





**GRAVY 101.....**An average of 200 kids and grownups have been eating lunch at the school cafeteria this summer. Kindergarten teacher Barbara Charles ladles up some of the cafeteria ladies' good gravy to Maribel Salazar.



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**Ex-Bovinan Named To Head Dept.**

Dr. Heidi Taylor, daughter of Charles and Ann Corn of Bovina, an instructor of nursing at West Texas A&M University since 1990, has been selected to succeed Dr. Joleen Walsh as head of the WTAMU Division of Nursing.



**DR. HEIDI TAYLOR**

Walsh will retire August 31, and Taylor will assume her new duties on September 1.

"Following Dr. Walsh will be a difficult task, but she has made my work easier by leaving the Division in good standing," Taylor said. "I want to continue what we have been doing and enhance the areas that have potential."

Taylor recently received her Ph.D. in nursing from Texas Women's University (TWU). She received her master of science degree in nursing from TWU in 1988 and her bachelor of science degree in nursing from WTAMU in 1982. She is a 1974 graduate of Bovina High School.

She and her husband, James, live in Amarillo and have two children.

Since 1996, Taylor has coordinated the Division of Nursing's undergraduate

program, overseeing 379 students and 20 full-time faculty.

Prior to joining the facility, she served as quality assurance and risk management coordinator for Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Amarillo.

She also worked for Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo as nurse's aide, clinical assistant, staff nurse, charge nurse, director of pediatrics and director of adult and children's health services. She worked as staff nurse, assistant head nurse and supervisor for Children's Medical Center in Dallas, and she was a behavior modification therapist at the Abilene State School in Abilene.

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## Horse Owners Will Need EIA Regulation Update

It's been about seven years since mandatory proof of negative EIA status was required on Texas horses attending all Texas activities. Effective July 1, the Texas Animal Health Commission will again require negative EIA documentation. Horses must have been tested within 12 months of the event, contest, activity or gathering.

According to the TAHC's Spring Newsletter, since September 1996, a total of 265 horses, donkeys, mules or asses have been detected to have EIA. Of those, 44 per cent were in the Southeastern region and 24 per cent were detected in Northeast Texas.

The TAHC appointed an ad hoc committee to address issues that are arising from responses that are both pro and con regarding the new regulations. Doug Householder serves on the ad hoc committee and should be

contacted with any comments, concerns or suggestions.

In mid-March the committee met to assure that all options had been fully explored with regard to EIA regulations enforcement. Concerns exist about regulation effectiveness, the fairness and uniform application across all components of the horse industry and lastly the economic ramifications of a statewide control program relative to the actual cost of the disease to the industry.

At present, a proposal is being considered by the TAHC. Two suggestions deal with the rule requiring mandatory testing before horses can be sold at any auction or at private treaty and one deals with whose responsibility (activity coordinator or horse owners) it is to assure that all exhibitors at a horse gathering have adequate EIA documentation.



**NEW FACES AT THE LIBRARY....**Hugo Rivera and Erika Rivera, both sixteen year old participants in the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA), have been placed at the Friona Public Library for summer employment. Erika is the daughter of Salud and Maria Rivera and Hugo is the son of Lazaro and Clementina Rivera, all of Friona. They are cousins. JTPA is sponsored by the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission of Amarillo and the Texas Employment Commission of Hereford.



**FAREWELL PARTY....**A farewell reception was held June 19 for Ada Gant (center), a Green Thumb participant, who has been employed at Friona Public Library since May 1995. Refreshments were served to friends, co-workers, patrons and family members. She is pictured here with Darla Bracken (left), Library director. During her tenure at the Library, Ada was responsible for many duties including on-line circulation and inventory. "Ada has been an asset to our Library and our community and we appreciate all she has done for us. We will miss her very much," Darla Bracken stated.

## Access To Home Health Care Could Be Jeopardized

By Brenda Martinez, R.N. Director

Parmer County Community Hospital Home Health

You may not be aware that Congress is moving quickly to change Medicare laws in ways that will drastically affect access to home health care services. Their goal is to make these final changes before the end of July.

We applaud the efforts of Congress to cut federal spending and to weed out unnecessary expenditures. However, we believe cutting home health care is not only "penny-wise and pound-foolish," but will also have a devastating affect on our nation's ailing elderly and their families.

Some of the proposals under serious consideration which will cut access to care include:

- Requiring patients to pay a \$5 per visit copay for home health services. This will fall particularly hard on poorer, older, frailer Texans who may be forced to drop home health services because of the financial burden. As a result, these people are more likely to suffer acute episodes requiring hospitalization, or to be forced into nursing homes.

- Denying home health benefits to a person unless first he or she is sick enough to be confined to a hospital for at least three days. Home health care helps prevent expensive hospital stays, but this proposal would make such preventive care impossible.

