

MY TURN



By Carol Ellis

LAST WEEK we discussed the most truly tasteless gifts that you might, or might not, want to get for the folks on your gift list. Remember the recording of dogs barking the tune of various Christmas songs? Well, this year there's a new one with cows mooing such festive favorites as *We Wish You A Moo-ery Christmas, Here Comes Santa Cow, and God Rest Ye Merry Cattlemen*. I'm not making this up.

Electronic computer video games will be big items again this Christmas. The varieties currently being sold in stores include: space combat, flight simulators, quiz shows, role playing mysteries, solitaire, chess strategy, and puzzles for children.

Video game manufacturers, such as Nintendo and Sega, need to get on the ball and develop some games which are more appropriate for the Christmas season, based on the way ordinary Texans react to various situations at this time of year. Some game suggestions could be:

Coulter Road Warriors: It's the last weekend before Christmas and all the citizens of rural communities in the Texas Panhandle are trying to get to Amarillo to finish up their Christmas shopping. Your goal is to maneuver the congested highways and road construction faster than soccer moms doing warp speed in minivans, while trying to avoid college kids on their way home for the holidays. You get involved in a chase with highway patrol cars and sheriff's department guys. Your goal is to make it back home without a door ding or a traffic citation.

A X Miss Carol: This is a role-playing game where Tiny Tim fakes a bad leg for insurance purposes and pays homage to his father's employer, Mr. Scrooge, by turning off the utilities in homes of widows and orphans on Christmas eve. Agent X then teams up with the lovely Miss Carol to ferret out evil Tiny and put hallucinogenic drops in his wassail bowl. The players then interact through a series of bad nightmares which bring Tiny and Scrooge to renounce their evil ways and justice wins out.

Westgate Maul: In this game, you travel through several tricky intersections trying to avoid collisions with other harried citizens using colorful language and vulgar hand signals. You must maneuver the parking lots where a lady backs up traffic four miles while she waits for a convenient parking spot, a fellow plays bumper cars while darting diagonally across the parking lot, and you see perfectly healthy individuals hop out of cars in the handicapped parking places.

When you finally get inside, the game strategy gets really bizaare as you try to locate an intelligent store clerk who can answer a simple question. You wrestle old ladies to the ground in your attempt to be first in line at the check out stand.

The Tickle-Me Elmo doll is the most popular toy of the season and your child has told Santa he must have one. Your goal is to find and purchase the last and only, remaining Elmo without getting maimed or killed in the process.

Wreck the Halls: This is an action game, taking place on Christmas morning. Players race against the clock to see who can destroy hours of planning, decorating, cooking, and wrapping in preparation for the big event. The living room is knee-deep in wrapping paper, boxes and bows. The new puppy chews through the Christmas lights, gets a jolt of electricity and has to be taken to the vet. The cat climbs up the Christmas tree, breaking all the glass heirloom ornaments.

The kitchen sink is piled high with cooking pots and dirty dishes. The kids are trying out their rollerblades on the new carpet. In-laws and cousins are arguing about which football game is to be watched on TV. The first player to send Mom to the bedroom with a headache wins the game.



ALL DISTRICT OFFENSE... Mustangs selected to the 3-2A all-district football team were, l-r, front, Lupe Rivera, Joe Villarreal, Luke Steelman. Back, Tony Beauchamp, Eric Galvan, Pablo Martinez, Santiago Serna.



ALL DISTRICT DEFENSE... Honored on the 3-2A all-district defensive squad were, l-r, front, Martin Reyna, Jim Prather, Joe Villarreal, Tony Beauchamp. Back, Hector Larrea, Albert Larrea, Robert Perez, Jerry Rocha, Jose Vitolas. Not pictured, Juan Martinez.

Six Mustangs Named To First Team All-District

The 1996 all-district football selections were announced for District 3-2A.

Selected to first-team offense were: Split ends-J.R. Walker, Lockney and Ron Jamandron, Highland Park.

Tight ends-Thad Lusk, Lockney and Matt Huerta, Hart.

Running backs-J. J. Finch, Hart; Devon Phillips, Lockney; David Andrade, Hale Center; Joe Villarreal, Bovina.

Guards: Danny Vasquez, Lockney; Eric Galvan, Bovina; Juan Romero, Hart.

Tackles: Dusty Ortiz, Hart and Bradley Veal, Lockney.

Center: Abel Dominguez, Hart.

Quarterback: Adam Cummings, Lockney.

Kicker: Lucas Anzaldua, Hart.

The 1996 3-2A Offensive Player-of-the-Year was junior Devon Phillips of Lockney.

