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Chamber Honors Our City's Leading Citizens

by BILL ELLIS

Outstanding citizens of Bovina were honored at the 43rd annual banquet of the Bovina Chamber of Commerce last Saturday evening.

Mike Prather was honored as Man of the Year; Vi Hutto as Woman of the Year, Denise Anderson as Educator of the Year, and Rouel Barron received the chamber's Heritage award.

Prather was hired as Bovina Church of Christ's preacher in 1989. During his time here, he has also served on the volunteer ambulance staff, Chamber of Commerce, municipal judge, city secretary, and as BCN project manager.

He currently preaches, teaches computer classes at B.H.S., and is a computer consultant.

Mike met his wife, Gina Swafford, while in college. They married in 1986. They have two daughters, Amanda and Taylor.

Prather and his family love Bovina and its people, who have stood by him and his family during good times as well as their darkest days of grief. Mike has been heard describing Bovina as "safe, quiet, slow-paced, caring, a good place to raise a family, and a good place to live."

Vivaliah Hutto was born in Clovis, but has lived in Bovina most of her life. She teaches Bible School, has belonged to several committees, has cared for the flower beds at the Baptist church, where she is a faithful member. She plans many of the activities for the senior adults.

She has been active in the EMS group for six years, and has been the local Justice of

the Peace for 13 years. "You may see her at your house if you have to call 911, or you may be able to visit her office if that nice little man has spotlighted you," it was stated.

Vi and Gene Hutto have been married 39 years, and have two children. They are Toya DeLeon of Bovina and Tommy Hutto of Amarillo. They also have four grandchildren.

Denise Anderson graduated from Bovina High School in 1980 and from West Texas State University in 1985.

While she was in high school, she participated on the Fillies track team that went to state three consecutive years, winning the state title in 1978. She was an excellent high jumper, and also ran on the mile and 880-yard relay teams.

She began her coaching career in Bovina in 1987. She coached elementary and middle school students until 1995. She began teaching commercial subjects and computers in high school and middle school in 1995-96.

Rouel Barron's father bought land southeast of Bovina in 1926. He married Thelma "Dude" Free on August 11, 1934. He farmed and ranched with his dad before buying his own farm in this area.

He and "Dude" raised two sons on their farm, Donald Ray and Jerry. Rouel was one of the first to drill irrigation wells here in the 1950s.

He worked as a cowboy for the Triplet/Pringle Cattle Co. and shipping pens in Bovina in the 1940s and 50s, along

with Robert Calaway and Cash Richards.

Cowboys from Triplet's would ride up to the Bovina Hotel, where family-style meals were served. There is still a hitching rail fence behind the old hotel building here.

Rouel is a charter member of the Bovina Roping Club and the Bovina Lions Club. He is a longtime member of the Methodist Church, and a friend to everyone.

A crowd of around 250 roared with laughter at the speech made by professional entertainer Tumbleweed Smith last Saturday night at the 43rd annual Bovina Chamber of Commerce banquet.

The "Natural Helpers" class served the crowd a juicy steak dinner prepared by Hop Hoppengardner and his crew of cooks who have been cooking for the banquet for nearly 40 years. The steaks were donated by Caprock Industries.

The event featured a "Texas Our Texas" theme. The walls were lined with colorful posters prepared by Bovina pre-K through 5th grade students. Two quilted wall-hangings with a Texas theme were loaned by Rita Masts.

New Chamber of Commerce officers and directors for 2003 were introduced as: President Aaron Reed, Vice President Toya DeLeon, Secretary Lisa Villarreal, Treasurer Deanna Curtis and Directors: Ernest Terry, Danny Pollard, Mendy Neal, Laura and Valentine Grado, Dee DeLeon, Carol Ortiz, Jim and Kay Swafford.



DENISE ANDERSON
Outstanding Educator



VI HUTTO and MIKE PRATHER
Woman and Man Of The Year

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CHAMBER PRESIDENT Billy Smith, left, presents the 2003 Heritage Award to Rouel Barron. At right is his wife Thelma "Dude" Barron. See the story at right for information on all the 2003 Chamber honorees banquet photos by carol ellis

PEOPLE HAVE recently been asking why folks in other countries don't like us here in the good old USA. Well, heck, there are a lot of us here that don't even like each other... such as: liberals vs conservatives, Democrats vs Republicans, Hollywood elitists vs the rest of us hicks.

"MY TURN"

By Carol Ellis



The Tinseltown film folks managed to limp through their annual "Oscar" pat yourselves on the back last Sunday night, with a muted amount of mud slinging aimed at our country's leaders. Matthew McConaughey, a Texas boy of Irish lineage, is my new hero for wearing a red, white and blue pin on his lapel as a show of patriotic support. Bruce Willis is also a strong supporter of our country's ideals.

I am in total agreement with the lady in Amarillo whose recent "letter to the editor" urged all of us to boycott any movies, videos, CDs, and other forms of entertainment which feature entertainers who do not support our leaders, our country and our military.

My current Hollywood blacklist: Barbara Streisand, Mike Douglas, Susan Sarandon, Michael Moore, Martin Sheen, Sean Penn, Jaimie Lee Curtis, George Clooney, George Michael, Harry Belafonte, Alec Baldwin, Lubbock's own Natalie Maines of the Dixie Chicks, Spike Lee, Ed Harris. Oh well, the list goes on and on. I really liked some of these artists, but when they start spouting political rhetoric, it just ruins it for me to ever enjoy any of their work in the future.

French folks don't seem to like us nearly as well as they did back in June 1944. General George Patton once remarked "I would rather have a German division in front of me than a French one behind me."

