

BHS Back In Playoffs!

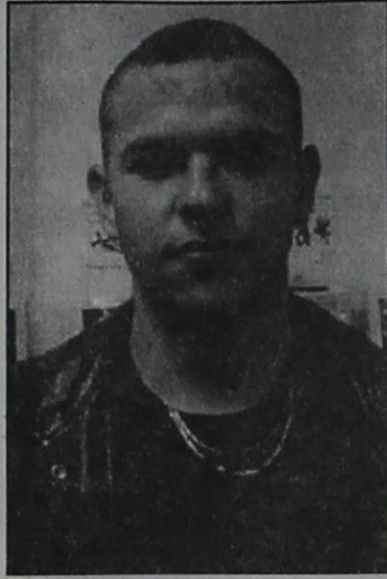
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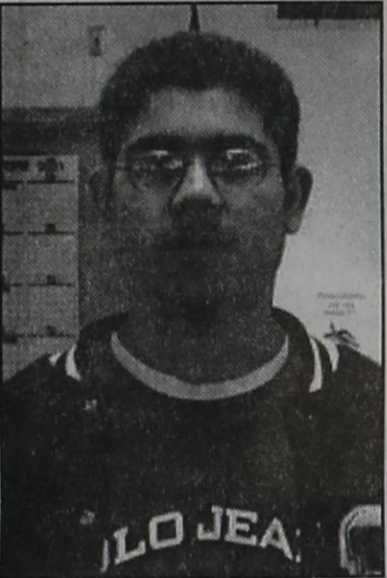
TEN PAGES



JOSE VELA

Jose was selected to the All State Band for the second year and was in San Antonio this week for the all-state concert.

He is a junior at BHS and plays the tuba. Tryouts for the state band were held at Sundown.



ROGER MARTINEZ

Roger plays the French Horn, is a sophomore at Bovina High School, and earned a chair in the Area Band, after qualifying for the All-Regional Band.

BMS Inducts Nat'l Honor Members

Thursday evening, February 6, Bovina Middle School's National Junior Honor Society held an induction ceremony for 12 new members.

The students were selected based on five demonstrated qualities: scholarship, service, leadership, character and citizenship.

The faculty sponsor, Luanne Landess and middle school principal Dr. Hank Holt conducted the ceremony, assisted by the four officers of the Society: president Henry Hiebert, vice-president Hilda Quintero, secretary Frank Martinez and treasurer Jessie Reyna.

The twelve new members are: Isai Saucedo, David Rojas, Mauricio Garcia, Christy Thatcher, Benny Ramirez, Jaime Chavira, Lucero Saucedo, Daena Carrillo, Marisela Garcia, Jesus Guevara, Norma Castillo and Ruby Vela.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, president Hiebert led the members in the Honor Society pledge before they received their membership certificates.

In his congratulatory comments, Dr. Holt mentioned that striving for the Honor Society qualities can help students avoid the "traps" of life.

Members and guests were invited to a reception following the induction ceremony.

Dribblers To Sign Up

Sign up forms for Bovina Junior Basketball League are available to boys and girls in grades 1-6. Students who do not attend Bovina schools are welcome to participate.

Forms and fees must be received by Tuesday, February 25. Games begin March 17.

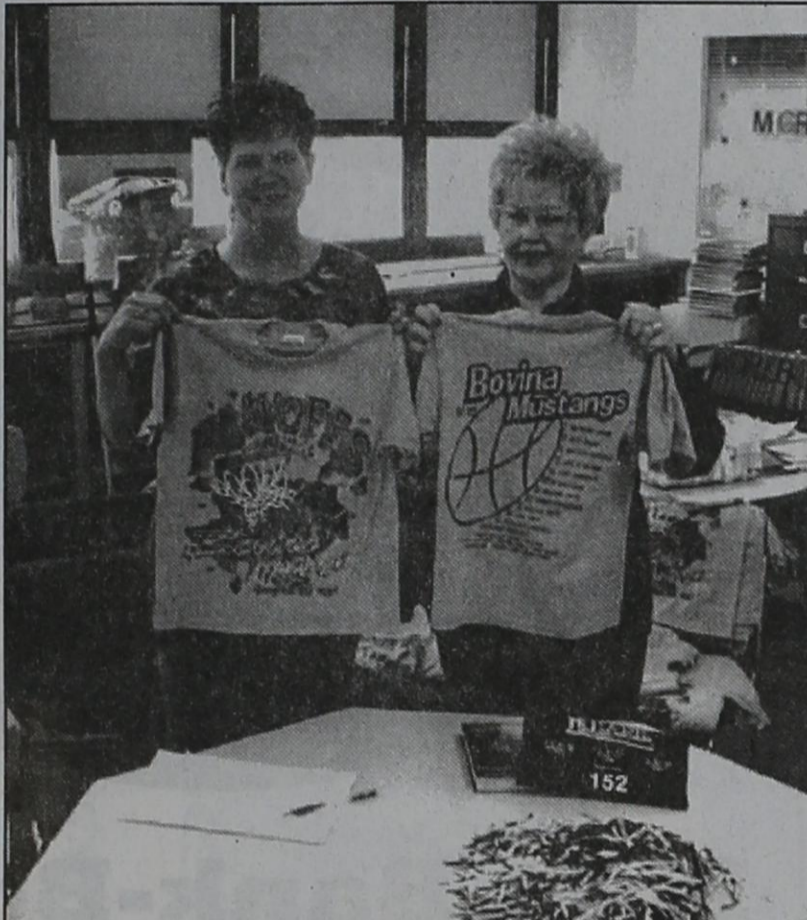
Anyone interested in coaching or assisting in some way should contact Diane Heard, 251-2028 or Gilda Garner, 251-4288.

Bovina Chamber of Commerce Banquet

The Bovina Chamber of Commerce has announced the annual banquet will be on Saturday, March 22, 2003 this year. Chamber president Billy Smith says previous banquets have been held on Thursday night but the board decided to have it on Saturday night this year for the first time.

The entertainment will be Tumbleweed Smith and the famous great steak dinner will be the menu.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from any Chamber director, at the tax office, or at the Bone Joint Chiropractic Clinic.



HELP OUT the Booster Club and support the Mustangs in their playoff run. Booster Club president D'Lynn Jamerson and school librarian Betty Rich show both sides of the playoff T-shirts available for \$12 from Mrs. Jamerson or at the school library. Buy one. Help out. Thanks.

Playoff T-Shirts For Sale

The Bovina Booster Club has basketball playoff t-shirts for sale to support the club and the Mustangs as they begin their playoff run Tuesday night.

The t-shirts are \$12 each. Sizes are youth medium, adult small, medium, large and extra-large.

If you ordered shirts from the school you can pick them up today, February 14, at the high school or call Booster Club president D'Lynn Jamerson at 225-6136.

There will be extra shirts for sale, so even if you didn't order one, call D'Lynn. Support the boys as they take on the Morton Indians in bi-district play.

