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Bull Town Bulletins

By Bill Ellis



"HOW DO THEY figure out the date of Easter?" asked our "new girl," Becky London, recently. As the boss, Ye Editor is expected to know these things, and spout them off whenever asked.

Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday after the full moon following the vernal equinox. The vernal equinox, in layman's terms, is the spring equinox, or the beginning of spring.

This year, spring was designated as March 20. The first full moon occurred the evening of March 23 (also a Sunday). Since the full moon didn't appear until nightfall, that placed Easter on the following Sunday, which is March 30.

The formula for determining Easter's date was decided at the First Council of Nicaea in 325, called by the Roman emperor Constantine I. We assume that the complicated rules that council adopted 1,672 years ago just goes to show that representatives of the people have always been fond of passing complicated laws.

In the early days, the exact time of the spring equinox was interpreted differently, as was the exact time of the full moon. This led to Easter being celebrated on different dates in different parts of the world.

In 387 A.D., France and Egypt celebrated Easter 35 days apart.

Church leaders later decided to arbitrarily designate March 21 as the vernal equinox, so as to cut down on some of the confusion.

The earliest that Easter can occur is March 22, not too far removed from this year's date. The source that we used to research the date of Easter did not name the latest possible date, although we know that the most common date is April 19--so it has to be several days beyond this date.

Early in this century, delegations of church officials suggested that the movable date of Easter and its associated observances be replaced by a fixed date, like that of Christmas. The Church of England and the Holy See at the Vatican had no objections to the proposed reform, but to date no change has been implemented.

Fortunately, all we have to do is flip open a calendar to know when to plan the trip to Grandma's for Easter dinner.

I thought it was interesting, with the visit of Comet Hale-Bopp, to be reminded that our religious holidays are determined to some extent by astronomy.

Virtually everyone we come in contact with has at least made an attempt to see the comet, and most of us by now have been able to do so.

It therefore should come as no big surprise that mankind has turned his eye to the heavens and studied the stars and planets for thousands of years.

England's world-famous Stonehenge is perhaps the best example, and this structure dates back to pre-history.

Numerous books, movies and documentaries have expounded on the number of places, particularly in the ancient world, where man has developed astronomy to such a minute state that it's hard to believe that men had the capability in those prehistoric times, to interpret science to the degree that they did.

The "flip-side" of that coin is that many of those same cultures performed such rituals as human sacrifice, so as to appease the gods and help assure an abundant crop year, etc.

As you probably know, the ancient cultures worshipped the sun, moon and stars--even comets.

It's mind-boggling that a culture so advanced that they

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Notice To County Rural Residents

The Parmer County Commissioners ask that you use a great deal of caution when conducting open burning. The area is very dry and you need to be mindful of those conditions.

When you need to conduct open burning, please use common sense. Call your local fire department or the Parmer County Sheriff's Office (806) 481-3303 or (806) 481-3304 beforehand and let them know what your plans are.

That will save all of us a lot of time, money and possible grief. Thank you for your assistance.

Egg Hunt Scheduled For Easter

The Bovina Lions Club will host the annual Easter egg hunt at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Bovina City Park.

Children of all ages are welcome to this free egg hunt.

WEATHER PROPHET

Crim's Forecast: Good Crop Year

By SCOTT ROBINSON
"The answer my friend, is blowing in the wind. The answer is blowing in the wind."

The lyrics from this '60s pop hit are taken to heart in these parts. Especially on March 22 each year, the day of the annual "Crim forecast."

This year at exactly 6:48 a.m. "Chief" Crim conducted the annual forecasting ritual, read the smoke signals and the news for the local farmers was good. "The north wind indicates a good crop season," says Weldon Crim.

Some may ask why this is important, but obviously they haven't been in the area too long.

The Crim family has been doing this type of "Indian" forecasting since 1910 and they claim to be accurate around eighty per cent of the time.

And if you don't believe in these claims, just check the recent history. Weldon has been right on the nose six of the past seven years. That in itself should be reason enough to believe in this year's prediction.

"This forecast is for the spring season, so expect some good rains," says Crim.

Taylor Crim, Weldon's grandfather, began the family tradition in 1910. He learned the ritual by watching the Comanche and Plains Indians when he worked on the railroad near El Paso.

Taylor Crim passed the tradition on to his son, J.W., (Weldon's father), who conducted the "burnings" from 1923 until his death in 1980.

