is due to my educational background, and the fact that I am fascinated by the English language. As a boy, I read nearly all of the "Hardy Boys" mysteries, as well as many other great stories found in the books of the school and public libraries. In my opinion, a good book or magazine article still beats many movies and videos.

I think there are some dangers to be aware of if future generations neglect or forget how to read. One is that reading and writing keep the language more precise than mere conversational English.

If we become solely a visually-oriented society, the English language will decline and

communicative skills decrease significantly. History will become less important in a post-literate America to the person with marginal reading skills, even if taught by video. Hopefully, however, there will always be a few "book worms" around to remind us of our past and to tell us what's what!

Practically there are also implications for a video-oriented age. How to reach people with a message (whether it be an advertisement of a product, a gospel tract, factual information to the public about health care, etc.) is affected by how people receive their information. If people do not read as much, newspapers and magazines will decline, fewer books will be written and read, and effective communications will be more and more by visual means.

Perhaps the greatest danger of a TV/video society is that people will think less, period! The TV newspeople and the talk show hosts already analyze everything for the viewer. Movies and videos leave nothing for the imagination anymore--it is all shown in graphic 3-D detail!

Children (and adults too) may be mesmerized by fast action scenes that give little or no time for thought or analysis. One is forced to swallow what is served up next on the screen!

In a TV/video society, thinking for oneself may become obsolete as opinions are already formed and expressed for those too mentally lazy to think for themselves. Watching what others have already created tends to make one mentally passive.

Ah, but a good book! That's another story! (Pardon the pun.) Reading presents information but requires one to visualize with his/her own imagination what mere words describe. A good book is an adventure in learning, exploring and imagining which one can take at their own leisurely pace. Reading flexes the intellect and keeps one active mentally.

Read any good books lately? May I suggest one (other than the Bible) that is one of my all-time favorites and a true devotional classic? It will really exercise you mentally and spiritually and is not for shallow thinkers. It comes in paperback and is relatively easy to come by: *The Knowledge of the Holy*, by A.W. Tozer. Read a chapter a day (five or six pages), meditate upon it, and let it stretch your understanding of who God is. It will make you pause and look up!

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July 23--Sharla Cruz, Linda Dopp, Joe Black
July 24--Lindsey Pruitt, Courtney Jamerson, Joe Wilson, Marti Mayfield.

(Editor's note: If someone in your family is having a birthday coming up, call the Bovina Blade office at 238-1523, in advance, so that members of the community may wish them a Happy Birthday!)

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Gypsum Blocks Are New Way To Save Irrigation Water

Often the best cared for turf in Texas communities is the high school football field. At Crane High School, where the annual average rainfall is less than 15 inches, watering the football field was a full-time job.

Not any more. A tool that looks a lot like a simple chalk block is saving time and money for the school.

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service has teamed with school districts and farmers across the state to investigate the use of gypsum blocks, simple water-

measuring devices that have the potential to save thousands of dollars and millions of gallons of water.

They're just starting to be used on high school football fields and turf areas, but it's estimated that they're already being employed on 15 per cent of the farms in the state.

Made of hydrous calcium sulfate, an ingredient in plaster of paris, the blocks are buried in the soil at different depths. They take up and release water just like the soil that surrounds them. The wetness of

the blocks can be read from a pocket-size meter, said Dr. Guy Fipps, Extension agricultural engineer.

The blocks make it possible to determine how much moisture is available to plants at different soil depths, spot and correct uneven water distribution, and use meter readings to schedule effective and efficient irrigation, Fipps said.

Just a few years ago, the Crane football field was watered for an hour every day, seven days a week, from March through September. School officials worked with then-county agent Marty Dozier (now in Lamb County), and Greg Gruben, presently Crane County Extension agent, to install the blocks.

Moisture readings from the gypsum blocks indicated that the football field needed to be watered only 60 minutes three times a week. The school saved more than 170,000 gallons of water and nearly \$2,000 during the hottest six weeks of the year.

"The field looks just as good, and any time you can save the school system money, you're doing a good deed," Gruben said.

For South Texas dairy farmer Grady Schorsch, the blocks proved their worth on his family's farm near Jourdan. He began experimenting with the blocks as a way to reduce costs when milk prices dropped several years ago.

By using the blocks in fields of milo, corn and hay raised for cattle, Schorsch was able to reduce the number of times he irrigated. Even by reducing that number by one, he could save nearly \$500 and more than 3 million gallons of water for a 120-acre plot.

