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Good News in Bovina For the Past 40 Years

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"Meet Your City Employees"



BOVINA CITY SECRETARY...Sarah Alonzo has enjoyed her job as City Secretary for about a year and a half. She says she never knows what will happen next at the city office, and there's never a dull moment.

LEARN THE SEVERE WEATHER TERMS--

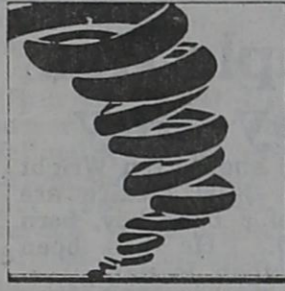
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Your shelter should have: flashlight and extra batteries (check for freshness); battery-operated radio and extra batteries (check for freshness); emergency food and water; can-opener (manual); essential medicines; cash and credit cards; sturdy shoes.



CHARLES SIKES has authored a book entitled "Dumbing Down Our Kids."

In the book, Sikes has volunteered to high school and college graduates a list of things they did not learn in school:

Bull Town Bulletins

By Bill Ellis



- Rule 1:** Life is not fair. Get used to it.
- Rule 2:** The world will not care about your self-esteem as much as your school does. The world will expect you to accomplish something before you feel good about yourself.
- Rule 3:** You will not make \$40,000 per year right out of high school (or college). You won't be a vice president with a car 'phone until you earn both.
- Rule 4:** If you think your teacher is tough, wait until you get a boss. He doesn't have tenure.
- Rule 5:** Flipping burgers isn't beneath your dignity. Your grandparents had a different word for burger-flipping. They called it "opportunity."
- Rule 6:** If you screw up, it is not your parents' fault. So don't whine about your mistakes. Learn from them.
- Rule 7:** Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way paying your bills, cleaning your room and listening to you tell how idealistic you are. So, before you save the rain forest from the blood-sucking parasites of your parents' generation, try de-lousing the closet in your own room.
- Rule 8:** Your school may have done away with winners and losers, but life hasn't. In some schools they have abolished failing grades. They'll give you as many tries as you want to get the right answer. This, of course, bears not the slightest resemblance to anything in the real world.
- Rule 9:** Life is not divided into semesters. You don't get summers off. And very few employers are interested in helping you "find yourself." You can do that on your own time.
- Rule 10:** Television is not real life. In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to jobs.
- Rule 11:** Be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end up having to work for nerds.
- Rule 12:** Smoking does not make you look cool, it makes you look moronic. And ditto for purple hair and pierced body parts.
- Rule 13:** Living fast and dying young is romantic only until you see one of your peers at room temperature.

Noted radio commentator Paul Harvey added a footnote of his own to the graduates: Get up when you fall down. Michael Jordan has missed the basket 9,000 times. Michael Jordan has lost almost 300 games. Twenty-six times Michael Jordan has been trusted to take the game-winning shot, and missed.

Jordan says "Over and over again I have failed. And that," he says, "is why I succeed."

LONGTIME GROCERYMAN

A. M. Wilson Reflects On 50 Years In Bovina

BY RON CARR
"Double Gunn Bros. Stamps Each Wednesday With Purchase of \$2.50 or More."

The year was 1967. A one-pound can of Shurfine Coffee cost sixty-five cents at Wilson Supermarket in Bovina and proprietor A. M. Wilson was preparing for his store's 20th anniversary sale.

As he always did on store anniversary dates, Wilson dreamed up a promotion for the local folks. For this 20th anniversary, he would give away 20 baskets of groceries valued at \$25 each.

Today, at the tender age of 82, with a twinkle in his one good eye, A. M. Wilson delights in telling about the old days, the characters he met along the way, and how a horse race track brought him and his new bride to Bovina 50 years ago this week.

He was born May 4, 1915, in Justin, Texas, just north of Fort Worth. He is quick to point out that he doesn't have a name, just the initials A. M.

"My folks thought they were naming me Albert Martin Wilson, Jr", he says. "But when I got my birth certificate years later to register for the draft, they had recorded it only as A. M. Wilson, so that's who I've been ever since."

The family moved to Tulia in 1918, shortly after the end of World War I. It was there that A. M. 's daddy bought a grocery store and launched a family business and a career for A.M.

By the late 1920's the Wilson family grew to include four boys, four girls, and four grocery stores.

The senior Wilson had bought stores in Happy,

Dimmitt, Tulia, and Sudan, and started a wholesale grocery business too.

A. M. was 12 years old by then, had lost his right eye in an accident, and was well on his way to learning the family business.

Exact details about the accident are a little fuzzy to him now: "It was a Sunday afternoon. I must have been in first or second grade. Me and a cousin found an old dull axe and a used one-by-four board. You know how kids will do."

"We went out back, I stood on the end of the board while he chopped with the axe. On one swing, a big old long thick splinter flew up and stuck in my right eye."

A trip to the local doctor and a trip to the Amarillo hospital couldn't save his right eye. Doctors decided to remove it.

Meanwhile, young A. M. was put to work in the family business. His job was counting.

"In those days the only way to keep up with your merchandise was to count it", he relates. "I learned to count. My main job was counting eggs. Daddy bought all the eggs in the area and I counted them and put them in crates."

The Wilson family made frequent trips to Arizona to sell a truckload of eggs, and bring back a truckload of fruits and vegetables.

His brothers learned the business too. One brother had a store in Corpus Christi. A. M. joined him there to help with the store.

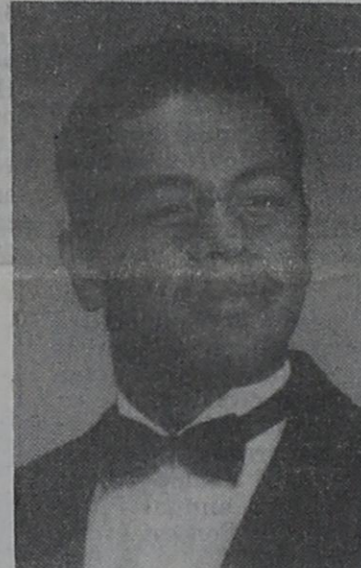
He was there in 1941 when Pearl Harbor was bombed. The escalation of the war prompted him to go west to California where he landed a job at North

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A. M. WILSON

Mr. and Miss BHS



PABLO MARTINEZ, JR. is the son of Pablo and Linda Martinez. He has been a student in Bovina Schools twelve years and has made no definite future plans. While he was attending Bovina High School, he was in FFA his freshman and sophomore years; contest play cast member and choir member his junior year; Student Council and FCA his junior and senior years; and was a member of the yearbook staff as a senior. He served as class president his junior and senior years. Pablo enjoys playing video games.



