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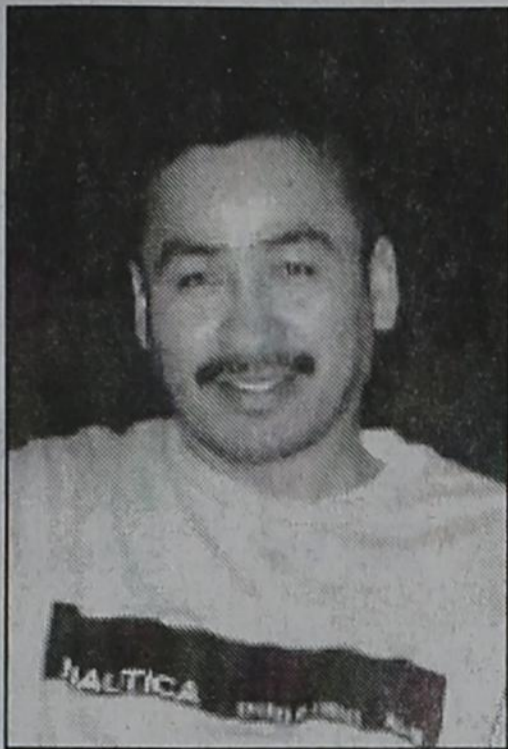
## Ex-Bovinan Exhibits Heroism In San Angelo

A former Bovina resident, Adam Mejia, was instrumental in saving the life of a man who lives in the same apartment complex as Mejia in San Angelo.

On June 16, just after 7 p.m., Mejia called Billie Chisum, manager of the Chimney Rock Apartments, to say he was hearing his downstairs neighbor calling for help. The man's apartment door was locked, Mejia explained, so he couldn't get in.

"We unlocked the door and found the man lying on the couch. He is a diabetic, and his blood sugar had slipped very low without his realizing it. He had apparently passed out, and when he came to, he was not able to move," Chisum said.

"All he could do was call out. Adam Mejia immediately called 911. We gave the man orange juice, which helped some. The fire department ambulance arrived in a matter of minutes.



ADAM MEJIA

"They took his blood pressure and did a blood test. He was then taken to the

emergency room to be checked. The doctor told him that when the sugar count goes as low as his, death can be very sudden," the apartment manager said.

"When a man saves the life of another, I believe that he should be acknowledged and honored. Adam says he is no hero, but I strongly disagree, and so does his neighbor. If he had not heard the man and acted quickly, we'd have lost him.

"It's wonderful to know we have 911 services and people available who are capable and caring and able to make such a miracle happen. Thanks to all of them," Chism concluded."

Adam Mejia is a graduate of Bovina High School, and is the brother of Gilda Garner and Esther Steelman, Bovina residents.



WHERE'S THE BEEF...Coach Tony Epps demonstrates blocking techniques for the Mustang offensive and defensive lineman candidates. Mustang workouts began Monday. First game is August 30 at Texico. ron carr photo

BACK TO SCHOOL

## It's Almost School Time

It is the time of year that makes many parents happy and most kids sad. Only one more week of summer vacation.

The first day of school for Bovina students is Monday, August 19. Teachers will begin their school year next week as they observe workdays August 14-16.

At press time, school officials said that all teaching and staff positions had been filled after a hectic summer of resignations, interviews and hiring.



Shown above and below are candid scenes from St. Ann's Annual Summer Jamaica.

(Photos by Ron Carr)

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MY MHS CLASS of 1955 lost its leader last week. Gordon Wilson was elected president of his (and my) senior class in the fall of 1954. It seems like he held the job for 48 years.

When our class began to have reunions, Gordon took up the task. No one told him "You've got to do this." They didn't have to.

So, he just naturally "appointed himself" to be in charge of our class reunions when it came time to have one. He might delegate jobs here and there, but he was in charge. It's a little late now, but thanks, Gordon.

Gordon loved his classmates. Well, he loved people, period. My friend lost a battle with brain cancer on July 31, and was mourned by an entire city at his funeral on Friday.

Gordon owned and operated Wilson Appliance on Muleshoe's Main Street for 35 years. His love of people carried over into his business.

Gordon's son-in-law, Val Durrington, stated at the funeral that Gordon often answered a call on Christmas morning, asking if he could come explain how to work the new television set, or VCR. He'd leave his own family temporarily to oblige a customer--and friend. "I know he did, because I accompanied him at least once," Durrington said.

Durrington also told the story about when he and his wife Kendra had decided they wanted to get married. Both were attending Abilene Christian University, and her parents were coming to Abilene for a visit.

