

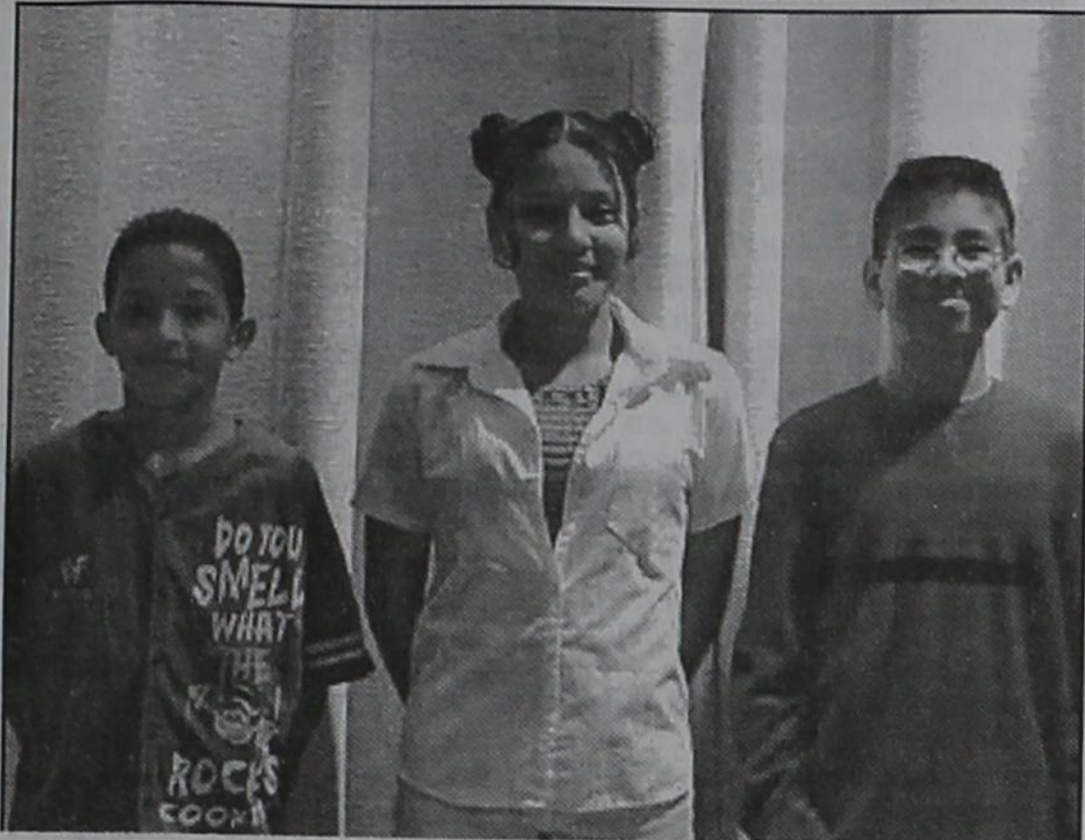
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WINNERS of the Bovina senior spelling bee were, 1-r, Benny Ramirez, 3rd place; Lidieth Rocha 2nd place; and 1st place bee winner Aaron Ramon. The three participated in the county bee held in Bovina Wednesday.

Bovina Has Had Bees The Last Two Weeks

Yes, Bees were sighted in Bovina on two different days over the last two weeks.

But these "Bees" were the spelling variety as Bovina's local spelling bee was held Thursday, February 27. The County Spelling Bee followed on Wednesday, March 5. Bovina Elementary principal Darla Sealey was in charge of both events.

In the local bee, the winner of the junior bee was 4th grader Fernando Banuelos. Second place was won by 4th grader Jesus Castaneda and third place went to 2nd grader Arturo Aguillon.

In the senior bee, 6th grader Aaron Ramon won first place, 8th grader Lidieth Rocha was second and 7th

grader Benny Ramirez was third.

Spelling bee students from Farwell, Lazbuddie, Bovina and Friona gathered Wednesday, March 5, for the county spelling title with the winners advancing to the regional bee in Canyon in April.

The county spelling bee winner was 5th grader Darin Ivy of Lazbuddie. Second place went to 7th grader Nathan King of Farwell and third place winner was 5th grader Kayle Jesko of Lazbuddie.

In the county junior spelling bee, Ray White of Farwell won first place, Bovina's Fernando Banuelos was second and Landry Actkinson of Farwell was third.

Spring Break Observed Next Week

Bovina schools will observe spring break next week, March 10-14, a week earlier than previous years.

School will resume on Monday, March 17.

One-Act Play March 21

This year's one-act play director Cindy Alexander says the troupe will present their play, "When The Fire Dies," at the school on Friday, March 21, at 8:45 a.m.

The presentation will be a warmup for the district zone competition to be held in Farwell March 22.



MEMBERS OF the Bovina Chamber of Commerce gathered Saturday to welcome Dr. Mindy Neal's Bone Joint Chiropractic Clinic to the community. Dr. Neal, fourth from right, is joined by her mother, Dottie Neal.

photo by becky london

Nominees Announced For WTRT Board of Directors

Members of WTRT will have the opportunity to elect directors for the Dawn, Hub, and Parmer exchanges during their 49th annual meeting March 18 at the Hereford Bull Barn.

Activities will get underway at 6 p.m. with a meal of brisket, sausage, and all the trimmings catered by Rafter G, operated by WTRT member J.C. Gossett of the Milo Center exchange.

The business meeting starts at 7 p.m. Along with the director election, members

will hear a report from WTRT manager Thomas A. Hyer on the past year's business activities, and employees of the Cooperative and its WT Services, Inc. subsidiary will be honored with tenure awards.

Schueler has been the director for the Parmer exchange since 1985, having served in various board officer roles. The Parmer County native farms near Friona and is an honorary member of the Rhea-Hollene Volunteer Fire Department.

Floyd and his wife, Glenda, are the parents of two daughters. They have eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The Hub exchange

We Want Military Information

The Friona Star and Bovina Blade are interested in having photographs of local servicemen and women, along with information, for a series we will print in the newspapers.

You may bring your pictures and info to the Friona Star (or Dorothy's Fantasy Beauty Shop in Bovina), along with the information.

Out of town folks can either mail us your pics/info to P.O. Box 789, Friona, Tx., 79035, or e-mail to case@wtrt.net.

director since 1973, Myers has served in all board officer roles.

