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Good News In
Bovina
For The Past
44 Years

Crimestoppers Have Meeting

The Parmer County Crimestoppers met at the Plaza Restaurant in Bovina for their regular meeting.

They voted to reorder a new supply of Crimestoppers coffee mugs for local restaurants and coffee shops.

A new supply of business cards will be ordered with English on one side and Spanish information on the other.

The group received a letter from KIJN radio offering to do a twenty-five minute interview with Crimestopper board members as a public service.

They also received an offer from Stateline Tribune to insert wanted fliers in issues as a public service.

The group then discussed fundraisers and HEAT (Help End Auto Theft) program to be held in Friona soon.

The next monthly meeting is set for April 15 at the Farwell Community Center at 7 p.m. C.D.T.

Blood Drive Set For Monday

A blood drive is set for Monday, March 30 in the Bovina Schools cafeteria from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m.

Anyone able to donate is encouraged to give at this time.

Republicans To Meet March 28

Parmer County's Republican party will hold its county convention at 8 p.m., March 28, at the Farwell Community Center. Anyone interested in the Republican party is welcome to attend.

Contact Teena Hughs at 247-2377 for further information.

"Chief" Crim Says El Nino Is Over

By SCOTT ROBINSON

El Nino is over. 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."

Crim has been forecasting the spring weather for the past sixteen years. He uses an ancient Indian custom to make his prediction, and this custom has been in the Crim family since just after the turn of the century.

Taylor Crim, Weldon's grandfather, began the tradition in 1910. He learned the ritual from the Comanche and Plains Indians

when he was working on the railroad near El Paso.

Taylor passed the tradition on to his son, J.W. (Weldon's father), who conducted the "fireburnings" from 1923 until 1980. J.W. was known throughout these parts as the "Parmer County Weather Prophet." Weldon, better known as "Chief," has continued the tradition since 1983.

The "fireburning" is conducted by stacking wood in a tee-pee shape and setting fire to it on the second day of spring. The direction in which the smoke is blowing at sunrise predicts the weather for the upcoming season.

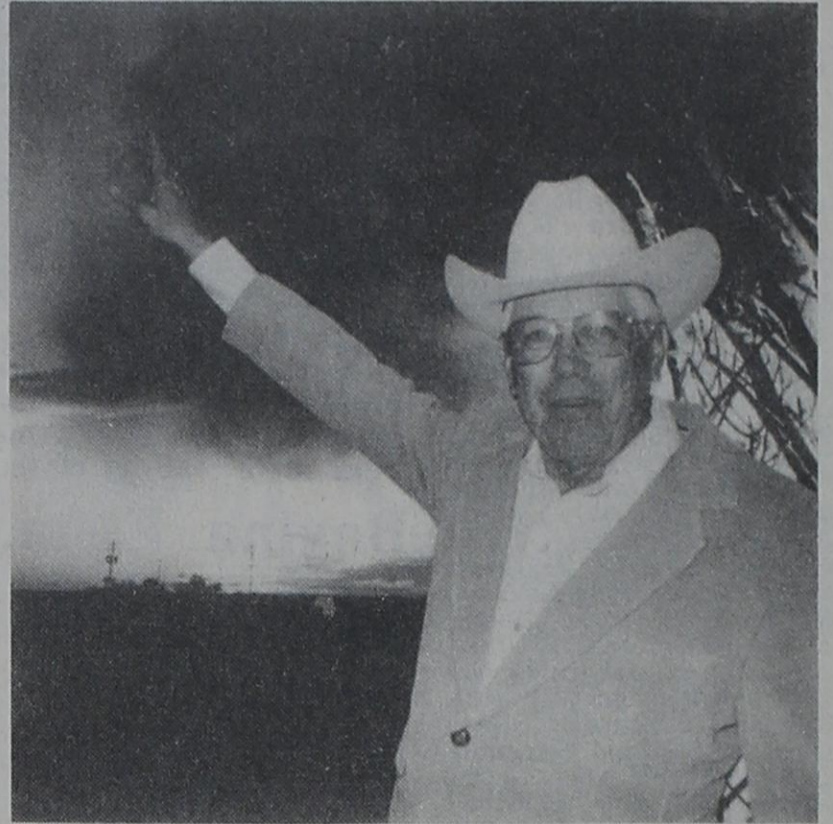
The accuracy of this annual forecast is virtually unquestionable. While the local professional weathermen seem to have trouble from time to time with the forecast, the Chief claims his is accurate around eighty per

cent of the time. Backing up that claim is the fact that he has been correct for seven of the last eight years.

This year's northwest wind calls for an average good spring season.

So while many parts of the country have experienced unusually wet conditions during the past few months, expect this part of the country to return to normal conditions in the near future. El Nino is official history in this area.

Those attending the burning were Weldon, Alma and Rodney Crim of Muleshoe; Kirk, Mary, Kimberly and Megan of Grand Prairie, Texas; Scott, Vickie and McKayla Crim of Canyon and several friends.



Indian Crim, Weather Prophet

Middle School Competes In Academic U.I.L.

Bovina Middle School went to Olton March 10 and 11 to compete in U.I.L. academic competition against Olton, Lockney, Hart, Hale Center and Highland Park.

Bovina placed sixth. Results follow.

SIXTH GRADE

Listening Skills: Sarah Morgan, first; Kasi Birdsong, third; Matthew Villarreal, fifth.

