

MY TURN

By Carol Ellis



"TO SERVE YOU BETTER"

.... Those four little words strike fear in the hearts of the American consumer.

This phrase ranks right up there with other things you hate to hear, such as: "Some assembly required" or "Do you realize how fast you were going?" or "It's new and improved," or "I'm going to quote you a reasonable price" or "Don't worry; it's user friendly" or "Sorry, it's on back order" or "I'll only take a moment of your time" or "The computer is down" or "This is a stickup; hand over all your money."

Energas Co., this week announced they will be closing their local office "in order to serve us better." So they'll now be going the way of the telephone office which closed in the 80s, and SPS which closed their office in 1989, and the cable company which closed their office in 1996. All of these actions were, of course, "in order to serve us better" and were usually followed soon thereafter by a large price hike.

Hasn't anyone figured out that this puts people out of work? These are folks who will have a hard time paying for their gas, phone, electric, cable, and water bills, since they are now unemployed.

I call it the "Life Saver Syndrome." I first noticed this trend in about 1980 when our favorite little roll of hard candy mints with the hole in the center, "Life Savers," suddenly had a bigger hole and the cost jumped from ten cents a roll to 25¢. This "less costs more" trend seems to have been gathering steam ever since.

It is possible that the whole country could be completely shut down "in order to serve us better."

What if your ambulance decides to close the local office, in order to serve you better, and you'll have to call Clovis or Hereford for emergency service?

What if your local bank decides, in order to serve you better, they'll be calling in all their notes?

What if your local dentist decides, in order to serve you better, he'll just use pliers and string on your teeth?

What if your local weekly newspaper decides, in order to serve you better, it will be published only once a month?

What if your local fuel company decides, in order to serve you better, they will no longer employ a serviceman to come out and fill up your gas tank, wipe your windshield and check under your hood? This has already happened in many small towns.

What if, in order to serve you better, the IRS decides to just take 100% of all your earnings? There won't be any forms to fill out, or deductions to figure. They'll just take all of it.

While on the subject of swindling the American consumer, have you gotten a close look at your phone bill lately?

Check it carefully. Your long distance calls are probably being charged at very expensive rates by strange long distance carrier companies that you've never heard of. Plus you may be getting charged for calls you never made. Some friends of ours have found their phone bills littered with \$20 calls, supposedly from their own home phone, to places like Santiago, Mexico. They don't even know anyone in Santiago.

We will survive the closing of one more utility office, but it just goes to prove that these big corporations are only interested in how to get the most \$\$\$ from their customers with the least amount of output. The only people to be better served are their own stockholders.



AWARDS...Laqueta Garner of Bovina was a winner at the Friona Chamber of Commerce banquet, as "Employee of the Year." With Mrs. Garner is Gene Schueler of the Rhea community, who won a pair of tickets from American Airlines. Mrs. Garner is employed by Byron Boyd, Friona attorney.

Ortiz: Big Winner At Banquet

Bobby Ortiz, head coach and athletic director at Bovina High School, was a double winner in the awards presented Thursday night at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet.

Ortiz was first honored with the Educator of the Year award, then was singled out as the Man of the Year as well. Ortiz' Mustang footballers raised eyebrows in the area by capturing a playoff spot in their first year in conference AA, sporting an 8-2 record.

Other award-winners were: Heritage award: Athalee Wilson; Woman of the Year: Darlene Miller; Lori Beauchamp and Jason Kerby, Outstanding Young People.

Just to cap off his night, a drawing was held at the end of the banquet for the floral arrangement, and--you guessed it--Bobby Ortiz was again the winner!

Equipment Dealer Sets Open House

Texas Equipment Company, Inc., the new John Deere dealership for Parmer County, will host a Grand Opening on Monday, March 24, from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Customers and potential customers are invited to a fajita cookout, and a drawing for door prizes.

"Everyone is invited for lunch at the John Deere House!" says Jerry Barton, manager of the Friona outlet. Paul Condit, owner of Texas Equipment Co., will be on hand to meet local residents.

Candidates Slated For Elections

The filing deadline for school board and city council positions expired Wednesday, March 19, at 5 p.m.

According to officials, the candidates for office in the respective elections on May 3 are:

School Board: Bryan Thurmond, Adam Perez, Joe Steelman, and Ricky Jamerson.

Steelman and Jamerson are incumbents. There are two positions to fill on the Bovina School Board of Trustees.

For the three vacancies for Alderman on the City Council, the following candidates filed: Jeff Steelman, Don Bandy, Kevin Hughes, Linda Marshall, and Charles Wilkins.

None of the Alderman candidates are incumbents.

Tax Receipts Up In Bovina, Down In Friona

Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts John Sharp made March, 1997, disbursements to Texas Counties.

According to the city sales and use tax summary, Parmer County received a total of \$14,623.33 this period, compared to \$24,395.26 same period last year, a decrease of 40.05 per cent.

The decrease was due to a 68.39 per cent drop by Friona year over year. For

this period, Friona received \$6,187.43 compared to \$19,575.14 in 1996.

Bovina received \$2,342.90 in March 1997 compared to \$1,773.11 in 1996, a 32.13 per cent increase.

Farwell received \$6,093 this March, compared to \$3,047.01 in 1996, an increase of 99.96 per cent.

1997 payments to date are: Bovina-\$6,640.09; Farwell-\$12,735.93; Friona-\$54,156.60.

Total for the county in 1997 is \$73,532.62, down 7.53 per cent from the comparable period in 1996. Friona was down approximately 10 per cent, while Bovina was up about 10 per cent and Farwell was basically even with last year.

Current city sales tax is Bovina-one percent; Farwell-one & one-half per cent; & Friona-two percent.

See Photos Of Chamber Banquet Next Week

Be watching for next week's edition of *The Blade* for photographic coverage of the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet and winners of Chamber honors. It was impossible to get pictures in this issue due to time constraints.

BISD District Improvement Team Meets

The Bovina ISD District Improvement Team met on Wednesday, March 12. Members present were Robert Rumph, Juana Vara, Darla Sealey, John Broeker, Ron Dyer, Jerry Birdsong, Eugenie Brown, Jan Thieman, Peggye Arnold, Linda Lewis, Martha Morris, and Sue Nuttall.

Minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as corrected.

Music in the classroom environment was tabled.

Nuttall reported concerning participation in the Peer Assistance and Leadership Skills (PALS) training on April 18 and April 25. Four groups of 20 students, 2 teachers and 2 parents will be trained for one-half day in the PALS program. Students will be grouped by grade--4/5, 6/7, 8/9, 10/11.

Dates for visits to Olton and Hart concerning an intercession calendar were discussed. Nuttall will check the dates of April 15 or 16.

The committee reviewed the final draft of the district self-evaluation. The next DIT meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, March 19.

