

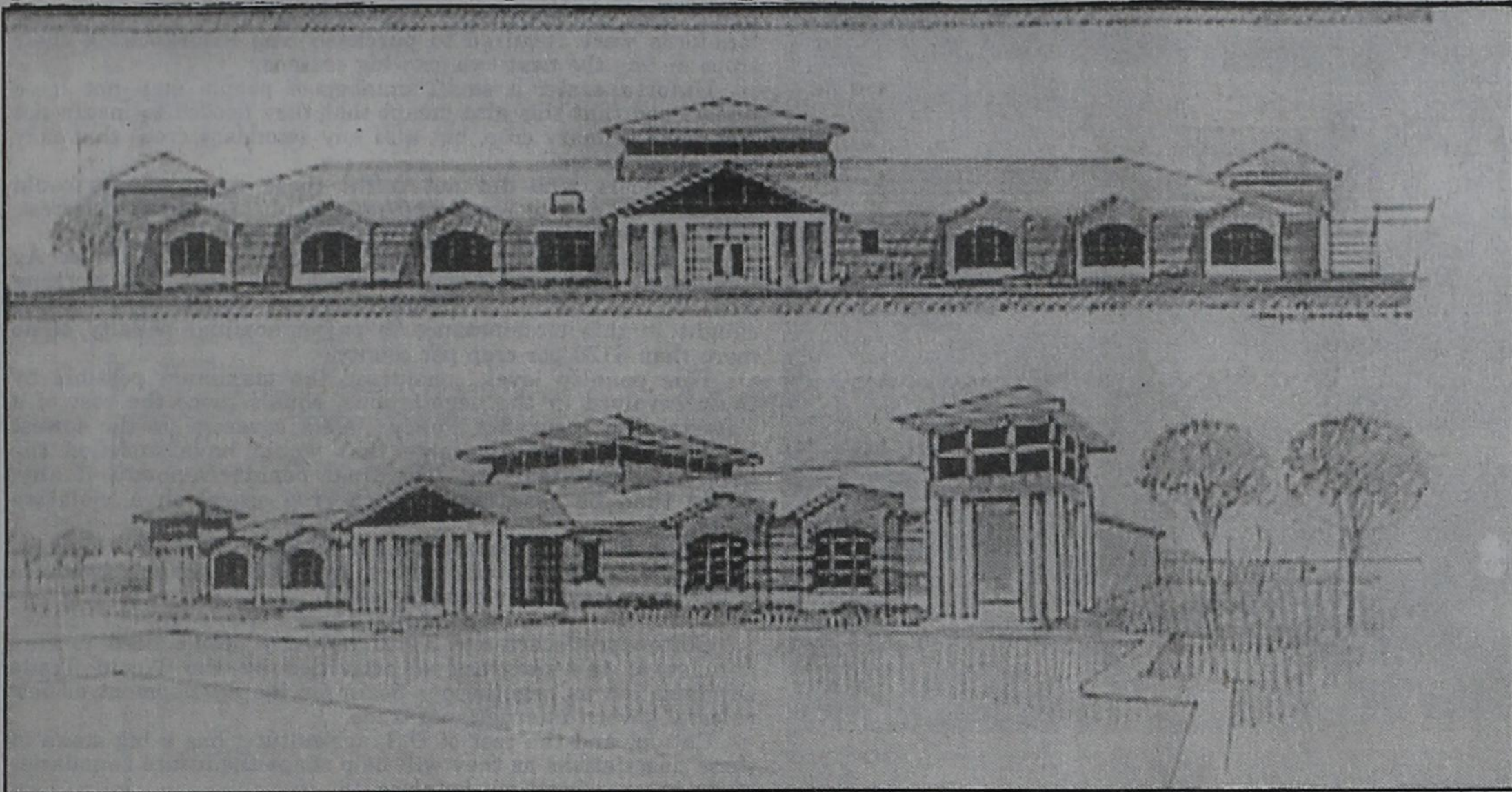
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PRAIRIE ACRES ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY ELEVATIONS

Assisted Living Complex To Be Constructed In Friona

An "assisted living" complex is in the works for Friona, and construction could start before the summer is over if things go well.

The 16-unit complex will be attached to Prairie Acres, and will be built to the west of the nursing home.

Plans have been approved to build the 16,000 square-foot facility through the issuance of certificates of obligation by the City of Friona.

Although the project will cost an estimated \$1.5 million, at this point there is no indication that any tax increase will be necessary to pay for the facility.

The complex will be primarily for couples or individuals who are not yet needing nursing home care, but can have a nurse on duty on a 24-hour basis. There will

be one professional nurse and aides on the staff.

"Residents can use their own furniture if they wish, or we will furnish the rooms, if need be," said Prairie Acres administrator Jo Blackwell.

The units will be designed as "efficiency apartments." There will be space for a bed, a couch, a sitting area, a kitchenette with a microwave oven, and a bathroom. The bathrooms will be wheelchair accessible, Mrs. Blackwell pointed out.

The facility will have its own dining room, and three meals per day will be furnished to residents.

Each room will have a back door patio area so that residents can continue to maintain flowers, or enjoy the sunshine.

A fence with security locks will surround the facility.

The new facility will furnish a person's linens, or they may use their own. "We plan to be as flexible as possible," Mrs. Blackwell said. There will be several seating areas for visitors and family, as well as a beauty shop, personal care room, a chapel and two tornado shelter "safe rooms." There will also be a laundry area for use by the residents and/or the staff.

In a special meeting of the Friona City Council this past Monday, the City authorized issuance of certificates of ob-

ligation in the amount of \$1.5 million to build the facility.

There was no opposition to the certificate issuance. A Lubbock bank won the bid on an interest rate higher than Friona's bank had bid.

The longtime nursing home chief said there is already an impressive waiting list for people interested in this type of housing.

Those working with Mrs. Blackwell have visited similar facilities in Amarillo and Lubbock, with ideas also coming from outside the area.