His fuel cost is \$4 per acre inch of water. An acre-inch is the amount of water it would take to cover one acre to the depth of one inch, or 27,154 gallons of water.

"(The blocks) are really cost-effective," he said.

Soil conditions and field size will determine how many monitoring stations are needed, but a typical field can be monitored for about \$300, Fipps noted.

Doug Andrews, Atascosa County Extension agent, who, with Fipps, has worked with several producers in installing the blocks, said, "These give us another tool in

our management work chest."

The blocks helped producers find that some of the irrigation systems they had been using did not put enough water down at the right time, he said.

Additionally, Andrews said, they found "that some soils simply will not allow penetration and percolation of water."

The agent said the blocks reinforced the general understanding that once depleted, the soil water "bank" is almost impossible to replace. Roots draw water out of the soil much more rapidly than it can be replaced during the peak water use of the plant.

Producers also found that often they were watering a field when they didn't need to.

"When you're just eyeballing a field, you're not always meeting the needs of the crop," Andrews said.

Texas Metropolitan Markets

Source: Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University

Gypsum blocks conserve water

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service is teaming up with farmers and school districts across the state to install gypsum blocks. These water-saving tools have the potential to save thousands of dollars and millions of gallons of water. The blocks take up and release water like the surrounding soil, and the wetness can be read with a pocket-sized meter.

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Basic Barbecue Sauce Can Take On Different Flavors

By Carla McKeown

I was in college when I first tried my hand at making barbecue sauce. It wasn't that I had a great desire to create an award-winning barbecue sauce, but, rather, that I wanted to make barbecued chicken and couldn't afford to buy the bottled sauce.

So I rummaged through my pantry and started mixing ingredients in a bowl. I started with ketchup and then added Worcestershire sauce, chili powder, a little mustard and a spoonful of brown sugar. It was good enough to satisfy my craving for barbecued

chicken.

Through the years I have experimented with the recipe, adding various spices, herbs and flavorings, coming up with a different sauce every time.

The basic recipe that I follow is listed below. Taste the sauce after each addition to monitor its development. Adapt the barbecue sauce to your tastes as you go.

If you like foods hotter, add some red pepper sauce or more cayenne pepper. For a tangier sauce, add a tablespoon or more of white or cider vinegar. Substitute honey for the brown sugar for a

slightly different flavor.

To prevent the sauce from burning as the meat cooks, do not add the barbecue sauce to the meat before it cooks. Instead, marinate the meat in a lemon juice-Worcestershire sauce or lemon juice-soy sauce mixture and sprinkle with a lemon-pepper or seasoned salt mix before grilling. Then, serve the heated barbecue sauce in a bowl at the table.

Try the following sauces the next time you barbecue:

CARLA'S BARBECUE SAUCE

- 1-1/2 cups ketchup
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 tablespoon prepared mustard
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 clove garlic, minced or pressed
- 1/2 onion, finely chopped

Combine all ingredients in a saucepan and simmer until heated through and thickened. Adjust recipe according to your tastes. Makes about 2 cups.

BARBECUE SAUCE

- 2 sticks (1 cup) butter or margarine
- 1 cup ketchup
- 1/2 cup vinegar
- Juice of 2 lemons

Texas Lottery Pays \$1 Billion

"Barely a year old, the Texas Lottery has now paid out more than \$1 billion in prizes," State Comptroller John Sharp has announced.

"We can't pinpoint exactly who won that one billionth dollar—it could have been someone cashing in a \$1 Texas Treasures ticket or a Lotto Texas multi-million dollar jackpot winner," Sharp said.

"Numbers with nine zeros behind the commas are nearly impossible to place in perspective," Sharp said. "But this is not Monopoly money. It's real. And the people who have won it are real."

Winners from the Houston area accounted for the most prizes won, more than \$262 million.

"The Texas Lottery kicked-off just over a year ago on May 29, 1992, with 'Lone Star Millions' which paid a top prize of \$10,000," Sharp said. "Since then, we have introduced another dozen scratch-off games with different play styles and prize structures."

Instant game prizes awarded as of June 5 are nearly \$660 million, plus more than \$22 million awarded in the Millionaire Grand Prize drawings.

"Lotto Texas has paid 51 jackpot winners more than \$256 million in prizes since ticket sales for the on-line game began last November 7," Sharp said. "And more than \$72 million has been paid to 5 of 6, 4 of 6 and 3 of 6 Lotto winners."

Lotto Texas is a pari-mutuel game in which prizes are determined by sales and how many people match winning numbers.