- Asking federal bureaucrats to tighten up on who can qualify for home health by writing a stricter definition of "homebound." No one should qualify for home health if they are capable of

easily reaching medical services elsewhere. But persons should not be made prisoners in their home in order to receive needed home health care.

- Raising the age of eligibility for Medicare from 65 to 67, leaving many Americans with no health insurance coverage upon retirement at 65.

Some members of Congress are concerned because the use of home health care services has grown over the last several years. But there are good reasons for this growth:

- Home health care saves money, because it allows people to go home from hospitals sooner, and to avoid unwanted moves to nursing homes. Both hospitals and nursing homes are more expensive than home health care.

- Home health care works. There is evidence people get well faster at home.

- Home health keeps families together, helping each other.

Please act quickly. Tell our representatives in Congress how valuable home health care has been to your family and urge them not to limit access to home health care services.

Only by hearing from people like you can they come to realize that these proposals will be terrible for our elderly and their families, and will not save taxpayers money.

It is especially critical the following Texas members of Congress hear from you:

Senator Phil Gramm: phone 202-224-2934, fax 202-228-2856; Congressman Tom DeLay: phone 202-225-5951, fax not available;

Congressman Bill Archer: 6673, fax 202-225-3332; phone 202-225-2571, fax 202-225-4381; Congressman Joe Barton: phone 202-225-2002, fax 202-225-3052; Congressman Ralph Hall: phone 202-225-

## Aquifer Depth Shows Continued Decrease

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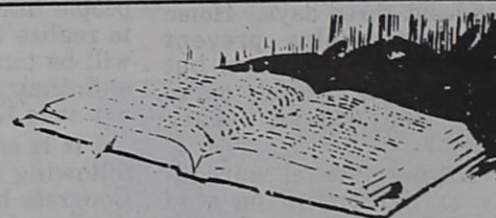


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# Out Here

By RON CARR



Well, I wasn't sure whether I wanted to jump into the discussion about Disney, Southern Baptists and gay and lesbian partners.

I already know more about the gay and lesbian movement than I need to know. I have been to Disneyworld many times, and I grew up a Baptist.

I don't remember us being classified as Southern Baptists back then except my hometown of Hillsboro, Texas was in the South. When I got married the first time at the age of 20, my new wife was a Lutheran so I forsook the Baptists and became a Lutheran for the next 10-plus years.

The next wife was a Methodist, as was the third one, so I have been a Methodist, too, though not a very good one, for over 20 years.

I understand the concept of Disney. I even have an intermediate understanding of organized religion.

What has eluded me, however, is the concept adopted by corporations such as Disney, IBM, and others, that gay "life partners" are entitled to be included in corporate benefit programs such as medical plans, 401K's, and other perks that were reserved for "families" made up of one man, one woman and miscellaneous kids they might produce.

In fairness to all, may I say that I believe that gay people are born that way. It has to be something in a man's genetic makeup that makes him want to wear Revlon makeup.

I'm sorry, I cannot buy the theory that any man would simply decide one day

that women are a turn-off "so I believe I'll find me a nice guy to sleep with."

If we think that men choose men and women choose women like a flip of the coin, then we've got some real communications barriers here.

Don't believe me? Then spend the next 24-hours convincing yourself that you probably had rather be gay.

We don't understand them. Never will. But they are here. We can't erase them, stamp them out, or kill them all.

We do have the right to call the cops when they stomp across our front lawns in protest carrying signs that say "Life's not fair. We are people too."

My advice is that we all stay on your own lawn and leave others alone.

It is not any of my business, or anyone else's, how Disney and IBM spend their money. If they want to increase their costs by allowing "life partners" the same company benefits as married folks, that is their business.

What does bother me, though, is how easy it is to declare oneself gay or lesbian. From what I can see, all you have to do is go in and tell the boss that you now have a "partner" and they send you down to personnel to fill out the forms.

There are no wedding rings, wedding dresses or rehearsal dinners. No wedding announcements in the newspapers, secret honeymoon arrangements or state licenses.

Just, "hey, we're a pair. Sign us up."

What troubles me even more is that if the "life

partnership" doesn't work out, you can just change partners. Nothing official. No hassle, no divorce lawyers, alimony, or legal property splits.

"Hey boss, I got me a new partner last night. Need to do a name change on my company insurance policy."

I am not out to eliminate the gay movement. As a friend of mine liked to say, "Let 'em all be gay. Leaves more women for us."

I would like some equality though. The three divorces I have managed cost a lot of money, not to mention emotional stress and heartache for everyone involved, except the lawyers.

A divorce is a legal action in which a lot of people like lawyers, judges, and ex'es tell a guy what he can and can't do.

