

MY TURN

By
Carol Ellis



EVEN THOUGH a rag-tag army of American Colonists fought and won a war against British rulers 220 years ago, Americans continue to hold a fascination for royalty.

The media manages to keep us informed of all the mis-adventures of Britain's royal family. Every time Princess Di arches her swan neck and peers doe-eyed out from under that blonde mop, we get to see her in all the papers, magazines and TV news.

For some reason, the Kennedy family has always been thought of as the closest thing to royalty ever to reside in the land of the free and the home of the brave. Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, who tried very hard to remain a private person throughout her lifetime, must have been spinning in her grave last week while the rich and famous were fighting to see who would get to spend the most \$\$ to purchase personal artifacts which she left behind.

Political figures, particularly presidents, have always enjoyed an elite status of position in America. After all, only 41 people have ever held that office, representing only 38 different families. Remember, there were two Adamses, two Harrisons, and two Roosevelts. And you could be related to one of them.

Dallas genealogist Lloyd Bockstruck says that if you have ancestors in the U.S. prior to 1700, you are probably related to one or more American presidents. Genealogists have been keeping track of the ancestors of presidents for decades. I've heard it said, "Why pay to have your family tree traced? If you run for public office, someone will do it for you." Here's another one. "Genealogy is the art of tracing yourself back to people who were better than you."

If you'd like to find out if you share ancestral lines with a U.S. President there is a new book out; "Ancestors of American Presidents," by G. B. Roberts. He points out in this book that some of our presidents are rather closely connected genealogically. Seven descend from passengers on the Mayflower. Abraham Lincoln, Gerald Ford and George Bush are all cousins. So are Richard Nixon and Franklin Delano Roosevelt, as both descended from William Swift of Sandwich, Massachusetts. Jimmy Carter is a cousin to both Harrisons. Both of the Adamses, Calvin Coolidge, Millard Fillmore and William Howard Taft are all descended from a colonial settler.

If George Washington was the "father of our country," then a lady named Agnes (Yeomans) Wheeler might be called the "mother of our country." She is the only American female who has had four descendants elected to the office of president. They are James Garfield, Herbert Hoover, Gerald Ford and George Bush.

John F. Kennedy was the first president to be elected who had no colonial background, and Ronald Reagan was next. Martin Van Buren was entirely of Dutch ancestry and Dwight Eisenhower was almost entirely of German ancestry.

George Bush was the first 20th century American elected to the highest office who was related, however distantly, to approximately half of the Americans whose government he headed. Pres. Bush is also related to 14 other presidents. However, our other Texas president, Lyndon Johnson, had no presidential kin whatsoever.

Sixteen of our presidents and 14 of our first ladies are descended from European royalty.

Our current president presents a most frustrating genealogical obstacle, in that he has had his name changed due to adoption. As Pres. Clinton's most ardent critic, it pains me greatly to know that he and I might be cousins.

The main thing you learn when working on genealogy is that whoever your ancestors were, whether monarchs or murderers, they were just human beings, no different today than they've ever been.

FFA Banquet Honors Ag Students

The Bovina FFA banquet on Tuesday, April 16, had approximately 125 members, parents, and businessmen in attendance according to ag teacher Lawrence Widner.

The banquet was sponsored by Sherley Grain Co. and T-Bone's Equipment.

Honorary Chapter degrees were presented to Mike Beauchamp, Wes Cockerham, Jack Rains, and Cathey Riley.

Other awards were: Star Green Hand, Eric Shufelberger; Star Chapter Farmer, Jason Kerby; Outstanding Ag Mechanics Student, Joe Villarreal.

Also, Outstanding Wildlife and Personal Skills Student, Jessica Stowers; Outstanding Junior FFA Members Boy & Girl, Jake Stellman and Krysta Cockerham.

1996-97 FFA officers will be: Jason Kerby, president; Jim Prather, vice-president; Lisa Hromas, secretary; D'Anne Jones, treasurer; Leslie Wilkins, reporter; and Santiago Serna, sentinel.



TONY BEAUCHAMP BHS Track Season Ends at Levelland

Bovina's only regional track qualifier, Tony Beauchamp, competed at the regional meet in Levelland on April 27.

Beauchamp ran in the 400m dash, bettered his time to 51.9, which won him 4th place.

Congratulations to Tony and the rest of the Bovina track team for a good season.



EVANG CASAS Student Of The Week

This week's student of the week at Bovina is freshman Evang Casas

She is the daughter of Javier and Sandy Casas and has attended Bovina schools since kindergarten.

She participates in basketball, track, cross country and will be a cheerleader for the 1996-97 year.

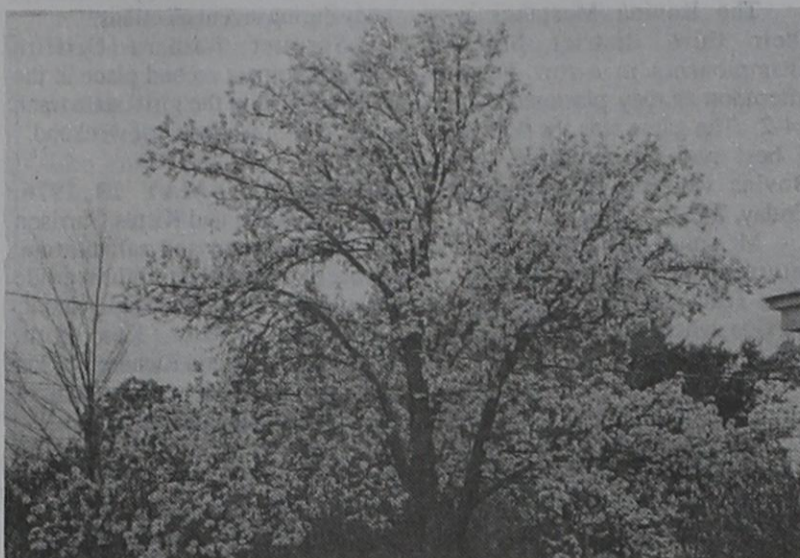
Nominated by teacher Eugenie Brown, Casas is described as very energetic, always smiling and pleasant, who tries hard in class.