Maps, Graphs and Charts: Martin Carrillo, fifth; Romualdo Ruiz, sixth.

Mathematics: Michael Nieto, sixth.

Calculator: Morgan Clayton, fourth; Chris Ortiz, sixth.

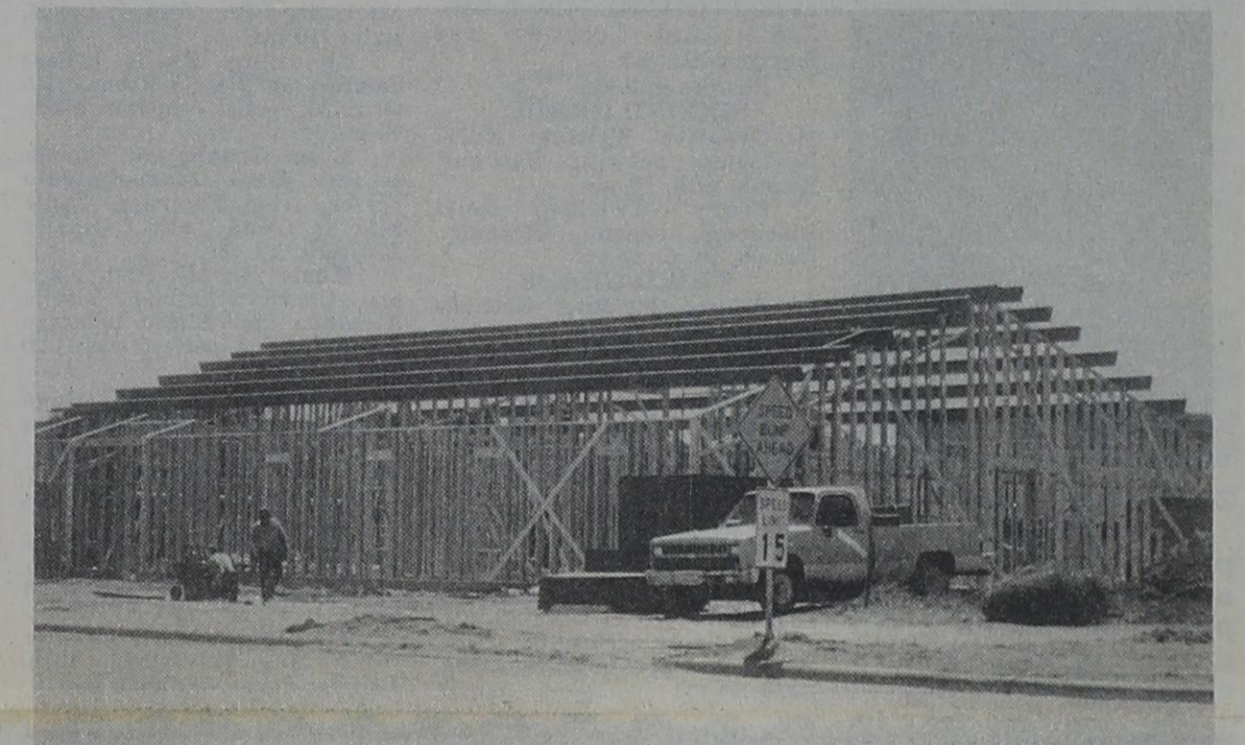
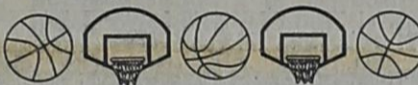
Dictionary Skills: Matthew Villarreal, sixth.

Music Memory: second place team-Mayra Banuelos, Kasi Birdsong, Sarah Morgan, Ricardo Rojas and Yuri Vela.

SEVENTH GRADE
Ready Writing: Kris Galvan, fourth.

EIGHTH GRADE
Earth Science: John Guzman, fifth; Diego Ruiz, sixth.

Listening Skills: David Garcia, fourth.



LOOKS LIKE A BUILDING.....Workers are making steady progress on the new school administration as roof steel is put in place last week.

TITANIC MANIA seems to have pervaded the whole world. The Oscar-winning movie by the same name is now the biggest money-maker of all time. However, I think "Gone With The Wind" would be right up there at the top, if the dollar value were prorated according to how much it cost to go to the movies when that one first hit the screen.

In 1938 the cost for adults to attend the movies was between 25¢ to 50¢ and kids got in for a dime. Now it costs between \$7 to \$12 to go to the movies...that's just to get inside and the expenses start getting really heavy when you step up to the refreshment counter.

"The Titanic" being based on the actual historic sinking of the enormous steam ship on April 15, 1912 just proves that true-to-life incidents are more interesting than any fictional events that writers could dream up. Of course, the thread of the love story which is woven throughout the film is the only fictional portion this movie and is perhaps the most far fetched part of the story told on screen. It would have been highly-unlikely, if not impossible, for a third-class and a first class passenger to meet and fall in love while on the ship. The movie was, otherwise, well-researched and quite authentic.

"The Titanic" has become as popular in foreign countries as it is in America. One little 11-year old girl in Greece is said to have seen the movie a record number of 50 times.

Anne Spring said even her sister in England went to see the "Titanic" and it was the first time she had been to the movies in 20 years. She said after sitting there for three hours, she could hardly walk when she got up, but it was worth it.