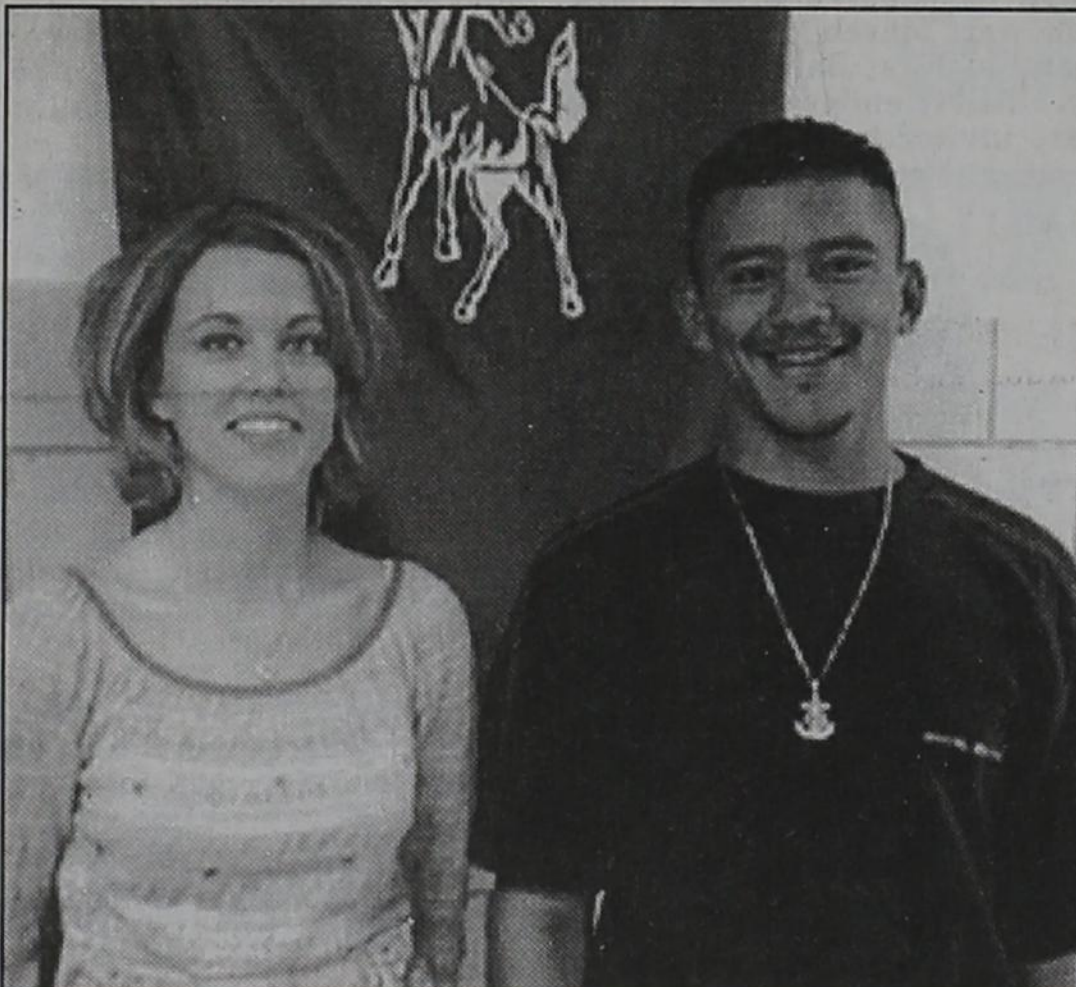
General Norman Schwartzkopf says "Going to war without France is like going deer hunting without your accordion." "The only time France wants us to go to war is when the German Army is sitting in Paris sipping little cups of coffee," states Regis Philbin.

Arizona Senator John McCain has said "You know, the French remind me a little bit of an aging actress of the 1940s who was still trying to dine out on her looks but doesn't have the face for it."

The best quote yet comes from late night talk show host Jay Leno. "I don't know why people are surprised that France won't help us get Saddam out of Iraq. After all, France wouldn't help us get the Germans out of France."

Anyway, there are several other countries out there who DO agree with our position on removing this cruel dictator from power. Those who have pledged their support and sent troops to stand beside the U.S. military forces in Iraq are: Afghanistan, Albania, Azerbaijan, Australia, Bulgaria, Columbia, Czech Republic, Denmark, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Georgia, Hungary, Italy, Japan, South Korea, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Turkey, United Kingdom, and Uzbekistan. Plus there are several more countries giving support who wish to remain unnamed.

Some of you readers may be old enough to remember when good old Bob Hope used to grab up a troupe of Hollywood stars and travel to wherever there was military action. They would entertain our fighting troops in a show of support. Back at home, well-known movie icons urged folks to buy war bonds to support the war effort. Hollywood whipped up the entire population into a frenzy of patriotism. You simply did not see any anti-war protests going on during WWI, WWII, or the Korean War. I wonder whatever happened to that spirit of togetherness?



COURTNEY JAMERSON & NEMECIO RODRIGUEZ
Bovina's Outstanding Youth Awards for 2003

REC Annual Member Meeting Is Big Success

Great meal, great entertainment and a packed house were the order of the evening at the Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative's 65th annual membership meeting Tuesday night at Hereford's Bull Barn.

The chicken, fish and barbecue dinner, with all the trimmings, was catered by Danny's Hens and Fins from

Girls Golf Results

At the Farwell golf tournament, the Bovina Fillies won 3rd place in team competition. Their scores were:

Xochitl Guevara 112, Yuri Vela 109, Gisile Alvarado 122, Vanessa Garcia 109, Elizabeth Alonzo 125.

In individual competition, freshman Karla Rivera posted a 95 to win 3rd place.

Coach Bryan Jones stated "I am very proud of all of them."

Lubbock to almost 1,500 people.

Entertainment was provided by the Flying J Wranglers from Ruidoso and the co-op gave away over \$1,000 in door prizes as well as returning capital credits to members of over \$1 million.

During the business meeting, all three incumbent directors were re-elected. They are Clark Andrews, Clarence Martin and Donald Wright.

DSEC president and general manager Steve Louder gave members an update on cooperative activities and introduced Sheldon Petersen, governor of the National Rural Utility Cooperative Finance Corporation (NRUCFC).

Mr. Petersen traveled all the way from Virginia to attend the meeting and was the featured speaker during the business meeting. NRUCFC headquarters are located in Herndon, Virginia, and DSEC president Louder is its board chairman this year.

Doctor's Day Observed Here In Parmer County

Parmer County Community Hospital and the Hospital Auxiliary members joined together in celebration of "National Doctors' Day" with a reception honoring the medical staff.

Parmer County Community Hospital Auxiliary gave red roses to members of the medical staff. Bill Neely, hospital administrator, said, "We are very pleased to join with our Auxiliary members in expressing our appreciation to the medical staff for their outstanding service to our community."

Doctors' Day has been celebrated in March since

Weather-Spotters Class Set

Bovina Firemen and EMS volunteers are sponsoring a weather-spotters class on April 3 at 7 p.m. at the EMS building.

The weather class will be conducted by the National Weather Service and the public is invited to attend.

