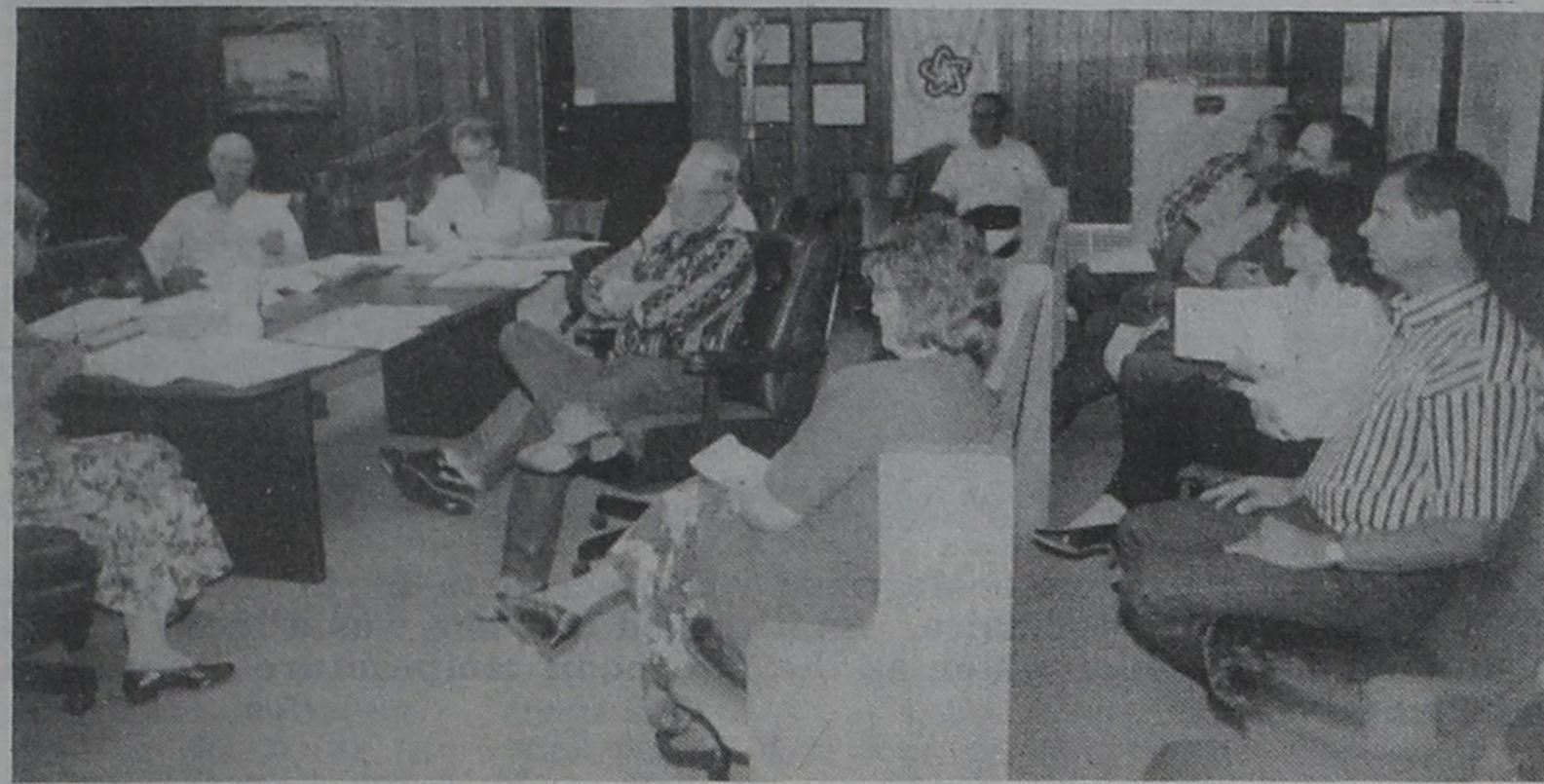


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PROMOTING PARMER COUNTY.....Bill McCoy and Laurie Clayton, right, appeared before the commissioners court last Monday to discuss authorization for a tax abatement criteria to attract business to the county. See story for details. (Ron Carr Photo)

Commissioners Say "Okay" On Tax Abatement Issue

BY RON CARR

Parmer County at this time is not competitive with other counties in industrial attraction because it does not have in place the tools to consider and grant tax abatements to interested businesses", spokesman Bill McCoy told the Parmer County Commissioners last Monday, July 28.

McCoy appeared on behalf of the Friona Economic Development Corporation, the Friona Chamber of Commerce, the Friona City Council, and other interested citizens of Parmer County.

While Parmer County has much to offer potential businesses for relocation or expansion, such as productive land, two major highways, major rail lines, and people with a good work ethic, the lack of a tax abatement procedure hampers efforts to lure new business to the county, McCoy said.

The commissioners were provided with copies of other counties' tax abatement

guidelines. Deaf Smith, Ochiltree, and Hall were examples of counties with tax abatement procedures already in place.

Tax abatements, for example waiving a corporation's property tax payments for a specified period of time, are commonly used at all government levels to lure businesses and grow local economies.

Other criteria such as requiring a business to develop a certain number of jobs and/or reach a certain annual payroll level, are also a proviso to the granting of many tax abatements.

The net result, according to McCoy, is a bargaining tool which can be utilized to attract new industry to Parmer County, ultimately creating much-needed local and county revenue.

Also appearing with McCoy was Laurie Clayton, senior accountant with Excel-Friona. She told commissioners that since 1990, Excel's property taxes have

increased over 100%. She said that in the 1996-97 fiscal year, Excel paid over \$700,000 in property taxes.

Clayton told the commissioners that in the next several years, Excel will spend \$40 million on capital improvements and expansion.