JESSICA STOWERS is the daughter of Roy Lee and Dorothy Stowers, and has attended Bovina Schools twelve years. Her future plans include attending South Plains College, Levelland, this fall. She played basketball, ran track and cross country her freshman year; was in FFA her sophomore, junior and senior years; and was a contest play cast member as a junior and senior. She served as FFA reporter this past year. Her hobbies are cruising, hanging around with her friends and babysitting.

Cesaria Espinoza Receives Scholarship

Cesaria Espinoza was recently honored by the Society of Southwest Archivists when she was awarded the A. Otis Herbert Scholarship. Espinoza, a native of Bovina, was a 1991 honor graduate of Bovina High School. She is the daughter of Junior and Ellie Espinoza of Bovina.

She is an archival assistant for the Panhandle-Plains Historical Center in Canyon. The award was presented last week at the annual meeting of the Society of Southwest Archivists in Galveston.

Espinoza will use the award to attend a pre-conference workshop in Chicago, sponsored by the Society of American Archivists, according to information in a news release from the museum.

She has been employed by the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum since September 1992. She began as a student employee and became a full-time employee four years later.

Espinoza holds a bachelor



CESARIA ESPINOZA of arts degree in psychology from West Texas A&M University, where she is working on a second degree in education with an emphasis in history and Spanish. Her professional memberships include the Society of Southwest Archivists and the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society.



FROM SOUP TO NUTS IN '69.....Billy Smith, left, owner A. M. Wilson, and Billy Whitecotton stock the shelves for an upcoming sale in observance of Wilson's Super Market's 22nd anniversary in 1969.



SO LONG, LADIES, & THANKS.....These three young ladies provided many hours of thrills and excitement for sports fans during their Bovina High School careers. Good luck to graduating seniors Lori Beauchamp, Kasey Bell, and D'Anne Jones. Thanks for the memories.

Reflections

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

40 Yrs Ago-June 5, 1957

Miss Harriette Lou Charles was elected Worthy Advisor at the regular meeting of the Bovina Chapter of Rainbow for Girls. The meeting was Monday evening in the Masonic Hall.

Wet grounds forced postponement of Sunday afternoon's scheduled Central Plains League baseball game between Bovina and Umbarger. The game was to have been played in Umbarger; however, both fields, here and there, were too wet.

Farrell Motor Co., located on Highway 60, will observe its first anniversary Wednesday and Thursday of next week. A two-day open house will be held to observe the anniversary.

Parmer County farmers are reminded this week of the 1958 wheat referendum on Thursday, June 20. Any person who will have an interest in more than 15 acres of wheat next year will be eligible to vote.

35 Yrs Ago-June 6, 1962

M.H. Carson, who farms four miles north of town, brought the first load of 1962 wheat to Bovina Monday afternoon. The grain was delivered to Bovina Wheat Growers, Inc. Carson received a \$25 premium for having the first load.

A week-long planning session is in progress by the executive council of Bovina FHA. Officers are working on programs, business meetings and activities for local chapters work for the coming year.

Bovina voters favored three losers and a pair of winners in Saturday's Democratic primary run-off.

People here expressed a definite preference for gubernatorial candidate Don Yarborough over his successful state-wide opponent, John Connally.

Attending the Lions Club convention at Amarillo over

Shower To Honor L. Holman

A shower honoring Libby Holman is slated for Saturday, June 14 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at the Bovina Church of Christ.

Hostesses for the shower are Amy Byrd, Gilda Garner, Kelly McClaran, Michelle Johnson, Patti Johnson, Christi Riddle, Esther Steelman and Lauri Vandiver.

Libby's husband is Jay Holman. They have a son, Corbin. Local grandparents are Billy and Linda Marshall.

Loans Are Available From Water District

Under a contract with the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 has \$1 million available for loan to area producers at 5.05 per cent interest for the purchase of agricultural water conservation equipment.

Farmers in Bailey, Cochran, Hale, Lubbock, Lynn and Parmer counties, as well as the portions of Armstrong, Castro, Crosby, Deaf Smith, Floyd, Hockley, Lamb, Potter and Randall counties within the High Plains Water District service area are eligible to apply for an agricultural water conservation equipment loan from the District.

Irrigation systems approved for loans under the program are Low Energy Precision Application (LEPA) center pivot sprinklers; low pressure drip irrigation systems; low pressure center pivot sprinkler systems with drop lines no more than four feet from the ground; surge valves; soil moisture monitoring devices used to schedule the timing and/or amount of irrigation water applied; and furrow dikers to hold irrigation water or precipitation in place until it can soak into the soil.

Contractor services for land leveling or shaping land slope to improve irrigation application efficiencies are also eligible for funding under the loan program.

Under the District's guidelines, loans may be

the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bonds, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Caldwell and Mr. and Mrs. H.J. Charles.

30 Yrs Ago-June 7, 1967

Rains last week and this have soaked the ground in Parmer County, while hail damaged crops in some areas. Three inches of rain was measured in Bovina Thursday and Sunday, while hail battered the area both days.

C.E. Trimble will serve as general chairman of Bovina's Bull Town Days celebration for 1967 for the second consecutive year.

Twenty-two boys and girls who will enter Bovina Schools for the first time in September reported for class Monday morning in the Head Start Program here.

No reports had been received here early this week by Alfred Moody from workers in the advance drive of the Sears-Roebuck Foundation plans to raise \$50,000 for the construction of a medical clinic in Bovina and securing a doctor.

As the City of Bovina takes over the care of the Bovina Cemetery, a five-year service to the community ends for Bill Venable. That's how long he has been working there with no salary for his efforts.

25 Yrs Ago-June 7, 1972

With a minimum of enthusiasts, this area is on the brink of wheat harvest 1972. Wheat, once a major crop in Parmer County, has slipped in importance in recent years. This is especially true from the standpoint of wheat, which is harvested.

Voters in Parmer County, Democrats and Republicans, favored three of five state-wide winners in Saturday's run-off primaries.

