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July 4 In Bovina: **Plans** Underway

The Bovina Chamber of Commerce and Bovina Volunteer Fire Department are planning an exciting day for July 4.

Game booths, crafts, and concession stands will be open throughout the day.

Suzan Hughes is still taking entries for the parade that is scheduled for 10 a.m. and the rally volleyball tournament scheduled for the afternoon. She can be reached at 238-1656.

Sherri Whitten, 238-1400, is still taking reservations for game, food and craft booths. All booths will be at the high school football field.

The fire department is planning to sell hamburgers for lunch and offer FREE watermelon for those who want a slice of summer at 2:30 p.m.

They are also planning water polo events.

At 5 p.m. the chamber will sell barbeque brisket plates. The price for adults is \$5; 12 and under \$3; and 3 and under eat free.

After the sun goes down, Bovina residents will be treated to a fireworks display.

success if Bovina makes it a success.

Bovina Clinic to Close July 18 Patients Need to Get Records

According to Sherri Whiteaker, the Bovina Rural Health Clinic will close July 18.

The clinic, which has been open about 1 1/2 years this time, is managed by Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital. According to Whiteaker, Baptist St. Anthony's will close

clinics at Bovina and Silverton due to a lower than required patient volume, although Whiteaker says patient volume has doubled at the Bovina Clinic in the one year she has been there.

Don Spring, a member of the clinic board, said board members were trying to find another hospital to take over the clinic operation, but at press time, the outlook was bleak. Spring was not optimistic that a replacement could be found. The clinic was scheduled to close July 3, but Whiteaker and some local citizens persuaded Baptist St. Anthony's to extend the closing date until July 18.

Whiteaker, who has accepted a position with a hospital in Childress, advises that patients of the Bovina Clinic should arrange to pick up their medical records before the July 18 closing. Patients will need to have their records available for their new doctor/clinic.

HAIR. . . our crowning glory . .how it complicates our lives! It seems to have a



Carol Ellis



The Bovina Blade

"In The Agricultural Center Of Parmer County" SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 1997

"Meet Your City Employees"

FIRE CHIEF Getting ready for the July 4 celebration is Bovina Fire Chief Richard Bonham. The Bovina FD has 26 volunteers. To help with the upcoming July 4 celebration Bonham has been chief for 3 years and a contact any chamber member. This will only be a volunteer fire fighter for five years.

Wheat Rolls! Main Item **On Parmer County Menu**

elevator operators, wheat farmers, and equipment dealers, was the 1997 wheat harvest is gathering steam, outlooks are optimistic, and if the weather holds, irrigated wheat harvest should be in

full swing by next week. First loads of wheat received last week were: Sherley Grain in Bovina received the first load on Thursday, June 19, at 2:43 p.m. from Circle C Farms operated by the Christian family.

Jayson Grimsley arrived at Friona Wheat Growers on June 20 at 8:37 a.m. with the first load there. At Sherley-Anderson in Rhea, Bob Clark was first with a load on June 20 at 3:17 p.m., while at Sherley Anderson in Lazbuddie, Eric Vaughn delivered the first load on June 19 at 6:37 p.m. Overall, the harvest

At press time Thursday began about 10 days later evening, the consensus of than normal. Veteran wheat growers say that harvest usually begins about June 9-10 and is over by July 4.

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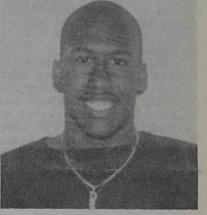
Good News in Bovina For the Past

40 Years

Not so this year. Even now, according to Ron Smiley at Friona Wheat Growers and Harry Johnson at Sherley Grain in Bovina, most what is being cut is dryland wheat. A lot of the wheat is still wet or many fields are too green to harvest yet.

There is some speculation that when the wheat harvest reaches its peak, as early as next Monday, combines could be scarce. Albert Ricketts, parts manager at Texas Equipment Company, and Rick Carr, parts manager at Parmer County Implement, say they will remain open from early until late every day, including Saturday and Sunday, as long as the harvest continues.

Everyone contacted said that yields seem to be headed for the 30-35 bushels per acre range, with a few farmers reporting yields of around 50 bushels. As of Thursday, the price per bushel was being posted at \$3.10 at Friona Wheat Growers and had been as low as \$3.02.



DAVID SHELBY D. Shelby **Enlists In**

Combest: Farmers Left Hanging On CRP Issue

High Plains farmers have been left holding the bag on the issue of re-bidding crop acres into the CRP program, when the U.S. Department of Agriculture accepted only about 1,800,000 bid acres out of the 3,900,000 acres Texas farmers proposed for the program.

Combest addressed the CRP situation recently with a tele-conference with a group of rural area editors in his district.

"I don't know what the USDA is going to do, but I'm not giving up. The congress-man pointed out that Texas' share of the national CRP acres accepted was just over ten per cent.

"I feel it is totally unexcusable that farmers be asked to plow up acres which had been in CRP since 1985," the congressman said.