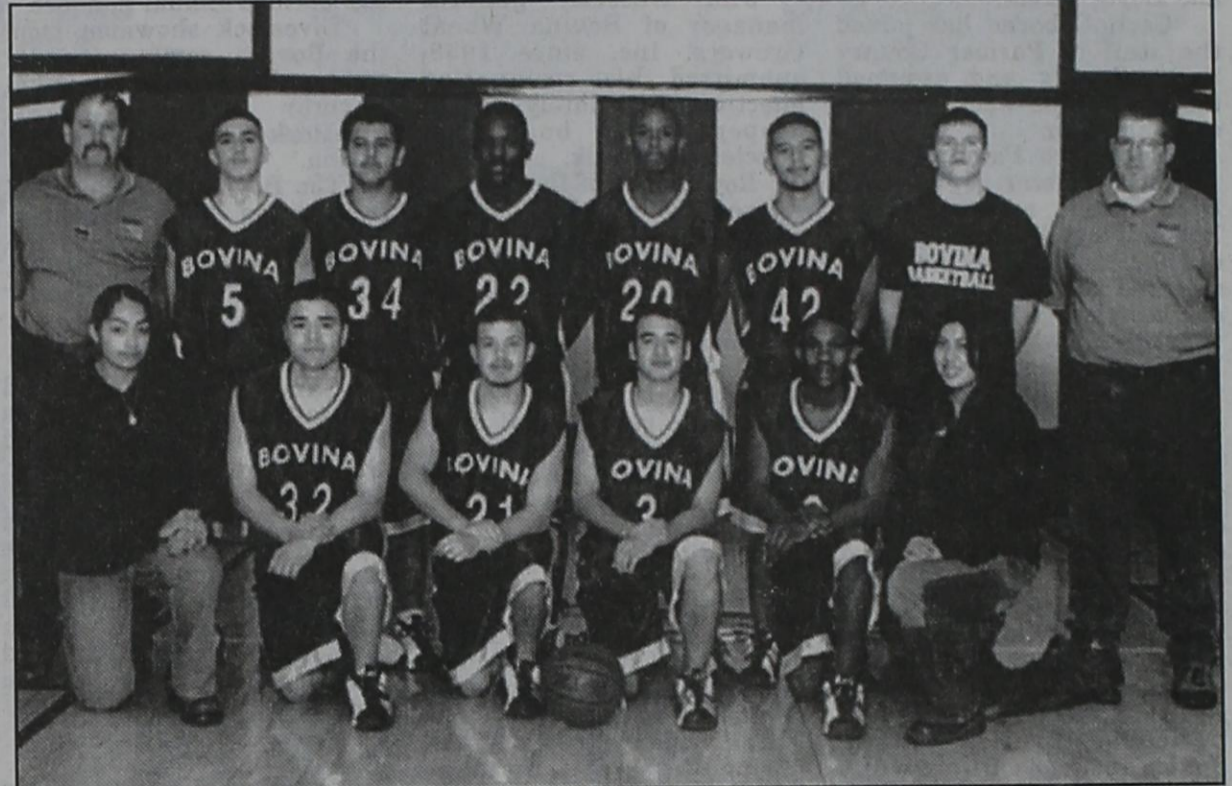
New GED Class Orientation Set

GED class orientation to add new students will be February 17-19 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. each evening.

Classes will be held in the ITV room in the Bovina ISD administration building. For more information call Michael Downes at 251-1336.



IN SERVICE---Army Sgt. 1st Class David Villareal and family are being honored this week by the *Bovina Blade* along with his wife, Linda, and daughters, Emily and Victoria. Villareal is a graduate of Bovina High School, attended WTA&MU in Canyon and is a veteran of the Gulf War. He is currently stationed at Ft. Carson, Colorado and he and the family reside in Colorado Springs.



THE 2002-2003 BOVINA MUSTANGS! GOOD LUCK IN THE PLAYOFFS!

Mustangs Vs. Indians Tuesday In Bi-District

The Bovina Mustangs will meet the Morton Indians in the first round of Division I-1A basketball playoffs on Tuesday, February 18. It is the first time in 11 years the Mustangs have made the basketball playoffs.

Game time is 8 p.m. at the Texan Dome in Levelland, Texas. They will play the second game of a doubleheader scheduled in the Dome. In the first game, District 3-1A champions Sudan will take on Smyer in the first game at 6 p.m.

The Mustangs played the Morton Indians twice during regular season, losing both contests by narrow margins. However, the Mustangs have improved steadily through

the season, closing out the second half of district play with a 5-0 run, including wins over rivals Sudan and Farwell, which ended up knocking the Farwell Steers out of the playoffs.

Coaches Randy Ragland and Bryan Jones will need a game plan to contain the Johnson brothers. Morton's K. Johnson, a 6'7" post has made life beneath the basket miserable for opponents this season as Morton was 10-0 in District 4-1A.

His brother, C. Johnson, is a 6'1" point guard who has led the Indians in most all categories this year, including scoring.

The Mustangs have jelled as a unit during the last half

of district play. They are led by senior B. J. Shepherd, the team's scoring leader.

Cousins Raymond Chisom and Jonathan Chisom add inside and outside threats, along with sophomore point guard Jeff Casas and senior wing Jake Steelman.

Coach Ragland has bench strength too with Mike Nieto, Alfredo Martinez and Nemeo Rodriguez doing a fine job of spelling the starters.

The Mustangs are definitely on a roll. The victories over Sudan and Farwell boosted the team's confidence. Coach Ragland did not schedule a practice game before the playoffs which means the Mustangs will have a two-week layoff between games.

Game time is 8 p.m., Tuesday, at the Texan Dome in Levelland. Come on down and support the boys in their playoff run. Good Luck Mustangs.



THE MUSTANGS hope to get open a lot against the Morton Indians. Here, Raymond Chisom (2), gets off a left-handed bank shot over Sudan. Other Mustangs looking on are B. J. Shepherd (20) Jonathan Chisom (22) and Mike Nieto (32).

Teacher Awarded For Service

Ms. Norma Villarreal, ESL teacher, was awarded the Texas Parent Coordinating Council's (TPCC) Distinguished Service Award.

The honor is a statewide award given to personnel, parents and community members who have provided distinguished service, commitment and leadership in fostering parental involvement in a school campus or a district program.

Ms. Villarreal has taught at Bovina for 26 years and was nominated because of her hard work and dedication to the students and the community. She was selected from nominees across the State of Texas.

Council Will Have Three Openings Up For Election

The Bovina city council met in regular session February 10, 2003 at 7 p.m.

Attending were Aldermen Mike McCallum, Stan Miller, Kevin Hughes, and Jessie Stone, Mayor Galen Hromas, city manager Ernest Terry, city secretary Bonnie Scaff, chief of police Leon Saddler and public works superintendent Andy Garza.

Minutes from the January 6 meeting were read and approved with changes to the purchase of the new ambulance, stating that plan 2 would be the first means of payment with plan 1 as the second option.

The council amended the dance permit ordinance to state that dances with 0-74

persons did not need to have a security guard. Dances with 75-149 persons require one guard.

The council passed an ordinance authorizing city council members to be volunteers. The motion passed by a 3/1 vote.

City manager Ernest Terry discussed with the council, an ordinance establishing agenda and meeting rules. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Saddler presented the annual Racial Profiling report for council approval. Racial Profiling reports are mandated by the State of Texas. The council voted to approve the report.

Mayor Galen Hromas issued an Election Order (see

elsewhere in today's paper) and Notice of Election. The next general election will be May 3, 2003. There will be three city council terms expiring: John Blackwell, Kevin Hughes and Mike McCallum.

Applications to sign up as a council candidate will be available at city hall beginning Monday, February 17. Deadline for filing is March 19.

The council approved Oller Engineering again this year for the seal coating project, heard reports from the city manager and adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

The next city council meeting is set for March 10, 2003, at 7 p.m.

BOVINA REFLECTIONS

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

45 Yrs Ago-Feb. 12, 1958

Drivers of both a car and pickup escaped without injury from an intersection of Ave. B and Boyce Street.

Cecil Osborne has joined the staff of Parmer County Farm Supply and assumed his duties this week as clerk and salesman.

Mrs. Otto Payne of San Antonio, sister of Johnnie Horn, Bovina, received serious injuries last Wednesday in a car accident. The accident occurred about 11 miles south of Plainview. Mrs. Payne was taken to the Plainview Memorial Center suffering from severe head and chest injuries and a broken leg.

40 Yrs Ago-Feb. 13, 1963

An estimated \$100 damage was done to the driveway roof at Sands Motel by fire about 10 p.m. Sunday night during blizzard-type weather conditions. The fire was believed to have originated from faulty electrical wiring.

Gene Ezell, Bovina postmaster, underwent appendectomy surgery Monday night at Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona. Ezell became ill Sunday and was admitted to the hospital Monday.

Alfred Henry Webb, son of Mrs. Bessie Webb, was released from the armed service recently and is at home. Webb has been stationed overseas for the past three years.