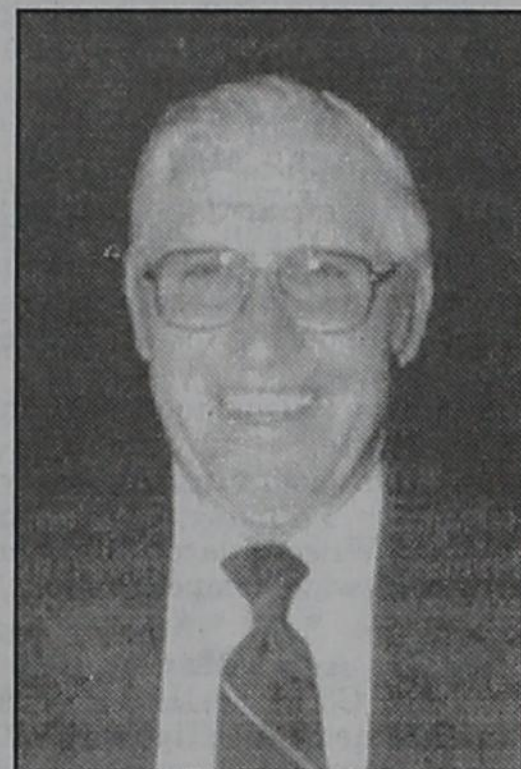
He and his wife, Loree, grew up at Lamesa and farmed in that area for a number of years prior to coming to Parmer County. A grain and cotton farmer, Charles has served on the Economic Development and Finance committees of the National Telephone Cooperative Association and the NTCA Education Committee.

Charles and Loree have a grown daughter and son, six grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

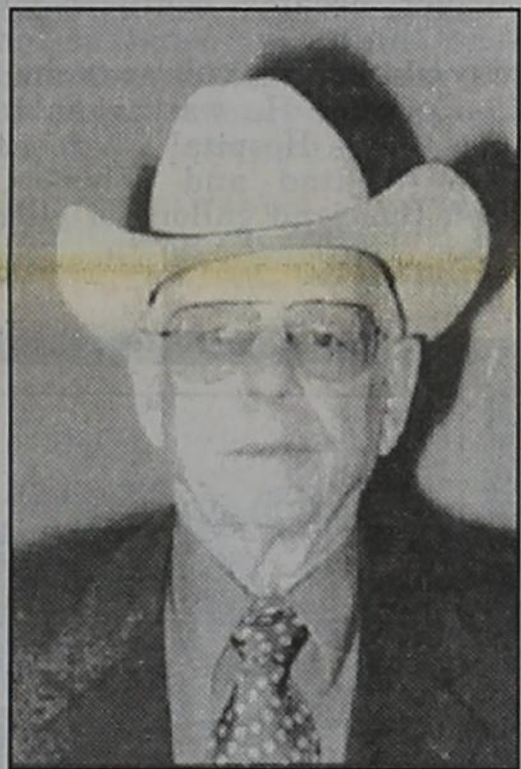
A cumulative total of 225 years of service to WTRT and WT Services, Inc. will be recognized with the presentation of tenure awards during the meeting.

WTRT tenure awards for 25 years of service will go to Mike Harris and Martin Urbanczyk. Twenty year service award recipients will include Tony Wilcox and Larry Watts, and 10 year service awards will go to Connie Matthews and Keith Culp.

Among WT Services, Inc. tenure award recipients will be Paul Hamilton with 20 years, and Anthony Montelongo, Cindy Butman, and Chery Wells with five years. Ten year service awards will be presented to David Davis, Curt Guinn, Nancy Buchanan, Neal Gillespie, Max Weatherford, Sherry Ebeling, Tommy Alcozer, and Doug Buie.



FLOYD SCHUELER



CHARLES MYERS, JR.

Three Mustangs Earn All-District: Shepherd Is MVP

Bovina senior Mustang B. J. Shepherd was named by coaches as the Most Valuable Player in District 3-1A basketball for the 2002-03 season.

The Mustang scoring leader led the team to its first playoff appearance in 11 years. The Mustangs drew Morton in the first round and lost the bi-district contest. Morton has been dominant in the playoffs and will compete for the 1A Division I state title this weekend.

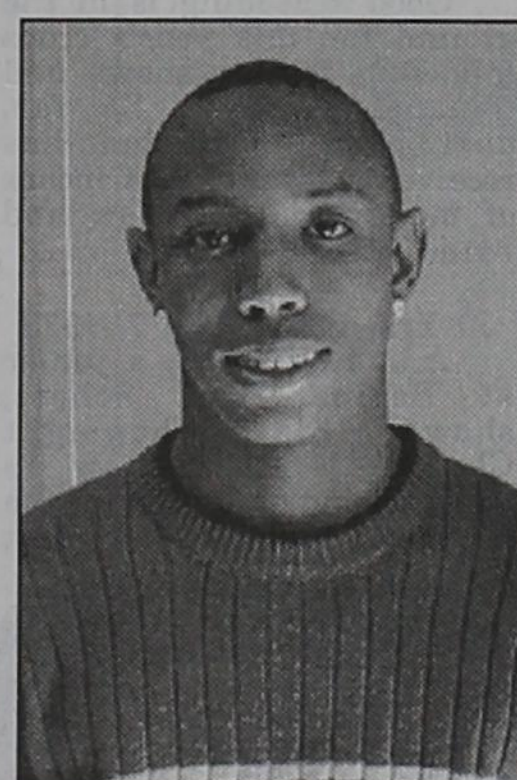
Perhaps more important to Mustang fans were defeats of powerhouses Sudan and Farwell. The Mustangs split with both teams in district play, but knocked rival Farwell out of the playoffs with a win over Sudan in the last district game.

Also named to the 2002-2003 3-1A All-District first team were Mustangs Ray-

VFW Chicken Dinner Sun.

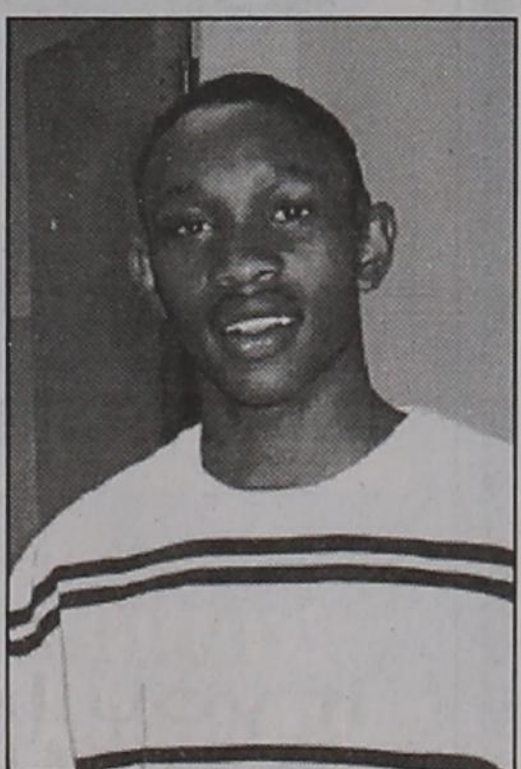
Don't forget to bring the family to Veterans Hall in Friona Sunday, March 9, for the fried chicken dinner, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. Takeouts available by calling 265-7463.