Roughly 55.7 per cent of Parmer County's acres bid for CRP was accepted. This placed the county about "midway" of the state's agri-cultural counties in the acceptance category. Yoakum, which has mainly

pastureland, had the highest percentage of acres accepted--99 per cent. On the other end of the scale, Lubbock County's acceptance percentage was only 15 per cent, and Ochil-tree County's farmers had only 17.8 per cent accepted. Other neighboring counties

Combest said he was fared in an "up and down" asking the USDA to re-open situation. Bailey County had cent. Dallam County (Dalhart) gained 91 per cent, and Gaines County (Seminole) had

92 per cent. Combest told the editors that generally speaking, the USDA used wind/dust factor in approving CRP acres. In counties with "tighter soil," the acceptance ratio seemed

"I'm going to be asking the USDA to re-open bids on the three million acres which were not accepted," he said. At the present time, the USDA expects to hold another bid program in the fall, for those whose bids were not accepted.

"It appears that the USDA has no concept as to how farming operates. A farmer his financing don

prodigious affect on us from the cradle to the grave.

When you are brand new: "Poor little thing! Bald as a cue ball! We'll have to stick a bow up there with glue so everyone will know she's a girl." Or: "Look at that head of

hair! Which side of the family did that come from?" Then once you join the AARP crowd: Fellows who may have lost most of what was on top and never were able to grow any on the chest, suddenly find it sprouting out their ears and nostrils, while they stand in the shade of gargantuan eyebrows drooping over the tops of their eyeglasses.

Ladies find they no longer need to shave their legs, which frees up more time for plucking the long, wiry, black ones gowing on the chin and upper lip.

I feel sorry for men because they have to face that mirror every morning to shave off yesterday's stubble. Well, some don't! Lots of guys look distinguished in a well-trimmed moustache. But the hirsute types with beady eyes peering out over a face full of fur, just look scary. The ones who don't shave the neck, but let it grow on down to meet the chest hairs look like they belong in the zoo.

Isn't it amazing how the output of a tiny little epidermal gland has somehow become the ultimate expression of our femininity or masculinity? For many young folks, the way you wear your hair makes a statement about how rebellious you are or how well you feel about adhering to the conformity of the establishment.

In the meantime we trim it, cut it, curl it, straighten it, dye it, bleach it, brush it, braid it, tease it, twirl it, rat it, roll it, wash it, blow it, perm it, fertilize it (Rogaine), spritz it, spray it, set it, style it. . .and somewhere in between all that, we grow it. Then we pile it up, pin it down, pull it back and break it off with little rubber bands and metal bobby pins.

Hair care, for many, has become so dominant in our lives that our daily schedules revolve around "hair time." Over 75% of women and 30% of men will spend up to an hour every day working on their hair. The average person spends about \$50 a month on either getting the hair professionaly "fixed" or on do-it-yourself hair care products.

Woe is the newspaper photographer who expects a woman to let him snap her picture before she first has a chance to check her hair in the mirror. If she's having a bad hair day, you can forget the photo session until she has time to make an appointment at the salon.

Tornadoes, fires, floods, and earthquakes have to wait until the ladies get their hair done, just in case the TV camera crews want to come down and film the victims picking through the rubble. You'll remember that our tornado of June '95 was late on a Friday afternoon after most of the women had just completed their "standing" at the beauty shop.

While we've been growing hair, we've also been growing a billion dollar hair care and cosmetic industry. Look over your bathroom sink and count how many lotions, potions, gidgets and gadgets you have acquired to assist you in your effort to look good from the neck up. Hair gets more attention, care, coddling, consulting and chemicals than any other part of the body. People will put off taking care of their innards, eyes, teeth, arthritic knees, etc., while spending money and time on their hair.

We've all heard the old saying, "You can't judge a book by its cover." I sometimes wonder if we're working harder on the cover than we are on the contents.

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bids as soon as possible for the three million acres it did not accept for the CRP.

accepted, while Deaf Smith County snagged only 30 per

City Aldermen Hold Two Meetings In June

week

The Bovina Board of council and the group voted Aldermen met in regular session June 9 at 7 p.m. and again during a special meeting on June 23 at 7

At the special meeting last Monday those present were Mayor Galen Hromas, Aldermen Linda Marshall, Kevin Hughes, Kenneth Waters and Charles Wilkins.

A motion was passed to buy a computer from the Computer Store in Clovis, New Mexico for the Bovina Municipal Court. The council voted to purchase a computer for no more than \$1500 and a printer for no more than S200.

The meeting continued with Gary Pitner from Plains Regional Planning Commission speaking to the group about hiring a city manager for Bovina. He discussed common practices and issues involved in hiring and maintaining a city manager office.

No decisions were made concerning the hiring of a manager.

During the June 9 meeting those present were Mayor Hromas, Aldermen Waters, Marshall, Hughes and Wilkins.