Energas Announces Plans To Close Local Office

The Energas Co. announced plans this week which will result in the local office being closed to customers, and change the method of paying monthly bills.

Energas Company announced today a 12-month plan to "enhance" the quality of its customer service to better meet customer needs and to prepare the company to meet future changes in the utility industry.

The plan includes several steps.

Beginning in early summer 1997, the company will create a network of payment centers through an arrangement with a national vendor at grocery stores, convenience stores and other locations in towns where Energas Company currently has offices. These payment centers will offer extended hours and a convenient place for customers to pay their bills.

Following the opening of the payment centers during the summer of 1997, local business offices will be refocused on field operations

such as service calls, and construction and maintenance activities. These field service centers will no longer take over the counter payments or handle routine walk-in customer transactions.

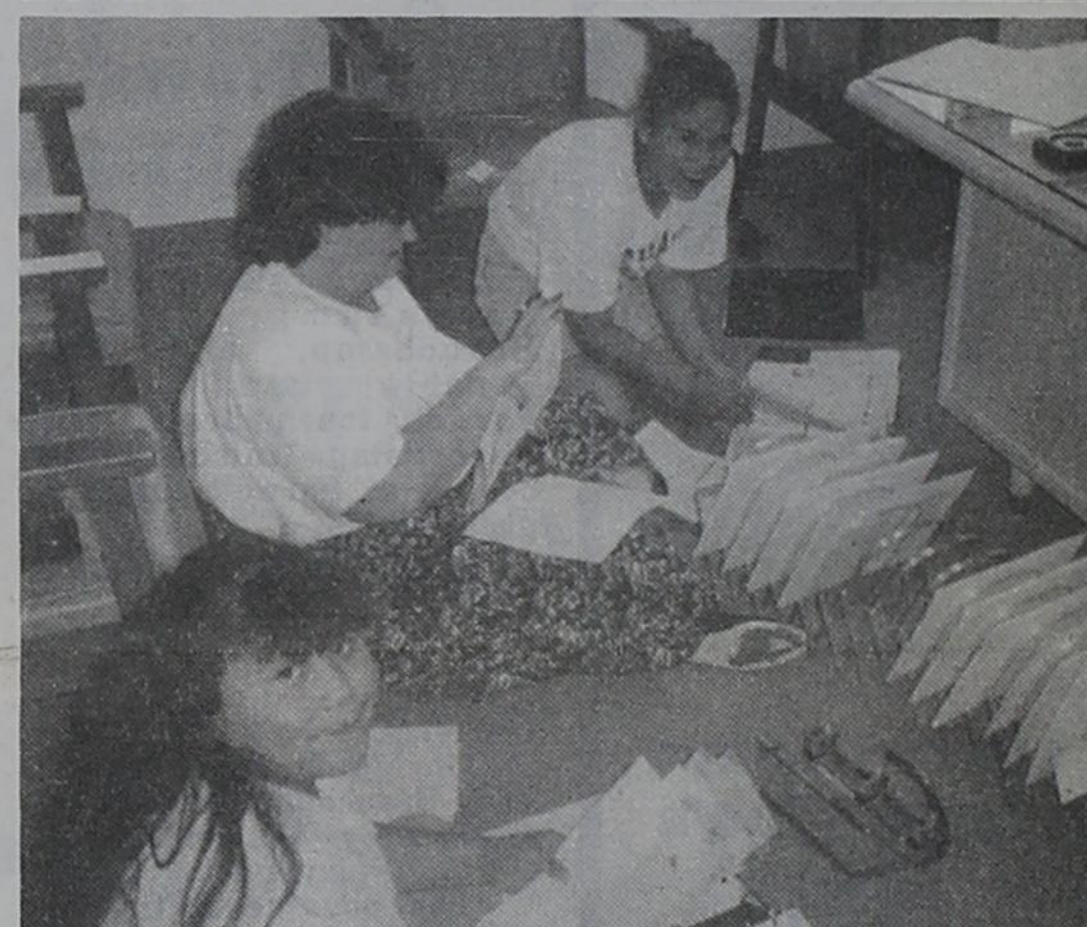
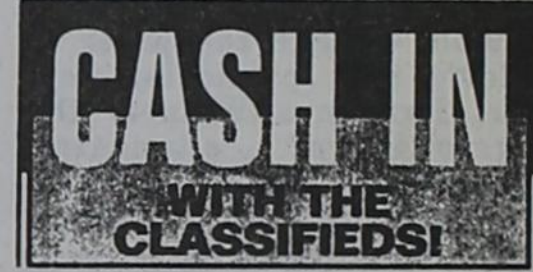
In early 1998, Atmos Energy Corporation, of which Energas is an operating division, will open a central customer support center to serve all of its customers. Customers will call toll-free for service 24 hours per day, seven days per week. The location of the center has not yet been determined.

The company has already begun implementing new technology to increase efficiency in serving customers, including installation of a state of the art customer information system and use of in-truck computer terminals to dispatch technicians from the central customer support center.

Energas will be making these changes over the next year to enhance the service and convenience we offer to

our customers. We believe it is important to respond to customers' changing needs, and to meet their time schedules. The new central customer support center will be open around the clock to allow customers to request service appointment, inquire about a bill or ask any other question about their gas service. Currently, we provide emergency call support 24 hours per day, but routine business calls are handled only during business hours," said Gene Ehler, president of Energas Company.

Ehler added, "We also will be opening a network of payment centers in locations convenient for our customers, which will allow extended hours for customers to pay their bills."



ELEMENTARY AUTOMATION.....These students help Principal Darla Sealey organize and collate some notebooks last week. Elementary students are able to earn extra points for use at the school by assisting teachers and staff in various tasks. (Ron Carr Photo)

WTRTelephone Co-op Directors Are Re-Elected

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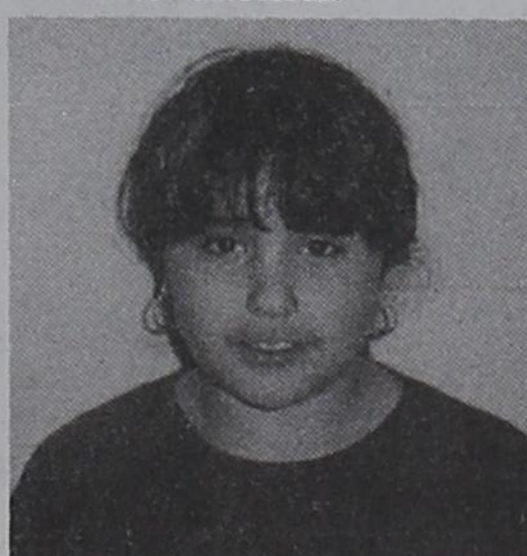
A meal of Polish sausage and brisket was served to the members and guests, and a number of door prizes were awarded.