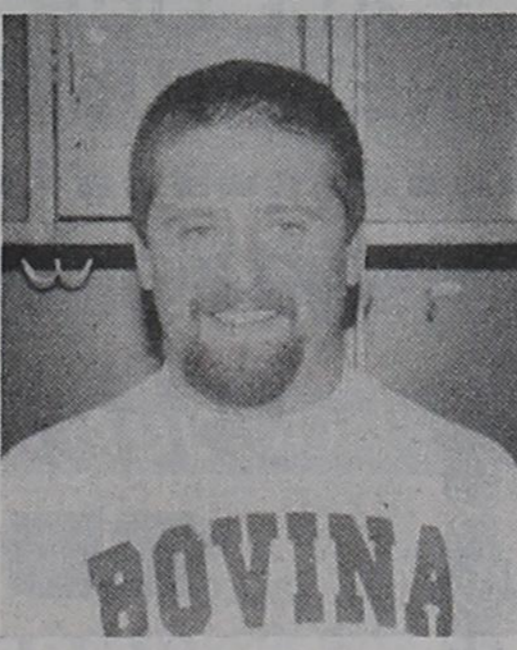
She reported that Excel's payroll and related benefits have increased by \$23 million since 1990 to a total current payroll and related benefits of \$75 million in 1997. Excel has over 1,900 employees and during the 1996-97 fiscal year, paid \$848 million to feed yards and growers for live cattle.

McCoy acknowledged that there are strict State of Texas guidelines on granting tax abatements. His presentation summarized six steps that must be taken prior to consideration of any abatement. One of those steps is "each taxing unit must adopt a resolution of its intent to participate in tax abatement".

This step, which confirms the commissioners' intentions to consider tax abatement, passed unanimously.

As a second step, now the county must establish and adopt its own tax abatement guidelines and criteria, which could be accomplished by the late September meeting, according to County Judge Bonnie Clayton.

Although the county will have guidelines and criteria to grant tax abatements, the abatements are not "automatic" to any business that seeks them, and the commissioners were assured each project considered for tax abatement could be granted or denied on its own merit.



DARYL HILL

The new head coach for girls basketball, Daryl Hill, is one of four new coaches on the Bovina staff this year.

Hill graduated from Port Lavaca high school and earned a P. E. degree from Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos, where he graduated in 1992.

He coached at 2A Bloomington for three years where he was on the staff with another of the new coaches, Mike Newman.

Last year, Hill led the Van Vleck girls basketball team to a 22-7 record, won the district title, and advanced to the playoffs where they lost in bi-district.

At Bovina, Hill will be head coach of the girls varsity basketball team, head coach of JV football, and will assist Coach Bobby Ortiz by coaching the varsity boys offensive backs.

Combest: Tax Bill Should Be Good

Even before the U.S. Congress passed its tax bill this week, Representative Larry Combest predicted that it would pass, and that it should be good for American taxpayers.

Combest discussed the tax proposal, along with the Republican congressional conclave this past week with some of his district's newspaper publishers, including local publisher Bill Ellis.

"While the tax package may not suit everyone, I think it's should be a good one for the taxpayer," Combest told the publishers.

The tax bill has been touted as the country's first "balanced budget bill" in generations.

The congressman said the bill should amount to a tax reduction to most taxpayers, and calls for reduced spending by the government.

"We (congress) are pretty upbeat, and we hope to see some good things happen," Combest said. He said that the Republican party's ma-

ajority in both the Senate and House of Representatives would have allowed that party to steer the bill to passage.

"But we had to pass a package that the president would sign," Combest said.

(Editor's note--True to form, President Clinton was taking credit for the bill which the House passed this week).

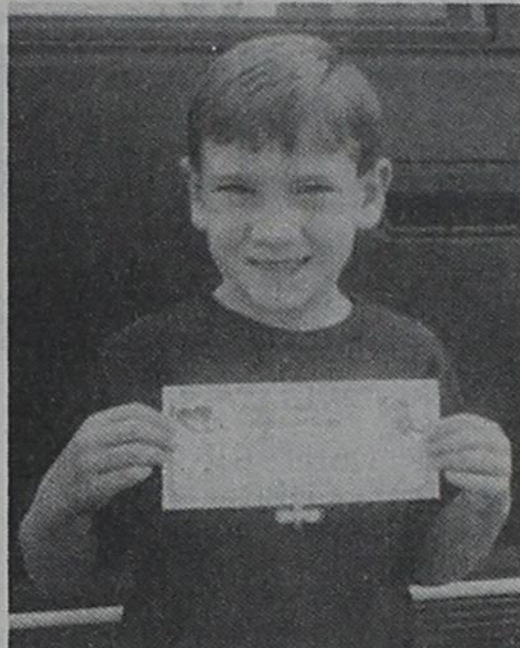
Concerning the closed-to-media Republican meeting the previous week, Combest said it might be the best thing that's happened lately on Capitol Hill.

The Republicans discussed the "in-fighting" that was hampering the party. A congressman was quoted as saying that in 27 years as a congressman, this was the best meeting he had ever attended.

"Everyone got some things off their chest—even members who felt Speaker Newt Gingrich had not been an effective leader. Even though there had been some disagreements within the party, this never was as bad as the media made it out to be," Combest told the editors.

Concerning the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)'s recent rulings considering bad air quality from the dust blowing on the South Plains, Combest said "I don't think the agency can fine God for this situation. Some of these rulings have a long way to go to even be in the 'ridiculous' category."

Combest said that even many in congress felt frustrated due to the lack of leadership by the administration, that still the congress had managed to achieve some things it wanted to, in spite of a president whose views are completely at odds with the majority in congress.



JAKE WARE

RAFFLE WINNER...Jake Ware, age 5, won the \$500 raffle sponsored by the Bovina Junior Rodeo Association. He plans to buy a Ford model airplane with his \$500 gift certificate at Aucutt's General Store. Proceeds from the raffle will help the BJRA to purchase awards for their banquet. (See story page 5)

Early Voting Currently Available

Early voting for the August 9 special election is currently being held at the county clerk's office now through August 5, 8:30-5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The special election is for a "constitutional amendment providing school property tax relief by increasing the residence homestead exemption by \$10,000 and providing for the transfer of the tax limitation to another qualified homestead for persons over 65 and a reduction in taxes on homesteads subject to the limitation."

'72 Reunion To Be Held August 9

The Bovina High School class of 1972 is preparing for their 25th reunion to be held August 9 in the home of Chris Alexander.

Alexander, along with fellow classmate Greg Hromas of Clovis, New Mexico have planned a busy day for former students and teachers of the 1972 class of Bovina High School.

