

"MY TURN"

By
Carol Ellis



WHAT DO YOU DO when the telephone and the door bell both start ringing at the same time? Or the phone rings just when the timer starts buzzing to let you know that your cake is ready to come out of the oven?

I usually grab the phone, intending to hurriedly ask the caller to hang up and I'll get right back to them. But Murphy's Law decrees that my caller is going to be one of those long-winded high-pressure types who go into their well-memorized pitch that could go on for ten minutes without letting me get a word in edgewise.

Hardly a day goes by during the spring and summer, that I don't get one or more of these calls. They want to sell everything from storm windows to magazines, collect for every charity that you never heard of, or convince you that you have just won something great if you'll send in \$5 for a registration fee.

If you do send money to one of those contest things, then they'll be calling you again saying that you have been picked as a contest finalist and you must send in \$10 this time to be eligible for the next level. And on up it goes.

Somebody came up with a new gimmick this year. They called to say they could save me a lot of interest on our Visa and Mastercard. It all sounded quite plausible until they asked me for my credit card numbers over the phone. I then asked that they send a brochure explaining their service and I would think it over. Of course, the brochure never came.

Mail fraud, which we have previously discussed in this column, is on the rise, but telephone fraud has got it beat. Telemarketing fraud accounts for \$10 billion in investor losses annually, according to John Perkins, president of North American Securities Administrators Association in Washington, D.C. He indicates that telephones are now the vehicle of choice for committing fraud. Complaints to authorities nationwide are up dramatically over the past few years.

Con artists are particularly fond of operations in Texas. Are we more gullible than folks in other parts of the country? Some favorite scams in this state are investments in oil and gas drilling, time share condominiums, cheap land in retirement or recreational areas, and official sounding "government" services. Most of these callers refuse to send literature because this would give the potential victim time to think it over, become suspicious and check out the scheme. In the case of investment scams, the caller will promise large profits. They may actually give a small return on your initial investment in order to coax you into putting more into the scam. Legitimate telemarketers are always willing to provide written material to back up their claims and give you time to make your decision.

Naturally, folks in this area are very soft-hearted and benevolent when something involves handicapped persons, underprivileged children, illness or religion. Unfortunately, con-artists know this and prey on our giving nature. One caller was known to open his pitch with "God has led me to call and offer you this wonderful opportunity."

I guess we'll all have to get answering machines or unlisted telephone numbers in order to protect ourselves from this sort of thing.

Since these scams seem to be a great source of income for some people, I've come up with a new one. It is the TONER Fund. Wouldn't you like to contribute to the "Tired Old Newspaper Editors Retirement Fund?" I'll be calling your number soon.

UNCLE AUSTIN SAYS: The line between two properties is never more clearly defined than when your neighbor mows his lawn.



BUSINESS HONORED...Joyce and Bill Read, owners of Aero Farm Chemicals have been chosen as "Business of the Month" by the Bovina Chamber of Commerce.



SSG ROBERT SPARKS, along with his sister, Cookie Bouslaugh and family, also from Bovina, are pictured at a "good-bye ceremony" in California, prior to his shipping out to the Persian Gulf.

Bovina Grad Sees Duty In D. Storm

A 1969 graduate of Bovina High School is currently on duty in the Persian Gulf. Staff Sergeant Robert D. Sparks is serving as a Military Police Squad leader with the 649th MP Company. The 649th is cleaning up an enemy prisoner of war camp located in Saudi Arabia near the Kuwait border.

"I take care of my squad, sometimes I'm their mother, father or friend. My soldiers give 110 percent effort because I take care of them," Sparks said.

Sparks compares the Saudi Arabian sand to that of Parmer County, "the sand blows worse here (in Saudi) than in Parmer County, but no one will ever believe that."

Being a Vietnam veteran, Sparks says the support of the nation is wonderful. "I feel good that the support that everyone here is getting is just as good as the support I received from Bovina during Vietnam," Sparks said, adding, "Nothing beats a small town in Texas."

The 649th has not yet received a date to return home but sources say they should return by early summer.

If you want to contact or send anything to SSG Sparks, his address is: SSG Robert Sparks, 402 PW Camp 649th MP Company, ARO NY, NY 09734.

This was sent to us by John C. Zochelli, Unit Public Affairs Officer.

DPS Gives Report For April

Capt. Rusty Davis, district supervisor of the Amarillo Highway Patrol District comprising 31 counties announced, "For the month of March, our troopers investigated one fatal accident, 55 personal injury accidents and 74 property damage accidents. There was one person killed and 78 persons injured in these accidents."

Sgt. Marshall Henderson of Hereford stated, "In Parmer County, our troopers investigated no fatal accidents, one personal injury accident, and five property damage accidents during the month of March. No one was killed and one person was injured in these accidents."

Directors of the locally-owned cooperative are H.L. Porter, Jr. of Petersburg, chairman; Bill W. Carthel of Friona, vice chairman; Troy Christian of Farwell; Earl E. Harkins of Hereford; and Harley Wells of Plainview. Bill Blay is president.

Plainview PCA has approximately \$61 million in loans outstanding to approximately 800 farmers and ranchers in eight counties.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



MOTHER SPOTLIGHTED...Bessie Webb is pictured with her daughter, Ann Lee Englant and granddaughter, Mary Rose Weber. Mrs. Webb, a resident of Bovina for 34 years, is the mother of 10 children, grandmother of 39 and great-grandmother to five. Ann Lee, wife of Floyd Englant, is the mother of 11 children, grandmother to 30 grandchildren. Ann Lee and Floyd have been Bovina residents 29 years. Mary Rose and husband Rick are parents of three children. Rick works for Excel as a computer technician. *Happy Mother's Day to you all--you have earned it!!*

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Turnout Is Light Saturday

Saturday, May 4 was election day for the City of Bovina. Dickie Steelman and Larry Hodnett were elected to the Bovina School Board in a light turnout of voters.

