



DR. DICKSON BEGINS AUG. 1 New Hospital Addition Is Nearing Completion

The new addition to Parmer County Community Hospital is nearing completion.

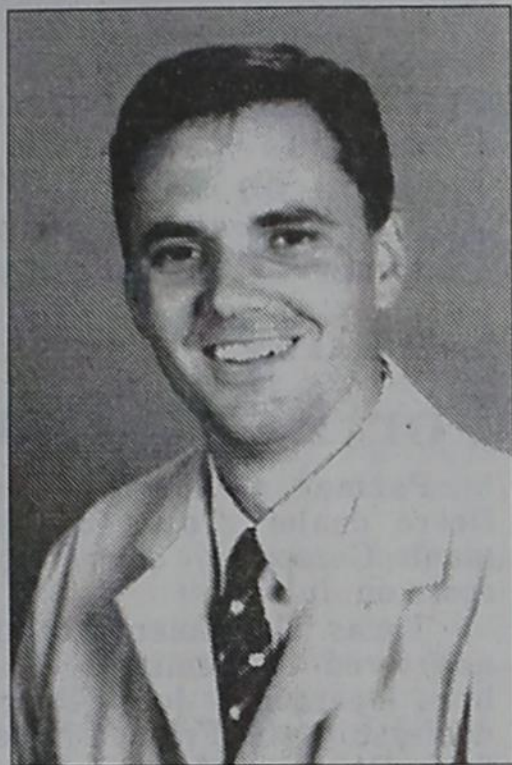
So much so that the Friona Clinic division was looking toward the possibility of moving at least one of the doctors' offices into the new addition over the weekend.

Dr. Jeff Dickson, Friona native, will begin his practice on Wednesday, August 1, so the clinic was needing a new office anyway. Dr. Dickson has trained as a family practitioner (see below).

Bill Neely, PCCH administrator, said Thursday that there are still several things that need to be completed. "This move may take more than a day or two. It is a tremendous job. There is a lot of equipment to be moved, plus there will be some new equipment and furniture. It will not be an easy task," Neely said.

The hospital administrator asked for the public's understanding during the period that the move will be taking place. "It may be a bit inconvenient (for hospital patients) for awhile. But we are as anxious and excited as the community seems to be, to get into the new facility," he added.

Dr. Jeff Dickson is a 1987



DR. JEFF DICKSON
graduate of Friona High School. He received his B.S. degree, Magna cum laude, with a biomedical science major from Texas A&M University in 1994.

Dr. Dickson received his M.D. degree from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in 1998.

He completed his residency at the Methodist Medical Center of Illinois at Peoria, 1998-2001, where he also completed his family practice residency.

The Friona native received his Illinois medical licence in 2000-2001, and his Texas licence in 2001-2002.

He has also completed advanced life support training in the following fields:

*Advanced cardiac life support; *Pediatric Advanced life support; *Neonatal advanced life support, and *Advanced trauma life support.

He holds memberships in the American Academy of Family Practice, and the American Medical Assn.

Jeff's wife is the former Becky West of Orange. The Dicksons are parents of five children: Ricky, 15, who will be a sophomore at Friona High School this fall, along with Joey, nine, Rachel, seven; Jacob, four, and Matt, 23 months old.

The new doctor is a third generation resident of Friona. He is the son of Randy and Joyce Dickson. His grandparents also were Friona residents. They were Weldon and Juanita Dickson and Ollie and Charles Rogers, all of whom are now deceased.

Only 150 Days 'till Christmas!

Cowboys To Have Church

Hub Cowboy Fellowship will have its first gathering at the Hub Community Building, Saturday, July 28. Hamburgers will be served starting at 6 p.m. and the service will begin at 7 p.m.

Steve Friskup will lead the worship service and Buster Reedy will lead the singing.

This is the first time a cowboy church type of worship service has been held in Parmer County.

Everyone is invited to attend and bring their friends and family for a night of fellowship, worship and singing. For more information, contact Feller Hughs at 265-3281 or 250-2377.



THE MOST IMPORTANT item at the St. Ann's Jamaica could be this ice cooler already on the church lot. The Jamaica is Sunday, July 29, beginning at 11 a.m. See box at right.



It Was So Hot That.....

My Turn
By Carol Ellis

HOT ENOUGH FOR YA? And don't you hate it when folks say that? The month of July is drawing to a close with every day so far having been in the 90s or 100s except for one day when it hit only 88°. It has been 100° or more for over 10 days so far this summer. Last year we hit the 100° mark only one day all summer long.

I was in a very hot parking lot in Amarillo on Monday afternoon, when the digital in my car read 110° for the outside temp. The seat belt would have made a good branding iron, and I found out that I could drive with only two fingers on the steering wheel. I could have cooked my lunch out on the hood of that car.

How did our pioneer ancestors make it driving around in those covered wagons with no air conditioning? I nearly had a heat stroke driving six or seven blocks while waiting for the cool air to kick in.

When the temp drops below 95° it suddenly feels like we're having a cool spell. We still have to get through August, which is usually our hottest month. At this rate, there won't be any need to pull the old (or new) Fall wardrobe out of the back closet until late November.

In years to come, old timers will tell stories to their grandkids about the really hot summer of "ought-one" in the Texas Panhandle.

"Why, it was so hot that summer, we ate raw hot chili peppers just to cool off the old innards. We could put a jar out on the back

porch and make instant sun tea. The same with baked potatoes. We'd just wrap 'em in foil and put 'em out in the yard for awhile. Hot water would come out of the faucet on both the hot and cold sides.

"A friend of mine found out that you could throw a frozen hamburger patty up in the air and it would come down cooked. But you didn't want to throw it up too high or it would get burned.

"Talk about burn... you could burn your hand just opening the car door and we all discovered that we could sunburn right through the car window. We'd rather walk than have to drive a car with vinyl upholstery. There were a lot of crunched fenders from people fighting over the few parking spaces that had any shade. The asphalt melted and all the streets were running with liquid tar.

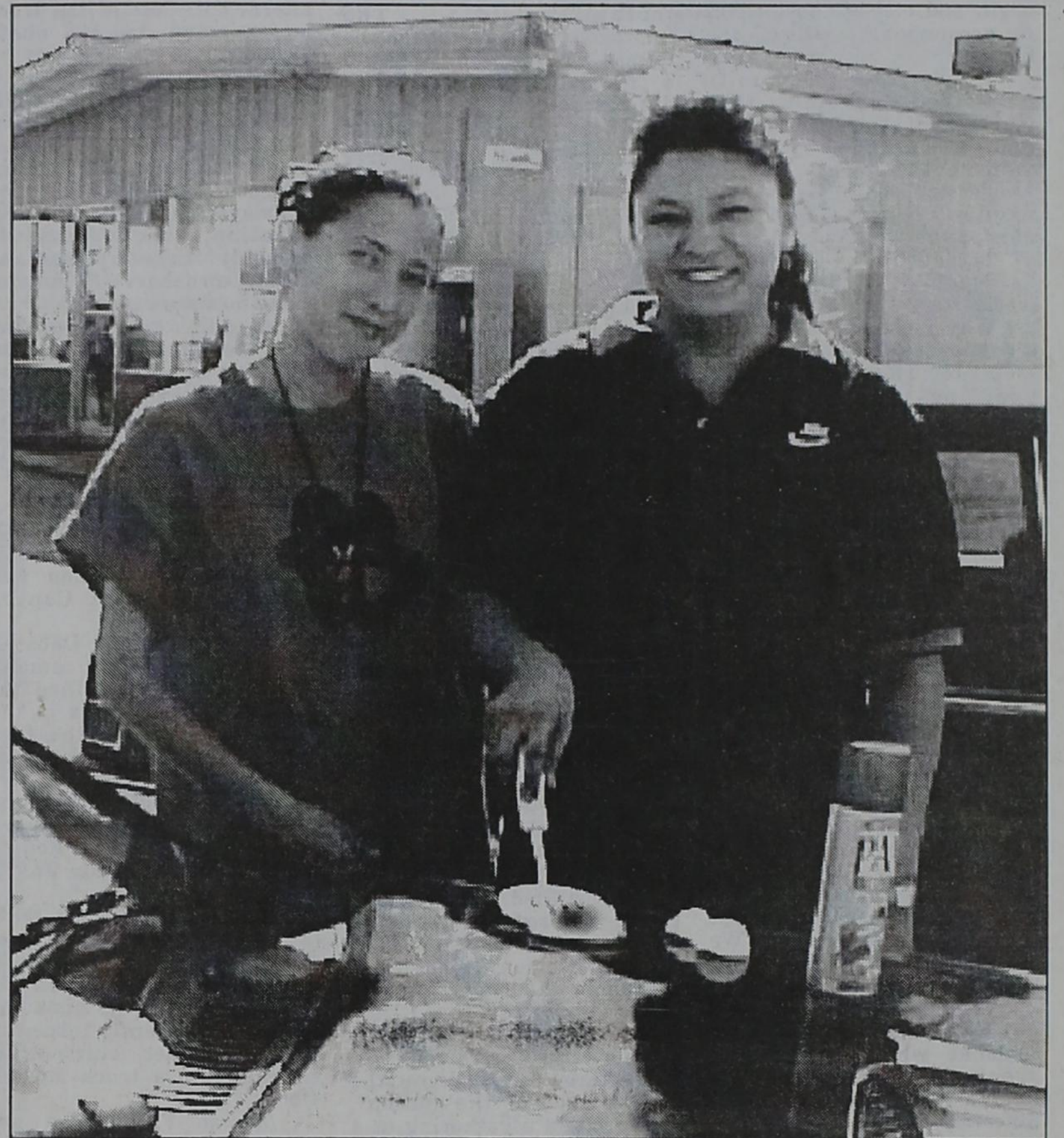
"The heater went out on the city swimming pool and the water stayed so warm that nobody noticed any difference. Birds left their nests to sit under lawn sprinklers and just let their eggs hatch out by themselves in the heat.