"As of May 1, \$581 million in lottery proceeds had been deposited to the General Revenue Fund; \$17 million went to pay for administration of the games, \$84 million was paid out in retailer commissions and \$111 million went for cost of product or contractor services," Sharp said.

"Our next deposit to the General Revenue Fund will be June 15," Sharp said.

- 1 onion, grated
- 2 tablespoons prepared mustard
- 2 tablespoons prepared horseradish
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tablespoon salt
- Red pepper to taste

Melt butter in a large saucepan. Add remaining ingredients. Simmer for 45 minutes. Makes about 2 cups.

BARBECUE SAUCE

- 1 stick (1/2 cp) butter or margarine
- 2 large onions, chopped
- 1 clove garlic, minced, or 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 2-8 ounce cans tomato sauce
- 4 cups water
- 24 ounce bottle ketchup
- 2 teaspoons black pepper
- 3 tablespoons brown sugar
- 5 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 4 tablespoons cider vinegar
- Tabasco sauce, to taste
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- Salt, to taste

Melt butter in a large skillet, and saute onion and garlic in the butter. Add remaining ingredients. Taste and adjust ingredients as necessary. Simmer uncovered until thickened, 30 to 60 minutes. Makes 1 gallon.

BARBECUE MARINADE AND SAUCE

- 1-8 ounce can tomato sauce
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tablespoon vinegar
- 1/2 cup red wine
- 1 clove garlic, minced or pressed
- Tabasco sauce, to taste
- Salt, to taste

Mix ingredients in a saucepan and simmer for 10 minutes. Marinade beef or poultry in the half of the sauce before grilling. Serve the remaining half of the sauce at the table.

Send your favorite recipe or recipe requests to: Carla McKeown, P.O. Box 3651, Lubbock, Texas, 79452.

Prairie Acres Party Line

By CAROL MCINTOSH

I want to begin by congratulating everyone around Prairie Acres for having a birthday this month: Carlota Tarango (75), Carl Hadley (84), Mabel DeLong (89), Robert Gore (91), Beulah Miller (77), Mabel Kale (93), Mary Gripp (97), and Salvador Gonzales (85). Employees with birthdays this month are: Carol Jackson, Gladys Wilson, Maggie Torres, Patsy Widner and Kaye Funk. Congratulations, again!!

I have so many thank-yous, that I had better get started. They are: Alta Collier, Laura and Curtis Cotten and Wilma Wise for the magazines; Joyce Wells for the flowers she shared; Rita Beene for the beauty shop supplies she donated; Porter Roberts for the Lawrence Welk video tapes which he shares with us; Pete and Margaret Meason for the coffee they donated to the staff; St. John's Lutheran Church from Lariat for the large print *Portals of Prayer*; Bovina Methodist and 6th Street Church of Christ for having hair care for our ladies; Assembly of God and Friona Methodist for having worship services for us; and also, to the Assembly of God Church for having our monthly birthday party.

We also want to thank Friona State Bank and Marca Lynn Herring for the invitation to eat watermelon with them. The residents who went really enjoyed themselves.

We want to express our sympathies to the family of Marion Martinez, who had been a resident since March 31, 1989. We also want to thank the family for the beautiful flowers they shared with us in his memory.

Sympathies also go to the family of Flossie Knight. She had been a resident since April 7, 1993.

The following donations have been made to the Love Fund:

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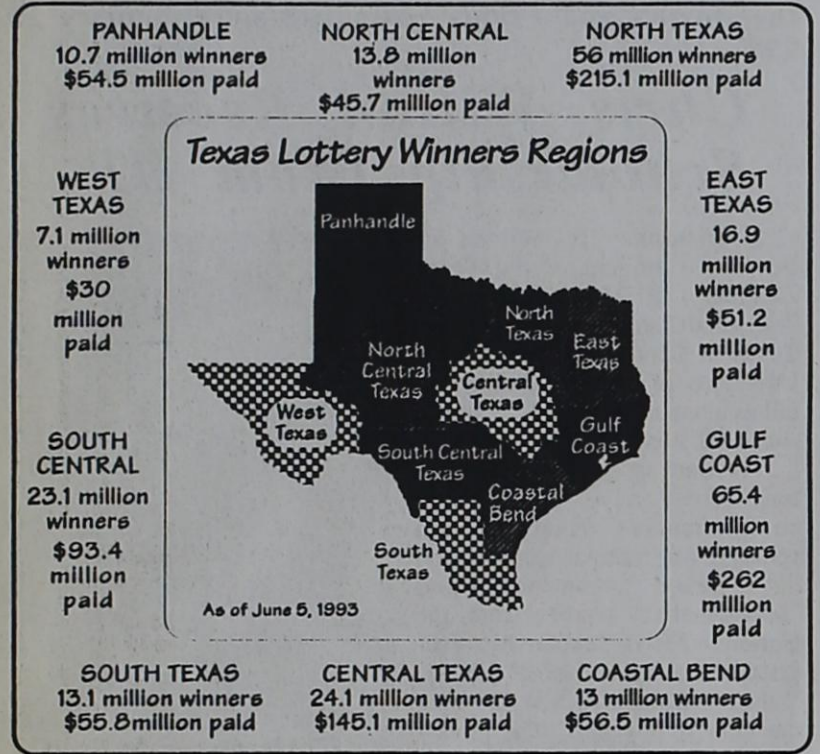
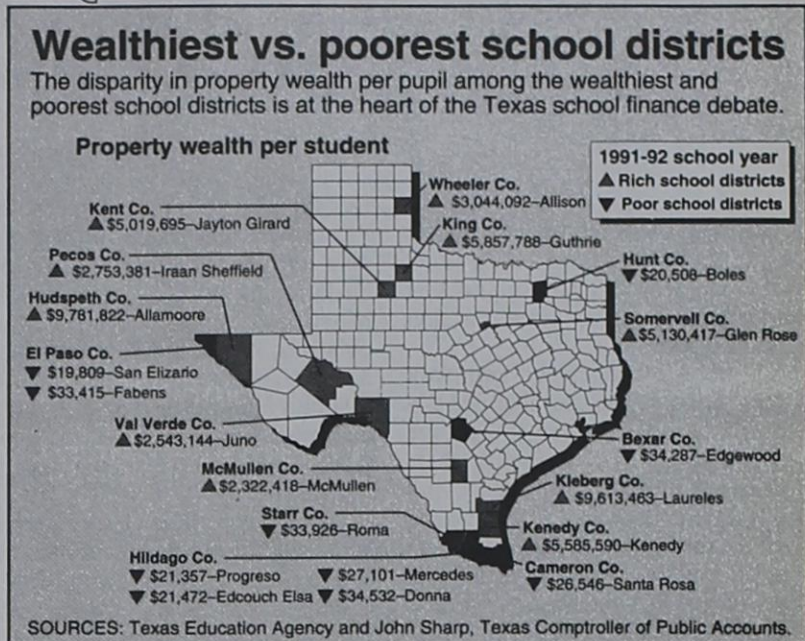
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Scooter's Scoops

By SCOOTER RUSSELL

Hot weather is still with us, just like it is supposed to be this time of year. We did have a little, tiny shower Monday night that cooled things for a while and smelled good.

We are human and complain about needing rain but then we can watch the news and see how people are trying to cope with their situation in Iowa, Wisconsin and Missouri and realize we don't have much to complain about and do have much to be thankful for. Many are without fresh water and have to make efforts for their drinking water, can't bathe and many thousands are without homes.

It was sad when Tom Beauchamp passed away and we know how hard he struggled to live. He was such a fine gentleman and will certainly be missed by his many friends and fine family.

Joe and Dorothy Harris are great-grandparents for the second time. Their grandson, Roger, and his wife, Margie Harris of Lubbock, are parents of a baby girl, Jessica Renee, born June 28. This is the couple's first child.

Roger grew up in Bovina and so did his dad, Carl. Anyway, we congratulate all of them.

Shirley Medford of Abilene visited her aunt and uncle, Julia and Clifford Leake. Julia said they enjoyed having her with them and one night went to Clovis and had dinner.

Shirley's mom is Frances Thane of Abilene and she is Julia's twin sister.

Funeral Mass was held in the Catholic Church in Bovina for Rev. Timothy Dran. He passed away Sunday morning as he was giving his sermon. It was such a shock to the congregation, but if he had his way to go, he would have wanted to go just that way.

We had all grown fond of this man because he was friendly to everyone and really quite a delightful character. His people loved him dearly.

Sid Lloyd's sister, Maime, is visiting from Havasu City, Arizona. She came to Bovina a couple of weeks ago and will spend another week before returning to Arizona. They have had a good visit, eating out and visiting with family members.

Carolyn Pruitt was the sponsor

Bull Town Bulletins...

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And FAX machines may be a modern convenience, but there again, they just add to your temptation. If you have a form, a request or questionnaire that can be FAXed rather than mailed, it's tempting just to let it lay on your desk another day or two.