Elem School Announces Authors Tea

Principal Darla Sealey says that on May 10, beginning at 1:00 p.m., an author's Tea will be held at Ridgelea Elementary.

Students publish a book and will read their published work to parents, grandparents, and the community.

Everyone is invited to attend.



BLOOMIN' TREES...Some of the flowering trees around town are a little late blooming because of the dry weather conditions.

Bovina School And City Elections Held Today

City and School Board elections are being held today, Saturday, May 4.

Voting hours in both elections are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

City elections will be held at the EMS Building, while school voting will take place at the school building.

Hospital District's election is also at the EMS building. Three current members of Hospital District are unopposed for re-election. They are Dennis Anthony, Dale Schueler, and Anne Corn.

Holdover members of the Hospital District are Wendell Gresham and Danny Kendrick.

In the race for the two school board vacancies are: Justin Brozek, Bryan Thurmond, Susan Kerby, and Earl Quintana.

None of the candidates have been on the board before. They are seeking election for the two vacancies caused by the expiring terms of Norma Whitten and Wes Cockerham, who chose not to run for re-election.

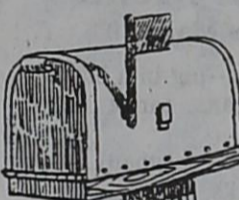
Holdover members of the school board are: Rick Jamerson, Joe Steelman, Velma Grisham, Bob Owen, and Mike Beauchamp.

In the city election, there are three candidates for mayor, Stanley Miller, Brian Galloway, and Galen Hromas.

Four candidates are in the race for the two vacant city aldermen positions. They are incumbents Joe Olvera and Kenneth Waters, plus Radford Venable and Richard Bonham.

Holdover members on the city council are Galen Hromas, Garry Beauchamp, and Rick Anderson.

If Hromas loses the mayor's race he will retain his seat on the council. If he wins, an appointment will be made for his council seat.



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Here are some of the "newsy" items we gleaned from Drawer B's mail supply last week.

A news release from the Consumer Education Research Center in Orange, New Jersey had this headline....**MANY VETERANS ARE UNAWARE THEY CAN GET BENEFITS**....Here are some of the things they claim. Although over \$42 Billion were paid out in veterans benefits last year, billions more went unclaimed the past few years.

It says every year eligibility for benefits and the array of available benefits change, so now many veterans, their families and survivors are entitled to money and other benefits from the government even though they were not eligible in the past.

The Consumer Education Research Center did a study and found that over one-fourth of the money paid in veterans benefits goes to persons who never served in the armed forces of the United States. Most of these were related by blood or marriage to veterans but many were not. Others were members of the armed forces of countries who fought with us against our enemies.

There are so many veterans benefits, the Consumer Education Research Center has compiled a book describing the latest rules. It has 240 pages and costs 18.87, plus \$3 handling. The lengthy title is **COMPLETE GUIDE TO FEDERAL AND STATE BENEFITS FOR VETERANS, THEIR FAMILIES, AND SURVIVORS**. You can order one by calling 800-872-0121.

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association reports that two head of cattle have died of anthrax in Payne County, Oklahoma. It is the second case of the contagious disease in less than a month.

The cattle died about five miles from where the disease killed a sheep two weeks earlier. Until now, Oklahoma had not had a case of anthrax since the 1970's.

Officials believe in both cases the animals were infected by the disease from bacteria that have been dormant for decades in pastures or ground surfaces.

The TSCRA is also irritated that Oprah Winfrey did a beef-bashing program on April 16, during which time she was a "cheerleader" for much of the anti-beef rhetoric.

We received a publication called **OVATION** from the Amarillo College Theatre School for Children. The 1995-96 children's theater production is **Wizard of Oz**.

The performance dates and times are 7:30 p.m., Friday, May 10; 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 11; and 2:30p.m. Sunday, May 12. Ticket prices are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under.

Reservations are available by calling the box office at 371-5353, Monday through Thursday and Saturday from 10 a.m. until 3p.m. Performances are at the Ordway Auditorium in Amarillo.

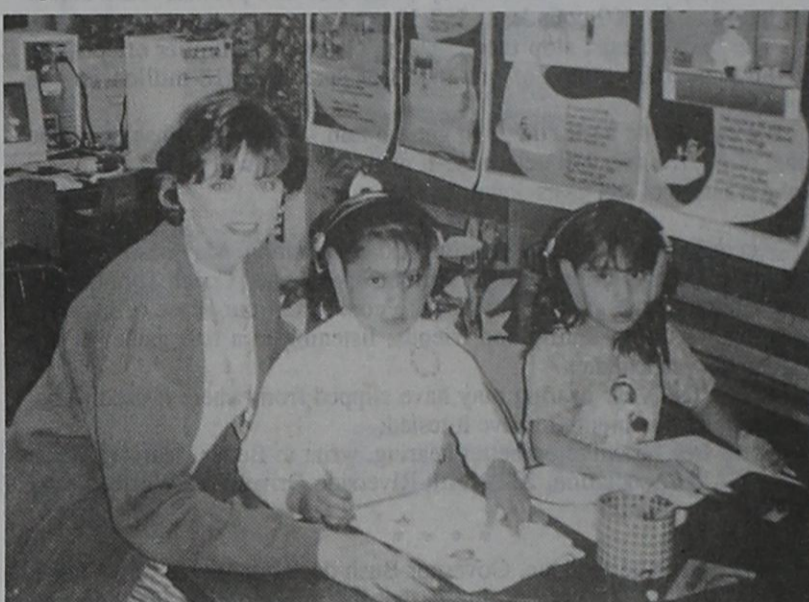
The American Lung Association sent a notice that May is Clean Air Month. Air pollution can be a major contributor to lung disease, which is the third leading cause of death in the U. S. and Texas.