He was known throughout these parts as the "Parmer

Chamber Banquet Honors Outstanding Citizens

With her adroit mixture of inspiration and humor, Ronda Shelton Mikles entertained the large crowd at the Bovina Chamber of Commerce banquet on Thursday, March 20.

Mrs. Mikles, a radio station manager, advertising salesperson, and banquet speaker from Elk City, Oklahoma, spoke on the importance of communications among people today. She illustrated the point with many anecdotes and inspiring challenges.

Bob Owen introduced the officers and directors of the 1997 Chamber of Commerce. New officers are president, Brian Galloway; vice-president, Manny Saiz; secretary, Virgie Carey; treasurer, Johnny Rumph; and reporter, Sherri Whitten.

Once again the Chamber provided an excellent steak meal for attendees.

In the awards ceremonies, the outstanding youth awards went to Friona High School seniors Lori Beauchamp and Jason Kerby.

Miss Beauchamp is the daughter of Mike and Debra

Beauchamp and has maintained an excellent record in all activities throughout her school career.

Kerby is the son of Al and Susan Kerby. He has been an active student, maintaining excellent grades and participating in a variety of extracurricular activities.

Educator of the Year was Bovina Athletic Director and head coach Bobby Ortiz.

Ortiz came to Bovina for the 1995-96 school year as an assistant coach under Mike Royce from Beeville.

When Royce left Bovina after one year, Ortiz was promoted by the board to AD and head coach becoming at 26 the youngest athletic director in school history.

A native of San Antonio and one of eleven children, Ortiz guided the Bovina Mustangs to an 8-3 record in his first year as coach and the school's first year in district 3-2A. The Mustangs qualified for the playoffs for the first time in many years, rebounding from a 1-9 record the previous year.

Coach Ortiz was lauded for his work with students both on and off the field. He is a role model for athletes and non-athletes alike, conducting off-season conditioning programs and organizing a chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

The 1997 Heritage Award was presented to Alethea Hastings Wilson. Mrs. Wilson was born on June 9th, 1920, at the edge of Running Water Draw at 202 Third Street.

She graduated from BHS in 1937 and entered TWU for two years before transferring to West Texas State at Canyon, where she graduated with a degree in art and philosophy.

She began teaching in 1941 in Vega at a salary of \$75 per month. She moved to Panhandle and taught there for 5 years.

After marriage in 1944 Ft. Jackson in Columbia, South Carolina, she and her husband settled down on a farm 4 miles west and one-half mile north of Bovina.

They raised four children and were parents one year to Heidi Jonasaughter of Iceland.

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REBECCA GOMEZ Bovina Girl Plans For Pageant

Rebecca Gomez, 16, is a Bovina High School junior who has plans of going places, Dallas to be exact.

She plans to compete in the Miss American Coed Pageant on May 24 and 25 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. This pageant is designed to help young ladies learn how to develop poise, self-confidence by performing and speaking on stage to a live audience.

Rebecca is being sponsored by Excel Corporation for her expenses in joining the pageant. She is selling raffle tickets for meat that Excel will donate.

On Sunday, March 23 Rebecca competed in the Selena contest in Clovis. She placed fourth among the many contestants.

Miss Gomez is the daughter of Angie Gomez of Bovina and Ruben Gomez of Houston.



TOP GUN.....Bobby Ortiz was deserving winner of both Educator of the Year and Citizen of the Year for 1997. He is with wife, Anna, and the centerpiece he also won. (Ron Carr Photo)



WOMAN OF THE YEAR for 1997 was Darlene Miller.



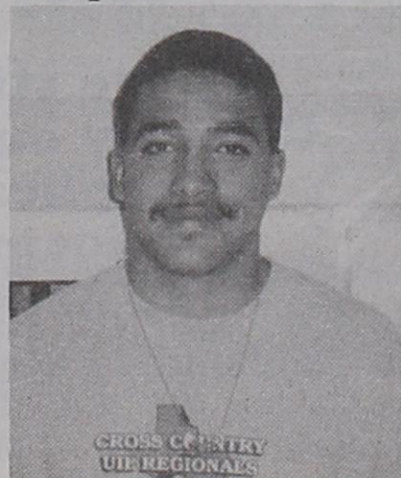
HERITAGE AWARD recipient Alethea Wilson was honored at the 1997 Chamber banquet.



