

"MY TURN"

By
Carol
Ellis



THERE WERE some interesting reactions to the announcement in the March 23 issue of this paper that my write-in campaign for President was underway. Several people have indicated that they plan to write in my name on their ballots in November.

The good old boy who lives with me on Maple Street says he's going to enjoy being the "First Guy" (as opposed to being the "First Lady.") He thought it would be fun to attend funerals of important people in foreign countries.

Claire Blanco gave me a quarter to start my campaign fund. So far, that's all I've been able to raise.

I planned to ask my good buddy Anne Spring to be the vice-president, but she wasn't born in this country. Since she enjoys delving into foreign affairs, maybe I could appoint her as Secretary of State. Of course she'll have to learn how to speak English first.

Following is a letter I received:
Dear Carol,

I can't vote for you if you are going to close the golf courses on Sunday afternoons. My wife won't vote for you for the same reason. She doesn't want me home on Sunday afternoons.

The rest of your platform is very good. However, we don't need term limits on politicians as much as we need term limits on professional bureaucrats. Sincerely, Bill Liles
Federal Land Bank
Muleshoe, Texas

Then I got a phone call from June Floyd, who thought that a plank should be added to the platform regarding those irritating telemarketing phone calls which are constantly interrupting our lives these days. So, since I am planning to rework the justice system to make the punishment fit the crime, I will add the following:

The big wigs (this would include CEO, chairman of the board, etc.) of any company which perpetrates telemarketing phone calls on the citizens of this country will be sentenced to three months in a small cell with a television constantly blaring those nerve-racking infomercials 24 hours per day without ceasing.

Regarding my stance on English as the official language: My very Hispanic son-in-law who, by the way, doesn't speak Spanish, tries unsuccessfully to convince me that he is NOT just a great big loveable old teddy bear. He says he's planning to learn to speak Spanish just to irritate Madame President, his mother-in-law.

Members of the cabinet are currently being picked. Jack Patterson has agreed to be my Secretary of the Interior, Sue Nuttall will be Secretary of Education, and M.C. Osborn will be Secretary of Agriculture. Other cabinet appointments to be announced soon.

I do not play a musical instrument, so the public will not be subjected to an infantile president in dark glasses playing bad saxophone on "Saturday Night Live," or appearing on "Roseanne" or trying to be suave while gassing with talk show hosts like Larry King or Donahue. And I will not be seen in spandex top and baggy shorts while eating junk food and jogging around the White House grounds. I believe that presidents should be presidential and act like grown ups.

John Powers of the *Boston Globe* says "Youth culture Americans are stuck in a permanent state of adolescence. America is turning into a *Doonesbury* cartoon with millions of adults behaving as if they are still one year out of college, hoping Mom and Dad don't rent out their bedroom. The national anthem is Peter Pan's credo 'I Won't Grow Up.'"

Former President George Bush and First Lady Barbara Bush are good examples of people who know how to be "presidential" and act like adults. Come to think of it, maybe they are the ones whom you should write-in on your ballot in November.

Hospital Election Announced

Parmer County Hospital District announces an election to be held on May 4 for its Board of Directors.

Those filing for re-election are: Dale Schueler, D.V.M., Anne Corn and Dennis Anthony.

Voting will take place in four voting boxes located in Friona at the Fire Station; in Bovina at the EMS Center; in Lazbuddie at the high school; and in the Rhea community at the Community Center.

Early voting (formerly absentee voting) is being held at, Parmer County Community Hospital, 1307 Cleveland Street, Friona, begins April 15 and ends at 5 p.m. April 30.

Requests for absentee ballots to be mailed, must be received by Parmer County Community Hospital no later than the close of business on April 26.



Beauchamp is Student of the Week

Sophomore Tony Beauchamp was selected by teachers as this week's student-of-the-week.

Tony is the son of Mike and Debra Beauchamp.

He is in the National Honor Society, student council, and earned academic all-district in both football and basketball, plus first team all-district in basketball. He recently set a new Bovina School record in the 200m run.

Tony was nominated by Janie Sudderth, Margaret Durben, and Linda Lewis as a hard worker, good student, active in all school activities. He was characterized as a cheerful, entertaining, and fun student.

Accelerated Reading News

More and more students are reading at Bovina Elementary. Students joining the 100-point club receive a T-shirt.

Students who have earned the T-shirt are:

Jolyne Ortiz, Romualdo Ruiz, John Nelson, Ricardo Rojas, Amber Widner, Matthew Villarreal, Jill Sorley, Adriana Ramirez, Vanessa Garcia, Abraham Rocha.

Also, Charlie Rundell, Courtney Jamerson, Kris Galvan, Luzana Chavez, Augustin Ruiz, Nayeli Ovalle, Troy Turner, and Maritssa Salazar.



READING LOTS OF BOOKS...All these Bovina youngsters have earned T-shirts and praise for their reading efforts this year. Each has earned at least 100 points in the Bovina reading program. Names are listed in a related article.

Blessings To All During Easter



Annual Meeting Is Scheduled Tues.

Friona, Texas Federal Credit Union will host the organization's 42nd Annual Meeting on Tuesday, April 9 at the Friona Junior High Cafeteria.

Registration and the meal will begin at 6:30, with the annual business meeting slated to begin at 7:30 p.m. The meal will be a "Mexican pile-on" affair.

Charles Turner will furnish entertainment with his electric organ.

Girl Scout troops 290 and 238 will present the flag ceremony.