Marshall made a motion for city workers Billy Smith and Andres Garza to present the council with a sample mobile home park ordinance by or before July 1, 1997. Hughes seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The council voted to table the purchasing of the computer for the Municipal Judge mentioned perviously.

Hughes motioned to table the DARE Program until July's meeting and for Marshall to speak to Sue Nuttall concerning the program. Marshall seconded the motion and it passed.

All bids for the old patrol

63.5 per cent of its acres in the year. If the USDA comes up with a 'new deal' in mid-year, it leaves the farmer holding the bag," Combest

> The congressman said he would conduct a pair of seminars in late June-early July to hear from the farmers and see what can be done. He hopes that the USDA will meet with the farmers, and at least show them how they can increase their "points" in the bid race.

In the meantime, another five million acres presently included in the CRP program will expire in 1998. Another two million expire in 1997, and three million in 1999.

U.S. Army

On June 25, a U. S. Army recruiter arrived in Friona to whisk David Shelby away to a four-year, or longer, career in the U.S.

Army. Shelby, a standout offen-sive back for the 1996 state semi-finalist Chieftains, has reported to Fort McClellan, Alabama, for three months of basic training. He began his school career

in Bovina ISD where he attended from kindergarten through fifth grade.

Abilene was home for the next few years until he returned to Parmer County and enrolled in Friona High School as a sophomore, graduating in 1997

In a visit with the Bovina Blade last week, Shelby said he was allowed to pick his job classification in the Army and has chosen to study as a chemical operations specialist. After his three month

basic training, and one month leave to visit friends and family, Shelby will then be stationed in Germany for the balance of his four-year enlistment.

He will receive a onemonth leave each year and said that he will have accrued \$40,000 by the end of his enlistment to be used for college tuition. If he takes college courses during his tour, the Army will pay 75% of the tuition.

However, Shelby said he is leaning toward staying on in the Army as a career but will decide after he gets more experience.

He smiles with enthusiam when he talks about the good friends and memories he will carry with him from his days at FHS.

He said he has wanted to be in the Army since he was a small child. His father, Elbert Shelby, was an Army Ranger.

He leaves with special love for his grandparents, Beulah and Bennie Shelby, who raised him and helped him realize his dream of an Army career.

said. to hire an office cleaner to clean the city office for \$25 a

Hughes made a motion to place three speed bumps on Halsell Street in front of the school after consulting with the city's engineer. He also motioned to share the cost with the school. Marshall seconded the the motion passed.

> **10th Annual Community** Service Slated For Sunday

The 10th annual community church service will be held at the Bovina city park beginning at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, June 29.

Reverend Neely C. Landrum of Bovina's United Methodist Church will deliver the message.

The annual service honors local veterans and celebrates America. Patriotic music will be sang and special solos will be performed.

After the service everyone is welcome to join in the fellowship by bringing a picnic lunch. Drinks will be provided.

Crimestoppers Receive **Phone and Other Funds**

The Parmer County Crimestoppers met for a regular meeting on June 18.

Highlights of the meeting included the announcement that Plateau Cellular Network has donated the use of a cellular phone and free airtime for the Crimestoppers hotline. This will enable Crimestoppers to better serve Parmer County.

Also, Excel Corporation of Friona presented a donation to the Crimestoppers reward fund.

Other recent donors include: Sherley-Anderson Elevators of Rhea, Lazbuddie, Farwell, Bovina and Lariat; Kelly Green; Hughes Auto;

Helton Oil; Charles Oil; Security State Bank; Friona State Bank; Muleshoe First Bank, Bovina, Muleshoe State Bank, Farwell; Houlette Petroleum; Friona Motors; Parmer County Pump; Kendrick Oil; Parmer County Implement; and Parmer County Commissioners Court.

Crimestoppers is planning to have a float in the Bull Town Days Parade and a booth at the park.

The next meeting will be July 16 at 7 p.m. at Excel's conference room.

To give a tip on crimeanonymously-call 1-800-774-TIPS.

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GRAVY 101......An average of 200 kids and grownups have been eating lunch at the school cafeteria this summer. Kindergarten teacher Barbara Charles ladles up some of the cafeteria ladies' good gravy to Maribel Salazar.

Ex-Bovinan Named To Head Dept.

Dr. Heidi Taylor, daughter of Charles and Ann Corn of Bovina, an instructor of nursing at West Texas A&M University since 1990, has been selected to succeed Dr. Joleen Walsh as head of the

WTAMU Division of Nursing. Walsh will retire August 31, and Taylor will assume her new duties on September 1.

1. "Following Dr.Walsh will be a difficult task, but she has made my work easier by leaving the Division in good standing," Taylor said. "I want to continue what we have been doing and enhance the areas that have notential." potential."

Taylor recently received her Ph.D. in nursing from Texas Women's University (TWU). She received her master of science degree in nursing from TWU in 1988 and her bachelor of science degree in nursing from WTAMU in 1982. She is a 1974 graduate of Bovina High School.