About 25 persons attended the annual business meeting of Bovina Wheat Growers, Inc., Thursday night of last week at Community Room of First State Bank of Bovina.

Rev. Howard Marcom, former pastor of First United Methodist Church of Spur, is the new pastor of Bovina United Methodist Church.

At 9 a.m. Saturday, boys in four age groups, from nine to 12, will compete in Bovina's third annual Pitch, Hit and Catch Contest at the baseball field.

20 Yrs Ago-June 8, 1977

Departing this past Monday from the property of Bovina Wheat Growers, Inc., Steve Cockerham, Lezli Williams, Shannon Taylor and Glen Schueler will attend the Co-Op Youth Leadership Conference on the campus of

William Jewell College Liberty, Mo., for the week of June 6-11.

15 Yrs Ago-June 9, 1982

The city's new street sweeper is here and the city sanitation crews have been working with it for the past week.

Robert E. Wilson was responsible for the first load of wheat this season to be brought to Sherley Grain in Bovina.

For those who are hungry for good, ole time religious music, the choir of the First Baptist Church will be fulfilling your musical tastes when they present "Old Time Singing," which is a church musical featuring the great old songs of yesteryear.

10 yrs Ago-June 10, 1987

Jeff Taylor is the new pastor for the First United Methodist Church in Bovina. He moved to Bovina this week with his wife, Karen, and their two sons, Adam and Sean, who is two years old.

The Bovina Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring several events for the fourth of July. There will be a hamburger cookout and fireworks.

Robert and Emmagene Calaway will be celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary on June 13.

5 Yrs Ago-June 6, 1992

The senior class of Bovina High School held its commencement exercises Friday evening, May 29, in the High School Auditorium. Class valedictorian is Cain Neal and saltatorian is Grace Uriegas.

A load of live cattle was spilled out onto Highway 60 last Wednesday, May 27, when a pickup, driven by Henry Gilliam of Bovina, pulled out in front of a semi-truck. The truck driver swerved to miss the pickup and overturned. None of the cattle was killed or had to be destroyed.



LOTS OF ROOM....At Bovina's newest storage facility there are units available for rent. The former worker's barracks is located at the corner of Highway 60 and FM 2209. (Ron Carr Photo)

Dimmitt Hosting Western Singer

An evening of classic country and traditional western music is on tap for those attending "Sagebrush Serenade," featuring New Mexico cowboy balladeer Larry Buchanan, at the Carlile Theatre in Dimmitt on Saturday, June 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Buchanan, nationally known for his singing and songwriting abilities, will be performing original songs, cowboy ballads, and many of the classic country songs by artists like Eddie Arnold and Hank Williams.

In addition, Buchanan and his band will also be performing several western swing numbers, including those made famous by Bob Wills. Comedy will also be featured in this family-oriented show.

Buchanan made his first appearance at the Carlile Theatre as the opening act for Johnny Gimble in 1996. He has performed his brand of cowboy music and humor since the early 1980s, and travels the country

Happy Birthday

- Area residents with birthdays during the week of June 8-14.
 - Jun 8-Linda Lewis, Joseph Cruz.
 - Jun 9-Joy Melton
 - Jun 10-Trish Sherrill, Cathy Carrera.
 - Jun 11-Emmagene Calaway.
 - Jun 12-Tyler Walling, Bertha McGrew, Darrell Drager.
 - Jun 14-Roberta Borquez, David Bermea.
- To add a friend or relative to the Blade birthday list, please call 238-1523 or write Drawer B, 79009.

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TDH Issues Alert On Contact Lenses

The Texas Department of Health (TDH) has cautioned people not to buy contact lenses from vendors who do not require a prescription. The warning follows a TDH investigation of vendors selling tinted, soft contact lenses at flea markets in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and in Amarillo.

Investigators say the vendors did not require a prescription, used unsanitary handling and storage practices and offered little or no instruction about the proper use and cleaning of the lenses.

Though the vendors were selling primarily non-powered, tinted lenses for cosmetic rather than corrective purposes, state and federal laws require a written prescription from a licensed practitioner before contact lenses of any kind can be sold to consumers.

Health officials say a prescription is needed for proper size and curvature of the contact lenses and indicates that the lenses are appropriate for the wearer.

In Texas, ophthalmologists and optometrists can prescribe and dispense contact lenses. Opticians can dispense them to consumers who have legitimate prescriptions.

Tom Brinck, chief of TDH's medical devices branch, said the same contact lenses were being tried on by many customers at the flea markets despite TDH's obvious concern about disease transmission.

He said permanent eye damage can occur from infections caused by these unsafe handling practices and by improper care and cleaning of the lenses. Cuts and abrasions of the cornea can result from lenses that do not fit properly and from wearing them for long periods of time.

"One of the vendor's

primary targets seems to be teen-agers," Brinck said. "Our concern is that teens may be concentrating on personal appearance and not receiving vital information about the proper care and use of contact lenses."

The TDH warning was issued in conjunction with an announcement by the Texas Attorney General's Office that legal action, requested by TDH and the Texas Board of Optometry, is being taken against five individuals and their companies selling at flea markets. Action also is being taken against another company for selling contacts through the mail without requiring a prescription. The companies include New Vision Optical, ACI in Optical and Vision E.

Parmer County's Ground Water Levels Indicate Declines During 1996 Checks

Parmer County ground water levels decreased an average of 2.61 feet in 1996 in 97 private-owned wells in the observation network maintained by the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 in its 546,403 acre service area within the county.

This represents a decrease of 213,916 acre-feet of water on storage in the Ogallala Aquifer last year in Parmer County.

Ground water levels within the Water District's Parmer County service area declined two feet annually during the ten-year period from 1987 to 1997. An average annual decline of 2.61 feet was recorded during the five-year period from 1992 to 1997.

Ground water levels in the Ogallala Aquifer within the 6.8 million acre Water District service area declined an average of 1.49 feet from January 1996 to January



PRAIRIE ACRES VIPs.....In the spotlight at Prairie Acres for the month of June are medical aide Yolanda Martinez, June's employee-of-the-month. She is with Margaret Moore, the resident-of-the-month. Prairie Acres also features a quilt and artist-of-the-month.

1997. This decline is 0.42 of a foot less than the 1.91 foot annual decline recorded in 1995.

A network of 1,209 privately-owned observation wells is used to determine the annual change in the quantity of water in storage 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.

