

Local Folks Witness December T'Storm!

The local area experienced something many of us "oldtimers" couldn't remember seeing, at least a long time: a December thunderstorm, lightning and all.

At about 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, a fast-moving weather front moved across the area from west to east. The front stretched from the Oklahoma panhandle to beyond the South Plains, but wasn't very "wide."

The sky became almost as dark as night by 4:45, and the front was accompanied by a small amount of sleet. The temperature dropped from its high of 59 into the upper 30s in about 30 minutes.

The moisture amounted to only .15 inches.

The week's temps: Thursday, December 6: 63-34; Friday, December 7: 60-29; Saturday, December 8: 47-25; Sunday, December 9: 47-25; Monday, December 10: 57-24; Tuesday, December 11: 59-22; Wednesday, Dec. 12: 44-23.

Reminder To Blade Readers

Next week's issue of the newspaper will be the annual special Christmas edition with greetings and good wishes from all the local and area businesses, plus letters to Santa Claus from the little ones.

Please be advised that next week's issue is also the last issue for 2001. The *Blade* traditionally does not publish a paper during the week between Christmas and New Year's in order to give the staff some extra time to be with their families during the holiday season. If you need to get something in the paper between now and the end of the year, be sure to get it in early next week.



New Bovina Postmaster Is 'On Site'

Lenore Falcon, pictured at left, is the new Postmaster of Bovina.

She replaces longtime postmaster Laura Bartlett who recently retired. Mrs. Falcon is a native of Olton and graduate of Olton High School.

She has eight years with the Postal Service. This is her 7th assignment. She has worked at postal facilities in Dallas; Nashville, Tennessee; Lubbock and Hereford before taking over the Bovina postmaster position.

She and her husband have three children in the Olton schools. Mrs. Falcon said she is grateful for the opportunity to serve the people of Bovina and looks forward to meeting the people of the Bovina community.

NEW POSTMASTER LENORE FALCON

Excel Meat Theft Arrest Made Wed.

Acting on a tip, the Parmer County Sheriff's Department launched an investigation several weeks ago into alleged theft of meat from the Excel Friona plant.

On Wednesday evening, December 12, the Sheriff's office, assisted by the Friona Police Department, initiated a search warrant at a Friona residence.

While the warrant was in relation to the meat theft, officers got a bonus when two occupants at the residence were also charged with possession of marijuana.

Charged with felony theft of meat from Excel was Sheon Anthony Polk, 22. He was also charged with the marijuana possession. His bond was set at \$5,800 and at press time he remained in the Parmer County jail.

Carl Polk, 60, was not implicated in the meat theft but was arrested at the residence for marijuana possession.

Sheriff Randy Geries said other suspects in the Excel

theft ring were being investigated. Polk and others were allegedly stealing the meat from trucks and the final processing area at the Excel location and selling most of it.

One theft incident was valued at \$2,800. The final tally has not yet been completed. Several boxes of

meat were discovered during the search.

Assisting in the search and arrests were Sheriff Geries, Chief Deputy Mike Howard, deputies Wayne Gruben and Andy Stormes, Friona Police Sergeant Joe Herrera and Officer Eric Chandler.



UNUSUALLY MILD WEATHER has blessed the county so far this winter. Cotton crops are mostly all in and Christmas decorations grace the streets of Bovina as residents prepare for the holidays. ron carr photo

A Letter From Santa Claus

Dear Families of North America,

I regret to inform you that effective immediately, I will no longer be able to serve the Southern United States on Christmas Eve. Due to the overwhelming population of the earth, my contract was renegotiated by North American Fairies and Elves Local #209.

I now serve only certain areas of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan. As part of the new and better contract, I also get longer breaks for milk and cookies, so keep that in mind.

However, I am certain that your children will be in good hands with your local replacement who happens to be my third cousin twice removed, Bubba Claus. His side of the family is from the South Pole. He shares my goal of delivering toys to all the good boys and girls. However, I thought you would like to know that there are a few differences between us.

1. There is no danger of the Grinch stealing your presents from Bubba Claus. He has a gun rack on his sleigh and a bumper sticker that reads, "These toys insured by Smith and Wesson."

2. Instead of milk and cookies, Bubba Claus prefers that children leave an RC Cola and pork rinds or a moon pie on the fireplace and Bubba doesn't smoke a pipe. He dips a little snuff though, so please have an empty spit can handy.