She and her husband, James, live in Amarillo and

have two children. Since 1996, Taylor has coordinated the Division of Nursing's undergraduate Abilene.



DR. HEIDI TAYLOR

program, overseeing 379 students and 20 full-time faculty.

Prior to joining the facility, she served as quality assurance and risk management coordinator for Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Amarillo.

She also worked for Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo as nurse's aide, clinical assistant, staff nurse, charge nurse, director of pediatrics and director of adult and children's health services. She worked as staff nurse, assistant head nurse and supervisor for Children's Medical Center in Dallas, and she was a behaviior modification therapist at the Abilene State School in



WHO CALLED?...Lance McClaran said he doesn't know who was calling him Sunday evening in his pickup when he dropped his phone and ran off the highway just west of Bovina totalling his pickup, but he does know he's lucky to be alive. He suffered a severely gashed arm and cuts on his legs.

Bovina Summer Lunches JUNE 30-JULY 2

MONDAY Sloppy joe on a bun, pickles, potato chips, apples, milk TUESDAY Spaghetti w/meat sauce, salad, corn, garlic toast, milk WEDNESDAY Toasted cheese sandwich, chicken and noodles, pickles, peaches, milk THURSDAY & FRIDAY HOLIDAY

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Horse Owners Will Need **EIA Regulation Update**

It's been about seven contacted with any comments, years since mandatory proof concerns or suggestions. concerns or suggestions. In mid-March the comof negative EIA status was

Effective July 1, the Texas explored with regard to EIA Animal Health Commission regulations enforcement. Conwill again require negative EIA documentation. Horses EIA documentation. Horses effectiveness, the fairness and uniform application across all 12 months of the event,

12 months of the event, contest, activity or gathering. According to the TAHC's Spring Newsletter," since September 1996, a total of 265 horses, donkeys, mules or

issues that are arising from responses that are both pro responsibility (activity coorand con regarding the new regulations. Doug House-holder serves on the ad hoc committee and should be

required on Texas horses mittee met to assure that all attending all Texas activities. options had been fully cerns exist about regulation components of the horse industry and lastly the economic ramifications of a statewide control program relative to the actual cost of

265 horses, donkeys, mules or asses have been detected to have EIA. Of those, 44 per cent were in the Southeastern region and 24 per cent were detected in Northeast Texas." The TAHC appointed an ad hoc committee to address issues that are arising from auction or at private treaty and one deals with whose dinator or horse owners) it is to assure that all exhibitors at a horse gathering have adequate EIA documentation.

NEW FACES AT THE LIBRARY....Hugo Rivera and Erika Rivera, both sixteen year old participants in the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA), have been placed at the Friona Public Library for summer employment. Erika is the daughter of Salud and Maria Rivera and Hugo is the son of Lazaro and Clementina Rivera, all of Friona. They are cousins. JTPA is sponsored by the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission of Amarillo and the **Texas Employment Commission of Hereford.**

Access To Home Health Care Could Be Jeopardized By Brenda Martinez, R.N. Director **Parmer County Community Hospital Home Health**

You may not be aware that Congress is moving quickly to change Medicare laws in ways that will drastically affect access to home health care services. Their goal is to make these final changes before the end of July.

We applaud the efforts of Congress to cut federal spending and to weed out unnecessary expenditures. However, we believe cutting home health care is not only penny-wise and poundfoolish," but will also have a devastating affect on our nation's ailing elderly and their families.

Some of the proposals under serious consideration which will cut access to care include:

•Requiring patients to pay a \$5 per visit copay for home health services. This will fall particularly hard on poorer, older, frailer Texans who may be forced to drop home health services because of the financial burden. As a result, these people are more likely to suffer acute episodes requiring hospitalization, or to be forced into nursing homes. Either choice is more

easily reaching medical services elsewhere. But persons should not be made prisoners in their home in order to receive needed home health care.

•Raising the age of eligibility for Medicare from 65 to 67, leaving many Americans with no health insurance coverage upon retirement at 65.

Some members of Congress are concerned because the use of home health care services has grown over the last several years. But there are good reasons for this growth: •Home health care saves

money, because it allows people to go home from hospitals sooner, and to avoid unwanted moves to nursing homes. Both hospitals and nursing homes are more expensive than home health care.

•Home health care works. There is evidence people get well faster at home.

•Home health keeps families together, helping each other.

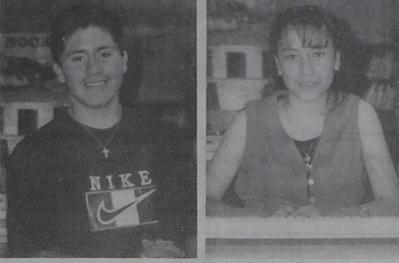
Please act quickly. Tell our representatives in Congressman Bill Archer: 6673, fax 202-225-3332, and phone 202-225-2571, fax Congressman Joe Barton: 202-225-4381; Congressman phone 202-225-2002, fax 202-225-3052.