35 Yrs Ago-Feb. 14, 1968

A middleweight Hampshire, exhibited by Kelly Jamerson, won the reserve championship in its division at the El Paso Livestock Show last week.

Mr. and Mrs. D.H. Wilkerson visited in Hereford Sunday with Mrs. Vina Edmondson and Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Kirkland.

Members of the Bovina Volunteer Fire Department and their wives attended a dinner Sunday night in

Bovina Restaurant, according to Fire Chief Pat Kunselman.

30 Yrs Ago-Feb. 14, 1973

Jim Russell, general manager of Bovina Wheat Growers, Inc. since 1958, submitted his resignation effective immediately, to the cooperative's board of directors last week.

Roy Alonzo of Bovina was injured about 8 p.m. Sunday when he was thrown from his horse in the ally near the residence of Dan Koelzer on Avenue B.

Burr pit fires at two gins were extinguished by Bovina Volunteer Fire Department during the past several days. The firemen were called to Oklahoma Lane Gin Saturday afternoon when a motor-cycle exhaust reportedly ignited the burrs there.

25 Yrs Ago-Feb. 15, 1978

W.O. Cherry, retired educator, was honored recently by the Lorenzo, Texas school board, and during the event, the high school auditorium was named "W.O. Cherry Auditorium" in his honor. Mr. and Mrs. Cherry are grandparents of Bovina Deputy Marshall R.D. Looney.

20 Yrs Ago-Feb. 16, 1983

The Bovina Mustangs won the District 5-AA basketball championship, running up a 10-0 district record. Team members are Jon Riddle, Richard Shepherd, Dale Gilbreath, Jeff Steelman, Frank Landry, Greg McClaran, Jay Judd, Tommy Hutto, Joe Black, Henderson Griggs, Don Paul Spring and Joe Pat Wright.

15 Yrs Ago-Feb. 10, 1988

Bovina basketball teams split their games against Nazareth teams here Friday. The Mustangs scored a hard-fought 52-50 win over the Swifts, after the Fillies lost to the top-ranked Nazareth girls, 80-16.

Rev. Jerry W. Kunkel has been selected to be the speaker at this year's Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture annual banquet.

Livestock showmen from the Bovina community did right well at the 41st annual Parmer County Junior Livestock Show last week in Friona.

The Boy Scouts' Pinewood Derby was held Thursday, January 28 at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church.

10 Yrs Ago-Feb. 13, 1993

Sammy Rodriguez and Teresa Stone were crowned as Bovina's Basketball King and Queen for 1993 between games here Friday.

C.E. Trimble, longtime Bovina resident and horse racer, was named "Horseman of the Year" at the 1992 Clovis Livestock Auction Awards ceremony held January 13 at the auction center.

5 Yrs Ago-Feb. 13, 1998

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative announces a new \$10,000 scholarship program. Five \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded to eligible applicants of immediate families of active members and active employees of Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative in May of 1998.

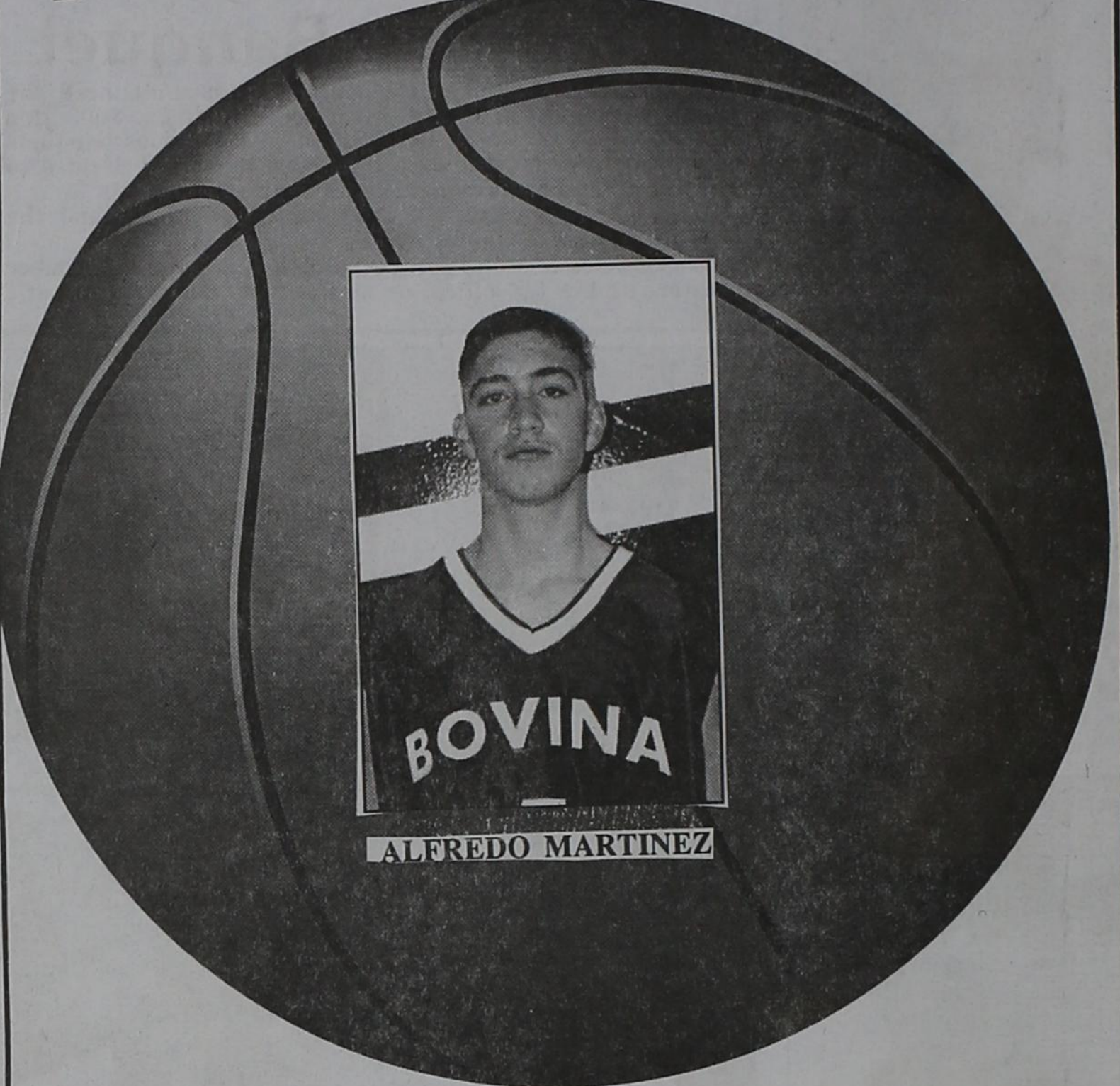
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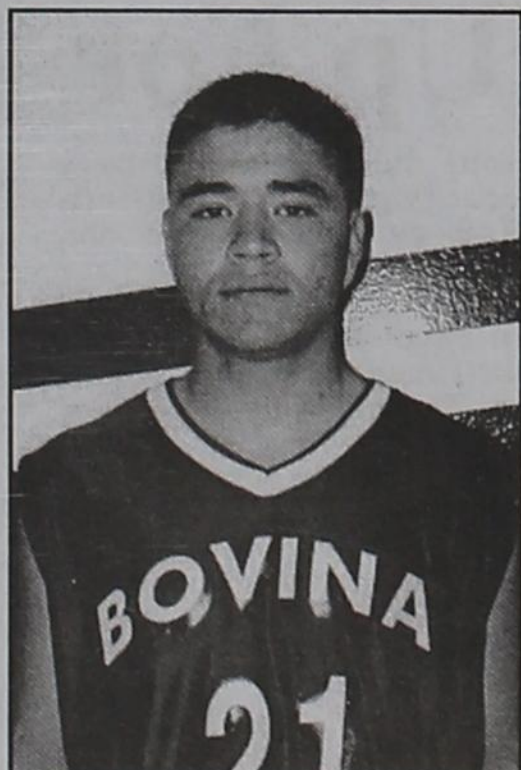
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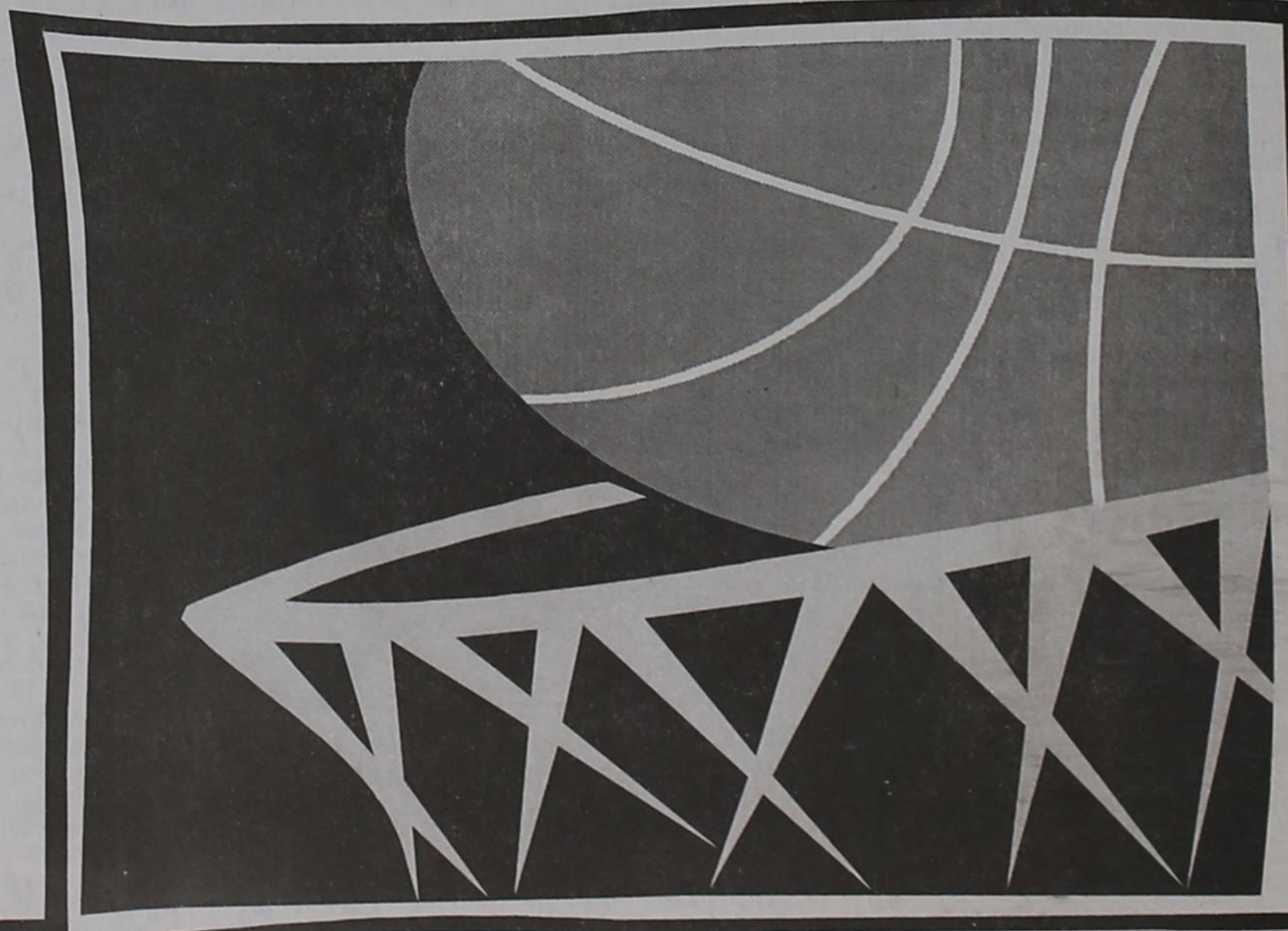
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 Great-grandparents: Jack & Alma Clayton

