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"MY TURN"

By
Carol
Ellis



WASN'T IT NICE of Bill to bring us a little bit of rain last week? It is a proven fact that if you write a column about the drought on Thursday, and then the paper goes to press Friday morning, by the time most folks get the paper Friday night or Saturday morning, it will have rained for sure. It's just too bad that it didn't last long enough.

Our grandbaby, Madeline, who lives in Lubbock, is 20 months old and literally had never seen it rain before last weekend, so Laura took her out on the back porch to watch the big event.

I heard that Jack Patterson was out working in his field when the rain started and the first drop that hit him surprised him so much that he passed out and Ona had to pour a couple of buckets of dust in his face to bring him to.

Howard Fleming has a little lake out on his place south of Friona. He says there is so little water in the pond, that some of the frogs out there are three or four years old and haven't yet learned how to swim.

Mark Twain said that he sat in one place and counted 136 different kinds of weather in 24 hours. I think he must have been sitting in the middle of the Texas Panhandle.

Our wind blew the rain away before it had finished and then proceeded to gust four days straight until it dried out what moisture we did get. Most folks in this area are used to walking around at a 45 degree angle against the wind, so when it finally stopped blowing on Tuesday, everybody fell down.

One of Glenella Appling's chickens accidentally got its backside against the wind and laid the same egg four times. About this time every year, the wind blows so hard from the west that the sun sets three hours later than usual. . . you thought that was Daylight Savings Time, didn't you?

We're probably going to have a very long, hot summer. I hope it isn't as bad as the time when the corn growing out in the fields got so hot it popped. When all that white popcorn began to fall down, the stupid cows in the next field, thought it was snowing and they just stood there and froze to death.

That was the same summer that you could take a hamburger patty out of the fridge and throw it up in the air and it would fall back down completely cooked. But you didn't want to throw the patty up too high or it would come down burned.

Well, you are probably aware that most of these stories came from our dear old Uncle Austin in Jackson, Tennessee. At age 87, he enters a lot of old-timers storytelling contests which are held around in that area and he usually comes out the winner. "Liar's contests" he calls them, and he's been entering them for about the last 10 years.

Austin is getting to be quite a celebrity, granting interviews on radio and TV. He entertains at the "old folks homes" in his area, singing or telling stories, and he's older than most of the people he entertains. He has even participated in the National Storytelling Festival held each year in Jonesborough, Tennessee, over on the eastern side of the state. Every October, this event draws crowds of thousands from all over the world.

Jonesborough is the oldest town in Tennessee, very historic, and the storytelling event held there is in its 23rd year, sponsored by the National Association for the Preservation and Perpetuation of Storytelling, with more than 7,000 members across the country. If you would like to know more about this the number is: 1-800-525-4514, or you can write to NAPPS, P.O. Box 309, Jonesborough, TN 37659.

Now, I'll leave you with one more story: There was a Texas-sized mosquito that lived down in Central Texas. One day he happened to sit down on the runway at the DFW Airport and the workers filled him up with fuel before they noticed that his markings were different from the other airplanes.

School, City Tell Election Results

Three aldermen were elected in the Bovina City election on May 6. They were Galen Hromas with 132 votes, Rick Anderson with 127 votes, and Garry Beauchamp with 99 votes.

In the Bovina ISD school board election on the same day three people were elected to the school board: Incumbant Mike Beauchamp with 167 votes, Velma Grisham with 151 votes, and Bob Owen with 142 votes.

CITY ALDERMAN ELECTION	
CANDIDATE:	NO. VOTES:
Galen Hromas ✓	132
Rick Anderson ✓	127
Garry Beauchamp ✓	99
Earl Quintana	62

BOVINA SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION	
Mike Beauchamp ✓ (incumbant)	167
Velma Grisham ✓	151
Bob Owen ✓	142
Dennis Willard (incumbant)	132
Justin Brozek (write-in)	62
Josie Alonzo (write-in)	30



STUDENT COUNCIL WINS AWARDS....Bovina High School student council members are shown with the awards they won recently at the Texas Association of Student Councils (TASC) Annual State Convention in Austin. Back row: (l-r) George Villarreal, Joe Villarreal, Mrs. Judy Jennings (sponsor), Carol Gomez, and Sarah Rocha. Front row: Alex Dopp, Nora Uriegas, Carmen Campos, and Paula Borquez.

UIL Results Are Given For Jr. High

Bovina Middle School students competed recently in the UIL District Meet for 1995. The results are as follows:

- Sixth Grade
 - Tyson Kerby (2nd) maps, graphs and charts.
 - Krysta Morris (5th) oral reading.
 - Levi Steelman (1st) listening; (4th) maps, graphs and charts; (6th) ready writing.
 - Cameron Charles (1st) maps, graphs and charts.
 - Adam Ramirez (3rd) dictionary skills.
 - Yancy Graves (3rd) listening.
- Seventh Grade
 - Melissa Cano (6th) oral reading.
 - Blake Clements (1st) spelling; (5th) science; (6th) impromptu speaking.
- Eighth Grade
 - J. T. Roach (3rd) spelling.
 - Josh Willard (2nd) maps,

graphs, and charts; (3rd) number sense.