Athletic Banquet To Be Held At School May 14

The 1995-96 Athletic Banquet in Bovina has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 14, at 7 p.m., in the school cafeteria.

The banquet honoring Bovina's athletes is open to parents, grandparents, businesses, and to all residents of the community.

Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Advance tickets are available from any Booster Club member and at the high school office.



KIDDIE COMPUTERS...Barbara Charles is shown with two of her kindergarten students, Daena Carillo and Andrea Ortiz. Mrs. Charles has been selected as Teacher of the Week.

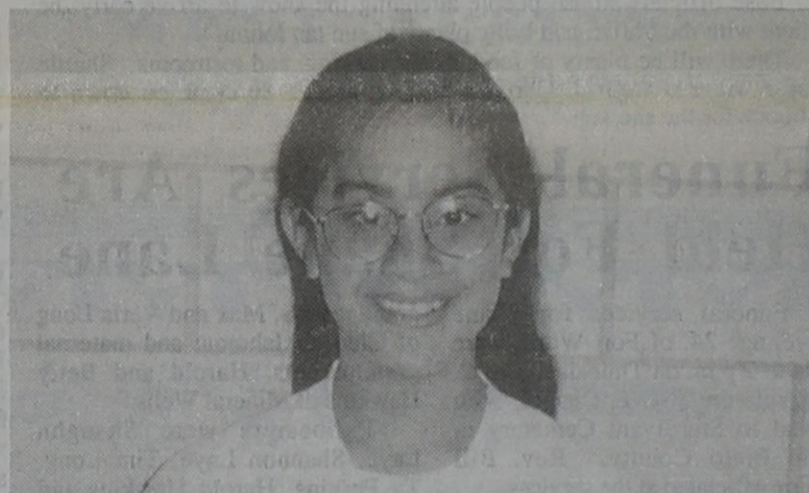
Barbara Charles Chosen Teacher Of The Week

Kindergarten teacher Barbara Charles is the Blade's teacher of the week.

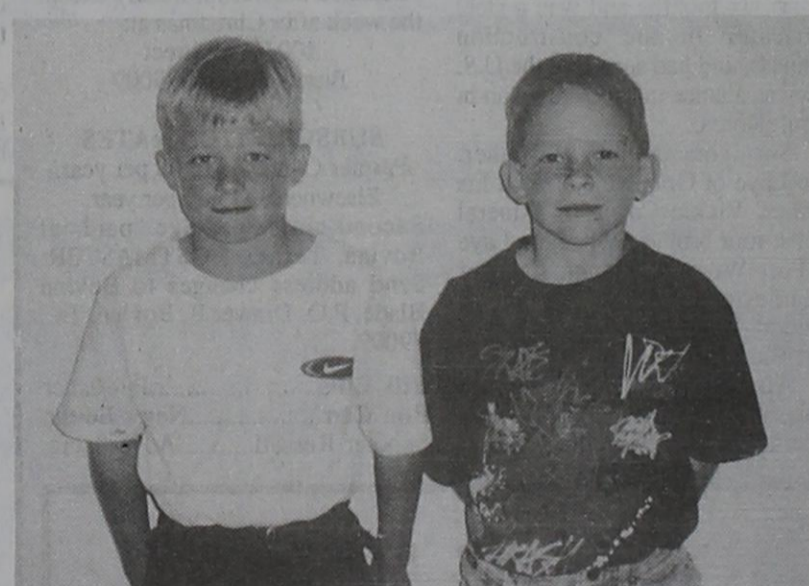
Charles has been teaching in Bovina for 20 years. She is married to Billy Jay Charles.

They have two children, Brooke and Cameron.

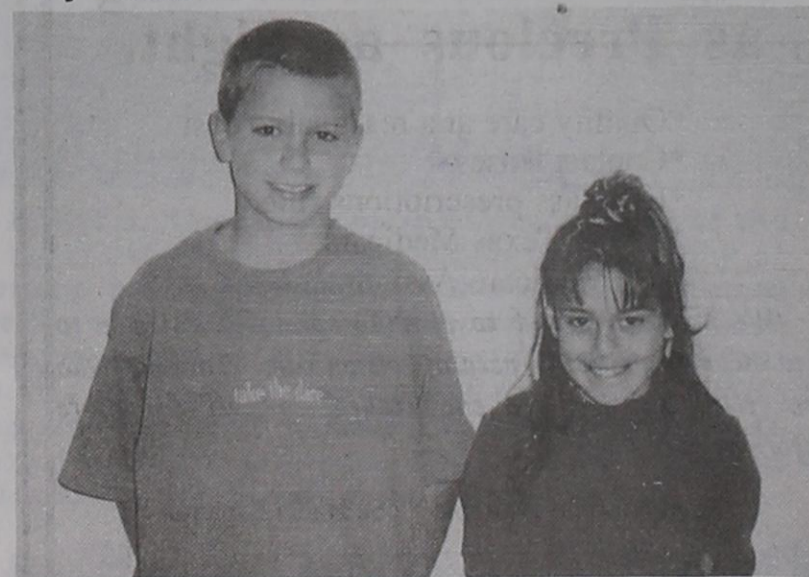
She has seen many changes in the school system in 20 years, with kindergarten students today learning in computer labs, which she teaches too.