OUTSTANDING YOUTH.....Lori Beauchamp and Jason Kerby were selected 1997 Outstanding Youths. (Ron Carr Photo)



DIGNITARIES....Ronda Shelton Mikles, past president Bob Owen, and new president Brian Galloway enjoy Saturday night's Chamber banquet. (Ron Carr Photo)



MARTIN REYNA

Student of the Week

Martin Reyna, an FHS junior, was selected as student-of-the-week.

He is the son of Santiago and Loretto Reyna. He has five brothers and one sister.

Reyna is a standout for the Mustangs in football, basketball, and cross country.

He was nominated by teacher Eugene Brown as an all around great person, good athlete and student, the best student aide, and a gentleman.



BUNNIES & KIDS.....The children in Mrs. Cargile's kindergarten class pose for an Easter portrait with the Easter bunny and other decorations adorning the wall outside their Ridgela classroom. (Ron Carr Photo)



A GRAND, GRAND OPENING.....Paul Condit (with scissors), and Jerry Barton of Texas Equipment Co. join members and ambassadors of the Friona Chamber of Commerce at the John Deere dealer's grand opening on Monday, March 24. A fajita dinner and door prizes were also a part of the ceremonies. (Ron Carr Photo)



Melissa Gilbreath Farwell Girl Competes In Festival

Melissa Gilbreath, along with eleven other Farwell students, competed in the 16th annual El Desayuno Kiwanis solo festival, March 8 at Clovis High School. Melissa received a one rating along with a medal for her solo performance of "Mustee" on clarinet. Melissa is a sixth grader at Farwell Junior High and is the daughter of Joyce Kube and Chuck Gilbreath. Grandparents from Bovina are Charles and Isabel Gilbreath and Billy and Katherine Harbison of Rio Hondo, Texas.

Forty!!!

No Foolin'

County Commissioners Hold Regular Meeting

The Parmer County Commissioner's Court held its regular meeting in the Courthouse March 10. Present were Johnny Tannahill, Precinct 1; Thomas Ware, Precinct 2; Jerry Davis, Precinct 3; Raymond McGehee, Precinct 4; County Judge Bonnie Clayton and County Clerk Bonnie Warren. Bids that were received for the 1976 John Deere 4230 tractor as advertised by Precinct 1 were opened. Bids were submitted by Bill Pigg Tractor in Quitaque, Texas for \$10,750 and Ward Equipment Company in Clovis, New Mexico for \$9,633. The bid from Bill Pigg Tractor was accepted as the best bid by the commissioners.

No bids were received for the 1977 Chevrolet truck and tractor that was advertised. Discussion was held on the insurance policies that are to be renewed in April. All rates given are new rates. The automobile liability is \$6,968. General liability is \$11,055. Automobile physical damage is \$5,276 and property coverage is \$11,240.

A motion was made by McGehee and seconded by Tannahill that the rates be accepted as presented, to be effective April 20. The motion carried. Consideration was made on the sale of the triple-axle Belshe trailer belonging to Precinct 1. The motion was passed by the commissioners. Consideration was then made to extend the current bank depository contract thirty days as provided in Chapter 116.021 of the local government code. The

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motion was passed. Discussion was held regarding advertising for a bank depository contract for the next four years. The motion was passed to advertised. The Parmer County Commissioners meet the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Minutes from previous meetings are not approved and distributed until the opening of each new meeting. This explains the two week span in which these minutes will appear in future publications.

TxDOT Revises Reg. Form

The Texas Department of Transportation in Austin announced the newest form for vehicle registration. Approximately 15 million of these new forms will be printed annually for Texas automobile owners. The benefits of the new easier to use form are numerous. The new form eliminates the usage of older, more error-prone Optical Character Recognition (OCR) scanning technology. The new color highlights draw attention to key information. The name, address and telephone number of the recipient's tax assessor-collector is printed on the renewal, providing a local contact for registration questions. Addresses are preprinted and postal barcode technology is used to assure accuracy and to speed delivery. A payment envelope is supplied for convenient renewal by mail. Space for address changes helps to assure that registration records are updated with accurate information. A checklist is on the back of the payment envelope. This helps to assure that required materials are enclosed, preventing delays and frustration. Back of renewal notice gives detailed instructions for placing windshield registration sticker and outlines proof of insurance requirements. A two-dimensional barcode is provided for even faster future processing as equipment is available.

Reflections
...from the files of The Bovina Blade

40 Yrs ago-March 27, 1957
Bovina missed the brunt of a March blizzard that crippled areas beginning just a few miles north of here over the weekend. Except for blown-down television towers, Bovina had few ill effects to show for its part in the two-day blizzard. Bovina's fire insurance key rate has been lowered. Local insurance agents have been notified that the rate had been dropped from 97 cents to 90 cents. Saturday, city commissioners authorized Chas. Lovelace, County Sheriff, to hire a full-time deputy for Bovina and the surrounding area.