3. Bubba Claus' sleigh is pulled by floppy-eared flyin' coon hounds instead of reindeer. I made the mistake of loaning him a couple of my reindeer one time, and Blitzen's head now overlooks Bubba's fireplace.

4. You won't hear "On Comet, on Cupid, on Donner and Blitzen..." when Bubba Claus arrives. Instead, you'll hear, "On Earnhardt, on Gordon, on Martin and Labonte. On Rudd, on Jarrett, on Elliott and Petty."

5. "Ho, ho, ho!" has been replaced by "Yee Haw!" And you are also likely to hear Bubba's elves respond, "I her'd dat!"

6. As required by Southern highway laws, Bubba Claus' sleigh does have a Yosemite Sam safety triangle on the back with the words "Back off." The last I heard it also had other decorations such as the Ford logo with lights that race through the letters.

7. The usual Christmas movie classics such as "Miracle on 34th Street" and "It's a Wonderful Life" will not be shown in your negotiated viewing area. Instead, you'll see "Boss Hog Saves Christmas" and "Smokey and the Bandit IV" featuring Burt Reynolds as Bubba Claus and dozens of state police cars crashing into each other.

8. Bubba Claus doesn't wear a belt. If I were you, I'd make sure the wife and kids turn the other way when he bends over to put the presents under the tree.

9. And finally, lovely Christmas songs have been sung about me, like "Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer" and "Santa Claus Is Coming To Town." This year songs about Bubba Claus will be played on all the AM radio stations in the South. Those song titles will include Mark Chesnutt's "Bubba Claus Shot the Jukebox;" Cledus T. Judd's "All I Want for Christmas Is The Dixie Chicks," and Johnny Paycheck's "If You Don't Like Bubba Claus, Bug Off," and "I'm Gettin' Rocks In My Stockings 'Cause I've Been Real Bad."

Sincerely Yours, Santa Claus

Member; North American Fairies and Elves Local #209 Letters TO Santa Claus will be published in next week's special Christmas Edition of this paper.



Bonnie Clayton Seeks Re-Election

Bonnie Clayton has authorized the Friona Star/Bovina Blade to announce that she will be a candidate for re-election as Parmer County Judge, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in March of 2002.

Mrs. Clayton has a year remaining on her third term of office.

"I consider it an honor and a privilege to have served as county judge of Parmer County, and will continue to do my utmost to serve the residents of the county to the best of my abilities," Mrs. Clayton said.

Mrs. Clayton is the mother of a daughter, Holli Read, a speech therapist of Lubbock, and a son Chad Clayton of Dallas. She also has two grand-daughters, Kennedy, who is four, and Chloe, 18 months, of Dallas.

Holli's husband Lynn Read is a Parmer County native.



ALL REGION...These band students qualified for the All Region Band and will tryout for All State Band on January 5 in Sundown. They are in the All Region Honors Band which will perform February 1 in Lubbock. From left are Paula Chavez, Jose Vela and Israel Escobar.



LOOKING forward to the Christmas Holidays and a visit from Santa are 2nd graders, l-r, Jose Lara, Jennifer Garza and Janae Blevins.

Two Mustangs On First Team All District In 3-1A Football

The Bovina Mustangs had two players named to first team in the District 3A football all district selections.

Named to first team nose-guard on defense was Mike Olvera. Rene Flores was named as the kicker on the first team offense.

Selected to second team defense were Nemecio Rodriguez as linebacker and David DeLaRosa as defensive back.

Rodriguez, Jeremy Ortiz and Josh Kerby made second team offense; Rodriguez as a running back and Ortiz and Kerby to the offensive line.

Others named as honorable mention defense were: Jake Steelman, Jose Amaya, and Rene Flores, defensive backs; Josh Kerby and Jeremy Ortiz, defensive line.

Honorable mention offense included Jonathan Chisom, running back; David DeLaRosa, quarterback; Silvina Silva, offensive line; and David Garcia, wide receiver.



Mustangs On A Roll With 9-2 Record

The Bovina Mustangs are on a roll toward district competition with a 9-2 record and Trinity Christian on tap for tonight.