1933 and commemorates the discovery of ether for painless surgery.

E. Ortiz Sets New Track Record

Only three Mustangs competed in the Hereford Relays held March 14-15, but they brought home two first place finishes including a school record.

Distance runner Edgar Ortiz won the 3200m run with a school record time of 10:51, eclipsing the old record of 10:59. He also placed second in the 1600m in a time of 5:03. He was edged out after leading the field in the last lap.

Jonathan Chisom won the triple jump competition with a leap of 41'-1". Jake Steelman placed 4th in the 110m hurdles and 5th in the 300m hurdles.

All three of these youngsters went to area and regional last year and are looking to repeat this year.



LONG LINES and lots of food kept people happy at the Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative annual member meeting in the Hereford Bull Barn Tuesday, March 25. Almost 1,500 attended. ron carr photo



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESIDENT BILLY SMITH WELCOMES GUESTS TO THE ANNUAL BANQUET



A VERY NICE CROWD OF OVER 200 PEOPLE ENJOYED THE CHAMBER BANQUET AND THE DELICIOUS STEAKS



REV. AARON REED, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, IS CHAMBER PRESIDENT FOR NEXT YEAR.



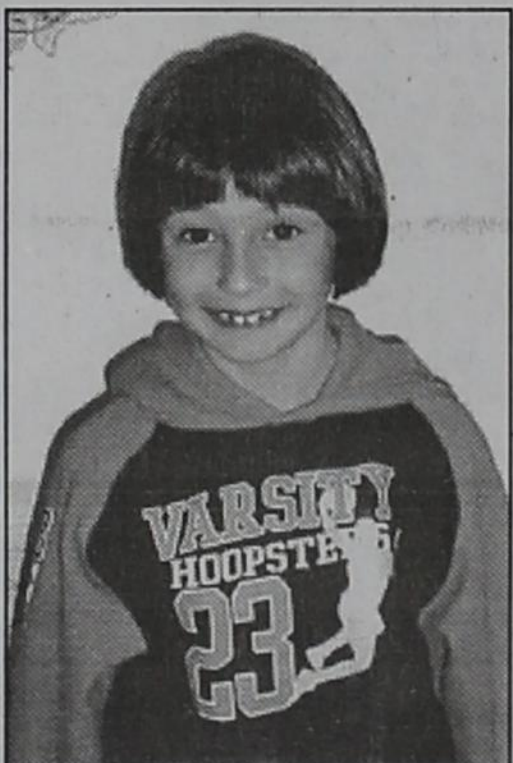
SCOTT STEELMAN, 11, SON OF JEFF & KRISTI STEELMAN, ENTERTAINED ON THE VIOLIN



COMEDIAN, HISTORIAN, RADIO PERSONALITY AND GOOD OLD BOY TUMBLEWEED SMITH WAS THE SPEAKER AT THIS YEAR'S BANQUET

Shower Set For Timmses

Melinda and Terry Timms will be honored with a baby shower March 29 from 2-4 p.m. at First Bank-Bovina. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.



TAYLOR DELEON won the Parmer County Soil & Water Conservation District poster coloring contest. She is a 2nd grade student in Mrs. Steelman's class. Taylor is the daughter of Toya and Dee DeLeon and granddaughter of Gene and Vi Hutto.

Happy Birthday Bovina

Birthdays for the week of March 30 to April 5, 2003.
 Mar 30 Jimmie Cockerham, D'Anne Baker, Andrea Villarreal
 Mar 31 Leah Mason, Kim Rundell
 Apr 1 Chuck Gilbreath, Stan Miller, Evangelina Casas, Dale Gober, Rusty Venable
 Apr 2 Kristi Steelman
 Apr 3 Ted Blair, Roel Robledo, Pat Ware
 Apr 5 Joyce Read, Dickie Clayton
 Add friends or relatives to our permanent birthday list by calling 251-1523.
 If names appear that should be deleted or changed due to death, marriage, moved away, etc., please let us know also so we can take them off or make corrections.

45 Yrs Ago - Mar. 26, 1958

Bovina area farmers are to get a chance at vegetable growing. A representative of Gateway Produce Company of Laredo told the Bovina Blade Tuesday that his firm will build a shed for packing and shipping cantaloupes in Bovina.

A total of 31 awards were brought home from Friday evening of last week by members of the Bovina Public School Bands. In Canyon all day Friday, the band was competing in the Interscholastic League meet for solos and ensembles.

Bovina Sales and Service, a radio-TV firm, closed its doors last week, and the owner, E.A. McCollum, announced plans to move to Dimmitt, where he had come from.

Fifty-eight students from Bovina Public Schools will spend the weekend in Dallas. Children from the third through seventh grades will make the combined educational and pleasure trip. They will be accompanied by four teachers and twelve parents.

40 Yrs Ago - Mar. 27, 1963

R.G. (Pete) Davies, manager of Panhandle Growers Labor Association here, submitted his resignation to the board of directors at a meeting last week.

Jim Ware has purchased the interest of his former partner, Dean McCallum, in Bovina Insurance.

Mike Grissom, seventh grade student at Bovina Schools, was named champion speller of Parmer County in a bee conducted here Friday.

Grand opening of OK Tire Store in Bovina will be observed next week, Darrell Holland, manager of the business, announces.

35 Yrs Ago - Mar. 27, 1968

The proposed building of a new junior college to serve Deaf Smith, Castro, Oldham and Parmer counties will be discussed at a public meeting to be held in Hereford April 4.

The annual Cancer Drive will be conducted in Bovina this year by members of the Bovina Woman's Study Club, according to Mrs. Tom Ware.

Larry Grissom exhibited the reserve champion Poland China in the swine division of the South Plains Junior Livestock Show held in Lubbock.

Nearly all farmers in Parmer County have signed up to participate in the 1968 farm programs, according to Prentice Mills, ASCS office manager.

30 Yrs Ago - Mar. 28, 1973

Dolph Moten has sold the Bovina Blade to Bill Ellis of Friona. Announcement of the transaction which will become effective April 1, was made jointly by the two Parmer County newspapers this week.

Friends and neighbors of Joe Schilling gathered at the Schilling farm Thursday with their tractors and farm machinery for a work day. Schilling was injured in a car-truck collision near Oklahoma Lane March 17 and is a patient at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

This community was stunned and saddened Tuesday morning by the tragic accidental death of Robert Wilson of Bovina. Mr. Wilson, 54, was killed instantly about 9:15 a.m.