The contract for widening the paving on Highway 60 in Bovina was let last week by Texas Highway Department to Kerr and Middleton of Lubbock.

35 Yrs Ago-March 28, 1962
James McLeroy has resigned as principal of Bovina High School effective at the end of the school year in May. He has accepted a position as superintendent of Union Independent School District which is eight miles south of Brownfield. Installation of additional telephone circuits began this week in Bovina, according to R.E. Sanders, district manager for General Telephone Company of the Southwest. Announcement was made early this week of purchase of Bovina Tire Service by Charles Oil Company. New location of the business will be at Charles Oil Company's "66" Station at the intersection of Highway 60 and Third Street.

30 Yrs Ago-March 28, 1967
The annual spring revival is scheduled at First Baptist Church of Bovina next week, Monday through Sunday, April 3-9. Rev. Max Morris will be the evangelist. He is pastor of First Baptist Church in Camdenton, Missouri. About 275 youngsters

turned out Sunday afternoon during ideal spring weather to attend the annual Bovina Jaycees Easter Egg Hunt held just west of town. This year, 6,080 eggs were hidden for the children of the community. Rainfall in the Bovina area Wednesday and Thursday ranged from sprinkles west of town up to two inches on the Lawrence Jamerson farm six miles southeast of Bovina. Dr. Mary Bubliss of Plainview was the speaker at Bovina Woman's Club Thursday afternoon. "Challenges of Our Mental Health" was the topic of the meeting.

25 Yrs Ago-March 29, 1972
Mustang Drive-In, which has recently been moved to a new location and enlarged in the process, is now open for business, according to Mr. and Mrs. H.H. Kelso, owners of the business. Two New Mexico men were arrested over the weekend and charged with the theft of about 40 gallons of diesel from Bovina Wheat Growers according to City Marshal Ronald Mitchell. Friendly rivalry between the three towns of Parmer County is making the decision as to where to locate a proposed new county livestock showbarn a difficult problem. Some 300 high school juniors and seniors from Bovina, Farwell, Lazbuddie and Texico attended a Career Day at Farwell High School last week. Farwell's National Honor Society and the Guidance Department served as hosts of the all-day event.

20 Yrs Ago-March 30, 1977
The Bovina Fillies, getting stronger with each succeeding meet, captured the championship last Friday and Saturday in a strong 16-team field at the Friona Squaw Relays.

15 Yrs Ago-March 31, 1982
Andy Alexander and Rebecca Hodnett were named as the District's Best Actor and Actress in the UIL One-Act Play competition, which was held in Farwell. In the mayor's race, two men will be running for election, they are Dale Gober and Owen Patton. Those running for city councilmen are Billy J. Charles, Garry Beauchamp and Joe Jones. Steve Sherrill, Billy Marshall, Don Teague, Lowell Boozer, Wayne McClaran and Larry Hodnett are in the race for School Board positions. Ona Patterson, her daughter, Cynthia, and family spent ten days vacationing on the Grand Cayman Islands, south of Cuba. Lawrence and Hattie Gray are home recuperating after both were hospitalized suffering from illnesses.

10 Yrs Ago-April 1, 1987
Clifford Leake sustained injuries last Saturday morning when the automobile he was driving was struck by a 1987 Kenworth truck trailer. His vehicle was totaled. Billy Whitecotton has bought out Billy Smith's interest in the Bovina Supermarket after the two had been in business for the past 15 years. The snow came on Sunday and was the twenty-second time we had had a "tracking" snow in Bovina. The first snow was November 22. Old timers predicted it to be the last snow this year.

5 Yrs Ago-March 28, 1992
Grady and Dorothy Sorley received top honors, Man and Woman of the Year, presented by the Bovina Chamber of Commerce during the Chamber's 32nd annual banquet last Thursday night. Chris Cupit, Special Education instructor, received the Chamber's Teacher award. Jack Patterson and Margaret "Maggie" Terry received the Heritage awards. Jamie Graves and Grace Uriegas were the recipients of the Outstanding Young People award.

17-4140- Notice of Election (292)
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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL)

To the Registered Voters of Bovina, Texas:
(A los votantes registrados del Bovina, Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 3, 1997, for voting in a general election, to elect three aldermen. (Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abirran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m., el 3 de Mayo de 1997 para votar en la Eleccion para elegir tres conceja.)

