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School Board Sets May 4 Election Date

The Bovina School Board met in regular session on Thursday, February 7. All members of the board were present.

Also present were staff members Darla Sealey, K'Dawn Scroggins, Michael Downes, Matt Branstine, Phyllis Steelman, Kathy Graves, Helen Deen and school cafeteria workers.

One of the first items of business was to honor and recognize the cafeteria workers for their service and dedication. The cafeteria ladies were present and were congratulated and recognized by the Board.

The Board approved the Bovina ISD Board of Trustees election for May 4, 2002. Les McCain was approved as the election judge and Pat Read as the early voting clerk for the May 4 election.

May 31 was approved as Take Our Daughters to Work Day in Bovina ISD.

In other motions, the Board decided to hold the March Board meeting on March 7 and also approved funding of \$4,500 for elementary staff members to complete English as a Second Language (ESL) certification.

In his report, Superintendent Michael Downes gave the Board a Grant update and discussed continuing education for board members, the Comptroller's Property Tax division report, and the preliminary 2002-03 budget

estimates. Downes also plans to hold a school board candidate information meeting for anyone interested in running for school board election. The date of the meeting has not yet been determined.

(Editor's note: The terms of Susan Kerby and Josey Alonzo-Coffey are expiring so there will be two seats up for election. Candidates can sign up beginning February 18 thru March 20. For more information contact the Superintendent's office.)

After an official Closed Executive Session that lasted from 8:40 p.m. to 10:35 p.m., the Board took the following personnel actions:

*Approved a one-year contract extension for high school principal K'Dawn Scroggins through June 2004.

*Approved an 11-month term contract for 2 years for middle school principal Matt Branstine through July 2004.

*Approved a one-year contract extension, through July 2004, for elementary school principal Darla Sealey.

*Approved a one-year contract extension for head coach and athletic director Bruce Scroggins through June 2004.

*Tabled action on the agriculture teacher contract.

*Approved an 11-month term contract for school counselor Wendy Branstine through July 2003.

Early Voting Begins On February 25

Early voting for the March 12, 2002, Primary Election will begin on February 25 thru March 8. For your convenience you can vote at the Friona State Bank on the following dates: Feb 25, Feb 28, Mar 4, Mar 7, between the hours of 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Early voting will be conducted at the First Bank Bovina on March 1 and March 8.

At all other times, during business hours, you can cast early votes at the County Clerk's office in Farwell.

VFW Chicken Dinner Feb 24

The ever-popular, multi-colored, dee-licious VFW fried chicken dinner will be served on Sunday, February 24, at Friona's Veterans Hall, 6th & Euclid.

Serving hours will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Take-outs are always available too.

The cost is \$6 per adult and \$3 for children under 12. The menu is crispy fried chicken, mashed potatoes, creamy white gravy, green beans, salad, bread, drink and homemade dessert.

Napkins, salt & pepper and toothpicks are free. So is parking. Come on out and enjoy a Sunday chicken dinner and support our veterans and the ladies auxiliary.

Combest: Senate May Hurt '02 Crop Chances

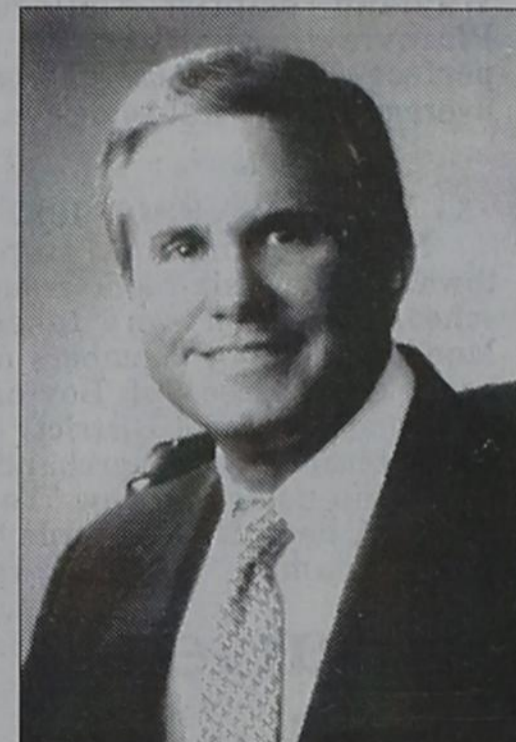
by BILL ELLIS

Congressman Larry Combest stated Wednesday that the U.S. Senate's failure to act timely on a new farm bill may leave a number of farmers "holding the bag," due to the senate's lateness of being passed (which came Wednesday) and how soon a compromise can be reached by the two houses of Congress.

Combest had guided the House of Representatives Farm Bill to passage last July, in an attempt to get a new bill passed. But lackadaisical action on behalf of the Senate may make it hard for thousands of farmers to get their necessary financing for the 2002 crop, simply because they won't know how much financing they'll need.

Combest shared his feelings on the farm bill Wednesday in a conference call with news people in the rural areas of his district, including this writer.

"We will begin work immediately to begin to reconcile the House and Senate versions of the bill. Producers across West Texas are justifiably anxious for a new farm bill, and the House Ag Committee will begin immediate work to get final



LARRY COMBEST

approval on a bill in time for the new crop year," Combest told the newsmen.

The congressman said that from what he knows about the senate's version of the bill, they are trying to turn it into a welfare program for some of their major constituents, in a blatant effort to win votes in the next election.

"The senate is pitting our producers vs consumers," Combest charged. "Their bill isn't even the one voted out of their committee, but was

written by liberal Sen. Tom Daschle. They just divided up parts of the bill. Someone called their action an exercise in 'How not to make law,' " the congressman said.

Combest said that the Senate bill also sets regions of the country against each other. "Many of their members don't understand the difference in various farming operations in different areas of the country."

Combest was invited to join President George W. Bush to join him aboard Air Force One as he flew to a convention of the National Cattlemen's and Beef Assn. in Denver last Friday. During his speech, President Bush told the group that he was looking forward to working with him (Combest) on finalizing the bill.

Our U.S. Congressman said it was his first opportunity to fly on Air Force One, and termed it a pleasure. "That is a great plane, and I appreciated the fact that the president asked me, and that he went to Denver to make a major agricultural address," Combest commented.

During the Wednesday call, Combest touched on the President's budget, which is commanding a lot of attention in Washington.

Combest said that it's obvious to the American people that Congress has operated under a balanced budget during the past three and one-half years, but that the entire economy has been affected by the events of last September.

"People realize that additional money is needed in case of a war, a national emergency or a recession, but what most of us hadn't expected was to have all three of these events happen in the same year," Combest said.

In regard to the war on terrorism, Combest reminded that President Bush has said this won't be a "short war or a televised war." He said that it is probable that there will be another battlefield (in another country).

"The president is dead serious about fighting the terrorists, and I support him 100 per cent," Combest said.

Council Proposes Sales Tax Increase, Sets Public Forum

Bovina's Board of Aldermen met in regular session on Thursday, February 7, 2002.

In addition to the council members, present were Ernest Terry, city manager; Bonnie Scaff, city secretary; Leon Saddler, chief of police; and Andy Garza, public works superintendent.

The council approved a motion for a 1/4 cent property tax reduction, and two new taxes; a 1/2 cent economic development tax and a 1/4 cent street maintenance tax. The proposed tax adjustments will be on the May 4 election ballot.

A motion to hire a police officer applicant had been tabled at an earlier meeting. The council renewed discussion of the second officer applicant. After a lengthy discussion, Alderman McCallum made a motion to hire the applicant but did not get a second and the motion died.

The council then agreed that there is a need for a second police officer and they would take more applications for consideration at a later date.

The aldermen voted to hire Oller Engineering to take bids on the repairs to the water storage tank on First Street. Funding of the project will be expensed over fiscal years 2002 and 2003.

Mayor Galen Hromas signed two proclamations. The week of March 3-9 is proclaimed as Severe Weather Week and March 3-8 is proclaimed as Public School Week.

Mayor Hromas also signed an order of election for the City of Bovina and ordered that an election be held on May 4, 2002 to elect a mayor and two councilman, a special election to complete the term

of one councilman, and the special election for city sales tax adjustments.

In further business, plans for a city park on East Highway 86 were discussed and approved. An approval grant from the Chapman Foundation was presented to help pay for the park. It was decided to continue with the park project and name it Memorial Park.

City manager Ernest Terry discussed the city vehicle maintenance program which requires city vehicles be serviced on a monthly basis, and that fire trucks are serviced on an as needed basis.

Alderman Blackwell made the motion for Charles Oil & Gas to do the city vehicle

servicing, Stone seconded. The motion passed with Alderman Waters abstaining.

Terry also explained the city's fund balance program in detail. It was demonstrated how bank balances equated to a chart of accounts and billing, and money could be tracked utilizing the revenue and expense reports.

Municipal Court and police reports were presented and the new racial profiling reports and law were discussed.

The next regular meeting of the city council will be held March 7 at 7 p.m. at the school cafeteria. It will be a Town Hall meeting to discuss the proposed city sales tax increase and to listen to the public's concerns.

ONCE UPON A TIME there was a poor soul who bought himself a weekly newspaper, and after he bought it, he was even poorer.

As he walked down the street one day, a lady came up to him and said "Why don't you ever print any personal news? Your paper isn't worth a plugged nickel."

The editor/publisher walked a little farther and a man stopped him and said, "Your paper wouldn't be so bad if you put something in it besides personal news."

And then he met another man who said "You sent me a bill for that stove I advertised in your paper, but I didn't sell it, and I don't see why I should be expected to pay you."

When he got back to the newspaper office, a lady called up and gave him Holy Ned for leaving her grandmother's maiden name out of a news item she had sent him.

Two more people called up and said they hadn't been getting their paper since they moved, and no, they hadn't filled out a change of address card. What was a publisher for, anyhow?

Then a man came in and wanted two thousand posters printed, but he wouldn't spend more than \$3.50--what kind of a gyp joint was this? Just as the publisher was getting ready to hang himself with his necktie from one of the rafters, he dropped dead of overwork.

By and by, a new man bought the newspaper and when the people read it they sniffed, "Humph, he sure doesn't know how to put out a newspaper. Too bad the old fellow had to die. He sure was a good editor."

And the old editor, who was enjoying his first rest in many years over at the funeral home in a bower of lilies, just laughed and laughed.

Thanks to Mary Kate Zeman of Pecos, one of our faithful readers. This clipping was from the Melrose, Wisconsin Chronicle, like ours, a weekly newspaper. The piece first appeared in print in 1949, so the particular malady isn't a new one.

Bull Town Bullets

By Bill Ellis



Having watched a few days of the Olympic Games, and observing the number of athletes who have mangled their bodies in everything from downhill skiing to ice skating (a male partner tosses his female partner in a manner that sent her skidding across the ice, etc.), Momma Carol has offered her suggestions for:

EVENTS I'D LIKE TO SEE IN THE NEXT WINTER OLYMPICS:

Ice fishing (an individual event), Snowball fighting, naturally a team sport; Ice sculpturing, an individual event (they should last longer than the ones we see in a fancy restaurant in some parts of the country).