JAIME SALAZAR J. Salazar is Student of the Week

Bovina senior Jaime Salazar was selected by teachers as student-of-the-week.

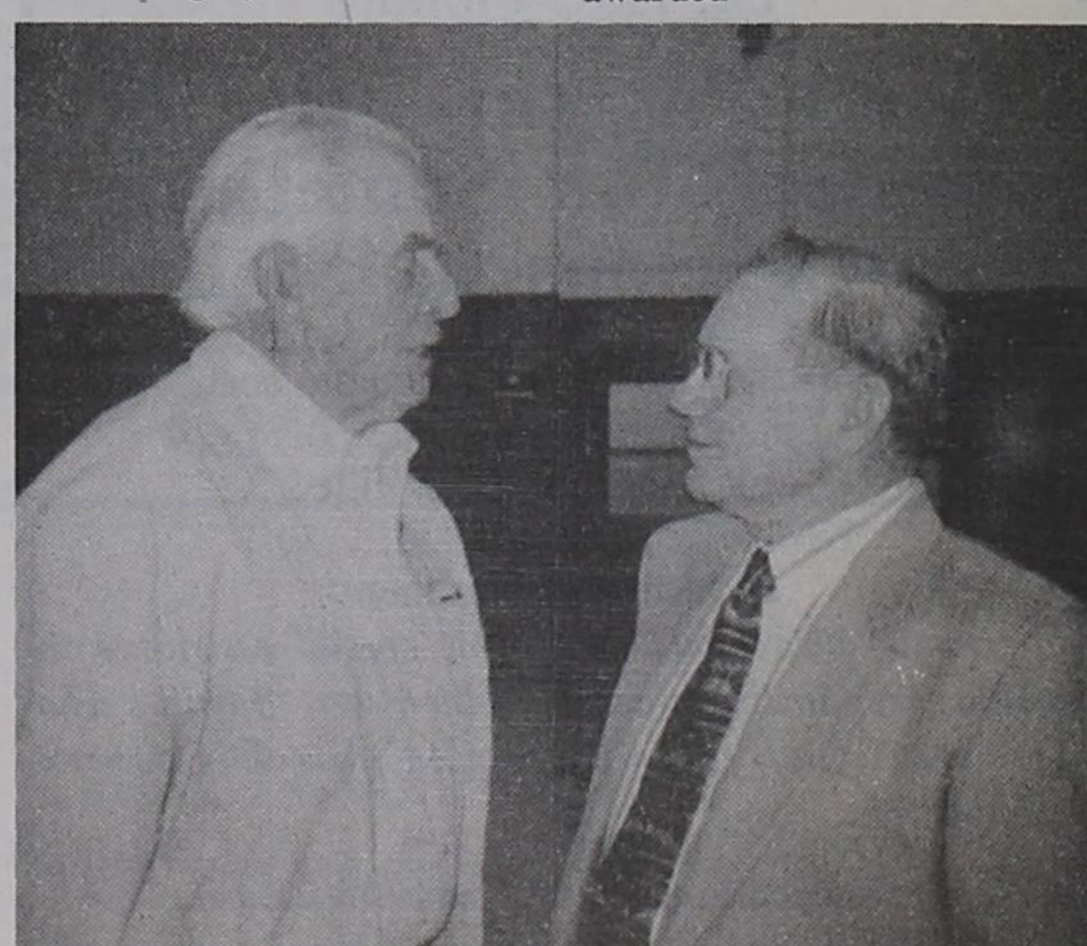
He is a quiet, studious student who attends classes for one-half day and works afternoons as an employee of the Excel cafeteria.



100 POINT CLUB Karla Rivera was one of eight elementary students that surpassed the 100 point mark last week in the accelerated reading program.

Students read books, take a test on what they read, and accumulate points. They are rewarded with T-shirts, pizzas, and gift certificates.

Other pictures of 100-point winners are shown elsewhere in the Blade.



MEMBERS VISIT....Jack Patterson, left, visits with Ernest Brown at the annual membership meeting of West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative in Hereford Tuesday.

Student Council Recycles

BY J. T. ROACH
President

It seems like Bovina accumulates more and more garbage each day.

As a solution to help cut back on the amount of garbage wasted each day, the Bovina High School student council runs a paper recycling program.

We began this program two years ago in August and continue to help serve the community in this way today.

This year's recycling committee is headed by chairman Paula Borquez and she is helped by her co-chairman Josue Gonzales. The student council is sponsored by Mrs. Judy Jennings and we know we would be lost without all her help in student council.

The first thing we do in the recycling program is set up plastic crates in each of the high school teachers' rooms and designate it for paper recycling only. Notebook paper, copy paper, and newspaper are the kinds of paper that belong in these crates.

Then, each week an assigned member of student council retrieves the crates and take the paper to Clovis for recycling.

However, if a member is unable to take the paper to Clovis that particular day, Mr. Lawrence Widner, the agricultural education teacher, has agreed to let us use his room as a holding



J.T. ROACH

place for the paper until a member can take it to be recycled.

We realize that it may be a small effort, but we take pride in doing all we can for the school and the community. We look forward to continue serving the community in the future.

We would like to take this time to thank the people who help us with our recycling program. Thank you: to the recycling facility on South Mabry, all high school teachers and students for their cooperation in the recycling program, the student council members who donate their time to pick up the paper and take it to Clovis, Mr. Widner for allowing us to use his classroom as a holding facility for the paper, and Mrs. Judy Jennings for donating her time as sponsor to the Bovina High School Student Council.

High School Golf News

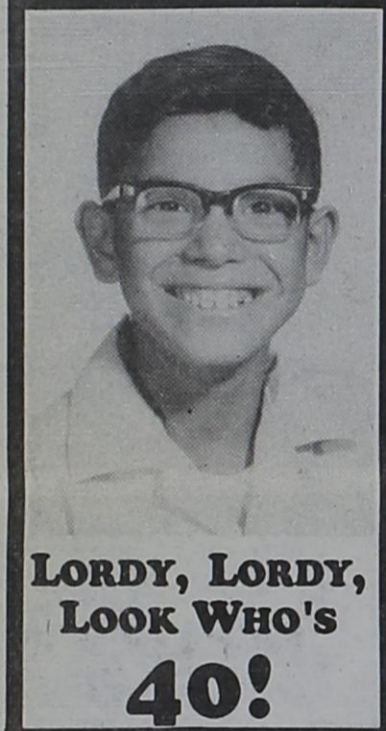
Bovina High School boys and girls are competing in golf this year.

On March 11, the girls golf team consisting of Lori Beauchamp, Gina Beauchamp, and Amy Venable played in the Farwell tournament. Lori Beauchamp finished third overall at Farwell out of 33 girls entered.