JULY 4 FIREWORKS...Top, Jeff Romans and Kevin Lawrence operate a fireworks stand on Highway 60 west, while Christen Stowers and Kelcy Scroggins operate the Lions Club and cheerleaders stand near Bovina Pump Co. on Highway 86. ron carr photos

Temp Hits 100-Degree Mark; Rain Total Noted

Having enjoyed a much cooler late spring than normal, the temperature finally matched the season during the past week locally.

The local area hadn't had a 90-degree reading until June 4, but it made up for that oversight by hitting the 100-degree mark on Sunday, June 27. It had topped out at 99.1 on Saturday, June 26, and climbed to 97 again this Wednesday.

With three rainy days that measured over an inch, the month of June's moisture was a welcome 5.04 inches. This was easily the most for the calendar year, doubling May's next-best, which was 2.44

inches.

The month's total brought the year's rainfall to 13.87 inches, a whopping improvement of 9.82 over the first half of 1998, when only 4.05 was recorded.

June's rain total was the most locally since the 6.57 inches which fell in October of '98, too late to benefit crops in an otherwise droughty year.

The 5.04 rainfall total is the most summer-month moisture in four years, still ahead of a wet July of 1996.

The week's temps were: Friday, June 25: 87-63; Saturday, June 26: 99-68

Post Office Vandalism May Cause Change In Hours

The Bovina Post Office has been vandalized several times during the last few weeks.

Postmaster Laura Bartlett reports that the increase in vandalism may prompt postal officials to start locking the lobby at 4:30 p.m. Right now the postal lobby is open 24-hours for convenience of box holders.

Bartlett reports that the series of vandalism incidents includes theft of a large rug in the lobby valued at \$75;

broken doors on postal boxes; destruction of the glass bulletin display case in the lobby; and a broken glass in the front door.

Bartlett has submitted reports to her superiors on the incidents and reminds everyone that destruction of post office property is a Federal offense. If the vandalism does not stop, authorities will be forced to take action which will be inconvenient for good customers.

Brothers Killed In Plane Crash

Two brothers from this area died Monday, June 28 when the plane they were flying crashed after hitting some power lines while they were attempting to land on a private airstrip near Petersburg.

Eric Williams, 31, of Farwell, was the pilot of the Cessna 210L and was going to pick up some tractor parts after leaving the Lubbock Airport with his brother, Barry Williams, 45, of Texico, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The two men were lifelong residents of the area and were the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Williams of Farwell, longtime farmers in the Farwell area.

The parents were out of town at the time of the accident.

After hitting the power lines, the plane crashed to the ground, exploding into flames on impact, DPS officials said.

The crash occurred about 9:45 a.m. Monday near the intersection of Farm-to-Market Road 54 and County Road 31 about three miles east of

Petersburg in southeastern Hale County.

Albert Ferran, air traffic manager at the Lubbock Airport, said that the plane had taken off from there that morning, but had already left the airport's communication radius when the crash occurred.

"We weren't even talking to the aircraft," Ferran said. "They departed here, and apparently they hit a power line."

Ferran said that when a plane is in communication with a control tower, it's much easier to ascertain how a crash occurred, but since the plane flown by Williams was not in communication, it would take more time to get the circumstances of the crash.

Local and state law enforcement officials were at the crash site all day Monday. The National Transportation Safety Board is investigating the crash.

Eric, the pilot of the plane, operated Farwell Spraying. Both brothers worked on the family farm as well.

ON THE FOURTH OF JULY 1999, if George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Alexander Hamilton, Samuel Adams, Benjamin Franklin, and other of the Founding Fathers of America were to drop in on us for a little visit, wouldn't they be surprised at what we have done with their legacy? Their 13 colonies have turned into 50 states and we have so many new inventions that would seem like miracles to these men of 1776.

But "We, The People" would be the biggest mystery of all. We win wars, but then give our conquered enemies the shirts off our backs. We know the line-up of every baseball team in the American and National Leagues, but don't know half the words to the "Star Spangled Banner." We demand that the Government balance the national budget, but we'll spend every last cent we can dig up to make a down payment on a car and go in debt to boot.

We are supposed to be the most civilized Christian nation on earth, but we still can't deliver our payrolls without using an armored car for protection. We put our dog on a leash, but let our teenage kids run wild.

We run from morning to night trying to keep our earning power up on the same level with our yearning power.

We have taller buildings but shorter tempers; wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints. We spend more, but have less; we buy more, but enjoy it less. We have bigger houses and smaller families; more conveniences, but less time; we have more college degrees, but less sense; more knowledge, but less judgment; more experts, but more problems.

We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get angry too quickly, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too seldom, watch too much television, and pray too seldom. We've learned how to make a living, but not a life; we've added years to life, not life to years.

