

The Bovina Blade

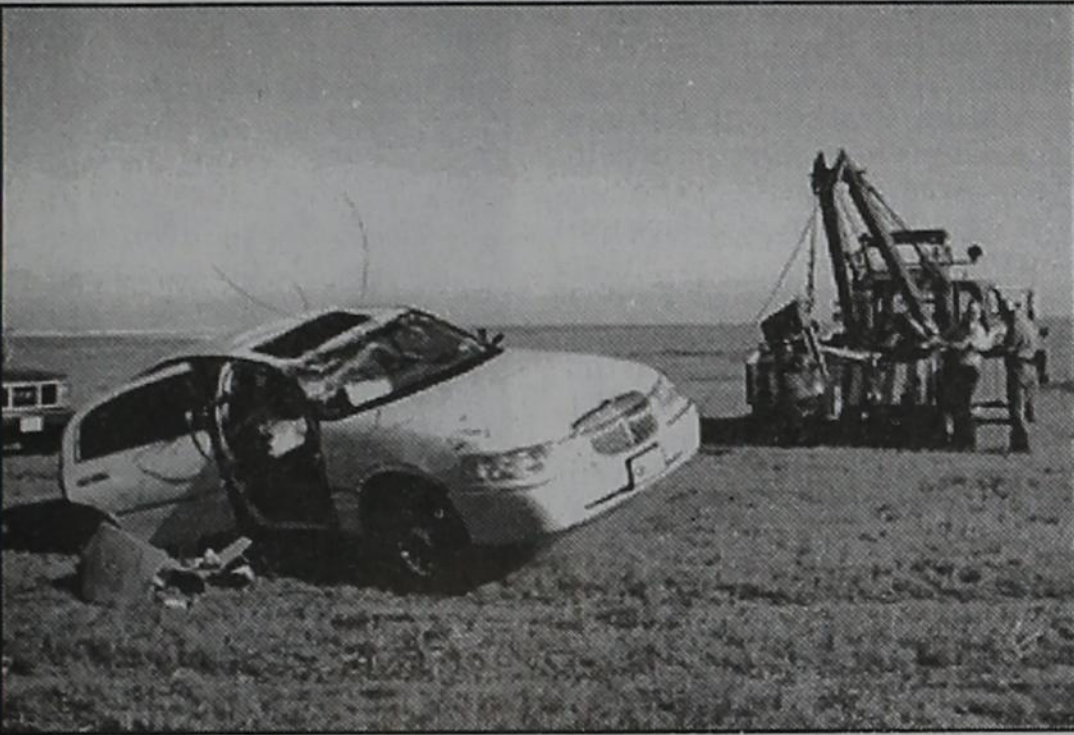
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FRIONA EMS and volunteer firemen carry a female victim of a one-car rollover that happened near Summerfield on Highway 60 Tuesday morning. Injuries to the Arizona couple in the car were not serious. ron carr photo



A-1 WRECKER Service of Friona used chains to pull this Lincoln Town Car upright after a one-car rollover. The car came to rest on its top. See story for details. ron carr photo

Only Minor Injuries In Tuesday Rollover

A one-car rollover Tuesday, June 24, one mile west of Cattle Town on Highway 60 resulted in minor injuries for an Arizona couple. The late model Lincoln Town Car was west bound on Highway 60 when it left the road, crashed through a barbed wire fence and came to rest on its top in a field. DPS Trooper Izzy Carrasco said this was an example of seat belts maybe saving lives. The man and woman in the car were wearing seat belts and were "hanging upside down" when the car came to rest. A passing truck driver called 9-11 about 8:30 a.m. Friona's EMS and volunteer firemen responded to the scene. Firemen had to use their jaws of life to extricate the woman from the car. EMS personnel transported her to Parmer County Hospital. The couple had been visiting relatives in Canyon and were returning to Arizona. They had a small dog in the car which allegedly diverted the driver's attention and was a cause of the accident.

Rabies Reported in County

According to Bovina veterinarian Bret Whitten, a total of 17 rabies cases have been reported in the Panhandle Region this year.

Dr. James Alexander of the Texas Department of Health, urges all animal owners to get rabies vaccinations for pets and livestock such as horses, valuable animals, club projects, etc. Whitten says that most of the rabies is carried by skunks. One incident has been confirmed in Parmer County south of Farwell where two dogs were exposed to a rabid skunk. Another incident in Hereford found a rabid skunk in town on June 19. Whitten advises that if you see a suspect animal, report it to the local animal control officer, sheriff's office or a veterinarian.

Papers Changing To Thursday Schedule

Effective next Thursday, July 3, 2003, the Friona Star and Bovina Blade newspapers will change publishing days from Friday to Thursday of each week.

"Printing the newspapers on Thursdays, instead of Fridays, will have benefits for our advertisers and, we hope, for our readers," said Friona Star, Inc. publisher Ron Carr.

"Many of our advertising clients, such as auctions, auto dealers, and other retailers, have sales on weekends. Our current Friday schedule, with delivery to the HCR routes on Saturday, often prevents such businesses from advertising their sales to our readers on the weekend of the sale," Carr said.

The Thursday printing schedule will allow the newspapers to be "on the street and at the post office" by early Thursday afternoon. Readers on the HCR routes should receive their papers in the Friday mail. As a result, the deadline for advertising and other articles submitted for publication will be 5 p.m. each Tuesday.

Another factor in the decision to move the printing date to Thursday was because many school activities take place on Friday, especially football and basketball. Many other UIL events are held on weekends. A one-

day earlier publishing day will allow one more day to notify readers and fans of weekend activities.

"In order to cover games, and report on last week's games, we had to print the paper on Friday, distribute it, and make it to the out of town games, which was often difficult," Carr said.

Also, with a Thursday paper, writeups and photos from the previous week's games will be more timely. "Fans can have the report of one week's game before the next week's game is being played," Carr said.

Our staff has been doing a "dry run" for the last couple of weeks to adjust our schedules to finish production of the paper by Wednesday afternoon. The newspapers are printed at North Plains Printing in Hereford, which is associated with the Hereford Brand.