Two members will be elected to the organization's board of directors. Terms of Ralph Shirley and Troy Sharrock are expiring. Holdover directors are Sam Mears, Curt Miller, Monty Allen, John Baxter and Coy Jameson. Two terms are also expiring on the organization's credit committee, currently held by Fred Flores and Matt Osborn. David Smith, Henry Gauna and John Clark make up the remainder of that committee.

Reports will be presented on the Credit Union's 1995 fiscal year. Door prizes will be awarded.

All members and share-holders are welcome to attend.



TRACK MVP'S.....The defending champions in the mile-relay at the Sudan track meet on March 29 came through for back-to-back wins. The two-time champs in the relay, selected by coaches as track MVP's are, l-r, Tony Beauchamp, Robert Perez, Martin Reyna, and Albert Larrea.

Precincts Combined

Voters who wish to vote in the Democratic Primary Runoff election April 9 will find that there is a temporary precinct consolidation for this election.

Precinct 303 is consolidated with precinct 201 in Bovina. Voting is at the EMS building, 109 3rd.

Precinct 101, 203, and 202 is consolidated with precinct 402 in Friona. Voting for these precincts will be at the Friona Fire Station.

Precinct 302 in Oklahoma Lane is consolidated with 301 in Farwell. Voting will be at Farwell Community Center.

Precinct 401 in Lazbuddie was not changed. Voting at Lazbuddie School auditorium.

These consolidations were done to save money on the primary runoff due to expected low turnout of voters, according to Bert Williams, Parmer County Democratic Chairman.

MY SUNRISE WINDOW

By Troy Turner

I have a sunrise window
It's right by my bed.
In the morning I raise my head
This is what I see,
I see a sunrise and a cedar tree.

(This poem was chosen to be published in the Anthology of Poetry book. It was written by Troy Turner of Bovina Elementary, one of four Bovina students who were chosen to be published.)

Egg Hunt Scheduled Sunday

The Bovina Lions Club will sponsor the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday beginning at 2:30 p.m. at the City Park.

There will be two age divisions, and all children in the Bovina area are welcome to take part.



BOVINA BUNNY.....Watching for the Easter bunny is Kelsi Birdsong. The Birdsong family decorated their Easter tree in the front yard of the family home. Happy Easter.

Pre-K To Register On Apr 19

Registration for the Fall 1996 Pre-Kindergarten classes will be held from 1:30-4:30 p.m., April 19 in the elementary office.

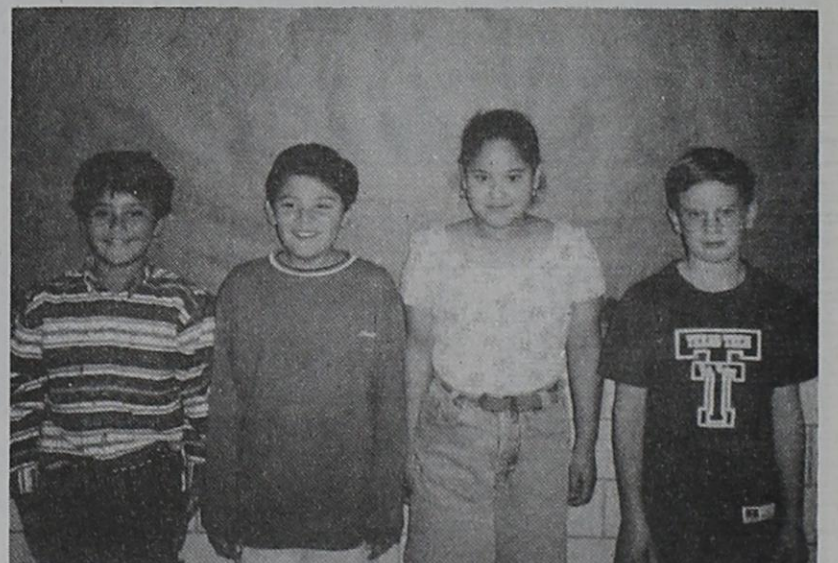
If you have a child or know of a child who will be four years old on or before September 1, 1996, they need to register for school.

Please remember to bring the following: 1. Parent or legal guardian must register the child. 2. Birth certificate. 3. Social Security card. 4. Immunization record. 5. Income verification, any type of public assistance, i.e. AFDC, social security, medicaid, food stamp number, etc.

If there are any questions, please call or come by the elementary school.



BHS ALL-STAR..Kasey Bell was selected to the all-star cast at the District 2-1A UIL North Zone One-Act Play competition in Sudan on March 23.



POETRY CONTEST WINNERS.....Fourth grade students who will have their poems published in the Anthology of Poetry book are, l-r, Gonzalo Quintero, Matthew Villarreal, Selene Sanchez, and Troy Turner. Turner's poem appears elsewhere in this issue of the Blade.

Two Excel Plants Receive Industry Safety Awards

For the second year in a row, Excel Corporation's beef-packing plant in Plainview was one of the top winners in the 1995 Worker Safety Recognition Program, sponsored by the American Meat Institute (AMI) and administered by the National Safety Council. Excel's facility in Friona also was recognized with an award.

The Plainview employees received the highest level of recognition--the Award of Honor--for demonstrating extraordinary leadership in making the workplace safer. Plants receiving this award had illness and injury rates that were consistently below the industry average.

"Receiving this top award for a second year demonstrates that our employees are committed to making the workplace safer," said Steve Mellinger, Plainview general manager. "Their efforts are to be commended."