BIG EARNER.....200 POINTS.....Nayelli Ovalle is the first student in elementary school to reach 200 reading points in the accelerated reading program. She earned a trip to Wonderland Park.

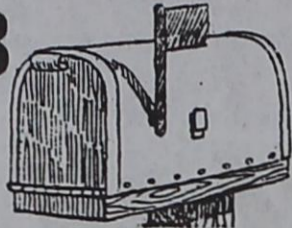


NEW 100 POINT READERS.....Earning T-shirts for reaching the 100 point accelerated reading level were, left, 2nd grader Zane Anderson and 3rd grader Trey Widner.



JOINING THE POINT CLUB.....Also earning T-shirts for receiving 100 reading points during the school year are 5th graders Jake Steelman and Destiny Cruz.

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They say individuals should keep four steps in mind to improve the air: Drive less; conserve energy; keep indoor air clean at home and work; and support enforcement of effective state and local clean air regulations. Just doesn't seem to be much we can do here in Parmer County to filter the dirt out of those 50-mile-an-hour winds.

The spring edition of Texas Corn News from the Texas Corn Growers Association in Dimmitt had this interesting article.

WHAT DOES AN INCH OF RAIN MEAN?
For starters, about \$91 million in market value for corn, wheat, milo and cotton grown on 15 southern Panhandle and northern South Plains counties, says the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District. Those dollar numbers resulted from research accumulated by HPUWCD and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, which looked at a 3-5 year average rainfall.

For every inch of rainfall, an acre of corn land receives more than 27,000 gallons of water. With each inch, the value of corn increases by \$26.50 per acre, a yield increase of 700 pounds (about 12 bushels).

That inch of rain will generate an extra 10 bu. of wheat, or \$25 per acre. Milo production increases by \$16.87, or 500 pounds. And cotton yield goes up by 100 pounds, or \$37.50.

The buck doesn't stop there. Using common multiplier effects, the overall economic impact of one inch translates to \$318 million for the region.

Of course the trick now is to get the rain. As dry as it has been, the value of a good rain will determine if many growers will be in business to take advantage of wet years down the road.

According to the Texas Hearing Aid Association, May has also been declared "Better Hearing Month" As their spokesman, Coach Tom Landry says, "Some of the greatest joys in life come from our sense of hearing. Conversations with family and friends; listening to a ball game; or the laughter of grandchildren."

If you feel your hearing may have slipped from where it used to be, make a point this month to have it tested.

For a free brochure on better hearing, write to Better Hearing, Texas Hearing Aid Association, 222 North Riverside Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76111.

And, not to be outdone, Governor Bush declared May 5-11 as Texas Tourism Week. The bottom line is that the more tourists that come to Texas, the more money they bring and spend it with Texans.

The governor says that tourism is the third largest industry in Texas, generating \$24.5 billion in traveler spending and 435,000 jobs. So call all your out-of-town relatives and tell them to come on down and spend a few days and a few bucks.

Some Texas Trivia; Texas has over 200,000 alligators (wonder who counted them), Austin was first named Waterloo, and the state dish is chili.

Last but not least, Reese Air Force Base has an air show scheduled for May 18-19. The Thunderbirds and Golden Knights will perform only on Saturday, May 18.

The base will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. There will be as many as 50 military and 20 civilian aircraft on display. Fighters like the F-117 Stealth, the F-15 Eagle, and the F-16 Fighting Falcon. There is no charge to attend any of the activities on the base.

Base officials advise people attending the show to arrive early, be patient with the traffic, and bring plenty of sun tan lotion.

There will be plenty of food, drink, parking, and restrooms. Shuttle busses will run from the farthest parking areas. So come on down to Lubbock for the show.

Funeral Services Are Held For Shane Lane

Funeral services for Shane Lane, age 24, of Fort Worth were held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 2, 1996 in the B-C-B Chapel, with burial in Sturdivant Cemetery in Palo Pinto County. Rev. Bill Quinn officiated at the services.

Lane died April 29 in Parker County. He was born in Friona on August 1, 1971 to Kenneth Lynn and Vickie Ann Hawkins Lane.

He had been a resident of Fort Worth six months and was a steel fabricator in the construction business, and had served in the U.S. Navy as a lance missile crewman in Seoul, Korea.

Survivors include his father, Ken Lane of Grapevine, Texas; his mother, Vickie Cason of Mineral Wells; four brothers, Shaughn Lane of Fort Worth, Shannon Lane of Weatherford, Aaron Cason of Mineral Wells and Ty Perkins of Fort Worth.

Also, two sisters, Nicole Murray of Saginaw and Tyffany Perkins of Fort Worth; paternal

grandparents, Max and Verla Long of Cleo, Oklahoma; and maternal grandparents, Harold and Betty Hawkins of Mineral Wells.

Pallbearers were Shaughn Lane, Shannon Lane, Tim Long, Ty Perkins, Harold Hawkins and Max Long.

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REFLECTIONS

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40 YRS AGO-MAY 16 1956

The doors of First National Bank of Bovina will swing open at three o'clock. The formal opening and open house will last until eight o'clock.

The Bovina Mustangs won their third district baseball championship in a row Tuesday afternoon as they plastered Adrian 14-2. The game was the second of a best two out of three series. Bovina won the first game last Friday, 2-0.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Ellison returned Saturday night, May 5, from Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, where they had spent about two weeks fishing.

35 YRS AGO-MAY 17 1961

Miss Grace Paul, principal of Bovina Elementary school, has been named in the 1962 edition of "Who's Who in American Education." Miss Paul is a member of Delta Xi chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma society, a teachers organization; Texas State Teachers Association; Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association and other professional organizations.

Parmer County state highway maintenance crew is now operating out of its new building on West Highway 86 in Bovina, Lloyd Killough, foreman, announces.