Derrick Vanegas (1st) maps, graphs and charts; (4th) spelling; (5th) ready writing.

Jeremy Willard (1st) spelling; (6th) listening.

Jose Vitolas (4th) science.

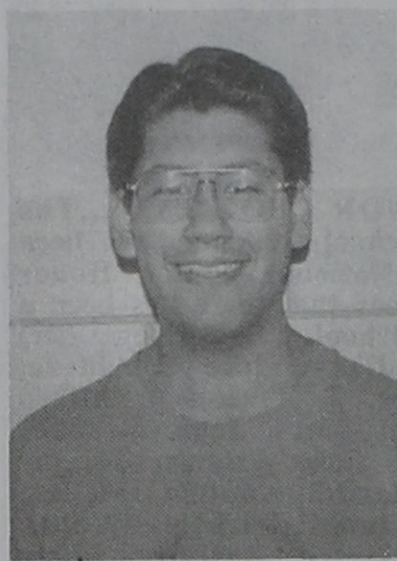
Other students participating were: J. D. Jones, Marlena Gomez, Lindsey Pruitt, Michelle Vanegas, Victor Banuelos, Lorena Carmona, Chris Antillon, Patricia Robles, Casey Riley, Sara Sorley, Julie Grisham, Walter Kessler, Lety Vargas, Mario Rios, Josh Quintana, Adrian Garcia, Mickey Ramon, Misty Pruitt, Cliff Johnson, Wes Crow, Eric Shulfelberger, Santiago Vargas, Gina Beauchamp, Billy Chisom, Alfred Uriegas, Vickie Ortiz, Evang Casas and Liseth Antillon.



THREE-ON-THREE BASKETBALL.....George Villarreal, Joe Villarreal, and Andy Espinoza are shown holding a t-shirt for the Three-On-Three Basketball Tournament which will take place in Bovina on May 19-20.



J. T. ROACH, son of Jerry D. and Kay Roach, (Eighth Grade Valedictorian), 95.50 average.



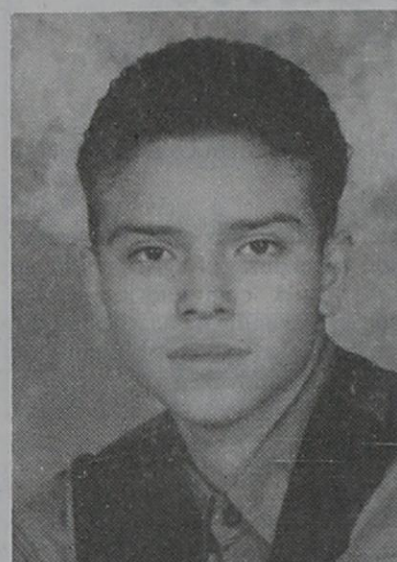
ALFRED URIEGAS, son of Ruben and Tina Uriegas, (Eighth Grade Salutatorian), 94.51 average.



JOSE VITOLAS, son of Jose and Bertha Vitolas, (third ranking eighth grader), 93.09 average.



JOSH WILLARD, son of Dennis and Tammy Willard, (fourth ranking eighth grader), 92.22 average.



DERRICK VANEGAS, son of Epifanio and Lucia Vanegas, (fifth ranking eighth grader), 91.83 average.



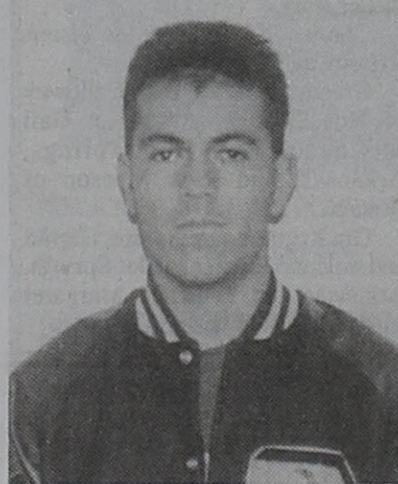
GINA BEAUCHAMP, daughter of Garry and Carolyn Beauchamp, (sixth ranking eighth grader), 88.77 average.

Top 7th-8th Graders Are Named

The names of the seventh and eighth grade students in the top six rankings for their class have been released by Bovina Middle School principal, Brenda Wilson.

They are, for the eighth grade class: (1) J. T. Roach; (2) Alfred Uriegas; (3) Jose Vitolas; (4) Josh Willard; (5) Derrick Vanegas; (6) Gina Beauchamp.

For the seventh grade class: (1) Walter Kessler; (2) Marisol Antillon; (3) Melissa Cano; (4) Misty Pruitt; (5) Blake Clements; (5) Sara Sorley.



Enrique Marez Is Honored At BHS

Enrique Marez, a senior, has been chosen as this week's student of the week at Bovina High School.

Enrique is the son of Ana Maria and Migel Marez and has lived in Bovina for five years.

He has played basketball and football and ran track while attending Bovina High School. He has played baseball for three years.