The Award of Merit won by Friona is given to plants for

demonstrating that excellent worker safety programs are in place and showing reductions in illness and injury rates, which are consistently below industry average.

Scott Entz, general manager at Friona, said, "This is our first year to receive an AMI award and it reflects a lot of hard work our employees have put into enhancing worker safety here."

The Worker Safety Recognition Program is for AMI members engaged in meat and poultry processing. Awards are based on an evaluation of each eligible plant's safety performance, as well as its implementation of key components of an effective safety and health program.

With headquarters in Wichita, Kansas, Excel Corporation is a subsidiary of Cargill, the Minneapolis-based international marketer and processor of agricultural, financial and industrial commodities.

Boys Run At Sudan

The Varsity boys participated in a very windy track meet at Sudan, and finished 3rd overall.

Martin Reyna placed 6th in the 800m. Omar Delgado finished 6th in the 1600m as he was edged out by teammate Derrick Vanegas, who ran 5th.

Tony Beauchamp finished 1st in the 400m, followed by a 3rd place finish in the 200m.

The 1600m relay team of Beauchamp, Albert Larrea, Robert Perez, and Reyna ran strong to finish 3rd.

Sr. Citizens Meet Here

The Senior Citizens met for their monthly business meeting on March 27 at the center.

Members present were Joe Looney, Julia Leake, Ethyl Johnson, Jerry Ware, Erra Jamerson, Howard and Minnie Kelso, Owen and Arlene Patton, LaTrelle Meihner and Dorothy Ellison.

Visitors present were Mary Rejino, Sandra Johnson, Treva Sopunor and Maxine Bennett.

We'd like to remind members that it is time to pay your yearly dues.

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7th & 8th Grade Fillies Compete in Windy Meets

The 7th and 8th grade girls competed at Sudan and Dimmitt in recent track meets.

At Sudan, the team did a great job, earning 87 team points.

Results at the Sudan meet were:

400m relay-Laura De La Rosa, Lindsey Pruitt, Krysta Morris, Lety Vargas-3rd-59.25.

800m-Melissa Cano-2nd-2:53.3. 100m-De La Rosa-5th-14.51.

800m relay-L. Pruitt, Cano, Misty Pruitt, Vargas-2nd-2:06.

200m-Morris-2nd-30.13.

1600m-Marisol Antillon-3rd-6:24.

1600m relay-Morris, Cano, L. Pruitt, Vargas-2nd-4:54.

High Jump-Vargas-3rd-4'2"

Shot Put-Michelle Guzman-5th-22' 2 1/2"

and Casey Riley-6th-22' 1 3/4"

Long Jump-Vargas-3rd-13'1 3/4"

Discus-Melanie Stanberry-6th-51'3"

Triple Jump-Morris-5th-25'7"

and L. Pruitt-6th-25'2 1/2"

Bovina ISD Recognized For Safety

Sue Nuttall, Superintendent of the Bovina Independent School District, was recently honored for outstanding employee safety by the North Texas Educational Insurance Association at its annual meeting conducted in Austin.

The purpose of the meeting was to recognize those districts that have held both the number and severity of employee accidents to a very low level.

The Bovina ISD was a Diamond award recipient with the actual losses from employee accidents equaling less than 10 percent of the fund set aside by the district for claims expenses. The actual savings to the school district was \$27,923.

At the Dimmitt Relays on Saturday, the 1A Fillies were the only small school team competing and managed to earn 43 points.

In spite of very high winds and blowing dirt, the Fillies produced 8 personal best records at the Dimmitt meet.

Distance specialists Marisol Antillon and Melissa Cano ran great times in the windy conditions, racing to 2nd in their events, the one and one-half and one mile run respectively.

Krysta Morris placed second in the triple jump with a good distance of 27'6", only three inches off the school record.

Other meet results were:

2400m run-2nd-Antillon-10:01.63.

400m relay-Laura De La Rosa, Cano, Morris, Lety Vargas-6th-57.63.

800m relay-Morris, Cano, Misty Pruitt, Vargas-4th-2:06.29.

200m-Morris-3rd-29.73 and Vargas-5th-30.29.

1600m-2nd-Cano-6:32.1.

Triple Jump-Morris-2nd-27'6".

Bovina School Lunch Menu

WEDNESDAY-- burritos, fries, salad, crackers, fruit and milk.

THURSDAY--hot dogs with chili, chips, baked beans, pickles, fruit and milk.

FRIDAY--hamburgers, fries, lettuce, pickles, cookies and milk.

Happy Birthday

For the week of April 6-13.
Apr 6--Krysta Cockerham
Apr 7--Tommy Hall
Apr 9--Rose Ann Cantu
Apr 10--Ann Fores
Apr 11--Mary Alice Merrill
Apr 12--Galen Hromas
Apr 13--Rachel Beets
If you have friends or relatives to add to our permanent roster of Bovina birthdays, please call the Blade at 238-1523, or write Drawer B, Bovina, 79009.

Jr. High Boys Track at Dimmitt

The Bovina Jr. High boys track team was the only class A school to participate in the recent Dimmitt Bobcat Relays.

They competed against 3A, 4A, and 5A schools.

Tyson Kerby ran his personal record best on the 1600m run as he finished 6th.

Paulino Gonzales also had a personal record in the 110m hurdles and was 4th. Cliff Johnson ran 3rd in the 400m.

Josh Quintana had two personal bests. He was 2nd in the long jump and set a personal record to finish 1st in the 800m.