Mrs. Travis McPherson was feted with a get acquainted pink and blue shower Thursday morning in the home of Mrs. Malcolm Kennedy.

30 YRS AGO-MAY 18 1966

Patsy Cumpton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Cumpton and Bovina High School senior, has been notified that she has been awarded an academic scholarship to West Texas State University in Canyon for the coming school year.

Miss Melissa Woodson was installed as Worthy Advisor of Rainbow Assembly 158 in formal installation ceremonies Monday night at the Masonic Hall.

Sonny Spurlin was named Bovina's Outstanding Jaycee at the annual installation banquet of Bovina Junior Chamber of Commerce Thursday night in the school cafeteria. Later in the program, he was installed as president of the organization.

A minor fire on the Dalton Caffey farm east of Bovina Thursday afternoon was extinguished by members of the Bovina Volunteer Fire Department. Feed bundles near a barn on the farm were burning. The flames were put out quickly by the firemen and they were successful in keeping the fire from spreading.

25 YRS AGO-MAY 19 1971

Ground breaking ceremonies for a new building for St. Ann's Catholic Church were conducted at the site Sunday morning.

Miss Nancy Pewitt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pewitt of Bovina, is a candidate for her bachelor of arts degree at

commencement exercises of McMurry College in Abilene, Sunday afternoon.

Alan D. Carson, a junior at New Mexico Highlands University, was elected as senator of the student body during recent elections.

Sprinter Barbara Griffith brought home a second place in the 60-yard dash in the girls' state track meet held in Abilene last weekend.

20 YRS AGO-MAY 19 1976

Kara Mills and Kirtus Garrison are valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, of the eighth grade class at Bovina Junior High school.

Lowell Boozer, Ken Horn, Dickie Clayton, and Richard Carson attended the state convention in Fort Worth this past weekend.

Two shots were fired at City Marshall Mike Reilly Tuesday morning when he surprised a man attempting to break in to the back entrance of Don's Medicine Chest on Third Street. The incident occurred about 1:30 a.m.

15 YRS AGO-MAY 20 1981

Honor graduates were announced this week and valedictorian is Kathy Williams, salutatorian is Karen Schilling, and other honor students were Karen Hughes, Darla Morris, Pam Spring, and Fonda Griffin.

Pageant winners in the "Little Miss" contest were Sunshine Stone, Loren McCoy and Tiffany Glasscock.

Stormes & Baird Shower Is May 17

A shower for the approaching marriage of John Stormes and Jana Baird is scheduled for Friday, May 17, from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at First Bank.

Selections for the couple are at Floral Expressions, Roden-Smith in Clovis, and Caryn's Hallmark in Hereford.

Hostesses for the shower are: Alice Stone, Karen Kirkpatrick, Debra Beauchamp, Carolyn Beauchamp, Honey Gist, Susan Kerby.

Also, Dorothy Stowers, Rita Mast, Suzan Hughes, Cathy Riley, Suezey Smith, Donna Mitchell, and Virgie Cary.

Bovina School Lunch Menu Week of May 6-10

MONDAY--pig in a blanket, ranch style beans, carrot sticks, fruit and milk.

TUESDAY--spaghetti, corn, salad, bread sticks, fruit and milk.

WEDNESDAY--chicken fried steak, potatoes, green beans, rolls, fruit and milk.

THURSDAY--chicken and rice, peas and carrots, vegetable sticks, cornbread, fruit and milk.

FRIDAY--hamburger, French fries, lettuce, pickles, cookies and milk.

Former Bovina resident, Craig Skaggs, was killed in Houston on Tuesday, May 12. Skaggs was orphaned several years ago and was raised by his grandparents. Mrs. E. A. Hromas is a survivor.

10 YRS AGO-MAY 21 1986

A combined baccalaureate and commencement service will be held Friday, May 30 at the High School Auditorium for twenty-four students who have completed requirements for graduation.

The senior class valedictorian is Blake Schaff. Salutatorian is

Stewart-Kirkpatrick Shower Set

A wedding shower for Corey Kirkpatrick and Misty Stewart will be held on Saturday, May 18, from 3 p.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Larry Mitchell residence 1/2 mile south of Bovina on FM 1731.

Bridal selections are available at Floral Expressions in Bovina and Dillard's and Roden-Smith.

Hostesses for the shower are: Yvonne Stevenson, Arlene McCallum, Sue McClaran, Sandy Ware, Celia Tienda, Mary Treiner, Ella Jo Stormes, Donna Mitchell, Carlene Jones, Judy Hodnett, Judy Hromas.

Also, Suzan Hughes, Virgie Cary, Erra Jamerson, Laura Bartlett, Alice Stone, Pam Bell, Kay Venable, Barbara Charles, Janie Sudderth, Dorothy Stowers, and Fern Bell.

Marie Pesch. Scaff is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Scaff and Pesch is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pesch. Scaff had a four year average of 94.2 and Miss Pesch had an average of 90.38.

5 YRS AGO-MAY 18 1991

Commencement exercises for Bovina's graduating class of 1991 have been scheduled for Friday, May 24 at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium.

Belinda Dale, daughter of Donald and Nita Dale, is the class valedictorian with a four year grade point average of 96.55.

A citizen's advisory board has been named by the Parmer County Commissioners to help with the problem of re-districting the county's precinct boundaries. Citizens named to the committee in Bovina are Pearl Cervantes, Kaye Williams, and Edwin Lide.

Artie O'Hair Injured In Accident

Long time resident Artie Faye O'Hair was injured in a traffic accident on Highway 60, about 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 1.

She stopped her car on the highway and was rear-ended by a semi-truck. Reports are that her car was "totaled" in the accident.

Mrs. O'Hair was taken to a hospital in Clovis. Fortunately, her injuries were minor. It was reported that she was out of the hospital on Thursday.