When asked about his plans for the future, Enrique responded, "I want to try hard to go to college to get a good education."

Three-On-Three Tournney Is Set

There will be a "Three-on-Three" basketball tournament on Friday and Saturday, May 19-20 at the Bovina High School Gym.

The first 16 entries will be \$40 per four-member team and the fee is due by May 17.

For more information, contact Joe Villarreal at 238-9945.

BHS Student Council Wins State Awards

The Bovina High School Student Council went to the Texas Association of Student Councils (TASC) Annual State Convention in Austin two weeks ago. All the student councils across Texas met to recognize each other's accomplishments with 4,120 high school student council members attending.

While there, the Bovina Student Council won several awards recognizing their accomplishments throughout the 1994-1995 school year.

Eight members and two sponsors went on the trip. They were Alex Dopp, Carolina Gomez, Paula Borquez, Carmen Campos, Sarah Rocha, Nora Uriegas, Joe Villarreal, and George Villarreal. The two sponsors were Mrs. Jennings and Mr. Broeker.

Birthday To Honor Mrs. Ware

The children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of Jerry Ware invite you to join them in celebrating her 90th birthday on Saturday, May 13 from 2-4 p.m. at the First Bank Reception Area in Bovina.

The S.M.I.L.E. award recognizes that the high school student council has promoted the dangers of using drugs and alcohol.

The ENERGY award recognizes that the student council has performed numerous projects to save and conserve energy in various forms. One such project consists of paper recycling throughout the high school. Boxes were placed in each class room for the students to put their scrap paper into them to be recycled.

The HEALTH and SAFETY award recognizes that the council has promoted to the high school students of taking care of themselves while in a vehicle. It also brings attention to the numerous deaths that happen every day due to drunk driving.

The OUTSTANDING STUDENT COUNCIL award recognizes how the whole student council is run throughout the entire school year. Examples of minutes and agenda from a meeting are included in the reports. The council is also judged on community service, school service, motivation, school spirit and pride, as well as all participation in all the state projects.



WHEELCHAIR RAMPS FOR BOVINA...The Texas Department of Transportation is funding a project to install nine wheelchair ramps in Bovina, seven on FM1731 and two on highway 86. The project is contracted to Keystone Construction. Shown are Keystone employees as they start work on the ramp at 109 North Third Street, Rolando Rodriguez, Joe Hernandez, Alvaro Icta and back hoe operator Joe Andrada.



NATIONAL JR. HONOR SOCIETY...The following Bovina Middle School students have been chosen for the (NJHS) National Junior Honor Society. This is the first year that there has been a NJHS in Bovina Middle School. Back Row: (l-r) Gina Beauchamp, Evang Casas, Jose Castaneda, Vickie Ortiz, Noemi Perez, J. T. Roach, Alfred Uriegas, Derrick Vanegas, Mr. John Broeker (sponsor). Middle Row: Jose Vitolas, Jeremy Willard, Josh Willard, Marisol Antillon, Melissa Cano, Blake Clements, Julie Grisham, Walter Kessler. Front Row: Alvaro Martinez, Misty Pruitt, Sara Sorley, and Nancy Vela.

Excel Donates Books To Library

The American Library Association and Cargill/Excel will donate a collection of children's books to each of the 250 community partners including Friona Public Library as part of the Cargill/ALA Family Literacy project.

The family literacy project between Cargill, Incorporated and ALA was launched in 1992 during the ALA Night of a Thousand Stars, an event sponsored each April during National Library Week.

The partnership between Friona Public Library and Excel, like all Cargill/ALA literacy partnerships, was formed to support family literacy.

Cargill facilities worldwide joined with libraries, schools, day care centers, community colleges and other organizations in both rural and urban communities to develop 250 community literacy projects in 28 states and 30 foreign countries as part of the Cargill/ALA partnership.

Friona Public Library, locally organized in 1963, became an adult basic education literacy sponsor in 1987 and a family literacy partner in 1992.

"With donated books and magazines, we supply a reading area in the 'break' room at Excel for Excel employees to read at work and for them to share," said Darla Bracken, librarian.

The book collection includes books that encourage families to read together. The books will be donated to Friona Public Library.

The three-year "umbrella" literacy partnership between Cargill, Inc. and ALA officially concludes in 1994. However, "More than 60 percent of the projects that were developed in the first and second years plan to continue their local partnerships," said Arthur Curley, president of ALA. "Librarians and local literacy providers accepted the challenge and have really done a fantastic job of working together with Cargill volunteers to establish community coalitions," he added.

"We want to show our appreciation for the tremendous response to this program from Cargill volunteers and their local partners throughout the world," said Bill Fielding, chairman of the literacy project and president of the Cargill Meat Sector.

The American Library Association is the oldest and largest library association in the world. Its 56,000 members represent all types of libraries, including public,

Happy Birthday Bovina!!!

May 14--Billy Johnson, Robert Read.

May 15--Linda (Kelly) Thomas, May 16--Beverly Robison, Barbarette Sikes.

May 17--Steve Thomas. (Editor's note: If someone in your family is observing a birthday, please call 238-1523, in advance, to get the name on our birthday calendar.)