Armstrong County was the only county within the District recording an average annual increase in depth-to-water levels in 1996. The declines in the remaining counties ranged from 3.10 feet in Castro County to a 0.42 of a foot decline in Randall County.

Maps showing the location and well number of observation wells in each

county or portion of a county was published in the April issue of *The Cross Section*.

Tables listing observation wells in each county within the District and the water levels at one-, five- and ten-year intervals were printed in the Water District newsletter.

Copies of the April 1997 *Cross Section* are available by contacting the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock, Texas, 79405-1499 or by calling (806) 762-0181.

Sharp Delivers May Sales Tax Rebates

John Sharp, State Comptroller of Public Accounts, delivered a total of \$216.5 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,086 Texas cities and 117 counties.

In May, 1997, Parmer County received a total of \$33,512.33 in state tax rebate. The breakdown was Bovina-\$3,436.75; Farwell-\$4,915.79; Friona-\$25,159.79.

During the comparable period last year, Parmer

County received \$30,627.90. This year's payment is a county increase of 9.41%.

However, for the year to date, county tax receipts are running 5.98% per cent behind 1996. 1997 rebates have totaled \$125,736.11 compared to \$133,742.37 last year. Compared to last year, Bovina is up 1.65%; Farwell is up 3.29%; and Friona's receipts year-to-date is down 8.67%.

Clinic Warns Of Risks For Women's Hearts

BY SHERRY WHITEAKER, R.F.N.P.C.

chances for a heart attack after menopause.

Did you know that women suffer from heart disease just as often as men after women pass menopause: and that, after age 65, women have coronary artery disease (blocked heart circulation) that is fatal eleven percent more often than men?

Death from heart attacks has decreased in men and women over the past twenty years; but for women, the drop in death rate has been much slower--especially for black women. Here are some other pieces of sobering information:

Just being a woman is a risk factor for dying from a heart attack, since women are not usually diagnosed with heart problems.

More young women smoke. This increases their

difficulty recovering from a heart attack.

Many women don't know they are at risk for heart disease or they don't care, or feel helpless, about the risk factors they do have.

Some factors are high blood pressure, no hormone replacement, smoking, diabetes, obesity, sedentary lifestyle, high cholesterol, and family history of heart disease.

Finally, women wait longer to seek treatment, on average, an hour longer than men wait. "Considering that half of all deaths from heart attacks occur within two hours of onset--and that thrombolytic therapy must be early to be effective--this pattern is alarming." (AJN, April, 1997, p.20)

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7 PM — COWBOY CAMP MEETING

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

9 AM-5 PM — SIDEWALK SALES
9 AM-5 PM — BOOK SALE
9 AM-5 PM — ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW
9 AM — WILD WEST SHOOT-OUT
10 AM — GREAT AMERICAN COWPLOP
10 AM-4 PM — LIVING HISTORY DEMO.
11 AM — KIDS' GOAT ROPING
2:30 PM — SOURDOUGH BISCUIT TOSS
3:30 PM — MELODRAMA
4:15 PM — BILLY THE KID LOOK-ALIKE CONTEST

5 PM-1 AM — DANCE
5:30 PM — SCARY STORIES
7 PM — MELODRAMA
7:30 PM — NMRA/TCRA SANCTIONED RODEO
8 PM — SCARY STORIES

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

9 AM-5 PM — SIDEWALK SALES
9 AM-5 PM — BOOK SALE
9 AM-5 PM — ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW
10 AM-4 PM — LIVING HISTORY DEMO.
10 AM — OLD FORT DAYS PARADE
11 AM-1:30 PM — COWBELLES' BBQ
11 AM-3 PM — QUILT, DOLL & COLLECTIBLES SHOW
1 PM — HORSESHOE PITCHING CONTEST

SUNDAY, JUNE 15

OLD FORT DAYS TEAM ROPING
10 AM-4 PM — LIVING HISTORY DEMO.

THURSDAY, JUNE 12

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Obituaries

Funeral Services Held For Juan Samarron, Sr.

Funeral services for Juan Samarron, Sr., 61, of Friona, were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 4, 1997 at

Templo Bautista Church in Friona. Rev. Jose L. Najera, pastor, and Rev. Ramon Acebedo of Morton, Texas, conducted the services.

T. Watson Is Buried In Hereford

Funeral services for Thelma Cleo Watson, 87, of Hereford, were held at 2 p.m. Monday, June 2, 1997 in Rose Chapel of Gililand-Watson Funeral Home in Hereford. Rev. Joseph Myers, pastor of Gospel Chapel in Amarillo, officiated at the services.

Burial was in Friona Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were handled by Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Samarron died June 1, 1997 at Parmer County Community Hospital. He was born May 29, 1936 in Charlotte, Texas and married Maggie Salinas in January 1962 in Springlake-Earth, Texas.

He had lived in Friona since 1963 moving here from Springlake and worked 28 years for the City of Friona. Preceding him in death were a son, Juan Samarron, Jr., on February 9, 1994, and four brothers, Jose Samarron in 1994, Francisco Samarron in 1959, Pedro Samarron in 1977 and Ramon Samarron in 1994.

Survivors include his wife, Maggie; two sons, Jose Samarron and Richard Samarron, both of Friona; two daughters, Delia Jackson and Elvira Arellano, both of Friona; one brother, Santiago Samarron of Earth; two sisters, Gloria DeLeon and Irene Armon, both of Earth; and seven grandchildren.

Willard died Thursday, May 29, 1997. He was born October 19, 1934 in Wellington and married Frances Totty on November 21, 1953 in Mobeetie.



VERNON WILLARD V. Willard's Services Held May 31

Funeral services for Vernon Willard, 62, of Bovina, were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 31, 1997 in the First United Methodist Church of Bovina.

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

Willard died Thursday, May 29, 1997. He was born October 19, 1934 in Wellington and married Frances Totty on November 21, 1953 in Mobeetie.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church. He moved to Bovina from Mobeetie in 1951, served on the Parmer County Farm Service Agency, was named Bovina "Man of the Year" in 1987 and was a member of the Bovina Lions Club. He was a farmer.