After a match with Lazbuddie there next Tuesday, then the Silverton Tournament December 27-29, the Mustangs will open District 3-1A play at Kress January 4.

At the Anton Tournament November 29-December 1, the Mustangs beat Wellman-Union 59-38 as B. J. Shepherd pumped in 22 points. Teammate Eddie Garcia had 12.

The boys took care of the Shallowater JV in the second round 56-45 as Shepherd had 18 points and Garcia and Josh Kerby each had 12.

In the final game for the tourney championship, a strong Whiteface squad beat Bovina 59-49. Jeremy Ortiz had a game high 14 points.

Selected to the All Tournament team were Eddie Garcia and B. J. Shepherd.

With Shepherd leading the way with 29 points, the Mustangs romped over Adrian 65-17 on December 4. Jake Steelman added 13 points and 11 rebounds to the effort.

Next time out, the Mustangs scored at will to pound Spade by a score of 97-25. Coach Joey Sims played his entire squad, with second and third teamers playing much of the time.

Even with limited playing time, Shepherd managed a high point effort of 30 points. Eddie Garcia had 15 and Johnathan Chisom 14. Ten different players scored during the one-sided game.

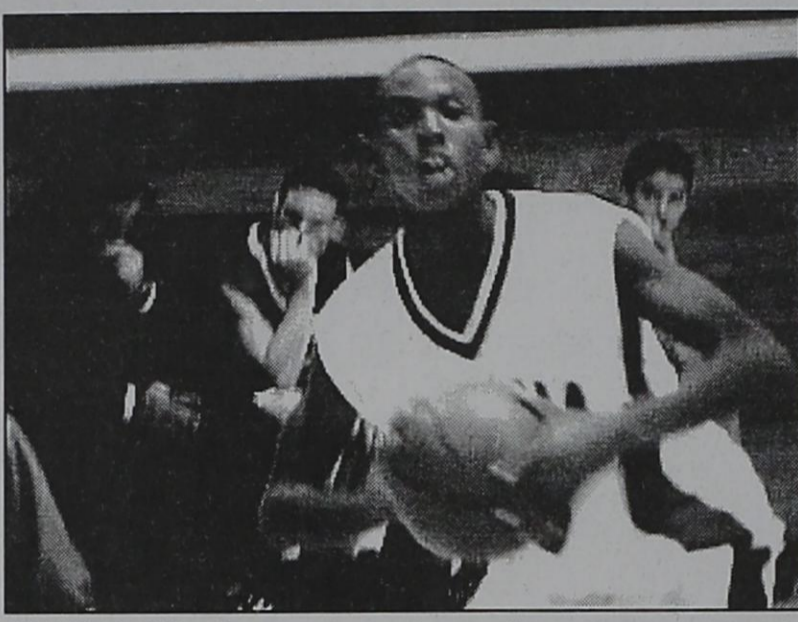
The Mustangs also defeated Cotton Center last Tuesday to run their season record to 9-2. It might be a whole different story once the district opponents line up to play but for now the Mustangs are playing strong offense and defense under new head coach Joey Sims.



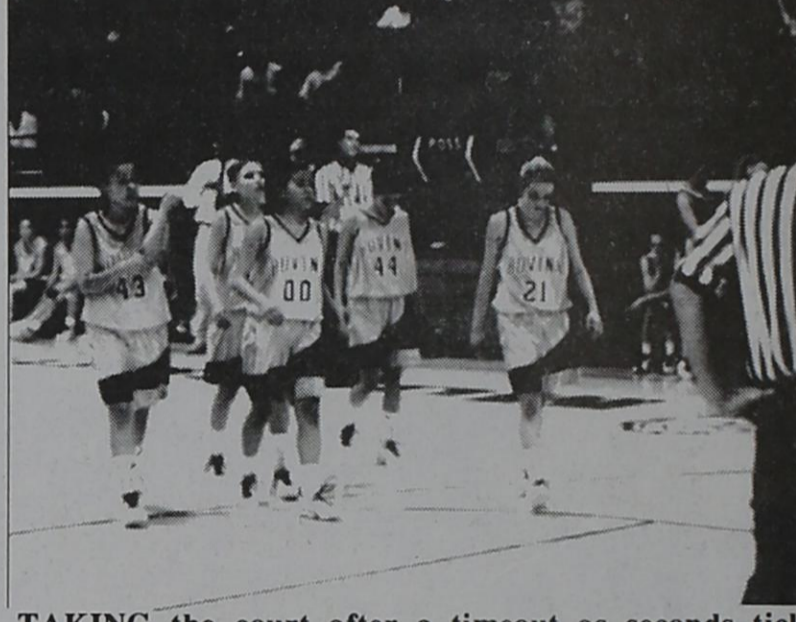
SHOOTING FOR THREE....Mustang Raymond Chisom lets it fly over a Spade defender.