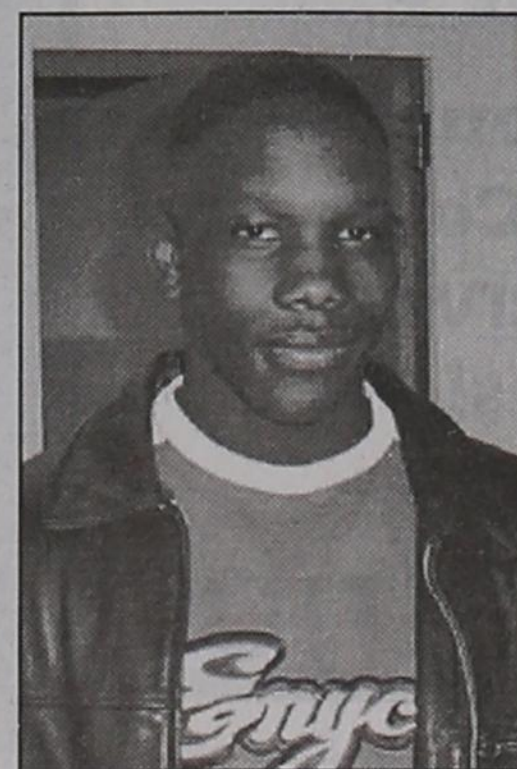


B. J. SHEPHERD
Most Valuable Player
District 3-1A

mond Chisom and Jonathan Chisom.



RAYMOND CHISOM
All-District 3-1A



JONATHAN CHISOM
All-District 3-1A

Bovina Chamber of Commerce Banquet

The Bovina Chamber of Commerce has announced the annual banquet will be on Saturday, March 22, 2003. Chamber president Billy Smith says previous banquets have been held on Thursday night but the board decided to have it on Saturday night this year for the first time.

The entertainment will be Tumbleweed Smith and the famous great steak dinner will be the menu. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from any Chamber director, at the tax office, or at the Bone Joint Chiropractic Clinic.

Hospital District To Elect Two Directors

Parmer County Hospital District announces that two Board of Director positions will be up for election on May 3, 2003. The two expiring terms are currently held by Danny Kendrick and Robert Neelley.

Any person wishing to have his or her name placed on the ballot as a candidate must file an application with the Secretary of the Board of Directors not later than 5 p.m. March 19, 2003.

Candidate applications may be picked up at the Parmer County Community Hospital business office between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through

Friday of each week. To be eligible as a candidate for director, the person must be a resident of the district and a qualified voter. An employee of the district may not serve as a director.

Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 25, 2003.

The earliest date for submission of application for absentee ballot to be voted by mail is March 4, 2003. Applications for ballots by mail shall be mailed to: Parmer County Community Hospital, 1307 Cleveland Street, Friona, Texas 79035.

SINCE EVERYONE WHO has a means to do so has expressed his/her opinion on the matter of what has happened to America's economy, this humble reporter decided he might as well weigh in on the subject. Why not?

Could it possibly be that our nation is beginning to reap the harvest of national policies of the past 10-15 years which has allowed thousands of American plants--manufacturing, textile production, etc., to close, while at the same time expanding the imports by America, especially from "third world" countries.

Hundreds of thousands of American workers have been left jobless in the past several years.

This isn't the first time Ye Editor has mentioned the fact that you really have to do some serious shopping to find a garment that was produced in the good old U.S.A. And now we are finding more and more food items which are being imported.

If you buy fruit on a regular basis, you have no doubt noticed that more and more of these items are being brought in from other countries. When our farmers and ranchers have to meet strict rules in raising their food items, it hardly seems fair that we would allow food to be imported when the public has no idea whatsoever as to how those food items were produced. Were pesticides used? What kinds?

We've not had a single grape in the last year that the hogs we used to raise down in Bailey County would have eaten.

Most countries around the world have policies which state that they will not buy, nor import, products which will compete with those growing, or manufacturing that product in their country.

At the top of this list is usually the farmers. Virtually every other country will consistently balk at importing anything from milk to molasses, or soup to hay, if someone in that country is already spending his hard-earned money and using the sweat of his brow, to produce that product.

For the last several years, the U.S. has been losing farmers in droves. It is getting harder and harder for American farmers to make a profit, due to the continuing increase in prices of energy, coupled with the low prices for commodities when they are ready to sell.

Such institutions as NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) and the W.T.O. (World Trade Organization) have been championed by recent presidential administrations as being "just what the doctor ordered" as far as helping our American producers and manufacturers to sell their products.

They haven't worked. As a matter of fact, it seems from this corner that the W.T.O. is costing American jobs, rather than creating them.

Protecting our country's factories, businesses and farmers should be the number one goal of our nation's leaders.

As a newspaper publisher in a small town, we have always preached (and practiced it as near as possible), "Shopping at home."

Seems as though this needs to be our national motto as well.

Our nation seems to be failing to support our farmers by allowing him a price that would allow him to make a just profit.

What will happen when our farmers have been put out of business?

Will we then depend on China, Mexico, or Chile for all of our foodstuffs? If so, then we'll pay whatever price they decide to charge us, besides not knowing exactly how the particular food was produced. What kinds of standards did they meet?

America's farmers could easily feed the world, if they were allowed to do so. We'd better let them do it, or someday we may be reminded of how things were in the late 1920s and early 30s, when there wasn't enough food to go around.

Bull Town Bulletins

by Bill Ellis



Services Held Sunday For Alethea Wilson

Funeral services for Alethea Wilson, 82, were held at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 2, 2003 at the First United Methodist Church of Bovina.

Rev. Quita Jones, pastor, conducted the services. Burial was in Bovina Cemetery under the direction of Blackwell Funeral Home.

She died February 27, 2003 at Plains Regional Medical Center in Clovis.

Born June 9, 1920 in Bovina, she was a lifetime resident of Parmer County. A graduate of Bovina High School, she attended Texas Women's University and graduated from West Texas Normal College.

She married Robert Wilson on December 3, 1944 in Columbia, South Carolina. She taught school in Vega and Panhandle before returning to Bovina where she and her husband farmed west of Bovina for 58 years.

Mrs. Wilson was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Bovina and was active in the United Methodist Women organization. She taught Sunday School and Bible School many years.

Active in the Bovina Chamber of Commerce, in 1997 she received the Heritage Award.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Frank and Leora (Tidenberg) Hastings and a sister, Ann Hastings.