You are instructed to divide your possessions. Your time with the kids is dictated by their mother (your ex) and agreed to by a judge who has probably just been through a nasty divorce himself and is not in a good mood anyway.

So I think if gays and lesbians want to enjoy the benefits of a large corporation, they should also be required to enjoy all the

## C.J. Widner Is Buried

Services for C.J. "Cleo" Widner, 83, of Melrose were held Wednesday, June 25 at First Baptist Church in Melrose. The Revs. Coy Brewer and Brian McMath will officiate.

Burial followed at the Melrose Cemetery.

Mr. Widner died Sunday at Plains Medical Center in Clovis. He was born July 4, 1913, in Oklahoma.

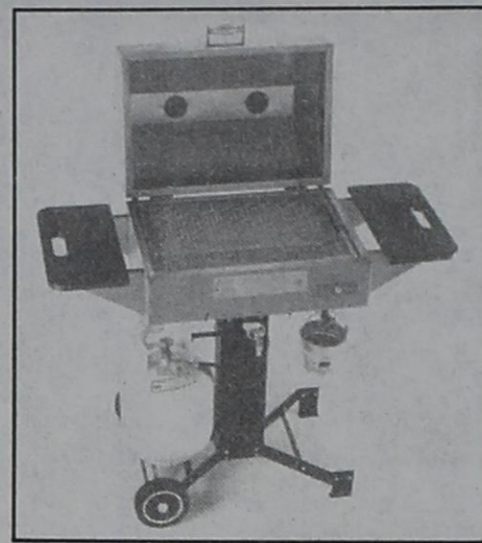
He was raised in McAlister and had been engaged in farming at Melrose since 1940. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Melrose.

Mr. Widner is survived by two sons, Dale Widner of Friona and Jerry Widner of Las Cruces, New Mexico; two daughters, Joyce Wallace of Aurora, Colorado, and Bonnie McMath of Estancia, New Mexico.

Also, one stepbrother, Melvin Widner of Amarillo; one stepsister, Winnie Triplett of Filer, Idaho; 10 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Wyndol; one grandchild; two brothers; one sister; and one stepsister.

Casket bearers were his grandsons.



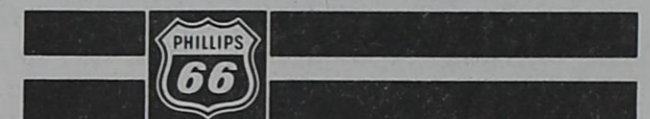
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In order to be entitled to a hearing, you must file a written protest with the Appraisal District by July 3, 1997.

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Candidates will be considered without discrimination because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, political affiliations, personal sponsorship, physical or mental handicap, age, marital status or other non-merit factors.

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TWO BIG DAYS CONSIGNMENT AUCTION AUCTION AUCTION NOW ACCEPTING CONSIGNMENTS PORTALES, NM. FRIDAY-JULY 11TH AND SATURDAY-JULY 12TH. LOCATION: 3 Miles N. E. of Portales, NM at THE BILL JOHNSTON AUCTIONEERS LOT on Hwy. 70.

Scooter's Scoops By SCOOTER RUSSELL

Plans for July 4 activities sponsored by the Bovina Chamber of Commerce are in full swing. Booths will be set up at the high school football field for food, games and crafts. A parade will begin that morning and a rally volleyball tournament will be held in the afternoon.

NEWS AROUND TOWN Joe and Dorothy Looney attended the Howard reunion held in recent days at the Great Western Motel in Temple, Texas.

About 36 members of the family were present for the reunion and the group enjoyed playing games and visiting.

USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT GOVERNMENT FORECLOSURE SALE DATE: July 1, 1997 TIME: 1:30 p.m. PLACE: Main front door located on the lower level of the south side of the courthouse in Parmer County, Farwell, Texas.

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place playing dominoes. The family went to Temple on Friday of last week and returned on Monday.

Visitors at Nellie Spicer's home included her sister, Adele Anderson and granddaughter Erin, and Nellie's brother, Lonnie and his friend Rita from the Dallas area.

They spent five days with Nellie. During that time they went to the production of "Texas" in Palo Duro Canyon. They also drove to Santa Fe and did lots of sightseeing in the town and drove to Los Vegas, New Mexico and spent time there.

Sandra Clayton took her dad to the Richardson family reunion held at Lindale, which is near Tyler, Texas. Her dad is Earl May of Levelland.

The reunion was held at her cousin's home. He is Jerry Crews. Jerry hosted the reunion with about seventy-nine family members attending.

Lois Smith has had lots of fun with her sister, Doris Brede, of East Texas. They went to Palestine and attended her mother and father's family reunions. The Huffman reunion was held at Palestine with over 100 people attending and was held at the Civic Center there.