The plan is to print the paper on Thursday morning, have it in the newsracks and at the post offices by early Thursday afternoon.

As stated, the first Thursday paper will be published July 3. "We hope our readers and advertisers approve and will find the earlier date to be beneficial. We think you will and we welcome any comments," Carr said.

July Fourth Schedule Announced For Bovina

Here is the schedule of events for Bovina's Fourth of July celebration:

*10 a.m. American Pride Parade on 3rd Street. Prizes for the best entry and prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd for the best bicycle/tricycle. Line up on North St. between the ballpark and fire station.

*10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Activities in the park. Games, booths, rides & festivities

*11:30-1:30 Brisket lunch at City Park. \$3.50 per plate.

*Free watermelon provided by the Volunteer Fire Department during the music at the park.

*Veteran's recognition prior to the fireworks display.

*Large Fireworks display at the football field at dark, presented by the Bovina Volunteer Fire Department.

For a booth rental in the city park call Deanna Curtis, 251-1405 or 505-693-9416.

For parade entries contact Jo or John Blackwell, 251-1170.

Make plans to come out and enjoy your hometown July 4th activities.

County Gets Sales Tax For June

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn delivered the June monthly sales taxes to Texas cities and counties.

Parmer County's June payment totaled \$21,940, broken down as Bovina \$3,941; Farwell \$4,897; and Friona \$13,101. In June, 2002, the tax payment was \$23,493, a decrease of -6.6%. However, that number by itself is misleading.

Comparing June, 2003, to June, 2002, tax receipts, Bovina was up 148%, Farwell was up 20% and Friona was down -26%, accounting for the overall decrease in monthly tax revenue.

For the year 2003, Parmer County cities have received a total of \$173,942 compared to \$152,077 for the same period last year. For the year, Bovina tax revenue is up 138.53%; Farwell is up 16% and Friona is down -1.80%.



SIFTING ASHES at the city barn are, l-r, city employee Chuck Teague and Friona Police Lt. Jerry Morris. The two were looking for coins which were in a stolen safe and the contents were burned See story for details. ron carr photo

Friona Police Investigate Two Home Burglaries

The Friona Police Department is investigating two residential burglaries that occurred earlier in June.

Sometime between May 29 and June 4, a safe was taken from the Gaylord Stowers residence. It contained personal papers such as passports, birth certificates, etc., and a large number of coins and cash. Police estimate the value of the stolen items at over \$30,000.

The suspects removed the safe from the residence. The contents of the safe, except for the cash, was then burned in an old livestock water trough at a location southwest of town.

Friona Police Lt. Jerry Morris said the police department found the burn site and

brought the ashes to town where they were "sifted" at the city barn. Officers found a coffee can full of coins in the ashes.

Reported to be among the missing coins were krugger-rands and bicentennial coin sets. A wedding ring set and tool set were also among items reported stolen.

Friona police have suspects in the case and expect to make arrests shortly.

In another incident, guns were taken from the Ronnie Stevick residence on June 4. An automatic rifle and a handgun were stolen. Morris said they recovered the rifle in Amarillo and expect to also recover the handgun. They have identified a suspect but no arrests had been made at press time.

BHS Class of '83 Reunion Set July 11-12

The Bovina High School class of 1983 will hold its 20 year reunion Friday, July 11 and Saturday, July 12. A reception is tentatively scheduled at Ridgelea Elementary on Friday, July 11 at 7:00p.m., pending final approval from the school.

Saturday morning events will include swimming, golf, continental coffee and tea, and catching up with old friends.

A banquet will follow on Saturday night, July 12. Details will be given as class members RSVP.

Members of the BHS class of '83 who have not been contacted by email or phone will receive an invitation by mail.

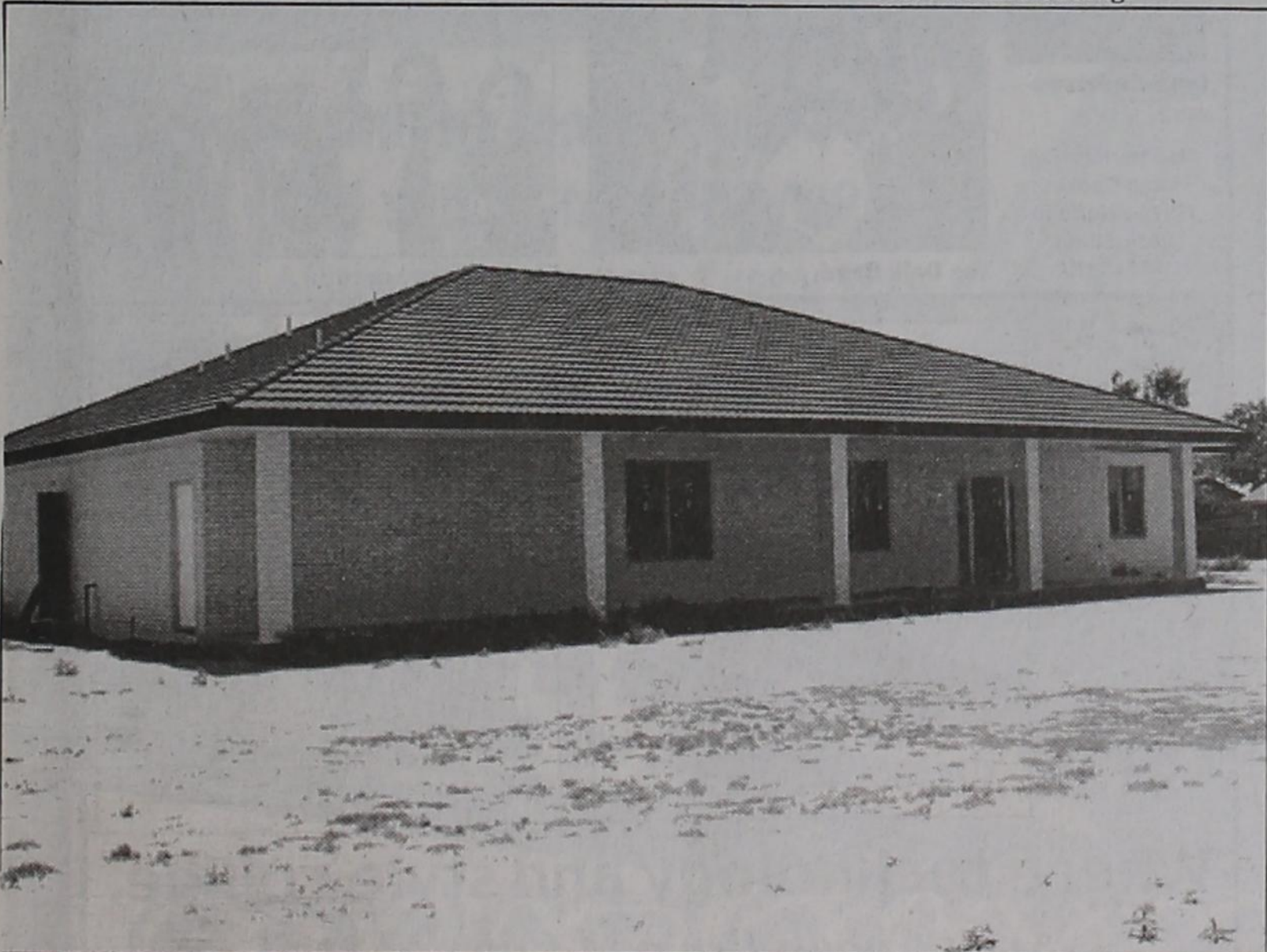
Any class member who has not received their invitation information should call Andy Alexander, reunion organizer, at 250-3567. All the graduates of '83 are encouraged to contact him as soon as possible to ensure an accurate count for the banquet.