25 Yrs Ago - Mar. 29, 1978

A Friona crop duster was killed Sunday afternoon when his plane crashed just south of Friona. Killed was John D. Walter, 56. Walter, an employee of Benger Aero Spraying, hit a power line, causing the crash. Both the cities of Friona and Bovina had electrical power interrupted for 40 minutes following the crash.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Weatherford, announces that its women's tennis team will be on the road for matches at East Central State University in Ada, Oklahoma on April 4. Among the members of the 1978 women's team are Donna Spencer, a sophomore, from Lockney, Texas, and Sonja Wilburn, a senior, of Bovina.

20 Yrs Ago - Mar. 27, 1983

Ralph Roming was appointed this week by Governor Mark White to the newly created 26-member Texas Family Farm and Ranch Advisory Committee, part of the Broad agricultural policy initiative to address the problems of farmers.

Parmer County farmers went for the PIK (Payment in Kind) program in a big way, according to figures released this week by the Parmer County ASCS office.

Bovina High School's Contest Play was selected as the District 5-AA winner in competition with all the district schools last Friday, March 25 at Farwell.

Over the past few weeks, forecasters have stated that the phenomenon which has disrupted normal weather patterns throughout the last year is losing its power. The local "Chief" agrees with that prediction.

"We are going to have a normal, average year," said Weldon 'Chief' Crim as he was reading the smoke signals on the morning of March 22. "It looks like El Nino is a thing of the past."

15 Yrs Ago - Mar. 27, 1988

New directors for the Chamber of Commerce are Jim Rhodes, Larry Mitchell, Sonny Roach, Jerry Roach, Kim Black, Pam Bell, Tami Kunselman, Mike Beauchamp and Galen Hromas.

The Bovina Junior High girls competed in the Muleshoe track meet last Friday and Saturday. Bovina scored 50 points, good enough for fourth place, in a tough fourteen team field.

The Bovina Lion's Club's annual Easter egg hunt will be held Sunday, April 3 at 2 p.m. at the City Park.

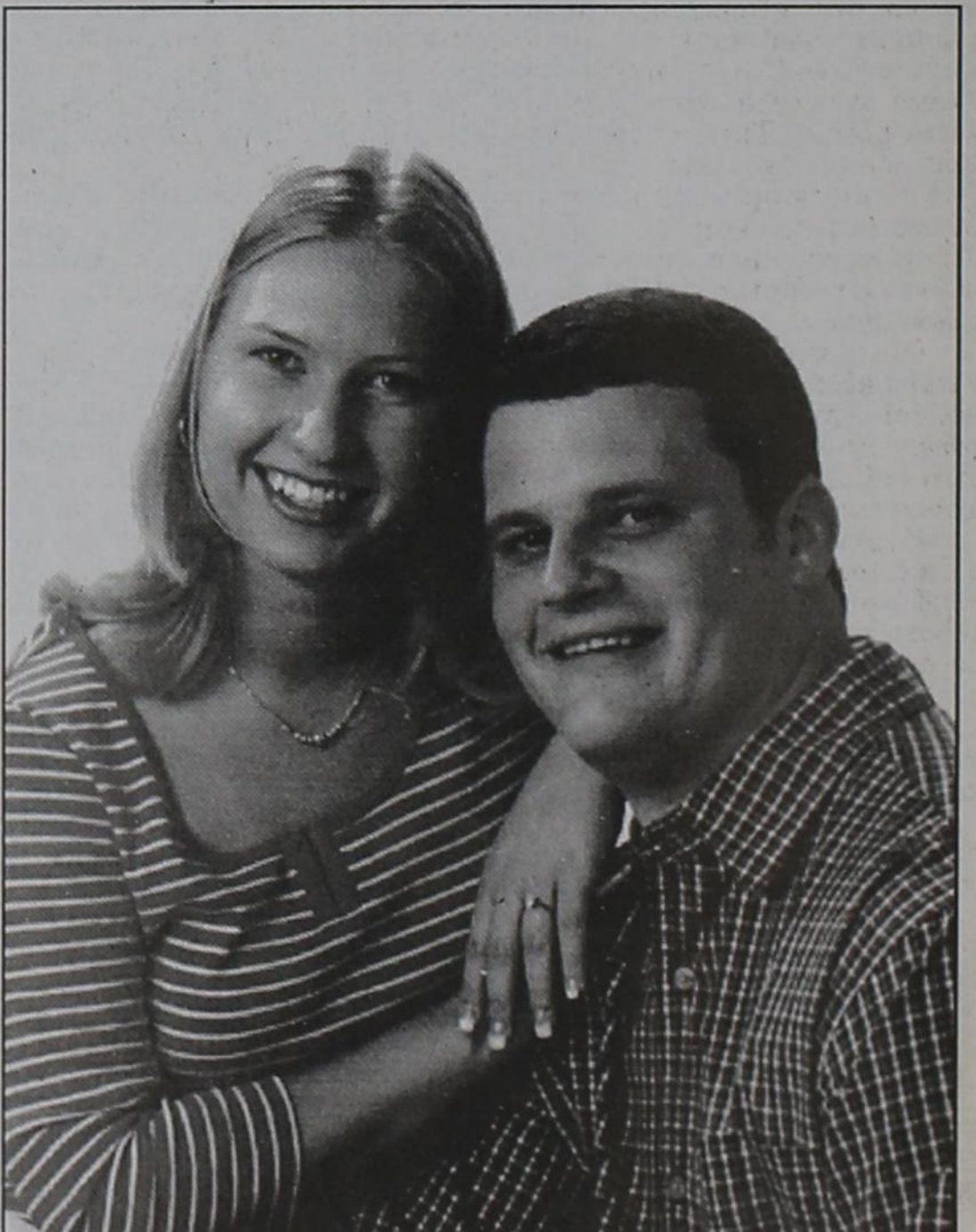
10 Yrs Ago - Mar. 27, 1993

Among those who received honors at the Bovina Chamber of Commerce Banquet last week were Kathy Rundell "Educator of the Year," Galen Hromas "Man of the Year," and Terri Sorley who was named "Woman-of-the-Year." Darren Hromas and Teresa Stone were honored with Youth Awards.

