

Bull Town Bulletins



By Bill Ellis

THE OLYMPICS are completely different from the way they were a hundred years ago, when the "modern" games were revived with nine nations competing in Greece.

The main difference is the fact that when the Olympics were resumed in 1896, they brought together the world's most outstanding amateur athletes to compete in the various sports.

The 1996 Olympics seem to match "the best teams money can buy." Making the professional athletes eligible, granted, allows the best athletes in a country to compete. But, we seem to have gotten away from the basic idea of the games.

The all-amateur status lasted well past the halfway point of the 20th century. You know that in 1936, for instance, when Jesse Owens gave Hitler an upset stomach by winning the gold medal, and when Paul Fortenberry's brother Joe played on the first gold-medal basketball team, the U. S. athletes were strictly amateur.

The U. S. government no doubt gave Owens, Fortenberry and their teammates free ship passage to Germany, but that was probably about it. We wouldn't be surprised if the athletes didn't have to buy their own meals.

So dedicated to an amateur Olympic team was our country in the early part of this century, that it stripped a U.S. Olympic winner of his gold medals, after it was discovered that the athlete was paid \$5 or \$10 to play a semi-pro baseball game prior to the 1912 games.

Jim Thorpe, probably our country's best Native American athlete, was the easy winner of the decathlon (a 10 event marathon) that year. The American officials returned the medals and they were awarded to a Swedish athlete.

Seventy years later, the medals were restored to Thorpe posthumously, but it was a little late for the athlete who won them.

By the 1970s, it became evident that various countries, mainly the Communist bloc, were sending a paid national team to the Olympics. These athletes trained year-around, and had much better success than the "volunteer" athletes from other countries.

After watching our top amateurs compete against the "pros" a few times, the U.S.O.C. lifted the ban against professionals trying for our Olympic teams. That opened the door for our American men's basketball team to be basically the NBA all-stars.

That's well and good, but Ye Editor has gotten a kick this week when the Italian policeman won the silver medal in the shot put, and the Canadian sprinter, a "weekend warrior" who followed his training sessions with a stop at his local pub, won the 100-meter dash.

Yes, Noel, we think it would indeed be laughable if these millionaire members of the "Dream Team" were to get beat by Croatia, or one of the other countries who could barely afford to get their teams to Atlanta.

But isn't it exciting, getting to watch these bright young folks competing every four years on the world stage? And, wasn't it much more moving this week to watch the men's track star, Texan Michael Johnson unashamedly let the tears run down his cheek while on the medal stand, as the national anthem was being played?

It's too bad that, with 200 of the world's nations looking on, someone felt the need of planting the pipe bomb in the Olympic Centennial Park. We just can't seem to function as a free people anymore, without some sick member of our society bombing a building, bombing a plane or just bombing a group of people enjoying themselves at a public gathering.

Our athletes have done exceptionally well. Atlanta has staged a wonderful Olympics. But the 1996 games will forever have that bad memory to taint all of the good ones.

Prairie Acres: Two Thumbs Up

The Texas Department of Human Services' nursing home survey group inspected Prairie Acres from July 22-24 for the facility's annual survey and re-certification.

Upon completing the survey, the group noted no deficiencies in either the life safety code or the general and nursing categories.

"This is very unusual, and reflects our excellent and superior staff, residents and community support and dedication that Prairie Acres was founded on and continues to strive for," said Jo Blackwell, administrator. "Thanks to all the staff members for their extra work and for caring. This survey reflects a superior staff," Mrs. Blackwell said.

Retain That Which Is Thine

By Wales Madden, Jr.

"Render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's yet retain unto thee that which is thine."

In April, Governor Bush named an independent and a diverse group of 17 Texans to serve on the Citizens' Committee on Property Tax Relief. The committee, broadly representative of the classes and culture of Texas, brings personal experience as taxpayers as well as expertise on the impact of taxes and jobs and our ability to keep and attract business.

"The role of the committee is to determine the will of Texas. The citizens' committee will take Texas' temperature and gauge whether our state is ready to take action to provide property tax relief," Governor George Bush said in accounting the committee last April.

The committee has scheduled fourteen Town Hall Meetings around the state to seek public input about rising school property taxes and possible ways of replacing those taxes with a fairer way to raise revenue. Alternatives to the school property tax could include a gross receipts tax, a business activity tax, expanding the sales tax or a combination of those taxes. It would not include an income tax.

The meeting for the Panhandle area is scheduled to be held in Amarillo on Thursday, August 22 at 9:30 a.m. in the Garden Center at the Amarillo Medical Center. Those wishing to make comments will sign registration cards. Everyone expressing a desire to speak will be given the opportunity.

During the past ten years, Texas property tax rates have more than doubled. Our property taxes have climbed faster than in all other states but two. The school tax accounts for approximately sixty per cent of all property taxes and the increases have come in a period when the tax base has been stagnant. That's a double whammy for us.