The organizers are asking everyone's help in making sure all of the class of '83 receives the information. If you know a classmate who has not been contacted, please forward their information to Andy.

City-Wide Service June 29

Several Bovina churches are planning a city-wide church service at City Park for Sunday, June 29. The service will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Various residents will bring music and a local



and finishing the inside cabinet work. The best estimate is the building will be ready for occupancy by September. ron carr photos

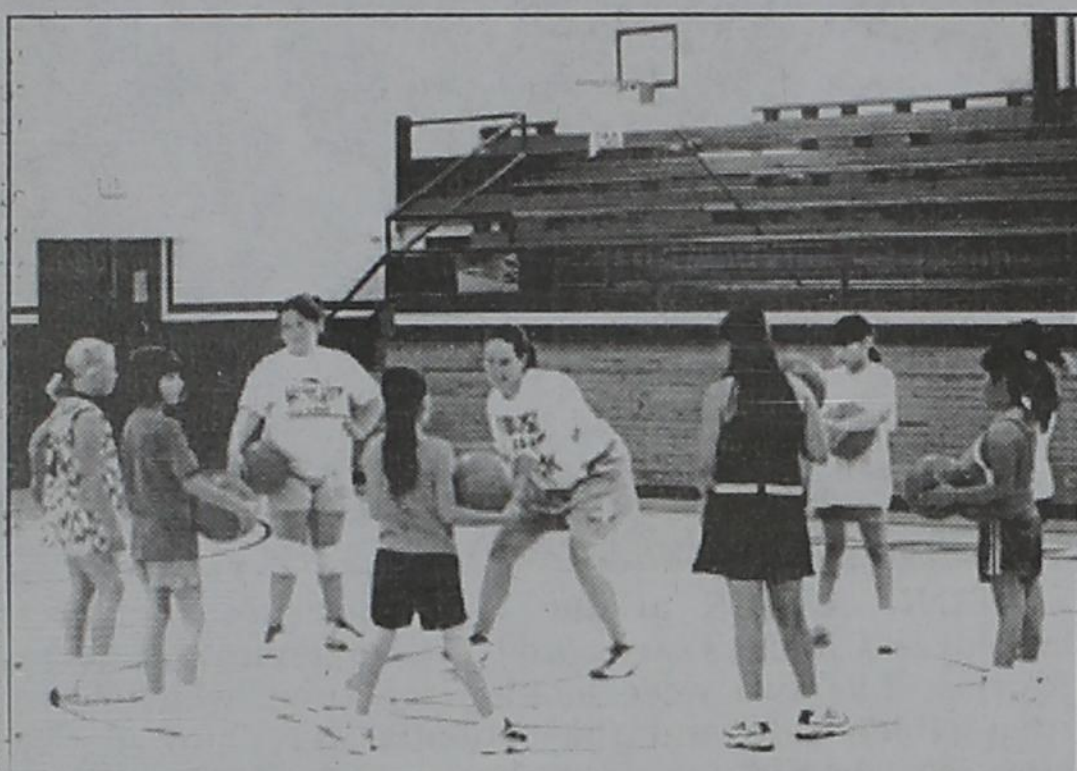
WORK IS PROGRESSING on the Sherley Anderson Building on Highway 84 in Bovina. Outside work is mostly completed and workmen are shown sanding

BOVINA REFLECTIONS

...from the files of The Bovina Blade



COACH LAURIE EPPS works with the 3-5 grade girls during Bovina Basketball Camp.



Neugebauer Receives Committee Assignments

Congressman Randy Neugebauer (R-Texas) today announced he will be serving on the Agriculture, Science, and Resources committees for the 108th Congress.

Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert said, "I am proud that Randy has agreed to serve on these committees. I know with his business background and interest in agriculture and energy issues, he will serve the constituents of the 19th District with great distinction."

"Congressman Neugebauer, following in the footsteps of another great Texan, my predecessor, Chairman Larry Combest, will be an excellent addition to the House Agriculture Committee," Agriculture Committee Chairman Goodlatte said. "I look forward to working with him to protect the interests of the farmers and ranchers of Texas and the nation."

As a small businessman, Neugebauer plans to fend off excessive government regulations that are detrimental to small business and farmers. He will work to ensure that the recently passed Farm Bill is implemented as Congress intended, thereby enabling farmers to better plan their investments.