Our son Rick who works in the film industry in Los Angeles says he knows some of the technical people who worked on "The Titanic" and they reported that the water scenes were pretty difficult. There was a lot of sliding around in water on the set while the ship was at an angle. Rick said his friends told him there were a good number of minor injuries on the film and someone was getting sent off to the emergency clinic nearly every day during filming of those water scenes.

The movie has also sparked a renewed interest in "The Unsinkable Molly Brown," a legend loosely based on fact. "Molly" was, indeed, one of the heroes of the Titanic disaster and a movie musical starring Debbie Reynolds was made of this legendary lady during the 1950s. The Molly Brown museum in Denver, Colorado gives a truer picture of Mrs. Margaret Brown, a strong woman who was involved in politics and social movements of her time. A new biography is currently in the works on the actual persona of Margaret Brown.

Here's a "Titanic" joke for you:

Left on a sinking ship were the captain and three sailors. The only life raft still on board was a small three-man affair. The captain said "Men, this business about the Captain going down with the ship is baloney. I plan to be on board that life raft. To see which two of you will come with me, I will ask each of you a question. The one who cannot answer will stay behind and go down with the ship."

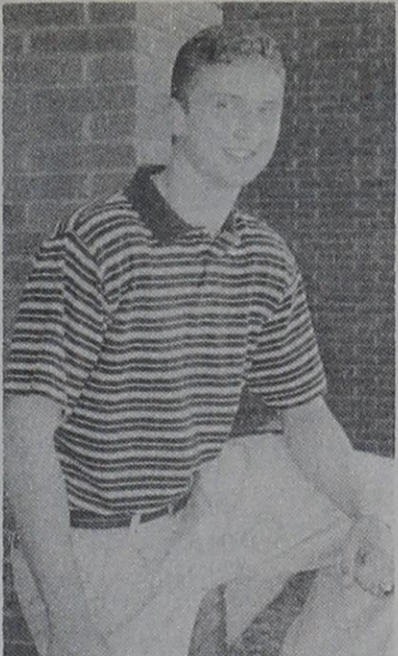
He asked the first sailor "What unsinkable ship went down when it hit an iceberg?" The man answered "The Titanic, sir."

The Captain asked the second sailor, "How many people perished in that disaster?" The man answered "1,517, sir."

The Captain asked the third sailor, "What were their names?"

"MY TURN"

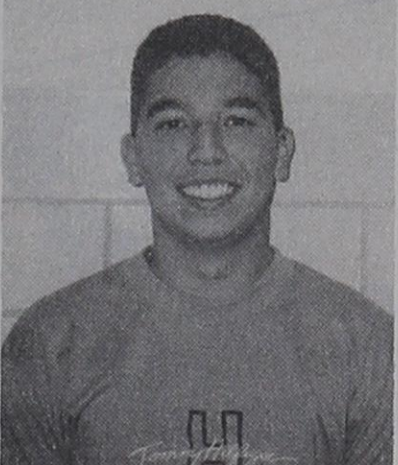
By
Carol Ellis



TONY BEAUCHAMP DISTRICT 3-2A MVP

BHS Mustang senior Tony Beauchamp was selected by coaches to 1st team all-district and as most valuable player in District 3-2A basketball.

Also on the 1st team all-district squad are Adan Perez and Luke Steelman. Martin Reyna was selected to 2nd team all-district.



GEORGE VILLARREAL Student Of The Week

This week's student in the spotlight is senior George Villarreal.

He was nominated by teacher Margaret Durben as a student who does a good job in the classroom and is friendly and polite.

He was selected for honorable mention academic all-state in 2A schools.



THE FORE SQUAD....The BHS golf team has had some good weather to sharpen their putting style. From left, coach Ryan Bridenstine, Levi Steelman, Cameron Charles, Josh Quintana, Will Bell, Tyson Kerby, and Tony Beauchamp. Not pictured are Blake Clements and Manny Quintana.
ron carr photo



MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICIANS....These youngsters competed in the middle school solo contest in Clovis recently. L-r, Miguelina Lopez, Juan Carlos, Jose Vela, Matthew Villarreal, Michael Nieto, Sammy Espinoza, Sandra Guevara, Jennifer Cantu.
ron carr photo

Mid. School Honor Roll Is Released

The fourth six weeks honor roll at Bovina Middle School was released this week. Three students made the "All A" list.

Students making the honor list included:

ALL A'S

Sixth grade--Kasi Birdsong and Chris Ortiz.