"Confessions by the King of the Procrastinators." July 17, 1993 (and I finished it before Thursday noon!)

for several girls as they attended the Plains Assembly GA church camp near Floydada in recent weeks. Girls going with Carolyn were Misty and Lindsey Pruitt, Julie Grisham, Krysta Cockerham, Sara Sorley, Melanie and Jamie Stanberry and April Stull. Two girls went from Friona. They were Alicia Smith and D'Nae Murphree.

Doyle and Gilda Garner have a house full this week. Gilda's nieces and nephews are visiting from Childress. They are Andrew, Eli and Abby Gail Luna and their parents are Gilda's sister and her husband, Dianna and Carlos Luna.

Dorothy Harris took a fantastic trip lately with her son, Carl, and Kathy Harris of Amarillo and their sons, Devin and Shawn.

The family saw many interesting sights in Missouri, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Tennessee. They were away for two weeks.

Our sympathies to the family of Domingo Villarreal, Sr., 61, of Bovina. We understand he suffered a heart attack and died at Parmer County Community Hospital.

Some of his children lived in this area. They were Domingo, Jr., Elma Villarreal and Michelle Villarreal, all of Bovina. He was survived by his wife, four sons and three daughters. Services were held July 3.

Jessie Woltman, former resident, was in Bovina for a short time the other day. She was in Bovina checking on the roof of her house. She looked pretty and I enjoyed a short visit with her. Jessie now lives in Rule, Texas.

Tony and Trent Tidwell of Munday, Texas were in Bovina for six days visiting with their grandparents, Tommy and Kay Williams. Kay said she met daughter, Lezli, in Lubbock when she got the boys and they had had a lot of fun with them.

Bob and June McMeans and June's mom, Joe Looney, attended a family reunion at Temple, Texas. It was the Howard family reunion and about 43 people attended. Fifteen members of Joe's family were there. They said it was really hot, but they had a good time.

The McMeans family enjoyed having grandchildren visiting, Joey and Kandi McMeans of Amarillo. They are J.B.'s children.

Mace Cochran recently returned from a busy vacation of visits with friends and family. She drove to Lubbock and visited with Holly and Lynn Read. They were in the process of moving into their newly purchased home.

After her visits, she drove to Granberry, Texas to visit family and friends at a family reunion. She won a prize for the second year in a row, for having come the farthest.

She stopped in Singer, Texas to visit with her sister-in-law, Ms. Norton. Her next stop on her trip

was in Paris, Texas, where she visited her sister, Glendalyn Meridith. She took time to stop and visit with friends in Zapata, as well.

"I had a lovely time," she said upon her return.

Visitors in the home of Robert and Emmagene Calaway were their son, Bobby, and Shirley Calaway of Baxter Springs, Kansas, and Bill and Audene Wells of Midland, Texas.

Joanne Gast of Dickinson has been in Bovina visiting with her brother and sister-in-law, Bob and June McMeans. June said they enjoyed a good visit for about three days.

Larry and Linda Dopp had their granddaughter visiting for four days. She is Jaelyn and her parents are Shane and Michelle Cogburn. She is a year and half old, so Linda said it was full time babysitting but they sure had a good time with her.

Gaylon and Shelby Rhodes are grandparents of a baby girl, Megan, and her parents are Jim and Joy Rhodes. They live in Oklahoma. Jim and Joy also have a son, Lance.

Maggie Terry attended the Stevens family reunion held in Plainview recently and it was at the home of Doc and Mary Cross. Maggie said 82 were present for the reunion.

Maggie's granddaughter, Barbara Baker, and her son, Cole, visited a couple of days this week

Musk Thistles Pose Threat To Farms

A purple flowering road side weed poses a threat to cattle ranching and possibly to farmers. That simple weed called the Musk thistle is catching on well in this area.

According to information from the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center in Amarillo, the plant takes two years to grow to maturity. In the first year the plant is in the rosette stage and then flowers and seeds the next year. It is a hardy weed which is distasteful to livestock.

The taste is what poses the threat to ranchers that have it growing in their pastures. "The thistle is not directly poisonous to livestock, it is just that cattle and horses will not graze even close to it," Dr. Vic Anspaugh wrote in the June 10 issue of the Clovis Livestock Market News.

The Musk thistle ranges anywhere from a few inches to about 6 feet in height, depending on soil and growing conditions. The pointed leaves are dark green with lighter green midrib and silver-gray leaf margin. They are hairless on both sides and have a winged appearance.