Neugebauer also plans to work on energy legislation aimed at decreasing U.S. dependence on foreign oil.

"I want to make sure the government allows small businesses to build capital and keep more of their money," Neugebauer said. "Being a part of the Agriculture, Science, and Resources committees will allow me to encourage pro-business legislation that will make a viable contribution to our economy."

"To be a part of history and serve on these committees is an awesome responsibility and one I am eager to undertake," Neugebauer said.

Neugebauer was elected June 3rd and sworn in June 5th, 2003 succeeding Rep. Larry Combest (R-Texas) as District 19's Congressional Representative. He represents President Bush's hometown of Midland, Texas and is currently the newest member of the House of Representatives.

The Terry's Welcome First Child

Scott and Megan Terry, of Sunray, are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Lane Mitchell Terry. He was born on June 6, 2003 at 8:53 a.m. at BSA of Amarillo. He weighed six pounds thirteen ounces and was eighteen and one half inches long.

His grandparents are Rich and Nancy Miller of Farwell and Mitch and Kathy Terry of the Rhea Community.

His great-grandparents are Bill and Jackie Hurd of Cherokee, Iowa and Jean Terry of Friona.

Ad Deadline For Friona Star & Bovina Blade 5 P.M. Tuesday

The deadline for advertising, articles, engagement and wedding announcements, or any other copy, is 5 p.m. each Tuesday to guarantee being included in the next newspaper.

For information call 250-2211. Thank you for your support!

45 Yrs. Ago- June 18 1958
The home of Mrs. Lillian Wheeler will be the site of the regular monthly meeting of the Bovina Widows Club, Thursday. The group will gather at 11:45 a.m. for a covered dish luncheon and the afternoon will be devoted to a program. Mrs. Margaret Caldwell will be in charge of the afternoon's entertainment.

A fire Sunday afternoon about 2:45 partially burned a back yard fence behind the home of John Rea in Bovina and flamed through a pile of hay near the fence.

The Parmer County area wheat harvest is off to a sputtering start this week, amid scattered showers that halted the combines almost as soon as they started in many spots.

40 Yrs. Ago- June 19, 1963
Mrs. John V. Felps of Rocky Ford, Colorado remains in critical condition in Parmer County Community Hospital and two men are in serious condition as the result of a head-on collision of two cars near Bovina last Saturday.

Mrs. Bob Johnston was released from Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona last week and is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. D.R. Bushnell and boys and Miss Elke Steffens are vacationing at Johnson City this week.

35 Yrs. Ago- June 19, 1968
Two Bovina FFA members attended the Southwestern Public Service Co. FFA Electric Workshop in Amarillo, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of last week.

An estimated \$150 worth of dry fertilizer was ruined by vandals at Custom Farm Services over the weekend, according to City Marshall Ronald Mitchell.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferman Kelso of Alamogordo, N.M. are the parents of a baby boy. The infant weighed seven pounds, eight ounces at birth and is named Kelly Lynn.

Clifford Wayne Balanger, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Balanger of Lariat, has joined the Navy.

30 Yrs. Ago- June 20, 1973
Bovina Lions Club will hold a light bulb sale here tomorrow (Thursday) night when members will canvas the town.

The election of Mrs Ernestine Minter as assistant cashier at the First State Bank of Bovina has been announced by bank president, Jack Kassahn. Mrs. Minter was elected to the new position at the June meeting of the board of directors of the bank.

Peggy Grissom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Grissom of Taiban, N.M., was chosen first runner-up in the Miss New Mexico Teenager of 1973 pageant from a slate of 22 contestants Saturday at Albuquerque. Miss Grissom was awarded a \$500 scholarship. She attends Fort Sumner High School. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Buck Ellison and Mr. and Mrs. L.M. Grissom, all of Bovina.

25 Yrs. Ago- June 21, 1978
The wife and daughter of a former Bovina football coach are dead from injuries received in an auto-train accident last Saturday. Mrs. Norma Faye Lusk, 35, died Saturday of injuries she suffered when an Amtrak passenger train struck her car at Valentine, Texas. Her daughter, Renee, nine, died Monday of her injuries.

The man's body found June 3 in a tailwater pit near Bovina has been identified as James Videll Kaulay of Anadarko, Oklahoma, according to Sheriff Charles Lovelace.

20 Yrs. Ago- June 15, 1983
Area property was battered by severe weather when an apparent funnel completely demolished a warehouse and turned over an 18-wheel truck two and one-half miles west of town. The Vernon Willard property suffered \$1500 in damages when limbs, twelve inches in diameter, broke off a cottonwood tree and also a pickup and fence were damaged.

Wes Brown is the new pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Bovina. Vernon and Dottie Ward and Dottie's brother, Bill and Esther Denney of Friona, have returned home recently from a sightseeing trip to California.

A group of Bovina youngsters and sponsors attended the Glorietta Baptist Conference near Santa Fe.

15 Yrs. Ago- June 29, 1988
Two Pampa residents, Ruby England Gunn, 73, and her husband, James Elma Gunn, 79, were killed last Friday in a two-vehicle crash at the Hub intersection (State Highways 214 and 86).

According to DPS trooper Frank Ellis, Mrs. Gunn was driving a 1981 Chevrolet four-door car that was struck broadside when she crossed the Texas 214 intersection.

10 Yrs. Ago- June 26, 1993
For the first time in the Bovina ISD history, three women were named as principals.

In a school board meeting earlier in the month, Sue Nuttall was named as high school principal, Brenda Wilson for junior high and Darla Sealy for elementary level.

The winter wheat crop is beginning to come in to the elevators and is better than expected according to Harry Johnson at Sherley Grain Company.

The wheat yield is lower than average, but Johnson was expecting it to be even lower. So far, the wheat yields haven't dropped to projected levels.

5 Yrs. Ago- June 26, 1998
Early Wednesday morning, a pickup was stolen from Billy Charles in Bovina. The truck was driven out to the Oklahoma Lane area near County Road 13 and X road, then abandoned.