First-team all-district defensive players were:

Defensive ends: David Hernandez, Lockney; Dusty Ortiz, Hart; Paul Weller, Highland Park; Jim Prather, Bovina.

Defensive Linemen:

Richard Guerrero, Lockney; Juan Romero, Hart; Jose Vitolas, Bovina; David Andrade, Hale Center; Eric Nicholas, Highland Park.

Linebackers: Bobby Garcia, Olton; Charles Vanzant, Lockney; Marcus Wells, Highland Park; Armando Minjarez, Hart.

Defensive backs: Devon Phillips, Lockney; Carson Johnson, Lockney; Ron Jamandron, Highland Park; Lupe delaFuente, Hart; Tony Beauchamp, Bovina; Jerry Rocha, Bovina.

Punter: Juan Romero, Hart.

The defensive player-of-the-year was Charles Van Zandt of Lockney.

Selected to the all-district second team-defensive squad were Bovina players Juan Martinez, Robert Perez, Albert Larrea, and Martin Reyna. Honorable mention defense went to Joe Villarreal and Hector Larrea.

Second team all-district offensive selections from Bovina were: Luke Steelman and Tony Beauchamp. Honorable mention-offense was awarded to Lupe Rivera and Pablo Martinez.



ALL-STATE NOMINEES... Bovina Mustangs Joe Villarreal and Tony Beauchamp were nominated by the Amarillo and Lubbock newspapers as candidates in the upcoming All-State selection process. Selections will be voted on and published at the end of the football playoffs.

FBC Will Present Christmas Cantata

The Bovina First Baptist Church will present "Tree of Light" a Christmas cantata on Sunday, December 15 at 7 p.m.

Music director is Grady Sorley. The narration will be done by Pastor Gary Morgan and the program director is Judy Hodnett.

A choir, along with soloists, will perform various songs of worship and praise.

There is no charge and the public is invited to attend. Rides for senior adults are available, call 238-1632 for more information.

"This is a very beautiful and inspirational musical. We hope everyone will come and enjoy it with us. It is very appropriate for the approaching season," a church spokesperson said.

Project Christmas Card Is Underway

Signup period for the 1996 City-wide Christmas Card Fund is now underway and will continue through December 16. This can be an excellent way to say "Merry Christmas" to your local friends and neighbors in Bovina.

This project was set up many years ago by Bovina Woman's Study Club and has done much to benefit the City throughout the years. All donations go for a good cause and are much appreciated.

The fund has been established at First Bank and proceeds from the fund will benefit Bovina's EMS and Fire Department.

Adopt-A-Resident This Season

Officials of Prairie Acres remind Parmer County residents that their Adopt-A-Resident program will be available again this year for the Christmas season.

Anyone interested in adopting a Prairie Acres resident this Christmas are urged to contact the Prairie Acres Activity Department at 247-3922.

The residents and staff appreciate your concern and assistance.

project is that residents are asked to donate the amount of money which they would customarily spend to send out Christmas cards to local friends. In turn those who donate to the project will have their names published as a community-wide Christmas greeting to all in the *Bovina Blade's* annual special Christmas edition.

Donors are reminded, if they haven't mailed cards recently, that the price of both cards and postage has greatly increased over the years. So please give generously.

Musical To Be Performed By FBC Kids

The Bovina First Baptist Church children's choir will present a Christmas musical, "Christmas In Egypt" on Wednesday, December 18 at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church.

Rides will be available for senior adults. For transportation information, call 238-1632.

Turn In Santa Letters To Blade Office By Dec. 17.

Christmas Concert Set Tue Morning

Bovina school music director, William Shelly, would like to invite everyone to a Christmas concert on Tuesday, December 17 at 9 a.m. at the High School auditorium.

Performing in the festivities will be the high school choir and band, the middle school band, fifth grade band and fourth grade recorders.

Everyone is invited to come and show their support for these young talented musicians.

CPR, EMT Classes Set

Classes for CPR certification will be January 6 and 7. The cost of the course is \$20, plus an additional cost for the book.

The EMT course will begin January 13 and will last through April. The cost is \$150, plus the cost of the book.

For more information, call Larry Mitchell.



MIGRANT EDUCATION HONORS... Pat Turner, who directs Bovina Schools' Migrant Education Program, is shown with the "Excelling Performance" award presented to the school at the Texas Migrant Education Conference held recently at South Padre Island. Bovina Schools also earned an all-state designation for identification and recruitment of migrant students.