P. J. Griggs set his own personal record as he placed 4th in the high jump, then ran 2nd in the 200m.

The 400m relay and 1600m relay team placed 3rd in both events, but set personal best records. The relay participants were Johnson, Quintana, Griggs, and Carlos Rivera.

Those that did not place, but had personal records were: Chris Shuffelberger in the 200m; Cameron Charles in the 300m hurdles and long jump; Chris Antillon and Paulino Gonzales in the 300m hurdles; Levi Steelman in 800m; Carlos Rivera in 400m; Cliff Johnson and Tyson Kerby in the triple jump.

Clinic Dates Announced For April

Immunization clinics offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases are scheduled for April.

Protection is against polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps and HIB (Haemophilus Influenzae Type B).

The Texas Department of Health is charging fees to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount of money charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay.

The vaccinations are available at the WIC Office, 704 Main Street in Friona, on Friday, April 19 from 10-11:45 a.m. and 1-3:45 p.m.

Immunizations are available in Bovina at the EMS Office, 109 Third Street on Monday, April 8 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Reflections

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

40 YRS AGO-APR 11 1956

Two new trustees were elected to the seven man board of Bovina Independent School District Saturday at the American Legion Hall. Ovid Lawlis and A. C. Teter are the new members. Wendol Christian was re-elected.

Four district records were broken--two of them by Bovina tracksters--in the high school division of the District 3-B meet held here Saturday. Neil Smith, star vaulter for the Mustangs, beat his own record of 11 feet, to make the new record 11-8. Darrel Read, throwing the discus for Bovina, set a new mark with a toss of 128 feet, seven inches.

Cub Scouts of Den Three built simple camping equipment at the home of Den Mother, Mrs. W. H. Downing. Attending were Bill Charles, Billy Lynn Marshall, David Anderson, Lynn Downing, Dale Whitesides, Richard Carson, and Kenneth Connelly.

35 YRS AGO-APR 12 1961

Construction on Parmer County's new State Highway Department building is nearing completion. Maintenance Foreman Lloyd Killough says the department will possibly begin moving some things this week. The building is located on Highway 86 in Bovina.

Bovina students won four first places in District 3-B literary events Thursday at Lubbudzie. Picking up blue ribbons were Vicki Hawkins, Lee Terry, Margie Carter, and Wyndol Davies.

Four Mustang tracksters qualified for the regional track meet in Lubbock, April 21-22, by winning first or second in their events. Roger Ezell won first places in both shot put and discus and was Bovina's top point winner with 20. Don Caldwell picked up the other first place for Bovina in the mile run. Joining them at regional will be John Sikes, second in the shot put, and Olen Johnston, second in the 880-yard run.

30 YRS AGO-APR 13 1966

Congressman Walter Rogers

will deliver the main address at dedication ceremonies for Bovina's new Post Office building Saturday afternoon. In addition to giving the address, Congressman Rogers will present a United States flag, which has flown over the nation's capitol for use by the Post Office.

Bovina High's golf team has earned the right to compete in the regional high school golf tournament in Lubbock, April 22. Team members are Tommy Spears, Bill Caldwell, Larry Mitchell, Johnnie Horn, and Mike Grissom.

Billy Sudderth's dirt moving crews uncovered a large bone on the farm of Glenden Sudderth last week. The bone is believed to be part of a skeleton of a pre-historic mastadon. The 28-inch long bone was uncovered some ten feet below the surface. Rib bones have been discovered nearby which are as much as 30 inches long.

25 YRS AGO-APR 14 1971

Discussion of a new athletic track for Bovina Schools highlighted a meeting of Bovina Mustang Booster Club Tuesday night. The school presently owns land across West Eighth Street from the main school property and north of Ridgelea Elementary School that is now being used for a track and is the proposed site of a new track.

Sandra Bowman won the singles championship in District 3-A tennis competition Thursday at Kress. Miss Bowman advances to the regional event in Lubbock, April 23-24.

20 YRS AGO-APR 14 1976

Epifano Cruz, 48, an employee of Leon Grissom of Bovina, was killed in a freak accident involving a feed mix truck about 7:30 a.m. Thursday at Grissom's farm south of Bovina.

City Marshal Mike Reilly submitted his resignation in a letter presented to the city council Thursday night. Reilly, who was hired as marshal in May of 1975, plans to continue in that position until the end of May, however, he indicated to the council that he

would remain here until a replacement is found.

15 YRS AGO-APR 15 1981

Billy Lynn Marshall was among the state and national winners in the 1980 "Golden Yields" competition, named by Golden Harvest Seeds, Inc. Marshall was the Texas state champion for an entry of 224.7 Bu/A with the Golden Harvest variety H-2500.

The Board of Aldermen for the City of Bovina met April 9, and installed aldermen O'Hair, Baron, Charles, Gober, Hastings and Mayor Lusk, and the new aldermen installed were Larry Scott and Dudley Hughes.

The strange red glow which was seen in the sky above the Northern Texas Panhandle last Sunday night was a reflection of the Northern Lights, according to an FAA spokesman.

10 YRS AGO-APR 16 1986

The Sanctioning Ceremony was held at the High School Auditorium Wednesday night and Bovina was named a Sesquicentennial City.

Pete Hernandez resigned as Chief of Police for the City of Bovina, after serving the area for one year and four months. Pete was responsible for the Child Registry program, Neighborhood Crime Watch and the Women's Defense Course.