The burden imposed by property taxes on rural Texas is particularly oppressive. The old panacea that the cost of living in smaller towns and on farms and ranches is lower than the cost in cities is a cop-out. Folks in rural communities might be resourceful and resilient, but they do not have the same menu of earning opportunities as that afforded their city cousins. Finding a second job to supplement income received from the first job is just a tad tougher.

O.K., a majority of us agree that property taxes are the pits; but if we ax the school property tax in its entirety, we have to generate in excess of \$10 billion a year to replace it. The change must be revenue neutral.

Think about it—\$10 billion a year. Even if you whisper it, the task blooms like a giant West Texas dust devil on a hot July day.

As I mentioned a moment ago, our options are limited. Governor Bush admonished us to exclude consideration of an income tax. It seems as though our alternatives are:

- *a business activity tax (depending on how this is calculated, this could include the value-added concept);
- *a business gross receipts tax (this could be assessed on all types of businesses: corporations, partnerships, proprietorships and other entities);
- *expansion or increasing the rate of the sales tax; or
- *a combination of the above.

Again, please keep in mind that for every dollar taken from the school property tax fund, a dollar must be found from some source other than an income tax. We need your help in evaluating these sources.

Governor Bush sincerely wants to hear from you. Our committee is the conduit for your ideas. Plan on attending the Town Hall Meeting in Lubbock on Thursday, August 29, even if you have to drive a mile or three to get there.

Finally, a Town Hall Meeting is the perfect forum for venting steam. That is normal and acceptable. In this meeting, we also want your positive input on possible solutions. We want to construct, not destroy.

(Wales Madden, Jr. is a member of the Citizens' Committee on Property Tax Relief.)



COPY CATS.....The cafeteria is not the only thing that will be new at school this year. Shown taking lessons on the new duplicator machine in the superintendent's office are, l-r, Celia Quintana, Darlene Miller, Stephanie Birdsong, and Suezy Smith.

Nice Rains Reach The Farmland

"It's beautiful" is the way most area farmers have termed the recent July rains.

According to Maggie Moore, official rain gauge person, Bovina received 3.06 inches of rain in July for a 1996 total of 6.55 inches.

Other reports from around the area reveal that rainfall has been spotty and erratic so far. Some areas, like south of Bovina, received several inches. Mike Beauchamp was smiling because he shut his irrigation pumps off for a few days.

The Rhea community has reported several inches, but a few miles east, farmers received less than an inch.

According to experts, the cotton, corn, and milo crops should be among some of the best in a long while.

Harry Johnson at Sherley Grain reports that since the rain has slowed their field activities, not many farmers have been at the elevator. "Guess they all are so happy they left town," he smilingly observed.

HEAT Date Changed To Aug. 17

Recently, Parmer County Crime Stoppers announced a statewide vehicle registration program known as Texas HEAT (Help End Auto Theft).

The goal of HEAT is to reduce auto theft in the state of Texas. There is no charge for registration. Donations to Parmer County Crime Stoppers will be accepted.

The registration date in Friona has been changed from August 10 to August 17.

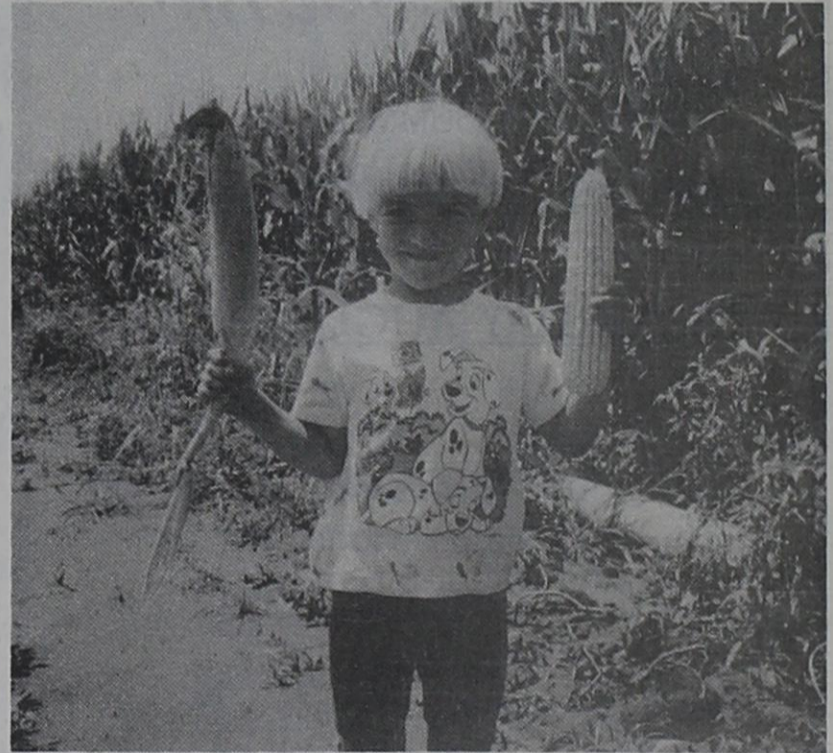
The two remaining registration dates are:

RHEA-August 3-8 a.m. to 12 p.m.-Rhea Community Center.