Steelman received 109 votes and Hodnett 122. Finishing third was Larry Mitchell with 97 votes.

Holdover members of the school board are Norma Whitten, Mike Beauchamp, Dennis Willard, Jerry Roach and Wes Cockerham.

In the city council race, Charlie Teague, Galen Hromas and Leon Ware will take the seats on the council. Hromas received 113 votes, Teague received 107 and Ware received 93 votes.

Holdover members are John Dixon, Sonny Roach and Mayor Keith Knight.

Jay Sherrill served as election judge.

AFC Picked By Chamber For Month

Aero Farm Chemicals has been selected as business of the month of May by the Bovina Chamber of Commerce.

Joyce and Bill Read are owners of Aero Farm Chemicals.

Joyce and Bill have been in business 22 years nine miles west of Bovina in the Pleasant Hill Community. They deal in aerial spraying and fertilizer and employ five people the year round.

Their three children, Mike Read of Bovina, Denise Anderson of Bovina and Lynn Read of Shallowater, have all been involved with the business at one time or another over the past 22 years.

They also have three grandsons, Greg, Zane and Brett, who is the latest addition to the family.

Give your heart an extra helping.

Say no to high-fat foods.

Lions Set Dinner Sunday

The annual Mother's Day dinner, sponsored by the Lions Club, will be held Sunday, May 12 at the High School Cafeteria from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The dinner will consist of fried chicken, potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, salad, dessert, coffee and tea.

The charge for the meal will be adults, \$5.00, and children, \$3.00. Everyone is invited to attend.

New Window Hours Told For P.O.

Laura Bartlett, Bovina Postmaster, announced that new window hours will begin Monday, May 13, 1991.

The proposed change came about to serve postal customers more efficiently and effectively, and the convenience of taking care of postal needs before work.

The new window hours will be 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The office will be closed from 12 noon to 1 p.m. for lunch. They will also be closed on Saturday.

C-C Board Plans For July 4th

The Bovina Chamber of Commerce installed new officers at the April 5 board meeting. The new Chamber president is Bob Stafford; Coleman Young, vice president; Esther Steelman, secretary; and Susan Hughes, reporter.

Plans for the Fourth of July celebration are being discussed, including a talent show, volleyball tournament, parade, dunking booth and others.

If you would be interested in helping out with the plans or have any suggestions, please feel free to contact any Chamber officer or member.

The meetings are held the first Friday of the month.

Bands To Present Concert

Bovina Junior High and Bovina High School will be presenting a Spring Concert, Tuesday, May 14, at the High School Auditorium.

The general public is invited and there is no admission charge. The show will begin with the sixth grade band and the high school band's performance will follow.

The high school band attended the Greater Southwest Festival in Amarillo, Friday, May 3. They participated in the concert contest and averaged a score of 69. They placed one point short of a rating of "good." By the UIL system, they would have been rated a third division.

Steve Thomas, band director, was very pleased and proud with the band's performance. "They came a long way in a couple of short months," he said.

Work Day Saturday At Park

Joe Rackley, Bovina High School principal, would like to announce that a work day has been scheduled for Saturday, May 11 at 2 p.m. at the baseball park.

All parents of children who are playing baseball this summer are encouraged to come and help. The park must be cleaned up before the games. See you there!

Absentee Vote Period Ends

With the election to determine whether or not to create a hospital district for Parmer County just a week away--Saturday, May 18, the absentee voting period is coming to a close.

Final day for voting absentee will be Tuesday, May 14 at the clerk's office.

TEMPERATURES

Date	Hi-Low
Saturday, May 4	80-44
Sunday, May 5	74-36
Monday, May 6	67-39
Tuesday, May 7	77-45
Wednesday, May 8	82-43
Thursday, May 9	83-43
Friday, May 10	89-56
No moisture.	

REFLECTIONS

....from The Bovina Blade

35 YEARS AGO--MAY 2, 1956

Dennis Craig Ellison, four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ellison, had a close call Sunday afternoon when he fell in a tank near the home of his parents. Dennis was found lying on the ground near the tank and was apparently unhurt. He had fallen into the four foot deep tank and somehow managed to pull himself out but was completely exhausted by the effort.

Herman Tritsch and George Baca, both of Bovina, escaped serious injury when the car in which they were riding overturned just out of Bovina on the Dimmitt Highway Sunday morning.

30 YEARS AGO--MAY 3, 1961

Mrs. Charlie Jefferson was admitted to Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona Friday for medical reasons. Her

condition is improved.

J.W. McCarver, son of Mrs. Frankie Bunker of Bovina, and Alfred Skaggs, son of Mrs. Mamie Lavette, England, Arkansas, recently enlisted in the Air Force. Both men are currently at Lackland AFB, San Antonio.

Terry Willard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Willard, underwent minor surgery Monday at Amarillo. She is expected to be released early this week.

Don Caldwell, ace Bovina Mustang trackster, will represent the Maroon and White in the state track and field meet in Austin this weekend. Caldwell's event is the mile run.

25 YEARS AGO--MAY 4, 1966

Larry Mitchell and Curtis Drager were named the top Chapter Farmer and top Green-hand Farmer, respectively, at the annual Parent-Son Banquet of Bovina FFA Monday night in the school cafeteria.

Gwen Christian is the valedictorian of the 1966 graduating class of Bovina High School. Miss Christian had an average of 93.35 during her four years in high school. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wendol Christian. Named salutatorian, with a 92.78 average, was Karen Estes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Estes.

Ken Horn and Ben Rejino reported to Hereford Tuesday morning for induction into the armed services. They will be transferred to Amarillo from Hereford and will be assigned for basic training from there.