Five boys are on the golf team this year. They are Will Bell, Tony Beauchamp, Josh Quintana, Manny Quintana, and Blake Clements.

On March 13 at Farwell, Tony Beauchamp finished 8th followed by Will Bell in 9th, out of 70 players.

The boys team finished 8th out of the 16 teams entered.



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Reflections

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

45 Yrs Ago-March 20, 1952

Four names have been placed on the ballot for the Bovina School trustee election. They are Eddie Redden, incumbent; Amos Steelman, Arnold Hromas and Clarence Weems. Bill Sherley is honorary trustee.

35 Yrs Ago-March 16, 1962

Art Mast is pictured with a trophy he won for being top marksman at a team trap shoot at Friona Sunday afternoon. Mast hit 43 of 50 clay pigeons. Bovina team members shooting with Mast were Jerry Roach, George Douglas, Jack Patterson and Sam Sudderth.

A giant Air Force weather balloon ended its fluttering plunge to earth in the wheat field of Russell O'Brian ten miles east of Hub last Friday at 3 p.m. The balloon was reported to have been released from Holloman Air Force Base at Alamogordo, New Mexico.

30 Yrs Ago-March 22, 1967

Bovina received .20 rain measured but a tornado demolished a barn on the Scotty Barry farm 5.5 miles east of Bovina. About five out of 12 trailers on the Lawrence Jamerson place were left in place while the others and also irrigation pipe were scattered after a tornado struck.

Mrs. J.R. Caldwell and J.E. Sherrill, Jr. were honored as the community's Woman and Man of the Year at the Chamber Banquet. Kenneth Wyatt of Morton was the guest speaker.

Mrs. Mary Woltman celebrated her 100th birthday with a reception.

25 Yrs Ago-March 22, 1972

Mrs. Leon Ware and Bob Fillpot were introduced as Man and Woman of the Year for 1972 at the Chamber Banquet.

Come April 16, it has been announced that the new system of General Telephone Company will be put into operation here.

Bovina Supermarket, owned by Billy Smith and Billy Whitcotton, will open its doors for business. It is located at the intersection of First and Third Streets.

Thirteen accidents were investigated by the Texas Highway Patrol on the rural highways in Parmer County.

Mike Ware, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Ware, has been chosen to represent Bovina at the 1972 session of Texas American Legion Boys State. During the Boys State sessions, Ware will participate in the organization of political parties, campaigns, elections and the enactment and enforcement of their own laws within a mythical state.

20 Yrs Ago-March 23, 1977

Kenneth Cary and Karen Kirkpatrick were chosen as

Cannon AFB Plans May 3 Activities

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

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

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

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

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

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

Man and Woman of the Year at this year's annual Chamber Banquet held Thursday night.

Diane Gilbreath turned in a great anchor lap for the Fillies in the mile relay at Friona and it paid off with a victory for Bovina.

Since October 1, 1976, Parmer County has raised a total of \$4,566.80 for the American Heart Association.

Pfc. E-3 Ronnie Stone is stationed in Mannheim, Germany and is home on leave. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Louis Stone.

15 Yrs Ago-March 24, 1982

Don Spring and Ola Lee Jones were honored at the annual Chamber Banquet as Bovina's Man and Woman of the Year.

Doyle Garner, son of Keith and Laqueta, is scheduled for surgery on both wrists this week.

10 Yrs Ago-March 25, 1987

Debra Beauchamp and Vernon Willard were honored as Man and Woman of the Year at the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

A blinding snowstorm struck the Bovina area on Monday, March 23 and traffic had trouble getting through during the first part of the day.

5 Yrs Ago-March 21, 1992

Bovina High School is fielding a baseball team for the first time in fourteen years this spring, and Coach Rock Stanley has accepted the challenge of getting a Mustang team together that will be competitive.

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LUNCHING WITH LIONS....Good citizens Marissa Rodriguez and Cameron Charles, eighth grade students at Bovina Middle School, were honored on March 13 by having lunch with the Bovina Lions Club.

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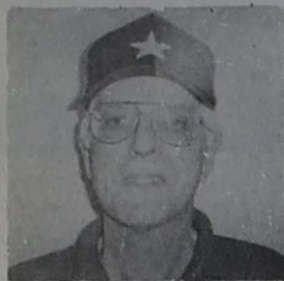
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Out Here

By RON CARR

irony (i' ra-ni), n. *Gr. eironia* < *eiron*, dissemler in speech> a set of circumstances or a result that is the opposite of what might be expected.

In life, ironies come in many sizes and always at unexpected times. They often defy the odds.

For example, what were the odds that the Friona Chieftains would meet a team in the playoffs (Monahans) whose quarterback had gone to school in Friona? A small irony.

I read an article recently about two women who were neighbors in the same town but didn't get along especially well. One moved away, started searching for her sister that she had not seen in 37 years. She found her. Her long lost sister turned out to be that former neighbor lady.

If you have ever been off shopping or visiting in another city or country and run into a friend or relative unexpectedly, that's irony.

Often there are ironic parallels and similarities between completely unrelated stories or events. Irony can be a good source of learning and motivation.

I call it sermon material. Ministers that might be regular readers of this puny weekly column take note. I found some sermon material last week.

An article in the March 13 Amarillo Daily News described circumstances surrounding a 32 year-old man named John Kennedy Barefield.

At the Friona Chamber of Commerce banquet last Saturday, a 41 year-old man named Dr. Bernard Harris spoke of circumstances surrounding his life.

John Kennedy Barefield was born around 1964-65 in Lake Providence, Louisiana, one of 11 children in his family.

Like thousands of other children of the time, caught in the tragic aftermath of President John F. Kennedy's assassination, his parents chose to name him John Kennedy Barefield, no doubt as a tribute to the fallen leader.

Over time John Kennedy Barefield did not live up to the lofty ideals that the name implies.

Before his death, John F.

Kennedy challenged America's space program to put a man on the moon by the end of the 1960s.

The challenge by President Kennedy would touch the life of another young man, Bernard A. Harris, Jr. At the age of eight he thought he might want to be an astronaut.

In 1969, at the age of 13, he watched Neil Armstrong fulfill President Kennedy's challenge by placing the first footprint on the moon. It was then that Bernard A. Harris, Jr. says he knew for sure that he wanted to be an astronaut.

By the age of 16, Bernard Harris had a plan in motion that would take him from high school to degrees from the University of Houston and the Texas Tech University School of Medicine.

Meanwhile, John Kennedy Barefield, at the age of 16, began his criminal record with a Louisiana burglary conviction.

By 1986 Bernard Harris had earned a medical degree, served a residency at Mayo Clinic, and was in training for acceptance to NASA's astronaut program in Houston.

John Kennedy Barefield served his four years in the Louisiana prison. After his release, he too went to Houston, but not to be an astronaut.

He joined his brother and became the leader of a gang that raped and robbed in attacks at Houston apartment complexes.