"In the morning, you'd step outside to go to work at 7:30 a.m. and break into a sweat that wouldn't quit until 11 o'clock that night. It was too hot to go out to the box to get our mail in the middle of the day, so we waited until after dark to bring in the day's mail.

"The cows at the new dairy farm over in Hereford were giving condensed milk. Folks who had a few chickens, were feeding them crushed ice to keep 'em from laying hard boiled eggs. One farmer had some acres planted in popcorn and lost the whole crop when it got so hot that it all popped in the field.

"Somebody got the idea to punch holes in the bottom of an empty coffee can and pour water in it so the children would know what rain looked like. When it finally did come a rain, an old fellow was walking across the street, and it shocked him so much that he passed out when the first drops of rain hit him in the face. The EMS guys had to throw two buckets of dust on him before he came to."

Okay, this has all been pretty silly stuff, but we might as well laugh about it while we sit around fanning ourselves.



COOKIN' GOOD...High temperatures this past week caused some Bovina residents to wonder if it would be possible to fry an egg on the hood of a car. Pat Garza took up the challenge with some help and advice from friend Dina Lara. The egg turned out pretty good they said.

Hot Dry Spell Lingers On & On

The hot, dry spell has continued unabated the past week, with temperatures 94 or over every day.

Although the official recording station in Friona has logged just five days over the 100-degree mark, there have been ten other days when it topped out at 97 or over (four 99s), and other thermometers in the area may have shown 100s many of the other ten days.

For the month of July, there has not been even a trace of moisture in Parmer County's official gauge. The 26 consecutive days without

even a trace is the longest of the calendar year, and unless something blows in moisture-wise over the next few days, we may well log the first month with no moisture.

The month of April might as well have been considered moisture-less, since only .04 inch was measured on April 7, and a trace on the 17th.

The last time the local rain gauge was tested was on June 29, when .74 inch was measured.

The year's total rainfall stands at 11.79 inches, probably above average, but the summer months are

taking their toll on the area's rowcrops, which badly need some help.

Week's temperatures:
Friday, July 20: 94-64;
Saturday, July 21: 94-70;
Sunday, July 22: 97-71;
Monday, July 23: 100-68;
Tuesday, July 24: 99-69;
Wednesday, July 25: 99-67;
Thursday, July 26: 99-71.

It's Time To Pre-Register For School!

Pre-registration dates for the 2001-02 Bovina school year have been set. They are:

Thursday, August 2 and Friday, August 3 at the high school library. The hours both days will be 9-11 a.m.; 1-3 p.m.; and 5-7 p.m.

All students need to come to the high school library and bring a parent. New students should bring copies of birth certificate, social security card and shot records.

Middle school and high school students will be able to pick up class schedules. School calendars and supply lists will be available.

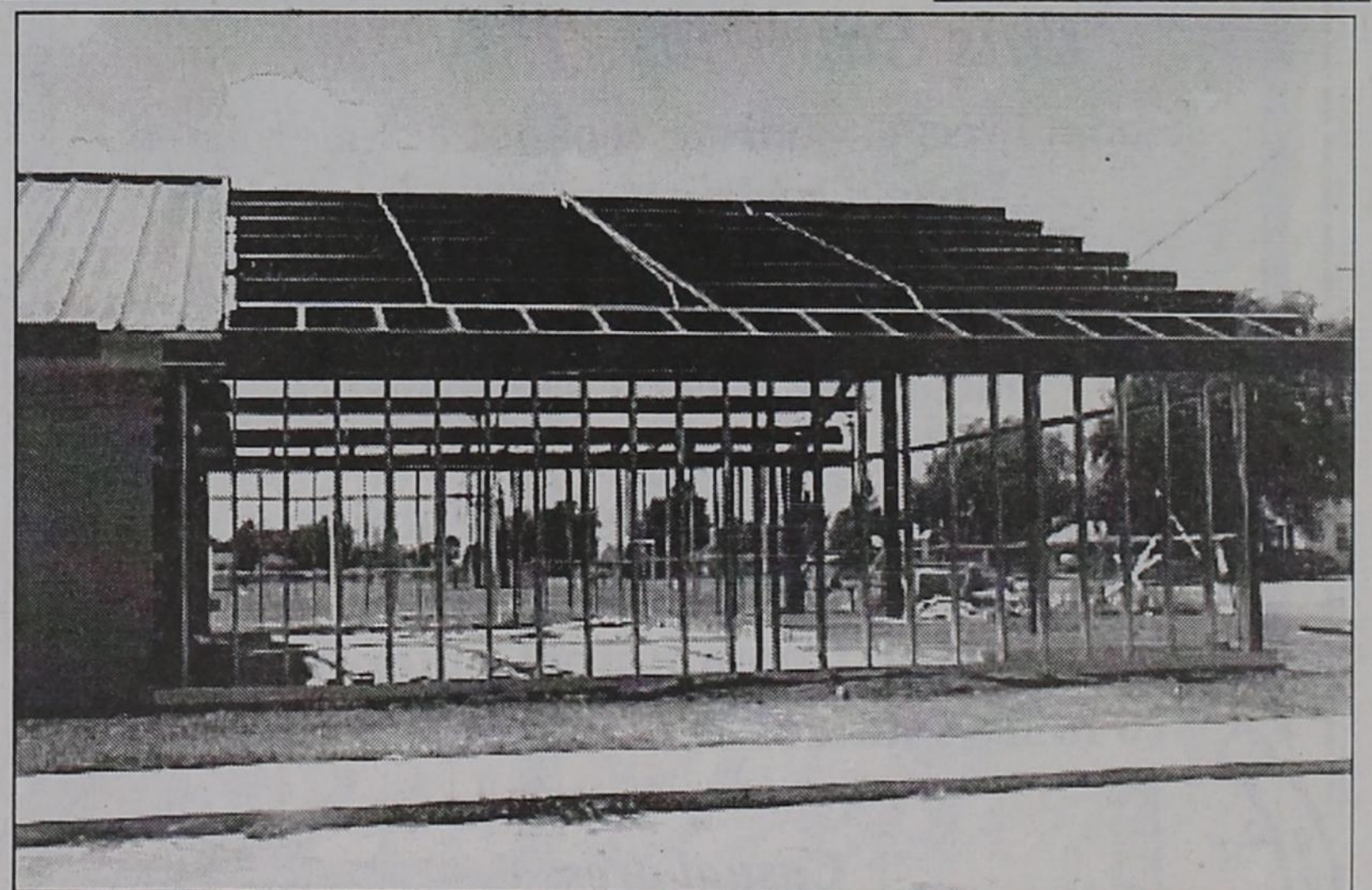
St. Ann's Jamaica Set For Sunday, July 29

Come on out. Brave the heat. Join in the fun and games. It is all for a good cause.

St. Ann's Catholic Church will host its 7th annual Jamaica on Sunday, July 29, from 11 a.m. until late.

The celebration will include authentic Mexican food, fruit drinks, live music, bingo, games and prizes.

It is free to the public and will be held on the parking lot of the Parish Hall at the church, 404 3rd Street in Bovina.



NOW WE ARE getting somewhere. The steel and the wall studs are up as work continues on the addition to the school administration building. The building will house a computer lab for use by community members and students.

Letter To The Editor

I was somewhat bothered by the letter in the paper regarding the Bovina Basketball Tournament. A lot of hard work went in to bringing this tournament to Bovina. Since Bovina is such a small school with only one gym, the tournament had to begin and end at these times to accommodate all of the teams.

I felt the community benefited from this tournament both financially and as a good way to promote the town. Several people stopped to say what a nice town Bovina is and what nice people we have. Are we so stagnate that we can't try to promote our town and school?

