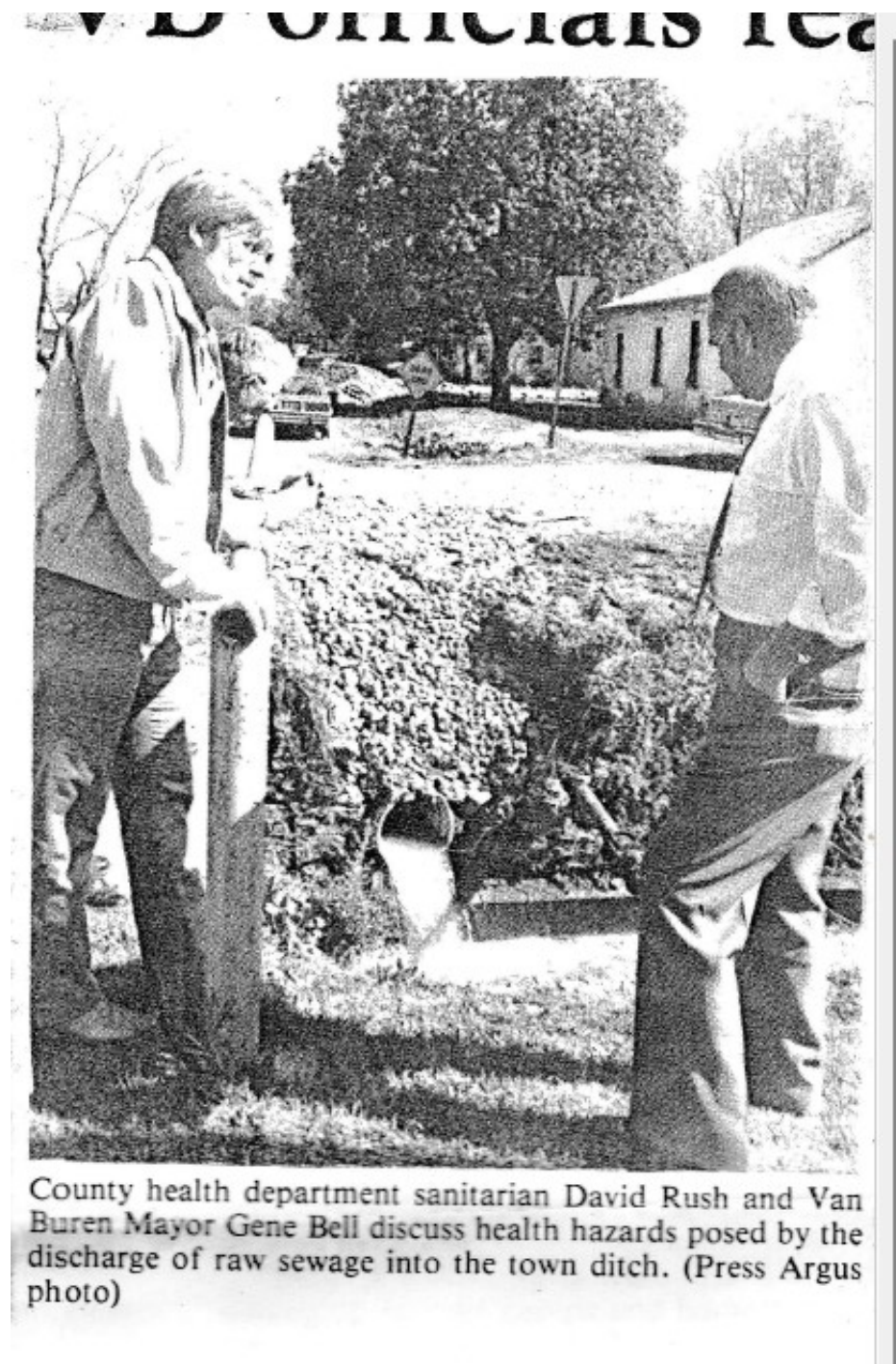


Photo-ops Circa 1980s

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A picture that ran in the Van Buren, AR newspaper, *The Press Argus-Courier* circa 1980s.



“Yup...Mayor, it looks like you have shit running into your ditch.” Actually, I am very sure I was much

more professional than that. The mayor grabbed me– well me for my title, County Sanitarian – for a photo-op as he was trying to get some state funds to help with the repairs of a major, but busted sewer line in his town.

Another newspaper photo of me, this time from *The Daily Oklahoman*, the Oklahoma City newspaper. This is a little earlier than the one above, probably circa 1980, give or take a year. I, and many other folks, jogged regularly in the grass median of a minorly trafficked boulevard in the lower part of the northwest quadrant of Oklahoma City. A newspaper photographer had an assignment to photograph someone running on this well worn path. I showed up solely through serendipity, and had my ugly mug in the OKC paper.



It is hard to imagine now that I was ever that young, that skinny and *tan guapo*...

*Those were the days my friend
We thought they'd never end
We'd sing and dance forever and a day
We'd live the life we choose
We'd fight and never lose
For we were young and sure to have our way
La la la la...*

~~ From the 1968 hit by [Mary Hopkin](#) – *[Those Were The Days](#)*

The song reached number one in the UK, Canadian and France. It reached number two in the US, behind *Hey Jude*. The song was produced by Paul McCartney and is based on a turn of the century Russian romance song/drinking song. I just thought you might want to know...

And so it goes.

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