5 Yrs Ago - Mar. 27, 1998

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LORA LEE BRADEN and CHRISTOPHER JOHN SMITH....Kenneth and Shirley Braden of Garden City, Texas announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lora Lee, to Christopher John Smith, son of Dale and Debbie Gallman of Bovina. She is a 2000 graduate of Garden City High School and is a pre-chiropractic major at Angelo State University. He is a 1998 graduate of Lazbuddie High School and will receive his MBA in accounting from Angelo State University in May. He is employed by Oliver, Rainey & Wojtek, L.L.P. The wedding will take place on June 14. After their marriage the couple plans to reside in San Angelo.

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SUGAR SHACK



WINNER OF the 19" color TV at the REC meeting was Dee Clark of Friona. ron carr photos

C. Formby Honored For Broadcast Milestone

Long-time Hereford radio broadcaster Clint Formby will be airing his 15,000th consecutive broadcast on Monday morning, March 31. This will establish his radio program, "Day by Day Philosopher," as the longest consecutive broadcast by any person in this country, even surpassing the likes of Paul Harvey and Rush Limbaugh.

Formby's program has been broadcast six days each week, Monday through Saturday, on station KPAN since October 9, 1955, having never missed a program.

Station KPAN and listeners in the Hereford area, including Friona and Bovina, will participate in special observances for the occasion on Monday after the daily program airs. An application to the "Guinness Book of Records" will follow immediately after the broadcast.

Formby has been an active broadcaster, civic leader and businessman in Texas since his graduation from Texas Tech in 1949.

He is a former chairman of the National Association of Broadcasters, Chairman of the Texas Tech Board of Regents, President of the Associated Press Broadcasters, a six year member of the corporate board of the Associated Press, and has been named Texas Broadcaster of the Year, Texas Association of Broadcasters Pioneer of the Year, American Broadcast Pioneer

Herbicide Application

Now is the time to start applying preemergent herbicides for the control of summer annual weeds in lawns, commercial sites, sports fields and golf courses.

To be effective, these products need to be applied and watered in thoroughly before the weed seed start to germinate. The sooner the herbicide is watered in following application, the better since sunlight will break down these materials when left on top of the turf grass plants.

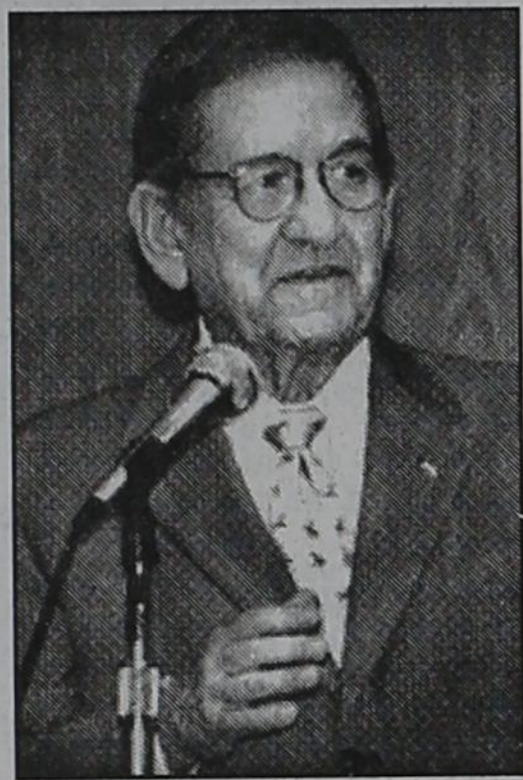
Once the weed seed has germinated and the plant is actively growing, most of the preemergents will have little or no effect on controlling the annual weeds.

For postemergent control of winter weeds, applicators need to wait until daytime temperatures are at least 50-55 degrees for the application of the broadleaf herbicides and at least 85 degrees for the postemergent control of grassy weeds.

Most of the postemergent broadleaf herbicides are in the growth regulatory category. For these herbicides to be effective the plants need to be actively growing. The ideal temperature range for most of these broadleaf products is in the 70-85 degree range.

One of the big problems with application of herbicides to turf grasses in home lawns is the over application of product because of poor calibration of sprayers and/or spreaders. This over application generally results in damage to the turf grass plants.

Contact your local Texas Cooperative Extension Office to obtain a guideline for the calibration and use of hand-cans and backpack sprayers along with some ideas on calibration of a spreader for the application of dry products, such as preemergent herbicides.



CLINT FORMBY

by Broadcasters Foundation, and has served 17 years as a member of the board of Broadcast Music Inc.

Station KPAN was established in August 1948 by two Texas journalists, John Blake and Marshall Formby.

Clint had just completed his Junior year at Texas Tech, and spent the summer as part of the crew who built the new radio station. The very first day the station went on the air, Clint's was the first voice heard when he welcomed listeners with a greeting and an invocation at 6:15 a.m.

As the "philosopher," Formby draws upon his experiences in civic endeavors, business enterprises, and extensive travel experiences. His editorials, "lines for living," poetry and humor have been the hallmark of the daily broadcast for the past 47 years.

Letter To The Editor

President Bush told the nation recently that unless the situation drastically changes, we will be at war in a few days. I want to stand and be counted.

I will boycott any movie made with an actor or actress who does not stand with their countrymen. I will no longer purchase CDs nor attend concerts where the performing artist or artists have been disrespectful to the president or to the brave servicemen and women in harm's way.

I want sponsors of TV programs to know I will not purchase their products if the programming is disrespectful to our government or any branch of the armed forces.

No one wants war. I don't want war, but I will stand by my country and do whatever is asked of me. I hope we come together and pray for our president and his advisors. Together we will ask for divine intervention and protection for our troops.