Alexander said they have been able to contact former students but are still trying to contact former teachers.

"Anyone that was a teacher for the class is invited to attend," Alexander said.

The day will start at 9 a.m. at 1616 West 10th Street in Friona, Alexander's home, with coffee, donuts and memories.

At 11 a.m. the group will go to Friona Country Club for a golf scramble. Cost is \$18 per person. This fee includes green fees and the use of a golf cart.

At 3 p.m. everyone is invited back to Alexander's home for more reminiscing.

A barbecue will be served at 5 p.m. Cost is \$7 a person or \$12 a couple.

For more information, call Chris Alexander at home, 247-2098 or at work, 800-635-5614; or Greg Hromas at 800-346-4937.

90th B-Day Planned For Mrs. Cherry

Sophia McDaniel Cherry will celebrate her 90th birthday Saturday, August 16. The celebration will be in her home at 108 Third Street in Bovina from 2 until 4 in the afternoon.

All friends and family are invited for the party. No gifts please.



JAMAICA GOODIES.....In spite of the heat, a good crowd spent the afternoon enjoying food, fun, and games at last Sunday's jamaica festival at St. Ann's Catholic Church. (Ron Carr Photo)

City Man's Brother Is Pastor In Dimmitt

Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

Belinda just completed her master's in education from Wayland in June. She taught at Tahoka for the last two years.

Howard is the son of Maybian Rhodes of Friona and the late O.C. Rhodes. Belinda is the daughter of Maurine Mabry of Marble Falls and the late Walt Mabry.

The couple served churches in Sanford and Farwell before being called to foreign missions. They served 11 1/2 years in East Africa in the countries of Malawi, Ethiopia and Kenya. They plan to give a presentation sometime in the future on the work that is still going on there.

Howard said this is the largest church he has pastored.

"We are excited about being here in Dimmitt," Howard said. "It's kind of nice to get back to where things are a little more green. People have been really good to us, very welcoming."

As far as the traditional rivalry between Friona and Dimmitt, Howard said he won't have any problem cheering for local teams.

"I enjoy watching sports, and we're ready to get a purple shirt," he said.

A ROLL OF TOILET PAPER

PAPER isn't what it used to be. Remember awhile back I mentioned that the hole in your roll of LifeSaver candies has gotten bigger? Now paper manufacturers have gotten in on the act. The little cardboard tube in the middle of your toilet paper roll has gotten bigger, too. In this case, bigger is not better because you get less of the actual product.

A regular size roll of toilet paper with the larger size cardboard innertube will only last about a day and half if you have kids at home. So next time you'll buy the double roll, but it's so big that it hardly fits on the holder and doesn't turn at all when you attempt to pull the paper off. With the two-ply double roll, you're getting little more than the amount of paper that used to be on a regular roll. The best buy for your money happens to be the single-ply, double roll which, believe it or not, has the old standard size cardboard tube in the center, so you actually get quite a bit more paper there. Of course this complicates your life because you have to take time to read the small print on every roll in the store, to be certain of getting the best buy.

What was wrong with leaving the roll of toilet paper the way it had always been? If it ain't broke, don't fix it!

Nothing on the store shelves comes in sizes small, medium or large anymore. Everything is either medium, large, or jumbo. How gullible do they think we are, anyway? A pound size can of coffee now only holds 11 or 12 ounces of coffee. A bag of potato chips is filled half full of nothing but air. Boxes of cereal are about two-thirds full. Candy bars don't even fill up the paper they're wrapped in.

Sugar-free and fat-free products cost more. One size fits all doesn't. New and improved isn't. Pre-shrunk clothing isn't either. Wash and wear stuff has to be ironed. Permanents aren't. If they say it's "on the cutting edge, top of the line, ahead of the field," etc., you can bet it's not worth the price they're asking for it.

If you wear clothes, you are clothed. If you wear no clothes, you are unclothed. So why do we have "shelled peanuts" with no shells? Shouldn't peanuts that have no shells be called "unshelled"?

On the subject of clothes, are you tired of looking at people wearing clothing with stuff written all over it? Cute sayings, designer names, team logos, words of wisdom, sexy innuendos, trademarks, pictures of ugly rock stars, travel advertisements, and the ultimate...."My parents went to (fill in name of tourist attraction) and all I got was this blankety-blank old t-shirt." They've turned us all into walking billboards.

I realize that TV commercials are the price we must pay for free programming, but do they have to make them so loud and irritating? My Good Old Boy and I own dueling remotes. (Yes, girls, you too can have a remote control of your very own. . .didn't know that, didja?) Anyway, when that awful pick-up truck commercial comes on between every segment of the evening news, we have a contest to see who can punch the mute button the quickest.

"If I had money, tell ya what I'd do." I'd go downtown and hire a hit-man to find that cowboy and stuff that guitar down his throat so he couldn't sing anymore of those obnoxious truck commercials. At least, when you place an advertisement in your local paper you can be assured that it won't give your potential customers a headache.

MY TURN

By Carol Ellis





JAMAICA ACTION.....The heat did not stop the lively volleyball action throughout the tournament at last Sunday's jamaica at St. Ann's Catholic Church. (Ron Carr Photo)



THE BEST SEAT.....Juana Martinez volunteered to be in the dunking booth at last Sunday's jamaica. As it turned out, she was a lucky girl to be dunked in the cool water as the afternoon temperatures soared to over 90 degrees. (Ron Carr Photo)

REFLECTIONS

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

40 Yrs Ago-July 31, 1957

Bovina's Pee Wees won and the Little Leaguers lost in Monday's first game of best two-out-of-three series played here.

Rev. and Mrs. Virgil Goodwin escaped injury Saturday morning when they were involved in a single car accident near LaCross, Kansas. It was reported Monday morning that their car was forced from a rain-slick highway by an approaching car.

Fire destroyed a tenant house on the Jimmie Charles farm five miles northeast of Bovina Wednesday morning near nine o'clock.

Bovina Lions Club members voted at a regular meeting Thursday night in Bovina Restaurant to have a weiner roast for Boy Scouts, Little Leaguers, Pony Leaguers and PeeWees sometime late in the summer.