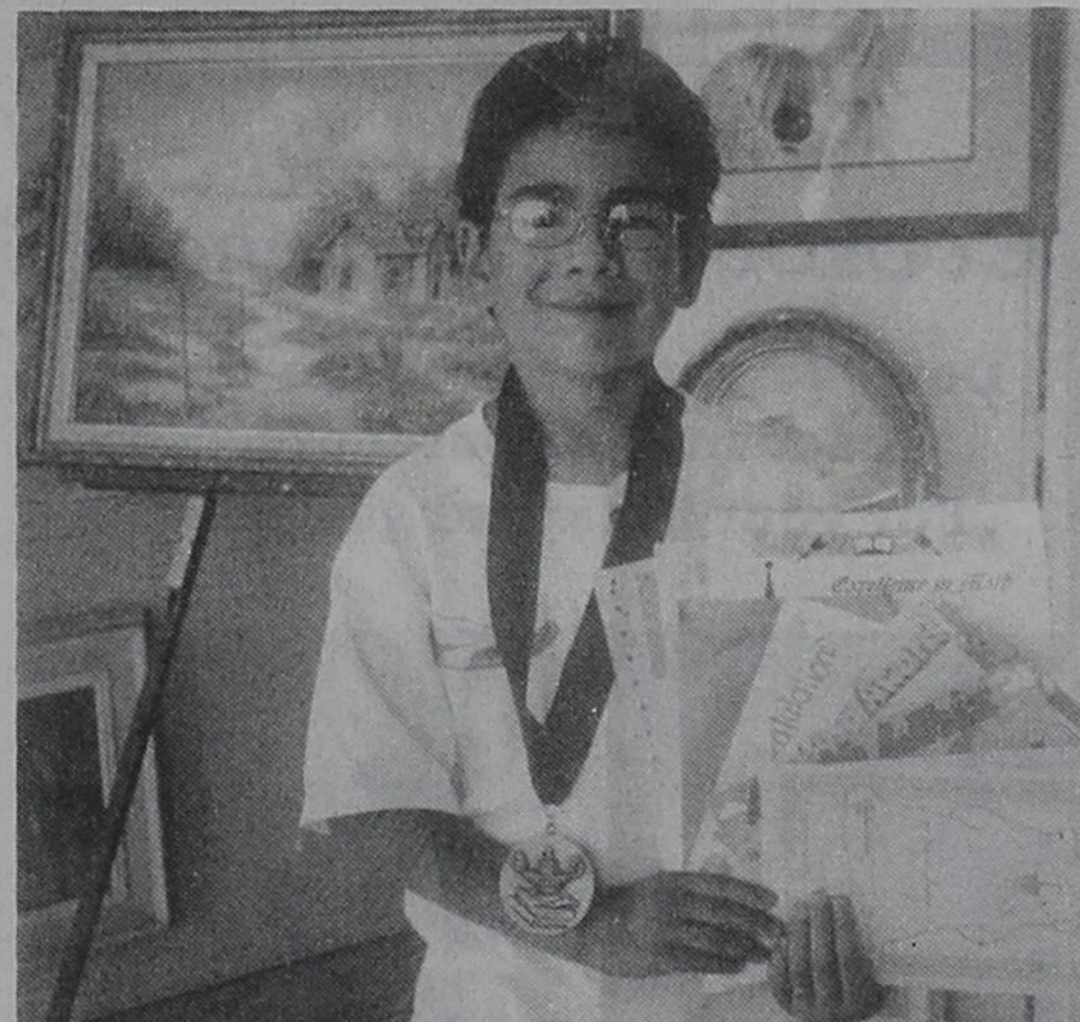
We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble going across the street to meet a new neighbor. We've conquered outer space, but not inner space. We've done larger things, but not better things. We read more, but learn less. We plan more, but accomplish less. We've learned to rush, but not to wait.

These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion; tall men and short character; steep profits and shallow relationships. We have more leisure time, but less fun; more kinds of food, but less nutrition. These are the days of two income families but more divorces; of fancier houses, but broken homes. It is a time of quick trips, disposable diapers, throw-away morality, one-night stands, overweight bodies, and pills that do everything from cheer us up, to quiet us down, and sometimes kill us.

With all our faults, America is still the greatest country on earth because we are free to say anything we want, and do anything within the law. We may have lost sight of the fact that these freedoms come with a certain amount of responsibility. We owe it to ourselves and to the memory of our founding fathers, to work hard to rise above these faults to become a nation of better people.

MY TURN

By Carol Ellis



A YEAR'S WORTH OF AWARDS...Aaron Ramon, a second grader at Bovina elementary had a good year. He is shown with an armload of awards, certificates and a medal he won for excellence. Some of his awards were for reading, creative writing, spelling, math, geography, citizenship, and the All A honor roll. He is the son of Jesse and Lorraine Ramon.

July 4 Activities

The Bovina Chamber of Commerce has planned a celebration for Sunday, July 4. There will not be a parade this year. The following activities will take place at the football field.

- 4 p.m. Children's games begin.
- 6 p.m. Brisket supper. Cost is \$4 adults and \$3 for children 8-years and under.
- 7:30 p.m. Gospel singing at the football field. During the gospel singing Bovina's Veterans will be honored. Anyone wishing to perform gospel music is asked to contact Donna Mitchell or Grady Sorley.

DARK: Fireworks display.

Bovina Reflections

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

40 Yrs. Ago--July 1, 1959

Mac and Vick Baca have leased and are remodeling the building just south of the bank building on Third Street. The business will be a combination clothing and grocery store.

A horse running loose in the vicinity of Wilson's Supermarket knocked down and trampled Bob Williford as he cut weeds in his front yard.

30 Yrs. Ago--July 2, 1969

The Bovina Roping Club will participate in the Muleshoe Fourth of July Parade.

Bovina High School cheerleaders attended the sixth annual cheerleaders school at Texas Tech. They were: Debra Kirkpatrick, Jan Gromowsky, Twila Hutto, Nancy Mitchell, and Darlene Murphy.

25 Yrs. Ago--July 3, 1974

A new barber opened for business in Bovina. Wayne Balanger became the owner of the "U. S. Male" shop, located on Highway 60.

Mrs. Javier (Maria) Robledo of Bovina was seriously injured when a front tire blew out on the late model Dodge pickup, causing the pickup to overturn.

Joe Jones of Bovina was forced to dump both loads of cotton burrs he was hauling when the burrs burst into flame.

20 Yrs. Ago--July 4, 1979

The Bovina Blade recently received an award from the Texas Press Association for third place in the TPA's Advertising Contest for 1978.

Several young people and their sponsors attended the

Youth Evangelism Conference in Fort Worth. Dorothy and Grady Sorley are youth directors at the First Baptist Church and accompanied the youngsters. Also going as sponsors were Don and Juanda Murphy and Judy Hodnett; also Judy's daughter Jo Linda.

15 Yrs. Ago--July 4, 1984

Bovina's first "Trade Days" will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the FFA Show Barn.

Kathy Boozer, a junior at West Texas State University from Bovina, became a member of Alpha Chi, national scholastic honor society.

10 Yrs. Ago--July 5, 1989

The Fourth of July activities at the football field in Bovina provided an evening of fun for approximately 500 people.

Tony and Dottie Neal and their three children, Mindy, Byron and Cain and Dottie's mother, Mary Littlejohn from Tucson, Arizona recently returned from a Royal Princess Cruise that took them to the shores of several countries.

5 Yrs. Ago--July 2, 1994

Some 2,700 undergraduate students qualified for the academic honor lists at Texas Tech University, Lubbock, at the end of the 1994 spring semester.