The thief then stole a 1997 Ford pickup from the Schilling farm and continued his joy ride into Lamb County.

Patsy Sherrill Buried In Bovina Monday

Funeral services for Patsy Sherrill, 72, of Bovina, were held graveside at 1 p.m. Monday, June 23, 2003 at Bovina Cemetery. A memorial service was held at 2 p.m. at the Bovina Church of Christ.

Mike Prather, minister of the Church of Christ officiated. Arrangements were under the direction of Blackwell Funeral Home.

Mrs. Sherrill died Friday, June 20, 2003, at Baptist St. Anthony Hospice in Amarillo. She was born May 3, 1931, in Garza County, Texas.

She married J. F. Sherrill March 20, 1949, in Tahoka, Texas. She was a member of the Church of Christ of Bovina.

She had lived in Bovina since 1953 when the couple moved from Tahoka. They operated the Sherrill Lumber Company in Bovina for many years.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Steve of Tahoka and Terry of Gruver, Texas; two daughters, Patti Brown of Panhandle, Texas



PATSY SHERRILL

and Wendy Curry of Canyon, Texas; a brother, Vernon Clem of Lubbock and a sister, Hazel Connolly of Mesquite, Texas.

The family suggests memorials to the Harrington Cancer of Amarillo.

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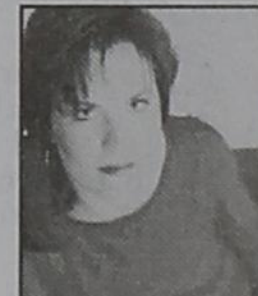

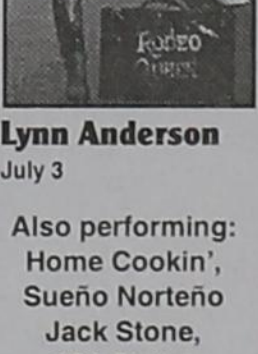

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Around Town

Barnett's To Celebrate 50th Anniversary

The children of Doyce and Mary Joyce Barnett will host a 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, June 28th from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Friona Fellowship Hall. No gifts please.

Grace Baptist Bible School dates

Grace Baptist Church, 1601 No. Euclid, in Friona will hold its "The Great Kingdom Caper" Bible School sessions on Wednesday evenings June 11, 18, 25 and July 2 from 6:30-9 p.m. Bring a friend with you. All kids are welcome.

Benefit Garage Sale June 30th

A garage sale will be held behind the Calvary Baptist Church, June 30th from 7:00 p.m. till ???. The proceeds will go to the J.P. Sims Scholarship Fund, Friona Public Library and Friona Museum.

Hal Blackburn Exhibit In Canyon

Former Frionan Hal Blackburn will exhibit a series of his photographs at the Design Bank, 400 15th St. in Canyon, Friday, July 4, from 1-5p.m.; Saturday, July 5, 7-9 p.m.; and Sunday, July 6, 2-5 p.m.

First Baptist-Bovina Bible School Jul. 7-11

Bovina's First Baptist Church will hold Vacation Bible School July 7-11 from 6:00-8:30 p.m. Classes will be available for Pre-K through 8th grade.

UMW Selling Berries

United Methodist Women are selling delicious Oregon Frozen Berries. Contact Deke Kendrick, 250-3134 or Betty Reeve, 265-3415. Order forms are available in the Church Office. Deadline to order is July 12th.

9th Annual Harley Party July 19th

Family Support Services of Amarillo will be hosting the 9th Annual Harley Party July 19th from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Polk Street between 10th and 12th Streets in the beautiful downtown area. Tickets may be purchased by calling Rita Bryant at 806-372-3202 ext. 3042.

Friona Chieftains "Camp of Champions"

Friona Chieftains "Camp of Champions" will begin July 22 and run through July 25 from 9:00a.m. to 12:00p.m. Enrollment fee is \$25.00 and is open to all 3rd-8th graders for the 2003-2004 school year. Forms can be picked up at the High School.

Midsummer Tropical Night

Paramount Terrace Christian Church is sponsoring an Area Singles Fellowship, July 25 at the PTCC Bus Barn, 2827 Mays in Amarillo. Tickets are \$8. Dinner and Games from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and a Dance and Games from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. Childcare provided by reservation. Call Marie at 806-353-6615 by July 20. Look for the pink flamingos.

Bovina FBC Centennial Aug. 2-3

The First Baptist Church of Bovina will hold a Centennial Celebration Aug. 2-3. The Saturday program and Sunday services will include former pastors, interim pastors and music leaders. All are invited to come out and help First Baptist celebrate 100 years in Bovina.

Relay For Life cancer walk Aug. 8

Preparations are under way for the 2003 Relay For Life cancer walk. The date is Aug. 8 at the Friona high school track. For team info call Shana Fleming at 265-3207.

Antique Auto Exhibit In Canyon

The Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon will be celebrating American transportation history from May 24 through September 2. Museum hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors & \$1 for children ages 4-12. Call 806-651-2244 for further information.

"Neighbors: Texas Artists in N.M." Exhibit

The Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum at Canyon has organized the exhibit entitled, "Neighbors: Texas Artists in New Mexico". The exhibit will be on exhibit from June 21 to October 5, 2003.

Congregational Church summer hours

The Union Congregational Church of Friona at 1601 Euclid has changed its worship hours for the summer months. Sunday school will begin at 9 a.m. with worship service beginning at 10 a.m. The change in hours is effective immediately. Andy Alexander is interim minister for the summer. You are invited to worship at the Congregational Church.

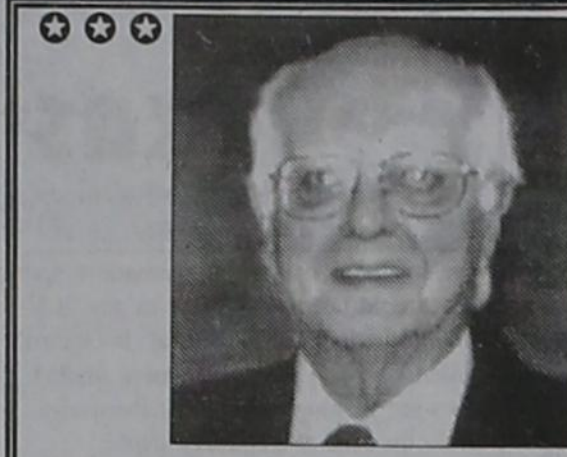
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Out Here

by Ron Carr

Steering Wheel Knobs, Etc.