In April 1986, John Kennedy Barefield and two other men abducted a Rice University student from her apartment complex parking lot, forced her to withdraw money from an ATM, then raped and killed her.

At the age of 21, this young man whose parents had such high hopes for him that they named him John Kennedy, was sentenced to death row.

While John Kennedy Barefield languished on death row in Huntsville, Bernard A. Harris, Jr., served as a mission specialist and medical officer aboard the space shuttle Columbia for Spacelab Mission D-2 in 1993.

He continued his exploration of space on a second flight on Discovery and his first walk in

space in 1995.

During the last eleven years of his life, Dr. Harris has seen the vastness of millions of miles of space after launches from the John F. Kennedy Space Center.

For the last eleven years of his life, John Kennedy Barefield explored only the space allotted in an 8 X 10 death row cell.

During an inspiring and often humorous speech at the Chamber banquet Saturday, Dr. Harris pointed out that all during his studies of maps and grids, he learned about lines on the world map and what they meant. Latitude lines and longitude lines and other lines marking physical locations.

He said that one thing he learned in space was that the earth does not really have lines. From space there is no distinction of race, religion, politics, or color. Just one big beautiful ball of a planet without lines.

His personal observation was not lost on the Chamber audience. Dr. Bernard Harris is black.

So was John Kennedy Barefield, who at about 6:18 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, told five family members "I love you all. Tell Mama I love her."

His family members, which included three sisters and a brother, cried out that they loved him, then began praying.

Seven minutes later, as lethal drugs flowed through his veins, John Kennedy Barefield was pronounced dead.

About dying, Mr. Barefield said, "After 11 years I've pretty much resolved the issues within myself to where it doesn't scare me. I don't want to die but we all die. It's part of life. They're doing to me what they say I did to someone else. They're killing me. They're committing murder".

Dr. Harris spoke of peace, youth, education, goals, and adventure. He encouraged everyone to think about a world with no lines.

He emphasized the theme that we are, above all, human beings. In fact the last word of his inspiring talk was "humanity".

I'm still not sure where I stand on the death penalty. I don't think God chose John Kennedy Barefield and sent him to death row and allowed Bernard Harris to soar in space.

At some point in their lives they had choices. The ones they made determined the outcome.

But this is not about black men or the death penalty. Although it is ironic that someone may support the death penalty until a loved one is sentenced to death.

I like irony. Good irony makes life more definable. Bad irony makes life interesting.

There is no answer. There is only effort. Have a nice day!!

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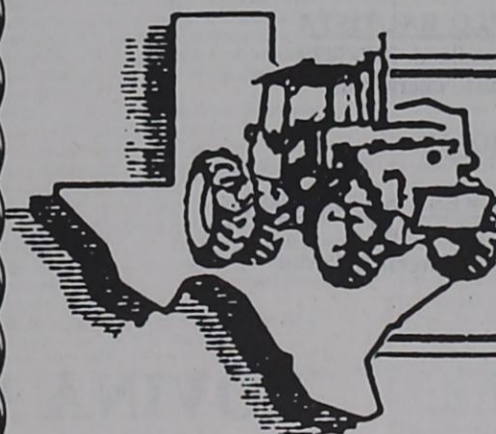


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Facts About The BIBLE BY JOHN LEHTI

This is a dramatized version of facts taken from the book of Genesis intending to show some of the customs of these ancient and traditional times

ABRAM IN EGYPT

THAT WHICH ABRAM HAS FEARED, HAS COME TO PASS—PHARAOH, HEARING OF SARAI'S BEAUTY, HAS REQUESTED THAT SHE BE BROUGHT TO HIS PALACE, AND NOW...

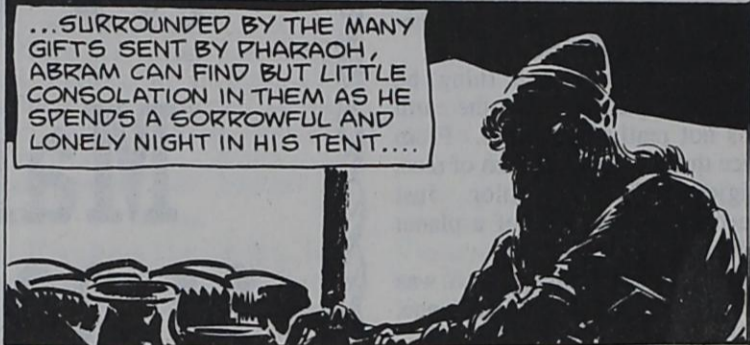


... SARAI IS LITTLE MORE THAN A PRISONER IN HER LUXURIOUS QUARTERS, WAITING ON PHARAOH'S PLEASURE....

...AND PHARAOH IS HIGHLY PLEASED! SOON HE WILL SEE FOR HIMSELF IF THIS BEAUTY FROM THE EAST IS WORTHY TO BECOME A QUEEN IN EGYPT....



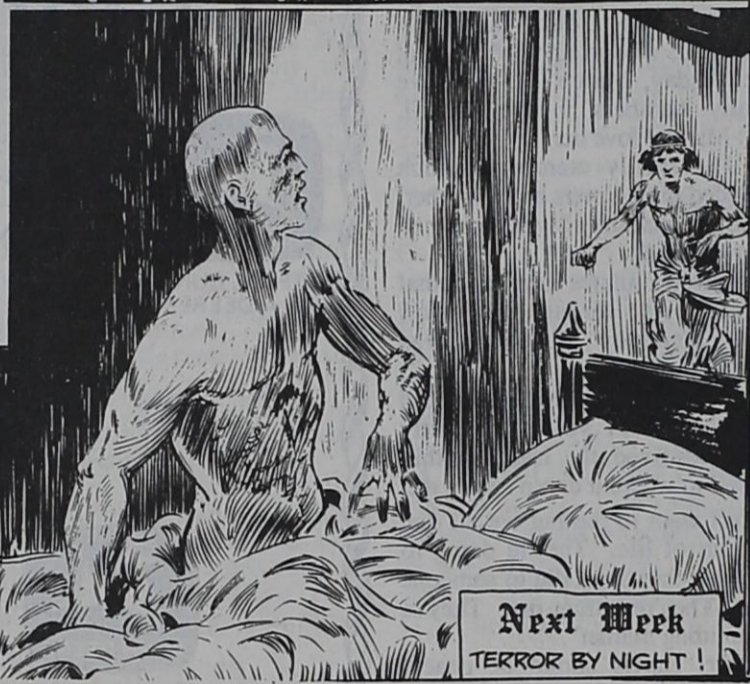
... SURROUNDED BY THE MANY GIFTS SENT BY PHARAOH, ABRAM CAN FIND BUT LITTLE CONSOLATION IN THEM AS HE SPENDS A SORROWFUL AND LONELY NIGHT IN HIS TENT....