FAREWELL PARTY.....A farewell reception was held June 19 for Ada Gant (center), a Green Thumb participant, who has been employed at Friona Public Library since May 1995. Refreshments were served to friends, coworkers, patrons and family members. She is pictured here with Darla Bracken (left), Library director. During her tenure at the Library, Ada was responsible for many duties including on-line circulation and inventory. 'Ada has been an asset to our Library and our community and we appreciate all she has done for us. We will miss her very much," Darla Bracken stated.





expensive to the taxpayer than home health care.

•Denying home health benefits to a person unless first he or she is sick enough to be confined to a hospital for at least three days. Home health care helps prevent expensive hospital stays, but this proposal would make such preventive care impossible.

•Asking federal bureau-crats to tighten up on who can qualify for home health by writing a stricter definition of "homebound." No one should qualify for home health if they are capable of

health care has been to your family and urge them not to limit access to home health care services.

Only by hearing from people like you can they come to realize that these proposals will be terrible for our elderly and their families, and will not save taxpayers money.

It is especially critical the following Texas members of Congress hear from you: Senator Phil Gramm: phone 202-224-2934, fax 202-228-2856; Congressman Tom DeLay: phone 202-225-5951, fax not available;

Aquifer Depth Shows Continued Decrease

who depend on water from the Ogallala Aquifer on the High Plains of Texas have likely experienced dramatic decreases in well yields since 1992

Annual static water level measurements in wells in the last ten years indicate the largest rate of decline since the early 1980s. Since 90 per cent of the

ground water in the High Plains Water District is used in agricultural production, this sector provides great potential for savings through water conservation.

Conservation tillage: conservation tillage helps retain soil moisture by leaving crop residues on the soil surface. The plant stubble reduces wind and water erosion. Soil moisture losses are reduced because the soil is not turned over and exposed to the air.

Furrow diking: furrow diking conserves water by forming small earthen dams that trap irrigation water or rainwater that would otherwise run off. This water can slowly infiltrate into the soil, increasing soil moisture.

Low energy precision application (LEPA): center pivot sprinkler systems can achieve irrigation application efficiencies as high as 98 per

Farmers and ranchers cent by applying water di-o depend on water from rectly in the furrow, reducing losses associated with wind drift and evaporation.

Soil moisture monitoring: this is a simple, cost-effective technique producers can use to improve irrigation water management. Gypsum blocks and tensionmeters help producers determine how much water they need to apply during irrigation to fill the root zone soil profile thus helping reduce applying too much or too little water.

Friona CC **Sponsors** Scramble

Friona Country Club will be sponsoring a Fourth of July golf scramble to be held next Friday.

The four person teams may consist of men or women or a combination of both. There is a \$20 entry fee per person or \$80 for a team.

For more information or to enter the scramble, call the Country Club at 247-3125 or Karen at 247-3737.

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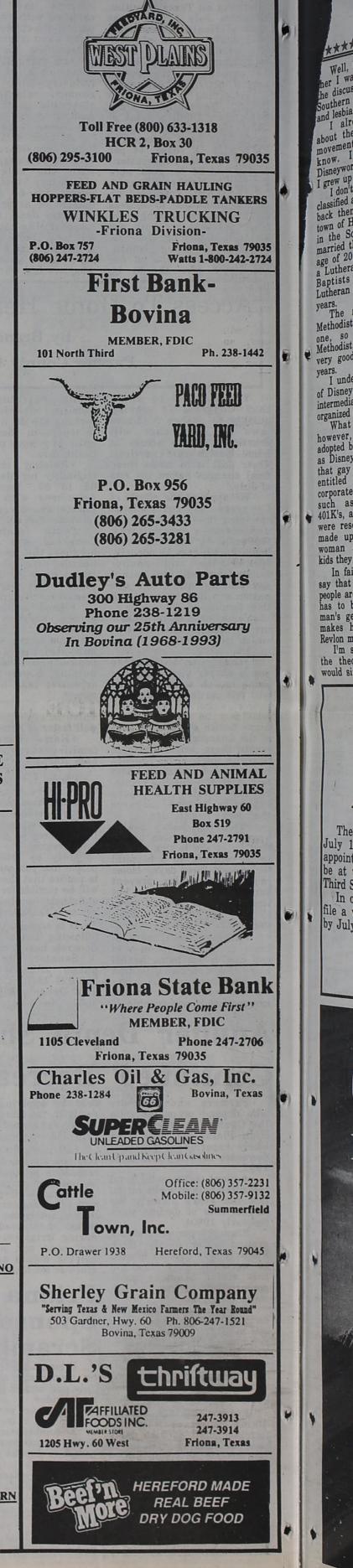
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Well, I wasn't sure whe-her I wanted to jump into the discussion about Disney, Southern Baptists and gay and lesbian partners. I already know more

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about the gay and lesbian movement than I need to know. I have been to Disneyworld many times, and I grew up a Baptist. I don't remember us being classified as Southern Baptists

back then except my hometown of Hillsboro, Texas was in the South. When I got married the first time at the age of 20, my new wife was a Lutheran so I forsook the Baptists and became a Lutheran for the next 10-plus years.