School Board Holds Dec. Meeting

The board of trustees of Bovina ISD met in regular on December 9. The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

A motion was passed to pay the vouchers.

The principals gave their reports.

Bob Owen made a motion to approve the kindergarten and first grade assessment for Accelerated Instruction. Joe Steelman seconded and the motion passed.

Mike Beauchamp made the motion to accept the 1995-96 audit. Ricky Jamerson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A motion was passed to accept the bid from Commercial Union Insurance Company for 1996-97 property and casualty insurance.

A motion then passed to approve the textbook committee.

No action was taken on TASB Local District Update 53.

Jamerson made a motion to make application for Optional Extended Year Program. Beauchamp seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A motion was passed to authorize Superintendent Nuttall to purchase an ice machine for the gym.

Susan Kerby made a motion to make an application for Summer Food Service Program for 1997. Jamerson seconded and the motion passed.

A motion was then passed to hire Johnny Rumph for Algebra I one period per day.

Steelman made the motion to approve additions of Libby Holman and Amy Kelly to the substitute teacher list. Beauchamp seconded the motion and it passed.

Nuttall gave her reports and the meeting adjourned.

Bovina School Lunch Menu

Week of December 16-20
MONDAY--spaghetti with meat sauce, corn, salad, fruit and milk.

TUESDAY--tacos, lettuce, tomato, pinto beans, fruit and milk.

WEDNESDAY-- chicken and rice, carrot sticks, green beans, cornbread, fruit and milk.

THURSDAY--chicken salad, baked potatoes, celery sticks, rolls, fruit and milk.

FRIDAY--ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomato, potato chips, fruit and milk.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL HONORS....Students of the month for November at Bovina Middle School were, l-r, Juan Saucedo, Noemi Viernes, Mitchel Vela, Sergio Antillon, Courtney Jamerson, & Marlene Gomez. Students-of-the-month are chosen by the middle school teachers for the monthly award.

Aldermen Axe DARE

The board of Aldermen met in regular session on December 9 at 7 p.m.

Those present were Mayor Galen Hromas, Aldermen Radford Venable, Gary Beauchamp, Kenneth Waters and Joe Olvera.

Waters opened the meeting with a prayer and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The highlight of the council session was the decision on the voting of the DARE Program issue. The council voted unanimously to NOT participate in the program for 1996-97 school year.

Clyde Blakeley and Denny Graham from Waste Management of West Texas visited with the council concerning the roll off box. No actions will be taken on this matter until more information can be obtained.

Larry Mitchell, president of the ambulance service, approached the council about the continuing EMT education. Waters made a motion that city accept the request and furnish the funds necessary for the classes. The motion was carried unanimously.

Marie Venable came to the council about Harwell Avenue to see if the city owned S. 60 ft. of lot 5 Blk 6 property duly Deeded in Volume 152 page 104 May 1971.

Mayor Hromas declared a closed session at 8:50 p.m. Open session resumed at 9:45 p.m.

A motion was passed extend the period for bids on the Dodge truck paint job for 30 days.

Olvera made a motion to accept C.C.P.D. to purchase chlorine. This motion also

Letter To The Editor

Bill and Carol,
 Hope you and all our friends in Parmer County will watch Brother Ben on ABC's "Lois & Clark" Sunday, December 15.

Ben, by the way, is the cheesy one on the right! Ha! Happy Holiday!!

Butch McCain

passed.

A motion was passed to give Sarah Alonzo, City Secretary, permission to start filling out the Employee History folders.

Beauchamp moved that if the city can find a two drawer fire proof filing cabinet for \$200 or less to purchase it. The motion passed.

No action was taken on the Shamrock credit card.

The council then paid bills.

Venable made the motion to extend water lines in block 7 through North Street and sewer lines in block 7. Beauchamp seconded and the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 pm.

REFLECTIONS

....from the files of The Bovina Blade

40 Yrs Ago-Dec. 12, 1956

Coach Bob Wills' Bovina Mustangs were crowned champions of Friona's Invitational Tournament Saturday after they squeaked out a 47-45 win over Claude in the tourney finals. Team members are Phil Caldwell, Sonny Brito, Jerry Burnett, James Lawlis, Neil Smith, Donnie Springs, Duane Rea, Leon Richards, Ramey Brandon, Tom Ware, Marvin Young and Billy Burnam.

and Brand, which headquarters in McAllen.

15 Yrs Ago-Dec. 16, 1981

Beginning January 1, 1982, Texas drivers contacted by the Department of Public Service officers during traffic stops and vehicle accident investigations will be required to furnish proof of compliance with the new compulsory liability insurance law.