Named to the dean's list from Bovina were Corey Kirkpatrick, a sophomore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Kirkpatrick, majoring in finance; and Blake Scaff, a senior student, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Scaff, majoring in management.



COLLISION AT EXCEL ENTRANCE...Heavy damage was incurred by these two vehicles that collided last Tuesday at the entrance to Excel. An Excel employee, Cindy Valenzuela, is shown being transported to the EMS ambulance. In spite of the damage, the injuries were not serious.

Cotton News

Producers across the Texas High Plains continue to reel from the effects of excessive rain, hail, and cooler than normal temperatures.

Compounding the agony could be the fact that some producers may have inadvertently violated the agreement they made with USDA regarding 1998 Disaster Assistance payments.

As most people are aware in order to receive payments under last year's Disaster Assistance program producers and landlords were required to purchase crop insurance on their crops during the next two growing seasons.

Unfortunately, a small number of people may not have understood that this also meant that they needed to insure not just their primary crop, but also any secondary crops that may be planted as well.

Producers who did not fulfill these requirements could therefore be told to repay any money, plus applicable interest, they received from the 1998 Disaster Program.

In an effort to head-off any potential problems House Ag Committee Chairman Larry Combest and others are working with USDA to craft a compromise that would allow anyone caught in this circumstance to pay a nominal penalty of no more than \$120 per crop per county.

This penalty level, considered the maximum possible by those involved in the negotiations, equals twice the cost of a Catastrophic Insurance Policy. CAT coverage is the lowest level of insurance available that would have satisfied the insurance requirement. The final penalty amount, if any, would then be assessed for each crop on which a violation occurs.

Payment of the penalty would satisfy USDA and Congress while allowing producers to keep any 1998 Disaster Assistance money they have previously received.

Cotton producers and allied industry people need to stay abreast of the progress of activities by the World Trade Organization as negotiations begin for the development of new rules to govern international trade.

Cotton, and the rest of U.S. agriculture, has a big stake in these negotiations as they will help shape the future boundaries of the international marketplace.

Among the key points of interest to cotton are: Development of rules regarding the downstream subsidization of cotton and textile production in countries that compete directly with U.S. products; Development of science-based rules for trade in genetically altered agricultural commodities; Developing increased market access in other countries for U.S. goods and raw materials; and, the fact that negotiations for China's accession as a WTO member have not been completed so as to be able to hold that country to a uniform set of trading rules and regulations.

Plains Cotton Growers, will be joining other organizations and groups around Texas in developing input to this process by participating in a series of regional WTO talking sessions. The status of the WTO negotiations, when they begin, will also be monitored by PCG, the National Cotton Council and others to insure that cotton's interests are given full consideration.

The following is a summary of the opening dates, quota amounts and applicable closing and last shipment dates for cotton under Step 3 of the Cotton Competitiveness provisions of the FAIR Act of 1996.

Step 3 Quota Summary

Quota #	Established On	Quota Amount (bales)	Cotton must Be Purchased No Later Than	Cotton Must Enter U.S. No Later Than
1	3/4/99	195,430	6/1/99	8/30/99
2	2/11/99	195,430	6/8/99	9/6/99
3	3/18/99	195,430	6/15/99	9/13/99
4	3/25/99	195,430	6/22/99	9/20/99
5	4/1/99	197,267	6/29/99	9/27/99
6	4/8/99	197,267	7/6/99	10/4/99
7	4/15/99	197,267	7/13/99	10/11/99
8	4/22/99	197,267	7/20/99	10/18/99
9	4/29/99	197,267	7/27/99	10/25/99
10	5/6/99	197,524	8/3/99	11/1/99
11	5/13/99	197,524	8/10/99	11/8/99
12	5/20/99	197,524	8/17/99	11/15/99
13	5/27/99	197,524	8/24/99	11/22/99
14	6/3/99	196,078	8/31/99	11/29/99
15	6/10/99	196,078	9/7/99	12/6/99
16	6/17/99	196,078	9/14/99	12/13/99
17	6/24/99	196,078	9/21/99	12/20/99

Rites For Brothers Are Held Friday

Funeral services for Barry Wayne Williams, 45, of Texico, and James Eric Williams, 31, of Farwell, were conducted Friday at Farwell's First Baptist Church. Revs. Richard Laverty, Greg Martin, Gene Christian and Aaron Reed officiated.

Burial was in Sunset Terrace Cemetery, Farwell. Steed-Todd Funeral Home officiated.

The brothers were killed Monday, June 28, when their small plane crashed near Petersburg.

Barry Williams was born July 3, 1953 in Clovis. He married Deb Chandler September 3, 1971. He attended Texas Tech University, and had been a farmer for 28 years.

Eric Williams was born March 13, 1968, in Muleshoe. He married Susan Kerr August 17, 1991. He graduated from Texas Tech with an agricultural economics degree in 1990. He owned and operated Farwell Spraying service.

Both men graduated from Farwell High School. Both are survived by their parents, Bert and LaMoin (Jones) Williams, by a brother, Mark Williams, Farwell, and sisters LeeAnn Blackford of Friendsville, Tn., Tracy Devault of Farwell and Nicky

Leithen of Dallas.

Bert Williams' family came to the West Camp community in northern Bailey County in 1930, and still have farming interests in the area.

Barry is survived by his wife Deb, a daughter, Jennifer Johnson of Farwell and sons Matthew, Tanner and John Nathan Williams, all of Texico. One grandchild, Braden Johnson.

James Eric is survived by his wife Susan, a son Brock, and daughters Brittney, Bailey and Brenna, all of the home in Farwell.

The family suggests memorial gifts to the First Baptist Church Auditorium Fund, P.O. Box 129, Farwell, Tx. 79325.

Happy Birthday Bovina

Birthdays for the week of July 4-10, 1999.

- Jul 6 Janie Sudderth
 - Jul 7 Sharlet McCormick
 - Jul 8 Sue McClaran
 - Jul 9 Lucia Vanegas, Suezy Smith
 - Jul 10 Shirley Drager
- For additions or changes to our birthday list, call 238-1523 or write Drawer B, 79009.