FILLIES Veronica Herrera (00) and Christen Stowers (21) look down court during the game with the Adrian Lady Matadors. Adrian won on a last second basket, 45-44.



MUSTANG forward and scoring leader B. J. Shepherd looks to pass against Spade. B. J. is averaging over 20 points per game to lead the Mustangs to a 9-2 record.



TAKING the court after a timeout as seconds tick away against Adrian are April Martinez (43), Alicia Tapia, Veronica Herrera (00) Destiny Cruz (44) and Christen Stowers (21).

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Fillies Heading For District Play Jan. 4

The Fillies went two and out at the Anton Tournament November 29-December 1.

In their opening game with Wellman-Union, the Fillies were edged by the score of 43-40. Jennifer Cantu was high scorer with 13 points including two 3-pointers. Christen Stowers and Maritssa Salazar had 8 points each.

Next up, the Shallowater JV girls sent the Fillies home for good. Shallowater JV 63, Fillies 47. Senior point guard Christen Stowers popped in 21 points to lead scoring. Cantu had 13.

In a close contest on December 4, the Fillies gave the game to Adrian on a last second basket to lose 45-44. The Fillies led by as much as 17 points in the game but the Adrian girls chipped away, making up a 10-point deficit in the last couple of minutes.

Jennifer Cantu was team high scorer with 20 points including four 3-pointers.

A scheduled game with Spade was canceled because the Spade team did not have enough players.

Last Tuesday the Fillies beat Cotton Center 51-43.

Cantu led the scoring again as she pumped in an amazing six 3-pointers.

The Fillies meet Trinity Christian tonight, at Lazbuddie next Tuesday and the Silverton Tournament is December 27-29.

Coach Wes Weems is hoping for a good start in District 3-1A play which opens January 4 at Kress.

Happy Birthday

Birthdays for the week of December 16-22, 2001.

Dec 16 Rosalie Lopez
Dec 18 Darren Hromas, Wes Cockerham, Scott Steelman
Dec 19 Mary Carr, Cecil Bunch, Ryan McClaran
Dec 20 Morgan Clayton, Joe Jones
Dec 21 Tomas Fuente, Sr., Brenda Wilson
Dec 22 Dick Steelman, Tabitha Englant

If you or someone in your family has a birthday coming up soon, please call 251-1523 and add the names to our birthday list.

When you see names that should be removed from our birthday list (moved away, names changed, deceased, etc.) call the newspaper and let us know. Thank you.

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*If you need to get something in the paper between now and the end of the year, be sure to get it in early next week. The deadline will be Tuesday at 4 p.m.

*There is still time to give a gift subscription of the Bovina Blade for Christmas...the gift that keeps on giving for a whole year.

*Remember...we have several new books available for those last minute Christmas gifts.

"Black Sunday" has been re-ordered and should be here in plenty of time.

Also, "Devil's Rope," the new western book by Gerald McCathern...plenty on hand, plus we still have a few of his other two books, "Dry Bones" and "Quarantine."

We have a new shipment just in of Wayne Bristow's "18 Miles From Earth" as well as his two new CDs, "Freedom" and "There Will Always Be Cowboys."

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HONORED FOR DECEMBER at Prairie Acres are employee-of-the-month Jerrrie Taylor and resident-of-the-month Virginia Smith.

Farmers, Ranchers Are Urged To Address Operating Needs

Low prices, tight markets and reduced yields due to extreme climatic conditions will squeeze profit margins for some producers to the point where funding needed to produce next year's crop will be difficult to obtain.

As a result, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) announced the availability of operating loans for eligible farmers to secure next spring's planting needs. The November interest rate is five percent.

FSA provides low interest loans to qualified farmers unable to obtain credit from commercial sources. An operating loan may be issued directly from FSA or in the form of a guaranteed loan secured by the government but funded by a conventional agriculture lender.