Survivors include her

J. Brown Is Buried On Tuesday

Funeral services for F.L. "Jackie" Brown, 82, of Muleshoe were held Tuesday at the Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church with the Rev. Jim Ed McGuire of Lubbock officiating.

Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home in Muleshoe.

He died Saturday, March 1, 2003.

He was born Sept. 19, 1920, in Etowah, Tenn. He married Pearl Splawn on Nov. 15, 1941, in Clovis, N.M. He moved from Vernon to the Oklahoma Lane area in 1933 and to Muleshoe in 1975.

Mr. Brown graduated from Oklahoma Lane High School in 1938. A farmer, he was a member of the First Baptist Church in Oklahoma Lane and Muleshoe Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Judy Anderson of Lubbock, Sandy Peterson of Muleshoe and Jody Whatley of Quitman. Also, two sisters, Dorothy Baldrige of Tulsa, Okla., and Betty Johnson of Fremont, Calif.; a stepsister, Elsie Hickman of Sedona, Ariz.; a brother, Dee Brown of Muleshoe; a stepbrother, Carl Deaton of Clovis; eight grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association, 3403 73rd St. Suite 1, Lubbock, TX 79423 or to a favorite charity.



ALETHEA WILSON

husband, Robert of Bovina; three daughters, Candy Dyer and April Gober, both of Farwell, and Ann Kingsley Wilson of Albuquerque, New Mexico; and one son, Kregg Wilson of Bovina.

Also, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, survive.

G. Hubbell Rites Held In Farwell

Services for Golma Hubbell, 83, of Clovis, N.M., formerly of Farwell, were held Monday, March 3, in Hamlin Memorial Church in Farwell with Greg Martin officiating.

Burial was in Bovina Cemetery under the direction of Steed-Todd Funeral Home in Clovis.

She died Thursday, February 27, 2003. She was born April 1, 1919, in Elk City Oklahoma. She married Oris R. "Bill" Hubbell August 21, 1937, in Clovis. He preceded her in death.

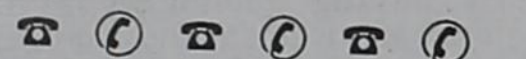
She moved to Clovis in 1947 and lived in Farwell from 1953 to 1961, before returning to Clovis.

A homemaker, she was a member of the Oklahoma Lane United Methodist Church and attended Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church.

She also was preceded in death by a son, Billy Lloyd, and a grandson.

Survivors include two sons, Kerry Hubbell of Clovis and Ricky Hubbell of Farwell; two daughters, Beverly Obershain and Debbie Dillon, both of Farwell; and two sisters, Dorothy Roach of Bovina and Mary Cole of Panhandle.

The family suggests memorials to a charity of their choice.



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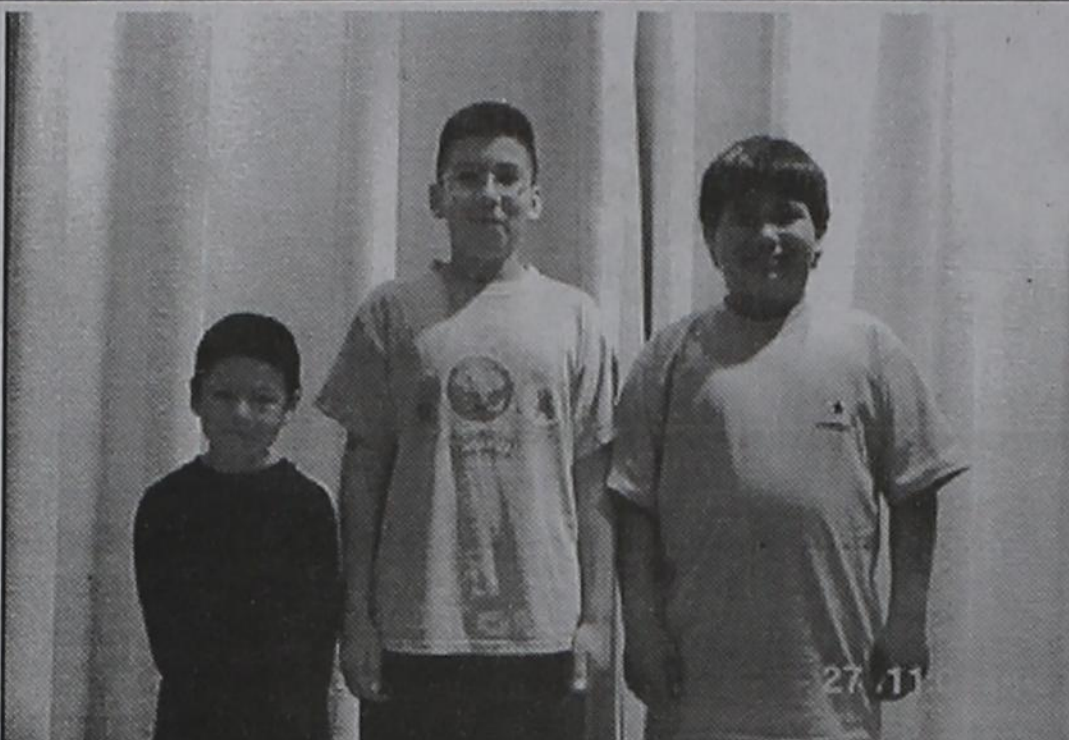
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CONGRATULATIONS to the Bovina junior spelling bee winners in last week's local spelling bee. The winning spellers are, l-r, Arturo Aguillon 3rd place; Jesus Castenada, 2nd place; and 1st place bee winner Fernando Banuelos.

Bovina Reflections

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

45 Yrs Ago - Mar. 5, 1958

The Bovina Fillies, Tuesday night, cinched the bi-district championship title in Sudan against their opponent of District 4-B, Spade.

Mrs. Margaret Caldwell, Bovina chairman of the Red Cross, announced that the annual drive for Red Cross funds is being planned for March, in conjunction with the nation-wide emphasis on Red Cross support during the month.

40 Yrs Ago - Mar. 8, 1963

Four door prize winners were announced following grand opening of Live Longer Laundry No. 2, Saturday afternoon. Mrs. B.A. Baca was winner of first prize, a pitcher and glass set.

Mrs. Ralph Roming underwent surgery last Wednesday at West Plains Hospital in Muleshoe. She is reported to be improving.

Mrs. H.J. Charles was released from Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona Saturday afternoon. She is reported to be improving.

A total of 784 people took Type III Sabin Oral polio vaccines in Bovina School Cafeteria, Sunday afternoon, Mrs. Jack Patterson, a leader in the program here, announces.

35 Yrs Ago - Mar. 6, 1968

Funeral services for Newell E. Bonds, 68, were held Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Bovina.