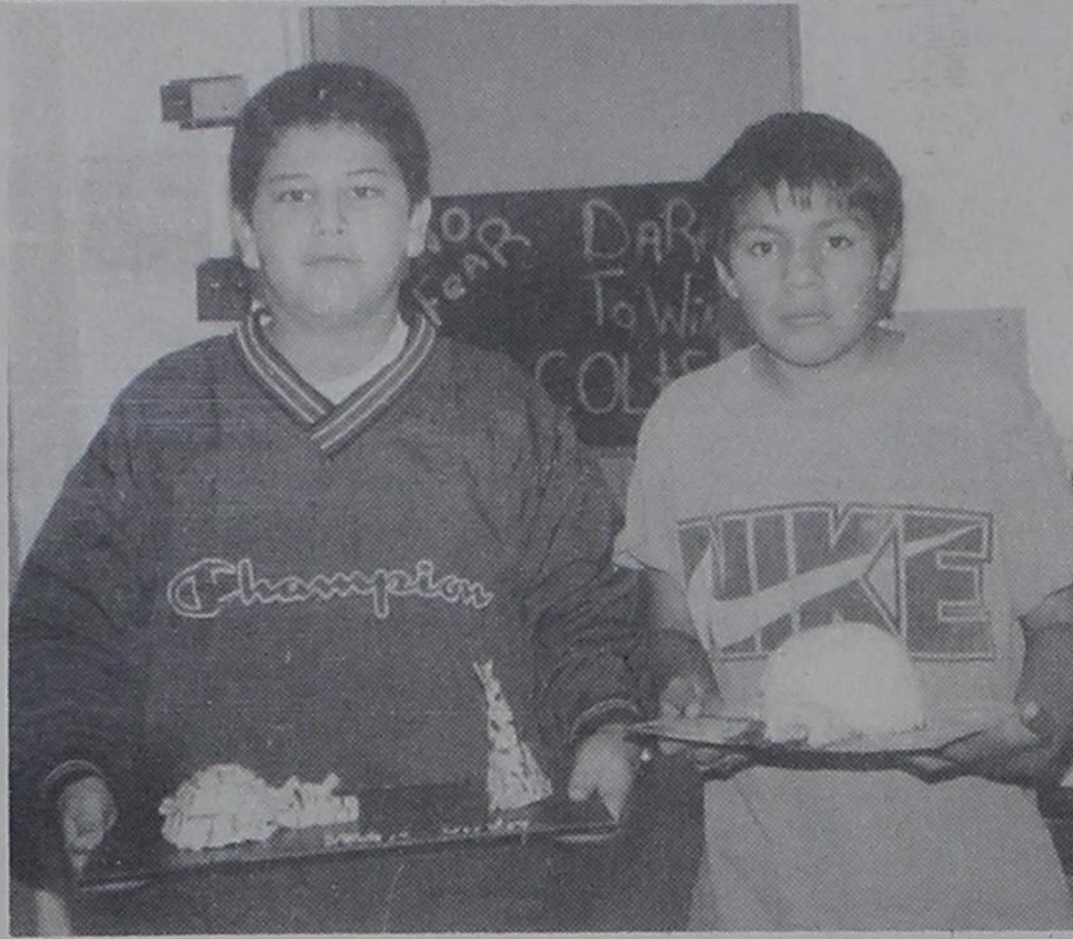
Seventh grade--Courtney Jamerson.

ALL A-B'S

Sixth grade--Mayra Banuelos, Martin Carrillo, Crystal Galvan, Sandra Moreno, Sarah Morgan, Morgan Clayton, Adriana Ramirez, Ricardo Rojas, Troy Turner and Yuri Vela.

Seventh grade--Sandra Guevara, Josh Kerby, Carlos Moreno, Mike Olvera, Maritssa Salazar, Jake Steelman and Juan Vara.

Eighth grade--Adriana Aguilon, Rocio Antillon, Jennifer Cantu, Paula Chavez, Sammy Espinoza, David Garcia, John Guzman, Veronica Herrera, Danny Martinez, Jeremy Ortiz, Kathy Perez, Jessica Reyna, Briselda Rodriguez, Fidelfa Saucedo, Silvino Silva, Christen Stowers, Stephanie Tamez, Mitchel Vela, Noemi Viernes and Angela Villarreal.



ART CLASS?...Think again. These 7th graders, Juan Vela and Armando Saucedo are modeling their "igloos" which they built after reading a story about Native American Eskimos in Mrs. Peabody's reading class.

Bovina Elem. Places 2nd In Academic Competition

Bovina Elementary placed second in the U.I.L. Academic meet Thursday, March 12 in Hart against Hart, Hale Center and Lockney.

Hale Center lead the meet with 447 points. Bovina was second with 274.5; Hart was third with 258.5; and Lockney was fourth with 64.

Results follow.

SECOND GRADE

Creative Writing: Kelsi Birdsong, second; Bethany Rumph, fifth. 18 pts

Story Telling: Kelsi Birdsong, second; Bethany Rumph, third. 22 pts

THIRD GRADE

Ready Writing: Zachary Morgan, fifth. 6 pts

Spelling: Zachary Morgan, fourth; Alonzo Espinoza, fifth; Yuri Salazar, sixth. 18 pts

Story Telling: Justin Lide, third; Yuri Salazar, fifth. 16 pts

FOURTH GRADE

Art Contest: first place team included-Zane Anderson, Vanessa Garcia, Saul Martinez and Cody Jamerson. Anderson and Garcia had perfect scores. 18.5 pts

Number Sense: Zane Anderson, third; Cody Jamerson, sixth. 14 pts

Spelling: Marco Castaneda, fifth; Dina Garcia, sixth. 10 pts

FIFTH GRADE

Art Contest: third place team-Charlotte Rumph and Luzana Chaves, Roger Martinez and Jose Valadez. Rumph and Chaves had perfect scores. 15 pts

Dictionary Skills: Roger Martinez, fifth; Jeffrey Casas, sixth. 10 pts

Listening Skills: Eliseo Salazar and Gloria Rocha, tied for third; Jessica Amparan, sixth. 20 pts

Maps, Graphs and Charts: second place team-Emigdio Flores, Alex Espinoza, Zadia Marinelarena and Gisella Alvarado. 12 pts