G.H. Hall of Bovina, Thursday night of last week, attended a session in Friona on vehicle inspection, learning of the changes in regulations for the 1958 stickers.

35 Yrs Ago-Aug. 1, 1962

A final drive for contributions to pay off indebtedness on the lighted baseball field here is underway. Some \$600 is still owed on a note for the ball park at First National Bank of Bovina.

W.D. Rogers received lacerations and bruises to his face, hands and arms when a truck tire he was repairing at Bonds Oil Co., where he is employed, "blew up."

Bovina's team number one captured top honors in a team trophy shoot at the trap

shooting range here Sunday afternoon.

Fire Chief Bill Denney and Henry Minter attended Texas A&M Firemen's Training School last week at College Station. Classes began on Friday and were completed Saturday.

Two good rains, one Saturday afternoon and another Sunday night, brought a good supply of much needed moisture to the area. Both rains covered the entire Bovina area, bringing an estimated three to four inches of moisture.

30 Yrs Ago-Aug. 2, 1967

This is Bull Town Days month in Bovina. Plans for the community's annual celebration, scheduled this year for August 17, 18 and 19 are being completed.

Rev. Ralph Aday has resigned as pastor of First Baptist Church of Bovina, effective this month. August 13 will be his last Sunday as pastor here.

Twelve head of light cattle were killed west of Bovina on Highway 60 Thursday night when they were struck by trucks. The cattle were owned by Pete Davies and Woodrow Fleming.

25 Yrs Ago-Aug. 2, 1972

Revival services are scheduled in the Bovina Pentecostal Holiness Church beginning Sunday and continuing through the following Sunday, August 13.

Jackie Adams, 1972 BHS graduate, has been awarded a Clark Education scholarship for the academic year 1972-73. Gary Cox, high school

principal, announced this week.

Miss Charlie Trimble is the third entry in the 1972 Bull Town Days Queen Contest. She will be sponsored by Bovina Roping Club.

Parmer County Welfare Commodities office here has changed locations. Equipment and commodities were moved to the new site over the weekend, according to Mrs. Jean O'Neal, office manager.

20 Yrs Ago-Aug. 3, 1977

Larry Manuel, 30, has been named manager of Bovina's Chemical Enterprises; it was announced this week by company officials.

Elton and Marie Venable of Bovina are undertaking the task of identifying the grave sites of all Veterans of Wars who are buried in the Bovina Cemetery. It is known there are 39 such sites.

Parmer County Sheriff's deputies are searching for a red and white 1962 Ford car believed to be connected with the Saturday night theft of some machinery at the Ralph Shelton barn five miles south and west of Friona.

15 Yrs Ago-Aug. 4, 1982

Ralph Roming and Gaylon Rhodes completed the transaction this week in which Rhodes bought the local Funk Seed dealership from Roming and the ownership change will be effective August 1.

The Senior Citizens met for their monthly luncheon with fifty members present.

Ready to lead the Mustang Band onto the field this fall for half-time shows are Gail Turner and Rebecca Hodnett, high school twirlers.

Local residents have been warned to check their pets and horses for special diseases this summer, due to the unusual amount of rain, and the high mosquito population.

5 Yrs Ago-Aug. 1, 1992

Jolinda Hodnett of Bovina and Clay Corn of Farwell represented Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative during the 1992 Government in Action Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. June 4-20.

Bovina received 2.5 to three inches of rain last Sunday afternoon. The bulk of the rain came in about an hour, although it continued to rain lightly for a time.

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FACE ART....What a pretty baby face! Little Brittany Cantu had just had her baby face painted at last Sunday's jamaica and didn't seem too interested in having her picture taken. (Ron Carr Photo)

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Info Given For Poison Prevention

Toxic Talk: Gas warfare in the household.

Dear Toxic Talk,

Recently while cleaning my bathroom I mixed some bleach with a general bathroom cleaner. I thought it would make the bathroom sparkling clean and germ free. However, immediately after mixing the products I developed some coughing, difficulty in breathing and my eyes started watering. The symptoms were so bad I had to go to the emergency room, what went wrong?

Anne in Texas

Dear Anne,

What most likely happened, you created a chemical agent known as chlorine gas. This gas is created with the mixture of hypochlorite (main product in bleach) and an acid (commonly found in many cleaners). Chlorine gas is so dangerous the Germans initiated chemical warfare in 1915 with it, killing 5,000 and wounding 10,000.

Fortunately, in the typical household situation, the created gas is much less concentrated than that used in war. Unfortunately, the typical exposure site is in the bathroom, which in most homes is a small confined area, without adequate

ventilation. This small space allows the weaker gas to produce toxic effects.

The most common effects of inhaling chlorine gas are difficulty breathing, throat irritation, dizziness, vomiting and possibly chest pain. Symptoms generally resolve within 6 hours though they can be severe enough that an evaluation at the Emergency Room is needed.

It deserves mention that acidic cleaners are not the only product that react with bleach. Mixing ammonia based products with bleach forms chloramine gas and produces many of the same symptoms.

Hypochlorites are not only found in bleach products. They are also commonly found in swimming pool products, fungicides, chemical deodorants, and water purification systems.

The Panhandle Poison Center suggests that cleaning products never be mixed for a better result. Cleaning products should be used only as directed by the manufacturer. If you have questions about this, any cleaning product, or have been possibly exposed, contact the Poison center at 1-800-764-7661.

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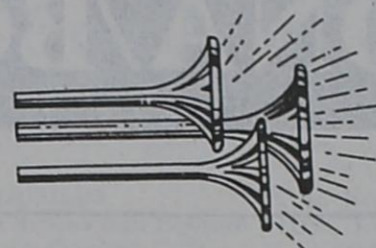
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Out Here

By RON CARR



Last Sunday, the Amarillo Globe News' travel section featured Mexico City. Maybe you remember the headline, "The Dual Worlds of Mexico City."

It is potentially the most beautiful city in the world and among the most historical. But the beauty and history are marred by severe pollution, overpopulation, crime, corruption, and poverty.

Over the years, during my airline and travel agent career, I took many trips to Mexico City, as well as frequent visits to the other popular Mexico destinations.