Why must one always be a pessimist? Did anyone ever stop to think that the Coaching staff might be trying to reach our children and young people in different ways? Is Church the only way or place to worship?

Coach Weems has set an example for our children and young people by being someone that cares and believes in them. He stresses sportsmanship, good attitudes, good behavior, trust, and working together for common goals, aren't these the qualities of good Christians? Isn't this the first step?

Instead of criticizing shouldn't we take the opportunity to work together to reach our young people and encourage them to seek God in their own way. We are not Christians just because we go to church. We are Christians by our faith, belief and actions.

You should be glad the Lord blessed you with someone who cares enough about the young people of Bovina.

Sincerely, Debby Weems

Happy Birthday Bovina

Birthdays for the week of July 29 to August 4, 2001.

Jul 29 Virgil Fritsch, Jay Be Barrett, Martha Guyman, David Cruz, Cliff Rocha

Jul 30 Gabe Garner, Bobby Johnson

Jul 31 Phyllis Steelman, Sara Sorley, Derrick Saddler, Rebecca Johnson

Aug 1 Clyde Blalock, Hattie Turner, Scott Johnson

Aug 2 Jack Turner

Aug 3 Mac Glasscock, Skyla Cockerham, Michael Jansen

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

BOVINA REFLECTIONS

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

45 YRS AGO-AUG 8 1956

Approximately \$4500 worth of remodeling is being done on a wooden frame building located at the south end of Bovina High School's football field. The improvements will change the former classroom building into a "nice" field house for the athletic team.

The much planned and discussed curbs and gutters for Highway 60 are being put in. Construction on the improvements for the main route through Bovina began the middle of last week.

Sixteen new barrels of storage space are being added to the Sherley Grain Company's storage space, Harry Johnson, employee of the elevator, announces. The barrels will be 24 feet across. The addition will increase the elevator's storage capacity by almost one-third, or one million bushels. Construction of 200,000 bushels of storage space for Bovina Wheat Growers is scheduled to begin the latter part of this week. The new building will be located between the present concrete structure and the office.

40 YRS AGO-AUG 9 1961

Construction began this week on installation of water and sewer lines in an area west of south Eighth Street and south of Highway 84 in Bovina. The facilities are being installed for Ridgelea, Bovina's proposed housing development.

The "Golden Triangle" is the name that Roy Cowser, mayor of Hereford, has proposed for Deaf Smith, Parmer, and Castro counties. These three counties are "the garden spot of the nation", Cowser told a gathering at a recent meeting of the Hereford Rotary Club, and "much can be accomplished through a combined effort in promoting the area."

35 YRS AGO-AUG 10 1966

A hail storm Sunday afternoon in some areas around Bovina "wiped out" several hundred acres of cotton and vegetables and severely damaged the grain sorghum crop. The storm, which was accompanied by high winds and more than an inch of rain, evidently started west of Bovina in the Pleasant Hill area.

Preparing for a new schedule in a new classification in a new district, the Bovina Mustangs began practice for the 1966 football season Monday afternoon. The team will be preparing for its first year of competition in Class A.

30 YRS AGO-AUG 11 1971

Rain, the good soil-soaking, farmer-pleasing, slow-falling kind, totaled two and one-half inches here Saturday night.

A new track for Bovina

Schools is one of the goals of the Bovina Mustang Club members who were collecting contributions from individuals this week. A total of \$950 had been raised by Monday afternoon. Cost of the track is expected to be about \$5,000.

25 YRS AGO-AUG 11 1976

Lou Nuttall, news editor and editor of the Bovina Blade since 1970, has resigned the position effective Monday, August 23. After a vacation, she plans to probably "help my husband during corn harvest" but has made no future plans.

A gala grand opening sale begins tomorrow at Bovina Supermarket and Family Center, as the business celebrates moving into its beautiful new quarters on the Dimmitt Highway.

20 YRS AGO-AUG 12 1981

The twentieth annual Ellison family reunion was held in the Nogal Canyon August 1-2.

Carol Ware and Deborah Whitecotton were among 1,800 students qualified for the deans' honor rolls in the six colleges during the first term of the 1981 summer session.

Bovina residents, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Stowers are parents of twin sons, Ronnie and Donnie, born July 22.

15 YRS AGO-AUG 20 1986

Calvin F. Cook, 81, of Bovina, was listed in critical condition Saturday, resulting from the injuries he sustained when he apparently turned in front of another vehicle while turning into a truck stop in Clovis.

Maesie Flynn and her sister, Grace Parr of Friona, have recently returned from a trip to Alaska.

Note To Bovina Fire Dept.

Dear Firemen,
Thank you for fighting the grass fire on our place and putting it out where lightning had struck. You are a brave bunch of men who lay their lives on the line every day for the people in this community.

We take you for granted and for this we are sorry. We can never repay you and your families for the responsibilities you endure for us as fire fighters.

Thank you again for putting the fire out, we did not have any water since the power was off, so we were helpless around our house.

May God's richest blessings abide in your hearts and bring you peace. With love,
Bob and Aletha Wilson

10 YRS AGO-AUG 17 1991

With a turnout of only about 12 per cent of the voters, local and county voters went to the polls last Saturday to cast their ballots in what was termed "one of most confusing issues" that voters have faced in quite some time.

Andy Stormes, 17-year-old son of Sammy and Ella Jo Stormes, and Shane Branson, 17-year-old son of Glen and Martha Branson, competed in the High Plains Junior Rodeo Association competition.

Phil Langston, local administrator at Parmer County Community Hospital for Preferred Management Corp. is being transferred back to Oklahoma. He is being replaced by Bill Neely, a native of Lake Whitney, who comes to Friona from Lindsey, Oklahoma, where he worked with the hospital there.

5 YRS AGO--JUL 27, 1996

According to Police Chief Leon Saddler, five bicycle thefts were reported last week in Bovina. The five bicycles had a total value over \$1,500. Four juveniles were arrested in conjunction with the thefts and were reprimanded to a probation officer in Muleshoe. The bicycles were recovered.

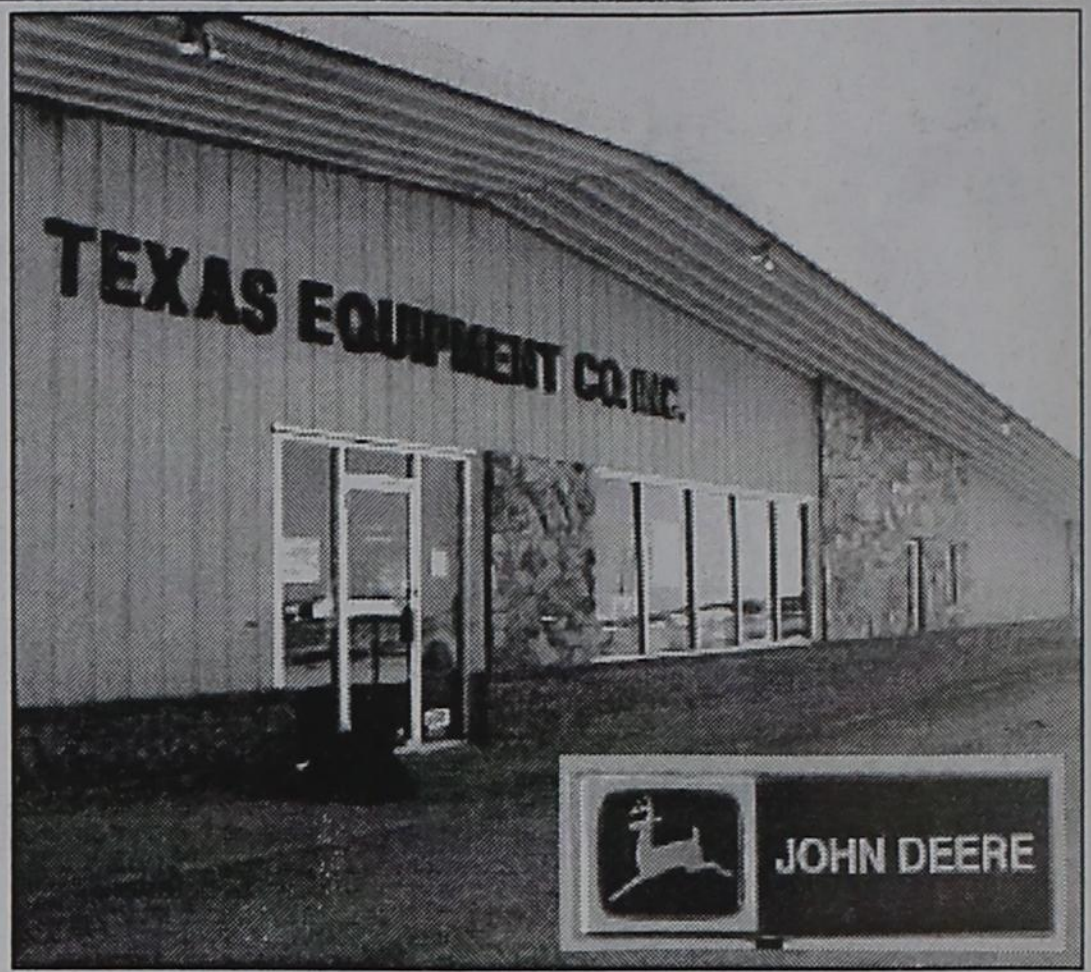
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FOR THE FIRST time since the 1930s, Parmer County is without a John Deere dealer. The location on West Highway 60 in Friona closed July 14. Texas Equipment Company has filed Chapter 11 bankruptcy. See story for more.

