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Council Proclaims 503 In 2003 Day

Bovina's city council met in regular session Tuesday, April 8 at 7 p.m.

Present were Mayor Hromas, Aldermen Jessie Stone, Stan Miller, Mike McCallum, John Blackwell, city manager Ernest Terry, city secretary Bonnie Scaff, public works superintendent Andy Garza, police chief Leon Saddler and city attorney Kathryn Gurley.

The council went into executive session at 7:20 p.m. and resumed the open meeting at 7:54 p.m. No action was taken as a result of the closed session.

After reviewing changes to the city codes, McCallum moved to approve subject to amendments. Miller seconded

and the motion passed.

The council signed a proclamation supporting the 503 in 2003 committee in their efforts to have at least 503 Bovina citizens attend the church of their choice on April 20, Easter Sunday.

The city manager gave municipal court, police, fund balance and bank balance reports.

City Works superintendent Garza was commended for his efforts in maintaining the city's drinking water system. Garza has received a certificate of outstanding performance from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

The next council meeting will be May 8 at 7 p.m.



BRAGGING RIGHTS...The Bovina JV track team won the district championship at Sundown last week. Back, l-r, Orlando Espinoza, Chris Heinzman, Luis Munoz, Deolando Alonzo, Emigdio

Flores, Jose Vela, Elisel Salazar. Front, l-r, head coach Kent Torbert, Israel Escobar, Cody Jamerson, Jose Esparza, Jeff Casas, Alex Espinoza, Mike Ortiz and track coach Tony Epps. ron carr photo

Will You Be One Who Is Counted At Church In '03?

By REV. QUITA JONES
Bovina First United Methodist Church

"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful unto Him and bless His name." Psalm 100:4

Have you ever wondered why Thanksgiving should be a single day of the year? For the children of God, every day is thanksgiving. We are all children of God, yes all of us. More than 3000 years ago God made a covenant with Israel, when He told Moses, "You will be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation" (Exodus 19:6, NRSV).

The revelation to Peter nearly 1500 years later was that Jesus Christ's followers also received the blessing and bear the commission for ministry that God extended to Israel. This brought forth Peter's proclamation that, "You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to

God" (1 Peter 2:9, NRSV). How wonderful to know that we are all so loved by God that He calls us a kingdom of priests. That in itself is reason to be thankful. That in itself is reason to praise and celebrate God's generous gift to us.

One of the best ways to praise God and celebrate His name is in the presence of others, who are also celebrating. However in this busy time conscious world the value of attending worship is sometimes put way down on the priority list. Sometimes we feel like we just don't have time to attend worship. Sunday is our only day off or our only time to get away or our only time to go out of town or the only day we can sleep late—the list can go on and on.

When God gave us the 5th commandment, "Remember the Sabbath and

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WHY ARE YOU sitting there reading this column when you should be working on your income tax return? This is the last weekend for all of you procrastinating last-minute people before the April 15th deadline coming up on Tuesday.

Grassroots Americans (meaning you and me) are footing the bill for most of the country's taxes, and we work the whole first half of the year to pay for it, which is enough to make the average taxpayer downright cranky. In fact, a great number of taxpayers that I used to know, are now deceased and pushing up dandelions in the cemetery, which makes me wonder if paying taxes could be hazardous to our health. If so, paying one's income tax could be called "capital punishment."

Since last week's announcement regarding our up coming retirement, about a thousand people have asked if we are going to travel. Do we have to? We probably won't have any money left for travel after paying our taxes anyway. Plus, we really enjoy our comfortable little nest over on Maple Street. For awhile, the Good Old Boy and I just want to sit on the back porch, watch the weeds grow, and enjoy not having to meet a deadline every week.

Somewhere I read that the term "deadline" originated in prison camps during the Civil War. A line was drawn about six feet inside the fence surrounding the prison. Guards kept watch at lookout posts on top of the walls, and any prisoner who crossed that line was presumed to be attempting an escape. It was customary to shoot anyone who crossed that line. Thus it came to be regarded as the "deadline."

The deadline at your local newspaper has for many years been anytime before Wednesday noon. This gives the staff a little time to set your information in type, proofread it, scan a picture or art work that might need to go with it, then figure out which page would be a good spot for your advertisement or article. Thursday is production day when we put it all together. On Friday the paper gets printed, mailing labels applied, and then it goes to the post office.

Most people call the paper and ask "When is the latest that I can get this item to you and get it in this week's issue?" Only one time in all the 41 years that we have been here, has anyone called to ask "How soon do you need to have this?"