Reflections

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

35 Yrs. Ago--May 11, 1960
Artie Kunselman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Kunselman, is suffering from a curable bone disease and will have to be under medical supervision for at least two years.

Suezy Estes, Bovina High School senior, was named second prize winner in West Texas competition of the Advertising Federation of America 1960 Essay Contest.

Gena Rea, 46, of Bovina, died Tuesday night at 12 o'clock in his home here. His death was due to a heart attack.

Roger Ezell, Bovina's entry in the state schoolboy track meet in Austin, finished fifth in discus throw last weekend.

30 Yrs. Ago--May 12, 1965
Mrs. Reagan Looney and Mrs. Bob McMeans visited last week in Colorado Springs, Colorado with Mrs. Myrtle Marot and her daughter, Mrs. Byron Work and family.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Kelso of Bovina were involved in a three-car accident in Forest City, Arkansas, Monday of last week. The Kelsos were returning from a vacation when the accident occurred.

Bill Lane underwent a spinal operation for removal of a disc Friday night in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

25 Yrs. Ago--May 13, 1970
Two senior boys brought home places from the State University Interscholastic League meet in Austin last weekend.

Stuart McMeans won third in the 330-low hurdles in the track and field events. Bruce Caldwell was second in prose reading in literary events.

Earl Richards has been released from Veteran's Hospital in Amarillo, where he has been a patient several weeks.

20 Yrs. Ago--May 14, 1975
Mrs. J. I. Gober fell at her home here Saturday, suffering a broken hip and crushed shoulder in the accident. She reportedly underwent surgery at an Amarillo hospital for her injuries.

Initiation ceremonies were held recently for 59 new members of Kappa Mu Chapter of Phi Theta

Kappa at South Plains College in Levelland. Included in the new members initiated was Mrs. Christie Trimble McCain of Bovina.

15 Yrs. Ago--May 21, 1980
Betty, daughter of Billy and Paula Whitecotton and a senior student at West Texas State University, received a certificate for recognition as outstanding business education and major from Dr. Roland Johnson, head and professor of business education and office administration at WTSU.

Due to recent rains, many fields in the area had overflowing furrows. Up to five and one-half inches of rain have been received during the month of May so far.

The U. S. Post Office at Bovina was vandalized this week. Kirtus Garrison, Bovina High School senior, has been awarded two scholarships from West Texas State University in Canyon.

10 Yrs. Ago--May 22, 1985
Tom and Bobbie Vandiver of Anaheim, California, came bicycling through Bovina last Sunday evening on their way to New York City. People in the area visited with them shortly.

Employees of First Bank in Bovina have recently completed courses at Eastern New Mexico University.

Open House was observed this week at McCallum Insurance Agency in Bovina and the Chamber of Commerce was responsible for hosting coffee and doughnuts.

Funeral services were held for Emily Griffith, Ola Pesch Epperly and Jose Meza.

5 Yrs. Ago--May 16, 1990
A former Bovina resident has been charged with first degree murder in the death of her young child in Garden City, Kansas, and the incident has caused local law officials to re-open investigations of five infant deaths that occurred while she was living in Bovina.

Diana Lumbera, 31, is currently in custody in Garden City, Kansas.

Ted Stallings' condition is still critical but the report is that the skin grafting done on Friday of last week is looking good so far and his vital signs are good.

Ted is owner of Ted's Spraying Service in Bovina and was spraying over forest land in Pennsylvania last week when he flew too low and transit lines caught the cockpit of his plane and caused the fiery crash.

Bovina School Lunch Menu

Week of May 15-19

MONDAY--chicken and noodles, green beans, vegetable sticks, rolls, fruit and milk.

TUESDAY--nachos with meat, salad, corn, cookies, fruit and milk.

WEDNESDAY-- chicken nuggets, potatoes, peas, rolls, fruit and milk.

THURSDAY-- spaghetti, salad, carrot sticks, garlic toast, fruit and milk.

FRIDAY-- bologna and cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, chips, fruit and milk.

Baby Born To Couple

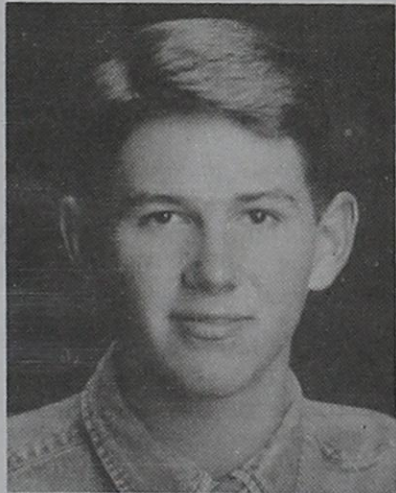
Casey and Melissa Meason are parents of a baby boy born Monday, May 8, 1995 at 12 noon at Lubbock University Hospital.

He was named Chance Calloway Meason and weighed four pounds and one ounce and measured 16 1/3 inches long.

Chance has one older sister, Kristen, age 7 years old.