The next wife was a Methodist, as was the third one, so I have been a Methodist, too, though not a very good one, for over 20 years.

I understand the concept of Disney. I even have an intermediate understanding of

intermediate understanding of organized religion. What has eluded me, however, is the concept adopted by corporations such as Disney, IBM, and others, that gay "life partners" are entitled to be included in corporate benefit programs such as medical plans, 401K's, and other perks that were reserved for "families" made up of one man. one made up of one man, one woman and miscellaneous kids they might produce.

In fairness to all, may I say that I believe that gay people are born that way. It has to be something in a man's genetic makeup that makes him want to wear

Revlon makeup. I'm sorry, I cannot buy the theory that any man Ust, "h Sign us up." would simply decide one day more is that if the "life

that women are a turn-off "so I believe I'll find me a nice guy to sleep with."

If we think that men choose men and women choose women like a flip of the coin, then we've got some real communications barriers here.

Don't believe me? Then spend the next 24-hours convincing yourself that you probably had rather be gay. We don't understand them Noure will But they

them. Never will. But they are here. We can't erase them, stamp them out, or kill them all.

We do have the right to call the cops when they stomp across our front lawns in protest carrying signs that say "Life's not fair. We are

people too." My advice is that we all stay on your own lawn and leave others alone.

It is not any of my busi-ness, or anyone else's, how Disney and IBM spend their money. If they want to in-crease their costs by allowing "life partners" the same company benefits as married folks, that is their business. What does bother me,

though, is how easy it is to declare oneself gay or lesbian. From what I can see, all you have to do is go in and tell the boss that you now have a "partner" and they send you down to personnel to fill out the forms.

There are no wedding rings, wedding dresses or rehearsal dinners. No wedding announcements in the newspapers, secret honeymoon arrangements or state licenses.

Just, "hey, we're a pair.

What troubles me even

partnership" doesn't work out, you can just change partners. Nothing official. No hassle, no divorce lawyers, alimony,

or legal property splits. "Hey boss, I got me a new partner last night. Need to do a name change on my company insurance policy."

I am not out to eliminate the gay movement. As a friend of mine liked to say, "Let 'em all be gay. Leaves more women for us." I would like some equality though. The three

divorces I have managed cost a lot of money, not to mention emotional stress and heartache for everyone involved, except the lawyers.

A divorce is a legal action in which a lot of people like lawyers, judges, and ex'es tell a guy what he can and can't do.

You are instructed to divide your possessions. Your time with the kids is dictated by their mother (your ex) and agreed to by a judge who has probably just been through a nasty divorce himself and is not in a good mood anyway. So I think if gays and

lesbians want to enjoy the benefits of a large cor-poration, they should also be required to enjoy all the

C.J. Widner **Is Buried**

Services for C.J. "Cleo" Widner, 83, of Melrose were held Wednesday, June 25 at First Baptist Church in Melrose. The Revs. Coy Brewer and Brian McMath will officiate.

Burial followed at the

Melrose Cemetery. Mr. Widner died Sunday at Plains Medical Center in Clovis. He was born July 4, 1913, in Oklahoma.

He was raised in McAlister and had been engaged in farming at Melrose since 1940. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Melrose.

Mr. Widner is survived by two sons, Dale Widner of Friona and Jerry Widner of

benefits of wedded bliss.

Yes, let every state in the union require that the "life get married. License, ring, partners

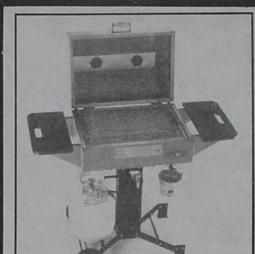
Officially. License, ring, rehearsal dinner and all. An article in the Amarillo paper last week said that the reason companies like Disney, IBM, and Apple Computer recognize gay partnerships is because if they didn't their good gay employees would leave for a company that does.

The city of San Francisco requires that any vendor that does business with the city must recognize gay partner-ships for benefits. That is not fair. In fact it is very unfair.

Think how much money states are losing in license fees and court costs because "gay partners" are not required to do anything to claim benefits.

Write your state repre-sentatives. Let's pass a law that to call yourself a family you have to be married to something. We don't care what it is, just show us the license

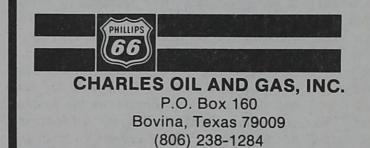
I don't think that because a person has a couple of genes that misfired they should be penalized. I just think they should be required to pay for the license to happiness like the rest of us.



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In order to be entitled to a hearing, you must file a written protest with the Appraisal District by July 3, 1997.

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Las Cruces, New Mexico; two daughter, Joyce Wallace of Aurora, Colorado, and Bonnie McMath of Estancia, New Mexico.