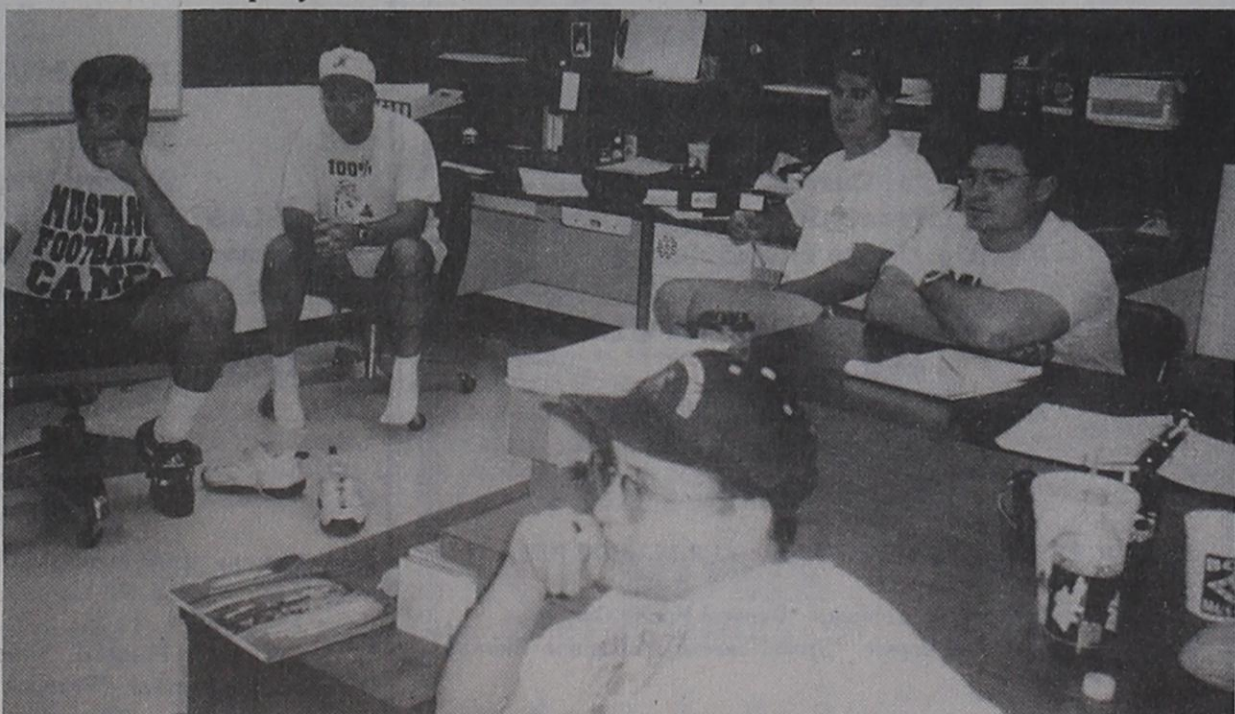
FRIONA-August 10-10 a.m. to 3 p.m.-Friona State Bank.



NO GREASE.....Cafeteria manager Cathy Riley and construction manager Mike Green newly installed vent-a-hood in the kitchen area of the cafeteria. With school starting in less than two weeks, workmen are hurrying to have the cafeteria ready for the students.



AW SHUCKS!.....Around the county, the rains have helped with a tall and pretty corn crop. Farmers predict one of the best crops in years. Megan Carr shows off a couple of ears of corn which she picked after getting a couple of little muddy feet.



HMMMMM! NICE PLAY.....Head Coach Bobby Ortiz and his Mustang coaching staff are already at work on the 1996-97 football season as they were recently assembled to watch game films.



Bull Town Days Scheduled

It is time to think about Bovina's Bull Town Days. The Chamber of Commerce has scheduled the annual event for August 10.

The Chamber of Commerce will cook hamburgers from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m.. There will also be a Coke wagon.

Food booths of any kind are encouraged, as well as game or craft booths. There will be no charge for booth space.

At this time, there is a parade, little buckaroo rodeo, and dance have been scheduled.

Suzan Hughes is parade chairman and says they need floats and entries. Contact Suzan for information..

There will also be many children's activities scheduled.

Anyone interested in helping with Bull Town Days, or anyone who would like a booth, can call Mary Steelman at 238-1252, or Brian Galloway at 238-1324.



MORE TRASH.....After a column in last week's Blade about trash in city park, Monday arrived with the park littered even more than usual. Blade editor Ron Carr gathered up some of the debris.

Greg Black 10K Run Is August 10

The Greg Black Memorial 10K Run will be held Saturday, August 10 at the Hereford and Vicinity YMCA, 500 East 15th Street in Hereford.