Also, building snow castles, which could be a team event; and snow golf. We've heard about the "Eskimo Open," held on a snow-covered golf course, using bright red golf balls. Players would move from one shot to the next on their skis, and ties would be broken by taking into account the length of time the individuals or teams took in finishing 18 holes.

Well, after all, they did get snow-boarding approved for an Olympic event, right? (and fortunate for the Americans, we might add.)

'02 Chamber of Commerce Banquet Set For March 21

Bovina Chamber of Commerce president Michael Downes has announced the date of the 2002 Chamber banquet as March 21 in the Bovina ISD cafeteria.

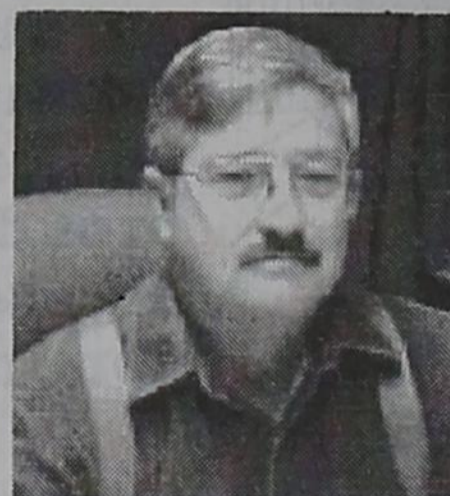
The featured speaker for this year's banquet will be State Senator Teel Bivins of Amarillo. Bivins is currently serving his fourth term as Senator for District 31, a position he won more than a

decade ago in his first race for political office. His district begins at the top of the Texas Panhandle and extends to Midland and other portions of the Permian Basin.

The banquet will begin at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person, adults and children. The menu will be steak, baked potato, salad, dessert and those scrumptious homemade rolls. Tickets are avail-

able from any Chamber member or from Darlene Miller at the school office.

Chamber secretary-treasurer Suezy Smith says that annual Chamber dues are due by March 4. Dues are \$15 for family memberships and \$25 for business memberships. Mail your dues to the Chamber at P. O. Box 418, Bovina, TX 79009 or drop your check off to Darlene at the school office.



ERNEST TERRY

rising and revenue was not very good. Bottom line...it was costing more to run the service than the service was taking in.

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If you get a bill directly from Specialized Billing for an ambulance service and it may have the heading of City of Bovina EMS, bring that bill to City Hall. Somewhere and somehow the insurance information has been misplaced.

All we need to do is to provide a copy of your insurance card and billing information to Specialized Billing. Please, if you have any questions about the ambulance billing, come to City Hall and talk with me. Thank you.

BOVINA REFLECTIONS

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

45 Yrs Ago-Feb. 13, 1957
February 16-23, National FFA Week, has been proclaimed as such in Bovina by J.E. Sherrill, Jr., mayor. The local chapter, under the advisorship of Roy M. Crawford, will observe the week by presenting an assembly program in the school during the week.

More money is needed in the right-of-way fund if the county is to continue to accept the farm roads which are included in the state highway department program, county officials say.

Bovina School trustees named Mrs. Roy B. Dodson to succeed Mrs. Letha Turner as tax assessor-collector of Bovina Independent School District at a meeting at the school Thursday night.

40 Yrs Ago-Feb. 14, 1962
Contracts of school administrators and two high school coaches were renewed at the regular meeting of the

school board Monday night. Street improvement was the highlight of the regular city commission meeting Tuesday night of last week. Meeting with Mayor Emmett Tabor and commissioners Bud Crump and Al Kerby was city engineer Ralph Douglas of Muleshoe.

Nancy Alline Cumpton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. Cumpton, Bovina, is one of three students at Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, who earned a perfect 3.0 or straight A average for the fall semester.

35 Yrs Ago-Feb. 16, 1967
More planning steps toward a new six-room grade school classroom were taken Monday night by members of board of trustees of Bovina Independent School District.

Several Bovina merchants will begin using the new "Yes Stamps" here this Saturday. The stamps have an

immediate cash value.

30 Yrs Ago-Feb. 17, 1972
The strike by the Amalgamated Meat Cutters Union at Missouri Beef Packers is in its second week, as union members continue to picket the plant. "We are killing cattle, and are continuing to hire employees," said plant manager Howard McLean this week.

25 Yrs Ago-Feb. 16, 1977
Webb Gober was sworn in as a member of the board of directors of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District in ceremonies in Lubbock the latter part of January.

Arlene McCallum is chairperson for the Parmer County Heart Association. A fund drive to raise money will begin February 20.

20 Yrs Ago-Feb. 17, 1982
Ricky Sheperd and Connie Shelby, both seniors at Bovina High School, were chosen as the 1982 King and Queen in ceremonies at half-time. Sheperd is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Sheperd and Miss Shelby is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Lee Shelby.

The Bovina chapter of the Young homemakers of Texas hosted their spouses to a Sweetheart banquet held on February 11 in the First United Methodist Church.

15 Yrs Ago-Feb. 18, 1987
Bovina's first baby for 1987 was Krystal Lyn Fuentes, daughter of Mary Lou Fuentes, born on January 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Norton of Farwell will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception on March 8 in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church in Farwell.

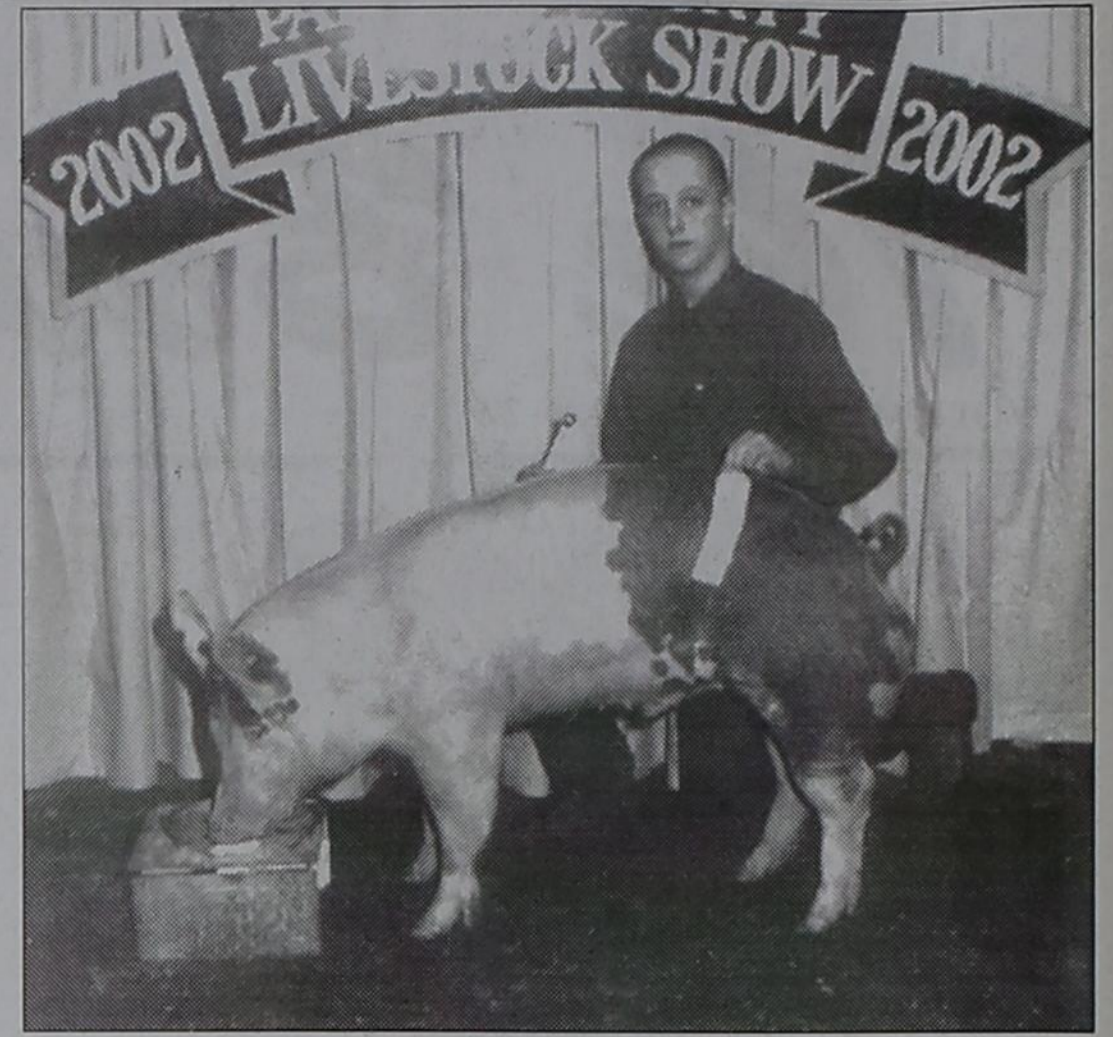
10 Yrs Ago-Feb. 15, 1992
Juan Reyna and Donna Griggs, both seniors at Bovina High School, were named Homecoming King

and Queen as a highlight of last Friday's Bovina-Sudan double-headers.

5 Yrs Ago-Feb. 15, 1997
Miss Texas, Michelle Martinez, entertained and inspired Bovina students last Monday as she encouraged them to set goals.

Basketball King and Queen for the 1997 Bovina basketball homecoming celebration were seniors Jason Kerby and Lisa Hromas. He is the son of Al and Susan Kerby and she is the daughter of Galen and Judy Hromas.

Acting on a lead, Friona Police have arrested Vivian Cisneros, Jr., 24, for the January 11 robbery of the west Allsup's store.



CHAD SCROGGINS' Crossbred barrow placed fifth in his class at the 2002 Parmer County Junior Livestock Show and qualified for the premium auction sale at the climax of this year's activities.

Mrs. Oliver Is Buried Thursday In Lazbuddie

Funeral services for Frances Steinbock Oliver, 84, were held Thursday, February 14, 2002 at the Lazbuddie First Baptist Church with Rev. Jim Watson officiating. Burial followed at Lazbuddie Cemetery under the direction of Blackwell Funeral Home.

She passed away Tuesday, February 12, 2002 at Parmer County Community Hospital.

Frances was born February 14, 1917 in Fredrick, Oklahoma. She moved to Lazbuddie in 1925. She married Frank L. Oliver October 28, 1937. He died in August of 1976. She lived in Muleshoe from 1986 until April 2001 when she moved to Prairie Acres Nursing Home in Friona. She was a member of the Trinity Fellowship Church in Muleshoe.