Ricky Sheperd was named as All District Player of the Year.

Richard Lowe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Lowe of Bovina was honored recently at New Mexico Military Institute as the outstanding offensive lineman for the NMMI Bronchos team for the year.

35 Yrs Ago-Dec. 13, 1961

Elton Venable has opened the Gulf Station on the northeast corner of intersection of Third Street and Highway 60. Formerly operated by Fred Phillips the station is located next door to Kesner Cafe.

George Evans, 36, owner and operator of the Harlen Inn Cafe on Second Street in Bovina, has been charged with murder following Friday night shooting death of Jesse Dawkins, 26, who was employed on the farm of Paul Hall in the Rhea Community.

25 Yrs Ago-Dec. 15, 1971

Bovina's city council accepted the bid of \$187.50 from Big Nick Trienen for a tractor at its monthly meeting Thursday night.

Chas. W. Flynn, mayor of Bovina, has announced the sale of his business, Gateway Produce Company to Griffin

5 Yrs Ago-Dec. 14, 1991

Susan and Haley Hughes were the proud winners of the pedal car given at the Grand Opening of Charles Oil & Gas, Inc.

Gwen Clements is presenting her piano students in a Christmas recital Sunday at the Bovina First United Methodist Church.

The pheasant season kicks off Saturday, and officials say the bird population is low again. The last bumper pheasant year was in 1982 and the bird population has been slowly declining since that time.

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LION TAMERS...The Bovina Lions Club met November 14 at the Bovina Restaurant. Middle School citizens-of-the-month were honored during lunch. Introduced to the 13 Lions members present were Patricia Robles and Yancy Graves, top. High School citizens-of-the-month honored at the December 12 Lions meeting were Jamie Stanberry and Jim Prather. The Bovina Lions will hold their Christmas dinner December 19 at K-Bob's in Clovis. The Lions will bag Christmas candy for the elementary children's Santa visit on December 20.



M. Garner Celebrates 1st Birthday

Matthew Garner celebrated his first birthday on November 9. His parents, Doyle and Gilda, held a quick party with a Winnie the Pooh cake and ice cream. Those also present included his big brothers Gabe and Mike; his aunt, uncle and cousin from Ft. Worth, Delilah, Justin and Rachel; aunt, uncle and cousin from Bovina, Esther, Joe and Jake Steelman; and also from Bovina, Weito and Weita Mejia. Grandma and Grandpa Garner were under the weather but sent birthday wishes. "Matthew is a joy and can never be under estimated," added his mother.

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Scooter's Scoops

By SCOOTER RUSSELL



Some other parts of the country has perhaps prettier scenery than we do around here to look at but we have the most beautiful sunsets and sunrises. One day last week the news man on TV showed a picture of a gorgeous one that evening and said they had had lots of calls. They have been spectacular!

We have lots of pretty things to see in our panhandle, mainly, because there are such pretty crops of cotton, corn and milo. So there's lots to see in all areas.

I grew up in the Hereford area and my father was a farmer all his life. I remember thinking how good the fresh plowed grounds smelled and how it was good to see the new blades of wheat peaking through the dark soil. We also have beautiful nights that stars can be seen all across, as the land meets the sky in any direction. Just a good place to live.

NEWS AROUND TOWN

We understand Ed Hutto has been ill again and is scheduled for a trip to M.D. Anderson on December 30 for therapy.

Ed and Alta live in Clovis but raised their family here. We still think of them as our people, too.

Lee Stevenson is a patient at the Clovis Hospital and was listed in intensive care suffering from double pneumonia. Both of Lee's children, Gary and Lexi, who live out of town, have been here with the family.

Grace Stormes, Sam Stormes' mother, was taken by ambulance to the Clovis Hospital over the weekend. She has breathing problems and has been on oxygen for a long time. She lives with Sam and his family.

Visitors in the home of Dean and Arlene McCallum were their daughter Nancy

SWCD Assists Tree Plantings

A West Texas nursery is planting conservation in Parmer County and throughout two-thirds of the state, while also lending a helping hand to High Plains producers.

For the last 18 years, the Texas Forest Service (TFS) West Texas Nursery (WTN) has grown windbreak seedlings, evergreens and deciduous trees and shrubs, for landowners from the coast of Corpus Christi to Texline in the Panhandle. The WTN's primary objective is to produce and sell quality seedlings at a price that landowners can afford, enabling them to plant large quantities of trees to establish multiple row windbreaks.

Windbreaks are trees and shrubs systematically planted adjacent to fields, homesteads or feedlots as a barrier to reduce or redirect the wind. They create permanent, natural protection and habitat for wildlife, reduce erosion and increase land value and aesthetics.