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 Grandparents: Aaron & Vonda Reed



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 Parents: Jason & Nikiki Kerby
 Grandparents: Al & Susan Kerby.
 Great-grandparents: A.L. & Jeanne Kerby ; and Charlene Terider



Stephen Byrne
 Parents: Stephen & Debbie Byrne.
 Grandmother: Quita Jones



Casey Watkins
 Parents: April & Lane Young; and Tony Watkins. Grandmother: Quita Jones



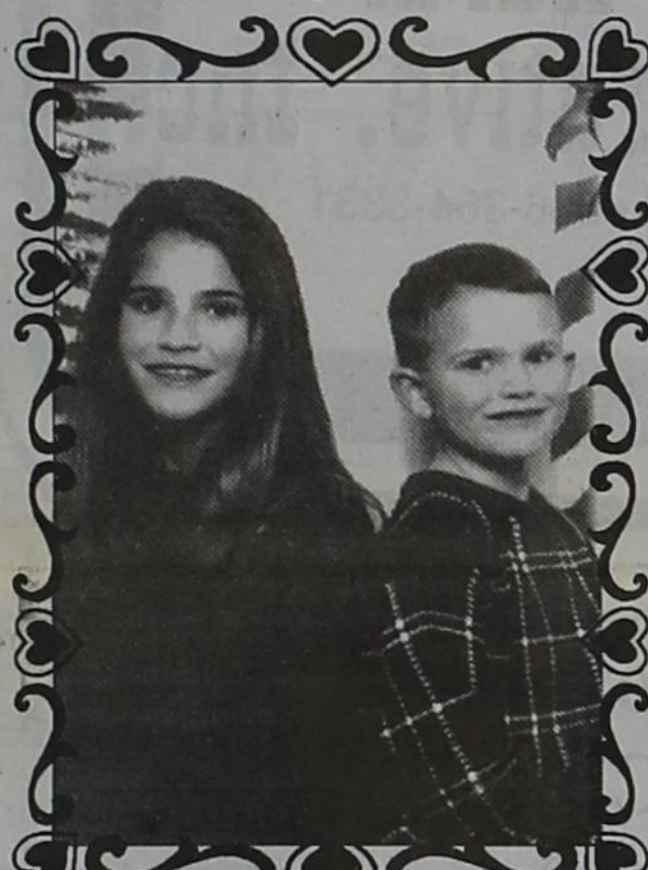
Andee Young
 Parents: April & Lane Young
 Grandmother: Quita Jones



Gus & Mac McCain
 Parents: Butch & Betty McCain
 Grandparents: Les & Rose McCain



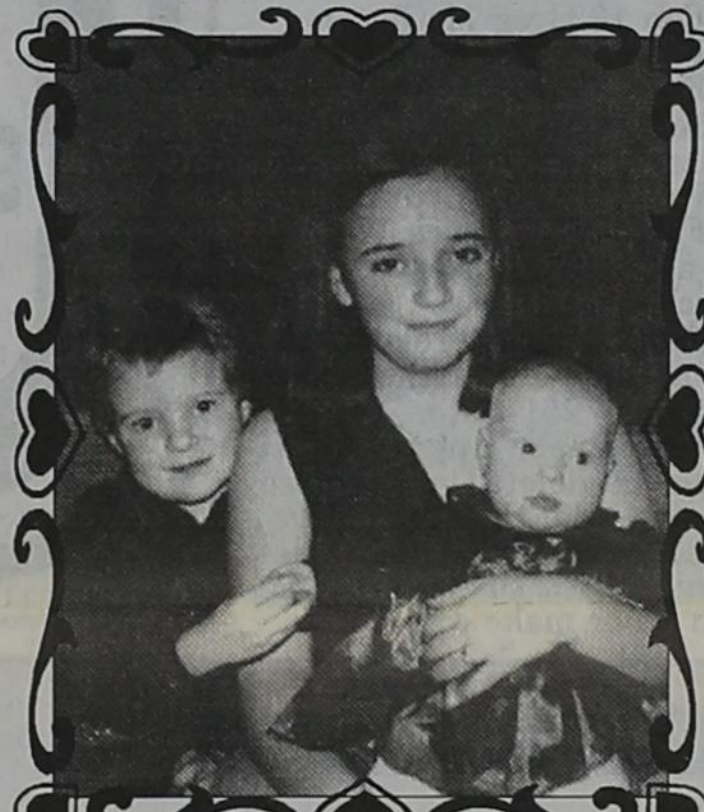
Andrew & Kyler Cogburn
 Parents: Galen & Devaree Cogburn
 Grandparents: Bobby & Irma Jo Englant