A resident of Bovina for 35 years, Bonds was dead on arrival at Clovis Memorial Hospital Thursday morning following an automobile accident on U.S. 70 on the eastern edge of Clovis.

Good seasoning is in the ground for this year's crops following winter snows and unusual rainfall. So far, during 1968, Bovina has received a total of 2.64 inches of moisture from snow and rain.

30 Yrs Ago - Mar. 7, 1973

A.L. Kerby, Jr., a junior at Bovina High School, showed his lightweight Chester White barrow to breed champion honors in the Houston Livestock Show last week.

Mrs. Robert Read was named head of the Bovina Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture by the board of directors at a dinner meeting Thursday in Bovina Restaurant.

15 Yrs Ago - Mar. 8, 1988

The new school bus barn has just been completed adjacent to the school's west side. The new structure provides housing for all of the school buses.

Chris Wilson took part in the State computer conference's computer literacy contest February 26 in Dallas. Wilson placed third in the statewide competition.

10 Yrs Ago - Mar. 6, 1993

A CTL milk truck overturned on Highway 60 last Saturday damaging the Jim Russell barn. The truck driver became confused by the highway construction barrels and then compensated too quickly. He was taken to the Clovis Hospital where he was treated and released. Ten thousand gallons of milk was spilled down the highway.

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Deaf Smith Electric's Annual Meeting Set

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative members will receive capital credit refunds from 1990 and a portion of 1991 totaling \$1,000,000 at the cooperative's annual meeting and dinner Tuesday, March 25. The meeting begins at 5 p.m. at the Hereford Bull Barn.

A fish, chicken and beef dinner will be served. The Flying J Wranglers will provide the entertainment following the meal. A short business meeting to elect three directors will precede the Flying J Wranglers performance.

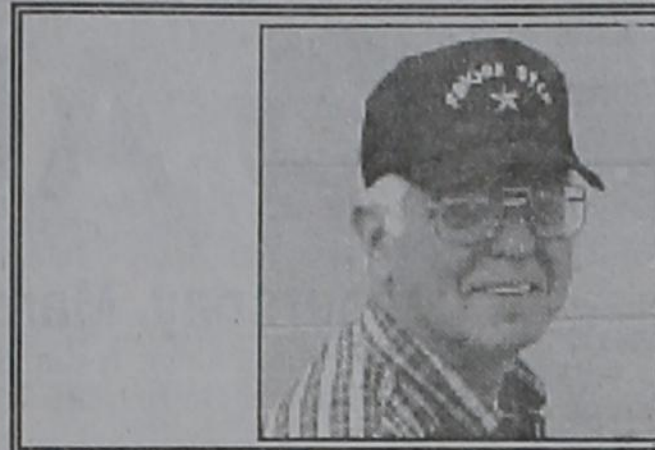
Position One candidates are incumbent Clark Andrews and L. Dee Taylor. Position Two candidates are incumbent Clarence Martin and David Carthel. Position Three candidates are incumbent Donald Wright and Mark Cluck.

Another highlight of the

evening's activities will be drawings for attendance prizes totaling more than \$1,000.

The Flying J Wranglers will be making their second appearance at Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative's annual meeting. The Ruidoso group has enjoyed tremendous success for the past two decades. They have been performing their special brand of music at the Flying J Ranch just north of Ruidoso for many years.

The group has appeared at the Grand Ol Opry in Nashville and represented the state of New Mexico at one of Japan's largest cultural festivals. The Wranglers have performed all over the United States and have traveled, at the request of the New Mexico Department of Tourism, to Italy, Germany and France to showcase their unique style of western music.



Out Here

By Ron Carr

The Great Tattoo War!

Yes, I know. I haven't written about politics in a while. What is there to write about?

Dubya is gonna' bomb Saddam. It is a matter of time. Whether it liberates the Iraqi people or sets off a worldwide hellfire of terrorism remains to be seen. It doesn't matter anyway.

The TV says that we plan to drop 10 times more bombs on the first day of bombing Iraq than we dropped in the entire Gulf War. That's a lot of metal.

This week, terrorist bombings in Columbia, the Phillipines and Israel killed a bunch more innocent people. Kids and missionaries, among others, were blown to bits.

Dubya says we are winning the war on terrorism. The families of these victims might disagree. What is for sure though is that Dubya is going to bomb Saddam. Stay tuned for the latest news alert.

There is a different kind of war being waged over in Clovis. If you have ever had an urge to join the tattooed community, this might be a good time to roll up your sleeve or pull down your britches and take on the needle.

Clovis' several tattoo parlors are having a price war. I spotted a sign on Mabry Drive that offered tattoos for 20% off. Farther along on Prince Street, another skin artist matched the discount. But the best deal was out on Prince, past the Mall, on the right.

This tattoo studio had a sign out by the curb that said, "Free tattoos and body piercing, 2-4 p.m. Tuesday." It has been out there for several weeks so I reckon it wasn't just a one-time dream of a tattoo apprentice.

I never wanted a tattoo. My earliest recollection of tattoos was in my youth

when soldiers and sailors returning from World War II showed them off for the local townsfolk.

Veterans would tell exotic stories of getting them in foreign lands during shore leave, usually under the influence of too many beers and too far from home.

Tigers and dragons and names of past girlfriends were popular tattoo subjects. Their artwork was usually on the arms somewhere. Other areas of the body didn't become tattoo canvasses until much later.

And if a woman had a tattoo, well, they weren't the kind of woman that got invited to your house for Sunday dinner.

Like most everything else in life, times have changed. To be with it these days, some type of body adornment is almost required.

I was thinking about the "free tattoo" offer in Clovis and what may have prompted the tattooer to make the offer.

I have to be honest. I don't know how much a

tattoo costs when you have to buy one. I'm sure they charge by the hour or by the size and degree of difficulty of the tattoo itself.

Men get them because they are macho. Women get them because they are sexy. I can't think of any other reasons to get one. Some people say they are making a statement. I say, "about what?"

So the question is, would I want a free tattoo? (I wouldn't want a body piercing if they paid me.) I feel that if you are paying a tattooer for a certain design, they are going to be careful, take their time, and try to make the tattoo look the way you want it and not hurt you in the process.

Would they take the same care and concern if they were giving you a free one? I don't think so. Maybe they think if you get a free one, and like it, you'll come back and buy a few more.

I figure on the free body piercing, they poke the hole in your designated body part

free but you have to buy something to go in the hole. Otherwise what good is just having an empty hole.

Clovis is home to Cannon Air Force Base, so maybe the discounts are enticements to get the Air Force personnel hooked into tattoos and piercings.

I'm not going in to ask them about their tattoo prices though. It's not that I'm afraid of going in. I'm afraid of coming out.

Sure as heck somebody would see me coming out of a tattoo parlor and the rumor that I had a tattoo would be back in town before I was.