Survivors include his wife, Frances; two sons, Dennis Willard of Clovis, New Mexico and Karl Willard of Carrollton, Texas; a daughter, Terri McCormick of Amarillo; one brother, David Willard of Bakersfield, California; a sister, Virginia Eason of Waxahachie; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Pallbearers were Durwood Bell, Thomas Rhodes, Bob Owen, Jimmy Ware, Don Vance, C.E. Trimble, Tommy Williams and A.L. Nuttall.

Final Rites Held For Jimmie Humphreys

Funeral services for Jimmie Lou Martin Humphreys, 64, of Amherst, were held in Sudan First Baptist Church with the Revs. Cliff Hargrove, pastor, and Aaron Reed of Amherst First Baptist Church, officiated at the services.

and Pamela Ruth Merryman of Sudan; two step-daughters, Kim Earhart of Friona and Christy Humphreys of Austin; her mother, Ona Ruth Martin of Sudan; one sister, Sammie Ruth Connor of Sudan; and ten grandchildren.

Burial was in Sudan Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She died Saturday, May 31, 1997 in St. Mary's Hospital, Lubbock. She was born September 23, 1932 in Odell and was a Sudan High School graduate. She married Norman Humphreys on July 17, 1982 in Sudan.

M. Campbell Died June 1

Memorial services were held for Mary J. Campbell, 86, of Farwell at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 3, 1997 at Farwell Convalescent Center.

Mrs. Campbell died June 1, 1997 at Plains Regional Medical Center, Clovis, New Mexico.

Mrs. Humphreys moved to Amherst in 1982 and belonged to the "74" Domino Club of Sudan and the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Clovis, New Mexico.

She was a waitress and a homemaker.

Her survivors include her husband, Norman; one son, Martin Lee Davison of Sudan; two daughters, Sheryl Dyanne Morris of Muleshoe

She was born October 6, 1910 in Lipan, Texas. She was a member of the Church of Christ and had lived in Farwell since 1989, moving there from Brownwood, Texas.

Mrs. Campbell was a retired LPN in medical nursing.

A niece, Robbie Williams of Farwell, survives.

Otha Davis' Services Held In Littlefield

Graveside services for L. Otha Davis, age 77, of Friona, formerly of Littlefield, were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 3, 1997 at Littlefield Memorial Park in Littlefield

with Wilburn Dennis, retired minister of the Crescent Park Church of Christ, officiated.

Burial was under the direction of Hammons Funeral Home of Littlefield.

G. Harrelson's Services Held In Melrose

Gordis Ann Harrelson, 37, of Plainview, died Friday, May 30, 1997 in University Medical Center in Lubbock.

Services were held at 2 p.m. (MDT) in the First Baptist Church, Melrose, New Mexico with Revs. Coy Brewer and David Crow officiating.

Mrs. Davis died at 5:45 p.m. Sunday, June 1, 1997 at Parmer County Community Hospital. She was born November 3, 1919 in Dequeen, Arkansas, married Sam Davis on May 13, 1938 at Crowell, Texas.

They moved to Littlefield in 1950 where they farmed and operated a service station and moved to Friona from Littlefield in 1991. She worked in the cafeteria for the Littlefield Schools many years and was a member of the Crescent Park Church of Christ in Littlefield.

Burial was in Melrose Cemetery under the direction of Steed-Todd Funeral Home of Clovis, New Mexico.

She was born November 27, 1959 in Lubbock and married Jodean G. Harrelson on November 27, 1991 in Hereford. He died November 28, 1996.

She is survived by two daughters, Twila and husband, Leon Hitt, of Friona and Kathy Davis of Miami, Florida; one sister, Nola Bogue of Drexel, Missouri; two brothers, Loye McRae of Sunray, Texas and Melvin McRae of Denison, Texas.

Also, five grandchildren and their spouses, Todd Eady, Jeff and Kamie Eady, Bryan Edwards and Janet, Candice and Tony Cowley and Cindy Brink; and four great-grandchildren, Dasha' Keele, Bryan Brink, Jessica Eady and Nick Eady.

Survivors include a son, Ron W. Bradley of Lubbock; a daughter, Brenda L. Moreno of Lubbock; her parents, Don and Margaret Bradley of Plainview; a sister, Donna Gordenier of Kirtland, New Mexico; her grandmother, Mildred Bradley of Clovis; and four grandchildren.

The family suggests that memorials be made to Prairie Acres Nursing Home, 201 E. 15th, Friona, Texas, 79035.

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Local Residents Have Ties With Camp New Dawn In Ceta Canyon

A few Frionans are getting ready for Camp New Dawn, a camp for mentally challenged adults in Ceta Canyon camp ground outside of Happy, Texas.

Sharon White, Friona school teacher for the gifted and talented students in kindergarten through seventh grade, is camp director for the first session of the camp.

The theme of the camp this year is "What the world needs now."

White said, "We hope the campers learn that what the world needs now is the love that is found at the camp."

Approximately sixty adults from the Texas panhandle and south plains attend the June 8-13 session each year and about fifty

attend the July session.

The camp was turning away so many campers each year, they began the second session about four years ago.

During the camp, the campers hike the falls of the canyon, swim, dance, have cookouts and participate in a worship trail.

Throughout the week campers rehearse a bible story and on the worship trail they act out a story using props and costumes.

Other Frionans involved with the camp include Teena Hughes, Jerry Lynn White, Kathy Terry, Kathryn Smith and Friona pastor Don Boren. Teena and Jerry plan to help with the camp crafts, Kathy will be a nurse for the campers and Kathryn will

assist White and act as a counselor for campers. Pastor Boren plans to attend the camp for part of the week. White added that Kathryn has only missed a few of the camps since its inception.

Sharon credits Frionan Kathryn Goddard as being instrumental in starting the annual week-long camp.

"This camp has a lot of support from Friona," White added.

White also said, "Although Camp New Dawn is a Methodist camp ground and the Methodist Church sponsors it, campers and counselors are from various religious backgrounds."

For more information about the camp, call Sharon White 265-3874.



READY TO CAMP.....If you are going off to camp it is always advisable to pack early. Eagerly anticipating his annual visit to Camp New Dawn, Prairie Acres resident Ben Israel did pack early and is all smiles as he looks like a tourist waiting the bus. Ben, a 20-year resident at Prairie Acres, will be attending the Camp New Dawn at Ceta Canyon near Happy, Texas this month. See accompanying story for details. (Ron Carr Photo)

Spec. Olympics Benefits From Allsup's Drink

Mark Allsup, vice president and director of operations of Allsup's Convenience Stores, recently presented checks in the amount of \$13,344 to Texas Special Olympics and New Mexico Special Olympics.