Survivors include a daughter, Janice Moore of Clovis, New Mexico; two sons, Jimmy Oliver of Tucson, Arizona and Michael Oliver of Clovis; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

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Meeting A Changed Nation's Needs

By REP. LARRY COMBEST



America is today a different nation than when we entered budget discussions this time last year. The budget plan that President Bush presented to Congress this past week reflects the country's changing needs and priorities, and I fully support it. I am also pleased that, while his plan would address the country's wartime needs, President Bush's budget plan reflects his strong commitment to provide the necessary funds for the House farm bill.

The President's budget plan has three priorities: win the war on terrorism, strengthen homeland security and revitalize our economy.

His plan would boost defense spending by \$38 billion—representing about a 12% increase. This increased spending is needed, and our men and women in uniform deserve the best weapons, the best equipment and the best training. Congress should give the President the tools he needs to ensure that America wins the war on terrorism. The President's budget plan seeks to almost double funding for homeland security. Those funding increases would improve the country's intelligence-gathering ability, enhance airport and border security, and modernize our military. We must never forget the death and devastation that occurred on September 11th.

The increase in homeland security would include \$5.9 billion to counter bioterrorism, \$10.6 billion to secure our borders and more than double the number of Border Patrol agents on our Northern border, \$380 million to implement an extra-exit visa security system and \$4.8 billion to strengthen security at our airports.

President Bush's plan also would fully fund the farm bill which I helped formulate and that received the House's strong and bipartisan support last fall. The plan would ensure an additional \$73.5 billion for agriculture during the next 10 years, which is

required to implement the House farm bill. That bill would protect farmers and create a much stronger safety net for them than the current ad hoc approach affords.

This budget plan leaves the Senate with no excuse but to finally take action on their version of a farm bill. Only then can we finalize a bill to get farmers in this district and throughout the country the help they need to make it through these difficult times in agriculture.

His plan also includes an increase for USDA to combat bioterrorism and protect our borders from foreign pests and diseases like Hoof and Mouth Disease that devastated European livestock producers last year.

The President seeks to reduce the nation's dependence on foreign oil and to increase energy efficiency and use of renewable resources by providing \$9.1 billion in tax incentives during the next 10 years to develop alternative technologies, including renewable electricity generation, residential solar energy systems, and hybrid and fuel

cell vehicles.

Expanding access to health care also is among the other high priorities in the president's budget plan. The plan would give low and middle-income Americans without employer coverage refundable tax credits for up to 90% of the cost of health insurance. It also provides \$190 billion to strengthen Medicare with a Medicare prescription drug benefit and to provide immediate assistance for low-income seniors.

Now that President Bush has presented his budget plan, we in the House will begin work on our version of the budget, as will those in the Senate. Even while ensuring the funding necessary for a successful war on terrorism, I will continue to strive for a responsible budget that continues the government's conservative spending habits which the country has enjoyed in recent years. The President's blueprint for next year's domestic budget is a good starting point.



BOVINA'S basketball teams observed parent's night at the last home game of the season. Players and parents are shown on the court. ron carr photo

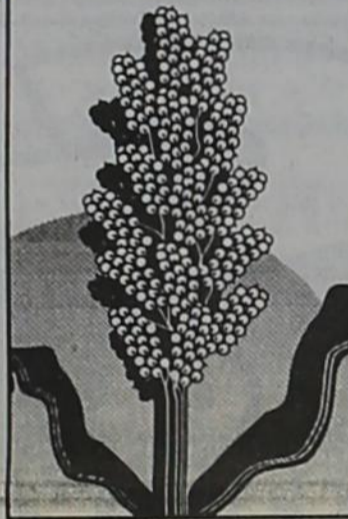


A BAG OF microwave popcorn overcooked causing the school's smoke alarms to go off a couple of weeks ago. Students evacuated the building on a rainy, cold day, but only for a few minutes. ron carr photos

AGRIFACTS

GRAIN SORGHUM

Sorghum is planted across Texas, with high-producing counties located in the High Plains and South Texas. The 1995 sorghum crop, at nearly 41 billion pounds, was down 52 percent from 1994.



1995 Texas Sorghum Production

Rank in U.S. #2	
Acres harvested 2.4 million	
Total production value \$382 million	Total U.S. Production.

CITIES AND COUNTIES OF: Abernathy, Borden County, Bovina, Floydada, Friona, Hale Center, Hereford, Idalou, Lamb County, Littlefield, Lockney, Lorenzo, Morton, Muleshoe, Paducah, Post, Stratford, Tahoka, and Tulia, Texas.

Sealed proposals addressed to the Honorable Mayor, Councilman, Judges and Commissioners of the Cities and Counties of Abernathy, Borden County, Bovina, Floydada, Friona, Hale Center, Hereford, Idalou, Lamb County, Littlefield, Lockney, Lorenzo, Morton, Muleshoe, Paducah, Post, Stratford, Tahoka, and Tulia, Texas will be received at the office of Oller Engineering, Inc., 2517 74th Street, Lubbock, Texas until 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 20, 2002, for furnishing all necessary materials, machinery, equipment, super-intendence and labor for cleaning and seal coating certain streets for the Cities and Counties of Abernathy, Borden County, Bovina, Floydada, Friona, Hale Center, Hereford, Idalou, Lamb County, Littlefield, Lockney, Lorenzo, Morton, Muleshoe, Paducah, Post, Stratford, Tahoka, and Tulia, Texas including other incidental items of work as called for in the specifications. Total square yards per City or County:

Abernathy	33,983
Borden County	128,956
Bovina	64,831
Floydada	65,291
Friona	50,362
Hale Center	27,744
Hereford	126,893
Idalou	16,419
Lamb County	117,738
Littlefield	71,923
Lockney	22,513
Lorenzo	19,776
Morton	70,055
Muleshoe	77,402
Paducah	16,403
Post	56,295
Tahoka	40,211
Tulia	45,026
Stratford	60,765
Total square yards	1,112,586

Bidders must submit a Cashier's or Certified Check issued by a bank satisfactory to the Owner, or a Bid Bond from a reliable Surety company, payable without recourse to the order of the CITIES AND COUNTIES OF ABERNATHY, BORDEN COUNTY, BOVINA, FLOYDADA, FRIONA, HALE CENTER, HEREFORD, IDALOU, LAMB COUNTY, LITTLEFIELD, LOCKNEY, LORENZO, MORTON, MULESHOE, PADUCAH, POST, STRATFORD, TAHOKA, AND TULIA, TEXAS in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the largest possible bid submitted as a guaranty that the bidder will enter into a contract and execute bonds and guaranty in the forms provided within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract to him. Bids without the required Check or Bid Bond will not be considered.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Payment Bond, each in the amount of the contract, written by a responsible Surety Company, authorized to do business in the State of Texas, and satisfactory to the Owner.

All lump sum and unit prices must be stated in both script and figures. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating the prices in the bids, the Owner reserves the right to consider the most advantageous construction thereof, or to reject the bid. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive formalities, and to accept the bid which seems most advantageous to the City's or County's interest.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and to inform themselves regarding all local conditions under which the work is to be done.

Payment for the work performed on this project will be paid for by the Cities and Counties of Abernathy, Borden County, Bovina, Floydada, Friona, Hale Center, Hereford, Idalou, Lamb County, Littlefield, Lockney, Lorenzo, Morton, Muleshoe, Paducah, Post, Stratford, Tahoka, and Tulia, Texas.

Information for Bidders, proposal forms, plans and specifications are on file at the offices of the various City Managers, County Judges of the Cities and Counties of Abernathy, Borden County, Bovina, Floydada, Friona, Hale Center, Hereford, Idalou, Lamb County, Littlefield, Lockney, Lorenzo, Morton, Muleshoe, Paducah, Post, Stratford, Tahoka, and Tulia, Texas and Oller Engineering, Inc., 2517 74th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79423, (806) 748-5700.

Copies of the plans and specifications and contract documents may be secured from Oller Engineering, Inc., 2517 74th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79423 for a non-refundable cost of \$35 per set.

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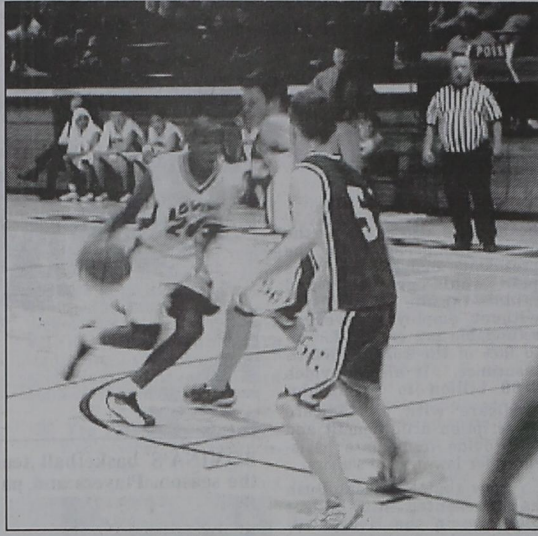
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Bovina Basketballers See Lots Of Action



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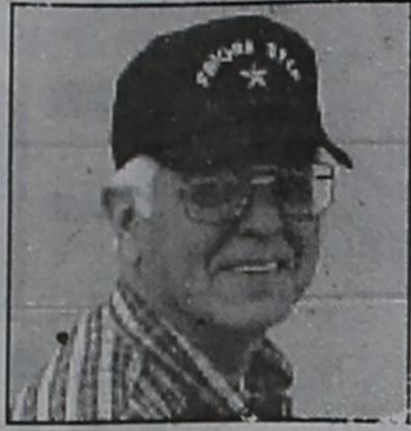
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Out Here

by Ron Carr

"So You Want To Be A JP"

Folks say there should be a pretty good voter turnout March 12.

That's the date of the Parmer County primary election for justice of the peace, county commissioner, county treasurer, and county judge.

Most of the candidates are running unopposed. Altha Herington will be taking over as county treasurer to replace the retiring Anne Norton.

Bonnie Clayton as county judge, Tom Ware as county commissioner Precinct 2 and Elvis Powell as commissioner of Precinct 4 are done deals it seems.

However, the same can't be said about the competition for justice of the peace. There are four folks in the race for justice of the peace-JP1, which is in Friona. The four are running on the Republican ticket.

In Bovina, two candidates will be on the ballot for justice of the peace-JP2, both filed as Democrats.

Folks say people in Friona are sure to turn out to vote for their favorite of the four candidates, Virgil Phipps, Fred Ferguson, Shara Lookingbill and Valton Howard.

The race in Bovina will be between incumbent JP Vi Hutto and Josefina Alonzo-Coffey.

The Friona judgeship (JPs are judges) is contested because Judge Frances Euler decided not to run again.

She has held the JP1 office since she was appointed

in 1969 to fill the term of Mr. Jim Roberts who died while in office. (Mr. Roberts was Margie Herring's father).

Frances completed the term then ran for the job the next election and won. She has won every election since and had an opponent only twice over the years.

Chances are, if her health had not intervened, she would be running unopposed again this time around. But it is not to be. Judge Euler's hip replacement operation and recent broken pelvis, along with other nagging health issues, has caused her to hang up the JP hat after 33 years.