County Without John Deere For First Time Since '1930s

Parmer County's John Deere dealer, Texas Equipment Company, closed its doors on July 14.

Texas Equipment, headquartered in Seminole, had been operating John Deere dealerships in Friona, Hereford, Dimmitt, Amarillo and Plains. The Plains location will also close.

Since Texas Equipment has been operating under Chapter 11 bankruptcy, the fate of the other locations will be determined in 60 days, a spokesman said.

A representative of Deere and Co.'s Dallas division office said that Deere had no comments on the Friona location due to the bankruptcy proceedings, but verified the closure of the local dealer.

The John Deere location, west of Friona, covers 12 acres and several buildings. There are no present plans to reopen the dealership at this time.

It will be the first time since the 1930s that Parmer County is without a John Deere dealer.

Many area farmers with

John Deere equipment had already been doing business with the Deere dealer in Muleshoe due to the continuing financial problems of Texas Equipment over the last year.

Bob Hurst, owner of the Case IH dealership, said the closure would no doubt help his business but did not have an opinion at this point on how much business he might gain.

Hurst has sold John Deere parts through his parts department for some time and will probably continue.

Former John Deere dealer D.C. Herring of Friona, who sold the business and property to Texas Equipment, said he felt the dealership would be reopened at some point because of Deere's long history in Parmer County.

Others, however, do not share that optimistic outlook. A Texas Equipment employee on Monday said that an investor group in California had decided to drop its efforts to buy the location and that there are no other potential owners at this time.

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Lariat's Paul Crume Wrote Of Life In Parmer County

BY RON CARR

Early in 1958, I discovered the newspaper columns of Paul Crume.

I had moved to Dallas from Hillsboro and became a fan of Mr. Crume's daily column, "Big D" which appeared on the front page of the Dallas Morning News.

It was a must-read for thousands of newspaper readers. I remember thinking what a great job it must be to get paid for writing a column every day.

It was a long time later that I realized writing is not the easy task most people think. Writing entertaining social and political material under a daily deadline can be a stressful occupation.

He wrote his column from 1948 until 1975 and was considered the most quoted newspaper columnist in the state of Texas and the most reprinted by other papers in the Southwest.

His writing talent moved to the front page of the Dallas Morning News in 1952. Not bad for a boy who grew up in Lariat, Texas.

His father, Charles Crume, sold his mountain farm in Arkansas and moved the family to Lariat, Texas, about 1919. He covered the distance from Arkansas to Lariat in a covered wagon with five boys and a girl and a wife.

Paul Crume was seven years old. The year was 1919. He grew up "in the suburbs of Lariat" he once wrote. Much of his writing over the years was about his growing up years and the characters he knew in Parmer County.

He graduated from the University of Texas in 1936. Two of his journalism classmates were Walter Cronkite and Lady Bird Johnson. After graduation he had planned to go to New York to get a newspaper job.

One of his college professors, Walter Prescott Webb, told him to stop off at the Dallas News on the way. He did not know that Webb had called Ted Dealey at the News and told him one of his real college journalism stars

was coming by for a visit.

Dealey hired Crume and except for four years as a Navy officer during World War II, he worked at the Dallas News until his death in November, 1975.

I became aware of Paul Crume's connection to Parmer County when I moved here six years ago. Crume's sister, Mary Lou Taylor, still lives in Friona. A niece, Judy Gurule, also lives in Friona.

Paul Crume was one of my early idols. I liked him. I read his columns. I respected him and was in awe of him because he wrote a column on the front page of a major newspaper like the Dallas Morning News.

A book entitled "The World of Paul Crume" features 250 of the 8,000 columns Crume wrote in his lifetime.

In the future we will be reprinting a few of Paul's columns, especially the ones that pertain to Lariat and Parmer County.

The column below, "Witch's Sabbath in Bovina, Texas" appeared in the Dallas Morning News on May 25, 1975, six months before his death at the age of 63.

If any old-timer knows if there was such a place as Barney's Dance Hall & Soda Pop, I would appreciate knowing more about it.

Witch's Sabbath In Bovina, Texas

BY PAUL CRUME
It seems that witches are coming back into fashion after a couple of hundred years. So, if you see a well-dressed young woman walking through the downtown and carrying a broom, think nothing of it. She is merely taking care of her transportation.

The prevalence of witches right now, however, raises the question of whether we the public are getting authentic witches. Anybody can claim to be a witch and carry a broom. She cannot necessarily take the hair of an enemy and rub it against her pet cat and send him to his grave. Probably, Ralph Nader should start an inves-

tigation to find out whether the consuming public is getting the best quality witch for its money. There are some very inferior witches who loaf on the job half the time.

Luckily, the ordinary householder can test his witch if he likes. All he has to do is truss it up, the witch, from shoulder to ankles and throw her in the swimming pool. If she floats, she is a witch. If she sinks, you may as well walk off and forget her; you don't have a witch of value at all.

I learned all this from a close study of Matthew Hopkins, a great English witch-hunter of the sixteenth century, who executed all his witches on the basis of this evident.

Later, people gave him the same kind of bound-up trial, and he floated, and they chopped off his head for being a sorcerer.

As a child, I actually had very small experience with witches. Getting caught by your dad was bad enough.

As a teenager, I believe I once observed one witch's coven. It was called Barney's Dance Hall and Soda Pop and was located several miles outside Bovina, Texas, where it wouldn't disturb the town's morning prayer.

It was a long, unfinished hall, the studs still bare to the sight, with a three-man handstand at one end and an office and ticket-taking structure at the other. Here a kind of Witch's Sabbath was held every day of the week except on the Sabbath, which was a closed down day in our country.

People cavorted around in unrestrained orgies of the fox-trot and ducked out occasionally to sample hell's brew out of a fruit jar with one of Barney's pops as a chaser.

It was a witch's Sabbath, all right, according to the dictates of Bovina, Texas.

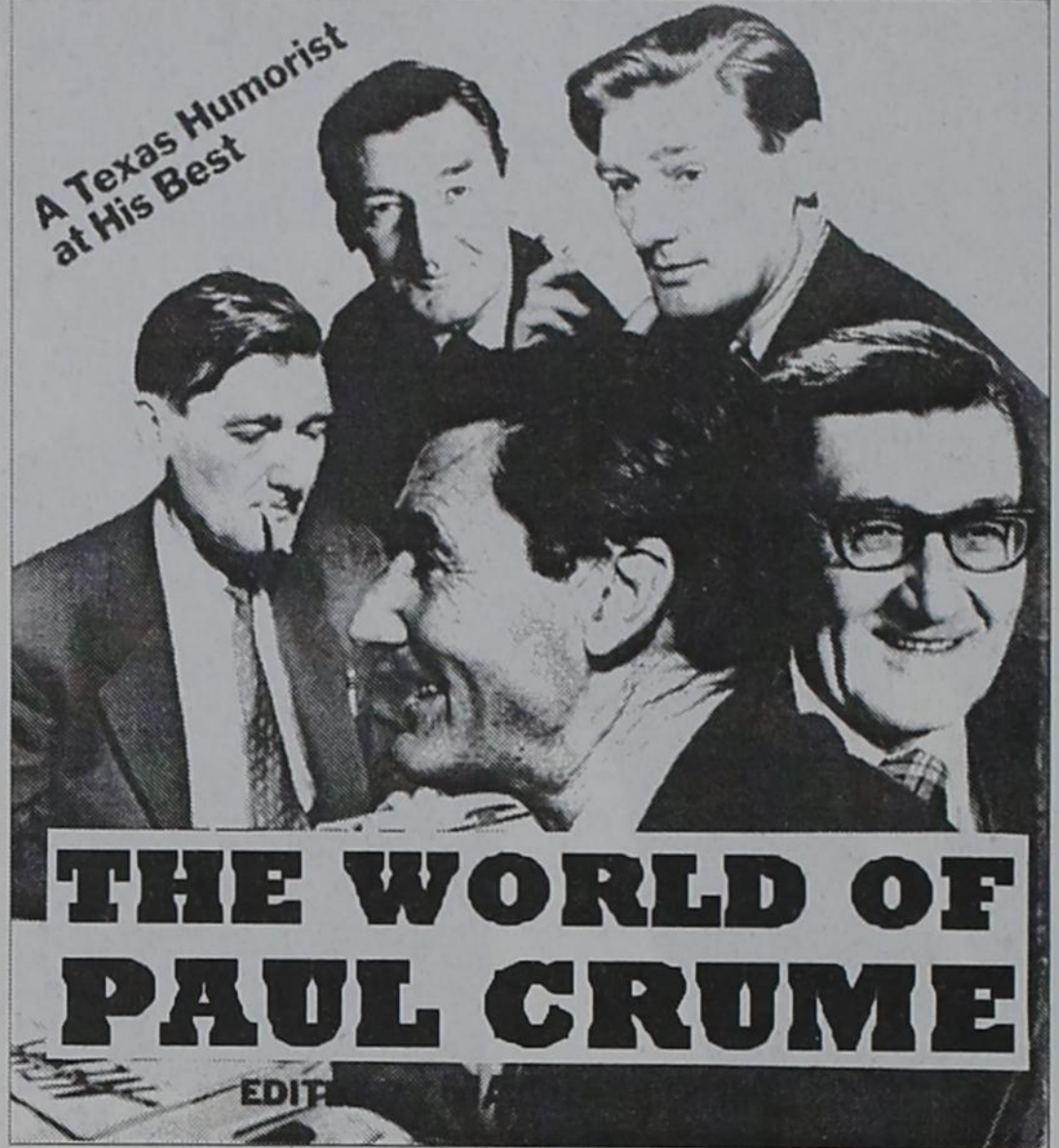
As early teenagers, we were not permitted to join the witches and the warlocks on the floor, but a rude stair led up over Barney's office to a small balcony from which you could watch.