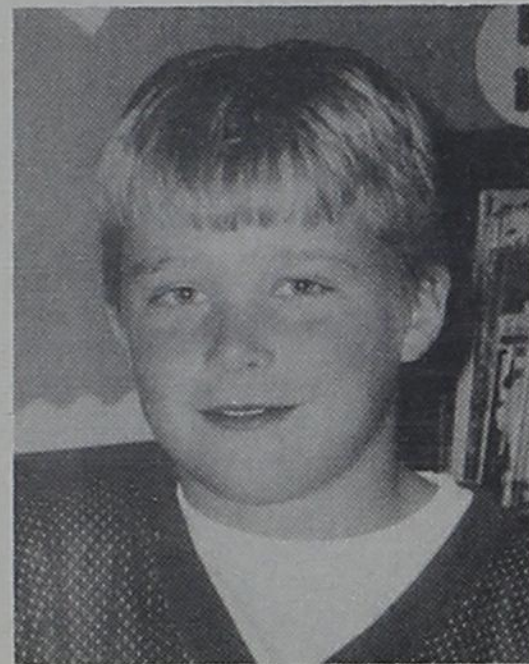
Music Memory: first place team-Charlotte Rumph, Giselle Alvarado and Eliseo Salazar. Rumph had a perfect score. 20 pts

Number Sense: Hugo Aguilon, third; Hugo Martinez, sixth. 14 pts

Oral Reading: Jeffrey Casas, third; Charlotte Rumph, fifth. 16 pts

Ready Writing: Charlotte Rumph, first; Jennifer Reyna, fifth; Roger Martinez, sixth. 25 pts

Spelling: Victoris Carrillo, third; Hugo Martinez, fifth; Jennifer Reyna, sixth. 20 pts



ZANE ANDERSON..... Earned the 200 point level in the accelerated reading program. He is a 4th grader in Mrs. Deen's class.

BOVINA REFLECTIONS

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

40 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 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.

35 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.

30 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.

25 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 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. Tuesday when he was crushed by a tractor on his farm southeast of Bovina.

20 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.

15 Yrs Ago-Mar. 30, 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. Bovina's play was entitled "Ralph Roister Doister."

10 Yrs Ago-Mar. 30, 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.

5 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.

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Out Here

By RON CARR



Today in Ronnie's Institute of Business and Other Useful Skills, we will be discussing the power of advertising in altering millions of ordinary lives. Please refer to the textbook with Michael Jordan on the cover.

The first discussion point is this: If Leann Rimes recommended a product, would you be anxious to buy it? If so, why?

Leann Rimes is a 15-year-old country music star. Folks say that she has become a demanding, spoiled brat with an overrated ego, whose voice is not that good either.

I wouldn't know since I don't listen to music much

WTRTC's Annual Meeting

West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative held its forty-fourth annual meeting at the Bull Barn in Hereford, Tuesday, March 24.

A capacity crowd of co-op members and guests enjoyed the barbecue supper catered by K-Bob's of Hereford.

Dick Fellers of Dawn, board president, welcomed the attendees and presided over the business meeting. He announced that WTRTC's previous attorney had retired and the board has employed Byron Boyd of Friona as the co-op's new attorney of record.

Tom Hyer, co-op manager, announced that the checks mailed to members this year will be for the years 1975, 1976, and 1979. He said that 1977 and 1978 were skipped because there was no money to be distributed from those years.

Board of director members re-elected were Carl Straffuss of Milo Center, Jimmie Cockerham of Tharp, and Ernest Flood of Westway.

anyone. If it's not Willie, I'm not too interested.

I do watch a lot of TV though and have become a student of TV commercials, specifically how TV commercials insult the intelligence of anyone over the age of 40.

If you understand the current commercials running for the Gap, Surge, or Nissan, there is a logical reason your intelligence is not insulted. Those commercials were made for the same group of Americans that give Billy Jeff a high moral rating.

But I digress. Back to Leann, whose mother and daddy were married to each other before she became a star. They are divorced now, perhaps because making millions and managing Leann's life were things they could not agree upon.

For whatever reason, daddy took a hike, and momma took over her darlin's career at least until Leann turns 18 and can make her own mistakes.

Now Leann is selling Samsung cellular phones. In the commercial we are studying today, she is seen standing on a stage, talking on her new phone to her grandma, who bought it for her.

Her whizbang Samsung phone has "call waiting" as she tells grandma to hold on. It's daddy.

"Yea dad, I know, I'll do my homework. I luv yew too."

From off camera, momma speaks, "Leann, get off the phone now." Too late. The little meal ticket is already dialing a friend.

"Just one more call, momma. Hi. Did he ask you to the prom?", she says to alleged friend. I wonder why a 15-year-old that does not go to school could care much about a prom.

Then her little round face fills the TV screen as she squawks, "Hey, what can I

say. I'm a teenager. I love phones."

This is a commercial that is obviously directed at teenagers, addicting them at an early age to portable cell phones.

As we speak, Texas Attorney General Dan Morales is filing a lawsuit against cell phone manufacturers to recover future costs that the state may have to pay for teenage cell phone addiction and abuse.

Leann's sales pitch did not cause me to reach for the footrest handle on my old recliner just to rush out for a Samsung.

But hey, what can I say. I'm an old guy. I hate phones and rich teenagers.

I don't remember ever buying a product that a famous person endorsed just because the famous person said I should buy it.

Paul Harvey, the most believable American in history, almost suckered me into buying a Bose radio. Paul is a smooth talker, but when I found out how much a Bose Wave Radio costs, I decided Paul wasn't that credible after all.