Starting time is 8 a.m. The entry fee is \$8.00 in advance per person or \$10.00 the day of the race. Registration is set from 7-7:45 a.m. that morning.

Divisions include: 10K, male 13 and under, 14-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50 and over; 10K, female, same as men; two mile run, male and female, open; two mile walk, male and female, open; and wheelchair division, male and female, open.

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NEW VISITOR WALK.....Work was completed on a new sidewalk on the visiting team side at Mustang Field. The visitors bleachers were moved back to make room for the new walk and plans to refinish the visiting bleachers are under consideration.

REFLECTIONS

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

40 YRS AGO-AUG 22 1956

Labor Day, September 3, will mark the beginning of Bovina Schools for the 1956-57 school year. School buses will run their regular routes and registration of students will be held during the first day of the new school year.

The faculty of the school is "almost, but not quite" complete, according to Warren Morton, the new superintendent of the schools. Morton comes to Bovina from Chillicothe.

"It sure was," Paul Jones replied when asked if the grand opening of his new Texaco Service Station on Highway was successful. Some 300 people registered during the grand opening on Saturday, August 18.

35 YRS AGO-AUG 23 1961

"We took a pretty good country licking." That was the way Coach Hallie Gee summed Monday night's scrimmage session here between his Bovina Mustangs and the Class A Kress Kangaroos.

Three Parmer County men, injured in a head-on collision near Clay's Corner last Thursday morning, are now recovering satisfactorily. Sam White of Oklahoma Lane, who was in critical condition shortly after the accident, is reported "much improved" at a Muleshoe hospital. Two other men, Donny Waller, 23, a Friona farmer, and Leo Ruzicka, 39, manager of West Hub Gin, are reported in good condition, but are still confined to area hospitals.

Elected to head Bovina Rodeo and Roping Club for the coming year are Wendell Garner, president; Al Kerby, secretary-treasurer; and C. E. Trimble, vice president.

30 YRS AGO-AUG 24 1966

General rain, almost uncommon in this area, soaked Parmer County with farmer-pleasing moisture. Weekend totals west of Bovina were reported to be in excess of five inches. The rain was heavier Saturday and Sunday west and north of town than it was south

and east.

"This one was the best ever," seemed to be the consensus of opinion Bovinians and visitors in regard to the 1966 Bull Town Days celebration. Named queen of the celebration was Pam Grissom, 14, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Grissom.

Roger's Barber Shop has been sold to Elmer (Mach) McKay, by Jerry Rogers, who has operated the business here since 1959.

25 YRS AGO-AUG 25 1971

The 1971-72 school year got underway here Monday with an opening day enrollment total of a 632 figure, surpassing by 42 last year's enrollment on opening day, and is a new record.

Bovina's eighth annual community-wide celebration, Bull Town Days, was staged here Thursday, Friday, and Saturday as thousands of people turned out for the three-day celebration. Named queen of Bull Town Days '71 was Bonny Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Jones of Bovina. Terri Willard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Willard, was first runnerup.

20 YRS AGO-AUG 25 1976

First-day enrollment in Bovina schools totaled 501, it was announced Tuesday by Superintendent of Schools, L. F. Jacobs.

Bovina's 13th annual Bull Town days celebration ended here on Sunday, after a full four-day run, which saw everything from a horse show to almost anything.

Named Bull Town Queen on Thursday night, to reign over the festivities, was Tamra Read, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Read. She was sponsored in the contest by Bovina's Dairy Freeze.

15 YRS AGO-AUG 26 1981

Dr. L. Lane Gober has

joined the medical and dental staff, Memorial Hospital at Gulfport, for the practice of nephrology in association with Dr. Douglas Lanier. Lane is the son of Lloyd and Francis Gober.

Parmer County Spraying was the victim of a break-in, in which several things were taken, including a number of important papers, for which a reward is being offered.

Mr. and Mrs. P.O. Dixon of Bovina celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on August 7. They were feted with a party by their children and approximately 20 people came to the affair.

10 YRS AGO-AUG 27 1986

Bovina exhibitors did well in the goat show at the Curry County Fair last week in Clovis. Tony and Dottie Neal and family had the Reserve Grand Champion of the breed for senior Toggenburgs, junior Toggenburgs, and junior Nubian crosses.

Bovina streets were paved and graveled last week causing little disturbance to Bovina residents. The Caprock Highway Construction Company of Lubbock completed the job last Wednesday.

5 YRS AGO-AUG 24 1991

Bovina has measured another 2.3 inches of rainfall during the past week, according to recorder Maggie Moore. This runs the total for the month of August to an even five inches, as the summer of 1991 has proven to be an excellent moisture-producer.

After finishing the 1990 football season with a flourish and narrowly missing out on a playoff berth, the Bovina High School Mustangs are being given the nod as one of the two district teams that should advance past the district round in 1991.

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Out Here

By RON CARR

It was a trial full of intrigue, drama, sex, and violence. One of the participants was named Simpson, except this time he was the special prosecutor.