"I was worrying about how to bring up the subject; didn't want to mess it up. About the time we got seated at our restaurant, Gordon looked at me and said 'Don't you think it's about time you married this girl and took her off our hands?'"

I would imagine that 98 per cent of the people attending the service felt just like I did--that they had lost a great friend. Gordon took friendship seriously. He wasn't the type who might be your friend one day and not the next. Wasn't his nature.

Gordon liked to "cut up," and have a good time, it was stated in his eulogy. That came as no surprise to Ye Editor, who remembers him as a fun-loving guy when we were growing up together.

As we have done at class reunions, several classmates met at the home of Kenneth and Darlene Henry after last Friday's funeral. Darlene, who has been elected "mother hen" for our out-of-town classmates, fixed a lunch for the eight of us.

Then we had time to reflect on the good times we had had with our friend. Clinton Dillard drove up from Plano for the funeral. He and I have been best pals since junior high. Clinton produced pictures from a trip to Austin by several of us, for a state basketball tournament. In a couple of the photos, there was Gordon, with his big, captivating smile.

Besides Clinton, Darlene and her sister Marlene (the Black twins) and myself, the other classmate present at the Henrys' home was Eugene Shaw. He and Gordon played in virtually every football and basketball game and track meet they could have while in junior high and high school.

Shaw was quarterback of the football team, and when he went under center, Gordon was the guy snapping the ball, just prior to knocking his opposing lineman on his keester. Gordon and Eugene were also co-captains of the basketball team in '55.

Condolences to Marilyn, the children and grand-kids. Thanks for sharing Gordon with the rest of us.

## Bull Town Bulletins

by Bill Ellis



Musicians Paul & Christy Newberry

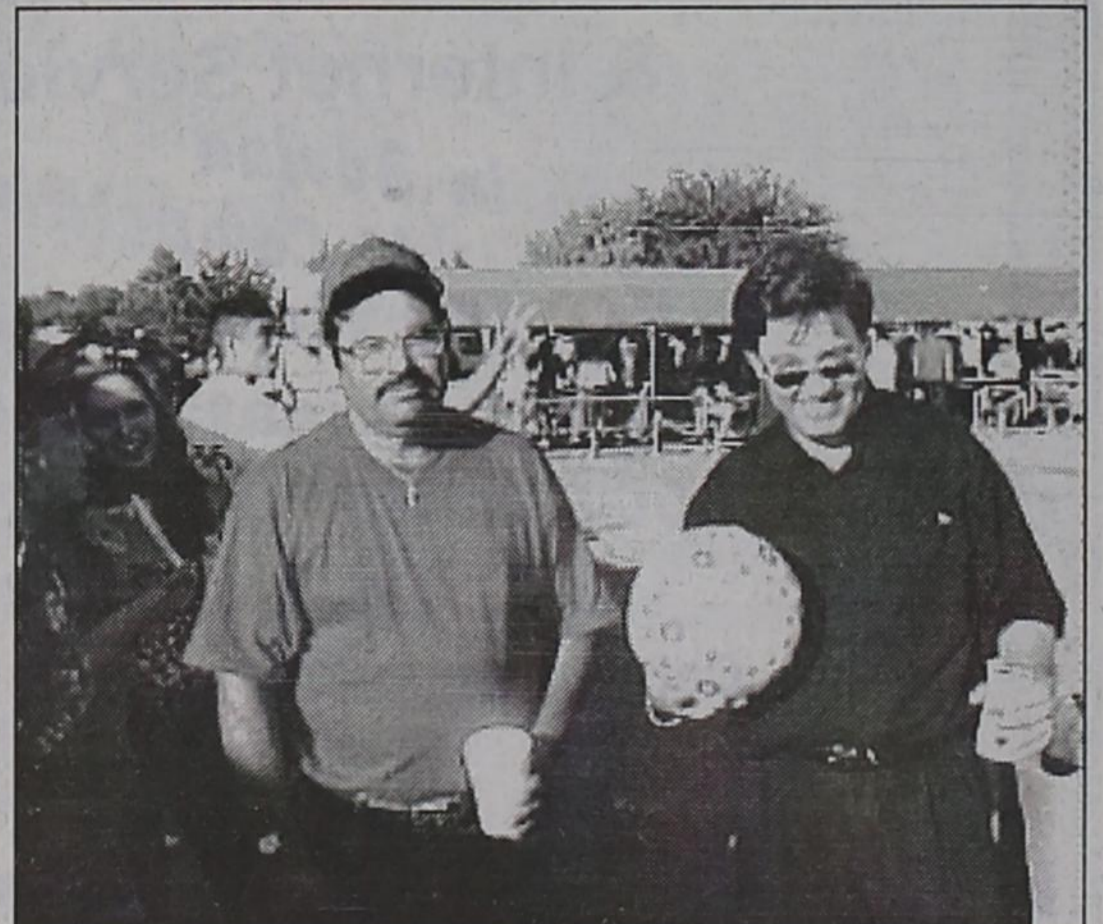
## Bovina FBC Revival Scheduled Aug. 11-14