Also, one stepbrother, Melvin Widner of Amarillo; one stepsister, Winnie Triplett of Filer, Idaho; 10 grandchildren; and 20 greatgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Wyndol; one grandchild; two brothers; one sister; and one stepsister. Casket bearers were his

grandsons.



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KERI ANN MITCHELL AND MICHAEL DON WALDIE...Larry and Donna Mitchell of Bovina and Jerry and Oma Waldie of Madisonville, Texas invite you to celebrate the wedding of their children, Keri Ann and Michael Don, on July 26, 1997 at 5:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Bovina. Keri is a 1991 graduate of Bovina High School. She attended Sam Houston State University and plans to attend Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kansas in the fall. Michael is a 1989 graduate of Trinity High School in Euless, Texas and a 1994 graduate of Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas. He has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice and is currently pursuing his Master's Degree at Kansas State University. He is employed at Bethany College as the head baseball coach and defensive co-ordinator in the football program. The couple plan to make their home in Lindsborg. Invitations will not be sent locally; everyone is invited to attend.

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The Parmer County FSA Office, 300 Ave. B, Farwell, TX. is taking applications June 19, 1997 through July 1, 1997 for employment for a temporary field position in the Superintendent at (806) 238-1336. office.

The Bovina Independent School District is accepting bids for Depository Bank for 1997-1999. Bids will be considered at the regular July board meeting on July 14, 1997 at 8:00 p.m. Bids must be submitted on or before July 11, 1997 at 3:00 p.m. Interested bidders should contact Sue Nuttall, 48-tfnc

didates will be considered Now hiring truck drivers to haul grain in Texas. 25 years or older with Class A-CDL, (806) 647-45-5tc 5384.

Scooter's Scoops By SCOOTER RUSSELL

Plans for July 4 activities sponsored by the Bovina Chamber of Commerce are in full swing. Booths will be set up at the high school football field for food, games and crafts. A parade will begin that morning and a rally volleyball tournament will be held in the afternoon.

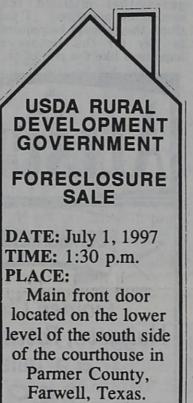
Later a barbecue meal will be served. An adult plate is \$5 and a plate for children 12 and under is \$3. Children 3 and under will eat for free.

A fireworks display will conclude the evening.

NEWS AROUND TOWN

Joe and Dorothy Looney attended the Howard reunion held in recent days at the Great Western Motel in Temple, Texas. They drove by Midland and Joe's granddaughter, Lee Brantly and her two sons took the ladies down south in Lee's

About 36 members of the family were present for the reunion and the group enjoyed playing games and visiting. Joe said she and a man from the area took first



place playing dominoes. The family went to Temple on Friday of last week and returned on Monday. Joe said they traveled through hard rains coming home.

Visitors at Nelline Spicer's home included her sister, Adele Anderson and granddaughter Erin, and Nelline's brother, Lonnie and his friend Rita from the Dallas area.

They spent five days with Nelline. During that time they went to the production of "Texas" in Palo Duro Canyon. They also drove to Santa Fe and did lots of sightseeing in the town and drove to Los Vegas, New Mexico and spent time there. They came to Bovina on Monday of last week and went home Friday.

Sandra Clayton took her dad to the Richardson family reunion held at Lindale, which is near Tyler, Texas. Her dad is Earl May of Levelland. They spent Levelland. They spent Friday night with Sandra's sister, Diane Lane in Arlington, then the reunion was held on Saturday.

The reunion was held at her cousin's home. He is Jerry Crews. Jerry hosted the reunion with about seventy-nine family members attending. ****

Lois Smith has had lots of fun with her sister, Doris Brede, of East Texas. They went to Palestine and attended her mother and father's family reunions. The Huffman reunion was held at Palestine with over 100 people attending and was held at the Civic Center The Funderburk there. family reunion hosted about sixty five family members and was held at an RV Park. Doris came home with Lois for a few days and Doris's daughter who lives in Hobbs, New Mexico will come

for her when she is ready to go home.

two years.

This week they have cousins visiting. They are Junior and Rozene Mathis. Ona said Jack's cousin married her cousin. They are enjoying a good visit with *****

Mearle Morgan is having a good time with her sister, Hazel Hawkins, who is visiting from Crawford,

Mearle said they had a good visit and enjoyed playing cards. Hazel came to Bovina on Saturday of last week and left on Thursday of

Lance McClaran had a close call when he had a wreck Sunday evening about 7:30 right outside of Bovina of FM 2290 at twin lakes. Lance was attempting to answer the telephone in his pickup when he dropped the phone and was reaching for it. He drove off into twin lakes and completely totaled his pickup. His mom said the roof of the pickup was pressed against the steering wheel. Lance suffered a bad gash

on his arm and was hospitalized over night in the Clovis hospital where they did surgery on the gash.