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES
(Direccion (es) De Las Casillas Electorales)

EMS Building on Third Street, Bovina, Texas 79009

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at
(La votacion en adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en)

Bovina City Hall, 205 North Street, Bovina, Texas 79009

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 14, 1997.
(entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el 14 de Abril de 1997.)
and ending on April 29, 1997.
(y terminando el 29 de abril de 1997.)

Additional early voting will be held at the same location as follows:*

(La votacion en adelantado ademas se llevara a cabo en el mismo sitio de tal manera:)

Date (Fecha)	Hours (Horas)
N/A	N/A

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a:)

Sarah Alonzo
(Name of Early Voting Clerk)
(Nombre del Secretario de la Votacion En Adelantada)

P.O. Drawer KK
(Address) (Direccion)

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Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el)
April 25, 1997
(date) (fecha)

Issued this the 20th day of March, 1997.
(Emitada este dia 20 de March 1997)

Sarah R. Alonzo
Signature of Presiding Officer (Firma del Oficial que Preside)

*If early voting is not going to be conducted on either Saturday or the last Sunday during the period of absentee voting, delete this part.

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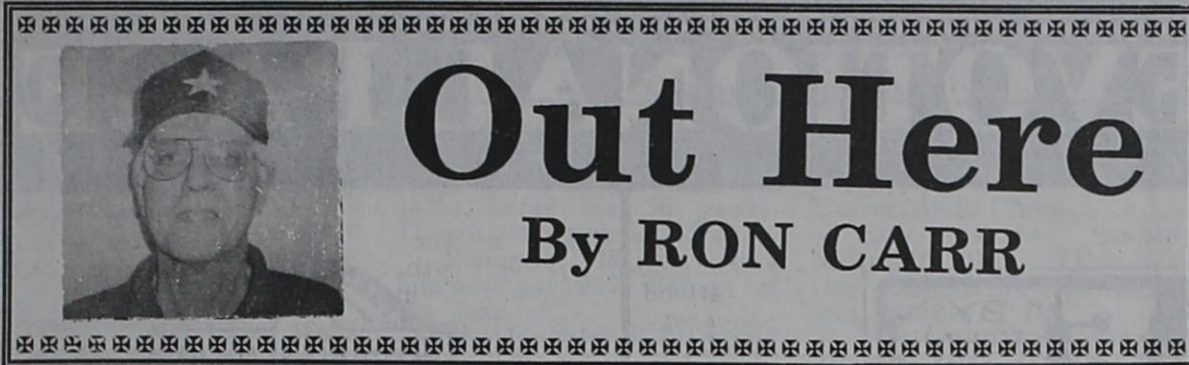
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Out Here

By RON CARR

I have come to believe that the world is full of self-centered screwballs. Maybe I watch too much TV.

A lot of people out there are either self-centered, think like screwballs, or more often than not they are both. A dangerous combination.

There always seems to be a crusade. Something is always wrong and the self-centered screwballs of the world are determined to fix it.

One morning this week I was in front of the TV pulling on my shoes and socks with my usual breakfast of black coffee and a Carlton cigarette on the end table, watching Good Morning America.

They showed a group of angry citizens from an organization called ACTUP protesting in New York. ACTUP is one of the many self-centered (screwball?) homosexual groups that are mad at you and me for some reason. Apparently a lot of reasons.

In this protest, they were demanding a cure for AIDS, accusing the government of moving too slow to find a cure and charging too much for the drugs used by AIDS victims.

They were yelling. They were mad. At what? Never quite figured it out. But I know that when I was a boy, Acting Up wasn't allowed.

Then there was the recent Toot-N-Totum and Playboy flap up in Amarillo. Some no doubt well-meaning, but self-centered, citizens convinced the owner of the Toot-N-Totum stores that if he would quit selling Playboy and four other "adult" magazines, more people would shop in his Toot-N-Totums.

And he believed them. In a TV interview, the owner said that he would lose \$200,000 a year in revenue by not selling the magazines. The crusaders said not to worry.

They said all the people who

were not shopping in Toot-N-Totum because of the vulgar magazines would now flock to the stores and spend more than the \$200,000 a year the guy was losing.

By the way, the five magazines were wrapped in cellophane to prevent reading without buying. Last time I looked they still sold Cosmopolitan which is not wrapped and is pretty racy if you can find the articles among all the advertising.