Barbara Anderson
Amarillo

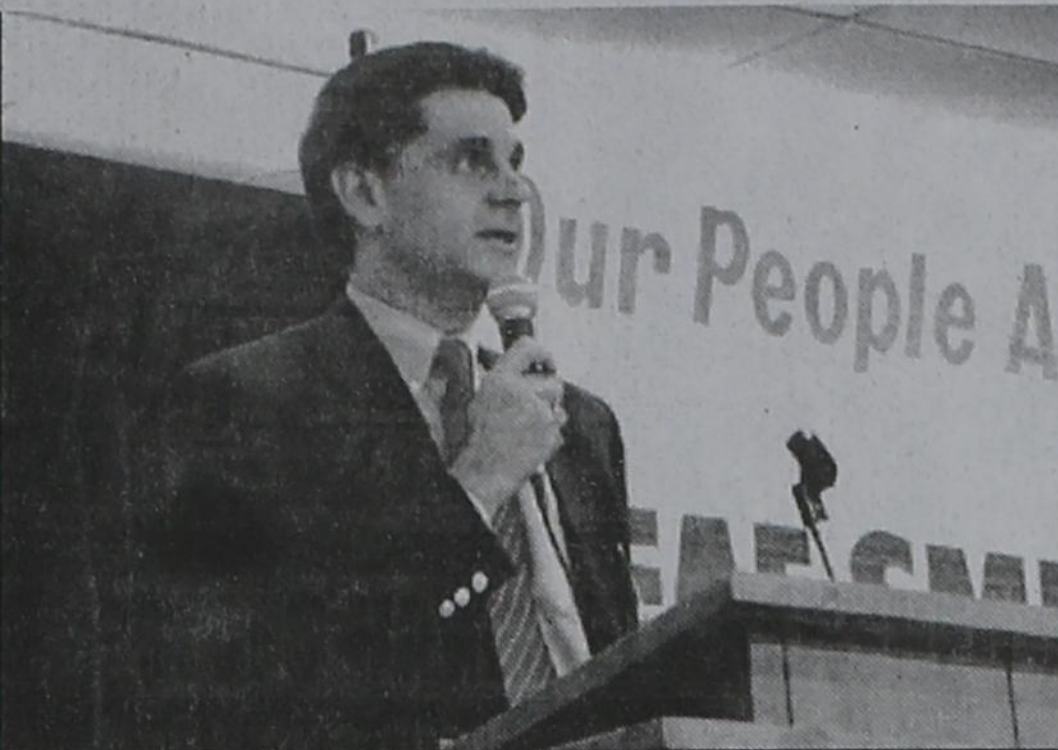
Immunization Clinics Set

Immunization clinics offering vaccines protecting against several childhood diseases are scheduled for April throughout several Panhandle communities.

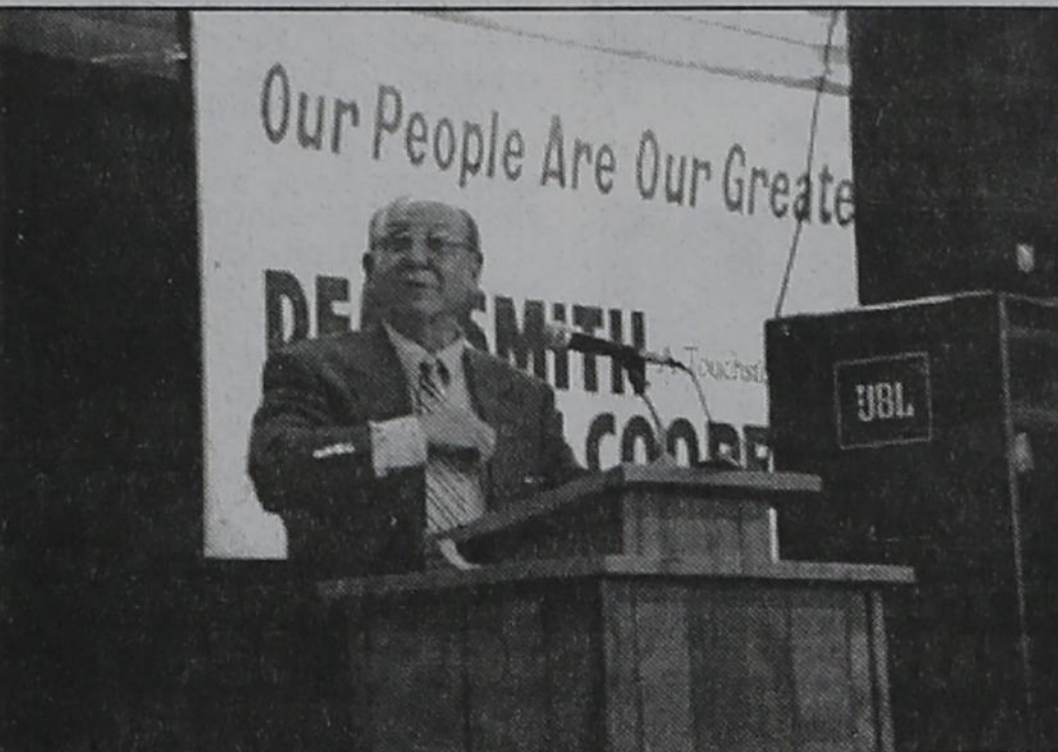
The vaccinations will be administered at 616 Euclid in Friona, Friday, April 25, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:45 p.m.

Vaccinations will also be available at the Bovina EMS Building, Monday, April 14, from 10-11:45 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

Deaf Smith Electric's Annual Meeting



Guest Speaker Sheldon Petersen



REC's Tommie Weemes reads out the names and directs traffic during the door prize drawings as employees delivered the loot to the lucky winners.



Around Town

Ladies lunch & fashion show Apr 5

The annual Ladies Spring Luncheon and fashion show will feature a luau theme complete with traditional hula dancing. The date is Apr 5 at 11:30 a.m. in the Friona High School cafeteria. Admission: one pot-luck dish. The annual luncheon is hosted by the Women's Division of the Friona Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture.

Senior steak dinner Apr 6

The FHS senior class of 2003 will serve up its annual steak dinner on Sunday, Apr 6, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the junior high cafeteria. Adults \$8 advance, \$9 at the door. Children 12 and under, \$5 advance, \$6 at the door. For tickets see any senior or call Malouf's at 250-3575. For takeouts, also call Malouf's by Apr 3. Proceeds go towards the drug free all night graduation party.

Understanding Islam series continues

The second in a series of one-hour programs to provide a better understanding of Islam will be held at the Friona junior high auditorium on Sunday, Mar 30, at 6 p.m. The speaker will be Dr. Lamuel Salik of the Episcopal Church in Hereford. The educational series is sponsored by the Friona Ministerial Alliance.

Tent meeting/brisket cookoff Apr 12

A brisket challenge cookoff, including a gospel tent meeting, will be held in Friona Apr 12, at 6 p.m. at the Community Center. The speaker will be Jeff Parsons. The event is free and the public is invited to attend. Organizers encourage you to hear the free gospel and eat the free brisket.