Megan & Colby Whitten
 Parents: Bret & Sherri Whitten
 Grandparents: Earl & Norma Whitten;
 and Erma Brown



Megan Stone
 Parents: Randy & Doreen Stone
 Grandparents: Tony & Mary Duran;
 Jessie & Alice Stone



Ty & Emma London; and Christy Thatcher
 Parents: Mike & Becky London.
 Grandparents: Letha Treinen and the late C. N. Treinen.
 Parents: Rhonda Thatcher, Way Thatcher.
 Grandparents: Letha Treinen, the late C.N. Treinen;
 and Burry & Laverne Thatcher



Brea Brown; & Brennen, Brittany & Blake Montoya
 Brea is daughter of Shilloh & Marcia Brown.
 Brennen, Brittany & Blake are children of Mark &
 Melanie Montoya. Grandparents: John & Jo Blackwell

Free Blue Spruce Trees

Ten free Colorado blue spruce trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during February 2003.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

Colorado blue spruces have silver blue-green color and a compact conical shape. They can be used as individual ornaments, an energy-saving windbreak, a privacy screen, or as living Christmas trees.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between March 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE COLORADO BLUE SPRUCE TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by February 28, 2003.

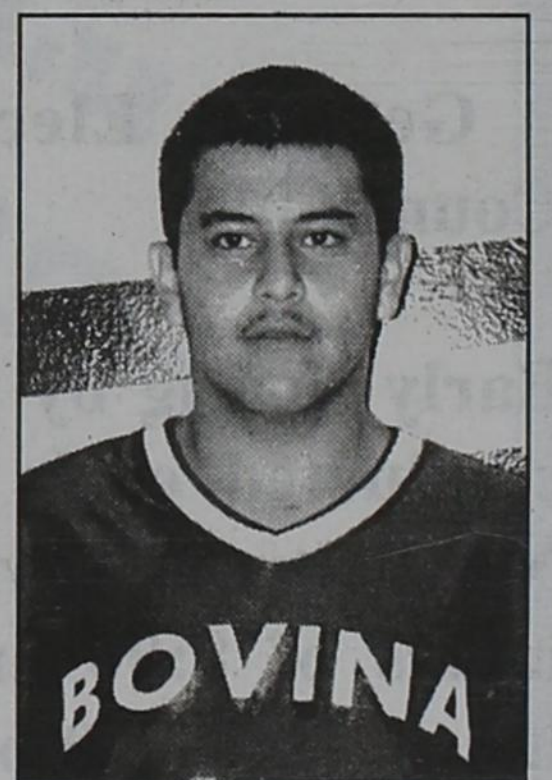
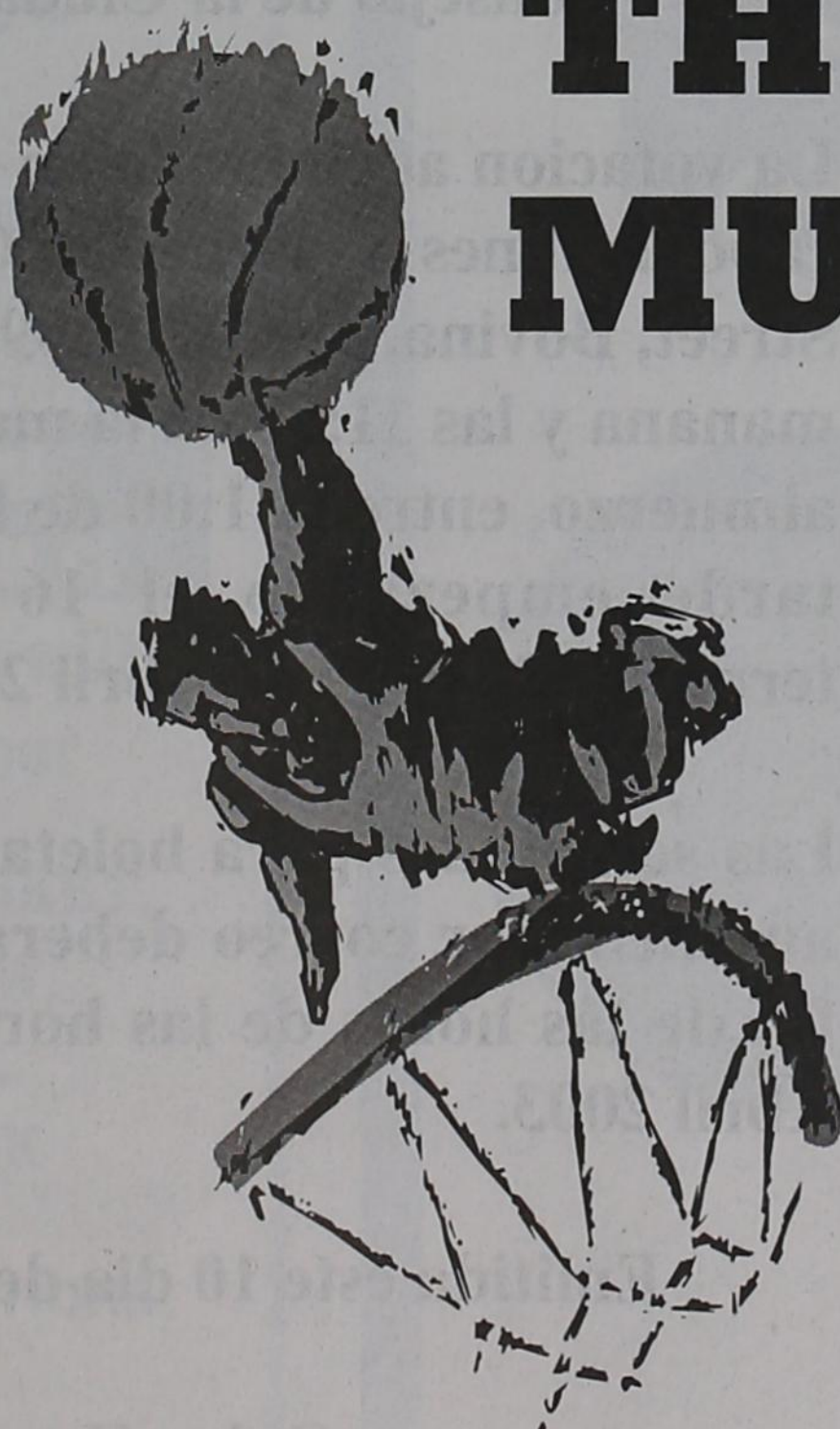
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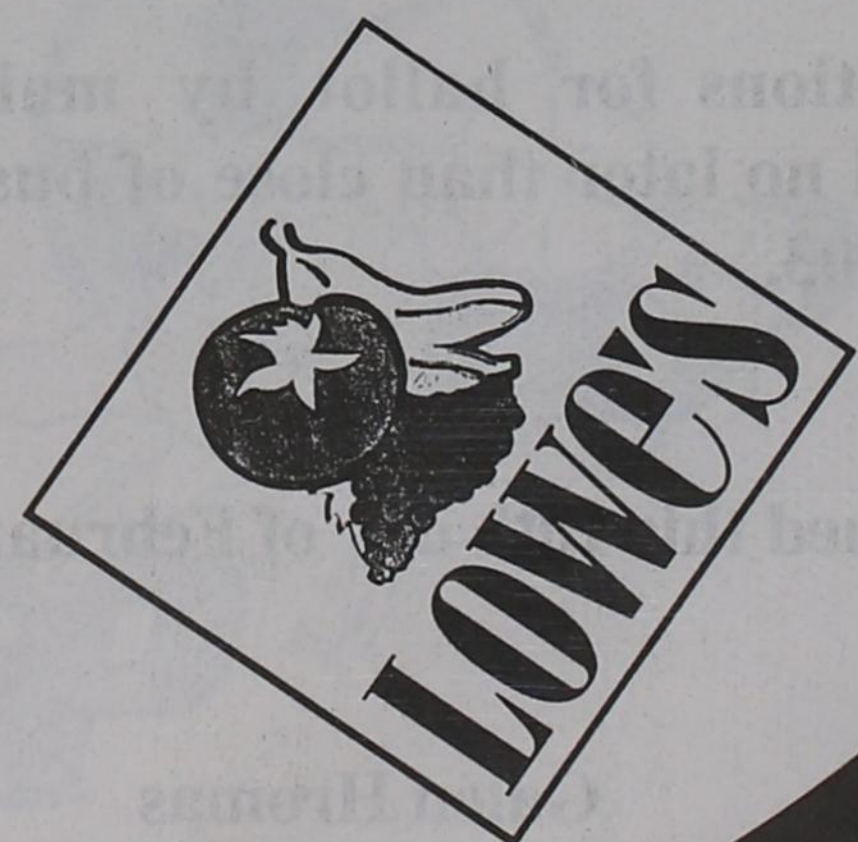
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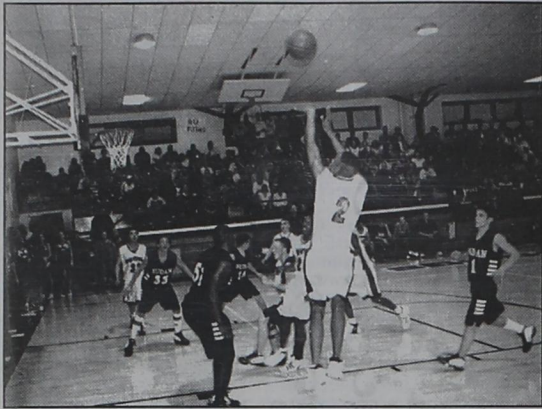
1-800-LUNG-USA