Music Evangelists and recording artists Paul and Christy Newberry from Sanger, Texas will direct the music and provide special music during revival meetings 7 p.m. nightly August 11-14 at Bovina's First Baptist Church, located at Third Street and Avenue D.

Since entering full-time evangelism in 1981, Paul and Christy have ministered in over 1,000 churches throughout the United States, singing in revivals, concerts, conferences and camps. They have made four gospel recordings that are available

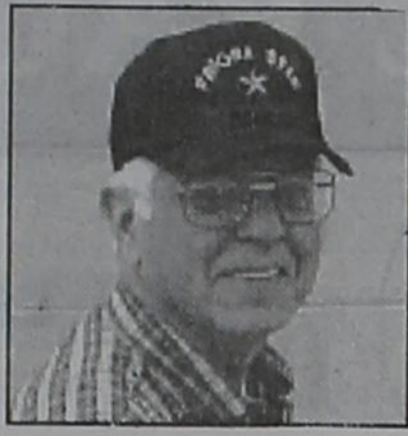
on cassette tape and CD. The evangelist who will lead the services is Dr. Rick Ingle. A full time evangelist, he has conducted over eleven hundred revivals and crusades across the world. He graduated from Eastern and Immanuel Baptist Colleges and also from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He holds both the Doctor of Divinity and Doctor of Literature degrees and is the author of six books.

Pastor Aaron Reed invites the public to all the revival service. A nursery will be provided for all services.



ST ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH deacon Jose Vela and Father Juan Carlos enjoy the festivities at St. Ann's recent jamaica celebration. Over \$11,000 was raised for the church during the Sunday event.





# Out Here

by Ron Carr

"Do You Solemnly.....So Help You God?"

# Lottie Bails Submits Her Life Story For Printing

Every month a resident of Prairie Acres Nursing Home submits a story about his/her life's history to be submitted in the home's newsletter, "The Prairie Times," and for printing in this issue. This month we feature Lottie Bails, a former resident.



LOTTIE BAILS

By LOTTIE BAILS  
I was born in Childress County, Texas on October 26, 1922 to Bert and Ida Hadley. In 1925 our family moved to a farm ten miles south of Friona and lived there until 1959 when my parents sold their farm and moved to town.

I met Leo Bails who worked for several farmers around the Friona area. We were married on November 1, 1940. When Leo and I married, he was employed on the Clyde Goodwine farm a mile south of Friona. He and Clyde built the house at the end of the road coming south out of town, and this was our first home. Our first child was born, a daughter, Charlotte Marie, on June 27, 1941. We moved to Amarillo in 1942 and Leo went to work for American Smelter and Refining. Here our second child, a boy, Hadley Harold, was born on June 16, 1943. In August 1943, we moved back to Friona and farmed the Mayme Adams place until 1945 when we move to our present home six

miles south of Friona. In 1946 we bought 320 acres from the Syndicate Land Company for seventy-five dollars an acre. The year 1947 was an exciting time for all: had a good crop, our third child was born, a daughter Rebecca Mae on August 8. That was also the year we bought our first new car. We made our first trip to Ohio to visit Leo's family whom he had not seen in eleven years and the rest of the family had never met. In June of 1977 our fourth child was born, a boy Kenneth Leo. Charlotte Marie married Donn Tims in December 1957. They had three sons. They farm near Texico, New Mexico. Rebecca (Becky) married Sherman Martin. They had five children. They live in House, New Mexico. Kenneth Leo married Debbie Issac in June 1977 and had two sons. We started collecting antiques in the fifties and then in the late sixties began buying Classic cars. We now have six Classic cars. We are members and attend the 10th Street Church of Christ in Friona. We were also members of the Friona Antique Club, the Eastern New Mexico Auto Club and the Pierce Arrow Society of America. I am a member of the Prairie Acres Auxiliary.

How dishonest, secretive and sleazy would you be for \$660 million?