She will be officially in office until January 1, 2003, when the new JP is sworn in. Or unless she decides to retire sooner and let the "winner" take over by appointment to fill out her term for the rest of the year. Those details will no doubt be worked out later.

Judge Euler says that 99% of her "customers" over the years have been nice. No doubt the other 1% were jerks but she is too nice to call them that.

Acting as a coroner, pronouncing people dead, is perhaps the most trying of a JP's duties, but it is far from all they do.

She still remembers a mother's screams when two of her boys were found dead trapped inside an abandoned refrigerator. And the gruesome remains of a man who was hit by a train while

walking across the tracks.

She remembers a man she fined because his truck was overweight. He said he was going to go all the way to the Supreme Court. And the people who pay fines for not wearing a seatbelt and then say, on their way out, that they are still not going to wear one.

The flip side, on a more joyful note, is that JPs can perform weddings. Judge Euler says she often is thrilled to find that people she married long ago are still together.

JPs can marry you but they can't grant divorces. Some of the other things JPs must know are: rules for Federal Motor carriers; penal codes; code of criminal procedure; alcohol and beverage code; warning of rights and setting bond; signing search warrants; juvenile delinquency and truancy; suspending drivers licenses; suspending hand gun licenses; mental detentions; evictions; and protective order emergencies.

A newly elected JP has to complete 80 hours of instruction in Austin during the first year. After that, they are required to complete 20 hours a year of continued education, which can often be completed closer to home, in Lubbock or Amarillo, or by mail.

The starting salary for a JP in Parmer County is in the range of \$16,500 a year, plus retirement and insurance benefits. Compensation is set by the county court. One day you are an average Joe, the next day you are a judge.

I'm not sure what the definition of a good judge is. I reckon a good judge is one that lets me off and throws the other bad guy in jail. On the other hand, if I was a lawyer a good judge would be the one that ruled in my clients' favor most of the time.

Seems to me a good judge would need to be unbiased, fair but firm, neutral, kind

but stern, considerate, and know a lot about the law.

There are a total of 2,958 judges of one kind or another in the State of Texas.

The bottom rung of the judge hierarchy are municipal judges and justices of the peace. Municipal judges are hired by city government. JPs are elected.

On March 12, voters have the opportunity to send one of the JP candidates off on a new career. If a Friona runoff is necessary, and it probably will be, it will be held on April 9. The general election is still November 5.

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**Muleshoe's Storyteller
Releases New Recordings**

Muleshoe, Texas, native, Wayne Bristow, is the author of a popular book, *18 Miles From Earth, Stories From Barber Shops, Front Porches and Supper Tables*. Now, he has released three recordings on compact discs: *18 Miles From Earth - Volume 1, There Will Always Be Cowboys and Freedom*.

Wayne Bristow's book and recordings are available at *The Friona Star*, 916 Main Street in Friona. For information, call 250-2211.

On *18 Miles From Earth - Volume 1*, Bristow, known as the Muleshoe Storyteller, tells eight of the favorite stories from his book about growing up in his West Texas hometown during the 1940s and 50s. These include "Barber Shops and Bulls," "Muleshoe, World Famous," "Well, Blow Me Down," "Saturday," "Fly Like A Chicken," "Eating For the Fun of It," and "Susie's Funeral."

Bristow tells audiences that most of his childhood was spent around cowboys, barbers and preachers. He says, "That means that during the 1940s and 50s, I heard a lot of stories and stored up a lot of memories. Wherever you grew up, what I share is bound to stir up some of your own good memories."

Concerning the Muleshoe Storyteller, Tumbleweed Smith, the voice of the daily syndicated radio show, "The Sound of Texas," has written: "He writes about the things that most of us think made this country great."

Jesse Mullins, Jr., the editor of *American Cowboy Magazine*, wrote, "What stories! Here are the marvels and mysteries of heartland life...Wayne keeps readers on their toes and thoroughly amused."

In addition to telling his heartland stories on this first recording of the *18 Miles From Earth* series, Bristow has added a strong patriotic



WAYNE BRISTOW

package, *Freedom*, and more West Texas material on *There Will Always Be Cowboys*.

He describes *Freedom* as his tribute to the "land of the free and the home of the brave," with a call for a return to the values that made America great. The album was recorded soon after the terrorist attacks on America on September 11, 2001. It includes his poem, "God Bless America - Why?" and the first recording of Tom Miller's stirring song, "Freedom." It begins with an expression of appreciation, as the Muleshoe Storyteller remembers those who bought his good memories with their sacrifices. He gives "old Glory" a voice to speak boldly with his rendition of "I Am The Flag of The United States of America." "Lest We Forget" is a dramatized reminder of America's great battles for liberty. *Freedom* concludes with Bristow reading "I See A Day," a powerful essay about the America we all long to see. It was written by Michael L. Richardson, the winner of the 2001 Gold Medallion for Christian writing. Throughout, this recording's impact is enhanced by the sensitive acoustical guitar

music of Tom Miller.

Concerning his recording, *There Will Always Be Cowboys*, Bristow says, "My heroes have always been cowboys, and this is about these men, their families and their heritage."

Bristow's roots go deep into the soil of America's great Southwest, on the High Plains of West Texas. On this recording, he brings that land and its people to life. As he shares his epic poem, "The Llano Estacado," in your mind you will hear the galloping of wild mustangs, the cries of Comanche warriors, the whoops of Goodnight's cowboys, the thunder of prairie storms and the building of towns; all of this in America's land of far horizons.

"There Will Always Be Cowboys," from which the album gets its title, is a light, fast-paced explanation of why some dreams just have to come true.

"Too Cold," a short story by Wayne Bristow, fills most of the "There Will Always Be Cowboys" recording. It is set in Bailey County, Texas, near Muleshoe, and introduces cowboy Clay Barnett and his family. Against a background of romance, rodeos and the everyday hardships of ranch life, the story comes to grips with a teenager's crisis and its consequences for an entire family.

This album also features the background music of Tom Miller, the engineer and producer for all of Bristow's recordings. Miller is a songwriter and well-known musician in the Nashville area. He is the owner of "Hands and Feet" Studio in Franklin, Kentucky.

Information about Wayne Bristow's books and recordings can be found on the internet at www.totallifenow.org/Archive/books.htm. You can also call 888-868-2543 toll free, or 405-340-5267. E-mail can be sent to wbea@totallifenow.org.



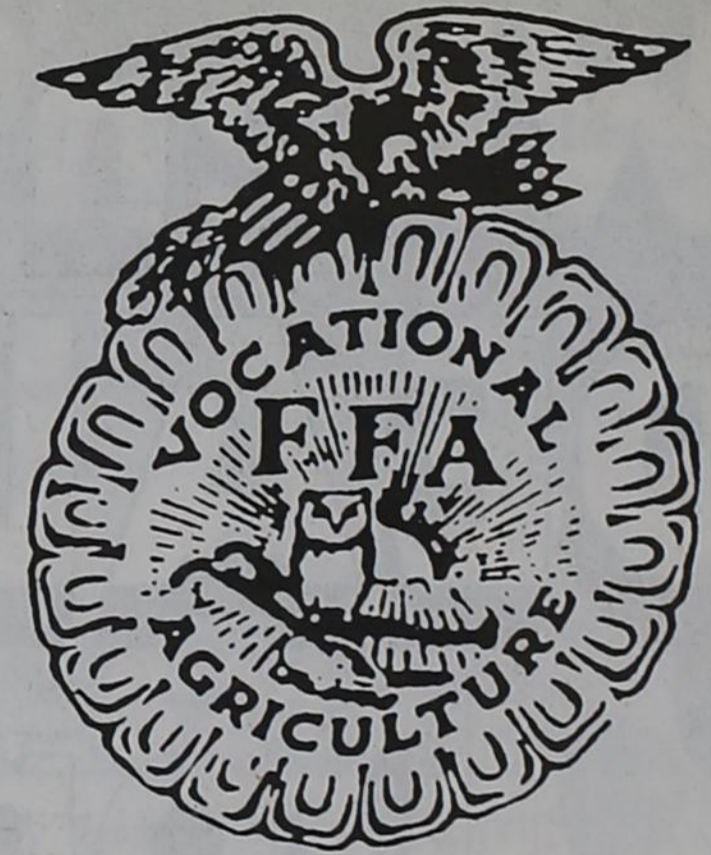
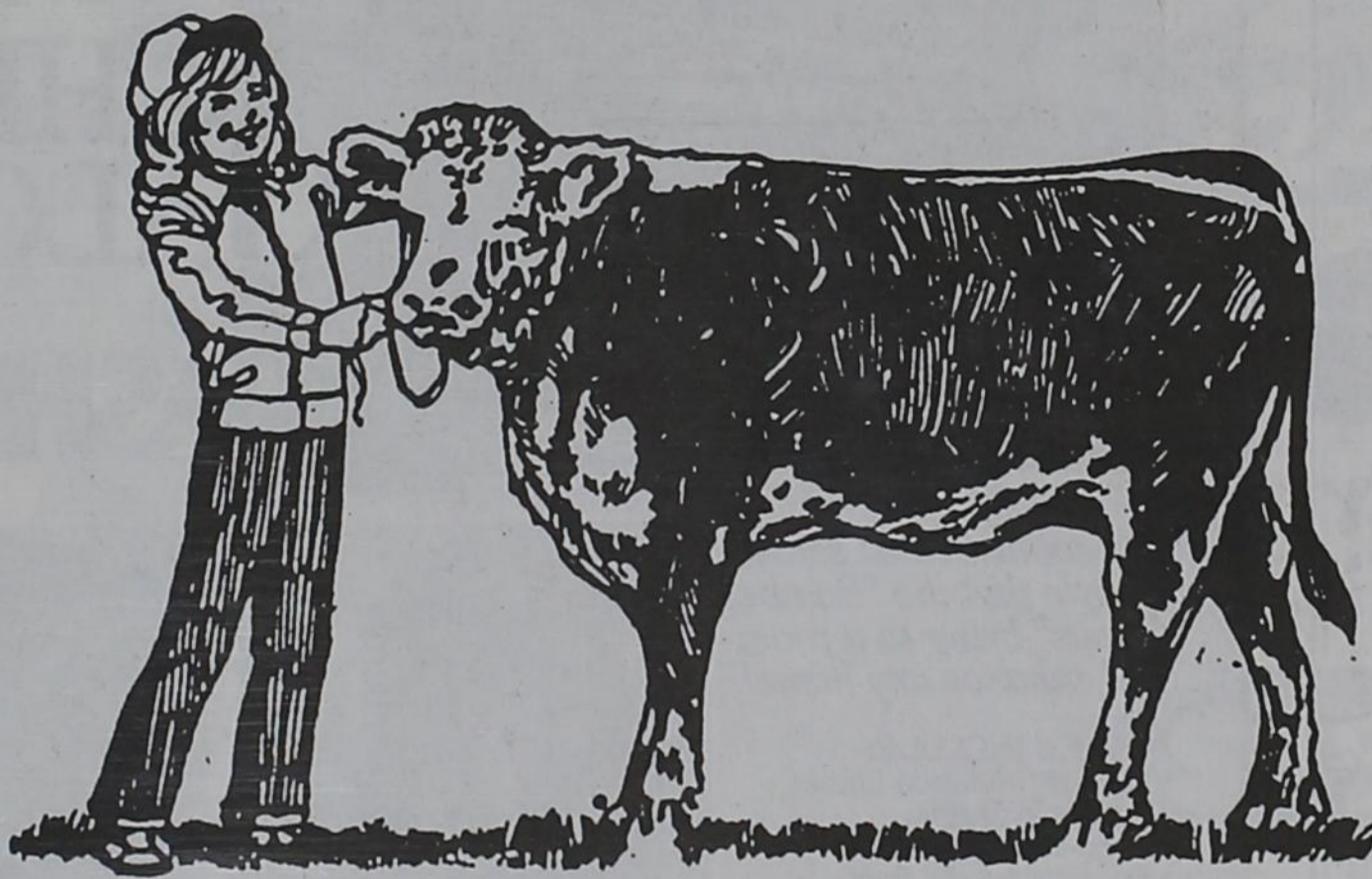
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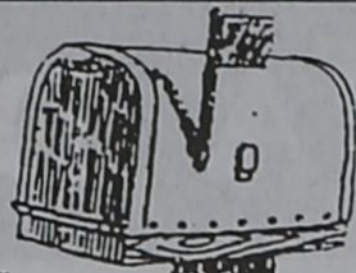
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Letter From Texas

by Wayne Allensworth
Been There, Done That!