Annually, WTN grows approximately 200,000 evergreens of eight different species in its two irrigated greenhouses and about 400,000 bare-root seedlings in its eight-acre field nursery. The trees are grown from seed collected by nursery staff.

Each year the seedlings are sold and delivered through the Parmer County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and over 90 other SWCD's around the state. The date of delivery, beginning in February, is dependent on the planting season within the delivery region.

The TFS assists in planting field, livestock, homestead and wildlife windbreaks and living snow fences.

Producers, be it the farmer or rancher, interested in windbreak protection can begin ordering seedlings this fall for the 1997 planting season through the Parmer County SWCD. For more information, contact your local district at 1306 West Ninth Street, Friona, Texas, 79035, or call (806) 247-2220.

and her husband Cass Cruiz from LaVita, Colorado. With them, were Cass's mother, Emma, also of LaVita. She spent the nights with Arlene's mother, Montie Turner.

Nancy's son, Ryan, of Los Angeles was also with the family for the holidays. Ryan is a truckdriver based out of Georgia and hauls cars. The family had dinner on Thanksgiving with the McCallums.

The members of the Bovina Church of Christ hosted a Christmas party after services Sunday evening for the orphans home in Portales. They had refreshments and had gifts for all the children. They were about twelve children present.

I talked with Thelma Barron Tuesday morning and she said her husband Rouel Barron had hip surgery a week ago and that they had just come in when I called. She said he is getting along fine. This was the third hip replacement he has had.

Vernon and Ellen Estes came home on Sunday and will probably stay for a day or so following Christmas Day. Their daughter, Linda Marshall, said they are getting along fine but that Ellen's sister, who lives in Las Vegas, Nevada, had been ill.

Rita Mast is back home in Bovina. She spent several times in the hospital at Clovis and then some time with daughter Christy in Friona but she is home now.

Al Kerby had his second wrist operated on for carpal tunnel syndrome. He had the other one operated on a few weeks ago. That is always a painful procedure but he is better now.

One of the Bovina Chamber of Commerce members called and said they would not be sponsoring the lighting contest as they have during the holidays for a few years. Perhaps next year.

Holly Mills hosted an early Christmas for all of her brothers and sisters on Saturday of last week and she said she would have the write-up for next week's paper.

The classes for CPR will be January 6 and 7. Classes for the ones who wish to take the EMT classes will begin on January 13 and will probably go until about April. The CPR classes will cost \$20 and the EMT classes will be \$150, plus the cost of the books. If you are interested, call the Larry Mitchells.

Christmas time is right around the corner and we ran across this poem we thought was worth sharing:

'Twas the night Jesus came and all through the house, Not a person was praying, not one in the house. For no one thought that Jesus would come here.

The children were dressing to crawl into bed, Not once ever kneeling or bowing a head.

And mom in her rocker

with baby in her lap, Watching the Late Show while I took a nap.

When out of the east there arose such a clatter, I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter.

Away to the window I flew like a flash, Tore open the shutters and lifted the sash!

When what to my wondering eyes should appear, But angels proclaiming that Jesus was here!

The light of His face made me cover my head, It was Jesus returning, just as He said.

And though I possessed worldly wisdom and wealth, I cried when I saw Him in spite of myself.

In the Book of Life which He held in His hand, was written the name of every saved man.

He spoke not a word as

He searched for my name, When He said, "It's not here" my head hung in shame.

The people whose names had been written with love, He gathered to take to His Father above.

With those who were ready He rose without a sound, While all the rest were left standing all around.

I fell to my knees, but it was too late, I had waited too long and this sealed my fate.

I stood and I cried as they rose out of sight, Oh, if only I'd known that this was the night.

In the words of this poem the meaning is clear, The coming of Jesus is now drawing near.

There's only one life and when comes the last call, We'll find that the Bible was true after all.

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AND TO CONCEAL NOTHING THAT WAS PERTINENT TO THE CASE. IT WAS A SIN FOR A WITNESS TO WITHHOLD EVIDENCE IN HIS POSSESSION (LEV. 5:1; PROV. 29:24). FALSE WITNESS BEARING WAS DENOUNCED IN THE DECALOGUE (EX. 20:16) AND WHEN DETECTED, DREW THE SAME PENALTY UPON THE FALSE WITNESS THAT HE HAD ATTEMPTED TO GET IMPOSED ON THE ACCUSED—THESE ANCIENT JUDGES DID NOT FOOL AROUND!!

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