20 YEARS AGO--MAY 5, 1971

The Bovina Blade received awards at the 62nd annual Panhandle Press Association Convention last weekend in Amarillo.

High winds, and possibly a small twister, destroyed a shed-type barn at Ralph Roming's place two miles south of Bovina on FM Road 1731 Saturday night.

Mrs. Charles Turner of Farwell suffered a broken leg and ankle Thursday of last week in an accident at Spear's Handi-Stop. She fell as she was coming into the store, breaking her leg and ankle.

15 YEARS AGO--MAY 5, 1976

Some 105 Bovina High School athletes were recognized and honored at the annual Booster Club-sponsored Athletic Banquet Monday night in the Bovina Schools Cafeteria.

The sixth annual best all-around Mustang and Filly athlete awards went to Dennis Willard and Dianna Naegle with the Mustang

and Filly spirit awards going to Tommy DeLeon and Cathie Trimble.

The annual departmental awards convocation Monday of last week at South Plains College in Levelland recognized 39 students who have excelled through scholastic achievement in the academic, vocational, technical and occupational programs.

Mrs. Ben (Christie) McCain, who maintained a 4.0 average for three semesters at SPC, received the biology and Spanish awards. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Trimble.

Miss Pam Grissom, a graduate student at West Texas State University in Canyon, has been initiated into Psi Chi, national honor society in psychology.

10 YEARS AGO--MAY 7, 1981

Charles Aycock, Farwell attorney, has been appointed as County Attorney. A letter of resignation was accepted by the court from former County Attorney Johnny Atkinson, due to his appointment as the new District Attorney for the civil district for Parmer and Bailey counties.

County Extension Agent Seth Ralston reported that eight 4-H club boys in the rifle club have qualified for the district contest. Twelve 4-H members went to Lubbock for a district 4-H judging contest. County 4-H'ers won first place in beef cattle judging and a second place in swine judging.

5 YEARS AGO--MAY 5, 1986

Tom Ware and Don Murphy will be in the runoff for county commissioner. Ware received 218 votes and Murphy garnered 183. Lawrence Widner ran third, receiving 60 votes.

Wayne Spears and Bonnie Clayton will meet in the runoff for Justice of the Peace. Spears received 132 votes, to Mrs. Clayton's 124 votes.

A request by Bovina Schools for its share of the funds in the county's Permanent School Fund was denied by the Parmer County Commissioners. A motion to give the funds was made by Tommy Williams, but was not seconded.

School Lunch Menu

- WEEK OF MAY 13-17**
MONDAY--beans, French fries, cole slaw, cornbread, fruit and milk.
TUESDAY--barbecued weiners, green beans, fruit, rolls and milk.
WEDNESDAY--chicken strips, potatoes, gravy, mixed vegetables, fruit, rolls and milk.
THURSDAY--chicken salad sandwiches, salad, fruit and milk.
FRIDAY--ham and cheese sandwiches, chips, apples, cookies and milk.



WIN AWARDS...The Bovina High School Students council won a number of awards recently at the Texas Assn. of Student Councils state convention. Shown are (front) Darla Stormes; second row, Corey Graves, Donnie Estridge, J.J. Arias and Grace Uriegas. Third row: Darren Hromas, Mark Jansen and Mrs. Thieman, co-sponsor. Not shown: Mrs. Jennings, sponsor. (See story on Page 5)

Letter To The Editor

Dear Bill:

For the last couple of months we have all heard a lot about the proposed hospital district and the taxes involved.

My grandparents, and Gladys' great-grandparents came to this county in the early 1900s. I'm sure when those ladies stepped off that train and saw this vast wasteland for the first time, their hearts sank. But, they endured and raised their families here.

Those pioneering people built schools and roads...towns and farms...and did it out of their pockets. They succeeded and failed, prospered, went broke, and suffered all the setbacks we deal with today, but they endured. This has always been good next-year country and I hope it stays that way. Our lives embody that kind of spirit.

In my life, urgent need always arises when I can least afford it. We need our hospital. We need our schools. And, the cost of operating both has skyrocketed.

On May 18th, the voters will decide whether or not they will accept the burden of a hospital district tax. In truth, they will decide whether or not we will keep a viable medical facility in Parmer County. Our history is a tradition of caring for all the people. On May 18th, I hope we will continue that tradition.

Sincerely,
Don Spring

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION CIVIL

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: THE ESTATE OF HELEN BERAN, HER HEIRS, THE LIVING HEIRS WHOSE WHEREABOUTS OR ADDRESSES CANNOT BE ASCERTAINED, HER UNKNOWN HEIRS, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF HER UNKNOWN HEIRS, AND ANY INCOMPETENT OR MINOR INTERESTED IN HER ESTATE

GREETING:

NOTICE

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed in the 72ND DISTRICT COURT of Lubbock, County, Texas, on the 7TH DAY OF MARCH, 1991, the file number of said suit being No. 91-533,070.

You are commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation, the same being Monday the 10TH DAY OF JUNE, 1991 at or before 10 o'clock a.m., before the Honorable 72ND DISTRICT COURT of Lubbock County, Texas, at the Court House in Lubbock, Texas.