It's a beautiful April evening in Hico, Texas. My wife and I are having dinner with my in-laws, and I am eyeballing a statue of Billy the Kid across the street from Lilly's Restaurant. Hico, you see, was the home of "Brushy Bill" Roberts, widely believed around these parts to have been the notorious outlaw/folk hero, who, according to the "Hico Legend of Billy the Kid," escaped the long arm of the law and lived out his golden years right here in Hico. Our waitress, a pretty, blue-eyed Hico native named Ann, says that Billy the Kid groupies flood the place for an annual Billy the Kid/Brushy Bill talkfest. My father-in-law, however, insists that Pat

Garret sent The Kid to a Wild West version of Valhalla way back when. Personally, I favor the Brushy Bill story, having learned from John Ford that it's better to print the legend. Ann says her father witnessed Brushy Bill's passing (he apparently died of a heart attack on a Hico street). It's a story she grew up with, and she tells it with a certain flair.

Ann turns out to have learned as much in her 21 years as I've managed to pick up in 42. Hearing that we are planning a return to the Lone Star state after a ten-year exile in occupied (Northern) Virginia, she tells us about her (brief) sojourn in the wilds of Manhattan,

where she went to plan her wedding to a young man of Northern extraction. Her grandmother was scandalized ("You're gonna marry a Yankee?!"), but Ann, perhaps swayed by visions of the Great White Way, went ahead with the plans anyway. Dubbed "The Yankee" by Ann's relations, the obtuse Manhattanite, according to his former fiancée, wasn't the least bit perturbed by the obvious insult, which should have told her something about his upbringing. So Ann went to New York City and was promptly labeled "honky" and "cracker" by various "people of color" she encountered in the asphalt jungle. Being a girl of good character and knowing what she was all about, Ann returned the engagement ring to His Yankee-ness (who apparently saw nothing wrong with these obvious insults, either) and caught the next plane for Texas. Been there, done that.

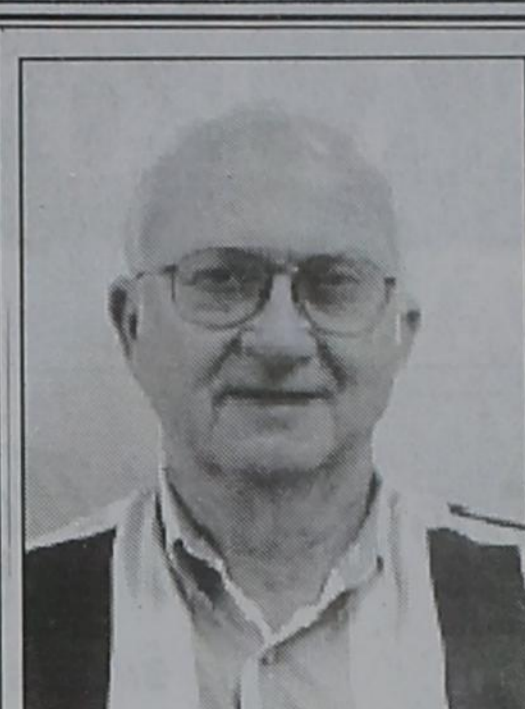
I'm feeling good. The conversation is lively, the food tasty, the Shiner Bock (the real "National Beer of Texas") ice cold, and a young Texan has returned home. Been there, done that. It's almost enough to instill a little hope about our country's future in my jaded mind. The countryside is prettier than I ever remember seeing it. The drought is over. Generous rains and a cool spring have filled the tanks (Texan for livestock watering holes); the creeks are flowing; and the wildflowers—the Indian Paintbrushes, Bluebonnets, and cacti—are in full bloom. The land is as green as it was in all of my visions of an ideal Texas landscape—even greener. I'm coming home.

It's not something that's easy to explain to my colleagues, much less to my supervisors at work. Some think I want to telecommute from Texas merely because real estate is cheaper here. Others think I'm looking for another job. From their point of view, it simply doesn't

make sense to forego promotion, possibly lose contact with my "consumers," and ruin my "career" simply because I want to go home. The looks I'm getting are something like that deer-in-the-headlights stare you always hear about. They must be wondering, "What's he really up to?"

I wonder that myself sometimes. In the end, all you can really leave your children is an example of how to live. Everything we have is in Texas: family, friends, an old house or two, and that feeling normal people have when they know they are home. It's not the place it was when I was a boy—much less when my father was a boy—but it is still home. People like Ann have helped keep it that way.

Wayne Allensworth, a native Texan, swears that Brushy Bill Roberts was Billy the Kid.



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Hospital auxiliary meeting Tue Feb 19

The Parmer County Hospital auxiliary will meet on Tuesday, Feb 19, at 2 p.m. in the Sunroom at the hospital. All members and anyone interested in membership information are invited to attend.

Genealogical meeting Fri Feb 22

The Parmer County Genealogical Society will meet on Friday, Feb 22, at 10 a.m. at the Friona Public Library. The public is invited to attend.

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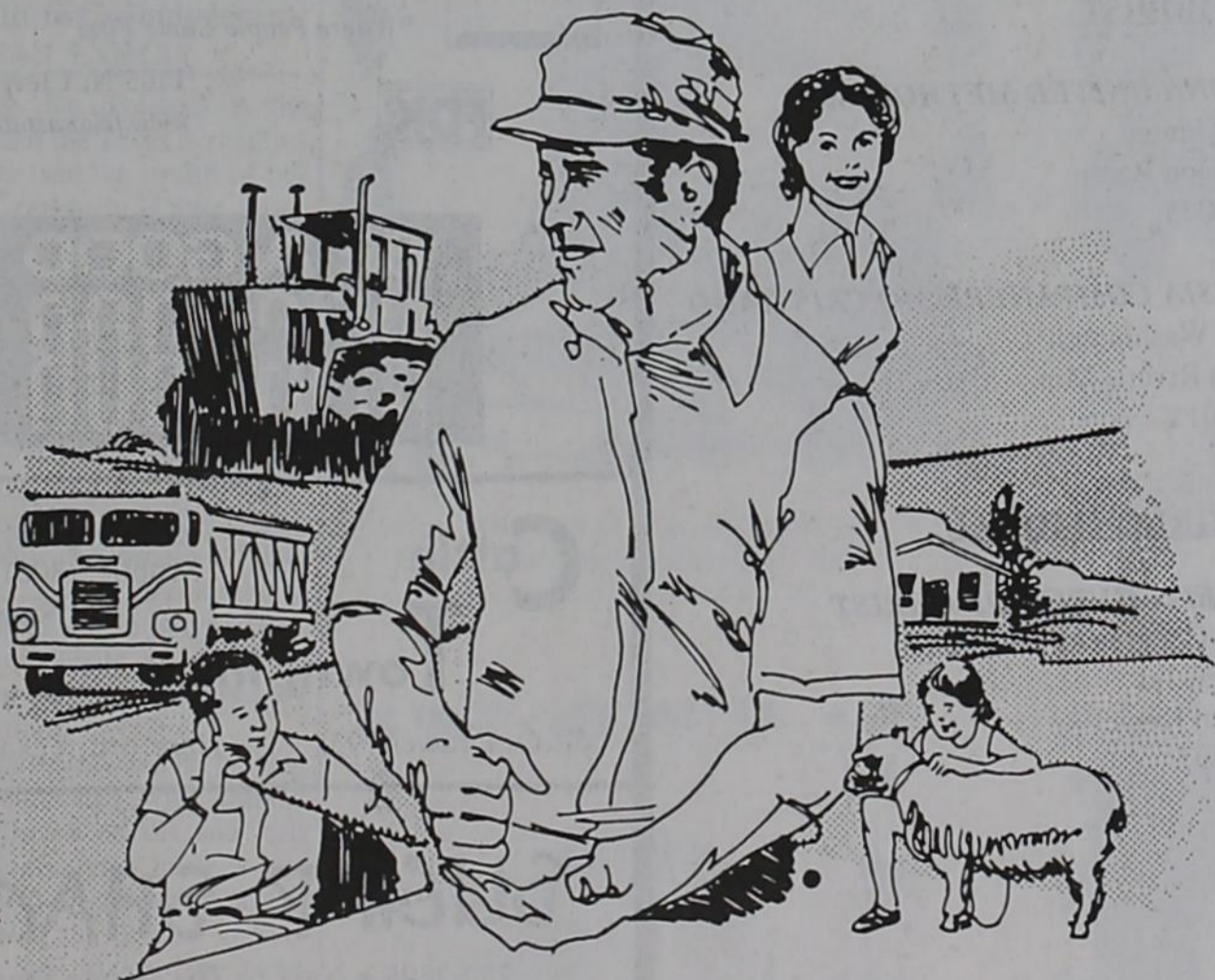
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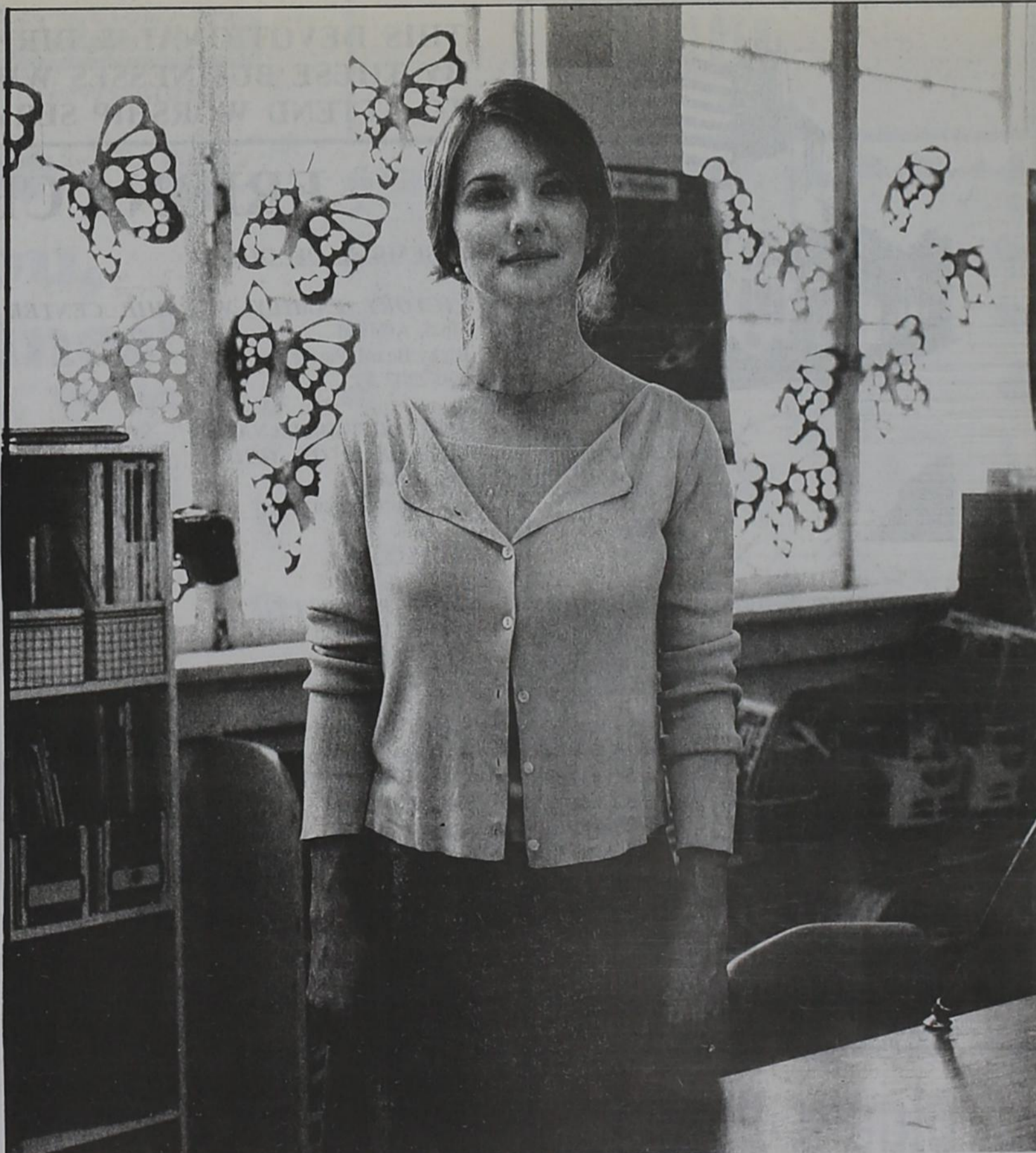
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Hotline Available to Youths And Families