This was for free except that Barney charged you an outrageous price before you could go up. He charged a dime a bottle for Cokes.

When I look back at it, I think Barney's place was a coven. Covens are supposed to be run over by snakes and hellhounds. There were plenty of snakes around Barney's place. When a booted man went out to get some hell's brew, he would often kick a rattler away from his feet.

Barney also had a three-legged wolfhound, who was probably a hellhound, though he traveled incognito on a pallet outside Barney's office.

As for Barney, he was thin, knothheaded, and equipped with a thin white goatee. He might have been The Goat.



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50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY...Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Wiseman of Friona will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception on Saturday, August 4 from 2-4 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. The reception will be hosted by the couple's children and their spouses. Wiseman married the former Betty Elaine Turner on August 5, 1951. Children and spouses of the couple are Mike and Cynthia Proctor of New Braunfels, Kevin and Carolyn Wiseman of Friona, Mitchell and Johnnie Wiseman of Friona and John and Christie Spring of Canyon. The Wisemans have fifteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Invitations will not be sent locally. All friends and family of the couple are welcome to attend the reception. No gifts, please.



--Fifty Years Ago, August 5, 1951--

Congressman Larry Combest Reporting Home: *Improving Veterans' Access To Health Care*



One of my top priorities as your representative in Congress is to ensure that our veterans are treated fairly. One of the best ways to help our veterans is to ensure that they receive the health care that they have earned and need.

Recently, I have become a cosponsor of H.R. 11367 the "Veterans Prescription Access Improvement Act," which will improve health care delivery in rural areas, ease access to prescription drugs for veterans and reduce the burden on crowded VA facilities.

H.R. 1136 would provide veterans with the option of having medication prescribed by their local private physicians.

Under current law, only veterans who are permanently house bound or in need of "regular aid and attendance" are allowed to obtain prescriptions from their private physicians. All others must go to the nearest Veterans Administration (VA) facility and see a VA doctor before a prescription can be written or approved, even though their local private physician may be just minutes away. Likewise, to acquire the cheaper drugs provided by the VA, a veteran will often undergo duplicate exams by a VA doctor, even after having already been seen by a private physician.

Last year, the office of the Inspector General of the Department of Veterans Affairs (IG) made a key recommendation on how the Veterans Health Administration could reduce the cost impact of providing prescription drugs to Veterans, make additional resources available for veteran health care and enhance the delivery of prescription services to veterans.

The IG found that many veterans' visits to VA clinics or hospitals were primarily for the purpose of receiving a prescription order. Veterans often see their local doctors and have prescriptions written, but the medication cannot be filled by the VA without an examination by a VA physician.

This simple change in the law, under H.R. 1136, would ease the burden faced by many rural veterans who must travel long distances to VA facilities to receive a prescription. In West Texas,

many veterans in smaller towns and rural areas must drive up to 200 miles round trip to obtain a prescription from a VA doctor. I have heard from many of my constituents who are concerned about this inconvenience and financial burden.

This bill provides that prescriptions would still be filled by the VA, but this flexibility would give all veterans the choice of paying for a visit to their local doctor's office as an alternative to making a trip to a VA facility. Veterans would still have to pay for the private physician visit, but it would be more practical and cost efficient than having to drive to the closest VA health care facility.

The recent investigation by the IG supports the need for this legislation. Their report found that "the costs of re-examining the Veteran in order to fill privately-written prescriptions are significant

and could be reduced by a more streamlined process.

In allowing the VA to fill prescriptions written by private physicians, the IG determined that the VA could save over \$1 billion a year by eliminating waste and inefficiency.

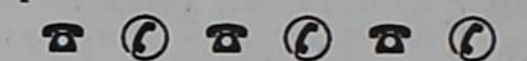
Besides saving tax dollars, H.R. 1136 would enable the VA to be more responsive to the many men and women who have served our country. It will provide veterans the option of obtaining their prescriptions from a physician outside the VA who, in many cases, has cared for the individual veteran for decades and knows the patient's medical history. Regardless of who writes the prescription, the VA pharmacy system would fill the prescription order.

Currently, VA medical centers and clinics are filled with patients who must wait extended periods to see a VA physician. H.R. 1136 will

reduce the backlog at VA facilities by allowing patients to choose an alternative method of care.

The VA's drug purchasing power, which enables it to provide low cost prescription drugs to veterans, will not be diminished, because the VA will still purchase and provide the prescription drugs. In fact, it is expected that the VA's purchasing power will increase since more veterans will likely take advantage of the VA's pharmaceutical benefit if the process is made easier by the enactment of this bill.

We owe our veterans more than we can ever repay. We have a duty to ensure that they are taken care of in their time of need. I am proud to be a cosponsor of this common sense legislation that will enable our veterans to have the access they need to receive the best care possible.