My 14-year-old boy-wonder son Zac has been here the month of June. I'll be swapping him at the McDonald's in Childress Sunday for my 12-year-old princess daughter Megan. She will be here the month of July.

That means that for two solid months my life will be filled with every electronic gizmo teens are allowed to have, or wish they had.

Zac didn't bring his Playstation 2. He's tired of it. Its computer games for teens now. And Instant Messenger where they talk to friends in two word sentences composed in an alien teen computer language.

I took him on an electronic foray to Amarillo, browsing Best Buy and cruising Circuit City. (Why is it when a guy my age walks in Best Buy, the perky sales associates don't ask if they can help me with something?)

I'm pretty much lost in those electronic super palaces. I look at the digital cameras or buy a couple of DVDs. The rest of it is way beyond my comprehension or interest.

Zac's favorite phrase is "Hey, look at this dad!" while he's holding a gizmo that blinks and talks and offers free long distance if you buy one.

I couldn't help but think back to 1953 when I was Zac's age. I've tried to remember if I ever had anything that would classify as electronic. I don't think so.

I'm not even sure if we had a television and if we did it was black and white, had a rabbit ear antenna, and might pick up three channels on good days.

The Dick Tracy comic strip had some electronics which we laughed about. That's why they were called

Letter to the Editor

I enjoyed your article last week on "Changing My Birthday" very much, it was great.

My question is, why does Friona Texas USA, our All American town have to change our July 4th Independence Day to July 1st? This will be celebrated in all 50 States - minus one small town - on Friday July 4th as history, calendars, news media, parades & all will tell you but not us, we get to have ours on a meaningless - run of the mill Tuesday, the first - How Sad.

Oh yes, I forgot it would mess up a 3 day weekend to stay in town and celebrate the 4th on the 4th. Sounds like some have boats & lakes in mind; not grandchildren & games & fireworks. Too Bad.

We will take our family whose coming & go celebrate elsewhere. Merchants in Friona will lose out and we will all lose out on the memories. We won't be a part of the "play like" July 4th on the 1st, No thanks.

Lynn Gowens

comic strips. Who ever heard of a watch you could talk to people on.

I had a basketball goal in the backyard, a beat up baseball glove and a wooden bat that had seen better days since we spent hours hitting rocks with it.

My Western Flyer bicycle carried me around town in Hillsboro from junior high into my sophomore year in high school. It had fat tires, a wide seat, fenders over the tires, and a brake on the pedal. That's all. No cables, gears, water bottles, or headphones to wear while you ride.

Transistor radios came along somewhere in there. Nobody seemed to care much about them and I don't remember why. Maybe they didn't pick up stations or the batteries weren't very good.

At school, we did math with a pencil and diagrammed sentences in Mrs. Tarpley's English class on notebook paper. There were no graphing calculators in Algebra class. Just your brain and a pencil.

The concept of carrying a phone around in your pocket and talking from anywhere was not even a fairy tale.

Most everything plugged in. Wireless was for ham radio operators and police cars. The closest thing we had to an electronics store was either Western Auto or Babcock Bros.

They had zippy stuff like car radios and air conditioners. Or those knobs you could bolt on your steering wheel to turn with one hand. (We didn't have power steering either.) Of course those helpful knobs would sometime knock your elbow off after you turned a corner.

They were good if you managed to have a date too. In those days a girl could actually sit over close to you

in the car. We didn't have consoles or bucket seats. You could put your right arm around your girl and steer with your left hand if you had a steering wheel knob.

It was cool as long as you didn't let go of it too quick and whack your funnybone.

If you needed a telephone you go down to the phone company and rent one. The phone cables were thicker than a radiator hose. The phones came in two styles: black or white. With rotary dials. Touch tone was still a long way away.

I'm not sure when electronics took over my life. My kids Zac and Megan know

nothing else. They were born in an electronic world.

Someday they may write a column about those ancient old Gameboys, or when people used to listen to music on a round disc called a CD.

It might be strange to them too someday. But for now I'm going to buy a snazzy Nikon digital camera that takes over 300 pictures on a little card about the size of a first class stamp.

Cool, huh? This electronic age is not so bad. I just wish it had come along 40+ years ago.

On second thought, maybe I don't either. I kind of liked my bicycle and pencil and steering wheel knob.



Summer Fun Computer Camp for Kids

Bovina Community Network would like to announce its upcoming Summer Computer Camp for kids. The dates of the camp are Monday, July 14- Friday, July 18. There will be three sessions divided by age groups: 10 AM-12 PM for grades 1-3; 1 PM-3 PM for grades 4-6; and 3:30 PM-5:30 PM for grades 7-8. Kids will learn new skills, update old skills, and create some fun and exciting projects to take home. Some of the skills those enrolled in camp will learn are card making, keyboarding, internet, and

other computer skills. Participants will leave with their own computer generated stickers, bumper stickers, T-shirts, calendars, personalized mouse pads, and CD's.

For more information or to enroll, call the BCN at 251-1333. The cost of the week long summer camp is \$10.00 per student. On Friday evening, July 18, 6-7 PM, there will be an open house and reception for all interested to tour the BCN and view student projects from the summer camp. We look forward to seeing youth at summer camp!

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Friday, July 4 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

and 10 p.m. to midnight

Saturday, July 5 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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- All machines for race will be provided
- \$5 Entry fee for each run - unlimited
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Parmer County Water Levels Declined In 2002

Parmer County ground water levels declined an average of 1.89 feet during 2002. This is based on measurements taken from 95 privately owned wells in the observation network maintained by the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1.