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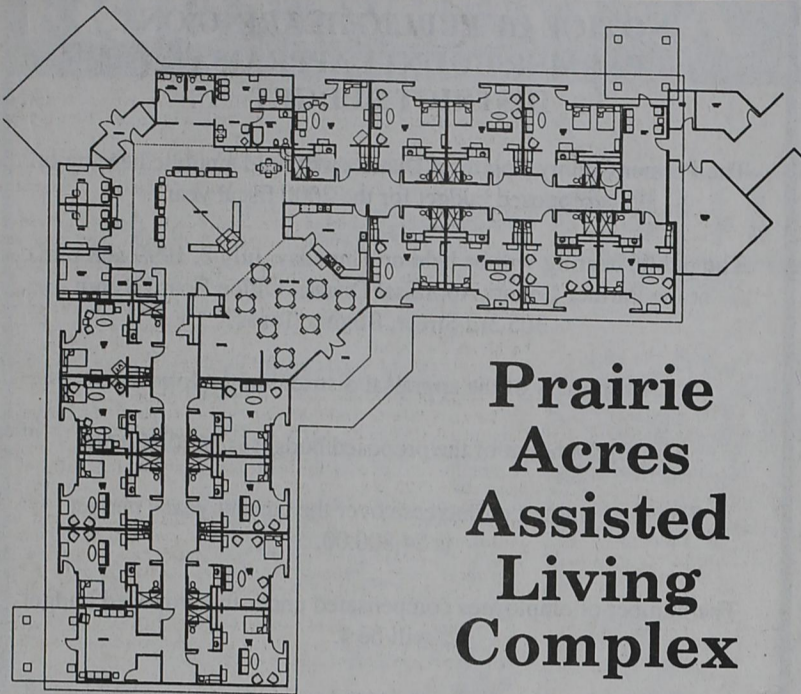
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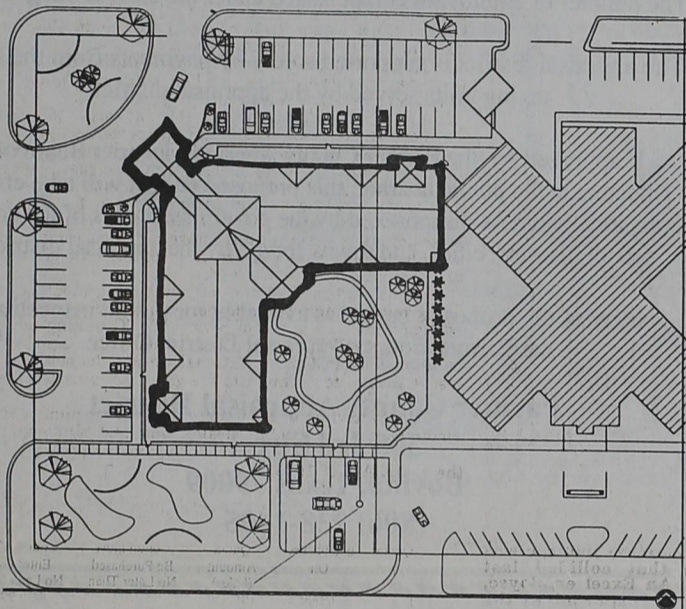
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To All Interested Persons and Parties:
Bovina Gin, Inc. has made application with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission for Air Quality Permit No. 41425 to operate an existing Cotton Gin in Bovina, Parmer County, Texas. The location of the existing facility is 100 East State Highway 86. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper. This notice is to be published on June 25, 1999 and July 2, 1999.

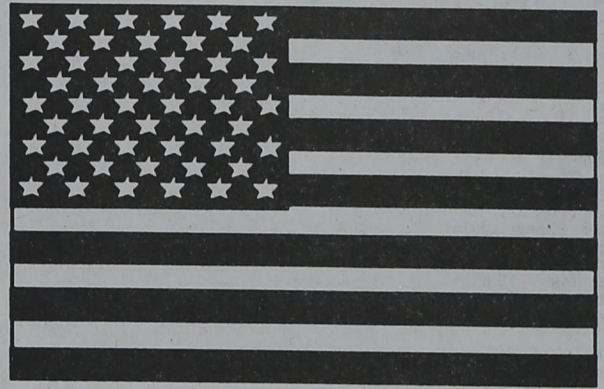
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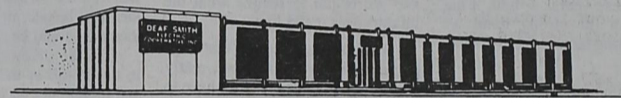
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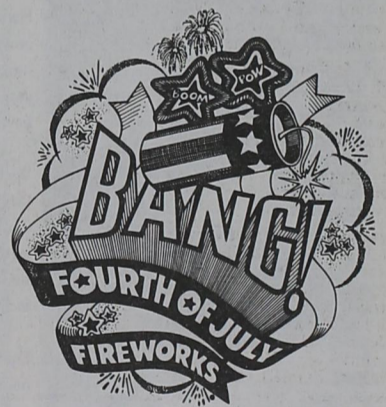
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A TRAFFIC JAM AT EXCEL....A couple of trains blocked the entrance at Excel on Tuesday afternoon causing a massive traffic problem as workers converged from the east and west. Top, Parmer County sheriff's deputy Joe "Junior" Lopez directs traffic into the plant as, below, the line stretches back to Friona. ron carr photos

✉ Letter To The Editor ✉

Dear Editor,
I recently attended the 50th reunion of my World War II infantry division. Whenever I attend these reunions not only does it bring back lots of memories, but it also makes me reflect about why we all still want to get together after all these years. I think it has to do with the strong bond we formed during those days of combat in W.W.II.

My grandfather had a term that I think is a pretty good description of what it felt like to be in combat. He called it "seeing the elephant," and it meant coming face to face with terror. In the movie, "Saving Private Ryan," Steven Spielberg does a good job of demonstrating what that terror was like.

During those early days of the war, we were all very young and

thought we were invincible. We had gone into the army for love of country, hoping we could be as brave as those men in "Buy War Bonds" posters.