The money was generated during a promotion sponsored by the New Mexico based corporation. Allsup's Convenience Stores, Inc. donated five cents to Special Olympics for every 44-ounce "Honcho" cup fountain drink sold from July 1996 to March 1997. The effort was initiated to boost cup sales while giving back to the community.

"Special Olympics has a strong presence throughout the states of Texas and New Mexico," said Len Allen, Allsup's director of advertising and promotions. "We strongly believe in the mission of Special Olympics, and felt that because of its statewide presence in both Texas and New Mexico, it was the perfect fit for this particular promotion."

The Texas proceeds were distributed to area Special Olympic programs in West and North Texas where Allsup's Convenience Stores are located and will help fund Area Spring Games and other area and regional competitions throughout the year for Special Olympic athletes in those communities.

Allsup's plans to continue the "Honcho" cup fountain drink promotion through March 1998 and hopes to top this year's proceeds of \$26,688. Allsup's has 310 stores located throughout West and North Texas and New Mexico.

Special Olympics is a non-profit organization committed to providing year-round sports training and athletic competition to individuals of all ages with mental retardation.

Search Is On For Oldest Worker

Green Thumb, Inc., the nation's oldest and largest provider of mature-worker training and employment will intensify its search for the oldest worker during May, National Older Americans Month.

MCI has joined the hunt and will award a 90-minute long distance card to every entrant 90 and older. The winner of the national title will be announced later this year and honored at the 1997 Older Worker Champion Awards and Gala in Washington, D.C.

"The rules are very simple," says Green Thumb president Andrea Wooten. "Entrants must be employed at least 20 hours a week, and the earliest birthdate wins!" Workers who wish to enter may send a card or note with name, birth date, home address and telephone number to Green Thumb, Inc., Old-

est Worker, 2000 N. 14th Street, Suite 800, Arlington, VA 22202.

Anyone with access to the Internet, may enter the information directly on the website at www.greenthumb.org. Deadline for entries is September 15, 1997.

The Green Thumb program employs a number of workers in Parmer County.

"As a community-based corporate partner of the non-profit Green Thumb organization, MCI wants older workers to know that we, too, value their contributions," says MCI marketing manager Cara Dahl. "Long distance phone cards will be sent to all candidates age 90+ as soon as their entries are processed by Green Thumb."

Two Qualify For State

Kirk Gober and Ginger Sides, both from Oklahoma Lane, will represent Parmer County 4-H Roundup this year June 2-6, which will be held at Texas A&M University in College Station.

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Wilson Tells About The Early Years

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Having registered for the draft in Dimmitt, the call came to report to the draft board. Relatives told him that since he had lost an eye, he probably wouldn't have to serve.

Undaunted, A. M. Wilson returned to Dimmitt and in spite of "having a 4F card in my pocket", he was inducted into the U. S. Army.

During his three years in the service (he got out in mid-March 1946), one of his stations was Fort Sam Houston near San Antonio.

At Fort Sam he met a pretty young civilian worker named Mary Jane Hickey. After a sometimes long distance courtship, in late May of 1947, Mary Jane came to visit A. M. who had returned to Tulia at the time.

A. M. picks up the story: "I tell people I am probably the only person who has ever ended up in Bovina because of a horse race track. My brother Raymond had bought a grocery store in Bovina, at the corner of 3rd and Main."

Since Raymond was a traveling grocery salesman too and lived in Tulia, he had a man named Nat Read managing the Bovina Store."

"About that time, three Bovina men, George Trimble, Giles Williams, and Fred Carson, leased some land in Ruidoso, New Mexico, and built the horse track. They built some bleachers and people would sit around and bet among themselves."

Well, it was a popular place, lots of excitement. Nat Read decided he wanted to work at the track, so he quit as manager of my brother's store."

The story is that Raymond Wilson bought the store from a Mr. McNew who was also pastor of the Penecostal Holiness Church. McNew had proceeded to remove all cigarettes, cigars, and snuff from the store. Business fell off, McNew didn't last, and Raymond Wilson purchased the store.

After Nat Read quit, Raymond asked A. M. if he would go to Bovina and run the store. A. M. asked Mary Jane if she would marry him and come along to Bovina.

They were married on June 3, 1947, at his home in Tulia. The day we conducted this interview at A. M.'s residence was June 3, 1997. It would have been their 50th wedding anniversary.

The two packed their few belongings and set out for Bovina. A. M. still remembers when they drove into town on June 9th, 1947, the city limit sign read "population 601."

"I remember because Mary Jane joked about how they would have to change the sign now to 603."

The little store at the corner of 3rd and Main was one of five grocery outlets in Bovina in 1947. Three of them were located on Main Street.

The newlyweds were forced to rent a room "with bathroom privileges" from Homer Martin, the local tax assessor. He let them live in the front bedroom. They ate at a cafe located where the Fast Stop is today, or A. M. says, "Lots of times we would slice up some bologna, salami, and cheese at the store and

go out to the roadside park west of town to eat."

Later on they managed to build a small "GI Bill house" and in 1964 built the house on Sherwood Lane where he lives today.

In those early days, Main Street was bustling. It was the center of business activity, especially on Saturdays. Oldtimers like A. M. remember that you could hardly find a place to park or walk on the sidewalks because of the people who "came to town" to shop.

Being an innovator and wanting to expand, A.M and Mary Jane built a new building a few blocks out on 3rd Street.

On Labor Day, 1957, Wilson Supermarket opened it's new location. A. M. says it was and still is the most well constructed building in Bovina.

Leaving the business center of Main Street was only the first innovation for Wilson Supermarket. The second is that he quit extending credit.

"Before then", he says, "the only way most people bought was on credit. My daddy did everything on credit, from crop to crop. I've seen him give fifty-cents a bushel for wheat when it was only selling for a quarter."

"So when we moved to our new building in 1957, I decided to do away with credit and accept cash only. I wrote a letter to all my credit customers and told them that if they needed some time to pay off their old account they could do it monthly."

"But as of September, 1957, no more credit." He laughed, "course folks figure out ways to beat you. They would send their kids to the store and they would be just a little short of the total so we would tell them they could bring it back next time."