Tickets available for April luncheons

Tickets for the Heritage Society's annual "Luncheons in the Depot" are on sale now at the Chamber of Commerce office. The four luncheons will be held each Thursday in April. Seating is limited. Call the Chamber at 250-3491 or Lois Norwood at 250-3209 to reserve your place. Tickets are \$10 per person. The theme this year is Hawaiian Luau. There will be a style show and/or musical entertainment for each luncheon. Proceeds from the luncheons go toward maintenance and renovations of the historic Santa Fe Depot Building.

POPS dinner concert at ENMU Apr 12

The 2003 POPS dinner concert featuring University Symphonic Band, the Swanee Singers and the Faculty Jazz Players, will be Saturday, Apr 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Eastern New Mexico University campus ballroom. Admission is \$25, advanced tickets only. For mail orders, send check or money order to POPS Concert, PO Box 195, Clovis, NM 88101. Ticket requests must be received by Apr 8. For questions call Nancye Gressett at 505-762-0619.

Rush info meeting Sunday Apr 6

Amarillo Panhellenic will host a Rush Information Meeting on Sunday, Apr 6, at 2 p.m. at 32 Oldham Circle in Amarillo. All senior high school women who are interested in going through Rush should attend this meeting to receive important information on Rush packets and deadlines. A short discussion will be part of the meeting. For more info call Renee McNeely 806-359-3523.

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<p>01 Chevy Impala 99 Toyota Camry XLE 98 Chevy K2500 4x4 00 GMC C1500 01 Mercury Sable LS 00 Chevy Blazer 4x4</p>	<p>03 Dodge Intrepid 99 Expedition XLT 4x4 01 Isuzu Trooper 4x4 03 Ford Windstar Sport 00 Dakota Club Cab 4x4</p>	<p>02 Ford Mustang 98 Ram Quad 4x4 00 F-150 Supercrew 00 Durango SLT 99 Toyota 4 Runner 99 Chevy Suburban LT</p>

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Bovina's One-Act Play Cast Takes A Bow. The Play Was Titled "When The Fire Dies."



Giselle Alvarado & Jolyne Ortiz Perform



Xochitl Guevara Was Selected Honorable Mention All-Star Cast

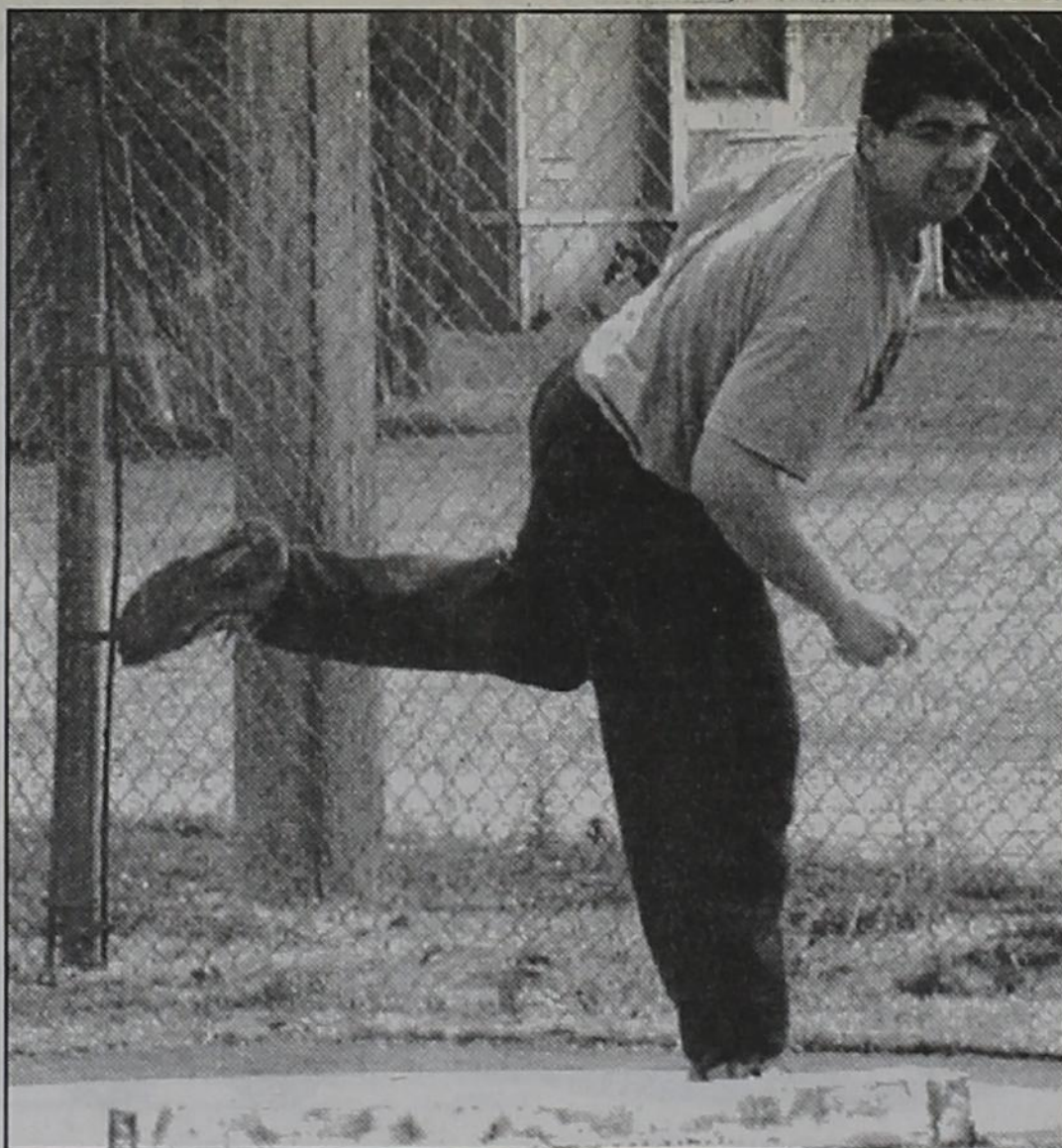


Nancy Amaya, left, and Jolyne Ortiz, right. Jolyne Was Selected Honorable Mention All-Star Cast.



MUSTANG Cornelio Ortiz is shown running at the Sudan Track Meet.