The Texas Youth Hotline launched a statewide public awareness campaign in January aimed at youths and families in crisis situations. The hotline's toll-free telephone number is 1-800-210-2278.

"The Texas Youth Hotline is answered 24 hours a day and provides prevention and crisis intervention services to callers who are in need of a caring voice and a listening ear," said Jay Smith, Hotline director. "Hotline counselors talk with callers who face a variety of issues including family conflicts, delinquency, truancy and abuse and neglect."

Smith said television and radio public service announcements and more than 250,000 pieces of public awareness materials for schools, social service agencies, runaway shelters, law enforcement and youth-related organizations are aimed at bringing the troubled youth problem to wider public attention and to make youth and parents

more aware of the services available.

"Many of today's youth who are lonely or angry do not have constructive ways of venting their frustrations," said Smith. "We offer a safe, non-threatening environment where callers can discuss their problems with someone who will listen and not judge them."

Smith said callers are urged to seek ongoing guidance and support from trusted adults, school faculty, or local social service agencies.

"Our goal is to help minimize problems at home or school and prevent youth from becoming involved in delinquent, self-destructive behavior," explains Smith.

For additional information about the Texas Youth Hotline, call the hotline's toll-free telephone number, 1-800-210-2278, or visit www.texasyouth.org. The Texas Youth Hotline is a program of the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services.

Bovinan's Mother, 98 Passed Away Saturday

Funeral services for Balma Varner Dunham, 98, of Burkburnett, were held Monday, February 11, 2002 at First Baptist Church with Rev. Lamoin Champ of Nocona officiating. Burial followed at Charlie Cemetery in Charlie.

She passed away Saturday, February 9, 2002.

Balma was born November 29, 1903 in Maude. She married Gladys Varner May 17, 1919. He preceded her in death in 1955. She married Joe Dunham August 24, 1963. He preceded her in death in 1966.

Balma was retired from Civil Service at Sheppard Air Force Base after 13 years. She had been a resident of Burkburnett for the past fifty years.

Survivors include three daughters, Betty Aday of Byers, Louise Summers of Thornberry and Gladys Wright of Bovina; a son, Eugene Varner of Burkburnett; two brothers, H.E. White of Sundown and Ranel White of Thornberry; seven grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren and twelve great-great grandchildren.

Memorial contributions can be made to Hospice of Wichita Falls, 4909 Johnson Road, Wichita Falls, Texas 76310.

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U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

GUANTANAMO BAY

During my recent visit to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to observe the detainees from the war on terrorism, I came face-to-face with good and evil. In the terrorists, I saw the greatest wickedness that this world has to offer. But in their guards I saw commitment, bravery and triumph.

For nearly 100 years, the United States has operated a 45 square-mile military base at Guantanamo Bay. I was invited to travel with Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld, and leaders of the Senate Defense and Military Construction Subcommittees. Our mission was to observe Camp X-Ray, the holding camp for terrorist detainees, and assess future needs our military may have to support the continued detainment.

I wanted to visit our troops and observe the challenges of their mission first-hand. We have never dealt with such an enemy. We have never fought such a war. Our troops are forging new territory daily and they are doing an incredible job in the face of uncertainty.

Unfortunately, support for their hard work has been minimized by questions raised over the treatment of the terrorists at Camp X-Ray. All the senators there, Republicans and Democrats, agreed that they are being treated with decency and humanity—far more than they have demonstrated in return. The detainees are in clean facilities with access to excellent medical care—the same care given to our U.S. soldiers at the base. We have also made efforts to respect their religious beliefs by providing culturally appropriate foods and an Islamic cleric to facilitate their calls to prayer. This fair, just and humane treatment does not mean we have forgotten the treacherous nature of these men; we are just acting as a civilized nation should.

On September 11 these terrorist demonstrated an absolute lack of respect for human life. They have proven to the world that they are violent, vicious and dangerous. They continue to pose an enormous threat to our soldiers, even under the strictest of security. They are willing to kill themselves to destroy Americans and the liberty and freedom that we represent.

Let me also point out that these detainees are not prisoners of war. They are illegal combatants who do not meet the basic prisoner of war standards laid out in the Geneva Convention. This is an unconventional war against an unlawful enemy—they have no military uniforms or background. These men hide in caves, hide their weapons among innocent women and children and act with utter contempt for the laws of war. We must retain the ability to interrogate, detain and prosecute them for the vicious acts that they have committed, and to obtain information that will foil future attacks.

More than 300 Texas soldiers stationed at Fort Hood have been sent to Guantanamo Bay. The security of those soldiers is one of my top priorities. I was asked to participate in this trip because I am the ranking member on the Military Construction Subcommittee, and I will be asked to approve funding for expenditures at Guantanamo Bay. Tightening security on the island is of utmost importance. Our troops are operating in a highly volatile situation. They are in an ongoing state of alert and faced with an uncertain and vicious enemy. We need to secure the base, police the detainees and protect our troops. I will do everything in my power to make sure this happens.

In the face of an uncertain enemy, our resolve remains certain. We will root out terrorism, preserve freedom and emerge victorious.

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The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between March 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Colorado Blue Spruce Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, Nebraska 68410, by February 28, 2002.

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Considering that livestock is the No. 1 segment of the Texas agricultural industry, we take the health of our animals very seriously. Cattle alone account for more than \$6 billion in revenue annually, with a total economic impact of more than \$15 billion. With recent reports of some minor anthrax cases in South Texas, producers can protect their livestock from this bacterial disease by vaccinating.

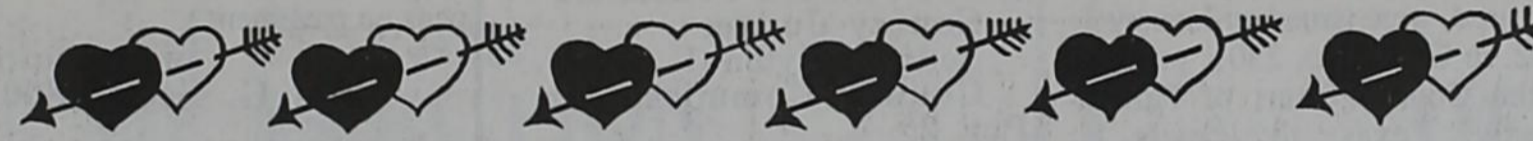
Anthrax is caused by spore-forming bacteria that live naturally in certain types of soil. The disease is found worldwide, but it's not as common in the United States where it resurfaces sporadically, especially after periods of moist, cool weather followed by hot, dry conditions.

Animals can be infected by grazing on soils contaminated with anthrax spores. The disease strikes and kills livestock quickly, and it does not spread by animal-to-animal contact.

Symptoms of the disease in livestock can include staggering, trembling, convulsions, sudden death, rapid bloating of the carcass and blood flowing from body openings.

Livestock producers who suspect nearby herds have been exposed to anthrax should consult their veterinarians about vaccinations. If an outbreak occurs, producers should isolate affected animals and move healthy, vaccinated animals off contaminated pastures. Animals in the early stages of infection can be treated with antibiotics.