... WHILE SARAI, IN GUARDED PRIVACY, HUGGLES MISERABLY ON HER SILKEN BED!



SUDDENLY, THE DARKNESS OF THE NIGHT IS PIERCED BY A TERRIFIED SCREAM! IT IS PHARAOH, CALLING IN HORROR FOR HIS SERVANTS, WHO SCURRY AS FAST AS THEY CAN TO ANSWER THEIR RULER'S URGENT CRIES FOR HELP!



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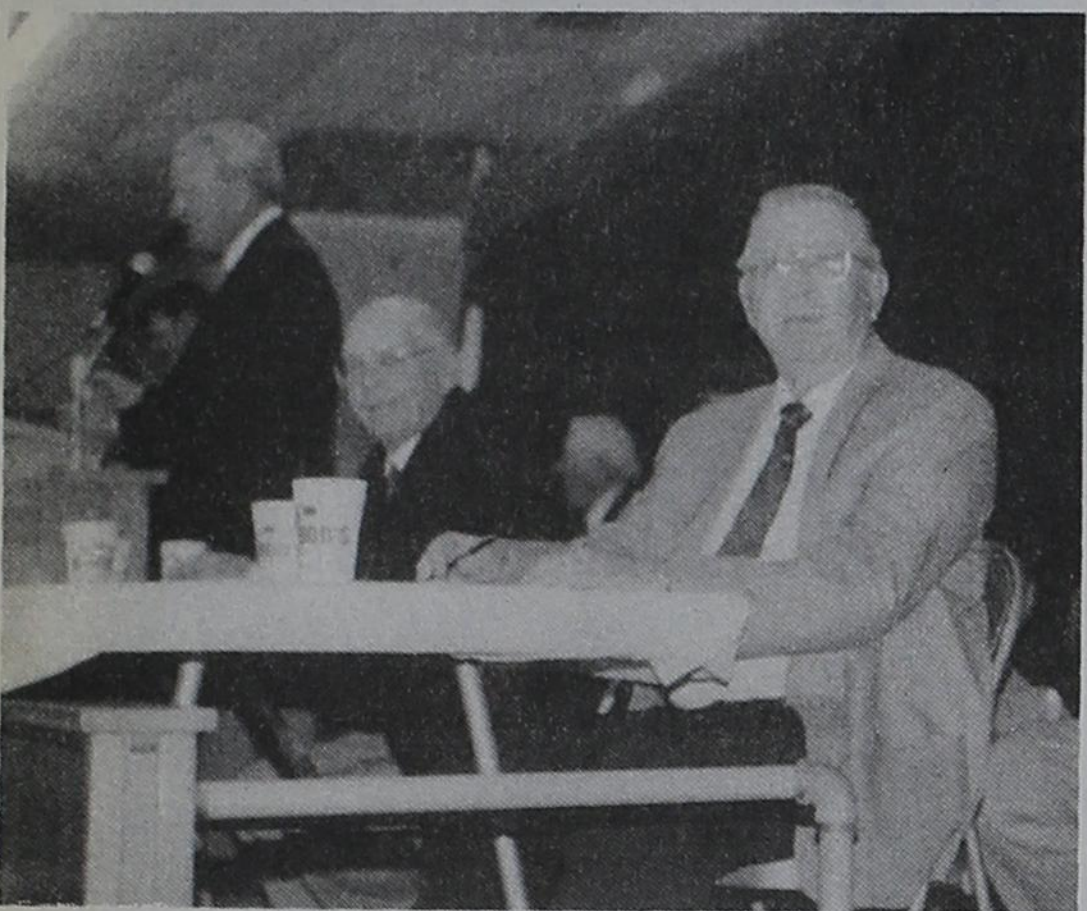
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GIVE US A CALL....Three area residents were photographed at the West Texas Rural Telephone Co-op's annual meeting. From the left are Jack Patterson, Ernest Brown and Floyd Schueler.



HELLO!.....Enjoying the West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative annual meeting activities are, l-r, board members Ernest Flood (Westway), Charles Meyers, Jr. (Hub), and Jimmie Cockerham (Tharp). (Ron Carr Photo)

Art Group Will Hold Demo In Friona Sunday

Friona Art Association will offer a unique program for area artists on Sunday afternoon March 23, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Depot Building in the City Park. Amarillo artist, Bubbles Good, will be giving a demonstration in oil painting. Bubbles has a personality which matches her name.

She is recognized for her abilities as a teacher and enjoys guiding other artists to recognize the depth of their

own creativity. Her direct, uncomplicated style of painting exhibits powerful brushwork and exciting colors. She is a graduate of WTAMU and currently serves as Director of Senior Education for Amarillo College. There is no charge for the Sunday afternoon program and anyone who is interested in art is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served and there will be a door prize.

Screening Date Is Established

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Parmer County Hospital, 1307 Cleveland Avenue in Friona on April 16.

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 that includes a mammogram and instruction in self-examination by a Registered Nurse. The total cost is \$75. A minimum of fifteen women need to register in order for the mobile mammography clinic to come to area towns.

Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointments only. Call (806) 359-4673 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information.

Alexander Couple Has First Son

Christopher and Michelle Alexander would like to announce the birth of their first child, Christian Lewis.

The healthy boy was born March 15 at 8:20 p.m. at Plains Regional Medical Center in Clovis. He weighed seven pounds, eleven ounces and was twenty one and one half inches long.

Grandparents are Chris Alexander and Robert Alexander of Friona and Steve and Rue Taylor of Bluff Dale, Texas.

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VFW VOICES OF DEMOCRACY.....Parmer County VFW Post 1413 held a banquet last Monday to honor students who participated in the annual Voice of Democracy oral essay contest. The winner of a \$200 scholarship for first place in the district was Magdalena Almanza, a senior from Farwell, who will be attending West Texas A&M. At left is Farwell government teacher Jimmy Taylor. Representing the winner from Bovina, Jamie Stanberry, are Bovina's Jeremy Sharp and high school principal Jerry Birdsong. (Ron Carr Photo)

How Low Is Low Fat?

By PAM MESSER, Dietitian Intern

Two per cent milk is probably the most commonly purchased milk by consumers. Until recently it has been labeled "low fat"; however, the consumer may be very surprised that it really is not a low fat product.

According to the American Heart Association, any food that has three grams of fat or less per serving is considered low fat. One serving of two per cent milk has five grams which eliminates it from the low fat category. It is now labeled "reduced fat."

With so much emphasis on eating healthy and lowering your intake of fat, it is important to familiarize yourself with these key terms used by food manufacturers: fat free, less than .5 grams/serving; low fat, three grams of total fat/serving; reduced or less fat, at least 25 per cent fat/serving than the higher fat version.