The chance of me getting a tattoo is about the same odds that Dubya will not bomb Saddam. Both are slim to none.



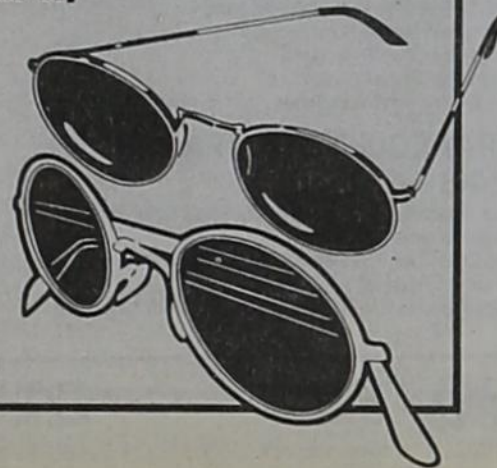
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PARMER COUNTY Retired School Personnel met this week. Local president Cecil Maddox, left, welcomes District 16 president John Krodel, right, and state president of the Retired Teacher's Association, Thomas Pritchard, middle. ron carr photo

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Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn has sent \$446.4 million in monthly sales tax payments to cities and counties in Texas. The amount is a 4.6% decrease from February 2002. So far this year, local sales tax rebates from the Comptroller are down 3.2% over last year. February's sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in December and reported to the Comptroller in January by monthly filers, along with taxes collected in October, November and December from quarterly filers.

The State of Texas' share of sales tax reported in January was \$1.2 BILLION, down 3.1% compared to a year ago.

Parmer County's sales tax revenue is not quite so bleak. The \$40,466 received in February by Bovina, Farwell and Friona was 28.18% more than that received in February 2002.

Bovina's share was \$8,544, a whopping 181.09% over last year; Farwell received \$5,672; and Friona's tax revenue was \$26,249. So far in 2003, the two-month tax revenue paid to the county totaled \$67,161 compared to \$50,746 for the same 2002 period. Bovina (152.66%) and Friona (24.24%) sales taxes received are up by the percentages shown while Farwell is actually down a minor -0.17%, almost even with last year.

Bovina's revenue increase, according to city manager Ernest Terry, is attributed to a local sales tax increase from 1% to 2% that was voted in last year. Plus the city has begun receiving telecommunication tax revenue that previously went to the state.



Around Town

VFW chicken dinner Mar 9

Friona's VFW Post will serve up their popular fried chicken dinner on Sunday, March 9, at Veterans Hall, 6th and Euclid. Serving time will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Menu will be fried chicken, mashed potatoes, creamed gravy, green beans, salad, dessert and drink. Cost is \$7 adults and \$3 for children under 12. Takeouts will be available. Call 265-7463.

Baptist executive director here Mar 8-9

Dr. Charles Wade, Executive Director of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, will speak at Calvary Baptist Church on Saturday, Mar 8, at 7 p.m. This will be a question and answer session about what is going on in Texas Baptist life. Dr. Wade will also be preaching in the Sunday morning service at Calvary on Mar 9. Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings.

Fellowship of Christian Women Mar 11

The Fellowship of Christian Women will meet Tuesday, Mar 11, at 7 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, 1600 Cleveland in Friona. All ladies are invited. Bring a salad. There will be a meal, a short devotional and then play bunko.

Class of '93 reunion needs names

The FHS Class of 1993 is planning a 10-year reunion in July. They need addresses of all classmates. Please help by sending to: Tami Potts Burney, Box 124, Watrous, New Mexico, 87753, or email to lpotts@amaonline.com.

Hereford Cattlewomen casserole sale

Hereford Cattlewomen will have a casserole sale Friday, Mar 21, at Hereford State Bank, First National Bank & First Bank Southwest. The sale will begin at 9 a.m. and last until the casseroles are gone.

Raffle to benefit Texas Cattlewomen

Texas Cattlewomen are raffling off over \$1500 in prizes to raise funds for the state organization. Prizes will include cow parade collectibles, gift certificates, custom metal art, prints by Ronald Thomason, limited edition print by Kenneth Wyatt, a pair of calf skins and many other items. Hereford Cattlewomen are selling tickets for \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. Tickets will be on sale through March 23. To buy tickets see a member of Hereford Cattlewomen or go by Boots and Saddle, 513 N. 25 Mile Ave in Hereford. For more info call Desta Crawford at 806-364-5555.

Great Plains Ag Credit Annual Meeting Set

The Annual Stockholders' Meeting of Great Plains Ag Credit will be held Saturday, March 15 at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo.

The business meeting begins at 4 p.m. followed by dinner and entertainment by Tammy Hysmith as Patsy Cline. Handmade quilts are featured for the traditional gift drawings at Great Plains

meetings. Great Plains Ag Credit serves over 800 member stockholders throughout the North and South Plains through its production credit association and federal land bank operations.

The Association is based in Amarillo with a regional credit office in Plainview and has nine office locations.



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Thursday, March 13, 2003 — Sale Time: 10:00 a.m.

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- 1—John Deere 644 A Diesel Wheel Loader, Cab, 3 Yard Bucket, 20 5x25 Rubber, S.N. 902131 (Runs Good) Info. (806) 983-1042

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- 1—KBM Mule Boy Tandem Axle Double Dump Buggy, S.N. 1424
- 20—Cotton Module Tarps

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- 1—John Deere 1293. 12 Row 30" Cornhead, Poly Snouts, Shredded & Nice
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- 1—AAL F-700 S.A. Grain Cart (Nice)
- 1—30' Combine Riel
- 1—Golden Bull Header Trailer (Shredded & Nice)
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- 1—1999 Chevrolet 1500. 4x4 Pickup, V-6 Eng., A/T, A/C, P/S, P.B. S.W.B.
- 1—1996 Ford F-150. 4x4 Pickup, 302 Eng., A/T, A/C, P/S, S.W.B.
- 1—1981 Chevrolet 70 T.A. Grain Truck, 366 Eng., 5 Spd -2 Spd, P.S., 24' Metal Grain Bed, T.C. Host, (1 Owner, 21,740 Miles, Shredded)
- 1—1987 Mack Truck Tractor, Mack 350 Economy Eng., 9 Spd, Trans., T.A., Twin Screw, 11R 24.5 Rubber
- 1—1978 Mack Truck Tractor, 300 Eng., 5 Spd, Trans., T.A., Twin Screw 11R 24.5 Rubber
- 1—1974 Chevrolet C60 S.A. Grain Truck, 350 Eng., 4 Spd -2 Spd, 16' Grain Bed, T.C. Host (1 Owner, 16,879 Miles & Shredded)
- 1—Chamberlin 50' Double Hopper Btm. Grain Trailer, Roll-Over Tarp, 11R 24.5 Rubber (Nice)
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- 1—John Deere 1720. 3-Pl. 12 Row 30" Hyd. Fold Vacuum Planter, Double Boxes, Lift Assist Wheels, Row Markers, Plates, Monitor, Pull Hitch, Nice
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- 1—John Deere 3-Pl. 13 Shank 30' Lister 4x7 Bar, L.T.M.
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- 1—Roll A Conn 3-Pl. 12 Row 30" Hyd. Rod Weeder T.S.B. G.W. Basket Incorporates 1x3 Shanks, Anh. Att.
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- 1—Lincoln 225 Amp. Electric Welder
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There will be an election of three directors from the following nominees:

- Hub: Charles Myers, Jr. (Unopposed)
- Parmer: Floyd Schueler (Unopposed)
- Dawn: Dick Fellers & Gerald Parker



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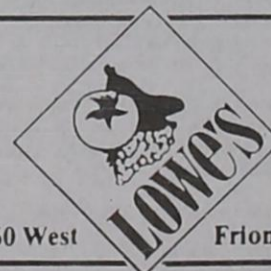


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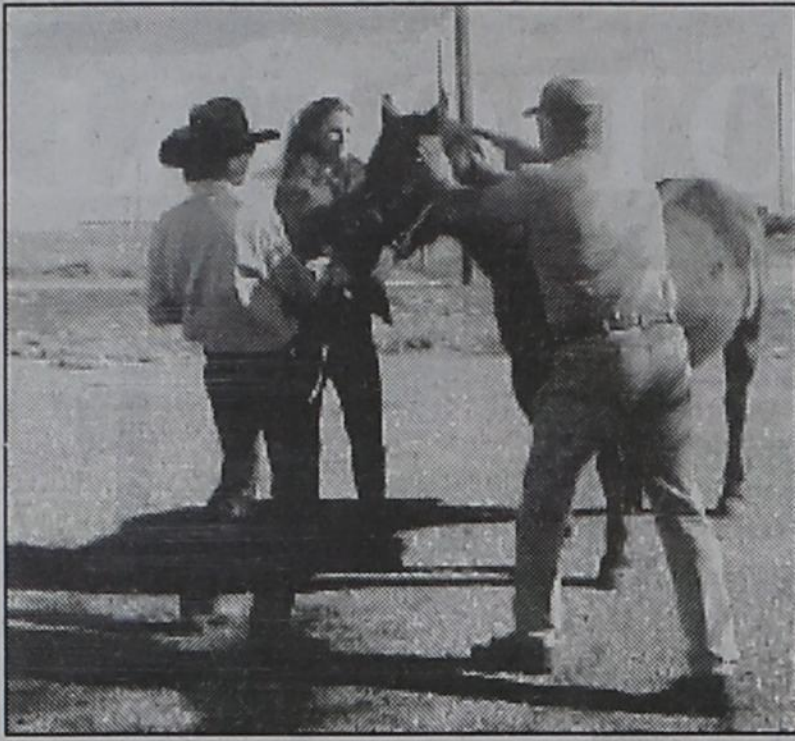
Happy Birthday Bovina

Birthdays for the week of March 9-15, 2003.

- Mar 9 Jimmy Gilbreath
- Mar 10 Ona Patterson, Tony Chisom
- Mar 11 Nellie Spicer
- Mar 12 Susan Kerby
- Mar 15 Stefanie Marie Bowman, Michael Carson, Lawrence Gray

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.



HORSE ADJUSTMENT--Dr. Mindy Neal demonstrated how to perform a chiropractic adjustment on a horse during the grand opening of Bovina's brand new Bone Joint Clinic last Saturday. Dr. Neal was assisted with the procedure by Tony Neal and Terry Stull. The horse seemed to take the activity pretty well in stride and the spectators found it all quite interesting. ---Photos by Becky London



Bovina Bits

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

Longtime Bovina resident, Gladys Wright is now living at Parkview Nursing Home in Muleshoe. If you would like to send her a card of encouragement, the address is 1100 West Avenue J, Muleshoe, Texas, 79437.

In Amarillo. Earl said she is doing great and is expected to be released Friday to Friona's Parmer County Community Hospital for Physical Therapy.

In the next room at the hospital, was former Bovina resident, Joe Schilling. He and his wife Eunice, farmed here years ago and now live in Amarillo. Joe had the same surgery as Norma and he was doing fine too.

Elton and Marie Venable's daughter and son-in-law, Margaret Jo and Owen Moore of Loogootee, Indiana were visiting their parents here last week. Margaret, who runs the Navy commissary in Loogootee, had gone to a school in San Antonio for training and they stopped in Bovina while they were in Texas.

During their stay, the Moores also visited their sons in Lubbock. They are Logan Moore and Neil and Jennifer Moore and their son, Ethan James, 2 months.

Norma Whitten had knee replacement surgery Monday at Northwest Texas Hospital

Jay Sherrill reported that Patsy is doing much better since she was taken by ambulance to Baptist/St. Anthony's hospital nearly two weeks ago. She is gaining her strength back and he hopes to have her home soon.

The couple's four children all live near Amarillo and have been able to stop in and see their mother regularly during her hospitalization. They are Steve and Patti of Panhandle, Terry of Gruver and Wendy of Canyon.

George Baca Has Retired From ASARCO/Amarillo

Bovina native George Baca retired from ASARCO at the end of February. He and his wife Edna live in Amarillo.

George was born in Clovis but grew up in Bovina. He graduated from Bovina high school, then spent four years in the Navy Seabees. In an ASARCO newsletter, George said he enjoyed the Navy and wished that he had remained in the service.

Prior to beginning his career at ASARCO on August 31, 1976, George worked for a commercial fertilizer company and sold to farmers around Bovina and Oklahoma Lane.

Co-workers referred to him as Mr. Reliable. He was described as careful, thoughtful and always comes to work and does his job.

George says he enjoys country music, relaxing, working on and learning about his computer and occasional trips to Las Vegas. He will be going to Las Vegas in July to attend his brother's granddaughter's wedding.

He is also looking forward to more frequent visits with his daughter in Phoenix, Arizona, his son in Durant, Oklahoma, and his two daughters and a son in Amarillo.