Let's say you did a job for some folks and the payoff was way more than you planned. Actually before you began the job you knew there was a lot of potential profit but the final figure was so astounding even you couldn't believe your good fortune.

In fact, it was so much money that you were embarrassed about the amount and didn't want the folks you worked for to know much about what you did (or didn't do) to get it. You were overpaid but too bad, no way the folks were getting it back. You took the money and ran.

For the last few weeks here at Out Here University (OHU), we have been studying the issue of greed vs. integrity. We have deduced that there is whole gob of the former, and not so much of the latter.

When money and power are involved, integrity is destined for the dumper. One could say that with enough money one could buy loads of integrity. Not to mention booze, women and fast cars. If one were so inclined.

There is a case here in Texas that rivals Enron, WorldCom, or any other corporate ripoff currently on the front pages. But for most Texans the Texas Tobacco Lawyer ripoff has faded with time, especially those who hated tobacco in the first place.

We received a press release in July written by a John Butler. He is from Houston and is chairman of Texans for Reasonable Legal Fees (that's really funny) and a consulting petroleum engineer.

With all due respect to

my personal attorney, Bobby Bobby, P.C., whose main (and only) office is in Lubbock, this is about what appears to be lawyer greed brought on by the sheer amount of money that rained down from the tobacco lawsuit cloud.

Not that you care. Especially if you are a non-smoker. Don't worry, you'll get yours when the state sues the fast food industry. That'll be different for you won't it?

When the State of Texas filed a lawsuit against Big Tobacco a few years back, Attorney General Dan Morales hired five private personal injury lawyers to try the case.

They engineered a deal that paid them \$3.3 BILLION in legal fees. The clients in the case were the people of Texas. The Big Tobacco lawsuit was settled for \$17 BILLION.

Morales tried to weasel one of his lawyer friends into the deal for \$1 million in spite of the fact his friend did nothing on the case. Morales is alleged to have produced a document with a forged date showing his friend was hired too. Both Morales and the lawyer friend dropped the claim when present Attorney General John Cornyn took the matter to court.

Cornyn also has tried for three years to get the five lawyers to produce time sheets, or records, or other documentation to justify the legal fees paid.

In Mr. Butler's article he says, "In fact, it required three years, thousands of hours of legal work, and a decision by the United States Supreme Court to make these five lawyers explain how they got their \$150,000-plus an hour sweetheart deal."

Butler writes that three other prominent lawyers, one a former president of the Texas Bar Association, made sworn statements that they were asked, but refused, to make a \$1 million payment in order to join the team of private lawyers working for the state.

In other words, there was so much money at stake, Morales gave lawyers an opportunity to "buy-in" the deal.

In addition to the \$3.3 BILLION in fees, Butler says the five were reimbursed \$40 million in expenses. And the contract they signed with the state was "changed" numerous times while the lawsuit was going on, no doubt to their benefit.

If you divide the \$3.3 BILLION five ways, each lawyer would receive \$660 million. That is \$904,109 every day, seven days a week, for two years. Or to make it clearer, \$660 million divides out to \$37,671 per hour, every hour, every day, for two years.

Multiply the numbers by five and you see the concern of Attorney General Cornyn and John Butler. How can they justify the money for the actual hours spent? They can't. Not to peons like you and me.

Lawyers will argue that the five could have ended up with nothing, zip, nada. They will say that the five lawyers took the case on a contingency fee basis and if Big Tobacco had won the lawyers wouldn't have gotten a dime.

The question remains whether the five paid money to Morales for a contract, whether they lied about the amount and time of expenses incurred in the case, and did they have conflicts of interest

and breach their responsibility to their clients, the people of Texas.

You'll never find out. They are not talking. And the money Big Tobacco is paying to the state is not all going to medical care for sick smokers like it was intended.

If the five lawyers haven't done anything wrong, why can't they just explain that \$150,000 an hour is not unreasonable for a good lawyer. Especially if it saves one smoker.

So to Byron, Bryan, Kathryn, Bobby Bobby or Mark.....if you want a chance at rebuttal you can be a guest columnist and state your views.

Just write your request on a \$50 bill and send it to me c/o OHU, P.O. Box 789. Sine non quid pro quo. Whatever!

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FUN OUTING....Prairie Acres Nursing Home residents and employees recently went on an outing to Friona City Park where they enjoyed eating watermelon.

### Clinic Set Aug. 21, 22

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic at Parmer County Community Hospital, 1307 Cleveland Avenue in Friona on August 21 and 22.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing breast self-exam each month.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening mammogram. Each woman will receive a breast health risk appraisal and individual instruction by an RN in breast self-examination.

Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.



FRIONA COOKOUT...Kenda and Louis Dunnam, at right, owners of the Sugar Shack, fill a meat order for Friona Mayor John Taylor. The Dunnams are selling grilled ribs, chicken, turkey legs and sausage for the lunch crowd on Saturdays only.



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## Around Town

### Ladies self-defense class Aug 17

As a community service, a ladies self defense class will be offered on Saturday, Aug 17, at 8 a.m. There will be no charge. Friona Police Chief Scott Given will be the instructor. The location will be Highway 60 & Grand. The class is limited to 20 ladies. For more info call 250-2184. Ask for Chris.

### Amarillo arts & crafts festival

The 6th annual Amarillo Summer Arts & Crafts Festival will be held Aug 10 & 11 in the Amarillo Civic Center. Artists and crafters from throughout the Southwest will be on hand with original art, limited edition prints and handcrafted items. Hours for the festival are Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

### Chieftain band & flag practice to begin

The Chieftain Band will begin the new school year with practices August 12, 13, & 15 at 7 p.m. at the high school band hall. Bring your instrument and be ready to play. If you use a school instrument, come at 6:30 so you can check it out. Flag practice will begin August 6 at 9:30 a.m. at the high school band hall.

### Chieftain Band Booster meeting Aug 15

The Chieftain Band Boosters will meet Thursday, Aug 15 at 8:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. Election of officers and planning for the 2002-03 school year are on the agenda.

### ACT test deadline Aug 23

Students who wish to take the ACT on Sep 28 need to register by the Aug 23 deadline. Registration forms are in the counselor's office at Friona High School or students can register online at www.act.org. All colleges and universities in Texas accept the ACT for admission. The ACT will be given at Friona High School on the following dates: Sep 28, Oct 26, Dec 14, and Jun 14, 2003.

### Hub Cowboy Fellowship Aug 20

You are invited to join the fellowship and worship at the Hub Community Center, Tuesday, Aug 20. Services start at 7 p.m. Speaker is Jack Patterson and music will be furnished by Jim and Rhonda Murphree. Everyone is invited to this non-denominational gathering for the whole family.

### FHS class of '87 reunion

The Friona high school class of 1987 will have a 15-year reunion Sep 13-14 during the annual Maize Days celebration. Dr. Jeff Dixon has requested anyone with current addresses or contacts for class of '87 members please send them to him at 906 Euclid, Friona, 79035, or email to jeffd@wrtt.net, or drop the info by his office at the Friona clinic.

### Museum needs historical items

The Pioneer Heritage Museum in Friona is accepting donated items for the museum display. If you or someone you know has a little piece of history to donate, contact Mary Johnston, 250-2588; Wendy Carthel, 250-3491; or Darla Bracken, 250-3200. The museum will open once enough items are collected for display.

### FHS class of '77 sets reunion

The Friona High School Class of 1977 will be having a 25th reunion on Saturday, August 31 at the K-Bob's Annex in Hereford at 6:30 p.m. They need addresses, phone numbers or e-mail addresses from class members. Please send information, call or e-mail to: Melodi Dixon Woosley, 5413 Leo Lane, Amarillo, TX 79110, 806-359-8987 or e-mail to melodi.woosley@amaisd.org.

### Meet the Chiefs & Squaws Aug 26

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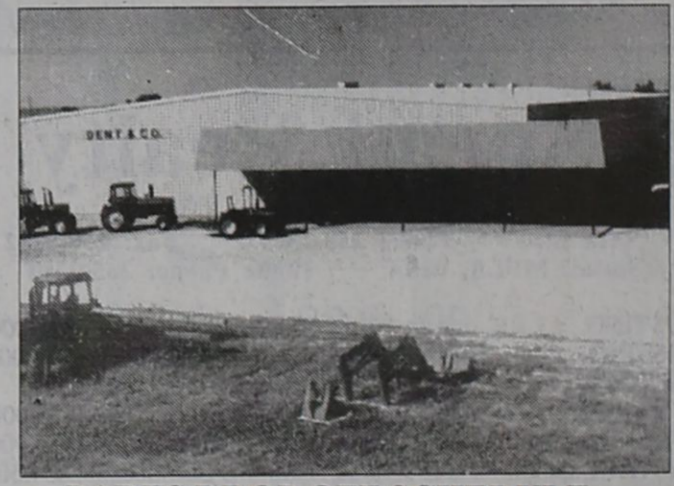
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