The verdict in this one was not guilty too, except the jury deliberated for 55 hours, went from 11-1 for guilty, to 6-6 split, to not guilty.

According to history, the defendant George S. Hamlin owed his freedom (and maybe his life) to one Mr. Ben B. Bates, a Parmer County farmer, who as the lone holdout for acquittal, convinced the other eleven jurors to change their votes.

George S. Hamlin, 47, was accused of murdering his wife, Irene, in January of 1935, by "then and there hitting, striking, and beating the said Irene Hamlin with a hammer, against the peace and dignity of the State." The murder took place in Amarillo.

On the night of the slaying, January 4, 1935, prosecutors claimed Hamlin returned from California, killed his bride of a few months, then a couple of hours later caught a plane back to California, "from whence he returned in time for her funeral on January 8."

George Hamlin was arrested for his wife's murder and tried in Amarillo where after a lengthy trial the jury was hopelessly deadlocked and mistrial was declared.

A change of venue brought the second trial to Parmer County, in the county seat of Farwell. Jury selection began on January 16, 1936, with 100 Parmer County farmers called for the panel.

Hamlin, who had been in jail for a year during the first trial, was released on a \$5,000 bond for the Parmer County trial.

As a firefighter in Oakland, California, Hamlin had been involved in an accident in 1926 when his firetruck collided with a streetcar. The accident fractured his skull, broke both

legs, and he arrived at the hospital "raving."

As a settlement he received \$16,000 plus a \$100 monthly pension.

That was a lot of money in the '20s and '30s. Some say that is why Irene married him.

At his Amarillo trial, he pleaded not guilty even though he had allegedly confessed to the crime. He also claimed to be insane. Experts testified that the accident damaged his brain and that basically he was "not smart enough to kill anybody."

During the Amarillo trial, Irene was "linked" to several local Amarillo citizens. Witnesses said that while Hamlin was in California, Irene tended to party with the opposite sex.

Rumors were that more than one Amarillo man campaigned vigorously to move the second trial out of town.

So it came to Parmer County and George Hamlin's path crossed with Ben B. Bates. Papa Bates left the farm that day for jury duty and told his family that he would be back that night because he didn't think he would be picked. Lucky for Hamlin, he was wrong.

In addition to Ben Bates, the other eleven jurors were R. L. Henson, W. J. Parker, Wilbur Charles, Fred Bell, Ross Glaze, E. W. McGuire, E. A. Berry, D. W. Carpenter, Robert Vise, H. C. London, and A. G. White.

White was elected foreman and the trial began as 100 previous witnesses from Amarillo descended on Farwell.

Three days into the trial, Hamlin had an epileptic seizure in the courtroom. To the experts, this proved their theory about Hamlin's mental and physical state. The seizure happened in full view of the jury.

Over the next couple of weeks, witnesses testified both for and against both parties.

An Amarillo cab driver testified that Irene Hamlin gave him a card with her phone number and asked him to have men call her.

Her sister, Mabel, testified that it was her, not Irene, that had given out the card.

And so it went. Prosecutors and defense lawyers hurled charges of perjured testimony during closing arguments.

The case went to the jury on February 4, 1936, over two weeks after the trial had begun. By the next day February 5, the first vote was 11-1 against. The one vote was Ben B. Bates.

On February 6, Papa Ben, who raised questions about the judge's instructions, had managed to get a 6-6 split.

Foreman A. G. White sent a note to the judge that the jury was deadlocked at 6-6 and not able to reach a verdict.

Judge Reese Tatum told the jury to go back and reach a verdict. "I instruct you to consider this case and to ballot upon it and not to become angry but discuss the case from the testimony and the charge of your court to reach the right conclusion with a just and right verdict if you lose your tempers."

On Friday, February 7, the twelve Parmer County farmers filed into the courtroom. Foreman White said simply, "We the jury find the defendant not guilty."

Word got out that Ben Bates had held his ground "to obtain a fair hearing for this man." The first vote was supposedly 11-1, with Papa Bates in the minority.

After the trial, both Ben Bates and Wilbur Charles donated their jury money to the Methodist Church to buy hymnals. For 22 days on jury duty, they each received \$66.

No one seems to know what happened to George Hamlin. Ben Bates died in 1972, at the age of 78.

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GUEST ARTIST OF THE MONTH...Skeet Bradshaw has been selected as the Guest Artist Of The Month and will show her oil paintings in the lobby at Prairie Acres during the month of August. She is shown here with Elizabeth Romero, activity director at the Nursing Home, who has been with Prairie Acres for about 10 years. Skeet and husband Neal are Muleshoe residents. She started painting about 15 years ago with help from her friend Lillian Smith. Since then she has studied with Jean Green, Georgia Bartlett, Lawanda Calton, Billie Long Homer, Bill Huffaker and J.D. Keel.