5 YRS AGO-APR 20 1991

Rock Stanley, Bovina High School football coach and algebra teacher, finally returned home Sunday, April 14 to his family and friends. Stanley is a reserve major with the Marines and was called to active duty in February.

The second public meeting concerning the proposal to create a Parmer County Hospital District will be held in Bovina Tuesday, April 23.

Effective April 15, 1991, the Parmer County Community Hospital will become a smoke free hospital.

17-4140- Notice of Election (2/92)
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NOTICE OF BOARD ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION de Regentes)

To the Registered Voters of Bovina, Texas:
(A los votantes registrados de Bovina, Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 4, 1996, for voting in a School Trustee election, to elect two (2) trustees.
(Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abiran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m., el 4 de Mayo de 1996 para votar en la Eleccion para elegir dos (2) regentes.)

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES
(Direccion (es) De Las Casillas Electorales)

Bovina Schools-500 Halsell Street, Bovina, Texas

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at
(La votacion en adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en)

Ridgelea Elementary School-1000 Hwy. 86, Bovina, Texas
(location) (sitio)

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning on April 15, 1996.
(entre las 8:00 de la manana y las 4:00 de la tarde empezando el 15 de Abril de 1996.)
and ending on April 30, 1996.
(y terminando el 30 de abril de 1996.)

Additional early voting will be held at the same location as follows: *
(La votacion en adelantada ademas se llevar a cabo en el mismo sitio de tal manera:)

Date (Fecha)	Hours (Horas)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a:)

Pat Read
(Name of Early Voting Clerk)
(Nombre del Secretario de la Votacion En Adelantada)

P.O. Box 70
(Address) (Direccion)

Bovina, Texas 79009
(City) (Ciudad) (Zip Code) (Zona Postal)

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el)
April 30, 1996
(date) (fecha)

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Julia Livestock Auction

Monday April 1 receipts 1426 head. Compared to last week's sale good stocker calves sold steady. Feeder heifers sold 1.00 to 2.00 higher, feeder steers sold steady. Packer cows and bulls traded steady.

HEIFER CALVES	STEER CALVES
3 mx. 390# - 52.00	5 mx. 459# - 62.50
7 mx. 563# - 51.00	8 mx. 578# - 56.00
21 mx. 425# - 52.00	35 mx. 576# - 57.00
23 mx. 515# - 50.00	24 mx. 477# - 66.00

FEEDER HEIFERS	FEEDER STEERS
19 mx. 634# - 51.00	8 mx. 732# - 55.00
17 mx. 709# - 51.00	21 xbred. 765# - 55.00
12 mx. 702# - 50.75	22 mx. 720# - 56.85
22 mx. 668# - 52.00	18 mx. 706# - 55.50
53 mx. 628# - 51.00	27 mx. 776# - 54.50
22 mx. 649# - 50.00	13 mx. 668# - 56.00
19 mx. 804# - 50.00	31 mx. 869# - 53.10
11 mx. 729# - 50.25	14 mx. 843# - 54.00
12 mx. 653# - 50.25	14 xbred. 853# - 54.00
17 mx. 637# - 50.25	26 mx. 734# - 55.00
	141 xbred. 767# - 53.75

For information or for consignment
Call 995-4184 or
Joe Bell at 806-293-9193

Out Here

By RON CARR

When you stop and think about it, what do rabbits and eggs have to do with the true meaning of Easter?

I'm sure there is some tradition way back in history and I could probably find out at the library if I wanted to know bad enough.

When we lived in Tulsa, the city sponsored an annual Easter Egg hunt. The city furnished the eggs and hid them in a very large park in the west part of town.

The parents furnished the kids and empty Easter baskets.

Two or three thousand kids, plus parents, would show up. The kids were kept behind barriers until the whistle blew and the hunt began.

Naturally, the younger kids would get trampled in the rush (and greed) to find as many eggs as they could. It got so bad one year, with kids getting hurt, that they threatened to cancel future hunts.

Over the years, I have developed a love/hate relationship with most holidays and the spirit in which they are celebrated. Easter is no exception.

In fact, I think we have too many holidays, which of course is not a popular opinion. Especially if you work for a bank or the government.

Most holidays have become great opportunities for commercialism. "Hey, Fred, look at this. It's Easter. Furniture and tunafish are on sale all week."

Does anybody besides me wonder why we need a holiday called Labor Day the first Monday of September?

Oh I can hear people howling now. This guy is trying to take away our holidays. Not the case folks.

Just trying to figure out if we haven't lost the meaning and spirit of most holidays. Has it become just days off. I'm afraid for many people it has.

Of all our yearly days-off

holidays, I like Thanksgiving best, even though I still can't figure out why we celebrate Thanksgiving on Thursday.

Thanksgiving comes in the fall when the weather is mostly good, the food and blessings are abundant, and nobody has to go into debt buying Thanksgiving presents or Thanksgiving clothes.

Thanksgiving is the longest holiday. It starts Wednesday when you leave town, and you have Friday, Saturday, and Sunday after it is over to shop and visit.

But this is about the Easter Holiday, which is not really a "holiday" since it is on Sunday. Good Friday is a holiday for some but not for all.

This is "Holy Week". My gut feeling is that most priests, pastors and reverends are not happy when schools close during "Holy Week", but that is another issue.

When I lived in Dallas, I was a member of one of the largest Methodist churches in America, Lovers Lane United Methodist Church. There were two services each Sunday.