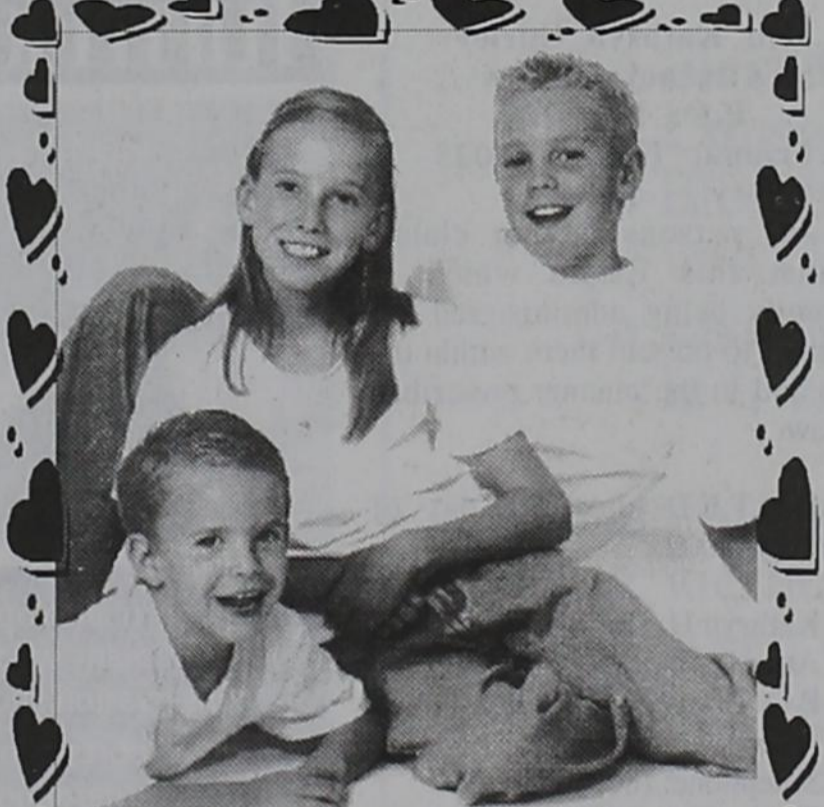
For further information contact the Texas Department of Agriculture at 800-835-5832. For information on Texas cases or vaccines, contact the Texas Animal Health Commission at 800-550-8242.



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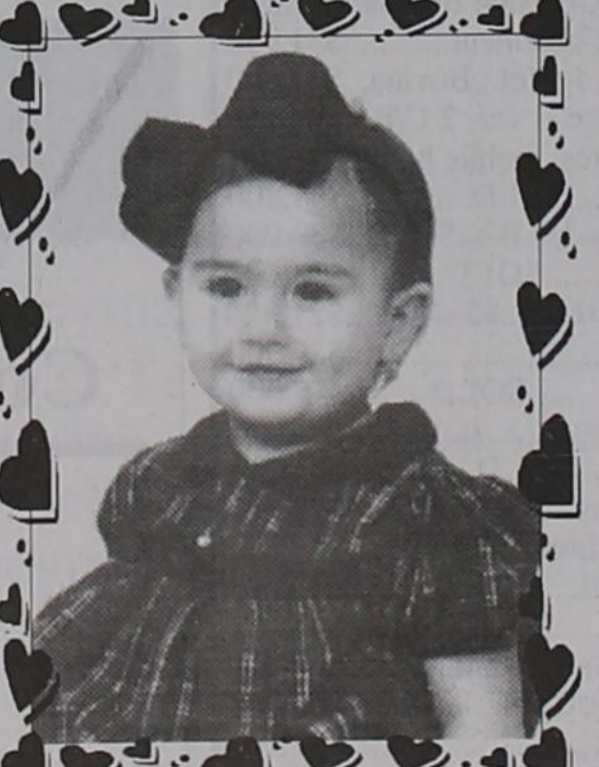
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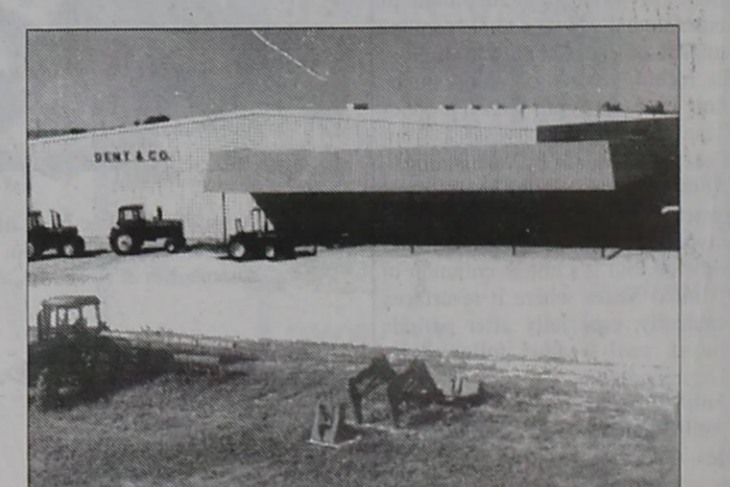
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Al and Susan Kerby had their hands full last week with grandson, Kaden Kyle. Kaden's parents, Jason and Nikki, asked the Kerbys to keep the baby while they moved from their home in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, to Lubbock. The Kerbys kept the baby from Wednesday until Saturday when Susan took him to his new home in Lubbock.

The reason for the move, Jason will be helping with the new golf course at Texas Tech University.

I talked to Scooter Russell this week. She and Jim have been enjoying retirement at their home in Spearman. They moved there permanently last October. Scooter says that Jim works harder now than before he retired.

The former Bovina residents live fifteen miles

from their deer lease and nine miles from a lake where their pontoon is. Scooter said they really enjoy Spearman and all there is to do there.

Their grandson, Jason, who is a medic with the Air Force, has been stationed in Korea since November 2001. He recently came home for a three week leave to see his wife and three children, Sandy, Katlyn, Ivy and Billy, who have been staying in Phoenix, Arizona.

Jason also visited with family members in Spearman which include his mother, Jane Russell. His father is Billy Griffin of Austin.

Scooter said Jason will be in Korea until May of this year and will return to the United States for a month. He and his family will move to Germany following that leave.

Jason has been in the Air

Force since he graduated high school ten years ago. He will retire in about another ten years at the old age of 38.

News on Scooter and Jim's three daughters: Tracy and her husband Richard Mayberry are now living in Pismo Beach, California. She is a dispatcher with the Parks Service and he is in construction.

Jane Russell works in Spearman at the hospital and will graduate from Amarillo College as a Registered Nurse in May.

Tammy and her husband John Kunselman (Pat and Pat's son), are living in Spearman. She works at the bank and he is the plant manager at Spearman's hospital.

A.M. Wilson returned home to Bovina Sunday after visiting family and friends.

He spent Super Bowl weekend with daughter and son-in-law, Suzanne and Rodney Murphy of Abilene.

The next Monday he drove to Arlington and spent time with former Bovinians Bob and Pat Sudderth. I asked A.M. how the Arlington couple are kin to the local Sudderths. He said Bob is Glenden Sudderth's cousin.

While in Arlington, A.M.'s grandson, Will Bell of Lewisville, had lunch one day in the Sudderth home. A.M. had hoped to see where Will is now working at the golf course in Lewisville, but an ice storm prevented him from traveling.

After a few days in Arlington, A.M. drove back through Abilene, staying with the Murphys again for a couple of days and then returned to Bovina Sunday.



JOSH KERBY exhibited the Duroc barrow that placed sixth in the mediumweight class at the Farmer County Junior Livestock Show held the week of January 23-26 in Friona. His barrow was among those making the premium auction sale list.

BASKETBALL ENDS

Golf And Track Take Over At BISSD

With football barely a memory and basketball season just over, spring sports are forming at Bovina High School and Middle School.

Head coach and AD Bruce Scroggins, assisted by Coach Bryan Jones, expects enough students to try out for golf that the school could have two teams each of boys and girls. Returning golfers this year are Josh Kerby, Scott Gordon, Kelcey Scroggins and Courtney Jamerson.

The teams will continue to practice at Farwell Country Club. Scroggins and Jones have scheduled the first ever Bovina-hosted school golf tournament.

Set for March 27 in Farwell, it has been dubbed as the "1st Annual Bovina Grip-it and Rip-it" tournament. Scroggins says about seven schools have tentatively committed to participate.

In other golf action, the boys will play in tournaments

March 5 in Friona, March 14 in Farwell, March 20 at Tulia and district competition April 1 in Clovis.

Girls will play March 7 in Friona, March 12 in Farwell, March 19 at Tulia and April 1 district play in Farwell.

In track, Coach Wes Weems will coach the girls and Coach Tony Epps will coach the boys.

They expect a good representation of kids trying out for the track teams. There will be teams from 7th & 8th grades as well as JV and varsity boys and girls.

The 7-8 boys and girls will compete for the first time this year at Morton on February 28. The JV and varsity boys and girls will follow on March 2 at Morton.

Other meets include Springlake March 8-9; Lockney March 15-16; Muleshoe March 21-22; Amarillo, (JV-varsity boys) March 28-29; Springlake (district) April 2-4.

Too Much Cotton + Weak Demand = Poor Prices

Too much cotton combined with weak demand in world markets adds up to poor prices for U.S. cotton producers, according to two Texas A&M economists.

Unfortunately, that situation isn't likely to change anytime soon. At best, prospects for price improvement for old crop cotton are dim--while those for new-crop (2002) cotton are uncertain.

"We started 2002 with a bearish USDA Supply and Demand Report that cited higher U.S. production, declining mill use, and a market-depressing carryover of 8.6 million bales," said Carl Anderson, Texas Cooperative Extension cotton marketing economist. "Domestic mill use was pegged at 7.7 million bales, the lowest we've seen since 1987."

Higher world production and ending stocks further aggravates the situation, noted Jackie Smith, Extension economic-management based at Texas A&M's Lubbock Research and Extension Center. Smith was a featured speaker on price outlook at several recent agricultural conferences hosted by Texas Cooperative Extension on the South Plains.

"China found another 900,000 bales to put on the world market. That helped bring world cotton stocks up to 44.1 million bales, roughly 10 million more bales than we would like to see in a reasonable carryover number," Smith said. "The bad news here at home is our U.S. carryover of 8.6 million bales is about five million bales higher than it ought to be."

While some market watchers are looking for U.S. and world cotton acreage to decline this year, U.S. producers would have to cut their acreage by about 4 million acres (25 per cent) to make a dent in the large carryover. That probably won't happen, simply because of low price prospects for alternative crops, Anderson said.

"This leaves the U.S. cotton industry in a terrible situation. It's similar to 1931, when the world's planted acreage totaled 39.1 million acres. Production of 17.1 million bales, use of 14.1 million bales and a carryover of 6.6 million bales created an average market price of 5.57 cents per pound," he said.

Uncertain planting inten-

tions, yields and consumption in 2002 could mean futures prices ranging from 25 to 55 cents per pound for the 2002 crop. And that may limit producers' pricing alternatives, since the farm program cotton loan rate is above this expected trading range.

"We've already seen market prices for old-crop cotton move a little higher, and I doubt we'll see any more upward movement," Smith said. "I believe 40 cents is about the top futures prices we'll see for March contracts, if that much."

With several million bales of U.S. cotton already in the loan (that may be forfeited), and a substantial amount not eligible for the loan, Anderson doesn't expect old-crop futures prices to rally beyond 42 to 44 cents per pound.