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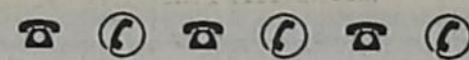
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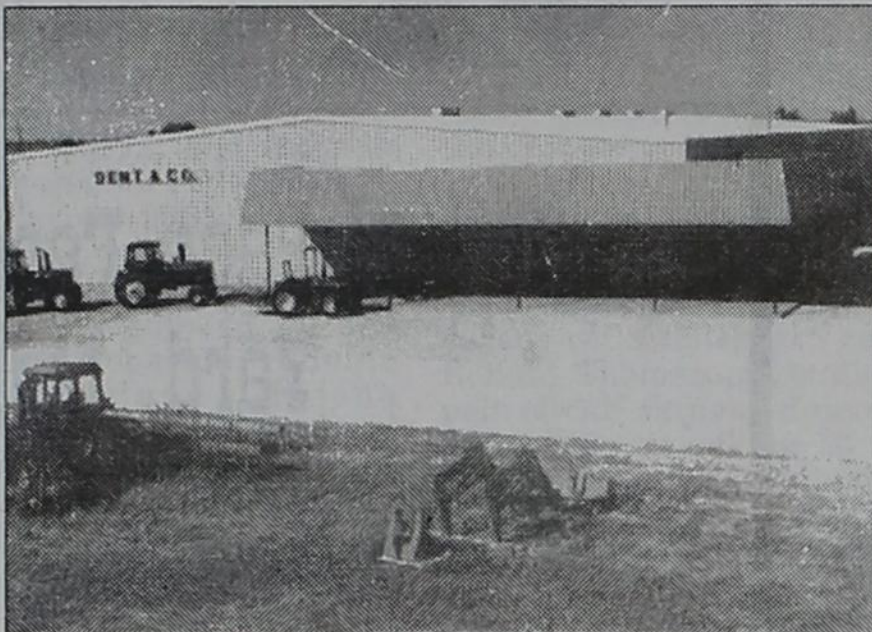
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LEGAL NOTICE

On February 6, 2003, VALOR Telecommunications of Texas, LP (VALOR) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to establish surcharges to recover lost revenues and increased costs associated with seven hundred thirteen (713) Expanded Local Calling Service (ELCS) routes implemented in and between VALOR's Texas telephone exchanges and in many instances, exchanges of other local telephone companies. The application is filed based on the Commission's Substantive Rule 26.221 titled, "Applications to Establish or Increase Expanded Local Calling Service Surcharges".

ELCS expands a local calling scope to include one or more additional telephone exchanges, if customers in a petitioning exchange approve by ballot, the payment of an ELCS fee in lieu of long distance charges. The costs and lost revenues associated with VALOR's surcharge application are those not recoverable through the ELCS fee.

In the application, VALOR proposes to implement on an interim basis a monthly per line surcharge of \$.99 for residential customers and \$1.98 for business customers beginning with the April, 2003 bill cycle. This proposed surcharge will apply in addition to any monthly ELCS fees. If rates at or above the level of the interim surcharges are not ultimately approved by the Commission, VALOR will refund all or part of the interim surcharges, as directed by the Commission. Ultimately, VALOR seeks approval of monthly surcharges of \$3.38 for business lines and \$1.69 for residential lines to replace the interim surcharges. Additionally, the application proposes that customers currently billed ELCS fees lower than \$3.50 per residential line and \$7 per business line, will have those fees raised to \$3.50 per residential line and \$7 per business line.

The net annual effect on the revenues of VALOR will be zero since the requested surcharge replaces lost revenues and reimburses VALOR for the increased cost of service associated with ELCS. The estimated total lost revenues and increased costs VALOR seeks to recover through this proceeding is \$7,601,145 annually.

If you have questions about the proposed surcharges or would like further information, please call VALOR at 1-877-520-5220. The Public Utility Commission has assigned Project No. 27363 to this proceeding. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas as soon as possible and no later than April 14, 2003, the intervention deadline. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, PO Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing-impaired and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136.

AVISO

El 6 de febrero de 2003, VALOR Telecom de Texas, LP (VALOR) sometió una solicitud a La Comisión Pública de Servicios de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas) para establecer sobrecargos para recuperar las ganancias perdidas y los costos incrementados relacionados con setecientos trece (713) rutas implementadas del Servicio Expandido de Llamadas Locales (Expanded Local Calling Service) entre los despachos centrales de teléfono de VALOR de Texas y en muchas instancias, despachos de otras compañías locales de teléfono. La solicitud se sometió basada en la Regla 26.221 de La Comisión titulada, "Solicitudes para Establecer o Incrementar los Sobrecargos de Servicio Expandido de Llamadas Locales".

ELCS extiende el alcance de llamadas locales para incluir uno o más despachos de teléfono adicionales, si los clientes de un despacho hacen una petición de cambio que es aprobada por voto para pagar un cargo de ELCS en lugar de sobrecargos de larga distancia. Los costos y ganancias perdidas relacionadas con los sobrecargos de la solicitud de VALOR no son recuperables a través de la cuota del ELCS.

En la solicitud, VALOR propone implementar temporalmente un cargo mensual por línea de \$0.99 por cliente residencial y \$1.98 para clientes comerciales empezando con la facturación del ciclo de Abril, 2003. Este cargo propuesto se aplicará en adición a cualquier cargo mensual ELCS. Si las tarifas al o sobre el nivel de los sobrecargos temporarios no son ultimadamente aprobados por la Comisión, VALOR reembolsará todo o parte de los sobrecargos temporales, indicados por la Comisión. Ultimadamente, VALOR busca aprobación de sobrecargos mensuales de \$3.38 por líneas comerciales y \$1.69 por líneas residenciales para reemplazar los sobrecargos temporarios. Adicionalmente, la solicitud propone que los clientes que actualmente son facturados con tarifas ELCS más bajas de \$3.50 por línea residencial y \$7.00 por línea comercial, tendrán un incremento de tarifas a \$3.50 por línea residencial y \$7.00 por línea comercial.

El efecto anual en las ganancias de VALOR serán cero siendo que los sobrecargos solicitados reemplazan las ganancias perdidas y reembolsa a VALOR por incremento en el costo del servicio relacionado con ELCS. El costo estimado total de las ganancias perdidas y el incremento de costos que VALOR tiene como fin recuperar a través de este procedimiento es \$7,601,145 anualmente.

Si usted tiene alguna pregunta acerca de los sobrecargos propuestos o si necesita más información, por favor llame a VALOR al 1-877-520-5220.

La Comisión de Servicios Públicos ha asignado el Proyecto No. 27363 a este procedimiento. Las personas que deseen intervenir o comentar en o sobre estos procedimientos deben notificar a la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas tan pronto como sea posible y no más tarde del día 14 de Abril 2003, fecha límite de la intervención. Para intervenir o para más información, escriba a la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas), 1701 N. Congress Avenue, PO Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. También puede solicitar más información llamando a la Comisión de Servicios Públicos al (512) 936-7120 o al (888) 782-8477. Personas con impedimentos de hablar o del sentido de oír con teléfonos de textos (TTY) pueden comunicarse con la Comisión al (512) 936-7136.

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