Men from the church, carrying two-way radios, worked on the church parking lot directing traffic.

On Easter Sunday there were three services. If you got there late, you could end up parking two to three city blocks away.

There were more people in the choir than even attend my local Methodist Church. On Easter Sunday, they put folding chairs up and down each aisle to accommodate the crowd.

I remember thinking, where are all these people the other 51 weeks of the year? The ministers probably wonder the same.

People would come to that Dallas church on Easter, dressed in outfits they hoped would be "better" than the other people's outfits.

Across America this Sunday, the churches will be packed. With people dressed in fancy clothes,

easter baskets full of Brach candy eggs, and people in the Easter Parade.

The reason for new clothes on Easter is because Easter is a newness of life. A man called Jesus died an agonizing death on the cross then rose from the dead to assure a newness of life to everyone.

Spring is the newness of the seasons. Trees bud, rain comes (we pray), flowers bloom, lawns need mowing, and life begins anew.

I'm grateful this year that my family is out here where chances are that there will not be men with two-way radios parking us this Easter Sunday.

I'm grateful that there will be some people dressed in new Easter duds, but if you don't have any new duds it won't be noticed. Besides, Jesus didn't have new duds either.

I'm grateful the Easter egg hunts will be held in backyards and the city park and the kids will all be smiling when the hunt is over.

I'm grateful that most of the people who go to church in Parmer County this Easter also go to church most of the other 51 Sundays of the year.

This week is about church. Here is one of my favorite church stories that doesn't have much to do with Easter.

My five-year-old, Megan, was in church, on her knees on the floor, drawing on a paper on the pew during Pastor Roark's sermon.

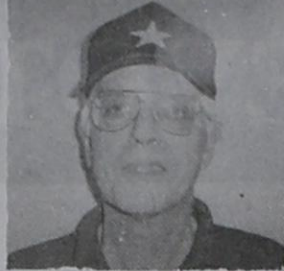
She tapped my knee, I leaned down. "Daddy, how do you spell pineapple?" she whispered.

To spell a word for a five-year-old, you have to give them one letter at a time, and pineapple is a long word.

So I leaned down and said "Later." Another tap on my knee. I leaned down to listen.

"Daddy, how do you spell later?"

This Easter Sunday, I hope we can simply enjoy the significance of the holiday.



TOM HYER, WTRT manager, discusses the Internet.

WTRT Offers New Service To Patrons

Parmer County residents in Friona, Bovina and Farwell, who can make local calls into one of the exchanges of West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative also now have low-cost access to the vaunted Information Superhighway via WTRT's local gateway to the Internet.

In the past, local home computer users interested in accessing the Internet had to hook up with a service producer in Amarillo, Lubbock, Dallas, or even California, and might spend from \$50 to \$150 a month on their on-line service charges--in addition to long-distance phone bills.

Earlier this year, WTRT's new Computer Division became a provider of Internet Service. Originally, the area telephone cooperative sought to make Internet Service available to schools for educational purposes. Now that WTRT's Computer Division is established as a service provider, home or office computer users in all of WTRT's exchanges, as well as in Friona, Bovina and Farwell, can place a local call for access to the Internet and avoid hefty long distance charges for utilizing the service.

Tom Hyer, manager at WTRT, says the telephone cooperative is charging its Internet customers a flat fee of \$30 a month for unlimited access to the service.

Here's how it works: WTRT will provide each Internet customer with an account and a password. Customers dial a local phone number to connect their computer to the WTRT office in Hereford.

At the Hereford office, a device relays the commands of the customer's machine over a T1 phone line to WTRT's "upstream" provider in Amarillo. In turn, that computer is connected to another computer in Lubbock that plugs into a mass of computers making up the Internet. WTRT serves as an intermediary between a customer's personal computer and the machines on the worldwide Net. Hyer says WTRT offers electronic mail and access to the World Wide Web, a graphics-oriented Internet function that allows users to obtain photos, audio information, graphics and text from literally anywhere in the world.

Currently, WTRT's home page on the Internet allows access to subjects including government entities such as the White House and NASA, in addition to venues for sports, entertainment, news and weather. The Internet was originally developed for the U.S. military as a backup system of communications in case of war. The system allowed backup information to be stored at numerous locations.

In its preliminary years the Internet was limited to government agencies and universities that shared information among themselves.

Once government relinquished control of the Internet, rules were changed to allow commercial applications, and the Internet's use by owners of home computers has since grown rapidly.

Individuals interested in information on local access to the Internet may call the WTRT business office at (806) 364-3331.

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Facts About The BIBLE BY JOHN LEHTI

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ZECHARIAH A YOUNG PROPHET

WHILE PREACHING AGAINST THE IDOLATRY WHICH KING JOASH SANCTIONS, ZECHARIAH IS STRUCK WITH A STONE BY ONE OF THE KING'S CONSPIRATORS AND FALLS, STUNNED, TO THE FOOT OF THE TEMPLE STEPS, AND NOW....

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NOTICE OF HOSPITAL DISTRICT ELECTION

To the Registered Voters of Parmer County, Texas:

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 4, 1996, for voting in a Hospital District election, to Elect Directors.

Location(s) of polling places:
 Box 1-Fire Station-Friona, Texas
 Box 2-EMS Center-Bovina, Texas
 Box 3-Community Center-Rhea, Texas
 Box 4-High School-Lazbuddie, Texas

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Parmer County Community Hospital-1307 Cleveland-Friona, Tx., 79035 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 15, 1996 and ending on April 30, 1996.