As we went through training the gravity of the situation began to soak in. Fears and doubts increased and we began to realize what the infantry was really like.

I think the question that kept haunting us was "Are we really brave enough to do what we have to do?" The answer came to us when we got into battle. At the Battle of the Bulge and at Thorn, Germany where we had 63% casualties, we realized that we were not brave enough individually.

We were terrified and we didn't have enough courage, but we knew that the platoon, our brothers, were depending on us. Together through

the strength of brotherhood we faced the elephant, and we all came to understand the true meaning of "Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for a friend."

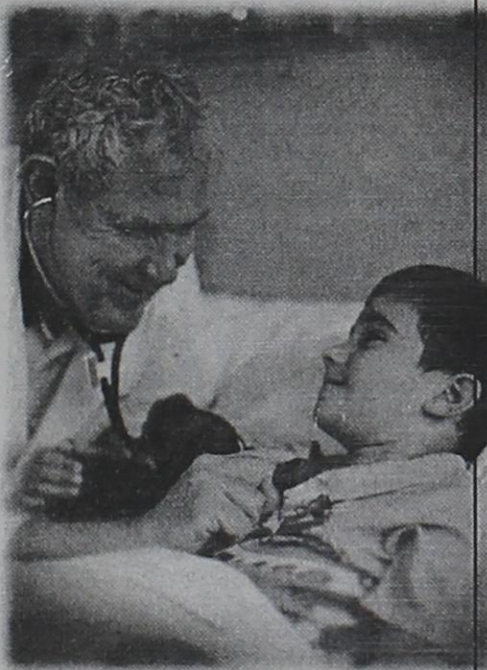
In a sense I think of each reunion as a pilgrimage. It is a way for me to honor the group of men that helped me be more than I thought I could be.

On the drive to the Rhine and in the Battle of the Bulge, I stood and fought, not because I was brave and heroic but because my buddies in the Third Platoon of the Reconnaissance Troop were depending on me.

I attend these reunions to recapture the bond that we had with each other during those terrible days of battle and to honor my comrades who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

Sincerely, Jack Patterson

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PARMER COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

The Parmer County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2000 fiscal year

The public hearing will be held on Thursday, July 8, 1999 at 8 p.m. at the Parmer County Appraisal District Office Board Room, 305 3rd Street, Bovina, Texas.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget is \$190,300.00.

The total amount of decrease over the current year's budget is \$4,800.00.

The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget will be 4.

The number of employees compensated under the current budget is 4.

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the Parmer County Appraisal District Board of Directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities, and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the Parmer County Appraisal District Office.

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THE AMMONITES WILL YET RUE THE DAY THEY HAVE OPPRESSED ISRAEL!

BUT DO MY BROTHERS CARE THAT I STRIKE THESE BLOWS AGAINST OUR ENEMY?

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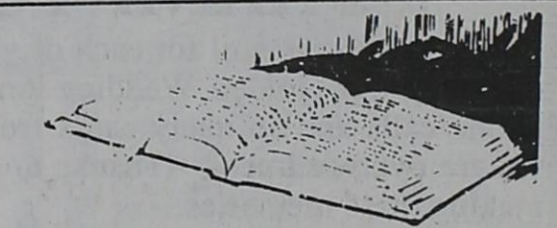
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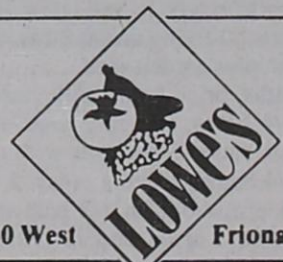
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Scooter's Scoops

By SCOOTER RUSSELL

NEWS AROUND TOWN...

Joe Looney has been released from the Friona Hospital following a heart attack. She went to Bob and June McMean's home in Bovina. June is her daughter.

I talked to Joe on Monday and she said she feels pretty good and that June was taking some kind of treatments near here so Bob and June may be in Bovina for a time before returning to Houston.

Dorothy Looney came home after spending several weeks with daughter, Kay. She also went through Scott and White clinic. Her daughter, Lee, said her mother had to have minor surgery but is getting along real well. Her daughter, Kay, has been with her for a few days. The girls will be going back to their home early this week.

Our family spent about four days at our trailer in the Cimarron Canyons near Eagle Nest. I think it was probably the prettiest we've seen it due to the good rains.

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Early one morning we heard a lot of noise against our trailer. We looked out and saw a bear that had gotten one of our ice chests from beneath the trailer. He had opened it by biting through the side of the top. We carried food in it but only the ice was left in it and evidently he could still smell the food. We've had skunks and coons but never a bear in the campgrounds. Didn't take us long to wake up that morning.

Our daughters and son-in-law came from Spearman and our granddaughter Rene and

A. Noriega Graduates At WTAMU

Degrees were officially conferred on 487 West Texas A&M University graduates at the May 15 commencement ceremonies.

The university awarded master's degrees to 57 graduates and bachelor's degrees to 430 graduates.

Aracely Noriega of Bovina received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in criminal justice administration.

Graduates with an overall grade point average of 3.50 or higher were recognized as honor graduates. The three levels of recognition are Cum Laude (3.50-3.74), Magna Cum Laude (3.75-3.89) and Summa Cum Laude (3.90-4.00).

Nineteen graduates received Summa Cum Laude honors. Thirty-two students graduated with Magna Cum Laude honors, and fifty students graduated with Cum Laude honors.

The graduating class represented two countries, six states and 72 cities and towns in Texas.

family came from Durango, Colorado.

The Don Murphys' daughter, Darlene and Buddy Foster of Midlothian have been with them for a few days. Darlene's two granddaughters, Jaycee and McKenzie came with them so the Murphy's had lots of fun with them. They all came on Saturday and left on Monday.

Dottie Ward suffered a heart attack recently and was still in the Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo on Monday of this week.

Dottie's daughter, Billie, said on Monday that her mother would be in the hospital another day or so but would probably be released the middle of the week. Her condition has improved and she will probably stay with Billie in Amarillo for a while.