The names of the parties in said suit are:

IN RE:
THE HELEN BERAN TRUST

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit:

PETITIONER BILL BERAN, NAMED BENEFICIARY UPON THE NATURAL TERMINATION OF THE HELEN BERAN TRUST HAS FILED A PETITION, NAMING AS RESPONDENTS THE OTHER NAMED PERSONS IN THE HELEN BERAN TRUST, WHICH INCLUDE ALVINA RUTH BERAN KEETON, MARY ANN BERAN ALLEN, AND JOHN R. BERAN, AS RESPONDENTS. THE PETITION SEEKS A JUDICIAL TERMINATION OF THE HELEN BERAN TRUST WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED BY THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF HELEN BERAN, DECEASED, DATED NOVEMBER 18, 1969, AND ADMITTED TO PROBATE IN CAUSE NO. 13,914 IN THE COUNTY COURT OF LUBBOCK, TEXAS, IN AN ORDER DATED MARCH 27, 1973. THE NAMED BENEFICIARIES UPON THE NATURAL TERMINATION OF THE TRUST ARE: BILL BERAN, MARY ANN BERAN ALLEN AND JOHN R. BERAN. THIS CITATION IS TO SERVE NOTICE ON ANY POTENTIAL CONTINGENT BENEFICIARIES WHOSE INTEREST MIGHT BE AFFECTED BY A JUDICIAL TERMINATION. THE CORPUS OF THE HELEN BERAN TRUST IS COMPOSED OF REAL PROPERTY WHICH IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

DENVER PROPERTY: A RESIDENTIAL HOME LOCATED AT 1434 BELLAIRE, DENVER, COLORADO 80220.

LUBBOCK COUNTY FARM: 160 ACRES IN LUBBOCK COUNTY, TEXAS, THAT BEING THE SOUTHEAST ONE-QUARTER (SE/4) OF SECTION 16, BLOCK S, LOCATED ABOUT 8 MILES OF SOUTHEAST OF THE CITY OF LUBBOCK, TEXAS.

PARMER COUNTY FARM: 320 ACRES IN PARMER COUNTY, TEXAS, THAT BEING THE NORTH ONE-HALF (N/2) OF SECTION 29, BLOCK X OF THE W.D. & F.W. JOHNSON SUBDIVISION OF CAPITAL SYNDICATE LANDS, LOCATED ABOUT 9 MILES NORTHWEST OF THE TOWN OF MULESHOE, TEXAS.

BAILEY COUNTY FARM: 210 ACRES IN BAILEY COUNTY, TEXAS, THAT BEING ALL OF THE NORTH-EAST QUARTER (NE/4) OF SECTION 14, BLOCK X, W.D. & F.W. JOHNSON SUBDIVISION, BAILEY COUNTY, TEXAS; AND ALL OF THAT PART AND PORTION LYING NORTH AND EAST OF THE RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE/4) OF SECTION 14, BLOCK X, W.D. & F.W. JOHNSON SUBDIVISION, BAILEY COUNTY, TEXAS.

IF THIS CITATION IS NOT SERVED WITHIN NINETY (90) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF ITS ISSUANCE, IT SHALL BE RETURNED UNSERVED.

Plaintiff is represented by:
DON R. RICHARDS, P.O. BOX 2547, LUBBOCK, TEXAS 79408

Given under my hand and seal of said Court at Lubbock, Texas, this the 25TH DAY OF APRIL, 1991.

WAYNE LECROY, District Clerk
Lubbock County, Texas
904 Broadway, Lubbock, Texas

By CINDY CRUMLEY, Deputy

NOTICE

Energas Company hereby gives notice of its intent to implement new gas rates, service charges and security deposit policies for domestic, public authority, commercial, small industrial and large air conditioning type customer classes in and around the cities and towns listed below, effective May 24, 1991. It is anticipated that the new rates and charges will increase the revenues of the company by approximately seven percent and therefore constitutes a "major change."

A Statement of Intent to change the rates was filed with the Texas Railroad Commission and each incorporated city on or about April 19, 1991, and is available for inspection at the company's Lubbock office, 5110 80th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79408. A copy is also available for inspection at your local Energas office.

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| Crosbyton | Post |
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| Hale Center | Shallowater |
| Happy | Silverton |
| Hart | Slaton |
| Hereford | Smyer |
| Idalou | Souliand |
| Kress | Springlake |
| Lake Tanglewood | Stanton |
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| Levelland | Tahoka |
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Most Tornadoes In Texas Occur During Month Of May

By STEVE HILL
COLLEGE STATION--May is tornado month in Texas.

More tornadoes and tornado-related deaths have occurred in May than in any other month, state weather records show.

The two worst killer tornadoes in state history tore through Texas in May: 114 people were killed in Goliad on May 18, 1902, and the same number died in Waco on May 11, 1953.

Since 1953, when the state began keeping more reliable tornado records, twice the number of tornadoes have occurred in May than in April or June, the other two months in the state's tornado season.

More than 37 tornadoes hit Texas per year in May, compared to 19 in April and 18 in June. All other months averaged less than 10 tornadoes annually through 1988, according to data from the State Climatologist's office at Texas A&M University.

Texas averaged 126 tornadoes a year between 1953 and 1983--more than any other state, according to meteorologist George Bomar in his

book, "Texas Weather."

Texas has so many tornadoes in May because atmospheric conditions for them are most favorable that month, said Jon Zeitler, an assistant in the State Climatologist's office. The state's location between the Rocky Mountains and the Gulf of Mexico also makes it prime tornado country.

In the spring, early summer and autumn, cold fronts from the north converge with warm, moist air from the Gulf near the earth's surface. At the same time, warm, dry air at higher altitudes flows from the southwest out of Mexico.

Scientists have identified several characteristic behaviors of the converging airstreams that can form tornadoes, but they don't know precisely what causes the storms--or how to predict them, Zeitler said.

Meteorologists do know that when the airstreams converge, the forces can create large, spinning thunderstorms, as well as violent updrafts and downdrafts," he said.

The dry air aloft can provide a

"capping" effect that temporarily keeps rising, moist air from going higher. But sometimes the moist air can burst through the cap in a powerful updraft, creating thunderstorms that grow explosively upward and contribute to tornadoes, Zeitler said.