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MAY 4, 1996
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- JOE OLVERA
- RADFORD VENABLE
- KENNETH WATER

MAYOR - (Select One) (ELEGIR UNO)

- BRIAN GALLAWAY
- GALEN HROMAS
- STAN MILLER

SAMPLE BALLOT BOLETA MUESTRA

May 4, 1996
El 4 de mayo de 1996

Bovina Independent School District Trustee Election

(District Escolar Independiente de Bovina Eleccion de condado de Administradores)

Instruction Note: (nota de instruccion:)

Cast two votes by marking an "X" in one or two boxes below. It is permitted to vote up to two times for one candidate, but mark only two "Xs" in the boxes below.

Lanze dos votos, marcando una "X" en uno o dos de los espacios indicados. Se permita votar hasta dos veces por el mismo candidato pero marque solamente dos "X" en los espacios indicados.

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Out Here

By RON CARR

Last week I celebrated my first full year out here in Parmer County. It has been a fast year full of highs, and some lows.

For a while I worked at one of the local convenience stores, then moved on to the newspapers, Bovina Blade and Friona Star.

My first official day on the job for the newspapers was June 5, the Monday after the Friday tornado.

This is a job that lets me walk into people's lives by asking about the stories and yarns you have stored in your memories.

There are so many stories and yarns in Parmer County that it will take a long time for me to write them all. (If you don't know the difference between a story and a yarn, look it up in the dictionary.)

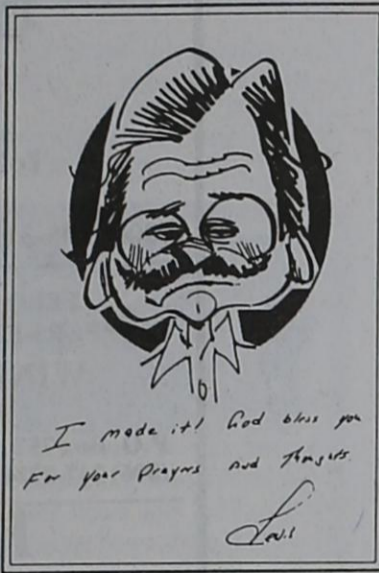
Like my hero, the late columnist Lewis Grizzard, I try to write funny stuff until you start to expect it, then zing you with a human interest story that might make you cry, or at least think about it.

One thing I haven't figured out yet is when you go into somebody's house to get their stories and yarns, they always invite you to sit around the kitchen table.

"Come on in, Ron. No don't sit on that old comfortable couch, let's sit on these hard, uncomfortable, 40-year-old, vinyl kitchen chairs and talk around the table."

I thought I could talk and tell stories and lie with the best of them. But I have met my match more than once out here.

For example, here is a proper sentence: "We went out there, but when we arrived, there was no one there."



SO HOW AM I DOING LEWIS?..Lewis Grizzard sent this card to the many friends that sent him cards during a hospital stay. He made it out of the hospital, but died a short time later of heart failure. See this week's Out Here column

Here's the Parmer County version: "Well we got in the truck to go out 'ere, we was just going to talk to the old boy you know, but when we got 'ere, there weren't nobody out 'ere".

My friend Harold Richardson told me one of the funniest lines I have ever heard, and one of the truest.

When Harold was a young man in New York, he liked to fight. He fought on the streets, in the neighborhood, and later in bars.

He said to me, "Bar fights were my favorite, because in a bar fight you could just hit anybody. I told my friends when we went to a bar that if a fight started stay away from me, 'cause I gonna be hittin' and I don't want to hit you."

Here is a final story. It's true. I know because it happened to me. I was working a Sunday

afternoon shift at the convenience store last summer. Sometime after 12 noon, a lady came in with four children.

They were all nicely dressed, like they had just come from church.

The kids were well-behaved, probably the oldest about eight or nine. Two girls, two boys. The girls went to the ice-cream freezer, the older boy to the candy counter, and the little boy, about 4-5 years old, went straight to that circular toy rack with the \$2.99 plastic toys.

They were quiet and their mother was helping them pick out what they wanted. The older boy finally got a candy bar, the two girls with the bows in their hair got ice cream bars.

But the little boy took a plastic toy to his mother. I saw her shake her head and whisper. He started to cry, and put the toy back.

The mother laid the candy and two ice cream bars on the counter. I rang up the purchase, and noticed the little boy standing back, tears still rolling down his cheeks.

When I gave her the total, she handed me food stamps. It surprised me because she looked like she could pay.

In the paper food stamp days (today they have plastic), you could not buy non-food items with food stamps and you could not give "green money" as change. You had to give back food stamps as change for anything over one dollar.

But I did not have enough food stamps to give her back as change.

She said, "I'm sorry, that's all I have". The little boy was still sniffing and standing behind.

I handed her the stamps I had and four one-dollar bills and whispered, "I don't have enough stamps, just take this."

She looked like a prayer had been answered. With almost tears in her eyes, she whispered, "Thank you". She clutched the money and left.

They went out to the their car and I noticed they sat there for a

while. Then the car door opened and the little boy marched into the store, went straight to the toy rack and retrieved that plastic toy.

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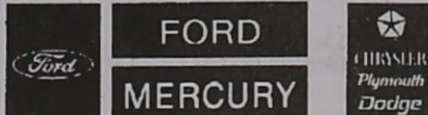
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ARTIST OF THE MONTH...Dorothy Ellis is Friona's Artist of the Month and will be showing her oil paintings in the lobby at Prairie Acres nursing home during May. Dorothy is pictured here with Isidoro Trevino, a native of Muleshoe, who has been with the maintenance department of Prairie Acres for four months. Dorothy has been painting as a hobby for about 15 years and has studied under Fran Fraizer, Jean Green, Jean Lyles, J. D. Keel, and other area workshop teachers. The public is invited to visit Prairie Acres and view the lovely art works on display.