Quite a few years ago, Willie Nelson thought he would sell his own line of clothing. I bought my wife a pair of Willie jeans because Willie's name was on the back pocket. Willie doesn't sell jeans anymore and my now ex-wife got that pair in the divorce.

Joe DiMaggio, the best Yankee baseball player ever, once sold Lipton's Tea, but I was already drinking it before he started selling it.

I have never bought anything because Michael Jordan says so. Sorry. I don't have anything in common with 7-foot basketball players. I don't need Air Jordans to leap into my recliner.

A friend of mine told me this week she bought one of

those books that Oprah suggested. Said she tried to read it but didn't finish it. Wasn't as good as Oprah convinced her it was.

Those of us in the "gently used" generation tend to get set in our ways. Let the younger folks spend their cash because a rich athlete or movie star wants to get richer.

It's all right. That's capitalism. If Mickey Mantle had sold baseball shoes, I would have put many a dent in mother's kitchen linoleum.

As long as Billy Jeff Clinton can convince 70% of the great American unwashed that he is credible, there will always be a big market for fads like Leann and her Samsung phones.

Not for me though, buddy. I don't trust anybody that much except, uh, can you tell me how to get in touch with June Allyson?

March State Sales Tax Delivered

State Comptroller John Sharp today delivered a total of \$163.3 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,090 Texas cities and 118 counties, an 8 percent increase over March 1997 payments.

Parmer County received \$25,721.15 compared to \$14,623.33 last year.

The March payment per city is shown with last year's payment in brackets: Bovina \$1,955.76 (\$2,342.90); Farwell \$5,957.52 (\$6,093.00); Friona \$17,807. (\$6,187)

1998 payments to date to Parmer County are \$79,300.56, compared to 1997 payments of \$73,532.62, an increase of 7.84% this year.

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JEPHTHAH, WHO JUDGED ISRAEL FOR SIX YEARS, WHEN HE WENT TO WAR WITH THE AMMONITES, MADE A VOW UNTO THE LORD THAT SHOULD HE BE VICTORIOUS HE WOULD SACRIFICE, FOR A BURNT OFFERING, WHATEVER FIRST CAME TO HIM OUT OF HIS HOUSE, ON HIS RETURN TO IT, AFTER THE VICTORY! (JUDGES 11:30,31). IT WAS HIS ONLY CHILD, HIS DAUGHTER, WHO RUSHED OUT TO GREET HIM ON HIS RETURN. HIS DAUGHTER AGREED THAT HE HAD TO KEEP HIS VOW, BUT ONLY AFTER SHE HAD TWO MONTHS TO BEWAIL HER VIRGINITY IN THE MOUNTAINS. THIS BECAME A CUSTOM, DOWN THROUGH THE YEARS, FOR THE ISRAELITE MAIDENS TO GO INTO THE MOUNTAINS, FOUR DAYS A YEAR, TO LAMENT FOR THE DAUGHTER OF JEPHTHAH, THE GILEADITE! (JUDGES 11:40).