The new food label has made it easier for consumers to read for themselves exactly what that product will contribute to their diet. The words "total fat" appear under the Nutrition Facts on the food label.

The number of grams beside these words will indicate if this is indeed a low fat product or not. Under "total fat" the words "saturated fat" are listed. It is this fat that is the key

player in raising blood cholesterol and your risk of heart disease. "Saturated fat" should equal no more than 1/3 of your total fat to be a heart-healthy product.

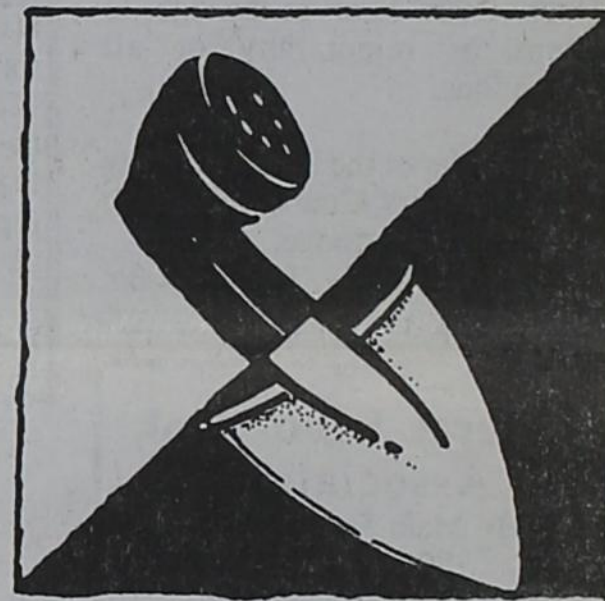
Most people need to cut back on fat. Too much fat contributes to heart disease and some types of cancer. Most people should have no more than 25-30 per cent of their total calories from fat. For instance, someone who has a daily caloric intake of 1800 calories should have

about 45-54 grams of fat/day, with no more than 15-18 grams of that being saturated fat.

Make yourself "label-conscious" and don't depend on the ads for your health. Things aren't always what they appear to be. If you do this, it won't take long for you to see that "All Foods Can Fit." Watch for the National Nutrition Month article next week for tips on cooking and baking with less fat.

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For more information contact: Cruce & Fletcher Auctioneers (806) 296-5050 or (806) 866-4201

SALE SITE : ON PROPERTY

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Taxes: 1997 Taxes To Be Prorated To Closing Closing: Closing to be April 26, 1997 or sooner.

Possession: Buyers shall take possession at Closing with possession from tenant as 1997 Crops are Harvested.

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1-1981 John Deere 4840 Diesel Tractor, SG Cab, A/C, Htr, Radio, WF, Wts, DH, P/S Trans, 18.4 x 42 Rubber, Duels
1-1977 John Deere 4630 Diesel Tractor, SG Cab, A/C, Htr, Radio, WF, Wts, DH, P/S Trans, 18.4 x 38 Rubber
1-1974 John Deere 4030 Diesel Tractor, SG Cab, A/C, Htr, Radio, WF, Wts, DH, S/R Trans, 18.4 x 34 Rubber, (New Block 1995)
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Fillies In Track Meet At Sp-Earth

The 7th-8th grade and high school Fillies participated in the Springlake-Earth track meet March 14-15.

Placing for the 7th grade was the 400m relay team-6th place with a time of 1:04.

The 400m relay team members are Jessica Reyna, Angela Villarreal, Christen Stowers, and Amber King.

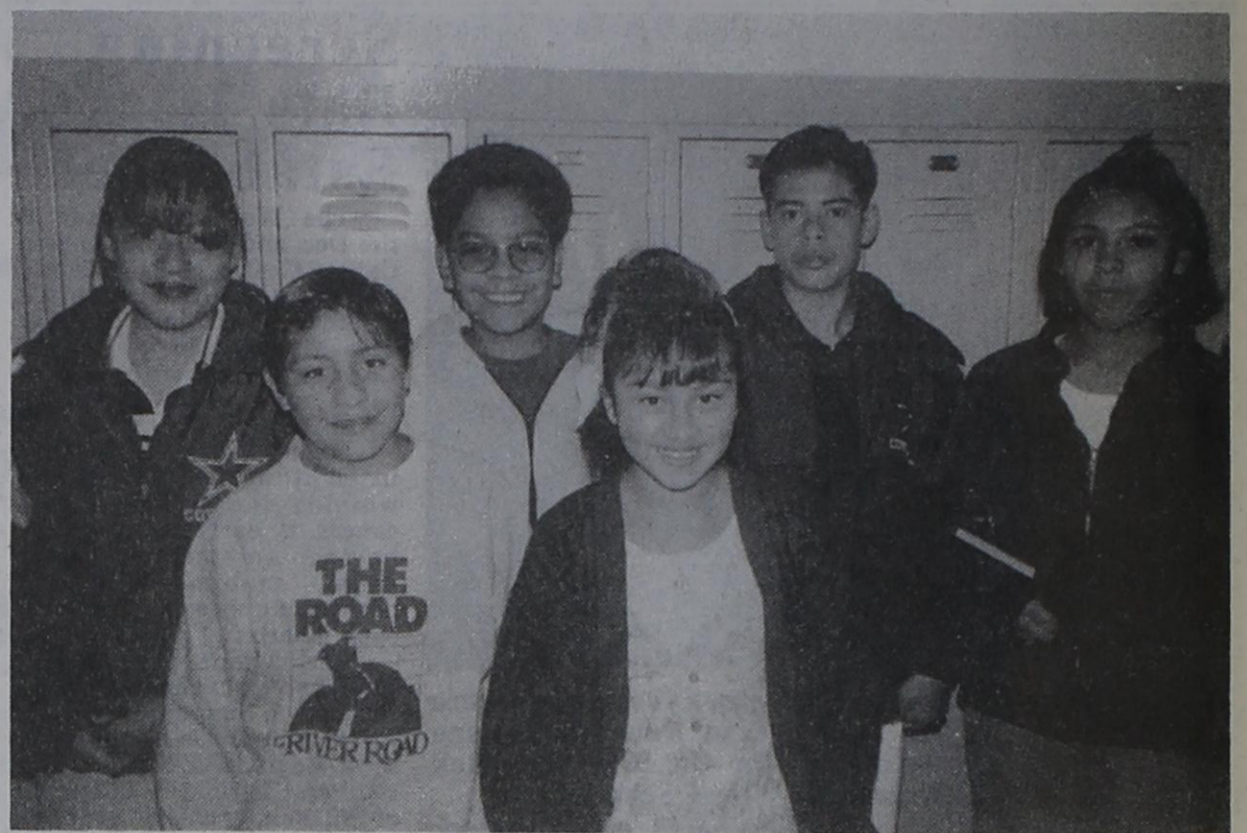
Scoring also for the 7th grade were Amber King-100m-4th-14:00, Christen Stowers-1600m-5th-6:30, Amber King-high jump-4th & Christen Stowers-5th.