He came home the next day and is very fortunate that he escaped more serious injuries. He is the son of Wayne and Sue McClaran.

Floyd and Ann Lee Englant attended the Tidwell family reunion held in Danville, Arkansas. They flew to Greenbrier, which is 80 miles from Danville and spent a week with their son and his family, Tony and Angela and children.

Tony and the family then drove them to Danville where they attended the reunion held at the senior citizens building with about 63 members of the family present.

Tony is employed at an alarm company and really likes Arkansas.

While the Englants were

of Lawton, Oklahoma playe the piano at Bovina Firs Baptist Church Sunday where Eva is the organist, giving the regular pianist, Joy Melton, a chance to sing in the choir.

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Other out-of-town visitors included Eileen's daughter, Karen Lynch of Manhattan, Kansas; and Eva's daughter Mary Lou Glass of McLean, Texas.

Mary Lou's daughters, grandchildren were also here. They are Maridale and Ray Davidson and Lindsey and Lauren of Plano; Terri Luna and Jilian, Jerah and Jordan of Bartlett, Tennessee-a suburb of Memphis;Angela Burrus and Riley and Holly of Clearlake, Texas and Eva and Roy's great-grand-daughter, Sandi Kramer of Skellytown.

Eva said it was Maridale's 20th high school reunion from McLean. After the reunion, the family came to see Eva and Roy. Eva said she has to stop and think when spelling names and naming towns because she and Roy have nineteen grandchildren, forty great-grandchilren and one greatgreat grandchild.

Rev. Porfirio Mejia has been hospitalized at Baptist/ St. Anthony's in Amarillo since last Friday. He was admitted with chest pains but doctors concluded it was not his heart. He had triple bibass surgery eight months ago, according to daughter Gilda Garner.

At press time doctors had diagnosed a blood infection from an unknown cause as the trouble. He has been moved from ICU unit but is still very ill.

He and his wife, Patsy, have recently moved back to their home in Memphis, Texas. They had been living in Bovina for several months due to health reasons. Their local daughters are Esther Steelman and Gilda.



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Texas.

this week. ****

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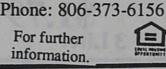
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If you are interested in volunteering for this committee, please submit your name, address and phone number to Mr. Ron Trusler, Executive Director, at 2700 Yonkers, Plainview, TX. 79072. 3tc



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Earlier, Lois went about five hundred miles to Saquoro, New Mexico and spent time with her son. Larry Smith.

Tonya Gober drove to Vinita, Oklahoma and spent time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Ivy. The Ivys were residents of Bovina many years ago. They raised their family here.

Jack and Ona Patterson attended the Patterson family reunion held at the community center in Colony, Oklahoma. Ona said there were gobs of people there. They have this reunion every

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The family of Togal "T.D." Stanberry, Harold Stanberry Dean and Wendy Stanberry and family **Danny Stanberry** Brenda and Reggie McNeely and family eserviseseseseseseseseses

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DEADLINE for Classified Advertising in the Bovina Blade's Saturday issue is 5 p.m. Tuesday away their children in Bovina remodeled their home and put a cooling system in. The kids did a lot of work and Ann Lee and Floyd really appreciated it.

Roy and Eva Miller recently had company. Eva's sister, Eileen Miller

> Oh My Heaven... He's 37!!

> > -MIKE-

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To rete Stormes

A bridal shower for Tammy Stormes, bride elect of Chris Jones, will be Friday, July 11, 1997, 4-5:30 p.m. at the Bovina bank.

Selections are at Celia's . Floral Expressions, Pay N Save and Roden Smith in Clovis.

Hostesses are Karen Kirkpatrick, Donna Mitchell, Alice Stone, Debra Beauchamp, Suzan Hughes, Honey Gist, Susan Kerby, Twyla Gallaway, Barbara Charles, Kay Venable, Dorothy Stowers, Judy Hromas, Pam Bell and Denise Jones.

Happy Birthday Bovina

Area birthdays for the week of Jun 29-Jul 6. Jun 29-Celia Quintana.

Jun 30-Colletta Young. Jul 1-Brandie Munoz,

Teresa Serna. Jul 2-Martha Schilling,

Edna Woelfel.

Jul 3-Shannon Wilburn, Liz Kessler.

Jul 6-Janie Sudderth. To add a friend or relative to our Blade birthday roster, call 238-1523, or write Drawer B, 79009.

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BOVINA RURAL HEALTH CLINIC WILL CLOSE

EFFECTIVE JULY 18, 1997

Copies of medical records may be obtained by contacting the Bovina Rural Health Clinic at (806)238-1260 or in person at 509 Ave. I in Bovina until July 18. After July 18, medical records will be located at the Friona Medical Clinic in Friona (see address below).

The following clinics are accepting new patients: Friona Hereford Women & Medical Clinic **Children's Health Clinic** 1307 Cleveland 205 W. 4th St. Friona, TX 79035 Hereford, TX 79045 (806) 247-2781 (806) 364-2401 **OB & Children Services**