Grandparents are Beth Calloway of Hot Springs, Arkansas; Gail McConnell of Hot Springs, Arkansas; and Rick Meason of Bovina.

Great grandparents are Harold and Alleene Filkner of Hot Springs, Arkansas and Pete and Margaret Meason of Bovina.



JASON GRISSOM

J. Grissom To Play BB For LCU

Jason Grissom of Monterey High School in Lubbock has signed a baseball letter of intent with Lubbock Christian University, according to Chaparrals head coach Daren Hays.

Grissom is a 6-foot-2, 175-pounder who plays first base and pitches for the Plainsmen. He leads Monterey regulars with a .527 batting average (39 hits in 74 at-bats). Grissom also has 20 extra-base hits and has driven in 30 runs. On the mound, he is 4-1 with a 0.50 ERA in 28 innings. He has walked 14 while striking out 35.

Grissom is the son of Donna Grissom of Lubbock and Mike Grissom of Clovis. He is the grandson of Leon and Charlene Grissom of Bovina.

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2ND GR. FITNESS AWARD WINNERS...These second graders at Bovina Elementary School recently received the National Award (red patch) in the President's Physical Fitness Test. In order to receive the award, the students had to score in the 50th percentile or above on all tests, sit and reach, sit-ups, pull-ups, shuttle run, and mile run. Back Row: (l-r) Emigdio Flores, Edgar Ortiz, Hugo Martinez, Dustin Lara, Miguel Munoz, Jennifer Reyna, Daniela Quintero, Crystal Morris, Juan Carrillo, and Israel Escobar. Front Row: Saul Newton, Jeffrey Casas, Rebeca Carrillo, Luzana Chavez, Victoria Carrillo, Rebeca Viernes, Jessica Amparan and Chris Bachicha. Not present for the picture were Hugo Aguillon and Kristen Montgomery.

Looking Up!

By Richard Grisham

As everyone probably knows by now, Velma was elected last Saturday to the BISD school board. Inevitably, someone asked me Monday evening, "Now that your wife's a politician and you're a preacher, how are you going to separate politics from religion." They were just teasing me, of course, but then.....

The "separation of church and state" is a big issue these days. The past few years in May, for example, there have been discussions nation wide of whether a prayer should be offered at high school graduations. I am sure that most of America's founding fathers would be surprised such a question should even be asked.

While I personally do not think a prayer should be ascribed or mandated by the state, neither do I think a public prayer violates the U. S. Constitution. Nor is it necessarily out of place in the public arena. Does not the First Amendment insure freedom of speech and of religion, stating that the government shall not "prohibit the free exercise" of either.

A student, teacher, parent, or administrator should not have to leave their basic freedoms at the school building door! If a student is presenting their valedictory or salutatory address and wants to mention God, their faith, or even pray, I believe they have a right to do so. I believe that right applies to all American citizens, Christian or otherwise.

The phrase, "a wall of separation between church and state," is not found in the U. S. Constitution. It was later introduced in a personal letter from Thomas Jefferson to a

group of Baptists.

We Baptists are very proud that the first ten amendments to the Constitution, also known as The Bill of Rights, was included because Baptists insisted.

One of the first "done political deals" in U. S. history was when Virginia's Baptist leader, John Leland, promised to withdraw his candidacy to the Constitutional Convention and throw his support to James Madison. This was done on the grounds that Madison would insist on a Bill of Rights to the new U. S. Constitution. Madison agreed, was elected, and became the author of the Bill of Rights and the Father of the U. S. Constitution.

Church historian Hugh Wamble has stated, "Religious liberty and separation of church and state are Baptist gifts to the American people." (Hopefully, the present Baptists "in power," from both political parties-- Clinton, Gore, Gingrich, etc.-- will be so wise.)

The First Amendment, as I read it, does not forbid the influence of religion on government. Rather, it forbids the control of religion by government. I do not expect Velma (or any other elected official) not to be influenced by their faith (or lack thereof) in God. After all, we are supposed to know what the candidates for public office stand for before we vote for them!

Let me assure you, this Baptist pastor will not dictate to his wife what he thinks she ought to do or say as a school board member. Hopefully, I have a little influence on her... but then, I assure you, she has a mind of her own!

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Banquet Honors DOT Employees

Texas Department of Transportation held their annual Awards Day ceremony Thursday, April 20. Four hundred and sixty employees and guests were on hand to see their co-workers receive special awards presented to them by Carl Utley, Lubbock's District Engineer.

Receiving awards for the Bovina area were: Judy Hromas, five years

Moseleys Have Granddaughter

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Moseley of Farwell have announced the birth of a new granddaughter. She was born to David and Laura Moseley at High Plains Regional Hospital in Clovis, New Mexico, April 27, 1995.

She weighed seven pounds and was named Sierra Shay.

She has a sister, Natasha, who is three. The maternal grandparents are Kiki and Pat Aguirre of Odessa, Texas.

Reese AFB Gets Past Big Hurdle

Reese AFB of Lubbock passed a major hurdle Wednesday morning when the base was taken off the closure list which was announced earlier this year.