May tornadoes have killed the most people in Texas, averaging just over six deaths per year while April averages just under four. All others average less than two.

Meteorologists point out that such statistics may be somewhat misleading. The 1953 Waco disaster skews the May death total, Zeitler said, but without question the heaviest tornado activity, both in number of storms and related deaths, has been recorded between April and June.

The deadliness of tornadoes has much to do with wind speeds. Those can only be estimated, because wind-measuring devices usually don't survive in winds of much more than 100 miles per hour, Zeitler said.

But estimates based on Doppler radar and photogrammetry measurements, as well as special engineering studies of structures damaged by tornadoes, have helped scientists deduce that wind speeds can reach 300 mph or more.

Such information has been used to develop the Fujita scale of wind speeds, a 12-level scale for ranking tornadoes. None are expected to reach wind speeds of above 316 mph, or the F5 level, Zeitler said. F12 on the scale puts wind velocities at the speed of sound, about 750 mph.

F5 tornadoes are powerful enough to lift well-built frame houses off their foundations and carry them great distances before disintegrating them.

Many of Texas' most infamous twisters were estimated to be F5 tornadoes. Among them were those that hit Waco in 1953 and Lubbock in 1970--both by dark coincidence on May 11.

The Waco twister hit in the heart of the downtown area just before 5

on a weekday afternoon, killing 114 people and injuring almost 1,100. Of the dead, 94 were found in a two-block area that included the square around City Hall.

Damage totaled more than \$51 million and included 196 buildings destroyed or damaged beyond repair, as well as 850 homes demolished in whole or part.

The Lubbock tornado plowed through some 15 square miles, nearly one-fourth of the city, from near the Texas Tech campus to the Lubbock Municipal Airport. Twenty-six died and at least 500 were injured. Eighty per cent of downtown's plate-glass windows were shattered, and cars were smashed into 2- or 3-foot high pancakes.

The worst May tornado in recent years hit Saragosa, the tiny West Texas community that lost 30 citizens on May 22, 1987. All were in the town's community center, celebrating the accomplishments of a pre-school education program, when a tornado--rare in the area--struck the building.

Zeitler said that tornado reporting and recording has improved dramatically since World War II, but many tornadoes go unnoticed because they occur in rural areas.

For all their ability to do major damage, tornadoes have relatively little impact on agriculture, said meteorologist Rusty Billingsley of the Southwest Agricultural Weather Service, a division of the National Weather Service, at Texas A&M.

"Tornadoes hit in a relatively small area compared to the damage to crops caused by a heavy rain or hail," he said.

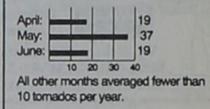
Billingsley said a tornado is capable of stripping away rich topsoil, but in most cases the path of destruction is relatively narrow and short--usually less than several hundred yards wide and no more than a few miles long.

TEXAS' WORST MAY TORNADOS

DATE	PLACE	*FUJITA RATING	DEATHS	INJURIES	DAMAGE
May 11, 1953	Waco	F5	114	597	\$41.2 million
May 18, 1902	Goliad	F4	114	230	\$50,000
May 15, 1896	Sherman	F5	76	unknown	\$225,000
May 6, 1930	Bynum area	F4	41	unknown	\$2.1 million
May 6, 1930	Kenedy area	F4	36	34	\$127,000
May 22, 1987	Saragosa	F4	30	121	\$500,000
May 9, 1927	Nevada area	F4	28	200	\$900,000
May 30, 1909	Zephyr	F4	28	unknown	\$90,000
May 11, 1970	Lubbock	F5	26	500	\$135 million
May 14, 1923	Howard County	F5	23	100	50,000

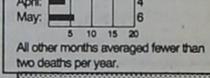
Available statistics show the month of May averages more tornadoes and more tornado deaths in Texas than any other.

Average number of tornadoes per year, 1953-1988.



All other months averaged fewer than 10 tornadoes per year.

Average number of deaths per year, 1953-1988.



All other months averaged fewer than two deaths per year.

*Fujita Scale rankings are based on estimated wind speed and damage caused. The scale starts at F0 for winds of 40 to 72 miles per hour. F4 tornadoes raise winds estimated at 207 to 260 miles per hour. No tornadoes reaching wind speeds greater than F5 rankings, from 261 to 318 miles per hour, have ever been recorded.

Source: State Climatologist's Office, Texas A&M University.

Progress Community Reunion Scheduled

There will be a reunion of the Progress Community on Saturday, July 6 at the Progress First Baptist Church. A coffee and breakfast breads will be served from 9:30-11 a.m.

All current and former residents of the community, former members of the Methodist Church, current and former members of the Baptist Churches, as well as the early Union Sunday School are invited.

Also, this will be the first reunion of those who attended the Progress School. It was built in

1926...65 years ago and the steering committee would like to have addresses of former teachers, principals and other personnel.

If you cannot attend, please send a letter, pictures, or something about your life and family.

Please respond to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ramm, Route 2, Muleshoe, phone 806/925-6421; or Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Wilhite, 1816 W. Ave. C, Muleshoe, phone 272-5062.

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FACT 1-- Less than 1/3 of all hospital districts in Texas use tax monies to repay hospital debt.
 *Reference Texas Hospital Assoc. memorandum, July 30, 1990.

FACT 2-- Senior Citizens' exemptions will apply, plus all farm and agriculture exemptions will apply.
 *Reference Parmer County Appraisal District.

FACT 3-- The REAL ISSUE is: A hospital district is necessary to maintain physician and hospital services in Parmer County.