Jim Russell's mother was hospitalized in the Deaf Smith County Hospital on Monday. She is under observation for the time being.

Elton Venable was hospitalized for a week in the Veterans Hospital in Amarillo. He said they didn't find anything wrong with him and he is home now and feeling okay.

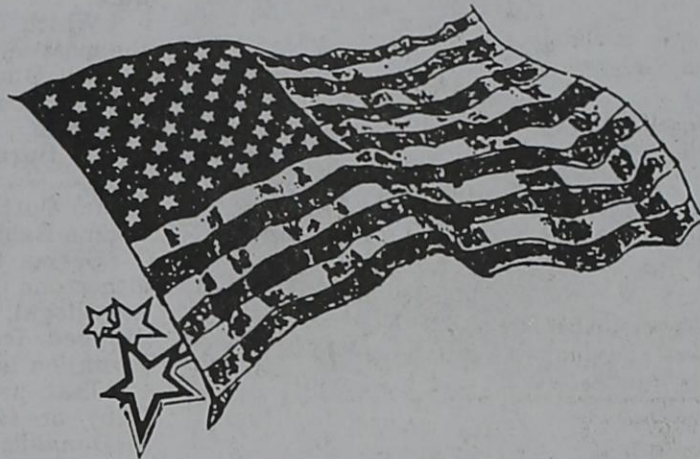
Porforio and Patsy Mejia were in Bovina a while back visiting with daughters, Esther Steelman and Gilda Garner. They came back this week for Amos Steelman's funeral. They now live in Memphis, and several years ago lived in Bovina.

THINK ABOUT IT: Do you suppose it's only a coincidence that man's best friend can't talk?...Have a great week...Scooter

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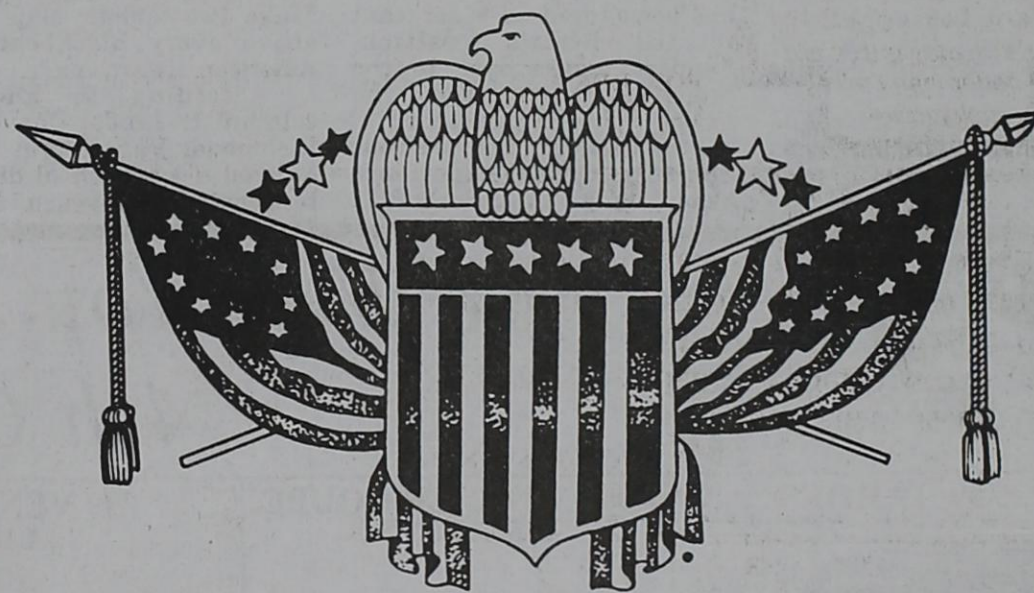
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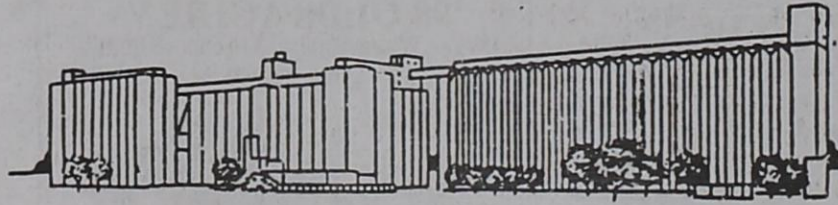


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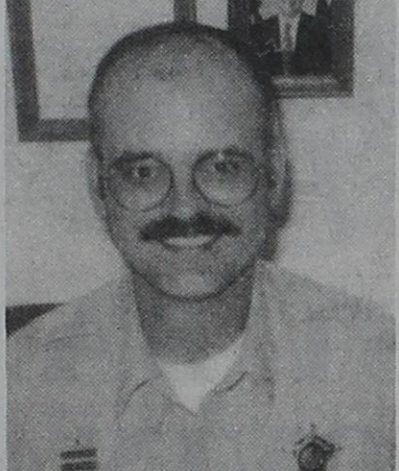
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FRIONA FIREMEN AT EXCEL...Friona's volunteers are shown at one of their three calls last Tuesday. This accident at the Excel Plant entrance involved this North Carolina car and a utility vehicle driven by Excel employee Cindy Valenzuela. She was helicoptered to Amarillo but later released. Firemen had to extricate this driver with the jaws of life. In top photo note the feet of one fireman in the rear window who broke the glass to gain access to the victim.



TIM SANDERS



GARY BLAIR

Personnel Shuffle At The Parmer Co. Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Walt Yerger announced some personnel changes at the Sheriff's office. Former Chief Deputy Scotty Ward has accepted a position with the Tarrant County (Ft. Worth) Sheriff's Office. Sgt. Gary Blair, a department veteran, was promoted to the Chief Deputy position. Blair will be

responsible for the jail and administration as well as his field duties. Tim Sanders of Friona has been hired as a sergeant to fill Blair's position. Sanders moves over to the Sheriff's Office from the Friona Police Department. Sgt. Sanders had previous Sheriff's Office experience before joining the Friona PD.

Out Here

By **RON CARR**
Ten Commandments, Flags, & Beanie Baby Tags!