But it is Mexico City, rich in history, that is also etched into my personal history. Sometimes a chance meeting here or a twist of fate there can alter your life.

If you will indulge my best Paul Harvey imitation, I'll explain.

It was 1973. I operated one of the biggest and best known travel agencies in Dallas. Airlines, hotel chains, tour operators, and cruise lines beat a path to my door to solicit my business.

My first marriage had ended that year also. As luck would have it, I met an adorable little redhead named Sharon, whom I began pursuing relentlessly and without shame.

A tour operator in Mexico City wanted my business so much that he invited me to Mexico City for a weekend to show me around. His name was Alberto Berestein.

I accepted his invitation, invited Sharon, and we flew to Mexico City. My brother Rick was a junior in Friona High School at the time. I was 33, Sharon was 26.

Alberto met us at the airport with a car and driver, took us to a nice hotel, and picked us up later for a night on the town.

He told us that he had another couple in town as guests and thought we would enjoy meeting them since we were both in the travel industry.

He said the guy, Jerry, was district manager for American Airlines in San Antonio. Jerry and his friend Sherry, were spending the night in Cuernavaca, a couple of hours by car from Mexico City.

The next day, Alberto, with his car and driver, whisked Sharon and I to a beautiful resort villa, Hacienda Cocoyoc, in Cuernavaca where we met Jerry and Sherry.

From that very first time the four of us met it was an automatic friendship. We spent most of our first day together, sitting around the

lobby piano bar, singing Mexican tunes we didn't know the words to, with friendly Mexican folks we couldn't talk to.

We found we had more in common than just the travel industry.

Jerry and I were the same age, our birthdays six months apart. Sharon and Sherry were 26 and 25. They each had a son named Aaron.

All four of us had been married before. We were destined to marry again soon.

We spent the rest of the weekend enjoying Mexico City's sights and sounds. And tequila. Alberto took us to a bullfight. The girls felt sorry for the bulls. We left.

We had dinner at Hacienda de las Morales, an elegant old Mexico restaurant noted for their ceasar salad prepared at your table. Turned out that Jerry loved to cook too. He promised to fix ceasar salad when we came to visit in San Antonio.

As we left Mexico City we promised to keep in touch. It was a promise that has lasted for more than 20 years.

A few weeks later, Sharon and I did go to San Antonio to spend the weekend with our new friends. As promised, Jerry cooked gourmet meals and made Irish coffee from scratch.

Sharon and I got married on Valentine's Day in 1974. Jerry and Sherry married that year too.

Six months after we married, Sharon's son Aaron died of leukemia. He was a few weeks short of his fifth birthday.

Sharon needed to get away so I called Jerry and asked them to meet us in San Francisco for a few days. Like true friends often do, they dropped what they were doing and came with us.

We prowled Fisherman's

Wharf, had long leisurely seafood lunches, dodged cable cars, laughed, and ate and drank too much. Good friends and grief go together.

In 1975, Sharon gave birth to our daughter, Kirsten, and Sherry had a son, Jason. Kirsten and Jason turned 22 this year.

While Sharon and I ran our travel agency in Dallas, Jerry's airline job took them from San Antonio to New York and eventually back to Dallas.

We kept in touch, visiting when we could, and by phone when we just needed to talk.

Jerry and Sherry transferred to Dallas when American Airlines moved their headquarters from New York.

They bought a house in Arlington. We were all delighted to be so close together at last. We visited weekly, had weekend cookouts, and our kids played together.

But life goes on. Jerry lost his job at American. They decided to go back to California, Jerry's home state.

In late 1983, Sharon and I ended up with a divorce. Still, periodically, I kept up with Jerry and Sherry, who by now lived in Laguna Niguel, California.

I managed to visit them in California a couple of times over the next few years. Things weren't going well for them either.

Jerry had been diagnosed with lung cancer and had one lung removed. The recovery was a long one. He lost his job again.

After another period of unemployment, Jerry signed a 15-month contract with a major travel agency in Durham, North Carolina. He and Sherry sold their house in southern California and headed east.

I had moved to Tulsa by then. Once on a business trip to Raleigh-Durham, I spent a couple of nights with Jerry and Sherry. He was unemployed again. The agency did not renew his contract after the 15 months.

My visit was like old times. Although I had a lot of friends over the years, Jerry Allison was my longest and best. Still is, I think, even though we don't get to talk often enough.

After I moved out here in 1995, I called Jerry and Sherry to say hello and tell them about my new residence in Parmer County. To my surprise, Jerry said they were divorced.

In fact I was very surprised. They had been married more than 20 years. The marriage had survived all the hardships of moving around, unemployment, and the uncertainties we all face.

Jerry gave me Sherry's phone number in Durham and told me they were still friends, just not good enough friends to stay married.

I called Sherry. On her own for the first time in over 20 years, she was the same cheerful, upbeat, fun person I had come to love since 1973 in Mexico City.

We talked often the next few weeks, cheering each other up since I had recently been divorced too. Once I even jokingly said, "why don't you move out here to Parmer County. No reason for you to stay in North Carolina."

I love Jerry and Sherry Allison. They have been an important part of my life over the years. A good and unselfish friendship.

Twenty-four years after we met in Mexico City, Jerry is again employed, managing the travel department for a big corporation in Durham.

Sharon still operates the travel agency we had in Dallas. She has done well. I am proud of her. Yes, she is still a gorgeous redhead in spite of turning 50 last year.

Me? Well, you know where I am every week.

What about my friend Sherry, one of my three favorite females in the world? I'm happy to say she is doing well too. In fact we are closer than we have ever been.

Thanks to me, she has a new job, new home, new

husband. These days I talk to her almost every day.

Her new job is at Hi-Pro Feeds and Animal Health in Friona. Her new husband is my brother Rick.

How did she end up as my sister-in-law? As Paul Harvey would say, that is "the rest of the story."

Right Sherry Ann? Viva, Mexico City!!