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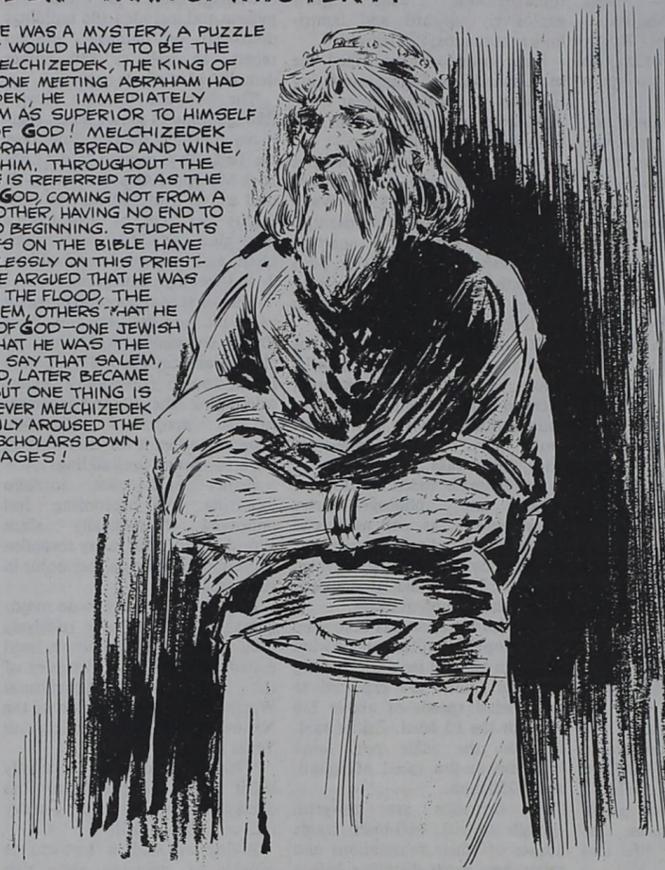
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MELCHIZEDEK -- MAN OF MYSTERY!

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 BY CAROL

Things around have been really We have been wallpaper and paint rotunda area and With the talents "Helper," Mary sister, Lisa Rasbe look so bright ar women really did to please all the st not an easy thing ask them about job. We would everyone to com when they are in th We would like sympathies to the Clark. She had since January 13, very much loved. There have been contributions made to They are as follow In memory of Jim and Christine Melba Burleson. In memory of Bill and Margaret

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GILDA MEJIA and DOYLE GARNER....Rev. and Mrs. Porfirio Mejia, Sr. of Memphis, Texas would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Gilda Mejia, to Doyle Garner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Garner of Bovina. The wedding is set for August 3 at the historical "Black House" in Hereford. Friends and family are invited. No local invitations will be sent.

Maesie Flynn had company last Wednesday and Thursday. Charlie Flynn's half-brother, Dr. Charles Turner, M.D., and wife, Bobby, from Santa Anna, California, visited. It was a short visit but they had a nice time together.

Printes and Carolyn Pruitt had company this past week. Carolyn's brother, Charles Tarver from Olympia, Washington, came to visit for the first time in eight years.

Also, her sisters, Allyne Daggs from Lytle, Texas and Betty Steapp from Mason, were here visiting.

This was the first time Betty had been to Bovina in 17 years. Printes and Carolyn's son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Francelle Pruitt, from Fort Worth, Texas, were here.

They all had a nice time visiting with each other and catching up on the latest news and had a fantastic time. One day, Prentis and Carolyn took Allyne to Clovis because, at the age of 68, she had never been out of the state of Texas. They took pictures of her at the Texas-New Mexico state line. She was surprised at how flat it is here.

Billy and Susie Smith, Stan and Darlene and Hannah Miller of Bovina and Printes and Carolyn's two granddaughters, Misty and Lindsey Pruitt, also joined the clan in their mini family reunion.

Floyd Damron is home from the hospital and is improving. I spoke with Mary and she said he is doing better but the improvements were slow. She said it would just take some time. Our prayers are with you both for a speedy recovery!

Kasey Bell, thirteen-year-old daughter of Greg and Pam Bell, was feted with a birthday party in the home of her grandmother, Mary Jane Wilson, Friday, May 3.

They had a hamburger and hot dog cookout, a scavenger hunt and

S.C. Has Activities In April

The Student Council has been involved in various activities for the month of April.

The council had spring elections for new officers. New officers for the 1991-92 school year are: J.J. Arias, secretary; Mark Jansen, vice president; and Grace Uriegas, president.

The terms of the new officers will begin in August, 1991. Those people who will be serving on the executive council for next year include Melissa Rodriguez, Darla Stormes, Darren Hromas, Cory Graves and Donnie Estridge.

The Student Council also celebrated an un-birthday party, April 25. Members ate hamburgers, exchanged gifts and ate cake and ice cream. The gathering was the last social event for the council members.

Eight members and their sponsors, Mrs. Judith Jennings and Mrs. Judith Thieman, attended the Texas Association of Student Councils (TASC) Convention, May 2-4.

The awards won by the 1990-91 council at the state level included: Outstanding Student Council, Outstanding Safety School Award and Outstanding S.M.I.L.E. School Award. This award is given for participation in activities whose goal is to prevent drug and alcohol abuse.

The speaker for the convention was Phil Gugliuzza from Louisiana, who has been involved in Student Council for many years. Those attending the convention were Grace Uriegas, Mark Jansen, J.J. Arias, Genaro Ruvalcaba, Darren Hromas, Darla Stormes, Cory Graves and Donnie Estridge, along with their sponsors.

The members attended many good discussion group sessions and have lots of new ideas for helping the students and community next year.

Upcoming events for the council include "Just Say No" week, safety and drug awareness before graduation and summer, and possibly end-of-school events.

played "Win, Lose or Draw."