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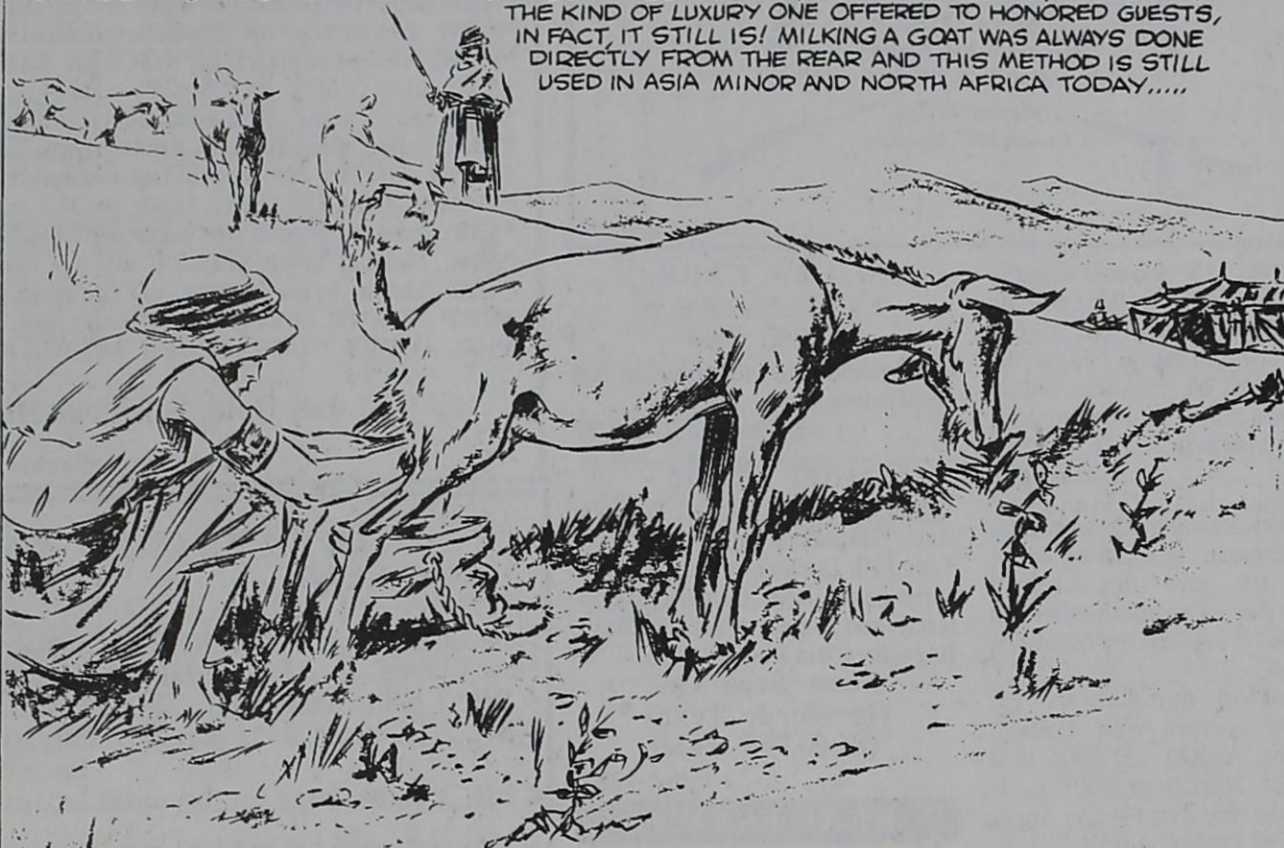
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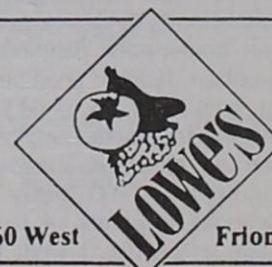
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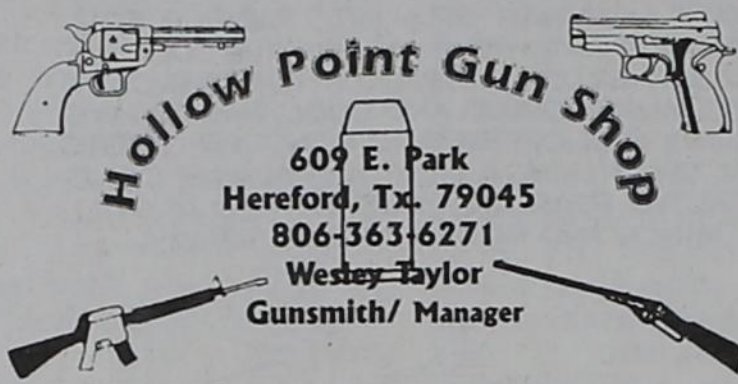
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Bids should be sent to: Bovina ISD, P.O. Box 70, Bovina, Texas 79009.

Bovina ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in part or as a whole.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The City Council of the City of Friona, Texas will meet in regular session at 7:30 P.M. on Monday, August 6, 2001 in the Council Chambers of Friona City Hall, 623 Main. Among other items on the agenda, the City Council will consider the following ordinances:

1. An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 6-99 of the City of Friona, Texas; providing for an increase in the charges for water services.
2. An ordinance annexing Lots 1-7, West End Group Subdivision, a replat of Block 3, Western Addition.

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These vehicles can be seen across from the City Barn on North Street. All bids must be submitted by 5:00 P.M. 08-09-01. The City of Bovina reserves the right to reject or accept any and all bids.

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THANK YOU

Thanks to everybody for all the cards, flowers and prayers during my hospital and nursing home stay.

They turned me loose and I'm now back home.

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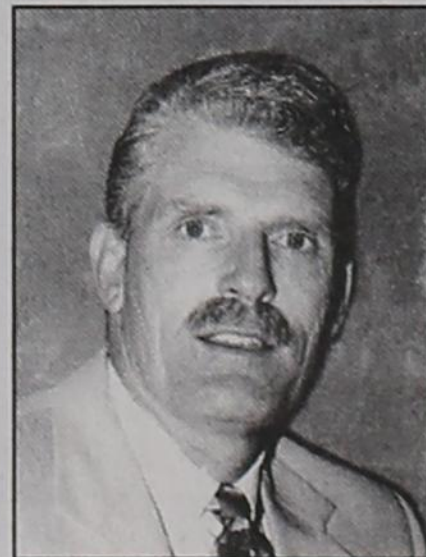
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Feedyard Rodeo Set August 3 In Friona

The eighth Annual Parmer County Feedyard Rodeo is scheduled for Friday, August 3 at the Friona Riding Club Arena on West Highway 60.

All feedyards located in Parmer County are eligible to participate. The teams will compete against each other in six events: team penning, trailer backing, feedbunk race, team branding, manager's chip shot and team roping.

Prizes will be awarded to the first and second place teams and the winning team will also be awarded a traveling team trophy.

Also included in the rodeo but not limited to feedyard employees is the calf dressing event. Teams of three people are needed to try to put a pair of jockey shorts on the back legs of a calf. Local

organizations, groups or businesses can participate, but participants must be 18 years old or older. The winning team will receive Friona Bucks.

The rodeo will also feature a calf scramble event for boys and girls, six-ten years of age. The children are turned loose in the arena and will try to catch a calf, take the ribbon off its tail and return the ribbon to the judge.

Prizes will be awarded with the blue ribbon winner receiving \$15, red ribbon winner \$10 and white ribbon winner \$5. All prizes for the calf scramble will be given in Friona Bucks.

To enter a team in the calf dressing event or for more information on the rodeo, please call the Chamber office at 250-3491.

Parmer County Treasurer's Report

REPORT of Anne G. Norton, County Treasurer of Parmer County, Texas, of Receipts and Expenditures from April 1, 2001, to June 30, 2001, inclusive:

Jury Fund	
Balance last report, filed March 31, 2001.....	12,764.28
Amount received since last report.....	822.20
Amount paid out since last report.....	10,719.35
6-30-01 Balance.....	2,867.13
General Fund	
Balance last report, filed March 31, 2001.....	353,058.47
Amount received since last report.....	294,239.84
Amount paid out since last report.....	597,653.98
6-30-01 Balance.....	49,644.33
Farm to Market Fund	
Balance last report, filed March 31, 2001.....	347,249.70
Amount received since last report.....	733,647.40
Amount paid out since last report.....	932,523.67
6-30-01 Balance.....	148,373.43
Right of Way Fund	
Balance last report, filed March 31, 2001.....	107,770.28
Amount received since last report.....	11,213.17
Amount paid out since last report.....	100,000.00
6-30-01 Balance.....	18,983.45
District Attorney Forfeiture Fund	
Balance last report, filed March 31, 2001.....	136,500.57
Amount received since last report.....	151,220.11
Amount paid out since last report.....	238,367.87
6-30-01 Balance.....	49,352.81
Permanent Improvement Fund	
Balance last report, filed March 31, 2001.....	17,148.80
Amount received since last report.....	868.47
Amount paid out since last report.....	10,000.00
6-30-01 Balance.....	8,017.27
Revenue Fund	
Balance last report, filed March 31, 2001.....	122,336.16
Amount received since last report.....	59,546.73
Amount paid out since last report.....	59,966.20
6-30-01 Balance.....	121,916.69
Juvenile Probation Fund	
Balance last report, filed March 31, 2001.....	2,740.88
Amount received since last report.....	643.41
Amount paid out since last report.....	0
6-30-01 Balance.....	3,384.29
County Attorney - Check Collection Fund	
Balance last report, filed March 31, 2001.....	1,338.39
Amount received since last report.....	680.00
Amount paid out since last report.....	1,624.85
6-30-01 Balance.....	393.54
District Check Collection - 287th Fund	
Balance last report, filed March 31, 2001.....	1,198.88
Amount received since last report.....	0
Amount paid out since last report.....	0
6-30-01 Balance.....	1,198.88
Parmer County Forfeiture Fund	
Balance last report, filed March 31, 2001.....	8,192.74
Amount received since last report.....	127,615.62
Amount paid out since last report.....	123,911.51
6-30-01 Balance.....	11,896.85
County Attorney Forfeiture Fund	
Balance last report, filed March 31, 2001.....	54,312.28
Amount received since last report.....	412.89
Amount paid out since last report.....	2,200.00
6-30-01 Balance.....	52,525.17
Recapitulation	
Jury Fund.....	2,867.13
General Fund.....	49,644.33
Farm to Market Fund.....	148,373.43
Right of Way Fund.....	18,983.45
District Attorney Forfeiture Fund.....	49,352.81
Permanent Improvement Fund.....	8,017.27
Revenue Fund.....	121,916.69
Juvenile Probation Fund.....	3,384.29
County Attorney - Check Collection Fund.....	393.54
District Check Collection - 287th Fund.....	1,198.88
Parmer County Forfeiture Fund.....	11,896.85
County Attorney Forfeiture Fund.....	52,525.17
TOTAL.....	468,553.84
List of Bonds and other securities on hand	
Certificate of Deposit	
General.....	200,000.00
Farm to Market.....	585,000.00
Investments	
General Fund.....	964,000.00
Farm to Market Fund.....	625,666.93
Jury Fund.....	70,000.00
Right Of Way Fund.....	170,000.00
Permanent Improvement Fund.....	35,000.00
Parmer County Forfeiture Fund.....	54,000.00
TOTAL.....	2,703,666.93

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Anne G. Norton, County Treasurer of Parmer County, who by me duly sworn, upon oath, says that the within and foregoing report is true and correct.