Additional early voting will be held at the same location as follows:*

Date	Hours

Applications for ballots by mail shall be mailed to:

Elda Hart
 (Name of Early Voting Clerk)
 1307 Cleveland
 (Address)
 Friona, Tx. 79035
 (City) (Zip Code)

Recommended but not required

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 26, 1996 (date).

Issued this the 1st day of April, 1996.

Bill Neely, Administrator
 Signature of Presiding Officer

*If early voting is not going to be conducted on either Saturday or the last Sunday during the period of early voting, delete this part.

AVISO DE ELECCION HOSPITAL DISTRICT

A los votantes registrados del Parmer County, Texas:

Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo

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Direccion(es) de las casillas electorales

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La votacion en adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en Parmer County Community Hospital-1307 Cleveland-Friona, Tx. 79035 entre las 8:30 de la manana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el April 15, 1996 y terminando el April 30, 1996.

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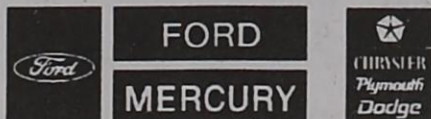
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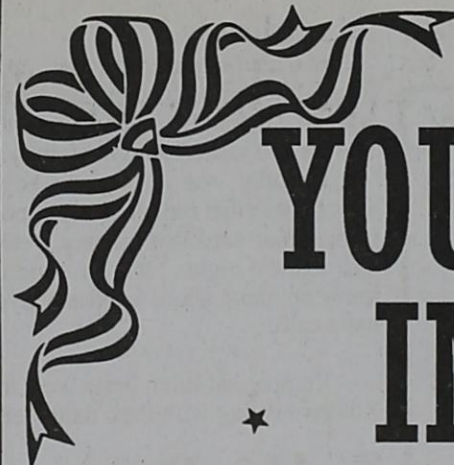
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Bids must be mailed or brought to
Bonnie J. Clayton, County Judge,
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79325, to be received no later than
10:00 A.M. Monday, April 22,
1996, at which time bids will be
considered. Please include an
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Specifications may be obtained
from the County Judge's office.

The equipment to be considered
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Bids must reflect the total cost
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The Parmer County Commission-
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Thanks, Dorothy Harris
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Pray for Rain!

Bovina Fillies See Action

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Scooter's Scoops

By SCOOTER RUSSELL



Hopefully, Weldon (Indian)
Crim's annual forecast that saw
better than average rainfall for the
spring season, really happens.

I had an interesting con-
versation with Rouel Barron who
was telling me that back in the
thirties, at one time, this area did
not get rain for eighteen months.
Owen Patton recalls this particular
time, also.

Rouel said he moved to this
country when he was sixteen years
old and it was in 1928. He said
there was no irrigation at that time
and the big black storms would
come rolling in, sometimes in the
mornings, and it would turn so dark
that even the chickens would go to
roost because it looked like night
time.

He said that irrigation didn't
come to this part of the country
until the late forties. N.R. Tharp
and Lee Sudderth were the first two
farmers to put in irrigation wells.
Several remember the "Dust Bowl"
days and how they had to struggle
to make a living.

NEWS AROUND TOWN--

We were saddened to hear about
the Cochran's who lived here several
years ago. Danny and Earlene
Cochran and their two children were
in a bad wreck and Earlene was
killed Sunday. Danny and the
children, eleven and sixteen years of
age, were listed in good condition
in the Perryton hospital. Danny
was high school principal in
Bovina several years ago in the
1980s.

Jerry Wright, former Bovina
resident, of Albuquerque, underwent
five by-pass heart surgery on
Wednesday of last week. He is a
patient at the Presbyterian Hospital
in Albuquerque. His parents are
Woodrow and Gladys Wright of
Bovina and he is Dean and Juanita
Hastings' son-in-law.

Joe and Dorothy Harris have
had visitors from a long way off.
Their grandson, Michael, who is in
the Navy, was in Bovina with his
wife, Laura, and their children,
Jasmine and Janyce, of Virginia
Beach, Virginia.

Michael's parents, Jay and
Betty Shepherd, former residents
who now live in Levelland, came to
Bovina and visited with the family.

Dorothy was telling me how
sad she was that the black wash pot
in her front yard was taken a week
ago Friday night. If you should
know anything about it, please give
her a call.

Vernon and Ellen Estes were in
Bovina visiting with their daughter,

**JV Boys
At Plains**

The JV Mustangs competed
against 20 teams in the Plains track
meet.

Pablo Martinez placed 3rd in
the 200m. The 400m relay team
set a personal best. The relay team
is Martinez, Josue Gonzales,
Derrick Vanegas, and Armando
Marez.

Vanegas also had a personal
best in the 400m run along with
Jose Canstanaeda.

The 1600m relay team of
Vanegas, Marez, Gonzales, and
Jason Kerby ran their best relay
time. Kerby also had his personal
best in the triple jump. Vanegas
was 4th in the 400m dash.

Linda and Bubby Marshall, and
their family and also seeing to their
home here. They now live in Las
Vegas, Nevada, most of the time
but have to come home to Bovina
once in a while.

I visited shortly with Vernon
on Monday and he said he had
talked to his daughter and son-in-
law, Verna Marie and Bill Strawn
of Spearman, and they said they had
a good rain Friday night and
Saturday. Bill, who farms up
north, said it had probably saved the
wheat crops in that area.