Ground water levels in Parmer County declined an average 2.39 feet annually during the ten-year period from 1993 to 2003. An average annual decline of 2.11 feet was recorded for the five year period from 1998 to 2003.

Ground water levels in the Ogallala aquifer within the 6.8 million acre water district service area declined an average of 1.06 feet from 2002 to 2003. This decline increased by 0.28 of a foot as compared to the previous year.

"All counties within the water district's 15 county service area saw an average decline in depth-to-water levels. This decline is probably due to a number of reasons, but primarily, a lack of precipitation at opportune times resulted in the requirement of additional ground water pumpage last year," said Don McReynolds, High Plains Water District geologist/technical division director.

A network of 1,214 privately-owned observation water wells is used to

	Number of Observation Wells Maintained	Average Annual Change 1993-2003	Average Annual Change 1998-2003	Average Annual Change 2002-2003
ARMSTRONG	10	-0.02	+0.25	-0.19
BAILEY	109	-1.09	-0.97	-0.41
CASTRO	92	-2.21	-2.04	-1.94
COCHRAN	74	-0.99	-0.91	-0.47
CROSBY	73	-1.14	-0.92	-0.72
DEAF SMITH	89	-0.88	-0.54	-1.14
FLOYD	99	-1.24	-0.98	-0.48
HALE	168	-2.08	-2.09	-2.38
HOCKLEY	88	-0.72	-0.56	-0.37
LAMB	97	-1.74	-1.68	-1.78
LUBBOCK	141	-0.95	-0.81	-0.69
LYNN	81	-1.00	-1.23	-0.91
PARMER	95	-2.39	-2.11	-1.89
POTTER	7	-0.75	-0.69	-1.02
RANDALL	50	-0.19	+0.07	-0.20
DISTRICT	1214	-1.31	-1.18	-1.06

determine the annual change in the quantity of water in the Ogallala aquifer within the High Plains Water District. The depth-to-water measurements are taken in January and February of each year to allow water levels to stabilize from pumping during the previous growing season.

Nine counties showed average annual water level declines of less than one foot, while six counties showed an average annual water level decline of more than one foot.

Maps showing the location

of observation wells were published in the April issue of the district's newsletter, The Cross Section, as well as tables listing the water levels in these wells at one-, five-, and 10-year intervals.

Copies of The Cross Section for April 2003, are available by contacting the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock, TX 79411 or by calling (806) 762-0181. The water district's web site is www.hpwd.com and its email address is erica@hpwd.com

Think Texas

by Agriculture Commissioner SUSAN COMBS

Using fresh herbs in a homemade recipe adds a bold taste of summer to any dish. Whether straight from the backyard garden or fresh from a farmers market, herbs are making a name for themselves across the state as a culinary staple.

Americans spend \$3 billion to \$5 billion every year on herbal supplements, but the herb market has found a strong niche in the kitchen. The demand for herbs is up thanks to both the professional chef and the home cook looking for the freshest, highest quality locally grown herbs to stamp their creations as truly Texan.

Cooking with fresh herbs adds a boost of flavor without adding fat or calories and breathes life into everyday dishes. Unexpected flavor combinations - like mint in a sweet jelly or cilantro in a fruit salsa - have swung the door wide open for chefs looking to make interesting or off-the-beaten path creations. Rosemary, basil, oregano, thyme and lavender are top sellers for Texas herb growers. And many Texas dishes wouldn't be the same without cilantro, a mainstay in salsas and other Mexican-influenced recipes.

As demand increases, so do the opportunities for Texas herb growers. Fresh-cut herbs have become extremely popular at farmers markets statewide, where most farmers sell out their supply quickly. Many Texas growers also have success with supermarket chains and super-sized, upscale grocery stores. The possibilities seem untapped as farmers currently consider herb farming a supplement to their existing operations.

Recipes that call for fresh Texas herbs - like skewered cantaloupe with fresh mint, Laotian beef salad with cilantro or a mushroom glaze that uses Texas parsley - can be found on the Texas Department of Agriculture's produce Web site www.pick-texas.com.

Happy Birthday Bovina

Birthdays for the week of June 29-July 5, 2003.

Jun 30 Coletta Young
Jul 1 Brandie Munoz
Jul 2 Martha Schilling,
Edna Woelfel, Christy Thatcher
Jul 3 Shannon Wilburn,
Liz Kessler

Add friends or relatives to our permanent birthday list by calling 251-1523.

If names appear that should be deleted or changed due to death, marriage, moved away, etc., please let us know also so we can take them off or make corrections.

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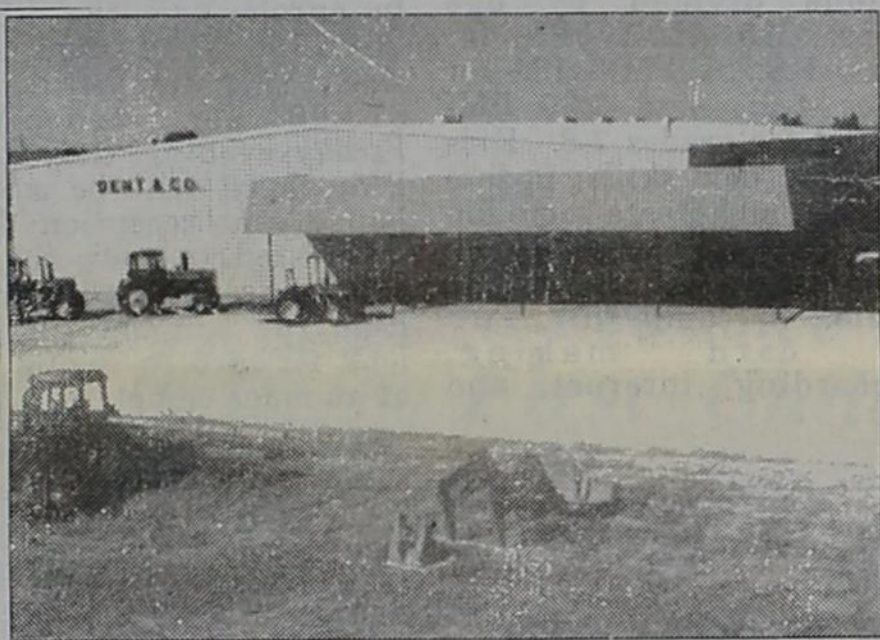
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Cotton Growers Urged To Keep Failed Fields Clean

Cotton producers in the Northwest Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone are reminded they will need to certify failed fields with their local Farm Service Agency office by July 15 if they wish to receive a credit for those acres on their boll weevil assessments.