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 1997 F150 Pickup Graphics, Stepside \$322 mo.	 1994 Ranger XLT, Topper, Nice! \$182 mo.
 1997 Mountaineer 4x4, V-8, Tow Package, CD Player, 15K Miles \$499 mo.	 1995 "Eddie Bauer" F150 29K Miles, Loaded, Warranty \$310 mo.
 1992 Ford F150 XLT Auto, Cruise, PL, PW \$210 mo.	 1997 Mercury Tracer 27K Miles, PW, PL, Cruise, Tilt \$242 mo.
 1996 Mustang Convertible Red, V-6, White Roof, Automatic \$322 mo.	 1994 Mercury Villager Local Owner, 7 Passenger, V-6, A/C \$249 mo.
 1996 Taurus PL, PW, CR Tilt, Pw Seats and More! \$262 mo.	 1993 Ford Ranger SC, V-6, automatic \$232 mo.
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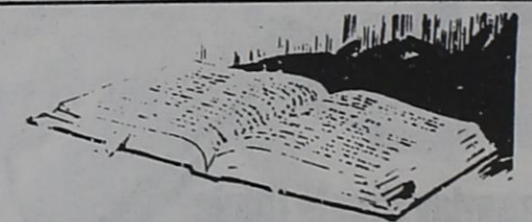
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Muleshoe Sets Annual Production

Muleshoe Production Company is pleased to announce the third annual production of "Keepers of the Legend." An outdoor musical, "Keepers of the Legend" will be performed August 8-11 at the scenic and historical Muleshoe Heritage Center.

"Keepers of the Legend" is a fictional account based on early Twentieth Century Bailey County and its settlers through song, dance and dramatic performances by local and area actors and musicians.

Cowboys, Indians, live animals and a moving locomotive provide entertainment and laughter for everyone, old and young alike.

Performances will begin each evening at approximately 8:30 p.m. The Muleshoe Heritage Center is located just north of Highway 84 on the west edge of Muleshoe. Parking is provided next door at the Bailey County Coliseum.

Tickets to "Keepers of the Legend" are \$10 for adults at the gate, \$8 in advance. Children 12 and under are \$5. Lap children are free. A season pass may be purchased for \$25.

Groups may call for special discounts and accommodations. Those wishing to purchase tickets in advance, or to obtain more information about "Keepers of the Legend," may call 806-272-4405, 272-5612, 272-5476 or 272-3770.



NEW DEPUTY...Keith Payne has been a Parmer County Deputy Sheriff for four months. He earned his law enforcement certification at South Plains College and was a guard at the prison in Spur prior to becoming a deputy. Payne and his wife Jenny live in Bovina where he is also a fire department volunteer.
(Ron Carr Photo)

Businesses Eligible For Disaster Loans

Businesses depending on farmers and ranchers in some Texas counties can now apply for low interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). These loans are available to help businesses meet

normal operating expenses that cannot be met due to the effects of a disaster. Snow storms, ice, freezing temperatures, high winds and driving rain which occurred April 24 and 25, 1997, caused many farmers and ranchers to experience reduced incomes which may have had an adverse economic effect on businesses depending upon these producers. Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for this loan program but may be eligible for disaster through other Federal agencies.

Businesses in the following counties affected by a snowstorm which occurred April 25, 1997 also have until March 2, 1998 to apply: Bailey, Castro, Deaf Smith and Parmer.

To obtain an application or receive information, interested business owners may call the SBA toll-free at 1-800-366-6303 or TDD 817-267-4688 for the hearing impaired.

Due to the weather, many producers experienced crop losses and were not able to purchase goods and services at normal levels. Businesses that are dependent upon these producers may have experienced decreased sales, reduced gross profit margins, increased accounts receivable or difficulty in moving inventories at normal levels. To the extent these problems have caused the business difficulty in meeting its normal obligations, these loans may be of assistance.

The loan can help a business meet installments on long-term debt, accounts payable and overhead expenses that would have been met had the disaster not occurred. Refinancing of long-term debt, however, is not eligible under this program.

The loan is designed for those businesses with substantial disaster-related needs and is intended to supplement monies the business owner can provide from other sources.

Loans may be approved for up to \$1,500,000 for actual disaster-related financial needs of the business. Interest rates are four percent (4%) and terms may extend to thirty (30) years, depending upon the repayment ability of the individual applicant. To qualify, businesses must be small by SBA's size standard. Businesses which can meet their financial needs through other sources are not eligible.

Courthouse Notes

Instrument Report Ending July 3, 1997, Parmer County, Texas, Bonnie Warren, County Clerk

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Bovina Junior Rodeo Association Has Raffle/Plans One More Playday

The Bovina Junior Rodeo Association held the raffle drawing for the \$500 Gift Certificate from Aucutt's General Store last Saturday, July 26 during their playday. The winner was Jake Ware.

One more playday is scheduled for this Saturday, August 2. The awards banquet will be held Sunday, August 3 at the Bovina EMS Building.

Results from Saturday's playday are:

5 AND UNDER

BARRELS: Holly Bufkin 31.69; Danielle Bentley 49.31; Aaron Albertson 53.22; Kinsley Duffield 54.69; Gabby Edwards 57.58; Jake Ware 1:14; Brennon Albertson 1:17; Mykelti Rhodes 1:22; Rowdee Rhodes 1:23; Kelbi Harris 1:37; and Morgan Harris participated.

FLAGS: Holly Bufkin 16.50; Danielle Bentley 18.19; Aaron Albertson 33.38; Brennon Albertson 37.28; Rowdee Rhodes 48.57; Kelbi Harris 48.75; Gabby Edwards 52.75; Mykelti Rhodes 55.72; Jake Ware 57.40; Kinsley Duffield 1:08; and Morgan Harris participated.

POLES: Holly Bufkin 33.88; Danielle Bentley 50.39; Aaron Albertson 57.06; Kinsley Duffield 58.12; Gabby Edwards 1:01; Morgan Harris 1:04; Brennon Albertson 1:16; Jake Ware 1:17; Mykelti Rhodes 1:27; Rowdee Rhodes 1:31; and Kelbi Harris 1:48.

STAKES: Holly Bufkin 13.00; Danielle Bentley 20.34; Kinsley Duffield 22.63; Jake Ware 22.66; Kelbi Harris 37.65; and Morgan Harris 48.81.