"The basis of our loan program is to provide temporary credit to those who can demonstrate both need and repayment ability," said Thomas S. Taylor, farm loan manager. "Our goal is to help farmers show that they will be able to obtain credit from private lenders when they are financially able."

Operating loans are used to purchase supplies and inputs for farming enterprises. Input items may include seed, fertilizer, livestock, feed and equipment. Financing may also be used to pay for minor improvements to buildings and to refinance debt under certain conditions.

"Credit is usually extended to established farmers who have suffered financial setbacks because of economic downturns or natural disasters," said Thomas S. Taylor. "Farmers who do not qualify for conventional loans because of insufficient net worth are also eligible for the program."

U.S. citizens operating a family farm are eligible for a loan if they are unable to obtain credit from a financial institution, have the ability to incur debt, can demonstrate ability to repay the loan and are not delinquent on any Federal debt.

"FSA doesn't just disburse loans," added Thomas S. Taylor. "We help our customers manage their finances by providing credit counseling and supervision through required farm and financial training courses."

Direct operating loans can be made for up to \$200,000.00 and FSA can guarantee loans up to \$759,000.00. The repayment terms may vary, but typically will not exceed seven years for livestock and equipment. Crop funds are generally repaid within 12 months or when the commodities are sold.

Producers needing additional information about operating loans should contact their local FSA Farm Loan Office in Parmer County at (806)481-3349.



PCSWCD TAKING TREE ORDERS...The Parmer County Soil and Water Conservation District is now taking orders for windbreak tree seedlings. The 2001-2002 tree program is a repeat of the past several years where the tree saplings are ordered from the Texas Forest Service. All varieties are grown for this area and climate. Larger trees are available from two other sources. Parmer County will offer more than 30 varieties of shrubs, hardwoods and evergreen trees. These trees, when used in two or more rows as a windbreak, will provide cover for wildlife and shelter to homes and livestock as well as protect roads from wind and snow. Orders will be taken through mid-March, but early orders are recommended to ensure variety selection. To place an order or for more information, call Priscilla Nicolas at the NRCS/USDA office at our new location, 109 Third, Farwell, (806)481-3311, Ext. 3.

Scholarship Application Forms Available In Jan.

Application forms for academic scholarships to be awarded by West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative during 2002 should be available by mid-January.

WTRT will mark its sixth straight year to award scholarships funded through unclaimed capital credit checks.

Applicants must be high school seniors who will graduate in the spring of 2002, have completed high school or have received their GED. Seniors graduating in May and college-minded individuals whose parents or guardians are WTRT members, or who are WTRT members themselves, are eligible to apply.

Applicants, their parents or guardians must have residences served by telephone prefixes 225, 258, 265, 276, 289, 357, 578 or 825. All others are ineligible. Schools in Hereford, Friona, Farwell, Lazbuddie, Dimmitt, Adrian and Vega could have students eligible to apply.

Application forms will be supplied by the Cooperative to counselor's offices in Dimmitt, Friona, Farwell, Lazbuddie and Vega.

Students in the Hereford school district and post-high school applicants will need to pick up applications at the WTRT business office on South Highway 385, Hereford. Forms may also be picked up at Hereford by applicants from any of the

above listed school districts.

Two letters of recommendation should accompany an application. In the event that the student is a graduating senior, one letter must be from a teacher, principal or counselor from the high school the student is attending or recently attended.

If the applicant has been out of high school for a number of years or is currently enrolled in a college or trade school, a letter from a college or vocational instructor is acceptable. Full rules of the program are provided with application forms.