City of Bovina ORDER OF ELECTION FOR MUNICIPALITIES

An Election is hereby ordered to be held on 4 May, 2002 for the purpose of:

- General Election for Mayor and two (2) City Councilman.
- Special Election to complete the term of one (1) City Councilman.
- Special Election for City Sales Tax

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at City Hall, 205 North Street, Bovina, Texas 79009, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. closed at lunch, and 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on 18 April 2002 and ending on 1 May 2002.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Bonnie Scaff
Early Voting Clerk
P.O. Drawer KK
Bovina, TX 79009

Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than close of business on 26 April 2002.

Issued this 7th day of February 2002

Galen Hromas
Mayor, City of Bovina

Cuidad de Bovina ORDEN DE ELECCION PARA MUNICIPIOS

Por lo presente se ordena que se llevara a cabo una eleccion el 4 de Mayo 2002 con el proposito de:

- La Eleccion General para Alcade y dos (2) El Consejal de la Ciudad.
- La Eleccion Especial para completar el termino de uno (1) El Consejal de la Ciudad.
- La Eleccion Especial para el impuesto de ventas de la Ciudad

La votacion adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en City Hall, 205 North Street, Bovina, Texas 79009, entre las 8:00 de la manana y las 11:00 de la manana, cerrado en el almuerzo, entre la 1:00 de la tarde y 5:00 de la tarde empezando el 18 de Abril 2002 y terminando el 1 de Mayo 2002.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a:

Bonnie Scaff
Secretaria de Votacion Adelantada
P.O. Drawer KK
Bovina, TX 79009

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de las horas de negocio el 26 Abril 2002.

Emitida este 7 dia de Febrero 2002

Galen Hromas
Alcade, Cuidad de Bovina



ZACHARY GRAVES, right, takes his turn during the spot shot competition at the Special Olympics held in Borger recently. See story below for details.

Special Kids Compete In Borger Basketball

Saturday, February 9, the Friona Chieftains Special Olympics team traveled to Borger for their first Special Olympics basketball tournament.

Each one of the team members participated in the lead-up skills competition, which are comprised of the 10-meter dribble, the spot shot and the target pass.

According to Donna Mullins and Kathy Graves, there were 16 teams and approximately 150 athletes from across the Panhandle who took part in the tournament.

Rueben Diaz and Jessica Ripley won gold medals. Zachary Graves and Felissa

Dominguez won silver medals. Paul Salinas and Raul Rios earned bronze medals.

Robert and Marie Saiz are head basketball coaches. Raymond Diaz, Fabiola Dominguez and Donna Mullins also coach and Paul Saenz is a junior coach.

Attending in Borger to cheer the athletes on were Gloria Salinas, Fabian Dominguez, Kathy Graves and Rose Ripley. The next competition will be February 23 in Pampa.

Last Friday night, at halftime of the Friona boys final home game, the special olympics athletes gave a demonstration of their lead-up skills.

Water Planning Group Sets February 22 Public Hearing

A public meeting to receive input for use in developing a scope of work for inclusion in a grant application by the Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group will be held February 22 at 7 p.m. at the USDA-ARS Plant Stress and Water Conservation Laboratory, 3810 4th Street in Lubbock.

The regional water planning group is applying for a grant from the Texas Water Development Board in Austin for preparation of an updated regional water plan pursuant to Senate Bill 2 passed during the last legislative session and Texas Water Code Section 16.053.

The updated regional water plan will include updated population data, water needs, management strategies and projects needed to meet needs as recommended in the Llano Estacado Regional Water Management Plan approved by the TWDB in January 2001.

The regional water plan is available by review at the TWDB web site at www.twdb.state.tx.us or at the office of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock.

An updated regional water plan will be submitted to the TWDB in 2005. The TWDB will consolidate its reports from the 16 regional water planning areas and

Happy Birthday

Feb 17 Maribeth Salazar
Feb 18 Greg McClaran
Feb 19 Roger Shull
Feb 20 Herb Howell,
Elena Salazar, Isabel Espinoza

Feb 21 Judy Hodnett
Feb 22 Lawrence Widner,
Penny Burklow, Larry Mitchell

Feb 23 Shirley Garrison,
Cameron Charles

To add names to our birthday list call 251-1523.

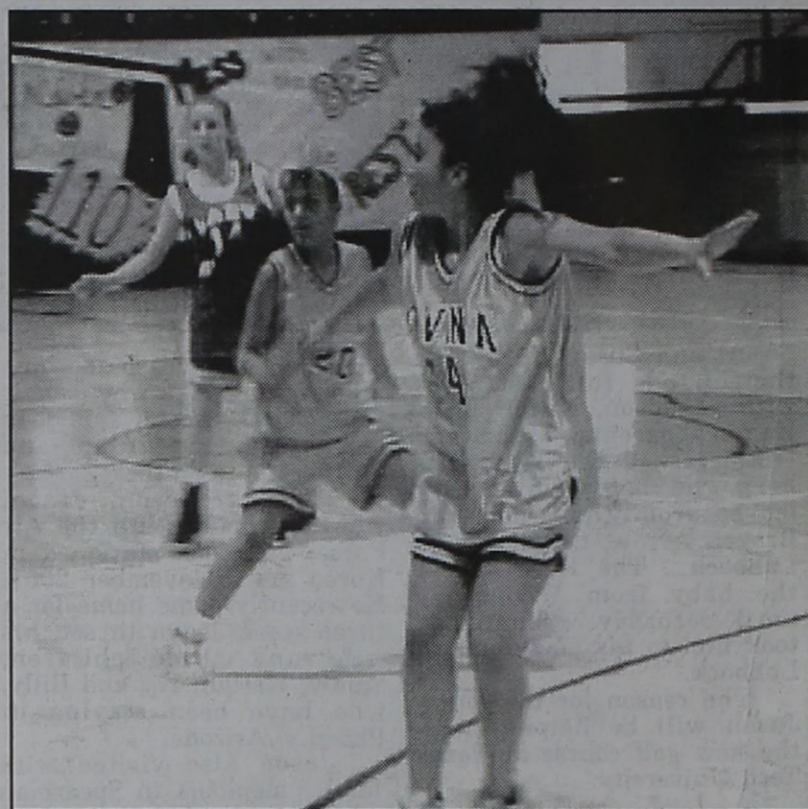
If there are names on our list that need to be deleted due to a name change, death, moved away, etc, please let us know also. Thank you!

report to the state legislature no later than January 2007.

Recommendation to be included in the proposed scope of work should be submitted in writing to Jim Conkwright, general manager of the High Plains Water District. The High Plains Water District is the local political subdivision administering the Llano Estacado Regional Water Plan.

The Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group ("Region O") is a 21-county area including Bailey, Brisco, Castro, Cochran, Crosby, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Floyd, Gaines, Garza, Hale, Hockley, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Parmer, Swisher, Terry and Yoakum counties. Its members are appointed by the TWDB to represent water user groups within the region.

Information about the regional water plan is available by contacting Chairman H.P. Brown, Jr., at (806)765-8851 or Jim Conkwright at (806)762-0181.



BOVINA'S JV girls, coached by Bob Horton, completed their season on a strong note and look forward to varsity next year. Isabel Guevara (20) and Imelda Castillo (44) are shown in action against Springlake-Earth.

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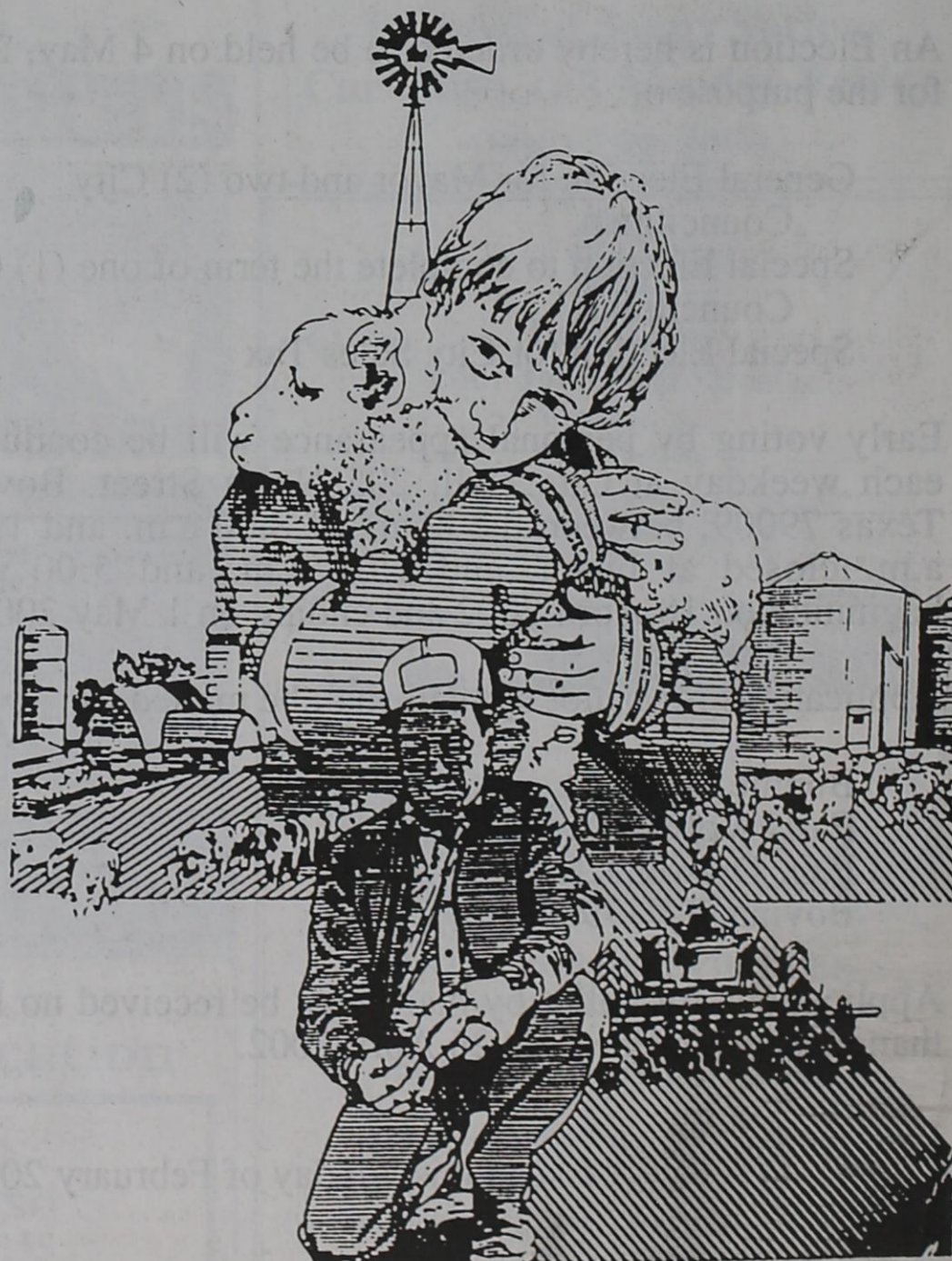
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