GOAT RIBBON RACE: Danielle Bentley 5.10; Jake Ware 5.40; Morgan Harris 5.47; Holly Bufkin 5.50; Sarah Sanchez 7.37;

Kinsley Duffield 7.56; Gabby Edwards 11.06; Caitlyn Sharp 15.40; Kelbi Harris 17.28.

6-7 YEAR OLDS

BARRELS: Johnathan Edwards 35.07 and Jessica Copeland 52.38.

FLAGS: Johnathan Edwards 18.00 and Jessica Copeland 35.60.

POLES: Johnathan Edwards 46.15 and Jessica Copeland 1:30.

STAKES: Johnathan Edwards 14.66 and Jessica Copeland 27.25.

GOAT RIBBON RACE: Johnathan Edwards 5.15.

8-9 YEAR OLDS

BARRELS: Salida Edwards 20.53; Justin Ware 20.59; Bobby Bentley 26.44; Justin Lide 29.57; Colton Sudderth 35.82; Elisa Smith 39.31; and Amber Bandy 1:24.

FLAGS: Justin Lide 14.31; Salida Edwards 14.46; Bobby Bentley 18.41; Colton Sudderth 20.10; Amber Bandy 37.81; and Elisa Smith and Justin Ware participated.

POLES: Justin Ware 22.50; Salida Edwards 24.44; Bobby Bentley 32.78; Justin Lide 33.37; Elisa Smith 40.47; Colton Sudderth 47.85; and Amber Bandy 1:13.

STAKES: Salida Edwards 9.16; Justin Lide 14.53; Justin Lide 14.60; Colton Sudderth 17.10; Bobby Bentley 17.75 and Amber Bandy 22.16.

Goat Throw: Justin Ware 15.62; Salida Edwards 20.84; Bobby Bentley 22.75; Justin Lide 25.47; and Colton Sudderth 30.53.

10-13 YEAR OLDS

BARRELS: Tyson Linderman 21.03; Amber Lide 21.11; Trent McDonald 21.63; Chad Bentley 22.38; Ashley Hartzog 22.66; Kim Lide 23.25; Gaylen Sudderth 23.47; Jorge Castillo 23.92; Jason Sudderth 24.10; Matthew Edwards 24.29; Curt

Brooks 24.85; Shey Ford 26.28; Motty Edwards 36.97; and Bernice Lopez 39.56.

FLAGS: Amber Lide 10.90; Chad Bentley 11.29; Curt Brooks 11.58; Trent McDonald 11.65; Kim Lide 11.81; Jason Sudderth 11.87; Jorge Castillo 12.09; Shey Ford 12.22; Gaylen Sudderth 12.31; Tyson Linderman 17.88; Bernice Lopez 22.87; Ashley Hartzog 32.91; Motty Edwards 1:08; and Matthew Edwards participated.

POLES: Chad Bentley 24.87; Tyson Linderman 26.12; Amber Lide 26.28; Ashley Hartzog 27.25; Trent McDonald 27.32; Kim Lide 30.78; Gaylen Sudderth 33.87; Motty Edwards 37.22; Shey Ford 43.10; Bernice Lopez 46.07; and Jason Sudderth, Matthew Edwards and Curt Brooks participated.

STAKES: Kim Lide 10.28; Chad Bentley 10.69; Jorge Castillo 10.90; Tyson Linderman 11.16; Gaylen Sudderth 11.19; Amber Lide and Jason Sudderth TIED 11.34; Shey Ford 12.32; Curt Brooks 12.53; Motty Edwards 13.75; Bernice Lopez 17.06; Matthew Edwards and Trent McDonald participated.

GOAT TIE: Gaylen Sudderth 19.28; Tyson Linderman 20.35; Shey Ford 29.25; Ashley Hartzog 33.68; Kim Lide 36.07; Amber Lide 37.31; Chad Bentley 38.63; Matthew Edwards 41.41; Jason Sudderth 1:16; and Trent McDonald participated.

14-18 YEAR OLDS

BARRELS: Lashawna Brooks 21.55 and Kristen Ford 26.63.

FLAGS: Lashawna Brooks 11.15 and Kristen Ford 13.60.

POLES: Lashawna Brooks 25.78 and Kristen Ford 27.78.

STAKES: Kristen Ford 10.75 and Lashawna Brooks 12.29.

GOAT TIE: Lashawna Brooks 16.41 and Kristen Ford 20.41.

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Scooter's Scoops

By SCOOTER RUSSELL

Several of our young people went to camp to Glorieta, New Mexico. They arrived Tuesday, July 22 and returned home on the 26th. Sponsors of the group were Esther Steelman, Yolanda Mejia, Jerry and Stephanie Birdsong and Galen Hromas.

Twenty youngsters went from Bovina, Luke, Levi and Jake Steelman; Trent and Zane Hill; Josh and Tyson Kerby; Chris Shuffleberger; Rana Webber; Angela Smith; Misty and Lindsey Pruitt; Sara and Jill Sorley; Melanie Stanberry; Ashley Zehner; Martissa Salazar; Varonica Herrera; Courtney Jamerson; and Kristen Carson.

Porfirio Mejia was well enough to go back to his home in Memphis, Texas. Porfirio is the father of local ladies Esther Steelman and Gilda Garner. He has been in Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo for some time and had an infection in his sternum which is between his ribs. He was released on Friday of last week and has already returned to Memphis.

Chris Sorley, 15-year-old son of Phil and Patti Sorley of Burbank, California, is visiting his grandparents, the Grady Sorleys and his aunt, uncle and cousins, Deborah and Mike Beauchamp and family. Chris came to Bovina on Wednesday of last week and left on Wednesday of this week.

Brother Gary Morgan was honored with a surprise birthday party at his home on Monday night of last week. Several guests slipped in through the back door so he was really surprised. Guests were served birthday cake and ice cream.

Tony Beauchamp, son of Mike and Deborah Beauchamp, celebrated his 17th birthday with a trip to Dallas to watch the Rangers game. Members of Tony's family attended and had a great time.

Jerry Ware has been to McLean and visited with her favorite sister-in-law, Ruth Ware. Then she went to

Pampa and visited her niece, Maxine Bennett for about a week.