Here is a brief, patriotic, All-American 4th of July quiz:
 Which of the following is the most serious crime?
 (a) Displaying the Ten Commandments in a school classroom,
 (b) Burning the American Flag,
 (c) Cutting the tags off of Beanie Babies.

Seems to me that doing either one of the three, while not illegal, can still get you dropped from a few party invitation lists. Tear a tag off a Beanie Baby or take one of those McDonald's Teenie Beanie's out of the plastic sack, and you will never again be invited to a Beanie swap meet. Your name and home address will be spread through the Beanie underground faster than a computer virus.

Beanie collectors will blacklist you like you were a serial Beanie killer. Forget about 'em letting you hold one of their Beanies. Once a tag-ripper, always a tag-ripper.

Same way with the ten commandments. You are welcome to display the two tablets anywhere you like as long as most of the American people, especially children, cannot see them.

In a great show of patriotism and bravery, the D. C. politicians and the Supreme Court has decided that after several school shootings and a general decline in the morals of Americans, it is okay to post the ten commandments in classrooms now. As though somehow "Thou shalt not kill" is a new concept.

A New York Times columnist, Maureen Dowd, snickered at the Congressional prescription for teen violence: "Take two tablets; slap them above every blackboard in American classrooms."

According to another columnist, Linda Chavez, a Richmond, Va., federal court ordered a local school district to permit a 16-year-old boy

to attend school with his hair dyed bright blue and often wearing a skirt and "ghoulish" makeup. He also has a tattoo that reads "Kill 'em all."

She goes on to say that liberals would like to think there is no connection between antisocial dress or language and antisocial behavior. There is.

It's going to take more than the posting of the Ten Commandments to change the atmosphere in U. S. classrooms, Chavez wrote. Congress should explore ways to return authority to school principals and allow teachers and administrators to enforce civil behavior and appropriate dress and manners in schools.

What? Manners, civil behavior and appropriate dress in schools? I don't think so. The American people and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) wouldn't stand for denying the rights of a first grader, much less a high school student.

Then, just as we prepare to throw a rack of ribs on the portable gas grill and celebrate Independence Day, there is the matter of burning the American flag.

The question American people have to answer is: "Is it okay to burn the American flag?" That is the question before Congress and right now they have proposed and passed a constitutional amendment that makes it illegal to desecrate the flag by burning it.

However, it remains okay to wear an American flag swimsuit or a pair of Stars and Stripes shorts. You can crank up your Harley and wear an American flag as a headband while touring America's highways.

You can use the flag in all sorts of what might be considered disrespectful ways. I once saw American flag toilet paper advertised in a mail-order catalog.

So, if it becomes unlawful to burn the American flag (and I don't think such a law would stand up in court)

what then would the punishment be?

Do you think it would be okay to go to a Federal prison because you got mad at America and burned a flag in protest?

What if you burned a flag in the privacy of your own backyard but a neighbor saw the smoke and called the law. Will there be a misdemeanor flag burning and also a felony flag burning? Is it more disrespectful to burn the flag on the capital steps than in an alley behind your house?

According to an editorial in the Hereford Brand this week, "The anti-flag desecration amendment flies in the face of the freedoms we Americans claim to cherish...It would also alter the First Amendment for the first time in more than 200 years...and is the legislative equivalent of burning the Bill of Rights...."

You can see the problem facing our patriotic, bipartisan Congressional Gentlemen and Gentle-ladies as they spend several million dollars arguing the issue.

Speaking of patriotism this July 4 holiday, try this for a topic while you are grilling your weinees: Do you

think the three soldiers who were captured in Kosovo and released thanks to Jesse Jackson (remember them?) deserved the Purple Heart and five other medals?

I know how some of our local veterans feel about it but I can't print their opinions in this weekly family newspaper.

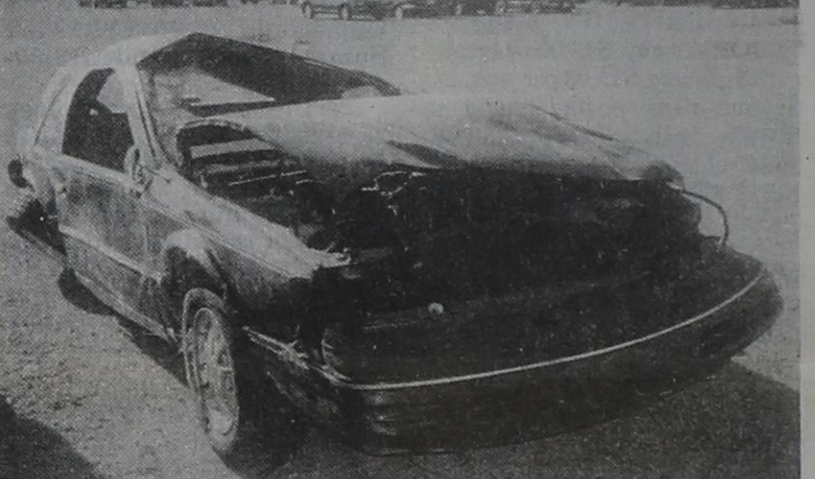
I don't think anybody should burn the American flag. If they do maybe a bunch of bubbas might consider dragging the offender out behind the barn for a good old American blanket party.

I don't think bright blue hair, pierced eyebrows, and white cadaver makeup should be outlawed either. It just shouldn't be accepted as normal or as a constitutional right.

So if you want to really protest on this July 4, take a Ty Glory Bear (the one with the American flag on its chest) over to Main and Highway 60, rip off the Ty tag, set it on fire, and thumb your nose at the world.

Just don't be surprised if the world ain't paying attention.

Happy Independence Day holiday. God bless America! Please.



A ONE-CAR ROLLOVER last Sunday night on the dirt road south of the railroad tracks and west of Parmerton Hill sent two Friona teenage girls by helicopter to Amarillo hospitals. Bovina & Friona EMS and police and sheriff's deputies responded. Emma Perez and Myrna Rivera, both 17, remain in serious condition at press time. ron carr photo

We Wish You A Safe And Happy 4th Of July!!!

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