Earlier, Lois went about five hundred miles to Saquoro, New Mexico and spent time with her son, Larry Smith.

Tonya Gober drove to Vinita, Oklahoma and spent time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Ivy. The Ivys were residents of Bovina many years ago. They raised their family here.

Jack and Ona Patterson attended the Patterson family reunion held at the community center in Colony, Oklahoma. Ona said there were gobs of people there. They have this reunion every

two years. This week they have cousins visiting. They are Junior and Rozene Mathis. Ona said Jack's cousin married her cousin. They are enjoying a good visit with them.

Mearle Morgan is having a good time with her sister, Hazel Hawkins, who is visiting from Crawford, Texas.

Mearle said they had a good visit and enjoyed playing cards. Hazel came to Bovina on Saturday of last week and left on Thursday of this week.

Lance McClaran had a close call when he had a wreck Sunday evening about 7:30 right outside of Bovina of FM 2290 at twin lakes. Lance was attempting to answer the telephone in his pickup when he dropped the phone and was reaching for it.

Lance suffered a bad gash on his arm and was hospitalized over night in the Clovis hospital where they did surgery on the gash.

He came home the next day and is very fortunate that he escaped more serious injuries. He is the son of Wayne and Sue McClaran.

Floyd and Ann Lee Englant attended the Tidwell family reunion held in Danville, Arkansas. They flew to Greenbrier, which is 80 miles from Danville and spent a week with their son and his family, Tony and Angela and children.

Tony and the family then drove them to Danville where they attended the reunion held at the senior citizens building with about 63 members of the family present.

Tony is employed at an alarm company and really likes Arkansas.

While the Englands were away their children in Bovina remodeled their home and put a cooling system in. The kids did a lot of work and Ann Lee and Floyd really appreciated it.

Roy and Eva Miller recently had company. Eva's sister, Eileen Miller

Oh My Heaven... He's 37!!



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of Lawton, Oklahoma played the piano at Bovina First Baptist Church Sunday where Eva is the organist, giving the regular pianist, Joy Melton, a chance to sing in the choir.

Other out-of-town visitors included Eileen's daughter, Karen Lynch of Manhattan, Kansas; and Eva's daughter Mary Lou Glass of McLean, Texas.

Mary Lou's daughters, grandchildren were also here. They are Maridale and Ray Davidson and Lindsey and Lauren of Plano; Terri Luna and Jilian, Jerah and Jordan of Bartlett, Tennessee-a suburb of Memphis; Angela Burrus and Riley and Holly of Clearlake, Texas and Eva and Roy's great-granddaughter, Sandi Kramer of Skellytown.

Eva said it was Maridale's 20th high school reunion from McLean. After the reunion, the family came to see Eva and Roy. Eva said she has to stop and think when spelling names and naming towns because she and Roy have nineteen grandchildren, forty great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Rev. Porfirio Mejia has been hospitalized at Baptist/St. Anthony's in Amarillo since last Friday. He was admitted with chest pains but doctors concluded it was not his heart. He had triple bypass surgery eight months ago, according to daughter Gilda Garner.

At press time doctors had diagnosed a blood infection from an unknown cause as the trouble. He has been moved from ICU unit but is still very ill.

He and his wife, Patsy, have recently moved back to their home in Memphis, Texas. They had been living in Bovina for several months due to health reasons. Their local daughters are Esther Steelman and Gilda.

Shower To Fete Stormes

A bridal shower for Tammy Stormes, bride elect of Chris Jones, will be Friday, July 11, 1997, 4-5:30 p.m. at the Bovina bank.

Selections are at Celia's Floral Expressions, Pay N Save and Roden Smith in Clovis.

Hostesses are Karen Kirkpatrick, Donna Mitchell, Alice Stone, Debra Beauchamp, Suzan Hughes, Honee Gist, Susan Kerby, Twyla Gallaway, Barbara Charles, Kay Venable, Dorothy Stowers, Judy Hromas, Pam Bell and Denise Jones.

Happy Birthday Bovina

Area birthdays for the week of Jun 29-July 6. Jun 29-Celia Quintana. Jun 30-Colletta Young. Jul 1-Brandie Munoz, Teresa Serna. Jul 2-Martha Schilling, Edna Woelfel. Jul 3-Shannon Wilburn, Liz Kessler. Jul 6-Janie Sudderth. To add a friend or relative to our Blade birthday roster, call 238-1523, or write Drawer B, 79009.

BOVINA RURAL HEALTH CLINIC WILL CLOSE EFFECTIVE JULY 18, 1997 Copies of medical records may be obtained by contacting the Bovina Rural Health Clinic at (806)238-1260 or in person at 509 Ave. I in Bovina until July 18.