Did you ever notice that the people who are always late are often much jollier than the people who have to wait for them? The habitually late people (you know who you are) generally come breezing into the newspaper office sometime on Thursday with something that just MUST get in this week. We have several pages already put together by that time. It makes for a long and tiring Thursday when we have to set up the late items, move stuff around to make room and/or try to figure out what to leave out or hold over till next week just so we can get your late stuff in.

For instance, last Thursday was typical. We dragged our tired bodies home about 6:30 p.m. Bill plopped down in his recliner, closed his eyes and had visions of a homemade chicken salad sandwich and dessert of chocolate pie. When he opened his eyes, what he found was some tuna mayonnaise onto a hotdog bun and a couple of stale chocolate chip cookies. We were out of bread with which to make a sandwich but did have a couple of hot dog buns and some left over cookies. By then, I was too tired to go back out to the store to get bread.

After we retire around May the first, Ron and Vickie have our permission to shoot anyone who comes in late after the deadline. Meanwhile, go get back to work on your tax return.

"MY TURN"

By Carol Ellis



OFF TO THE AREA MEET in Canyon next Thursday are top, l-r, Raymond Chisom (long jump & 800m relay), Alfredo Martinez (800m relay) and Sergio Salas (800m relay). Bottom, l-r, Jake Steelman (110m & 300m hurdles), Edgar Ortiz (1600m & 3200m runs) and Jonathan Chisom (200m dash, triple jump & 800m relay). ron carr photo

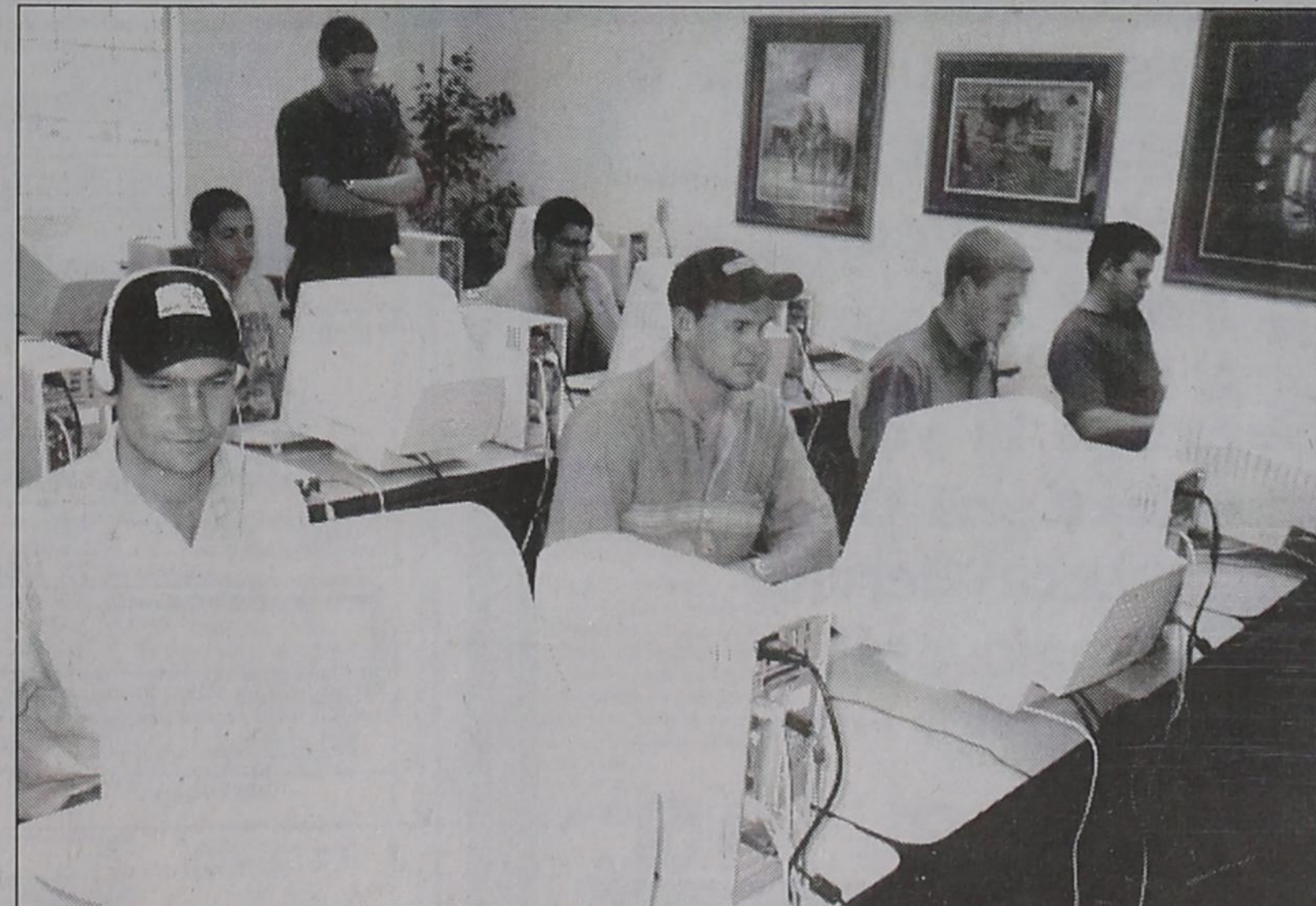
Senior Edition Will Publish On May 23: Place An Ad For Your Favorite Senior