I started thinking what else we could get Toot-N-Totum to quit selling. Must be thousands of people that don't go in there because they sell beer. To my narrow mind, beer consumption does a good bit more damage than those magazines.

How about cigarettes? More and more people sure don't like those, and rightfully so. They stink, they are bad for you, and one cigarette maker admitted this week that they were addictive. Hey Toot-N-Totum, we are coming back some day.

A friend of mine mentioned that we better get the Toot-N-Totums of the world to quit selling any of those aerosol cans that our young people might use for inhalants.

And what about those drugs they sell that can keep a truck driver awake when he (or she) should be sleeping. Believe they call it Vivarin, a modern name for No-Doze. Over the counter speed. Better get rid of that, Toot-N-Totum. We'll be coming around.

On some of the Amarillo radio talk shows, I heard people say they would not go to Toot-N-Totum because they "caved in" to this special interest bunch. And these were people that never even bought Playboy in the first place.

In fact, several regular customers said they didn't even know that Toot-N-Totum had a

magazine rack. It was never too clear who this group was that forced Playboy out of Toot-N-Totum. Of course, the self-serving Wal-Marts of the world made great fanfare about not selling Playboys and handguns.

They also make great fanfare about selling stuff made in the U.S.A. That commercial about the yarn mill in Ohio that was saved by Wal-Mart will tug at your patriotic heart.

Of course, if you look around you might find a few thousand products for sale that were made in China, Taiwan or Mexico. Patriotism and money are not inseparable.

While we are on the subject, let's march on Wal-Mart and all other stores that sell spray paint. Enough graffiti already. A state legislator has introduced a bill to limit spray paint sales, require businesses to have spray paint near the checkout area or otherwise limit access by our youth who seem to have itchy spray paint fingers.

Well, legislators have to introduce bills in Austin, otherwise you might think they weren't doing anything. It is a self-centered kind of thing that all politicians are pretty good at.

Back at Toot-N-Totum, I am organizing a group to pressure them into discontinuing the sale of Hostess Twinkies and those Mrs. Baird's coconut covered Snowballs.

They will make your kids fat and cause cavities, not to mention all those crumbs and coconut flakes all over the floor. Of course I have a self serving reason for going after these snack cakes.

You see, I am developing my own line of snack cakes. They will be shaped like a screw, have lots of fancy icing outside but nothing inside.

I'm calling them Ron's Self-Centered Screwballs.



PRETTY QUILTS....Area residents volunteer each month to display their quilts at Prairie Acres. Shown with a pretty triangle pattern quilt are Dawn Widner and Varla Wilcox, whose quilts will be on display this month.

Pre-Plant Conference Scheduled In Dimmitt

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Texas Corn Producers Board will sponsor a "Pre-Plant Crop Conference" Friday, April 4 at the Castro County Expo Building.

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service will be offering five CEU's to private, commercial and noncommercial applicators.

Also, the TAES will provide licensed Certified Crop Advisors credit. The morning session will cover three CEU's and the afternoon session will have the remaining

two. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. with donuts and coffee being offered. At 8:30 a.m., the speakers will start. These include Wayne Wyatt, Dr. Dan Kreig, Dr. Wayne Keeling, James Esty, Dr. Tom Fuch, Polly Vann, Dr. Tom Archer, Dr. Pat Morrison and Dr. Carl Patrick.

Free lunch will be provided by the Corn Producers Board. If you have questions or want to make reservations, please call Greta Schuster or Pammy Millican at (806) 647-4115.

Cannon Plans May 3 Events

The Cannon Air Force Base "Cannon Fest '97" is scheduled for May 3 and prospective vendors in the flea market portion of this annual event are encouraged to reserve booth spaces as soon as possible.

Cannon Fest (formerly the "Big 5 Show") attracts several thousands of bargain hunters and spectators from the surrounding communities each year. The cost for a booth space is \$15. For more information, call (505) 784-6381.

Entries are now being accepted for the Classic & Antique Car Show and Antique Tractor Show at Cannon Air Force Base during "Cannon Fest '97" on May 3.

Anyone wishing to participate in either show should contact Kurt Giddings at (505) 784-2170 or Schirete Zick at (505) 784-4723 as soon as possible.

The Battle of the Bands at Cannon Air Force Base is also scheduled for May 3 and is being organized.

All area rock, blues, country and Tex-Mex bands interested in performing and winning cash prizes are urged to sign up for the contest. Call (505) 784-4723 for entry information.