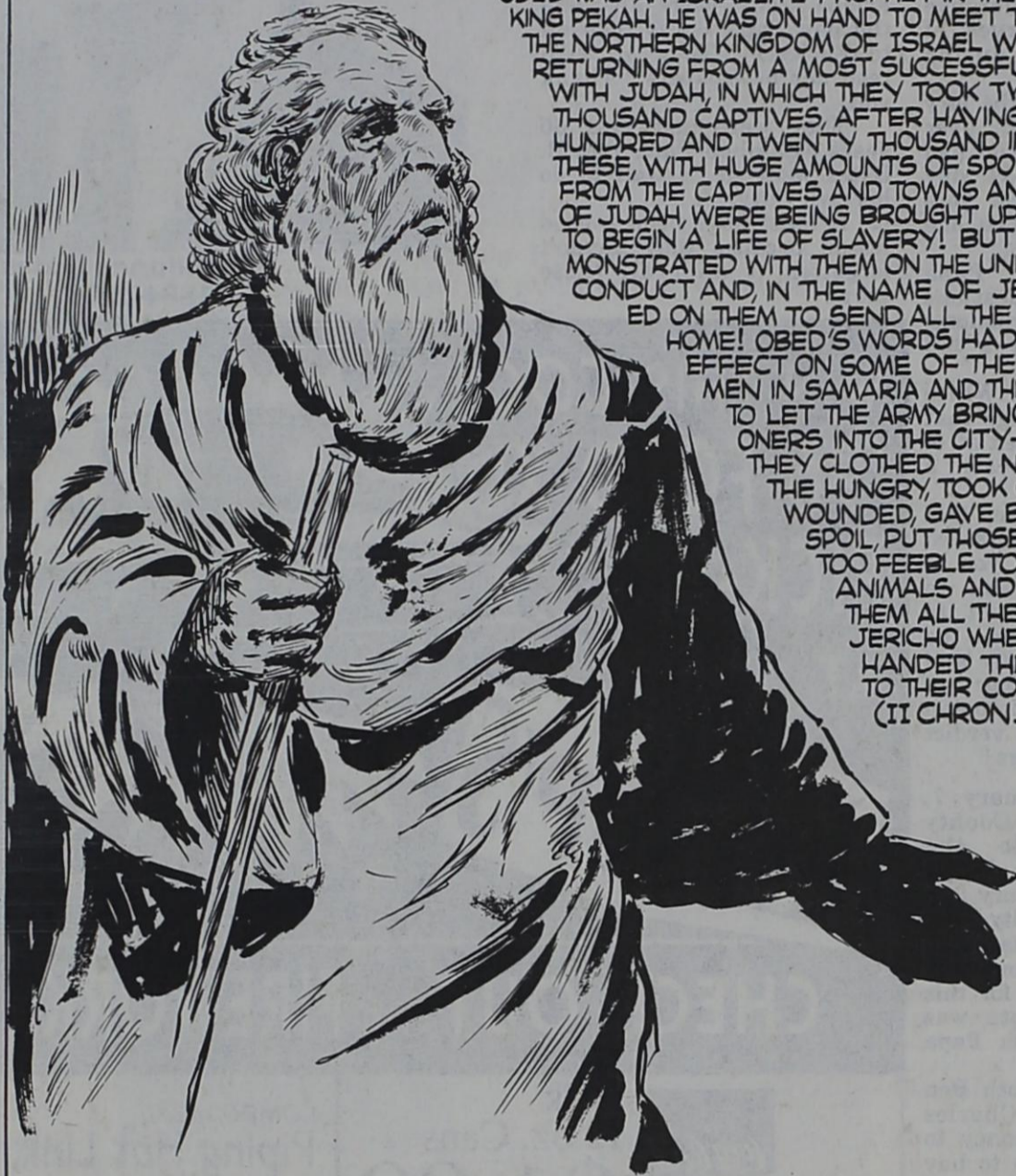
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LIBRARY SUMMER FACES....Sarah Hale (left) and Minerva Vitolas have shared their talents with the Friona Public Library this summer. Sarah is a volunteer and Minerva has served as the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) worker. They are pictured here in the Young Adult (YA) section of the library.

Cancer Center Makes Special Presentation

The Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center officials announced recently the unveiling of a specially made quilt, comprised of blocks created by partnership organizations from across the state that are providing breast and cervical cancer screening to Texas women.

The Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and the Panhandle area are represented in one of these blocks. The Texas Department of Health hosted the unveiling with a ceremony and reception at the State Capitol in Austin on June 8, 1996.

Entitled "75,000 Texas Women Lighting The Way," the event marked the provision of services to 75,000 women across Texas since 1992, including 2503 women screened in the Panhandle area.

"Women served under the Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, their families and their counterparts statewide were the special guests at the capitol event. The Panhandle area can be proud for being represented on this quilt and proud that breast and cervical cancer screening are now more accessible because of services offered by the Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center," said Mary Smith, R.N., B.S.N., O.C.N.