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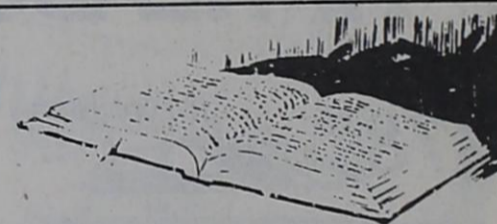
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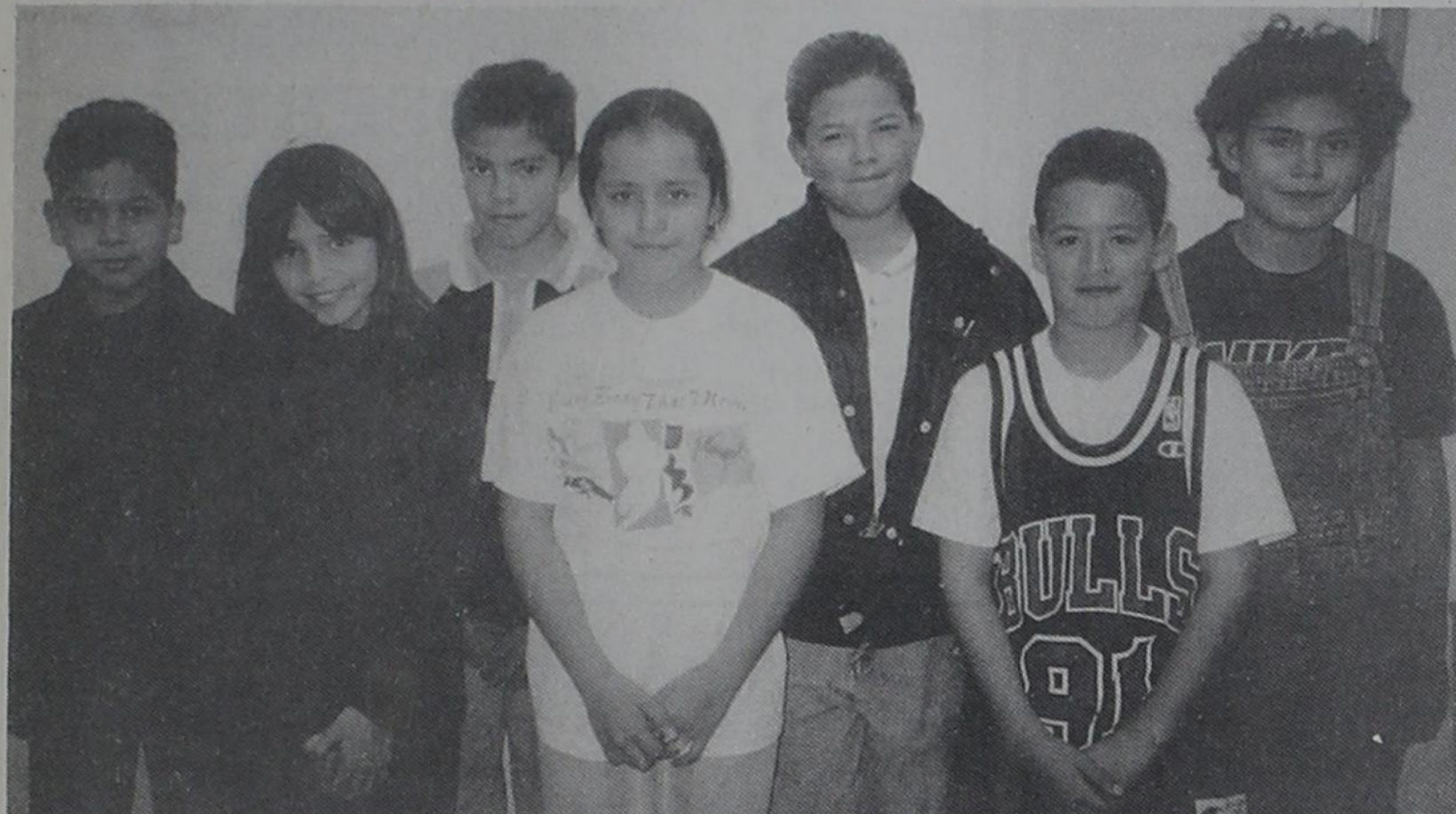
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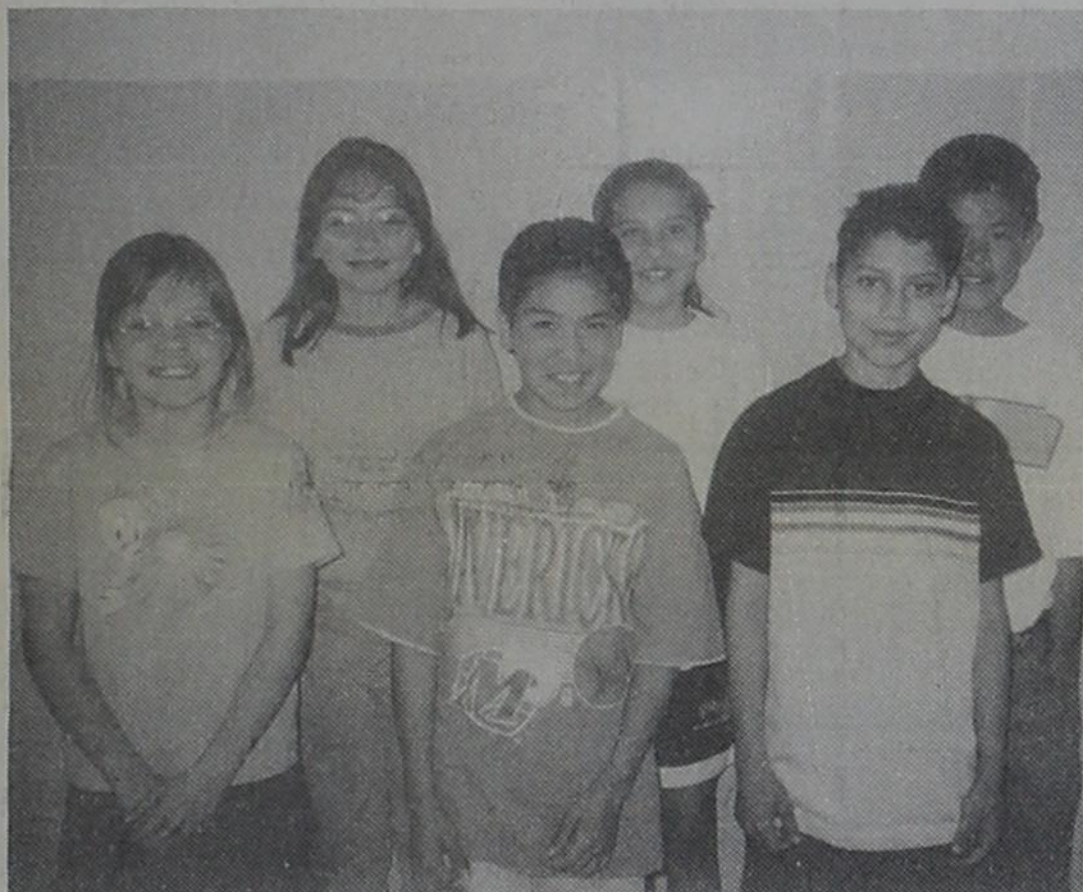
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MODERN INVENTORS...These 6th graders from Brenda Logan's science class are showing their science projects involving sound. Christy Villarreal is holding her homemade instrument, while Morgan Clayton and Catalina Nicolas model the traditional cup phones.



SOLO ENSEMBLE....Mr. Martin's solo contest participants were, back, l-r, Jose Valadez, Emigdio Salazar, Alex Espinoza, Erica Guillen. Front, l-r, Victoria Carillo, Rebecca Carrillo, and Jeffrey Casas.