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Facts About The **BIBLE** BY JOHN LEHTI

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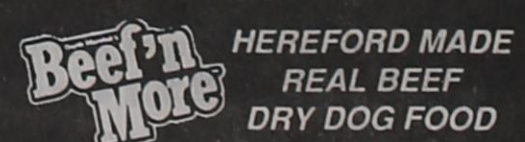
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Each participant at our screening will receive a breast exam and one-to-one instruction in breast self-examination by a Registered Nurse specially trained in breast cancer detection, and a mammogram by a mammography technician. The program is certified by the FDA, American College of Radiology and the State Health Departments of Texas, Oklahoma

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For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call the Women's Center at Harrington Cancer Center at 1-800-377-HOPE or (806) 359-4673.



THANK YOU PRAIRIE ACRES...Enjoying the Prairie Acres meal are PA employees, l-r, Christine McDonald, Patti Widner, Deb Hendley, Jo Blackwell, Kaye Funk, and Dawn Widner. The banquet was held at the First United Methodist Church.



MAYOR SPEAKS TO PRAIRIE ACRES...Mayor Clarence Monroe complimented the employees of Prairie Acres at their recent employee appreciation night. Shown at the banquet are, l-r, Beth Shelton, Martha Mae Pruett, Betty Brock, Mayor Clarence Monroe, Glenda Sifford, Sarah Owen.

May Clinic Schedule

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

The vaccinations are available at the WIC Office, 704 Main St., Friona, on Fri., May 10 from 10-11:45 a.m. and 1-3:45 p.m.; Bovina at the EMS Office, 109 Third Street, on Mon., May 13, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Tulia Livestock Auction

April 29 receipts 1959 head. Compared to last week's sale, not enough stocker calves for a price test. Feeder heifers sold 1.00 to 3.00 higher. 600 to 800# heifers 44.00 to 47.00. Feeder steers sold 2.00 to 3.00 higher. 650 to 850# steers 48.00 to 52.00 Packer cows and bulls traded steady to 1.00 lower.

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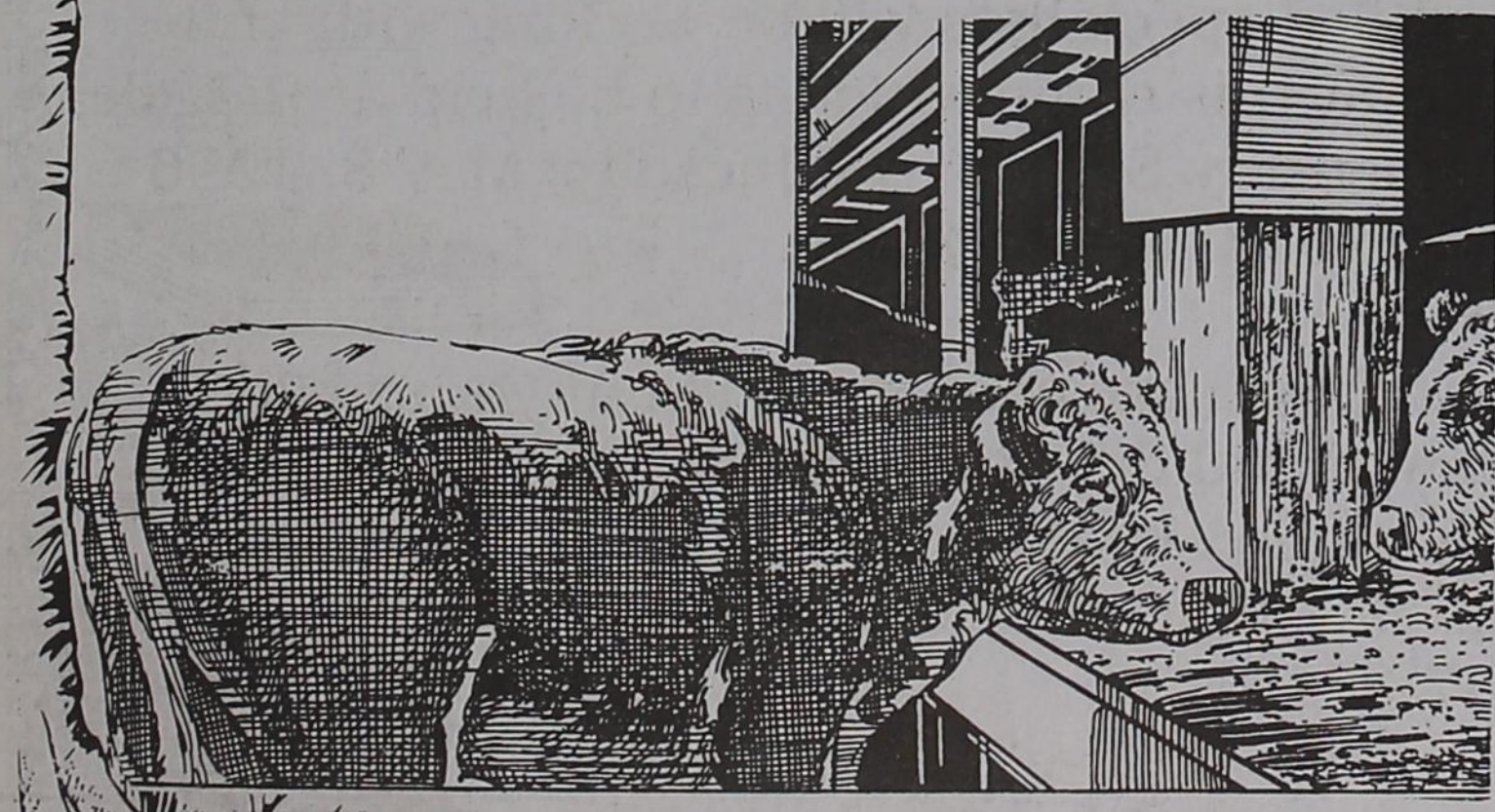
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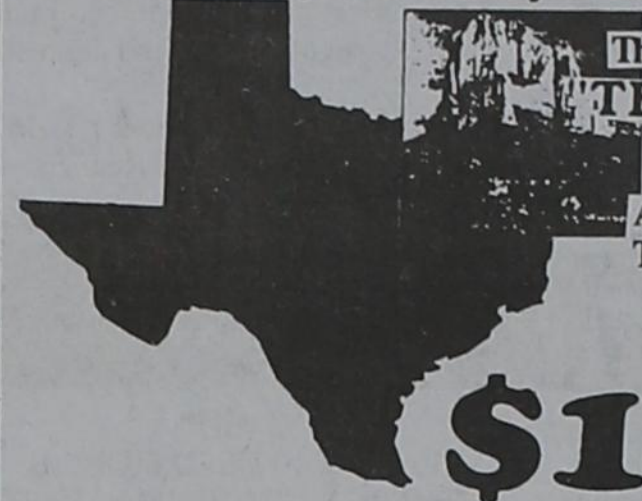
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By SCOOTER RUSSELL