In a telephone call to Bill Ellis, publisher of the Friona Star/Bovina Blade, Cong. Combest called the announcement a "major victory" for those fighting for the very life of the air base. "If that had not been done, Reese's fate would have been sealed," the congressman said.

Wednesday's victory was termed the "first of a long battle. But if we hadn't won that one, we would have been finished. We still have a long way to go, but now we feel confident that we can save the base," Combest said.

"We appreciate the support of the region--the mayors and other city leaders who have sent us letters or resolutions of support. This has been great," the congressman concluded.

The announcement came on the eye of Reese Air Force Base's annual open house, scheduled for Saturday, May 13.

service award; Roy Lloyd, five years service award and five years safe driving award.

Also, Matthew Askey, Jr., 20 years service award and 20 years safe driving award; Daniel Hernandez, first place winner by maintenance section for the 1995 rodeo competition; George Villarreal, second place winner by maintenance section for the 1995 rodeo competition; and John Wilson, 26 years safe driving.

"As I look back over the past 18 months since joining the Lubbock district, we would not be present if it were not for your hard work and the team effort demonstrated by all of our employees. This atmosphere has made me feel very welcome in this district and reinforces the fact that all TxDOT employees statewide are the backbone of the best DOT in the nation," said Utley.

"We are faced with many new and tougher challenges every day. We are expected and intend to provide better quality service than ever before while face with less available funding, fewer employees, and a deteriorating infrastructure. We all need to recognize these constraints are real and make a conscious effort to find ways to streamline our business to be able to accomplish our task. You have demonstrated to me in the last 18 months that you are capable and willing to help accomplish this challenge.

"Again, thank you for accepting me onto the Lubbock Team and remember that your opinions and recommendations are very valuable and important to me," Utley added.

Run/Walk Is Set

There will be a "Spring Stampede" 10K and 5K run/walk in Clovis, New Mexico on Saturday, May 20 at 9 a.m. (MDT).

The event is being sponsored by Eastern New Mexico Range Runners Club. For more information or applications, contact Stu Guilford at (505) 763-1098 or Sandy Shealy at (505) 769-3289, 1065 Fairway Terrace, Clovis, New Mexico 88101.



GROUP VISITS....A wagon train passed through the county this week, and camped for a couple of days and nights at Friona. Members of the train included 60 juvenile delinquents, who were using the trip as a learning experience.

Cancer Center Benefits From Matching Funds

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center is pleased to announce the partnership with area banks for the matching funds program. As a part of Memorial Day giving, the Cancer Center is urging local residents to make contributions to the Harrington Cancer Center fund located at their local bank.

Supporters of the Harrington Cancer Center can participate in the plan which allows investing in the local economy and contributing to a worthy cause at the same time.

A major advantage to the community is that donations (the principle) are held locally and invested by local banks, with only the income earned on the investments going to support patient care at Harrington. The Cancer Center matches dollar for dollar each deposit made annually.

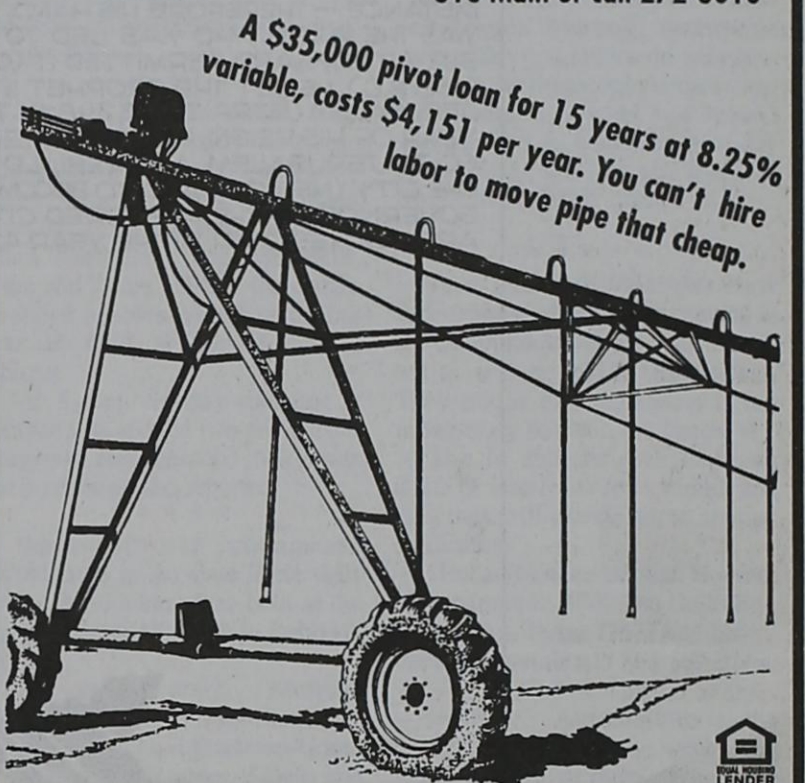
Persons interested in obtaining additional information to the fund should contact their bank or Charlotte Rhodes at Harrington Cancer Center, (1-800-274-4673).