Those in attendance were Brooke Charles, Mandy Wilson, Laurie Beauchamp, Lisa Hromas, Amber Willard, Deann Jones, Melanie Jansen, Tammy Stormes and Jessica Stowers. All the girls had a good time and enjoyed playing the games. Happy birthday, Kasey!

Evelyn Joyce Vineyard of Glenrose, Texas, visited in the home of Gene and Vi Hutto over the past weekend. Evelyn is Vi's sister and is the daughter of Amos and Leona Steelman. She is also a sister to Dick and Eddie Hutto of Bovina.

The family gathered in the home of Amos and Leona on Sunday for a family get together. Joe and Esther Steelman and their children and Chrsi and Jeff Steelman also attended.

Taffany Englant, five-year-old daughter of Tony Bob and Angela Englant, was scheduled to be released from Lubbock General Hospital Tuesday.

She has been hospitalized for the past week in Lubbock suffering from stomach ulcers. She is reported to be doing much better and is looking forward to coming home today.

Tony Bob and Angela have two other children: Sherri, age two, and Mark Anthony, age six weeks. Taffany told her aunt, Mary Rose Weber, that some of the tests were yucky! Our prayers are with you all and we hope you get well soon, Taffany!

Opal Bowen went to Lubbock Thursday of last week for a checkup at the University Cancer Center. She got a good report from the doctors, but may need further treatments later on.

While she was in Lubbock, Opal stayed with her niece and her husband, Regina and Dennis Johnston. On Saturday, they had a big hamburger cookout at the Johnston home. Her nephews, James Kelly, John and Margaret Kelly, were present, along with Richard and Leslie Kelly and their children, Nicholas and Michael.

Then on Sunday, the Cancer Center held a survivor's party for all the people who have survived their battles with cancer over the past year. They had a barbecue luncheon with all the trimmings and afterward, held a balloon launching to celebrate their victories.

Our prayers are with you in your time of need and hope you keep getting a good report.

Dorothy Stowers, Maxine Hart, myself and daughter, Valerie, were able to view the handwork of Jean Reed of Friona the other day. Jean makes some of the most beautiful hand quilted baby blankets and quilted wall hangings I've ever seen. All of her work is done by hand.

Jean takes her creations to various art shows, some as far as

Oklahoma City. If you ever have a chance to view her work, be sure and stop to take a look. It will surely be worthwhile.

With Mother's Day just around the corner, I tried to find something appropriate to run in the column this week to honor mothers. I feel this will serve the occasion very well. It was written by Erma Bombeck:

When the Good Lord was creating Mothers He was into his sixth day of "overtime" when the angel appeared and said, "You're doing a lot of fiddling around on this one."

And the Lord said, "Have you read the spec on this order?"

"She has to be completely washable, but not plastic."

"Have 180 moveable parts...all replaceable."

"Run on black coffee and leftovers."

"Have a lap that disappears when she stands up."

"A kiss that can cure anything from a broken leg to a disappointed love affair."

"And six pairs of hands."

The angel shook her head slowly and said, "Six pairs of hands...no way."

"It's not the hands that are causing me problems," said the Lord, "it's the three pairs of eyes that Mothers have to have."

"That's on the standard model?" asked the angel.

The Lord nodded, "One pair that sees through closed doors when she asks, 'What are you kids doing in there?' when she already knows. Another here in the back of her head that sees what she shouldn't but what she has to know, and of course, the ones here in front so that she can look at a child when he goofs and say, 'I understand and I love you,' without so much as uttering a word."

Group Has Meeting On Sunday

The Guadalupanas held their regular meeting May 5 with fourteen members present.

The opening prayer was given by Lupe Rodriguez, president, and the closing prayer was given by Grace Ortiz.

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Prairie Acres Party Line

By CAROL DELEON



Things around Prairie Acres have been really busy this week. We have been putting up new wallpaper and painting around the rotunda area and down the halls. With the talents of "The Little Helper," Mary Rando and her sister, Lisa Raspberry, these areas look so bright and fresh. These women really did a good job trying to please all the staff here, which is not an easy thing to do, but don't ask them about that part of the job. We would like to invite everyone to come by and look when they are in the area.

We would like to express our sympathies to the family of Lillian Clark. She had been a resident since January 13, 1983, and was very much loved.

There have been many contributions made to the Love Fund. They are as follows:

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"The creation of the Parmer County Hospital District and the levy of the annual taxes for hospital purposes at a rate not to exceed 25¢per \$100.00 valuation of all taxable property in the district."

IN FAVOR

AGAINST

"La creacion del distrito de hospital del Condado de Parmer y coleccion de impuestos anuales para proposito de hospital el tosar no exceder 25¢Por \$100.00 Valor de toda propiedad Impuesable en el distrito."

A FAVOR

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NURSES HONORED...The Parmer County Community Hospital Auxiliary honored the local nurses this week on National Nurses Week with corsages. Among those receiving their flowers at an early shift on Monday were (left to right) Helen Perez, Christi Mariscal, Terry Brailiff and Pat Holland.

Letters To The Editor

To Whomever Is Interested:

I respect the person who is trying to take steps to reduce their cost of taxes and unnecessary expenses. They will be good stewards of what they have.

However, I must lift up my experience that we will pay for the hospital district expenses one way or the other!

I have lived in a community which voted down a hospital district. Their hospital is vacant. They now are paying for a hospital in a neighboring town, and there is no doctor to replace their elderly doctor. No one is interested in being a doctor there. What little industry they had left is vanishing.

I have lived in another community where we worked to keep the hospital open. We had celebrations and bar-b-ques, truck-stops, and etc. We raised \$300,000.00 to keep the hospital operating, until we could vote on the hospital district. It passed, and the hospital now is going good, and is still open. A new prison is coming in, because of the hospital. Other industry is planned, because of the hospital.

Both of these are in small towns. Both had paid the cost for the hospital district.