There are two things in life that are inevitable and those are death and taxes, so they say. If you live in the Texas Panhandle, we could add blowing wind to that and be about right.

Sunday was a doozy! We wonder why some days the wind just blows and some days the wind and dirt blow. That's not a whole lot to think about, but it beats wondering why oatmeal boxes are round.

Jack Clayton suffered injuries last week when he had an accident while driving his pickup. Jack had been ill the last day or so before the accident and it was thought he passed out, veered off the highway and ran into Dean and Juanita Hastings' home.

Jack's pickup was "toted" and he was taken from the pickup by the jaws of life provided by the Bovina ambulance.

Jack had two ribs broken on one side and three on the other side. His mouth was badly bruised. He is getting along fairly well but naturally it is difficult moving around. He will probably be out of the hospital in a few days.

David Anderson, son of Gabe and Anita Anderson is undergoing extensive surgery Monday of this week in the M. D. Anderson Hospital in Houston. Our thoughts are with the family.

Porforio and Patsy Mejia, of Memphis, Texas, Esther Steelman's and Gilda Garner's parents are staying in Bovina for a time until they recuperate and are able to drive.

Porforio suffered problems with diabetes and Patsy had surgery for a ruptured disc. The Mejias lived in Bovina many years ago and pastored the Mexican Baptist Church.

Thomas and Virginia Rhodes recently made a 3,000 mile trip by car to the east coast. Virginia's sister lives in Aiken, South Carolina which is about 20 miles from Augusta, Georgia where the Master's Golf Tournament is held each year in April. They had desired to go for several years but teaching school interfered with doing so.

When they first started making plans, tickets for the practice rounds could be bought the day of practice at the gate of the Augusta Country Club, but two years ago that was changed because of the number of people who attended.

Now application to buy tickets are sent in and tickets are sold by

lottery. Before going, they had tickets for Wednesday's rounds and upon arrival Virginia's sister had managed to obtain tickets for Monday. The grounds are "picture postcard" pretty--lush green grass tended to perfection and bright azaleas.

Some reporters said that one could tell first timers by the way their mouths gaped open at the scenery. And if that is not enough, the golf greats are there. By picking their spot and walking over the area, they were able to see them all.

Tom and Virginia took I-20 through Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Georgia on the way there and traveled I-40 through Tennessee, Arkansas, and Oklahoma on the return trip.

While in South Carolina they went to Myrtle Beach and went to the Carolina Opry. They went to Jasper, Georgia just north of Atlanta to see John and Rosalee Tabor who live in an exclusive area in the mountains. Their house is nestled in the trees and is right on the golf course. They also stopped in Shawnee, Oklahoma where Sam Sudderth was their host at the Western Sizzlin' Restaurant.

Seeing America and mixing with other people is an education in itself!

Ragan Armstrong, 15-year-old granddaughter of Thomas and Virginia Rhodes, was recently selected from a field of 80 to be a varsity cheerleader for Cherry Creek High School in Englewood, Colorado. She is only the fourth sophomore in the existence of the school to be chosen as varsity cheerleader. Her mother, Rhonda, was cheerleader here at Bovina more than a few years ago.

Sue Fowler has spent much time with her mother since the first of the year. Her mother is Eula Gross of Floydada.

We extend our sympathies to Brenda Griggs, whose father passed

away. He was Herron Washington, 80, of Muleshoe. He was survived by his wife, two sons, and six daughters and several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

A. M. Wilson went to Abilene and spent some time with his daughter Suzanne Murphy, her husband, Rodney, and their two sons, Adam and Kip. While there, they celebrated Kip's birthday.

Jim and I had a good time with our grandson, Jason, and his wife, Sandi and our great-granddaughter, Kaitlyn. They came by on Friday and spent the night, then went on to Alamogordo and back by Sunday evening and spent the night. We enjoyed having them and playing with the baby.

Mary Evelyn Steelman's

mother, Mable Vaughn, was hospitalized for a time but is out of the hospital and back at the rest home.

A. L. and Sue Nuttall and Jack and Patricia Turner went fishing recently at Conchas Lake. Sue said the wind blew and the fish didn't bite. Actually, she said they caught a few fish.

Ricky and D'Lynn Jamerson had visitors in recent days. D'Lynn's dad and step mother, Dale and Nell Lockmiller of Alamogordo, New Mexico came on Saturday and left Monday.

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