"Next time they would be just a little shorter, and a little shorter, and before you knew it they had run up a charge bill again. Fact I've

still got a cigar box full of unpaid charge accounts in there somewhere. No telling how much money I wrote off over the years."

Wilson was known for his promotions at the store. On every anniversary, he had drawings to give away sacks of groceries. He would bring the Campbell's Milk Co. trolley over from Clovis and give kids and grown kids rides around the parking lot.

Cakes and coffee were served. On his 25th anniversary, he had drawings to give away 25 silver dollars along with the free groceries.

A couple of young men, Billy Smith and Billy Whitecotton worked for Wilson for some fifteen years. In 1973, the two left Wilson and went into their own grocery business.

So at the age of 58, and spending most of his life working, 26 of those years in Bovina, A. M. and Mary Jane called it quits.

He closed the store and sold everything at an auction. Don Spring finally bought the building, moved his pharmacy there, and eventually closed it too.

The building today is used as a construction office and shop. But the old Wilson Supermarket sign still shines. It is back down on Main Street, being used to mark the Bovina Senior Center.

After that, A. M. did some seasonal work at the Griffin-Brand vegetable shed office. He managed the Farwell Country Club from 1980-85 and worked as a "parttime consultant" for the Pay-N-Save Grocery Store.

A. M. and Mary Jane had two daughters. Suzanne Wilson Murphy, born in 1952, has two sons and lives in Abilene.

Pam Wilson Bell, born in 1955, still lives in Bovina and has two children, Kasey and Will.

Both Suzanne and Pam graduated from Bovina High School.

Wife Mary Jane, who loved to cook and play

SCOOTER'S SCOOPS

By SCOOTER RUSSELL



This past week has been summertime and we also had some storms dancing around. Bovina had some good rain but could use more.

We were in Spearman all week and had storm and tornado warnings almost every evening along with rain. They didn't have hail but they did on farther north.

Spearman residents are a little like the people in Friona--they have lots of respect for storms as they had a bad one in the early "nineties" that was a big one and did considerable damage. In fact, that storm completely destroyed the Church of Christ church in the middle of town.

June 2 marked the second year anniversary of the tornado at Friona that destroyed Hi-Pro and did so much damage. It was a scary time for many.

NEWS AROUND TOWN...
Marion and Dixie Carson celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an

anniversary party held at the Friona Community Center on Saturday and then on Sunday had a family reunion for Dixie's family which is the Malcom family.

Many have commented on what a fun time it was and that they saw many people there that they had not seen in years and they came from several states.

Dixie said over 250 people came and there will be a write up in the paper later when they get it all together.

They have four sons and sounds like the boys did a great job when they hosted a party that took care of so many.

Sid Lloyd and Julia Ann, her daughter, have returned from a ten day trip to Fort Worth and Austin.

They visited in Austin with Julia Ann's daughter, Elyse, and her family. The kiddos are growing up. Taryn will be fifteen this

month and Jordan will be eleven in October.

The family had dinner out on Sunday after attending church together and that night after church they played miniature golf. They enjoyed sight-seeing in Austin and spent a week there. Shortly after they arrived in Austin they went to Jordan's Little League ball game and watched him play.

Then the ladies drove back to Fort Worth and spent time with Julia's son, Robbie. They had delicious Mexican food one evening at a restaurant and one day was spent at the San Antonio Zoo. The next day they went to the botanical gardens, which were beautiful.

Before they left Fort Worth the family took a ride on an old train which was operated by steam. That took about an hour.

Altogether they had lots of fun and returned home last Saturday night late. On Sunday, Julia and Sid had dinner at Friona and Julia went home to Belen, New Mexico.

Joe Looney was telling me about the good time they had with her grandson, Stuart McMeans and his wife who were here from Washington D.C. Stuart's parents are June Gay and Bob McMeans of Bovina. The couple has also spent time in Houston over the past couple of years.

Stuart grew up in Bovina. He is a Lieutenant Colonel in the Marines and his wife will be a Lieutenant Colonel in the Navy after completing some training. They will soon be working in the Pentagon in Washington.

Stuart's brother, Bobby McMeans has been in Bovina working on the McMean's

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WILSON'S SUPERMAKET IN 1962

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PARMER COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

The Parmer County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 1998 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on Thursday, June 12, 1997 at 8:00 p.m. at the Parmer County Appraisal District Office Board Room, 305 3rd Street, Bovina, Texas.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

* The total amount of the proposed budget is \$185,600.00.

The total amount of decrease over the current year's budget is \$1,200.00.

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

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

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

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

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

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SCOOPS

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house. Bobby is in the construction business and lives in Lubbock.

Evelyn Vineyard of Glen Rose has been visiting friends and family in Bovina. She has visited with her dad, Amos Steelman, and her two brothers and sister, who live here.

Brother Gary and Donna Morgan's sons have had a good time with their grandmother, Linda James of San Angelo, Texas. Jonathan spent a week and a half with her and now his brother, Zach, is spending time there.

Buster and Mearle Morgan attended the Holmes family reunion held in Abilene. The Holmes family is Mearle's family. The reunion was held at a motel in Abilene with 87 members attending on Memorial weekend.

This past weekend a good

friend, Lousie Hutchins, a former resident, was in Bovina and spent time with them.

Rodney and Suzanne Murphy and sons, Adam and Kip, were in Bovina recently visiting with family, A.M. Wilson and the Don Murphy's.

Adam is now twenty years old and in his second year at Hardin-Simmons University and Kip is in his junior year in high school in Abilene.

Correction: I wrote about Ruby Barrett being in rehab at Lubbock following time in the hospital after she suffered a slight stroke. Her sons are Jay of Bovina and Monty of Lubbock, not the Bovina area. Monty and wife Bonnie are in the process of building a new home in Lubbock. Sorry about the mistake.

Recently, Galen Hromas and sons, Darren and Matt went to the Hromas' house in Pagosa Springs, Colorado. It was a "work week" and they did some things on the house but had a good time. That is

such a pretty area of Colorado.

Funeral services were held last week for Vernon Willard. he has lived with his family in Bovina for many years and will be missed by his fine family and many friends. He was such a sweet person and always had time to visit with friends. Members of the family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Congratulations to Woodrow Wright of Bovina, Gladys Wright of Lubbock and Dean and Juanita Hastings, on the birth of a great grandson, Nathan Joessiah. His parents are Heath and Jerron Wright of Belen, New Mexico. The grandparents are Jerry and Carol Jean Wright of Albuquerque.