The Bovina Blade's special 2003 graduation tabloid will be published on May 23. Graduation Day is May 30.

We need help from parents and teachers to urge each senior to turn in their form to the high school office, along with a first grade picture (or as close to first grade as you can) ASAP. Deadline to assure that your senior's bio will be included in the special section is Monday, May 12.

Also, parents and grandparents and friends of graduates: you can congratulate your favorite senior with an ad placed in our May 23 newspaper. Include a picture and/or a special message. We'll help with copy if you need it.

Call 250-2211, or come by the Friona Star office, 916 Main St., for ad rates and ideas. Our office hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed from noon to 1 p.m. Or you can drop off your copy at Dorothy's beauty shop in Bovina.



BOVINA COMMUNITY NETWORK (BCN) patrons have utilized the public computer lab to contact friends and family. Shown are several young men who work for Charles Johnson e-mailing friends and family back home in South Africa. BCN schedules free classes on how to use e-mail and the internet. (BCN courtesy photo)

Varsity Boys Advance To Area Track Meet

The Bovina Mustangs finished third in district track competition with 75 points, trailing Hart and Sundown.

A recap of the boys track events follows:

3200m run, 2nd, Edgar Ortiz, 11:04; 800m run, 5th, Alfredo Martinez, 2:09; 800m relay, 1st, Jonathan Chisom, Sergio Salas, Raymond Chisom, Alfredo Martinez, (no time given).
110m hurdles, 1st, Jake

Steelman, 15:44; 300m hurdles, 3rd, Jake Steelman, 42:90; 200m dash, 4th, Jonathan Chisom, 23.75.

1600m run, 3rd, Edgar Ortiz, 4:55; long jump, 3rd, Raymond Chisom, triple jump, 2nd, Jonathan Chisom (no distances given). All the boys are qualified for area competition to be held next week in Canyon. Their picture and events are elsewhere in the paper.

JV Boys Are District Track Champions

Bovina's junior varsity track team won first place with 162 points at the district track meet last week. In 2nd place was Hart with 142 points.

Here is a summary of the events and times:

3200 run, 3rd place, Cornelio Ortiz, 12:10; shot put, 3rd, Luis Munoz, 34'9"; discus, 4th, Luis Munoz, 93'1" and 5th, Elisel Salazar, 90'7"

Long jump, 2nd, Hugo Aguillon, 17'9"; 3rd, Victor Garcia, 17'6 1/2"; triple jump, 2nd Victor Garcia, 36'1 1/2"; 3rd, Michael Ortiz, 36'1"; 5th, Hugo Aguillon, 36'

Pole vault, 2nd, Israel Escobar, 8'6"; 4th, Mike Ortiz, 7'; 400m relay, 3rd, V. Garcia, Jeff Casas, H. Aguillon, Alex Espinosa, 48.9; 800m dash, 1st, Emigdio Flores, 2:21.92, 3rd, Mike Ortiz, 2:26.94.

110m hurdles, 2nd, Orlando Espinosa 18.87, 4th, Deolando Alonzo, 19.78; 5th,

Cody Jamerson, 19.79; 100m dash, 4th, Jose Esparza 12.42; 800m relay, 2nd, H. Aguillon, J. Casas, A. Espinosa, V. Garcia, 1:41.69.

400m dash, 2nd, Jose Esparza, 57.64; 300m hurdles, 1st, O. Espinosa, 47.79, 3rd, Chris Heinzman, 49.19, 4th, D. Alonzo, 49.60. 200m dash, 2nd, H. Aguillon, 24.76.

1600m run, 3rd, C. Ortiz, 5:27, 5th, E. Flores, 5:47; 1600m relay, 2nd, J. Casas, J. Esparza, A. Espinosa, V. Garcia (no time given).

HIPAA Is Not A Hooray!

As consumers of health care services, you will encounter a few changes in the near future, according to Rhonda Wilkins.