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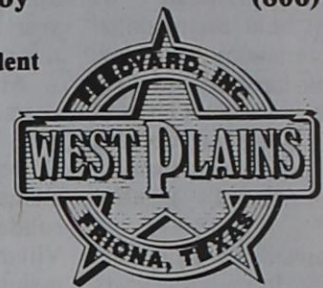
ARTAXERXES WAS THE 3RD SON OF XERXES AND HIS SUCCESSOR TO THE PERSIAN THRONE (CIR. 465 B.C.). HE WAS CALLED "LONGHANDED" SOME TOOK THIS EXPRESSION QUITE LITERALLY, BUT OTHER AUTHORITIES TAKE IT FIGURATIVELY, AS MEANING ONLY THAT ARTAXERXES HAD A WIDELY EXTENDED EMPIRE WHICH HE HAD TO RULE FROM A GREAT DISTANCE—THEREFORE HIS HAND, WHICH HELD THE LAW, HAD TO BE "LONGHANDED." HE WAS THE RULER WHO WAS LED TO FORBID THE REBUILDING OF JERUSALEM (EZRA 4:7) BUT AFTERWARD PERMITTED IT (CH. 6:14). IN FACT, IN THE 7TH YEAR OF HIS REIGN (458 B.C.), HE LET THE PROPHET EZRA LEAD VAST NUMBERS OF EXILES BACK TO JERUSALEM (EZRA 7:11,12,21,8:1). THEN, IN THE 20TH YEAR OF HIS REIGN, HE PERMITTED NEHEMIAH TO GO TO JERUSALEM AND REBUILD THE WALLS OF THE CITY (NEH. 2:1) AND TO BECOME THE GOVERNOR OF THE RESTORED CITY! ARTAXERXES DIED IN THE YEAR 424 B.C.



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Scooter's Scoops

By Scooter Russell



PRESIDENT'S AWARD...The following second and third graders at Bovina Elementary School recently received the President's Physical Fitness Award, a certificate signed by President Clinton and a blue patch. In order to receive this award, the students had to score in the 90th percentile or above on all the fitness tests, sit and reach, sit-ups, pull-ups, shuttle run, and mile run. Back: (l-r) Sergio Salas, Kimberly King, Randa Englant. Front: Eliseo Salazar, Trey Widner, and Gloria Rocha.



THIRD GRADE FITNESS WINNERS...These third graders at Bovina Elementary School recently received the National Award (red patch) in the President's Physical Fitness Test. In order to receive the award, the students had to score in the 50th percentile or above on all tests, sit and reach, sit-ups, pull-ups, shuttle run, and mile run. Back Row: (l-r) Gordon DeLaRosa, Kasi Birdsong, Nayeli Ovalle, Gonzalo Quintero, Michael Nieto, Alfredo Martinez, Matthew Villarreal, Troy Turner, Maria Perez. Front Row: Adriana Ramirez, Wendi Gomez, Morgan Parson, Martin Carrillo, Robert Kent, Jose Valadez, Romualdo Ruiz, Abraham Rocha.

The bomb that destroyed the Federal Building in Oklahoma City in recent weeks ripped through lives of thousands. The healing has just begun but the scars will always be in the lives of many families, residents of Oklahoma City and of all Americans.

This again proves that we don't have any real security in this world in what happens apart from our personal faith in God.

The things that sometimes happen to us to alter our daily living can either cause us to be bitter or it can cause us to reach out in faith. It is certainly better to face our situations with God than without Him.

My two aunts had been members of the Portland Avenue Baptist Church in Oklahoma City for many years. My mother still gets their newsletter and it stated that people on their staff were so stunned, as all were, but spontaneously began making sandwiches and made over a thousand sandwiches in a short time.

The church's brotherhood began serving meals on the church parking lot. There was lots of damage to the church including the breakage of the huge beautiful stained glass window in the front of the building.

NEWS AROUND TOWN...

Artie Faye O'Hair has been moved to rehabilitation at St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo, according to daughter Sonya. She

didn't have a hip replacement but did have repair work done on it and will have the replacement later. Her children, Mike and Claudia will come later.

Artie fell and broke her hip at her home last week.

R. B. Riley and Laverne Thatcher's dad underwent gall bladder surgery and was listed a patient at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo on Monday.

Steve Venable and family will be moving to Shallowater. He has been pastor of the Methodist church and is a fine young man. Steve has lots of friends in Bovina and we have certainly appreciated all the help he has given us in getting information to the Blade office. We want to wish him and his fine family much happiness in Shallowater.

The next pastor of the Methodist Church is Neely Landrum and he and his family will be here Saturday, May 13, at 12 noon for a covered dish luncheon and you are invited to drop by and say "hello."

Congratulations to Blake Clements who has been named an "All-American Scholar." One must earn 3.3 or higher grade point average and he was nominated by Virginia Rhodes, one of our school teachers.

Blake will appear in the All-American Yearbook, which is

published nationally. Blake lives with his grandmother, Gwen Clements and his granddad was the late Jimmie Clements. His mom is Janie Villarreal of Amarillo.