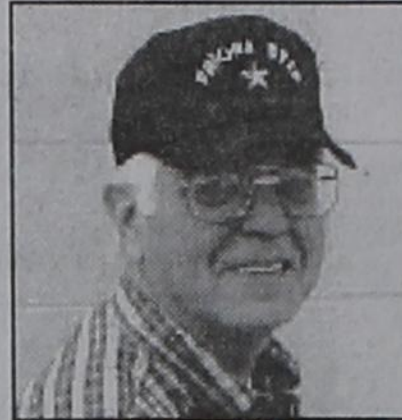
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PARTICIPATING in the shot put and discus events was Roger Martinez.



MUSTANG RUNNER... Justin Guevara has a determined look as he carries the baton during a relay race in Sudan.



Out Here

by Ron Carr

Stay Grateful and Be Humble

My son Casey called Sunday afternoon.

I've written about him from time to time. You might remember he was employed on the cruise ship Carnival Pride at last mention.

He served out his six-month employment contract as a cruise staff assistant at the end of February and returned to Dallas.

For a little while, Casey doesn't stay in one spot very long, much to the chagrin of his mother.

He called me Sunday afternoon on his cell phone in his GMC Jimmy pickup from somewhere on an Indiana toll road. He had been in Chicago the night before to see a professional hockey game and was on his way to Buffalo, New York, to see another professional hockey game.

We're not sure where his love of hockey came from. Not from me that's for sure. He played roller blade hockey and lacrosse in college at North Texas University.

From Buffalo he was driving to Brooklyn (New York) to spend a few days with a friend, see New York City and take in a couple of more professional hockey games before moving on down the east coast, ending up in Orlando, Florida.

While we talked, I kept hearing the distinct sound of a radar detector. I asked him about it. "Don't need any more tickets!" he said. "Hallelujah," I thought to myself.

He was meeting up with a couple of friends in Florida. They were going to cruise on the Carnival Pride for a week, then he was going to stay on the ship for another week.

Seems during his six-months on board he met and fell hard for a young lady named Candy from Edmonton, Canada. She is a

dancer in the stage shows the cruise line presents every night. He's 26 and she is 20 and he claims to be crazy about her.

After his cruises, he and a friend named Kelly are heading to Alaska to work through the summer. When I asked him what kind of work they were going to do, he said he didn't have any idea.

When I asked him where in Alaska they planned to go, he said he didn't have any idea. It must be nice to be young and optimistic enough that you don't have to have definite plans about anything.

He'll be back to Dallas by the fall, he said. His sister, my daughter Kirsten, is getting married on November 1 and he is going to "hang around" until after the wedding.

After that, he says he will probably sign up for another six months on a cruise ship, this time on Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines. Seems that his heartthrob Candy will be dancing on Royal Caribbean by then and he hopes to join her.

For his sake, I hope she hasn't latched on to another boyfriend in his absence.

I learned all this while he was trying to navigate the toll roads of Indiana, under the frequent interruptions of a radar detector.

He said his mother was ragging on him to come back to Frisco, Texas, where she and my daughter live, and get a job and settle down. His mother loves him dearly and I know that she worries about his safety and future.

He thinks he might want to be a teacher. His degree is in history. And I know that he would not want to disappoint his mother. So maybe someday, my boy Casey will grab the brass ring, get married, get a real job and family, and make his mother proud.

In the meantime, as you read this, he is on another of his "road trips" as he calls them. Gathering adventures, seeing the world, and being crazy about a dancer from Canada named Candy.

Before he hung up he said, "I love you Dad. See you soon I hope." Maybe he'll come through here on the way to Alaska. I hope so.

I couldn't help but be

grateful for a son like Casey. But what really aroused my love for him were thoughts of the young men and women in Iraq that Sunday afternoon.

Some of them dying and others being held as POWs by the Iraqi thugs. How afraid they must be. Yet proud.

I felt grateful, and very humble, that the young soldiers faced the ultimate sacrifice for America so that my son Casey, and millions of other Americans, can enjoy the freedoms and opportunities we have.

The freedoms that allow Casey to drive to Chicago and Buffalo or work on a cruise ship and fall in love with a Canadian dancer and look for work in Alaska.

I'm grateful that in America my son Casey has a future, even though his mother might not think so sometimes.

Our troops are facing incredible danger, some giving their lives, so that we do not have to live in fear.

I'm grateful to have a son like Casey. I'm grateful the only danger he might face this week is New York City traffic, instead of the barrel of an Iraqi gun.

We should all say a little prayer of support for the mothers and daddies whose sons and daughters are risking their lives so all of us can continue to live free.

God bless them. God bless my boy Casey. And God bless America.

Military Pictures Requested

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If you have sons, daughters, friends or relatives currently serving in the military, please bring their pictures to the middle school along with a brief description of their military service and where they are currently stationed.

More information is available by contacting Mrs. Graves or the middle school office.

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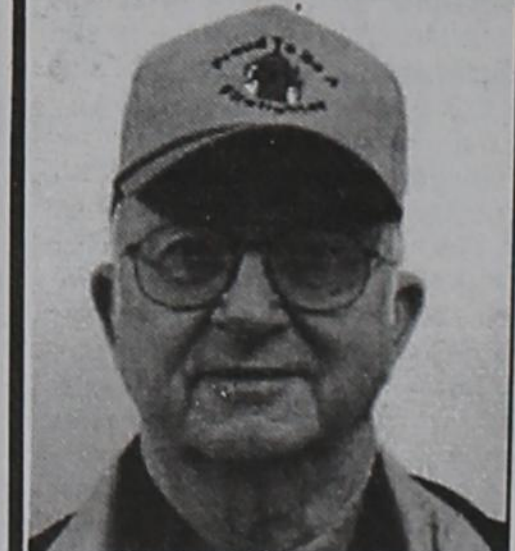
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 AS MOSES HAD EXPLAINED TO THE ISRAELITES THE LORD WOULD FEED THEM WITH FLESH TO EAT IN THE EVENING--SO, IN THE MORNING, WOULD HE FEED THEM WITH BREAD....

AND SURE ENOUGH, IN THE LIGHT OF MORNING, THE GROUND CAN BE SEEN TO BE COVERED WITH LITTLE, ROUND, OBJECTS...

...AS THE PEOPLE GATHER THE FOOD, MOSES INSTRUCTS THEM THAT THIS SHALL BE THEIR BREAD FOR A LONG TIME TO COME, AND THAT THEY MUST GATHER IT EVERY MORNING, ENOUGH FOR EACH PERSON TO LAST OUT THE DAY! AND NOW THE PEOPLE NAME THIS FOOD "MANNA".

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