Maxine came home with Jerry and spent a week before returning to Pampa. Jerry said her son Tom took her and Maxine brought her back home. The family had a good visit.

Charlsie Eubank has been to New Mexico and visited with her great-grandchildren in Lovington, Cross Roads and Hobbs. These are the grandchildren of Charlsie's son and daughter-in-law, Ben and Nawasa Eubank of Cross Roads.

One evening the family enjoyed a cookout at the Lovington Park.

A while back we reported about Charlsie's son who died in California. She was telling me that a week later, her grandson drowned in an accident in a California lake. His mother is Shirley, Charlsie's daughter.

She said he and his family were attempting to load the boat they had been in and the family went to get

a pickup truck to back it to the shore to load.

In the meantime, the boat had drifted away from the shore and the grandson was trying to swim out to get the boat when he drowned.

Charlsie said her grandson had always had asthma and that was the reason he ran out of air. He was survived by his wife and two children and was only forty years old.

Del Ray Sudderth, his wife, Linda and their sons, Derek and Kale, of Austin were in Bovina visiting Del Ray's parents, Glenden and Janie Sudderth. Another son, Blake, of Leander which is near Austin, also has been here in recent days.

All three of the Sudderths' sons live in the Austin area and all have good jobs and are doing well.

Hattie Turner has been very ill recently but her daughter, Wannette said her condition has improved a lot. All of Hattie's children have been here in recent weeks. They are Wannette of Tucson, Arizona; Frankie of Breckenridge; Olan of Friona and Breckenridge and Jack of Bovina.

Hattie is now a resident of Prairie Acres.

Buster and Mearle Morgan's daughter, Deanna, came to spend a few days with them. She came a week ago Monday and left on Thursday. She lives south of Oklahoma City. She said it was good to spend some time with her folks.

Erith and Frances Hawkins were in Lubbock Monday and helped Erith's brother, Harold, celebrate his 70th birthday.

The surprise birthday party was in the home of their granddaughter, Holly. Also attending were Harold and Betty's daughters and their families, Vickie of Mineral Wells and Debra of Lubbock.

They had a noon meal at the Old Town Cafe and later had cake and ice cream.

SMILE: Joe's son rushed in the door. "Dad! Dad!" he announced, "I got a part in the school play today!" "That's great," Joe said proudly.

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TIME TO BOOST...Susan Kerby and other Booster Club members will be glad to sell you a Bovina Mustangs cap or other items to support Bovina athletics. (Ron Carr Photo)

Drinking Water Is Very Important

For kids on the go, do not forget the h2o this summer.

"Kids can become dehydrated very quickly in the sweltering heat," said Dr. Robert Shulman at the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center in Houston. "The best thing to do is to fill kids up with plenty of water before they go outside."

In addition to water, sports drinks and fruit juices are also good to give children. It is best to stay away from drinks that contain high levels of caffeine. Caffeine is known to increase the flow of urine, so instead of replenishing the body, it can contribute to dehydration.

"Dehydration can cause a child to become dizzy or drowsy, develop headaches and a dry mouth, and in severe cases become unconscious," said Shulman, a professor of pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine and director of the nutritional support team at Texas Children's Hospital. In infants, symptoms would include decreased urination,

and sunken eyes. Parents should be concerned if the baby's diaper is consistently dry."

Infants should never be exposed to the sun for long periods of time and never placed in direct sunlight. Always dress them in light-colored clothing and put a hat on their head, even when going outside for a short time. A light blanket can also protect their arms and legs. They tend to become dehydrated quicker than older kids because they sometimes have trouble communicating when they are thirsty.

Many times older kids are so pre-occupied with what they are doing outside that they will play to the point of heat exhaustion. The amount of liquid children need depends on the heat, degree of activity and how long they play outside.

"Parents need to step in and make sure children have plenty to drink before and during play time," said Shulman. "The extra effort will make it a safer summer for active children."



STOCKING UP....Jacob and Carla Rivera were seen stocking up on school supplies at the local Pay-N-Save store this past week. They are getting excited about school starting August 15. Jacob will be in the 2nd grade and Carla in the 4th grade.

School Supplies Are Listed For Bovina Elementary

Here are elementary school supply lists for the 1997-98 year.

Please label all supplies. If you have any of these supplies left over from last year, please use them.

KINDERGARTEN: 8 Crayons (not jumbo); one 4 ounce Elmers School Glue; one pair safety scissors; one water colors-8 basic only, Prang or Crayola Brand; one box Kleenex; two pencils #2 only; one folder with pockets; small rug or towel for rest time (no plastic mats).

FIRST GRADE: two #2 pencils; 16 crayons; sharp point scissors; Elmers school glue; pencil box; back-pack, satchel, or book bag; Prang water colors; Kleenex (large

box). **SECOND GRADE:** Notebook paper, wide ruled; two pocket folders; two #2 pencils; crayons (at least 16); Large Elmers School glue; eraser; kleenex; sharp point scissors; ruler 9inches and CM or MM; small school box; one spiral, three subject notebook; index cards, 3X5 lined; 3X5 file box; ABC index divider cards.

THIRD GRADE: pointed scissors; Prang or Crayola water colors; glue stick; one eraser; two pencils; two red pens; notebook paper (not college ruled); one 5-subject spiral notebook; one kleenex; one box map colors; one 120-page notebook.

FOURTH GRADE: Red pencil; notebook paper (wide ruled), 4 spiral notebooks (70-page), two #2 pencils; map colors; kleenex; two folders with pockets; big eraser; pencil sharpener that holds shavings; 8 index tabs.

FIFTH GRADE: 6 pencils; two pens, blue or black; two pens, red; crayons; Elmers school glue; one 12-inch ruler (with metric and standard); sharp point scissors; large kleenex; markers; 3 spirals; 3 folders with pockets; notebook paper (wide-ruled) one school box; mape colors, 8 or more; eraser; one roll scotch tape; one protractor; 3 packages 3X5 index cards.



GIVE ME A GORDITA, DADDY.....Among the food booths at last Sunday's jamaica was this one cooking gorditas. Dad, Tony Tienda, Jr. babysits for awhile with 4-month-old son Antonio Serafine Tienda as customers line up for a gordita. (Ron Carr Photo)

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