Kylee Veazey visited in Bovina
Friday night and Saturday with her
grandmother, Nelline Spicer. Her
parents are Mike and Nena Veazey
of Hereford. On Saturday, Kylee
visited with her aunt, Kay, and
uncle, Joe, in Farwell and then
went to Clovis shopping.

Asa Smith underwent surgery
to remove a cataract from one of his
eyes and his wife, Lois, said he is
getting along fine. He had a
cataract removed from his other eye
in February and both are doing fine
now.

Sid Lloyd and daughter, Patsy
Webb of Hale Center, went to
Amarillo on Monday of last week
and Sid said she had a check-up at
the doctor's office and got a good
report. The ladies enjoyed eating
out and shopping in Plainview,
then Sid went to Hale Center with
Patsy and stayed until Thursday.

Kim Rundell was honored with
a birthday dinner at their home.
His wife, Kathy, prepared the meal
and those present were their two
sons, Charlie and Blake, and their
daughter, Kami. Others present
were Kathy's parents, Tom and Kay
Williams and Kay's mom, Julia
Leake.

Visitors in the home of
Howard and Minnie Kelso were
their son and his wife, Ferman and
Maxine Kelso of White Rock, New
Mexico. Ferman is a computer
programmer at Los Alamos and
will be retiring soon, according to
his mom but will be working at

something else.
While here, Ferman went to
Clovis and had fun roping with the
Business Men's Roping Club.

Jon Lin Riddle spent a few
days in High Plains Baptist
Hospital in Amarillo. At first it
was thought that he had a heart
attack but that was ruled out and he
was released from the hospital on
Saturday. He entered the hospital a
week ago Wednesday. He will be
going back for further tests.

Ernest Jones, Dorothy Sorley's
dad, is now in the Methodist
Hospital for tests. Ernest has been
in the nursing home in Olton for
some time.

Tiny and Maggie Moore drove
to Childress on Sunday and helped
Tiny's step-mother celebrate her
birthday. Six members of the
family spent the day together and
had a good visit.

Brenda Stanberry McNeely of

Fort Worth was in the office
Tuesday afternoon and we had a
short visit. She came to Bovina to
be with her dad, Thogal Stanberry,
who had been in the hospital with
heart and lung problems but was
released on Tuesday after entering
the hospital on Monday.

Brenda and her husband have
two sons and she works in the
accounting department for the ISD.

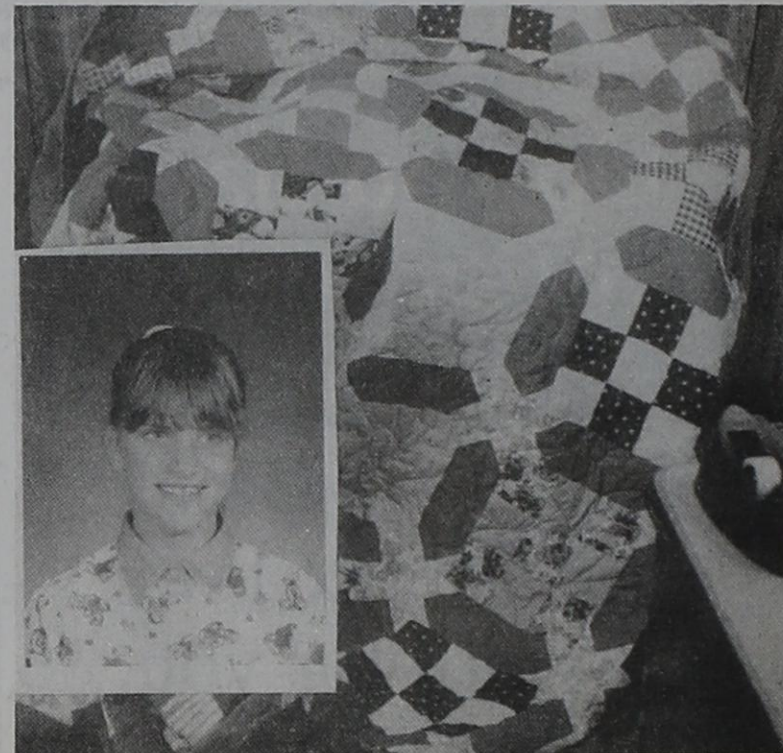
SMILE:

For the third straight time, a
little boy brought home a terrible
report card. After reading it over,
the boy's father winced and then
signed it with an "X."

"Why did you do that?" the
youngster asked.

"Because, son," his father
replied, "I don't want the teacher to
think that anyone with grades like
that has a father who can read and
write."

Have a great week and pray for
rain...Scooter.



**LITTLE GIRL, BIG QUILT....Randa Englant, ten-
year-old daughter of Mark and Toya Englant, started
putting the pieces of this quilt together when she
was seven. Her grandmother, Ann Lee Englant,
helped her to recently complete the quilt.**

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Debra Baxter

**ARTIST OF THE MONTH--Debra Baxter is Friona's Artist of the
Month for April. Her paintings are on display in the lobby at Prairie
Acres Nursing Home. Debra has always enjoyed drawing and won
some awards in school. She took up oil painting about 15 years ago
in a workshop with Arnie Vail and has studied with a few other
teachers since then. Debra is pictured here with Ester Quine, social
worker from Amarillo, who visits Prairie Acres about once each
week to do counseling. Everyone is invited to stop by the nursing
home and view the lovely art work on display.**

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The public is invited to view the art in the lobby at Prairie Acres each month.