Heath is a paramedic and is now working toward becoming a minister.

THINK ABOUT IT: Wisdom is the reward you get for a lifetime of listening when you would have preferred to talk...Have a great week...Scooter.

Scaffs Have Baby Girl

Blake and Lena Scaff of Lubbock became parents of a girl May 31 at 9:33 a.m. at St. Mary's Hospital.

Shelly Blake Scaff weighed eight pounds, fifteen ounces and was twenty and one half inches long.

Her older sisters are Bailey, 8, and Kelsey, 6.

Grandparents are Tommy and Bonnie Scaff and Virginia and Charles Steele, all of Bovina; and Al and Audrey Dougherty of Clovis, New Mexico.

Great grandparents are George and Wanice Dougherty of Clovis and Lovaine Scaff of Matador, Texas.

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The City of Bovina will be accepting bids for trash pick-up service for the City of Bovina.

Bids will need to be mailed to City of Bovina P.O. Drawer KK Bovina, Texas 79009 or bring them to the City Hall at 205 North St. Bovina, Texas 79009

Last day to bid is Friday, June 6, 1997 at 5:00 P.M.

If you have any questions Please call (806) 238-1116 Ask for Sarah Alonzo, City Secretary

Bids will be opened at our June meeting 43-3tc

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The City of Bovina will be accepting bids for 1989 Ford Crown Victoria (old patrol car)

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Drop off bids at City Hall 205 North St. Bovina, Texas 79009 Office Hours 8 A.M.-5 P.M.

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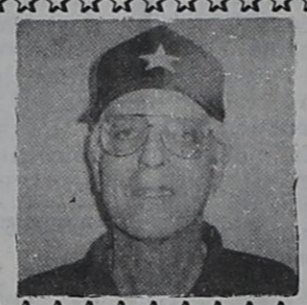
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Out Here
 By **RON CARR**

Words can wound...or words can heal.

Words. Language. Communication. They can be a comfort or a weapon. They can get you in trouble, or out of it.

As many politicians, athletes, and others have learned, the improper use at the improper time, can get you fired, cost you money, or even a career. Fuzzy Zoeller's extemporaneous remarks about Tiger Woods is a most recent example.

We have become a society in which it is not always advisable to say what you think. Words and comments we once considered as harmless jokes can now be used against you in a court of law.

I'm not sure at what age I became interested in words and language. It might have been when I was a youngster and said my first cuss word out loud. Nothing like a good slap in the mouth to give you an understanding of proper grammar.

Over the years some of the words we used in everyday life became insensitive and demeaning.

When I was in school, we had a janitor. His name was Shorty. He was nice to all

the kids, kept the school grounds tidy and the trash empty. We knew and loved him as the school janitor.

Later on in his career Shorty's title of janitor was changed to custodian. After all I guess being a lowly janitor didn't look good on a resume!

In my youth, the grownups referred to a person who could not hear or speak as "deaf and dumb". That became unacceptable. Too crude.

So now we use "hearing impaired" or "speech impaired". Somehow my boyhood would not have been the same if my mother had to yell, "Ronnie Lynn, are you hearing impaired?"

Should our neighbors to the northeast in the Hereford vicinity change too? An Amarillo meteorologist might say "There is a tornado warning for residents of Hearing Impaired Smith County." Naaaah!

Speaking of those weather guys, we called them weathermen until they got hisfalutin' and became meteorologists. Why meteors? Why not "comet-ologists, star-ologists, or milky way-ologists"?

The language police have even managed to change

good old cussin' to cursing or swearing or expletives. Of course I could just hear my mother saying "Excuse me Ronnie but if you continue to use expletives I will have no choice but to render some form of suitable punishment".

Translation: "Ronnie Lynn, you cuss again I'm gonna slap you deaf and dumb."

Can some oldtimer tell me whether sailors cussed more than any other branch of the military? Otherwise where did the saying "cussin' like a sailor" come from? Let's clean it up--"interspersing expletives in his language similar to a member of the U. S. Navy." Naaaaaah! I'll stick with cussin' like a sailor.

I've always had an interest in words, definitions, and meanings. In high school and college my best grades were in English and Composition.

Not that I know the difference between a participle that dangles and one that doesn't. I told my teachers many times that I did not split those infinitives. Bobby did it.

I found out when I went back to college and entered the business world too, that words and effective communication were pretty (expletive deleted) important to success.

One of the most interesting aspects of words is their origin. Where do they all come from? We use words every day and have no idea why they mean what they mean.

For example take the game of golf. Step up to the first hole, put the white round object on a small stick and hit it with a longer stick. The process is called teeing off from the first tee box.

The small stick does not look like the letter "T", nor does the grassy area known as the tee box remotely resemble any kind of box. And "teed off" doesn't always have something to do with golf.

If you do well on the course you shoot par. Par means equal. In golf, some say "I am even par" which is incorrect since par itself means even, or equal.

One less than par on a hole is a birdie. That is cute isn't it? A little birdie. Who ever thought that one up for a macho game like golf?

The best of all is an eagle. Eagles are good. Strong and keen and majestic. Two shots under par is an eagle. Except on a par three hole if you get two shots under par it is not an eagle, it is a hole-in-one or an ace.

In golf any time you are "below par" that is good even though it is less than equal. However, if you tell a doctor you are below par, that is not good.

Before some other four letter words became popular, folks used to say "hogwash" a lot. You used the word hogwash when somebody was telling a tale that was not credible. In other words it

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LEGAL NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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Personnel information is available from County Treasurer Anne Norton at 806/481-9152. Experience data will be provided upon request, after receipt from Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

The effective date for coverage is July 15, 1997 and the term is for one (1) year, however, proposals for longer than one year will be considered.

Proposals should be for the same coverage and in the amounts now provided under the Blue Cross/Blue Shield policy. Any proposals for more or less coverage should be presented as options and priced as additions or reductions to the premium by classification for the present coverage.

The Commissioners Court will not be considering proposals for a partially self-funded plan or HMO's at this time.

The Parmer County Commissioners Court reserves the rights to accept or reject any or all proposals.

By order of the Parmer County Commissioners Court, Bonnie J. Clayton, County Judge. 46-2tc