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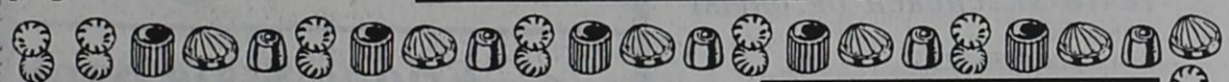
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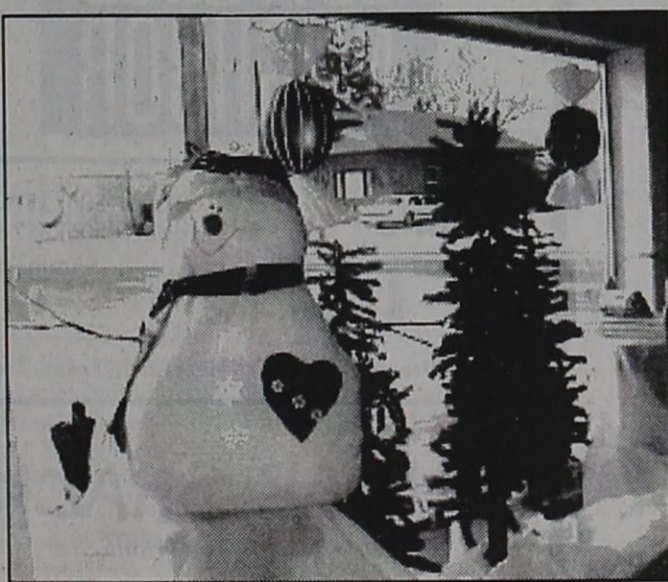
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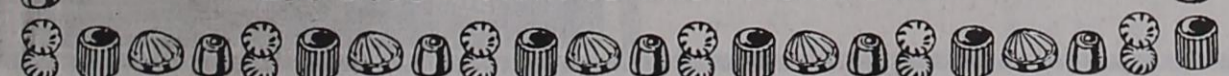
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(MATT. 14:14-21)

NEXT WEEK: AMERICAN INDIAN BIBLE?

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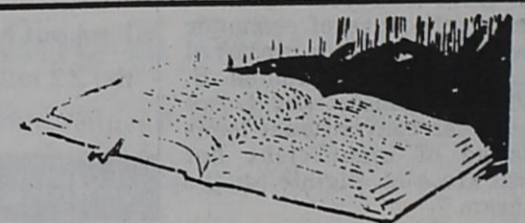
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- NEW LISTING...3 BR, 2 bath, large lot, storage, 1 car, 2 C/P...\$46,500
- NEW LISTING...2 BR, 1 bath home plus mobile home lot...\$25,000
- NEW LISTING...mobile home, .974 ac., barn, SE Cor. Sec. 25...\$34,500
- NEW LISTING...3 BR, 1 bath, 2 carport, trees, lg. lot, Bovina...\$37,900
- NEW LISTING...3 BR, 1 bath, carport, storage, Bovina...SOLD...\$17,500
- 5 BR, 2 BA, sunroom, basement, carport, large lot...\$58,000
- Commercial building, app. 2400', ready to move in...\$25,000
- 77 acres with house, 3 BR, 1-3/4 bath, country home...SOLD...\$89,500
- 3 BR, 1-3/4 baths, n. side, neat and clean...\$56,900
- 3 BR, 2 bath brick, basement, 2 car...SOLD...\$80,000
- 2 BR, 1 bath, c/p, brick, near HS, good location, corner lot...\$43,900
- Upstairs & downstairs apartment complex...SOLD...\$23,900...\$21,900
- 4 BR, 2-3/4 baths, 2 storages with garage, corner lot...SOLD...\$85,000
- 2 BR, 2 baths, metal siding, double carport...SOLD...\$39,500
- 2 BR, 1 bath, fireplace, fenced, good street...\$27,900
- 3 BR, 2 bath, 2 car, brick, with metal, moving...SOLD...\$55,000
- 2 BR, 1 bath, newly re-done and nice...\$27,000
- 2 BR, 1 bath, newly re-done, corner lot, fenced...SOLD...\$25,000
- 188 acres, excellent water, flat, 1 well, 1200' tile...\$188,000
- 2 BR, 1 bath, woodburning stove, HUD...SOLD...\$20,000
- Country home with acreage, near Clay's Corner...SOLD...\$39,900
- Office bldg., brick, new heat/air, 1600 sq. ft., 2-1/2 BA, corner...\$33,900
- 2 BR, 1 bath, cute home, good neighborhood...SOLD...\$33,000
- 2 BR, 1-3/4 baths, 2 car garage, refrigerated A/C...\$60,000
- 2 BR, 1 bath, 1 car, brick, good starter home...\$37,000
- 3 BR, 2 bath, brick, basement, metal shop...\$85,000 residence only...\$65,000
- 3 BR, 2-3/4 baths, 2 car, 2 living + eff. apt... SOLD...\$79,900
- 2 BR, 1 bath, nice and clean, storage...SOLD...\$31,800
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Out Here

by Ron Carr

"With Us or Against Us?"