MUSICAL KIDS...These students from Mrs. Halbrook's 5th grade class competed in a solo contest in Clovis. They are, back, l-r, Jennifer Reyna, Luzana Chavez, Hugo Aguillon. Front, l-r, Elizabeth Alonzo, Israel Escobar, and Dustin Lara.



WRTC MEETING....Tom Hyer, manager of West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative, addresses the members during the WRTC annual meeting held in Hereford on Tuesday, March 24. ron carr photo

WRTC Enjoys Capacity Crowd At Annual Meet

West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative held its forty-fourth annual meeting at the Bull Barn in Hereford, Tuesday, March 24. A capacity crowd of co-op members and guests enjoyed the barbecue supper catered by K-Bob's of Hereford. Dick Fellers of Dawn, board president, welcomed the attendees and presided over the business meeting. He announced that WRTC's previous attorney had retired and the board has employed Byron Boyd of Friona as the co-op's new attorney of record. Tom Hyer, co-op manager, announced that the checks mailed to members this year will be for the years 1975, 1976, and 1979. He said that 1977 and 1978 were skipped because there was no money to be distributed from those years. Board of director members re-elected were Carl Straffuss of Milo Center, Jimmie Cockerham of Tharp, and Ernest Flood of Westway.

Scooter's Scoops

By SCOOTER RUSSELL



This week began with beautiful spring weather. We were up north last week in Spearman and the snow began shortly after we arrived on Wednesday evening. It blew all the next day along with more snow. When it was over we had a foot of beautiful stuff. One new resident there said he had never seen it snow sideways. The fields were like lakes when it thawed. Vernon Estes was in the office this week. He and his wife, Ellen, were in Spearman at the same time visiting with their daughter and son-in-law, Verna Marie and Bill Strawn. We were talking about the big snow and about the water standing when it began to thaw. He and Ellen will be going back to their home in Las Vegas, Nevada this week.

NEWS AROUND TOWN
About the time the paper is out this week, Juanda Murphy will be celebrating her birthday. We want to wish her a Happy Birthday and also thank her for being the kind of friend all of us need.

Juanda was one of the first people I met when we moved to Bovina almost forty years ago and soon after, moved across my alley and was there for many years.

I was raised in Hereford and it almost killed me to have to leave my parents and move all of thirty five miles away so I needed Juanda.

We babysat each others' children and have had lots of fun. When my daddy died, Juanda was the first to be there and gathered up my little girls' clothes and kept them in school and at her home during those hard days. In fact, I can't remember a time she wasn't there for me or anyone who needed someone or had a problem.

Juanda demonstrates Christianity to the fullest and is an inspiration to all of us. Again, Happy Birthday Juanda. We love you!

Bubby and Linda Marshall spent the week down south with family during spring break.

The Marshalls' daughter, Libby Holman and sons, Corbin and Bailey, made an 1,800 mile trip to Lake Jackson. They visited with their other daughter, Nita and her husband, Jason Leifester. Lake Jackson is about forty miles this side of Houston.

The family enjoyed the beach, gathering shells, watching the shrimp boats and ships.

They went to the Museum of Natural Science and one of the highlights was walking into a butterfly exhibit where the beautiful butterflies were all around. They also enjoyed the laser light show and the Imax Theater that had huge whales. They also took in the big zoo and on Wednesday evening attended church together.

They drove to Tom Ball, which is a suburb of Houston and visited Bubby's sister, Joyce, her husband, Willis Watts and their daughter, Brandy, and her family.

While at Lake Jackson, Nita's mother-in-law and father-in-law and her husband's grandmother were able to be with them. The family enjoyed a meal of seafood.

Another time the group visited the Sea Center at Lake Jackson and saw many fish in a huge aquarium.

Nita teaches third grade at Lake Jackson and Jason works for a company making computer programs.

We express our sympathies to Donna Mitchell, whose grandmother passed away March 11. She was Joycie Blevins, Martha's mother. Mrs. Blevins was 96 years-old and enjoyed good health until a few months ago when she suffered a stroke. Donna said her grandmother drove until a year ago.

Jim Russell and grandson, Todd Rindisbacher of Spearman, went to Breckenridge over the weekend and did some work at the deer lease. While there, they fished some and Todd brought home a five pound bass. They had a good time with Larry Scott who was with them and lives in Abilene. The weather was nice while they were there.

Jim talked to A.L. Nuttall. A.L. said he and Sue and Jack and Pat Turner spent time trying to fish there last week and were only out one day because it rained the rest of the time.

Scoops are short this week because many are out of town. If you have had company, been out of town, or any other item of interest, please give us a call...Scooter.

Church In Dimmitt Sets Fish Frys

In conjunction with Lent, the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Dimmitt will host two fish frys, March 27 and April 3.

The Friday night frys are being held to raise money for a new sound system.

The two fish frys will start at 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the church at 903 Halsell. Take-outs will be available.

The menu is fried fish, red beans, cole slaw, potato salad, rolls, cornbread, dessert, iced tea, and coffee.

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Thanks to Fr. Sweeney and others that visited me in the hospital. Thanks for all the prayers, cards, calls, food, flowers and also thanks to all who came to visit me here at home who have been so kind. Thanks for your encouragement.
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Alice Juanita Reed, Deceased, were issued on March 4, 1998, in Cause No. 2319, pending in the County Court of Parmer County, Texas, to: Ralph Raymond Reed.

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