For the eighth grade, placing in shot put competition were Joyce Martinez-4th & Casey Riley-5th.

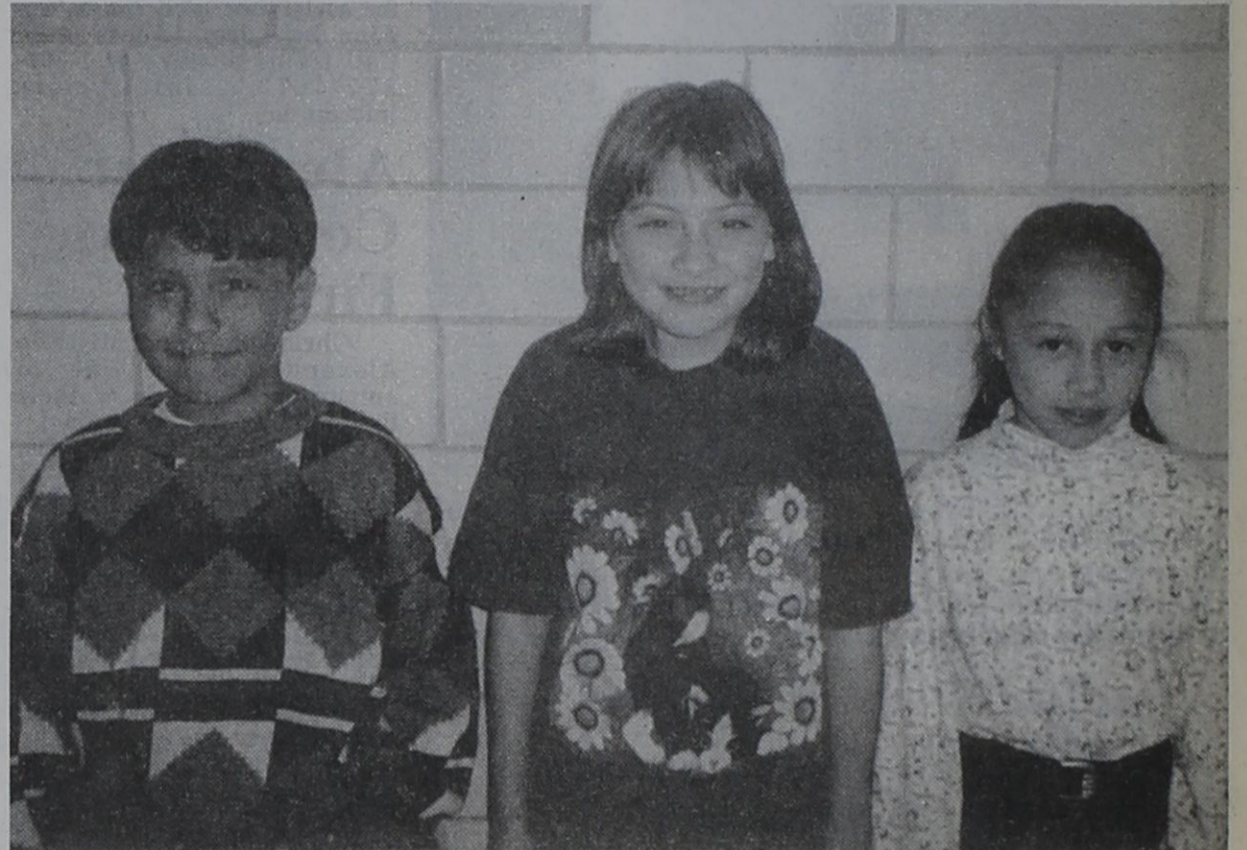
The high school Fillies 1600m relay team of D'Anne Jones, Lori Beauchamp, Marisol Antillon, and Melissa Cano finished 6th with a time of 4:57.

Also scoring were Melissa Cano-800m-3rd-2:39, Marisol Antillon-3200m-6th-14:47, and Lisa Hromas placed first in discus with a toss of 91'7 1/2".

The team scored 21 points and finished 8th out of 15 teams.



ALL SMILES....Students-of-the-month at Bovina Middle School are selected for their outstanding citizenship and academic work. Nominated by teachers, these students earned the honor for February. From left, April Martinez, Ivan Vela, David Garcia, Miguelina Lopez, Chris Antillon, and Rita Navarro.



JOINING THE 100 POINT CLUB....After reading for 100 points in the elementary accelerated reading program, students are given a T-shirt. These fourth grade students, all in Mrs. Graves class, earned their reading T-shirts last week, l-r, Miguel Munoz, Jennifer Reyna, and Jessica Amparan.

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Lazbuddie Shoot-Out Rescheduled

The Lazbuddie Shoot-Out 3-on-3 Basketball Festival, scheduled for March 20-22, has been rescheduled to April 4-5.

According to Debbie Weir, the basketball tournament was moved forward to allow the Lazbuddie Senior Class, sponsors of the event, time to get more entrants.

For more information and an entry form, contact Debbie Weir, Sarah Black, or any Lazbuddie High School senior.

Bovina School Lunch Menu

Week of March 24-27
MONDAY--lasagna, carrot sticks, salad, garlic toast, fruit and milk.

TUESDAY--pig in a blanket, pinto beans, carrot sticks, fruit and milk.

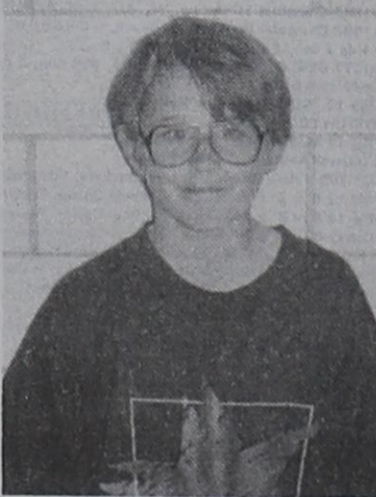
WEDNESDAY--chicken fried steak, green beans, potatoes, fruit and milk.

THURSDAY-- bologna and cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomato, potato chips, chocolate cake, fruit and milk.

FRIDAY--school holiday.
 *A hamburger basket (hamburger, fries, lettuce, tomato) is an alternate choice any day.

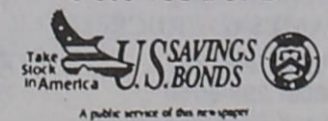


"I'M AN AR STAR".....T-shirts bearing a star are worn proudly around the campus by students who surpass 100 points in the accelerated reading club. These fifth graders have earned the right to be proud. They are, top, Maria Perez and Christy Villarreal, and below, Brandon Edwards.



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