"Special recognition should go to Judy Weatherly, for her creative design of the Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center's segment of the quilt, which features the Morning Star pattern, popular with the Panhandle women in the late 1800s, overlaid with appliques of yellow daffodils--the emblem of hope for the cancer patient," Smith said.

Following the Austin ceremony, the quilt will be made available for display in communities across the state.

The Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center is a resource for the Panhandle area women in getting free or low cost breast and cervical cancer screening and diagnostic services. For more information on

obtaining these services, and on the risk factors for breast and cervical cancer, call Mary Smith, R.N., B.S.N., O.C.N., at the Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center at (806) 359-4673 or 1-800-274-HOPE (4673).

Free Trees Available

Ten free flowering trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during August 1996.

The free trees are part of the non-profit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The ten trees are two White Flowering Dogwoods, two Flowering Crabapples, two Golden Rain trees, two Washington Hawthorns and two American Redbuds.

"These compact trees were selected for planting in large or small spaces," John Rosenow, the Foundation's president, said. "They will give your home the beauty of lovely pink, white and yellow flowers--and also provide winter berries and nesting sites for songbirds."

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between October 1 and December 10 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's bimonthly publication, "Arbor Day," and The Tree Book with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Flowering Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, Nebraska, 68410, by August 31.

Hale Center's Pete Laney Honored As Crime Fighter

James E. "Pete" Laney, speaker of the Texas House of Representatives for House District 85, was honored Thursday as Legislative Crime Fighter of the Year by the Greater Dallas Crime Commission. Speaker Laney's legislative district includes Bailey, Briscoe, Castro, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Hale, Lamb, Motley, Parmer and Swisher counties.

"His efforts while speaker on behalf of criminal justice reform and prison funding have been a great benefit to

the State of Texas," said Cullen M. Godfrey, president of the Greater Dallas Crime Commission.

Speaker Laney accepted the award Thursday at the annual luncheon of the Greater Dallas Crime Commission. Speaker Laney, expressing his gratitude for the award, said, "Texans are standing up and saying our streets, our neighborhoods and our communities belong to us and not the criminals."

Our job in the Legislature has been to translate those feelings into laws and programs to make it a reality. A major factor in our success in passing legislation to address crime in Texas has been the spirit of bi-partisan cooperation in the Legislature."

Program Benefits Library

The Friona Public Library has been fortunate enough to have the benefit of a Job Training Partnership Act employee for eight weeks this summer.

Minerva Vitolas, who will be a senior at Bovina High School this fall, is the daughter of Jose and Guadalupe Vitolas and has served as our JTPA worker since June 10.

"Minerva has been an excellent worker and we appreciate those of you who made her feel welcome."

Her job training has included the on-line computerized circulation system, inventory and memorial registration, in addition to the duties of processing books, shelving returns, assisting with several new computer software projects and answering the telephone.

Her pleasant nature, competence and willingness to work have been greatly appreciated by all who have worked with her. Thanks, Minerva!

Under his leadership, the state's penal code was completely rewritten in 1993 and finetuned in 1995. Lawmakers further restricted parole of felons. They also adopted new laws governing penalties and parole for sex offenders as well as new laws on victim rights, victims of family violence and stalking. More than 100,000 prison and state jail beds have been constructed.

Lawmaker also rewrote the Texas Family Code, which governs juvenile offenders. Lawmakers increased funding for programs for youth offenders. The new laws require that violent youths receive longer sentences and the age at which a juvenile can be tried as an adult is lower.

Most importantly, there has been a significant decrease in violent crime in Texas. Lawmakers hope this trend will continue as the new laws are employed and as Texas works to ensure that all young Texans receive a good, basic education.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Cattle: King of ag market

The cattle industry is one of the largest in Texas. Cattle sales made up almost half of all agricultural cash receipts and exceeded receipts of natural gas produced in the state in 1995.

Category	Percentage
Cattle	48%
Cotton	11%
Milk	7%
Greenhouse and nursery	6%
Broilers	5%
Corn	5%
Sorghum grain	3%
Wheat	3%
Eggs	2%
Rice	2%
Other	12%

Cattle Inventory

Counties with 50,000 head or more

1995

Cattle vs. oil and gas

Category	Value (billions, '95)
Cattle	\$6.3
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SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, and Texas Agricultural Statistics Service.

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AN ARM FULL...Mike Schueler hoists his nieces, Katie Osborn and Brooke Stover during the occasion of his receiving a J. C. Penney award. See story.

Local Native Feted At Awards Dinner

Mike Schueler, native of Parmer County, was honored recently with an award by the J.C. Penney Golden Awards program.

Schueler is the son of Cecelia and Herbert Schueler of the Rhea community. He and his wife Amy live in Edmond, Oklahoma, and both work for the Bank of Oklahoma in Oklahoma City.

Schueler was singled out by the Penney group for one of the adult awards, and won a grant of \$1,000 for the Boys and Girls Club of Oklahoma County, Inc.