**TAKE EM TO
 THE HOUSE
 MUSTANGS!**



JUAN VARA





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FIRING away over Sudan is Raymond Chisom (2). The Mustangs face the Morton Indians in bi-district action at 8 p.m. Tuesday at Level-land. ron carr photo

Two Named To ENMU Honor Roll

Two Eastern New Mexico University students from Bovina are among the 483 students on the 2002 fall semester Dean's Honor Roll.

Erik M. Galvan is majoring in electronics engineering technology composite and Kimberly Norton is majoring in art.

To be eligible for the Dean's Honor Roll students must complete a minimum of 15 hours for the semester and maintain a 3.25 grade point average. ENMU today has an enrollment of approximately 3,500 on the main campus in Portales, plus a branch campus in Roswell and an instructional center in Ruidoso.

Happy Birthday Bovina

Birthdays for the week of February 16-22, 2003.

Feb 16 Martha Garner, Rudy Flores, Robyn Norris, Brynna Mason

Feb 17 Maribeth Salazar, Elizabeth Ortiz

Feb 18 Greg McClaran

Feb 19 Roger Shull

Feb 20 Herb Howell, Isabel Espinoza, Elena Salazar

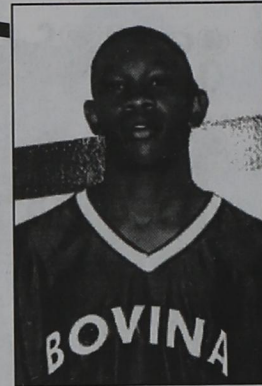
Feb 21 Judy Hodnett

Feb 22 Lawrence Widner, Penny Burklow, Larry Mitchell

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.

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City of Bovina ORDER OF ELECTION FOR MUNICIPALITIES

An Election is hereby ordered to be held on 3 may 2003 for the purpose of:

General Election for three (3) City Councilman

Early Voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at City Hall, 205 North Street, Bovina, Texas 79009, between the hours of 8:00 am and 11:00 am, closed at lunch, and 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm beginning on 16 April 2003 and ending on 29 April 2003.

Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than close of business on 25 April 2003.

Issued this 10th day of February 2003

Galen Hromas
 Mayor, City of Bovina

Cuidad de Bovina ORDEN DE ELECCION PARA MUNICIPIOS

Por lo presente se ordena que se llevara a cabo una eleccion el 3de Mayo 2003 con el proposito de:

La Eleccion General para tres (3) El Consejal de la Ciudad.

La votacion adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en City Hall, 205 North Street, Bovina, Texas 79009, entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 11:00 de la mañana, cerrado en el almuerzo, entre la 1:00 de la tarde y 5:00 de la tarde empezando el 16 de Abril 2003 y terminando el 29 de Abril 2003.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de las horas de negocio el 25 Abril 2003.

Emitida este 10 dia de Febrero 2003

Galen Hromas
 Alcade, Cuidad de Bovina



BRAND NEW PUMPS--Bovina's Fast Stop had new gas pumps installed a couple of weeks ago to serve their customers more efficiently.

County Farm Service Advises: Plan Ahead For DCP Sign Up

If you have not done so, make an appointment to sign-up for the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) today. The deadline to update bases and yields is April 1, 2003. This date is outlined in legislation and no extensions or exceptions will be made.

The new farm legislation is complex in nature. Maximizing benefits received from this program will require you to organize and plan ahead before visiting the FSA

office.

Sign-up for DCP is averaging at least one hour per farm. Use the Base and Yield Analyzer Internet tool available at <http://www.afpc.tamu.edu/models/bya/> in order to help you decide on what will be best for each of your farms. The analyzer will assist you in evaluating a farm's data and will enable you to make educated decisions about your specific operations.

If you want to update

yields, you MUST provide all production records for 1998-2000 prior to February 28. These records must be sorted in a fashion that the country office will not have to spend additional time figuring out your records. We are currently working on production evidence previously submitted. If you have already submitted production evidence, we will contact you to set up an appointment as soon as we complete its processing.

Additionally, producers who have dropped, added, purchased, sold or otherwise changed their farming operation need to report these changes to the FSA office immediately.

Gathering all necessary documentation and arriving at our office with a general idea of specific farm program goals, will insure accurate program decisions and better use of staff and customer time.

For more information about DCP, FSA or farm bill provisions visit the national website at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

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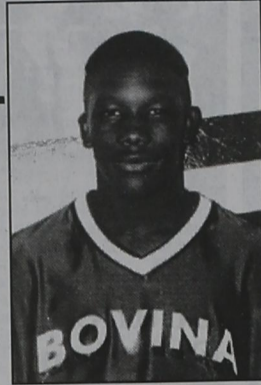
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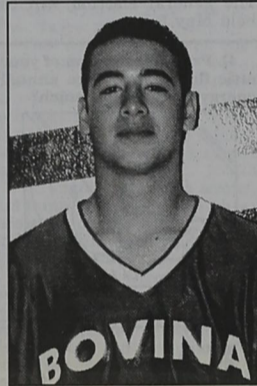
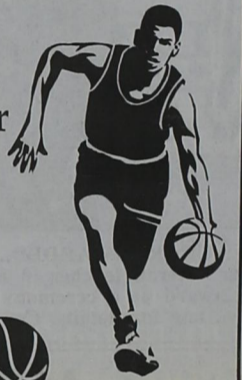


JONATHAN CHISOM

Best Wishes to The Mustangs in the Playoffs!