Anne G. Norton, County Treasurer
Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 23rd day of July, 2001.

Bonnie J. Clayton, County Judge
Examined and approved in open Commissioners' Court this 23rd day of July, 2001.



Bovina Bits

BY BECKY

Phone Becky London at 806-250-2211 or 238-1146
When you have news items. (e-mail: case @wtrt.net)

Gaylon Rhodes underwent heart surgery Thursday morning in Lubbock. Friends say he made it through the procedure fine. We hope you are feeling much better soon!

Erra Jamerson and Frances Willard went to New Brunswick, Canada for an Internet bridge tournament. Last year they traveled to Las Vegas, Nevada for the event.

The Bovina ladies played five sessions together as partners and Frances played two sessions with a friend, Jo Ann from Michigan. They took third place for one of the sessions. Erra played a session with Jo Ann's friend, Dorthea of Maryland.

Erra said they had fun meeting the people they have been playing bridge with on the Internet and finally meeting them.

One day during their week long stay, the Bovina ladies rented a car and drove around to see the sights. They drove along the St. John river and saw lots of beautiful places.

Another day they left to go whale watching at the Isle of Fundy, but the area was too foggy to get out on the boat. Their guides took them to an aquarium where they saw several seals. Later, after the fog had burned off a little, they went out to see the whales.

Sarah Dean's daughter and son-in-law, Florence and Billy Sifford of Bella Vista, Arkansas, were among the many family members visiting in her home this week. They stopped in the Star office to buy a Wayne Bristow book and we talked for a while. The long-time former residents moved from Friona nine years ago to be close to family in Arkansas.

Their oldest son and daughter-in-law, Kenny and Gail Sifford also live at Bella Vista. They have two daughters, Amanda Sifford and Michelle Downes and daughter Kennra. Their other son, David, lives about 20 miles down the road at Rogers, Arkansas.

While in Friona, the Siffords stayed with cousins Christene and Joe Mann. Before they headed home, the couple visited with Billy's mother, Hazel, in Dumas. He has a brother and sister there too.

Sarah Dean enjoyed having her three daughters and their families visiting July 27th. A day-long gathering was held at Sarah's home north of Friona. Visiting, photo sessions, and games were enjoyed throughout the day. Friday evening extended family relatives and friends met at the Congregational Church for an evening of visiting. The family attended the Congregational Church Sunday morning to hear the presentation of Dan and Susan Nazworth.

Family visiting were the Siffords, Kenny and Gail Sifford, Michelle Downes and daughter, Kennra and Amanda Sifford, all of Bella Vista, Arkansas.

Also, Gladys (Dean) and Don Spring of Bovina; Alicia and Jim Rapp and children, Renae and Evan of Palm Bay, Florida; Pamela and Danny Kendrick and Matthew and Jennifer of Friona; Andy Kendrick and friend, Natalie of San Angelo; Don Paul Spring and friend, Ora Mae Speters of Salt Lake, Utah.

Also Nicole, Sarah, and Cheryl Speters of Salt Lake City, Utah; Lindy (Dean) and Jim Varner of Phoenix, Arizona; Gaylene Sunderlin and son, Jeffery of Glendale, Arizona; and Madeline and Fred Perz of Covina, California.

Jack and Ona Patterson went to Amarillo Monday to say good-bye to their grandson and his family, Sean and Shelly Blacksten and children Shaphan and Shalyn.

The Blacksten family left for Germany on a three year mission trip Wednesday. They left Dallas for Berlin and will attend language school for two months before

going into East Germany.

Bob and Aletha Wilson are expecting two great-grandchildren! Grandson and his wife, Robbie and Lisa Dyer of Austin are expecting their child in April 2002 and granddaughter and her husband, Mandy and Bryan Rocha of Groesbeck are expecting a baby boy in November of this year. These babies will be the Wilsons' first great-grandchildren.

Rouel and Thelma Barron had her brother and sister-in-law, Dick and Pernie Free and niece and nephew, Cherry and Pete Mead over for lunch Monday, July 16. They came from Bakersfield, California the Thursday before and stayed until the next Tuesday.

The California travelers visited with relatives in the area. The were with Pernie's sister and family of Clovis Sunday for a reunion. They visited with cousins at Ned Houk Park in Clovis Saturday night and with friends Sandra and James Clayton.

They visited briefly with Helen Blalock. Pernie's brother, Bob Blalock from Ft. Worth area met the couple in Bovina for a short time. It had been over a year since the Barrons had seen the Frees and were very happy to see them.

Lois Billingsley had a **F. Mendez Gets 40 Yr. Sentence**

Frank Mendez, Jr., 44, was sentenced to 40 years in prison last week for the New Year's murder of Sandra Jenkins, 24, in Friona.

The jury trial began Tuesday, July 17, in Judge Gordon Green's 287th District Court in Farwell.

After two days of testimony, the case went to the jury about 2:15 p.m. Thursday afternoon. After three more hours of deliberation, the jury returned a guilty verdict.

The jury then returned to deliberation about 6:15 p.m. for the punishment phase. A sentence of 5 years to life in prison was available for jurors in the murder case.

At 10:00 p.m. Thursday night, the jury returned and assessed a sentence of 40-years to Mr. Mendez after determining that the murder was not pre-meditated. In addition to the prison sentence, Mendez was fined \$10,000.

He will be transferred to the state prison in Huntsville, Texas, as soon as the necessary paperwork is completed.

great 80th birthday party Saturday, July 14. Her children, Janis Billingsley of Amarillo and son Bruce Billingsley of Farwell and his friend Althah Herington of Farwell hosted the event.

101 family members and friends attended the party that was held at the Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church. Wednesday she was still getting cards and had 115 so far.

Out-of-town family present for the event were a

Tax Rebates Received

Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander sent July tax payments to cities and counties in Texas last week.

Parmer County received a total of \$22,652 in July payments. July sales tax rebates represent sales taxes collected in May and reported to the Comptroller in June.

Of the above amount, \$1,668 went to Bovina; \$4,580 to Farwell; and \$16,403 to Friona.

Revenues received so far for Parmer County in 2001 total \$195,750, an increase of \$3,000 over the same period last year.

Clinic Set Aug. 15, 22

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic at Parmer County Hospital, 1307 Cleveland Avenue in Friona on August 15 and 22.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing breast self-exam each month.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening mammogram. Each woman will receive a breast health risk appraisal and individual instruction by an RN in breast self-examination.

Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information.

granddaughter and her family, Christy and Alan Carson and daughter Brittany of Hale Center, brother and sister-in-law and their families, Jimmy and Joyce McGuire of Lubbock, their three sons and two daughters-in-law, James and Peggy and Johnny, all of Lubbock and Jerry and Jody of Floydada; the McGuire's daughter and son-in-law, Jackie and Donnie Combs of Lubbock; their other daughter and son-in-law, Janet and Steve Thetford of Arkansas were unable to attend, but called.

Lois' two nieces and their families also attended. They are Martha Gallion of Murphy and Donna Strickland and son Scott of Garland. Cousins from Clovis, New Mexico also attended. They are Geneva Henson and Glenna Prince.

Margie O'Connell of Albuquerque, New Mexico, a former Home Economics teacher at Farwell, came for the party. Kathryn Gober and Webb and Irene Gober of Lubbock also attended.

Wednesday, following the big event, Lois' cousin, Jim and Jana Hams of Grand Junction, Colorado stopped in to stay the night and visit. They had been to a family reunion in Borger and had been to Lubbock before stopping at Oklahoma Lane.

Cancer Walk Set For Aug 25

Friona's second annual Cancer Walk will be held at the Friona High School football stadium on Sat, Aug 25, at 9 a.m. Early registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. Money raised from this walk will be given to the American Cancer Society. The cost is \$20 adult; and \$10 for children 12 and under. Make checks payable to: Friona Cancer Walk and mail to Erma Brown, 703 Arrah, Friona, 79035 or drop off a completed form at An Added Touch. All participants will receive a tee shirt to wear the day of the walk if registered by the Aug 10 deadline. Registrations after that date will not receive a tee shirt. Registration forms are available at these merchants: Sugar Shack, Ivy Cottage, Ingram's, An Added Touch and Bi-Wise Drug Store.

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Obituaries

Julia Martinez' Rites Held Here Thursday

Funeral services for Friona area native Julia M. Martinez, 74, of Sierra Vista, Arizona, were conducted Thursday at St. Teresa's Catholic Church, with Father Ed Sweeney, pastor, officiating. Rosary services were held Wednesday evening.