"Ahab, the Arab, king of the burning sands."

Or is it king of the desert sands? I can't remember the words to the old Ahab the Arab song. I guess if we sang it today though it would be insensitive to our robbing, dictatorial royal family Arab prince friends.

Dubya has said (over and over) that other countries are either with us or against us! That doesn't leave much wiggle room for foreign governments, especially the ones that didn't like us anyway.

I subscribe to a newsletter called The Hightower Lowdown. Jim Hightower is the former Texas agriculture secretary and a liberal pundit that hangs out with the likes of Molly Ivins. They are Democrats. I like to read liberal stuff. It is sort of like spying on the enemy.

But the November issue of Hightower's Lowdown had some interesting info about our "friends" in Saudi Arabia. Do you think the U. S. will punish the Saudis for their link to terrorism? Not as long as you need a full tank of gas and Quaker State 10W30 every 3000 miles.

A long time ago there was a country called Arabia. In 1932, Abdul-Aziz ibn Saud, King Saud as he became known, carved out some territory from Arabia and established a totalitarian monarchy in the desert.

He might turn out to be the luckiest man that ever lived. The sandhills that King Saud took over had one quarter of the world's oil underneath it.

The U. S., under direction of President Franklin Roosevelt, took over the Saudi oil patch. To get it out of the ground and into our American gas tanks, FDR established ARAMCO (the Arab American Oil Company), a consortium of the

Saudi kingdom and Exxon, Mobil, Chevron and Texaco.

In 1945, FDR struck a deal with King Saud. The royal family provides the crude and the U. S. provides protection. In 2001 that is still the deal.

The Saudi family has grown since to include more than 6,000 princes (women aren't counted). The Saudis have no parliament, no free speech (they outlaw all political parties and no right of assembly. They too repress women and behead those who dissent against Islam.

The royal family and their business cronies grab all the oil royalties. They have palaces, chauffeured limos, private jets and U. S. educations.

Many of the royals drink whiskey, gamble, consort with prostitutes, and other carnal pleasures forbidden by strict Islamic law. Ordinary Saudi citizens would have their hands chopped off for the same activities.

Millions of Saudi's citizens live in poverty and hate the royal family. And America for coddling them. America cannot afford to have the Saudi rabble take over the kingdom, so the U.S.A. has spent trillions on military protection to prevent both internal and external threats to the royal regime.

Osama bin Laden is one of those disgruntled Saudi Arabian citizens that want to overthrow the King and his family. The fact that America has troops on Saudi soil increases the anger and makes the monarchy even more unpopular.

Fast forward to 1995. The Binladin Group, Osama's family, bought a \$2 million ownership share in the Carlyle Group. Former president George Bush is a principal in the Carlyle Group. So are former Defense

Secretary Frank Carlucci and former Treasury Secretary James Baker.

The Carlyle Group is the nation's 11th largest military contractor, according to the Hightower Lowdown. Among its contracts is one to build the missile-launch systems currently in use on our ships firing at Afghanistan.

The Carlyle Group also owns BioPort Corp. which has a monopoly on making anthrax vaccine in the U.S.

In October the Carlyle Group reluctantly parted company with the Binladin Group. Wouldn't look good, don't you know, for the elder Bush to be making millions with the family of America's most wanted murderer.

Now here is the with us or against us part. Khaled bin Mahfouz, who controls Saudi Arabia's largest bank, was caught with others in 1999 funneling millions into Osama bin Laden's bank accounts. Mahfouz is also an investor in the Carlyle Group.

Newsweek magazine reports that the Saudi government directly funds two charities that finance bin Laden. But Dubya left those two charities off the most wanted list of terrorist support groups "to avoid embarrassing the Saudi government."

Mr. Hightower says "so far Bush and Company aren't waging a war against terrorists, but a war against terrorists who have no oil."

He says "Dubya looks into the cameras and tells the world they have to choose sides-for us or against us--then winks at the Saudis, assuring them that a little war won't get in the way of the smooth flow of business."

As this war on terrorism goes on, let's see if the kings and princes in the land of Ahab the Arab will feel the wrath of Dubya.

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