Schueler serves as president of the Boys and Girls Club, and has since its founding. "The need for after-school, adult-supervised programs for our school-age youth is paramount in our community," it was stated at the presentation.

"Mike actively pursued developing the club as a positive alternative to drugs, teen pregnancy and juvenile delinquency. Mike was active on a daily basis in planning, assessing needs, incorporating,

applying for special status, budgeting, fund-raising, programming, interviewing, board member recruitment and providing directional leadership towards successfully starting the club from scratch," it was noted.

His leadership in organizing a strategy and his hard work in implementing a plan resulted in getting the Boys and Girls Club established, the presentors said.

"The success of the club is measured by the growing number of youth who have joined the club since it opened a year ago. Over 200 youngsters have been served as drop-ins, through soccer and basketball leagues and through outreach programs at nearby schools," the nomination concluded.

Schueler and other volunteers were honored at the J. C. Penney and United Way of Metro Oklahoma City recognition luncheon at the National Cowboy Hall of Fame.

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We would like to express our sincere Thanks to some very nice people from Friona, and the area. We are so thankful to find that there are still people out there willing to give of themselves in a time of need.

We were passing through Friona on a Sunday night or evening and had a minor problem with our vehicle. We were assisted by Dee Clark, Danny Black and Officers Steve Jones and Manuel Torres, in a timely manner. We would like to take this opportunity to openly recognize and thank these people for helping us during our time of need. Without your help we couldn't have made it to our destination, which was home with five very tired children. Once again, Thank You and May God richly Bless each of you.

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and at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction and Maintenance Division (CMD), Riverside Annex, 200 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, 78704. (512) 416-2496.

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Virginia Noriega Is A Graduate at WTAMU

Virginia Noriega, daughter of Manuel and Maria Noriega of Bovina, a 1991 graduate of Bovina High School, has been attending West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

On August 15, 1996, Miss Noriega will graduate from WTAMU with a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration, in General Business.

The graduation ceremony will take place at the Civic Center in Amarillo. Her family wants to let her know that they are proud of her and love her very much. Congratulations, Virginia.

THANK YOU

We would like to express our gratefulness to all of those who helped Jordan recover from his four wheeler accident. We especially thank all the ambulance workers from Bovina and Friona for their dedication in helping those in need.

Love, Jordan Barrett's Family

Bovina ISD is announcing its policy for providing free and reduced-price meals for children served under the National School Lunch/Breakfast Program. The Office of the Superintendent has a copy of the policy which may be reviewed by any interested party.

The household size and income criteria identified below will be used to determine eligibility for free and reduced price benefits. Children from households whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Foster children who are the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court may also be eligible for benefits regardless of the income of the household with whom they reside. Eligibility for the foster child is based on the child's income.

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FAMILY SIZE	ANNUALLY		MONTHLY		WEEKLY	
	FREE	REDUCED PRICE	FREE	REDUCED PRICE	FREE	REDUCED PRICE
1	\$10,062	\$14,219	\$839	\$1,184	\$194	\$276
2	13,468	19,166	1,123	1,598	259	369
3	16,874	24,013	1,407	2,002	325	462
4	20,280	28,860	1,690	2,405	390	555
5	23,686	33,707	1,974	2,809	456	649
6	27,092	38,554	2,258	3,213	521	742
7	30,498	43,401	2,542	3,617	587	835
8	33,904	48,248	2,826	4,021	652	928
9	37,310	53,095	3,110	4,425	718	1,022
10	40,716	57,942	3,394	4,829	784	1,116
11	44,122	62,789	3,678	5,233	850	1,210
12	47,528	67,636	3,962	5,637	916	1,304

Application forms are being distributed to all households with a letter informing households of the availability of free and reduced price meals for their children. Applications also are available at the principal's office in each school. To apply for free and reduced price meals, households must fill out the application and return it to the school. Applications may be submitted anytime during the school year. The information households provide on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and verification of data. Applications may be verified by school officials at any time during the school year.

For school officials to determine eligibility for free and reduced price benefits, households receiving food stamps or AFDC only have to list their child's name, food stamp or AFDC case number, and an adult household member must sign the application. Households who do not list a food stamp number or AFDC case number must list the names of all household members, the amount and source of the income received by each household member, and the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. If the adult who signs the application does not have a social security number the household member must indicate that a social security number is not available by writing the word "none." The application must be signed by an adult household member.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced price meal policy the school secretary will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the reviewing official on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to Sue Nuttall, Supt., P.O. Box 70, Bovina, TX, (806) 238-1336.

Households that list a food stamp or AFDC case number must report when the household no longer receives these benefits. Other households approved for benefits based on income information must report increases in household income of over \$50 per month or \$600 per year and decreases in household size. Also, if a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below the levels shown above.

In the operation of child feeding programs administered by the US Dept. of Agriculture, no child will be discriminated against because of race, color, sex, national origin, age or handicap. If any member of a household believes they have been discriminated against, they should write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.