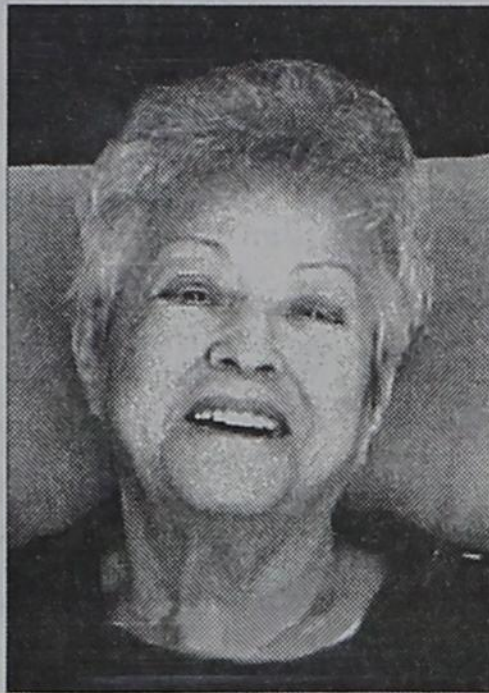
Burial was in Friona Cemetery, under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Mrs. Martinez passed away Thursday, July 19, 2001.

She was born February 16, 1927, in Summerfield. She spent much of her life in Friona, and had lived in Sierra Vista since 1998, moving from Dallas. She was a homemaker, and was a member of St. Teresa's Catholic Church.

Mrs. Martinez was preceded in death by her father, Daniel Aragon and her mother, Ignacia Marquez.

Survivors include two daughters, Linda Carrasco of Sierra Vista and Cleo Paiz of Albuquerque, N.M., three brothers, Copeo Aragon of Hale Center and Pete and



JULIA MARTINEZ

Ross Aragon, both of Canyon.

Three grandchildren also survive, Michelle Floyd of Sierra Vista, Arizona; Dede Mather of Mesa, Arizona and Gabriel Carrasco; and three great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Lucky Gonzalez, Cory Jackson, Pete Aragon, Jr., Leo Aragon, Johnny Aragon and Paul Aragon, Jr.

Bovinan's Father Dies

Funeral services for Earl "Dink" May, 78, Levelland, are set for Friday, July 27, 2001 at Fairview Baptist Church with Rev. Glenn Reece, pastor, and Rev. L.D. Hinson, pastor, First Assembly of God Church of Seagraves officiating.

Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park in Lubbock.

He died at 5:54 a.m., Wednesday, July 25, 2001 at his residence, following an illness. He was under the care of Vista Care Family Hospice of Lubbock.

Dink was born September 29, 1922 in Memphis, Hall County, and moved to this area at the age of 6 months. He attended Cobleland School and graduated from Whiteface.

He married Velma Richardson, May 27, 1943 in Quitman. She preceded him in death March 16, 1995.

He was also preceded in death by two daughters; Janice Hogue, October 1987 and Kathy Daniel, March 1976; and two brothers, R.D. "Toad" May, September 1999 and Eldon "Bud" May, May, 1991.

He served as a tail gunner on a B-17 during World War II and was stationed in England with the United States Army Air Corps.

He is survived by three daughters, Sandra Clayton of Bovina, Judy Hinson of Seagraves and Diane Lane of Arlington; one sister, Pauline Williams of Levelland; nine grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Stock Show Dinner Set

The Parmer County Stock Show Dinner will be held at 7 p.m. August 25 at the Friona Community Center.

The cost is \$100 for steaks for two persons. The famous Joe Allen of Abilene, Texas, is the caterer.

To buy a ticket, call Gary Patterson at the Farwell Banking Center of Muleshoe State Bank or Cody Hill at the Parmer County Extension Service office in Farwell.



Out Here

by Ron Carr

"Hail, Caesar?.....Hail Yes!"

In the movie Gladiator, emperor Marcus Aurelius picked General Maximus to clean up corruption in Rome.

Maximus was just coming off a resounding victory over the Barbarians, where he used fire arrows and armor to behead and burn an entire Barbarian horde.

The old emperor chose Maximus over his own son, Commodus. Well, that made Commodus angry so he killed his father and Maximus' family and took over Rome himself.

Rome had a Republican form of government. The Senate was elected by the rabble to govern and make sure the caesar did not become a dictator.

It worked about as well in the movie as it does today. The Roman Senators were always well dressed in their starched white togas and hung out near the emperor.

At the coliseum, while Maximus and the other gladiators killed each other, the Senators sat in the shade while ample wenches fanned them. The ragged citizens got the upper deck seats under the dusty hot sun but seemed to enjoy the sport anyway.

The Senators played politics with Commodus and Maximus and each other. They seldom paid attention to the poor ox-cart drivers or street beggars or small business merchants. As far as I could see, they paid more attention to their own comfort than to the common Roman citizen.

Seems like not much has changed in politics since the gladiator days. Modern day politics still has its share of self-centered abuse of power.

Politicians who leave their neighborhoods to be a part of the Washington, D.C. power structure are seldom seen again. They succumb to the power and the money and

they do not care as much about you and me as they would have us believe.

They become better than the ragged commoners. And as long as only half of America votes, they will continue to abuse the power and spend the money.

No better example of abuse of power exists than Billy Jeff Clinton and now Gary-Baby Condit. Let's be fair and throw Newt Gingrich, Henry Hyde, Bob Barr and Bob Livingston in the hat too.

Just for good measure, let's not forget the emperors: Ike, LBJ, JFK and Tricky Dick Nixon.

All these gentlemen lied to us common beggars in the coliseum. Which of course makes screwing around and lying okay if you are an elected politician.

In the movie the emperor Commodus thought that whatever he did was nobody's business. The rabble finally turned thumbs down. Maximus ended up killing him.

I'll be honest. I am laughing at Gary-Baby Condit. As Willie Nelson sings, "if you're gonna dance, you gotta pay the band."

I love it when smug, power-stricken politicians, who think they are better than anybody else, get caught with their pants down (pun intended).

Whether you agree with it or not, Gary-Baby's life is now spilling out across the land like a Mississippi River flood. He didn't mean for us to find out about his girlfriends. I'm pretty sure he didn't mean for Mrs. Condit to find out either.

Powerful politicians have the resources to carry on clandestine activities. Apparently there is a never ending supply of pretty young women willing to sneak around and feed the political

power machine.

Since powerful politicians are accustomed to misleading the rabble, the transition to lying to a 24-year-old intern is all in a day's work. Wilford McClay, a professor of history at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, said in a Washington Times article: "Something happens to these politicians when they get elected and go to Washington and get surrounded by a lot of people at their beck and call. They get to feeling very important, and there's a degree of anonymity, and an everybody-does-it-mentality."

Gary-Baby has been known in Washington (up until now) as a strong evangelical Christian. He condemned Billy Jeff's dalliances with Monica while telling his own secret women to be very quiet.

Gary-Baby is not a suspect in Chandra Levy's murder because no one knows that she has been murdered. I hope she is alive. In the meantime, his behavior has been despicable and brings further shame on the House and Senate.

You will never see term-limits and campaign finance reform for the elite in Washington. They will not give up the power.

In view of his demonstrated attitude, thumbing his nose at the dusty rabble of America, I think Gary-Baby Condit should resign.

But he won't. He is a congressman in Washington. He has a wife and many girlfriends. He has a fancy apartment and servants. He has a generous pension waiting. He gets good seats in the coliseum. He doesn't have to listen to the common riff-raff.

Like the others who wear the white robes of the Senate and hang out near the emperor, he is better than you and me.

Francis Billingsley's Rites Held July 25

Services for Francis Billingsley, 82, of Texico, New Mexico, were held Wednesday, July 25, 2001 with Condy Billingsley officiating at Steed-Todd Chapel in Clovis, New Mexico.

She passed away Monday, July 23, 2001 at Plains Regional Medical Center.

She was born November 24, 1918 in Seymour to Johnny and Francis Hardage. She was a homemaker and for many years, a member of the First Baptist Church in Texico.

She was preceded in death by parents; her husband, Howard; six

brothers; and four sisters.

Survivors include three sons, Howard Dewayne of Logan, New Mexico, Jack E. and Danny Ray, both of Texico; one daughter, Glenda Mosier of Texico; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Also, five sisters-in-law, Lois Billingsley of Oklahoma Lane; Gladys Hardage and Mrs. Ed Hardage, both of Farwell; Mrs. Fern Hardage of Lubbock and Ruth Billingsley Merrill of Pineville, Louisiana.

Pallbearers were Dale Burkhammer, Arther White, Vane Doshier, Darwin Billingsley, Bruce Billingsley and Truitt Hardage.

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