To qualify for the credit, the fields must be free of all cotton plants on July 15 and must be maintained in that condition for the rest of the growing season, said officials with the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation.

Fields planted to an alternate crop after the cotton has failed are also eligible for the credit under the same conditions.

The credit is not available if hostable cotton is found in the fields on or after the July 15 deadline.

The foundation has changed the way it will handle the trapping of failed cotton fields this growing season, said Charles Allen, program director. Failed fields will continue to be trapped at a level to ensure boll weevil detection until the threat of weevil populations to eradication is past.

In addition, Allen said, failed fields that have been planted in an alternate crop but that still have hostable cotton plants in them will be trapped as though they were still cotton fields.

The change was made to ensure that weevils could not multiply in fields undetected, he said.

Foundation personnel will monitor failed fields for cotton

growth and will inform growers if hostable cotton is found so they can remove the plants.

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation is a nonprofit, grower-initiated and funded organization dedicated to eliminating the cotton boll weevil from the state in the most cost-effective and environmentally responsible manner possible.

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 Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and inform themselves regarding all local conditions under which the work is to be done.
 Payment for the work performed on this project will be paid by the City of Friona. Information for Bidders, proposal forms, plans and specifications are on file at the office of the City Manager, City of Friona, Texas and Oller Engineering, Inc., 2517 74th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79423, (806) 748-5700.
 Copies of the plans and specifications and contract documents may be purchased from Oller Engineering, Inc., 2517 74th Street, Lubbock, Texas, 79423, for One Hundred Twenty Five Dollars and Zero cents (\$125.00), which is non-refundable.
 The City of Friona, Texas
 By John Taylor, Mayor
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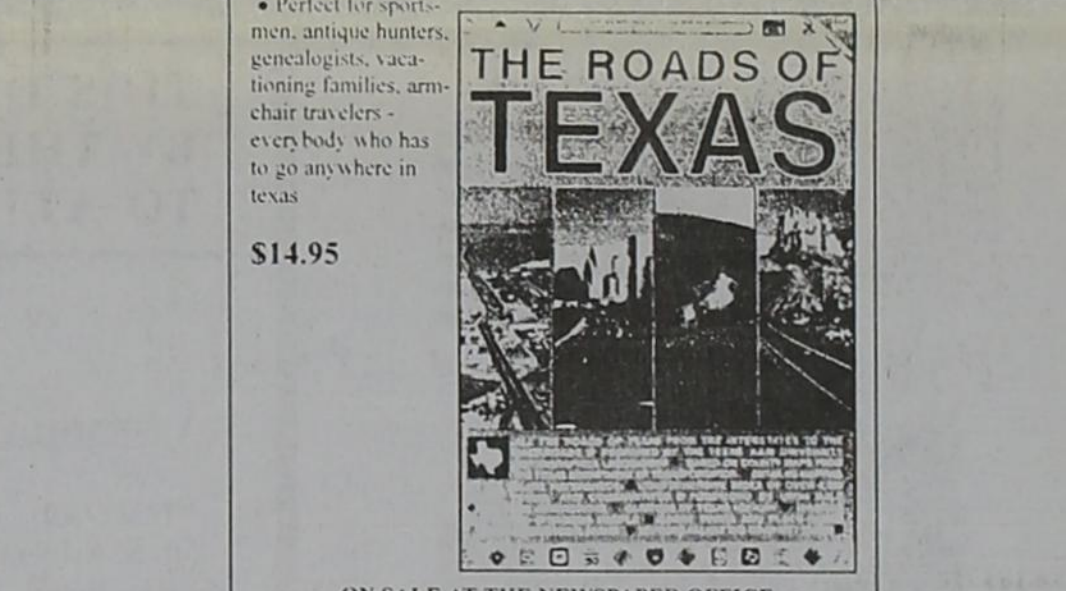
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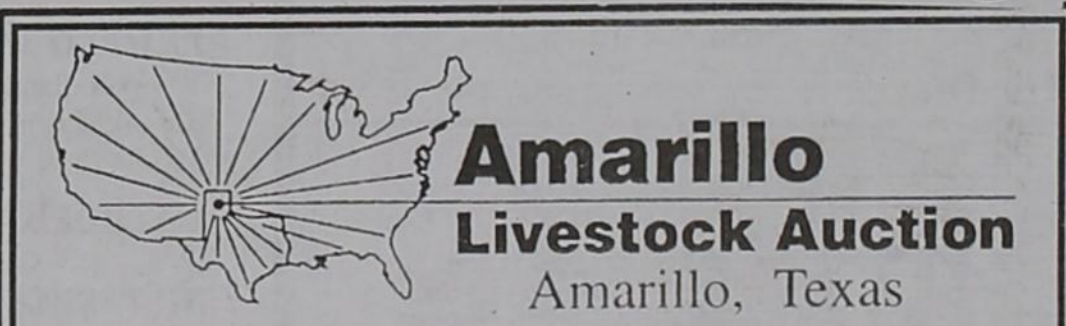


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... HOWEVER, ON THE NIGHT OF HIS BIRTHDAY FEAST, HERODIAS' DAUGHTER DID SUCH A SPECTACULAR DANCE IN HIS HONOR THAT KING HEROD VOWED WITH AN OATH TO GIVE HER WHATEVER SHE ASKED AS A REWARD. AT THE INSTIGATION OF HERODIAS, THE DAUGHTER ASKED FOR JOHN THE BAPTIST'S HEAD! HEROD COULD NOT GO BACK ON HIS KINGLY VOW, SO....

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