I have also gone with ambulances to take people to the hospital in Amarillo and Lubbock. Some died and some lived. More lived where our hospital stabilized them before travel, and the helicopter crew said that several

over those years would not have made it without the hospital.

I experienced medical care at Friona when I was almost killed in a wreck. If I had not been stabilized, a blood clot would have more than likely jarred loose. At the very least, I would not be as well as I am now.

I cannot tell you what is right for your vote. But I can tell you it is going to cost you dearly either way. And one day, we will be in a larger town's hospital district, to make sure we have care for you and your family.

Thank you for having the hospital here when I needed it.

Henry L. Salley

Dear Editor,

Friday of last week three Friona children--each less than three years old--came to your hospital within two hours. All three had taken over doses of medication--potentially life threatening. In the time required to drive to the closest other acute care medical facility, each child was checked by a Friona physician and treatment started. The medical staff and nursing staff functioned together as a well-oiled machine to successfully treat each child.

I am an outsider--only looking in. If my family lived here in Friona we would want physicians and a hospital facility such as you have here.

Gary Storseth
Pharmacist

Letter To The Editor

Dear Bill:

Since my internship, residency, and time in the Service, I have been associated with Parmer County Community Hospital. The people who worked and spent a lot of their time elected to get a Community Charter for our hospital. At the time of Charter, there were only seven such hospitals in Texas. They felt that local control was very important and no government help was solicited or accepted. The hospital was maintained by the income from its services and through donations. We were able to function fairly well under this system.

This system worked without debt but in order to continue we had to cut back on services and were unable to buy any new equipment. This occurred after the government became involved through Medicare and Medicaid. Rural hospitals received about one-half of the pay for services as larger hospitals. The government's idea was that it cost only half as much to operate in a rural area. This proved to be entirely false and small hospitals began to fail. We avoided failure by cutting back on services and making our antiquated equipment last a little longer. The hospital can no longer continue to exist under these circumstances.

The government is changing its mind and over a period of five years will gradually increase pay to smaller hospitals, however, it will be impossible to continue services or expand services without a tax base. The only certain way of doing this is to form a hospital district. This will allow us to have some say on medical care in this area which I feel is very important. It is extremely important healthwise for our area to maintain the hospital.

In my career, I can think of numerous times that lives would have been lost without the closeness of care and immediate care of patients. I think that the people who worked so hard in the beginning to get our hospital would agree with me.

In the beginning, our plan was great and worked well with donations, Project Christmas Card, and support from our fine Auxiliary. This is no longer true. A hospital district is the only answer. I hope sincerely everyone will take time to vote and to vote for a hospital district.

Sincerely,
Paul L. Spring, M.D.

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To The Citizens Of Parmer County:

The current Comprehensive Plan for the City of Amarillo in Section 5, page 5-27 Objective 19 states: The City of Amarillo "supports the work of the Amarillo Hospital District in securing State Legislation permitting the Amarillo Hospital District to offer a unified program of health care to the 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle and all hospital districts now existing in those counties."

Let's keep local control in our county, vote "In Favor" of the Parmer County Hospital District.

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CARS FOR GRADUATES



1990 Ford Escort LX

2-Door with automatic transmission, AM/FM stereo radio. White.

\$135 per month*

*Monthly payment amount based on \$1,000 down and 60 payments at 12.5% A.P.R. for Level 1 buyer. Buyer pays tax, title and license fees.



1990 Ford Thunderbird

V6 engine, automatic transmission and overdrive, power locks and windows, AM/FM stereo radio, power mirrors, 6-way power driver's seat. Candy Apple Red.



1990 Ford Probe

Automatic transmission and overdrive, AM/FM/Cassette system, tilt steering wheel, cruise control, dual power mirrors. Champagne.

\$215 per month*

*Monthly payment amount based on \$500 down and 60 payments at 12.5% A.P.R. Buyer pays tax, title and license fees.



1991 Olds Cutlass Supreme

2-Door with V6 engine, automatic transmission, overdrive, air conditioning, electronic instrumentation, power windows and locks, tilt steering wheel, cruise control, AM/FM/Cassette unit. White.



1991 Chevrolet Cavalier RS

Automatic transmission, AM/FM stereo radio, cruise control, tilt steering wheel, intermittent wipers. White.

\$212 per month*

*Monthly payment amount based on \$500 down and 60 payments at 12.5% A.P.R. Buyer pays tax, title and license fees.



1991 Mercury Cougar LX

5-Liter HO V8 engine, automatic transmission and overdrive, leather interior, automatic temperature control, JBL Sound System with high-level AM/FM radio, cassette player and compact disc player, tilt steering wheel, cruise control, power windows and locks, power mirrors, dual power seats, electronic instrument cluster, keyless entry system and aluminum wheels. Champagne.



1991 Ford Tempo GL

(Two to Choose From)

Both are 4-door models with 4-cylinder engine, automatic transmission, power windows and locks, tilt steering wheel, cruise control, AM/FM/Cassette unit, intermittent wipers and dual power mirrors. Your choice for only

\$218 per month*

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1991 Chevrolet Corsica LT

(Two to Choose From)

Both have automatic transmission, power locks, AM/FM stereo radio and tilt steering wheel. One is green, the other is gray. Your choice for only

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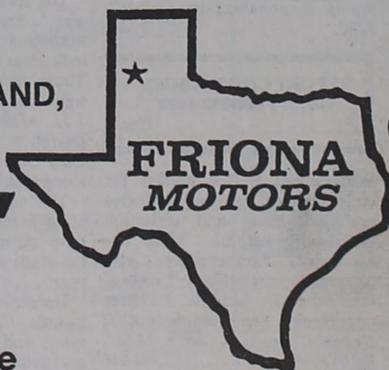
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