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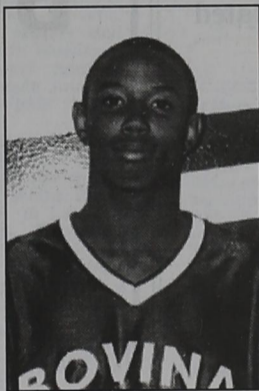
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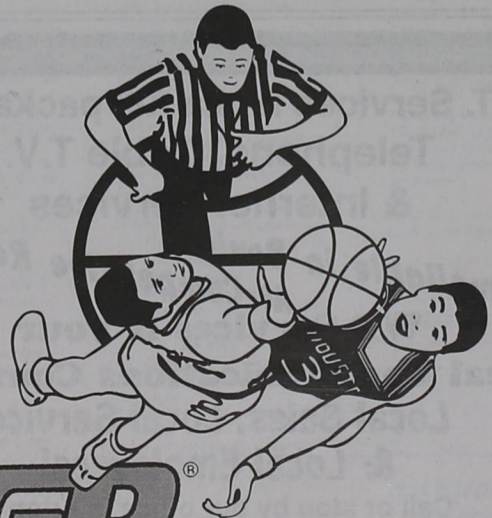
JEFF CASAS



Good Luck Mustangs!



B. J. SHEPHERD



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THE MUSTANGS will need to cause turnovers like this one to get the advantage over the Morton Indians. B. J. Shepherd, above, steals the ball from Sudan. At right, Mike Nieto will lend his muscle underneath the basket.
ron carr photos



Council Elections Upcoming

Three positions on the Bovina city council will be up for election on May 3, 2003.

Terms expiring are John Blackwell, Mike McCallum and Kevin Hughes.

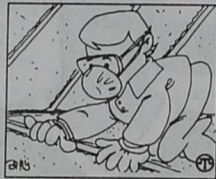
Citizens interested in running for a city council position can pick up an application at city hall beginning February 17 until March 19.

In order to run for the city council you must reside within the Bovina city limits. The general election will be held May 3.



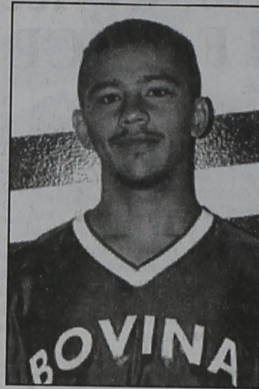
TEACHER AWARDED...Norma Villarreal, a 26-year veteran teacher in the Bovina system, received an award at a ceremony in Amarillo. See story on page one for details. Congratulations Norma.

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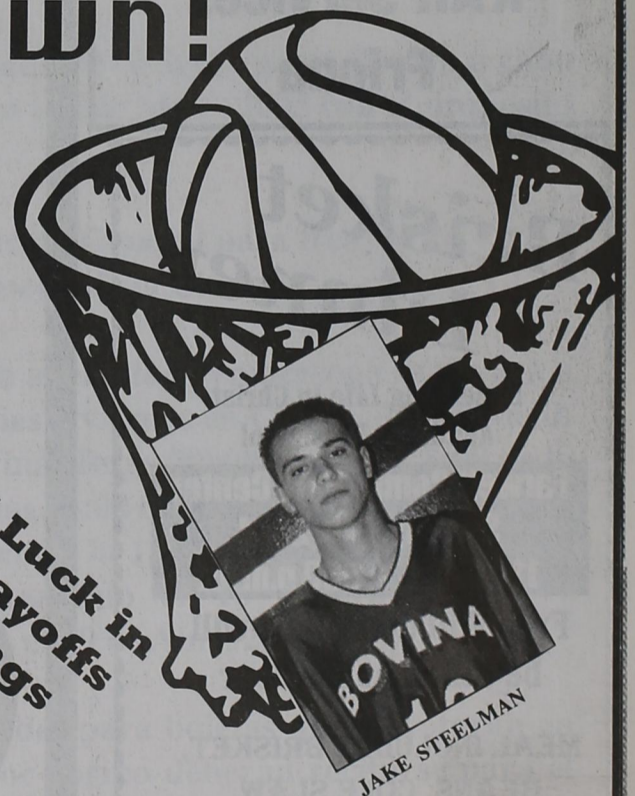
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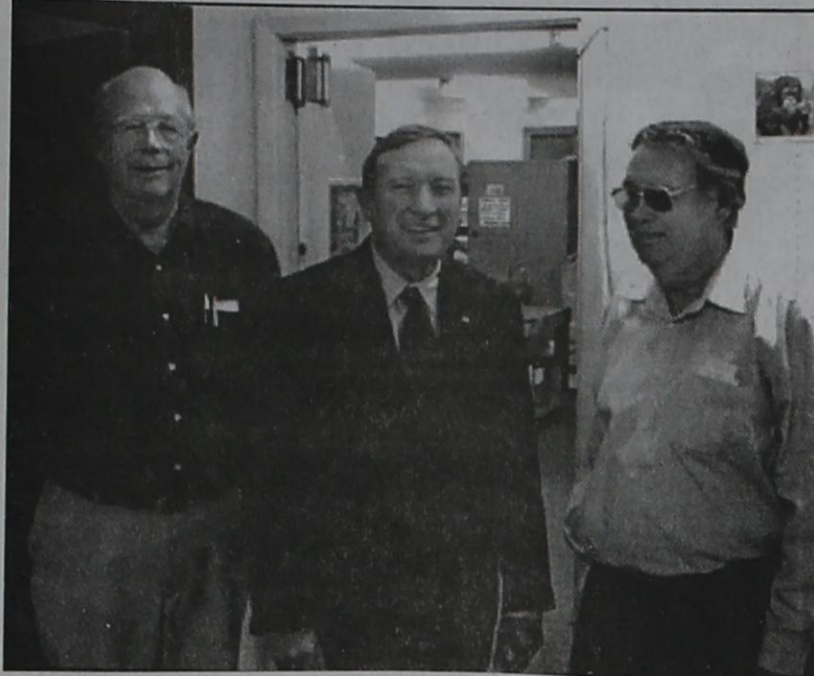
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CANDIDATE VISITS....David Langston, center, former Lubbock mayor, came to Friona Monday to announce his candidacy for Cong. Larry Combest's seat in the special election. He is shown with Hollis Horton, left, and Bill Ellis. (ron carr photo)

David Langston Pitches Hat In Ring For 19th Dist. Post

Announcing his campaign for Congress this week, the former mayor of Lubbock, David Langston declared that "West Texans must have a

tough and aggressive voice in Washington."

Visiting with Friona Star-Bovina Blade publisher Bill Ellis and longtime local

wretch: a miserable person: one who is profoundly unhappy or in great misfortune: a base, despicable or vile person.

As the saying goes, there is not a person in the sound of my voice that hasn't sung at least a few stanzas of "Amazing Grace."

It has been called a hymn of salvation with a haunting melody. Many consider it America's most beloved song. I've sung it myself at such

political leader Hollis Horton, Monday, Langston said "Over the past several weeks I've been doing a lot of listening to the people of this district. They've told me their taxes are too high, they're worried about the quality of our schools, and they're concerned about where the economy is headed."

Langston was back in Parmer County on Thursday to meet with the directors of Parmer County Farm Bureau, where he touched upon his interest in the farmers and ranchers of our area.

"The next representative from the 19th District has to listen to what the people of this district are saying, and then be strong enough to vote issue-by-issue and not strictly along party lines."

"We don't need someone to go to Washington to be a rubber stamp, to just sit in his seat and do what he's told," Langston declared. "If that happens, this district will suffer."

Langston said he will be filing papers with the Texas Secretary of State to be a candidate in the Special Election called for this May 3rd to fill the 19th District of Texas seat in the U. S. House of Representatives.

Running as a Republican, Langston said, "I feel the Republican Party best represents my views as well as the people of West Texas. I believe that I am the type of compassionate conservative that can make a difference. I will listen to the concerns of all West Texan citizens, especially the seniors and others coping with healthcare costs. I will work hard at bringing all people into the party to participate in the political process."

David and his wife, Ronda, live in Lubbock where he is the managing partner of the law firm of Mullin Hoard & Brown L.L.P. in Lubbock. He served as Lubbock's mayor from 1992-1996.