Jerry Ware will be celebrating her 90th birthday with a birthday party on May 13, at the First Bank Community Room from 2-4. Hosting the event are Jerry's children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Pat and Pat Kunselman, Pat's mom, Doris Wilson and the Kunselman's daughter, Vicki from Flagg went to Spearman Sunday morning to visit with son Arty and Tami Kunselman and daughters, Gina and Jamie. While there they attended a voice recital that Gina was in held at the Methodist Church.

At 8 a.m. Sunday morning a tornado was spotted two miles from Spearman and everyone took cover but no damage was reported.

Some of our youngsters participated in the state Bible drill competition which was held at the Calvary Baptist Church in Lubbock recently.

The results were: Melanie Stanberry-Superior; Luke Steelman-Excellent; and Levi Steelman-Good. Melanie is the daughter of Dean and Wendy Stanberry and Luke and Levi are Joe and Esther Steelman's sons.

Emmagene Calaway had

company over the weekend. Her son, Bobby, of Baxter Springs, Kansas and her son, James Lee Calaway, of Portales and has been with his mother recuperating since her two surgeries three months ago. While Bobby was here they celebrated his birthday and Mother's Day.

Darlene Foster, daughter of Don and Juanda Murphy, underwent surgery for gall stones on Monday. She had the litroscopic surgery and her condition is good and Juanda said she may go home the same day or the next. Darlene and husband Buddy live at Midlothian, Texas.

June and Bob McMeans took their fifth-wheeler and are staying at the campgrounds at Manvel, Texas, while she is taking treatments. They tell us that the cancer is not in her body but is in the tissue.

She is able to give her own shots of interferon for a month and then they will change her to another medication.

Her address is: Almost Heaven Campgrounds, 4202 Del Bello Rd. Manvel, Texas 77578 and her telephone number is 713-489-3244.

SMILE: Automation is the process that gets all the work done while you just sit there. When you were younger, this process was called Mother.

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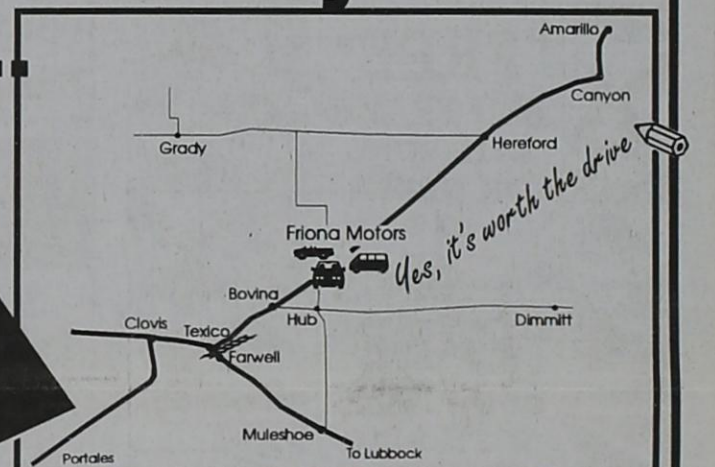
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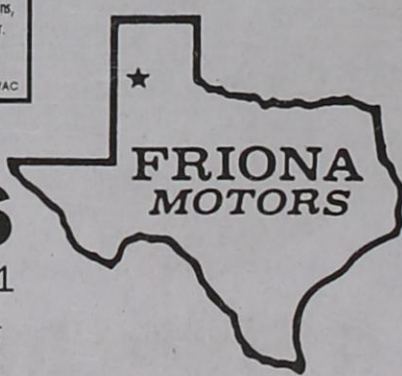
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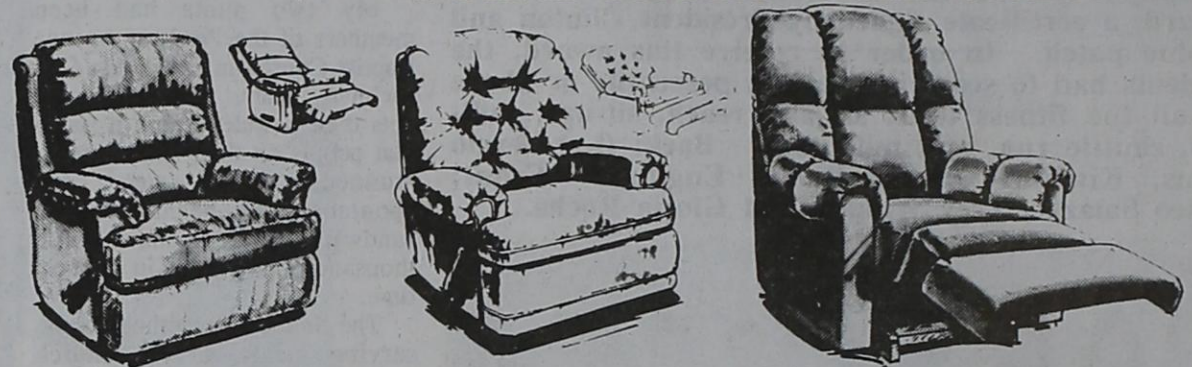


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