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Ex-Resident Buried Here

Services for Oris R. "Bill" Hubbell, 81, of Clovis were held Tuesday at Hamlin Memorial United Methodist Church in Farwell. Burial was in the Bovina Cemetery.

Mr. Hubbell died Saturday at Plains Medical in Clovis. He was born March 29, 1915 in Helena, Oklahoma.

He moved from Helena to a farm at Oklahoma Lane in 1932.

He married Golma Foster on August 21, 1937, in Clovis. They moved to Clovis in 1947 and he farmed southwest of town. They moved to Farwell in 1953 and back to Clovis in 1961.

He worked as a dock foreman for ICX Freight for 25 years and retired from Moore Oliver Implement after 28 years.

He was a past member of the board of stewards of Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church and was a member of the Teamsters for 23 years.

Mr. Hubbell is survived by his wife, Golma; two sons, Kerry Hubbell of Clovis and Rickey Hubbell of Farwell; two daughters Beverly Obenshain and Debbie Dillon, both of Farwell.

Two grandsons, five granddaughters and seven great-grandchildren.

Pall bearers were Ben Steinman, Smokey Gast, Don Boydston, Jerry Roach, Jim Jacobs, J.C. Boone and Mitchell Walls.

Honorary pall bearers were Pete Moore, Kenneth Johnson, Earl Routon, Ardale Thornton, Gene Phillips, Sterling Donaldson, Fred Curtis and Gene Locknane.

Hubbell was preceded in death by a son, Billy Lloyd, and a grandson, Gary Lee Obenshain.

Chamber Honors....

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She and her husband have been married 52 1/2 years and have lived in the same home for 50 years. They have 7 grandchildren.

Darlene Miller was honored as 1997 Woman of the Year.

The daughter of Billy and Suezy Smith, she was born in Wichita Falls, Texas, in 1963. The family moved to Bovina in 1966.

Mrs. Miller attended Bovina schools for 12 years. She was a National Honor Society student, class officer, in the Pep Club and FHA.

She also was a member of the student council, and participated in various UIL academic contests.

She graduated in 1980 after completing graduation requirements in three years.

At South Plains College, she earned the President's List honors and was a reporter for the college newspaper, the Plainsman Press.

During her career at South Plains College, she maintained a 4.0 grade point average. She also attended Eastern New Mexico University at Clovis.

She married Stanley Miller in 1981. They have two daughters, Hannah, 6, and Heather, 1 1/2.

Mrs. Miller teaches Sunday School at First Baptist Church in Bovina and serves as church clerk.

She has worked for the Bovina School System since 1984. She began as an instructional aide and now serves as secretary and right arm to superintendent Sue Nuttall.

Capping off a rewarding evening, the Bovina Man of the Year Award also went to Coach Bobby Ortiz, the first time in chamber history that duplicate awards were earned.

To end the evening, Bob Owen drew a number for the evening's door prize, a very nice floral basket centerpiece. The lucky ticket was held by none other than two-time winner Bobby Ortiz.

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Josh is a student at Kansas University studying Occupational Therapy. He is on spring break. His brother, Justin, is an "O.T." at the Muleshoe hospital, so they enjoy being together as they have much in common.

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Scooter's Scoops

By SCOOTER RUSSELL

We congratulate our people who received awards and were recognized at the Chamber of Commerce banquet last Thursday night.

We've had lots of wind during March but that is the way it should be, I suppose. On Monday night, it rained to fifty miles an hour most of the night. Could be worse...

Karen Smith's exercise class will soon be celebrating their fifteenth year and will have an open house in April.

Karen lives in Clovis and is a very sweet person. Several women have had fun in her class. They have exercised two nights a week for all these years. If you wish to join them, there is an ad in this week's issue with information.

NEWS AROUND TOWN
Herman Estes was hospitalized in the Muleshoe hospital a week ago Thursday and wasn't released until Sunday. His daughter, Suezy Smith, said he had had pneumonia but his condition has improved.

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and possibly balloon surgery when an artery or vein was torn. They took him in immediately for a triple-bypass surgery. Shortly following the surgery he had some bleeding and had to be operated on again to stop the problem. It was a close call but he is getting along real well and on Tuesday he was in a private room. Friends said it was possible that he will be home by Easter.

R.B. and Kathy Riley and family went to Tucumcari, New Mexico to be with R.B.'s dad, Earl Riley, who celebrated his 85th birthday.