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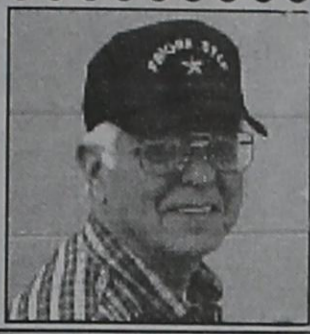
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Out Here

by Ron Carr

How Sweet The Sound!



diverse venues as a church service and at a noisy Willie Nelson concert. It is one of Willie's regular concert songs, usually toward the end of the night, just before another Willie favorite, "May The Circle Be Unbroken."

Historians have studied the hymn, written books about it, and term it as a miracle of lyrics and music.

Until I read an article in a recent Dallas Morning News though, I never realized Amazing Grace was written more than 200 years ago by a former slave trader who was once a slave himself.

The author is said to be John Newton. The hymn was first published in 1779 in the little English village of Olney.

It was first titled "Faith's Review and Expectations", later changed to Amazing Grace.

Historians struggle with telling the story of a Christian who continued slave trading for seven years after his powerful conversion in 1748. In writing Newton's biography, they tell of a life of debauchery and blasphemy, soul-searching and Christian service.

Newton wrote another famous hymn, "How Sweet The Name of Jesus Sounds," on the quarter deck of his ship while slaves were chained below, one author wrote. Others say this claim is bunk, that he wrote "How Sweet..." at the same place he wrote Amazing Grace, on dry land.

In simple terms, he wrote Amazing Grace about his rejection of the slave trade and how his eyes had been opened to its evil.

Somehow through the smoke and haze of a Willie concert I missed the slave trade references of Amazing Grace. Nor did I know (or care) that the words were 200 years-old.

Newton converted from a slave trader to a preacher. He wrote most of his hymns while preaching at the little church in Olney, England. It is said he started singing his hymns during Bible study classes. It was radical because the Church of England did not permit hymns, only Psalms could be sung during services.

Amazing Grace first appeared in America in 1789, ten years after it was first published. By 1820 it appeared in 15 different hymnals in nine states.

Since then, folk artists and rockers have recorded and performed this eternal hymn. Judy Collins sang the hymn a cappella in 1970 which established it in popular music. Performers like Johnny Cash and Mahalia Jackson have also recorded the piece.

So what's so great about Amazing Grace and why bother writing about it? I'm

not sure, except sometimes things are not what they seem. A moment to stop and smell the coffee never hurts.

So while we get ready to go watch the Squaws play Olney tonight, here are the words to Amazing Grace, which was written in another place called Olney long ago:

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost, but now am found,

Was blind but now I see.

Twos grace that taught my heart to fear,

And grace my fears relieved.

How precious did that grace appear,

The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares

I have already come;

'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far

And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years

Bright shining as the sun,

We've no less days to sing God's praise

Than when we've first begun.

Good job Willie! Amen.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to Editor:
I don't know where to begin... so I will start by recounting events and thoughts that go through my mind daily.

I was scheduled to work in the area for the week of February 3, and a friend and I had planned to spend the evenings with my parents. My friend and I had turned in Monday night when I heard blood curdling screams "CALL 911!!!!!!" I ran to find my 17 year old brother straddling my dad giving chest compressions while my mother was on her knees giving him breaths. I call 911 and frantically ask for help. I asked for the Lazbuddie ambulance "they will know where to go". I eventually have both the 911 operator in Muleshoe and Friona on the line.

The operators continue to ask questions and for directions. I fumble with the directions...thinking "this is not necessary the Lazbuddie ambulance will know". However, the operators had no intentions of sending the Lazbuddie ambulance. My brother continues to give compressions, he can tell I am getting nowhere and he yells "CALL MRS. WEIR". My friend looks up the number and uses her cell phone to call. My phone call with her lasted only a few seconds; Lazbuddie EMS volunteers arrived in a matter of minutes. Why didn't I call her first? We are trained to call 911. Why couldn't 911 help us? I am sure the answer is political or monetary....which

seems to contradict the nature of 911 emergency services. Could a life have been saved? Only God knows. Could the trauma and pain for my family have been reduced? There is no doubt!

I know this letter can't change things for my family but I pray that it can change things for the people of the Lazbuddie community that need emergency services in the future. The Lazbuddie community is fortunate to have a trained and capable volunteer EMS and fire department. I can only hope that in the future the 911 system will acknowledge this.

If the 911 system continues to respond in this way to emergencies in the Lazbuddie area you may want to consider training your children and yourself to call another number.

With deep regret and disappointment in the 911 system,
Dawnda Daniel
Daughter of Skip Magby

Dear Editor:

The dramatic budget cuts that were ordered by Texas Political leaders to shore the state's current budget would not fall evenly across state government. Programs that provide home care for the elderly and disabled will be hit hard.

Cuts in Medicaid services not exempted by the budget directives will also cost Texas millions in lost federal funds. While the numbers are easy to calculate, the impact of

these proposed cuts are far more devastating in personal terms and far deeper than what has been suggested.

I have examined the proposed cuts and want to offer my commentary on how the reductions will affect many Texans. I hope you will consider publishing this commentary.

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Why Not Give Yourself A Valentine This Year?

By Rev. Alvin Petty
Jesus taught that the very things that we hold too tightly or closely are the very things we shall wind up losing. If we try to hold our life too tightly and keep it for ourselves we shall lose it but if we give our life away in loving service for the love of God then we will save our lives. (Luke 9:24)

We often defeat ourselves by holding things dear to us too possessively, trying to fix them or mold them into what we think they should be. We do this with our lives, our loved ones, (children especially), our beloved institutions, etc. We can save ourselves lots of difficulty by giving ourselves the valentine of love from God which tells us to "let go and let God."

What does this valentine of "let go and let God" mean? An unknown author gave the following definition.

"To let go does not mean

to stop caring. It means I can't do it for someone else. It is not to cut yourself off. It's the realization that I can't control another.

To let go is to admit powerlessness, which simply means the outcome is not in my hands. It is not to try to change or blame another. It is to make the most of myself.

To let go is not to care for, but to care about. It is not to fix, but to be supportive.

To let go is not to judge, but to allow another to be a human being. It is not to be in the middle, arranging all the outcomes, but to allow others to affect their own destinies.

To let go is not to deny but to accept. It is not to nag, scold or argue, but instead to search out my own shortcomings and correct them.

To let go is not to regret the past, but to grow and live for the present moment and the future. It is to fear less and love more."

This valentine is a gift of God's grace which accepts you as though you are a perfect child of God in spite of your sins. Are there circumstances in your life to which you could apply this "let go and let God" principle and bless others and yourself? Why not give yourself this valentine from God this year?



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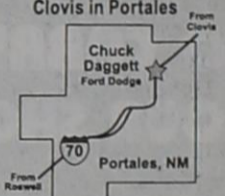


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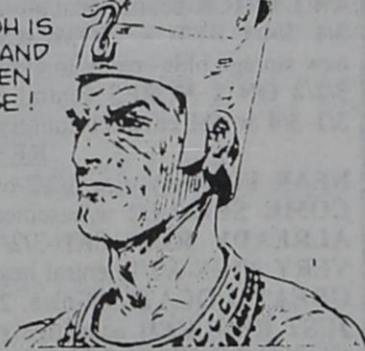
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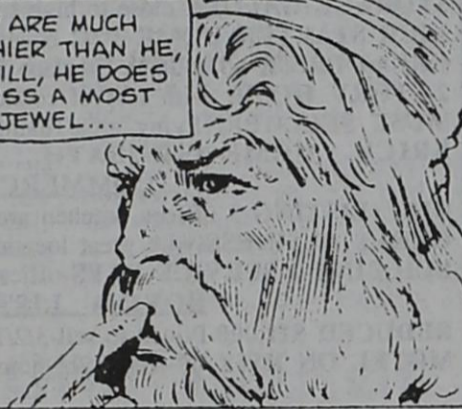
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