The plant shoots seed pods in late May with large purple flowers. The thistle is a hardy plant and a

study in Nebraska using 50 plants found that 3,199 potential musk thistle seedlings from 9,235 were possible from only one plant.

Some seeds can remain dormant for up to five years until the soil and growth conditions become optimal for the plant.

According to Dr. Brent Bean, Texas A&M Research Center in Amarillo, the thistle mainly grows in pastures, on road sides and in some cases in cultivated fields after harvest, such as winter wheat. It is prevalent in the mid-west, but is taking root in this area.

Dr. Anspaugh warns that this weed has been serious in other states, such as Colorado, Kansas and Nebraska which have been affected with losses in production. The weed is noticeable in Curry and Roosevelt counties in New Mexico and from Farwell to Canyon, according to Dr. Anspaugh.

The Noxious Weed Control law in Texas is designed to control and prevent the spread of weeds that are listed due to their toxicity and affects to crops and livestock. According to Dr. Bean, he couldn't find a listing of the musk thistle. He said he was surprised, but the thistle hasn't been a problem in the past. Without it being listed, thistle can get into the seed and be planted along with the crop which can lead to the spreading of the thistle.

It can be controlled though it isn't guaranteed and isn't easy, according to information provided by Dr. Bean's office. Bean suggested plowing when it is in the rosette stage to control it from going to seed. Mowing helps keep it from seeding, but doesn't kill the plant.

There are herbicides which are registered for control of the musk thistle. 2, 4-D amine or LV ester, Dicamba, Picloram and Chlorsulfuron all help to control the weed. For specific amounts per acre contact the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center at 359-5401 in Amarillo.



LAST RESPECTS....People came from all around to pay last respects to Father Timothy Dran at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina, Tuesday, July 13. He passed away Sunday morning, July 11 at Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona. He served the Bovina and Friona pastorates since January 10, 1987.

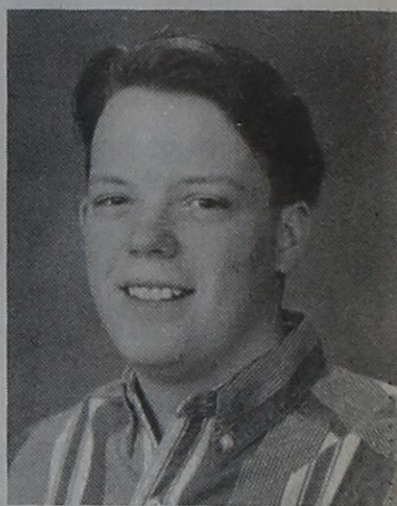
Chris Wilson Receives Scholarship From UT

Christopher P. Wilson of Bovina, a student at the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science at The University of North Texas in Denton, will attend The University of Texas at Dallas this fall as a recipient of the U.T. Dallas Academic Merit Scholarship.

Wilson received one of the university's new, merit-based, comprehensive financial aid packages for freshman students who have earned "commended" and "semi-finalist" honors from the National Merit Scholarship Program. As a "semi-finalist" scholar, Wilson will receive \$24,000 over the next four years. The money will cover tuition, books, on-campus housing and \$1,000 per semester for living expenses.

Wilson will join nearly 400 other freshman students planning to attend U.T. Dallas in August. This will be the largest freshman class since the university began offering a full undergraduate program in 1990.

The TAMS students are a special group of freshmen who earned two years of college credit while finishing their last two years of high school. The students will actually be classified as sophomores or juniors. U.T. Dallas is welcoming seventeen per cent of the



Christopher Wilson

TAMS graduating class, all merit scholars, this fall.

Vice president for academic affairs, Hobson Wildenthal, said that U.T. Dallas is offering these generous, merit-based scholarships as the "centerpiece of an expanded recruitment effort" that reaches throughout Texas and beyond.

"The academic leadership already manifested by these students in their high school classes, will, in the future, make important contributions to maintaining the university's established focus on rigorous teaching and study," Dr. Wildenthal said. "These same student leaders will also serve to enhance the university's ability to attract other excellent students from their high school peer groups."

Christopher is planning on becoming a doctor. He is the son of Kregg and Brenda Wilson.



PATRICIA HANSON

Daughter Graduates

Patricia Ray Hanson earlier this summer received her Masters of Art degree from Ottawa University. May 13, she was awarded her degree in a ceremony held in the First Baptist Church in Glendale, Arizona.

Patricia is the daughter of Joe and Dorothy Harris of Bovina. She lives with her husband, Daylin in Glendale.

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