Earl's other children who were with him were Earl Gene of Albuquerque; Laverne Thatcher of Bovina and Linda, who lives with her dad. The only one not there was Larry, who lives in Albuquerque.

The family always gets

together this time of year to help brand cattle and celebrate Earl's and Linda's birthdays.

Earl's grandchildren and great grandchildren were also with the family.

Buster Morgan was hospitalized from Monday until Wednesday of last week in the Friona Hospital. His condition has improved. A few days before he went into the hospital the Morgans daughter and granddaughter, Deanna Cooner and daughter, Amy, were visiting from Oklahoma. Amy is a senior in high school.

SMILE: Man talking on phone: "Hi! my answering machine isn't working right now, but if you will leave your name and number, I'll get back to you at my convenience."

Junior League BB

The Bovina Junior League games are currently underway. Results of last week's action:

MONDAY, MARCH 17
JUNIOR GIRLS
Longhorns 14, Raiders 4

L--Isabel Guevara, 10; Darlene Diaz, 2; Jolyne Ortiz, 2. R--Kim King, 2; Vickie Carrillo, 2.

JUNIOR BOYS
Cougars 22, Horned Frogs 20

C--Hugo Martinez, 10; Alex Espinoza, 8; Gregorio Navarrete, 4. HF--Danny Salas, 12; Roger Martinez, 4; Chris Bachicha, 2; Javier Guevara, 2.

SENIORS
Spurs 28, Mavericks 20

S--Juan Contreras, 14; Michael Nieto, 12; Matthew Villarreal, 2. M--Claude Tamez, 10; Josh Kerby, 4; Jonathan Chisom, 4; Marista Salazar, 2.

Rockets 26, Timber Wolves 13

R--Eric Garza, 12; Jake Steelman, 8; Raymond Chisom, 4; Amber Widner, 2; Romuldo Ruiz, 2. TW--Alferdo Martinez, 8; Mike Olevra, 2; Kathy Cantu, 2; Gordon De La Rosa, 1.

TUESDAY, MARCH 18
JUNIOR GIRLS
Aggies 23, Longhorns 19

A--Kasi Birdsong, 13; Sandra Moreno, 8; Jennifer Reyna, 2. L--Christine Villarreal, 16; Isabel Guevara, 2; Darlene Diaz, 2.

JUNIOR BOYS
Cougars 19, Bears 17

C--Alex Espinoza, 7; Hugo Martinez, 4; Gregorio Navarrete, 4; Dustin Lara, 2; Jose Valadez, 2. B--Hugo Aguillon, 8; Jeff Casas, 5; Trey Widner, 4.

SENIORS
Rockets 24, Spurs 20

R--Eric Garza, 10; Raymond Chisom, 4; Troy Turner, 4; Jake Steelman, 4; Amber Widner, 2. S--Michael Nieto, 14; Juan Contreras, 6.

Mavericks 23, Timberwolves 20

M--Claude Tamez, 9; Josh Kerby, 6; Jonathan Chisom, 4; Sergio Salas, 2; Maritoa Salazar, 2. T--Mike Olevra, 8; Kathy Cantu, 4; Zochito Guevara, 2; Juan Vara, 2; John Nelson, 2; Chris Ortiz, 2.

MONDAY, MARCH 24
JUNIOR GIRLS
Aggies 24, Raiders 5

A--Kasi Birdsong, 12; Jennifer Reyna, 6; Sandra Moreno, 6. R--Yvonne Espinoza, 3; Kim King, 2.

JUNIOR BOYS
Horned Frogs 22, Bears 21

HF--Danny Salas, 12; Roger Martinez, 4; Chris Bachicha, 4; Javier Guevara, 2; Josh Ramirez, 2; Dusty Riley, 2. B--Hugo Aguillon, 10; Jeff Casas, 9; Trey Widner, 2.

SENIORS
Spurs 29, Timberwolves 28

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Bulltown Bulletins...

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could build the pyramids and figure out the exact instant that the rising sun would shine through a small hole in the Stonehenge formation, would still be sacrificing virgins to their gods.

It's nice that the Plains Indians, who are credited by Parmer County's own "Indian Crim" in teaching him how to make his yearly first day of spring crop prediction, had no such sacrifice in their annual ceremonial line up. But we're still looking to the sky for a "sign" to guide our way. The more things change, the more they remain the same.

(Editor's note: Ye Editor wrote the above column prior to the tragic news from California on Thursday, which makes the last sentence of my column even more relevant.)

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