Starting April 14, 2003, health care providers have to comply with new regulations, officially named "Health Insurance Portability and Accountability ACT" (HIPAA).

The HIPAA regulations require health care providers to give patients a document explaining the new regulations relating to confidentiality and access to your medical records.

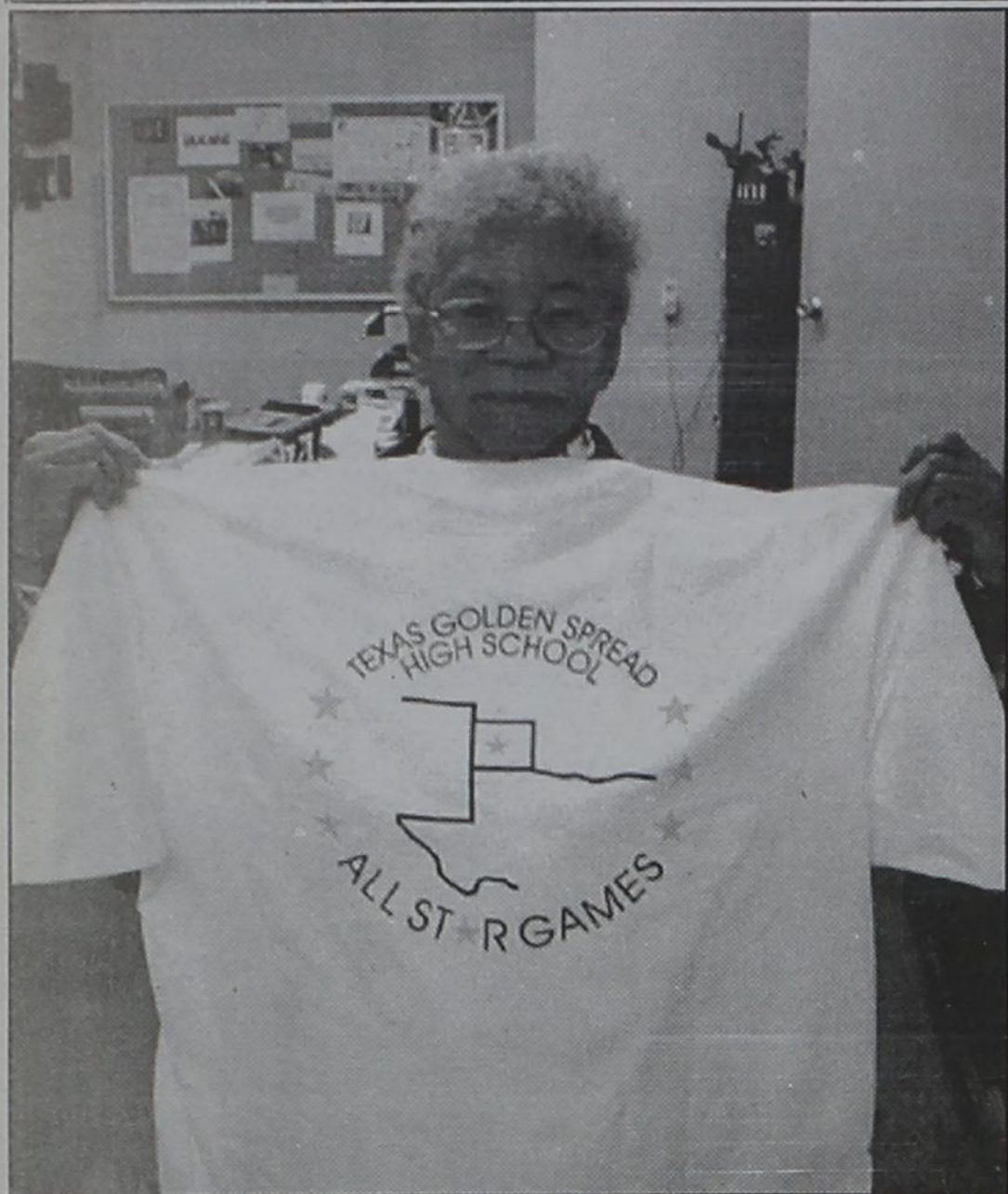
What it means, says Wilkins, is that each individual health care provider will be presenting you a document to sign explaining the rights. Even though you might have signed it once at the doctor's office, the lab and the pharmacy etc. will ask you to sign again. And again.

Health care providers in Friona which will be affected by these changes include Farmer County Community Hospital, Friona Rural Health Clinic, Bi-Wize Drugstore, Prairie Acres, Heritage Estates and dentist Jon Mack Roden.

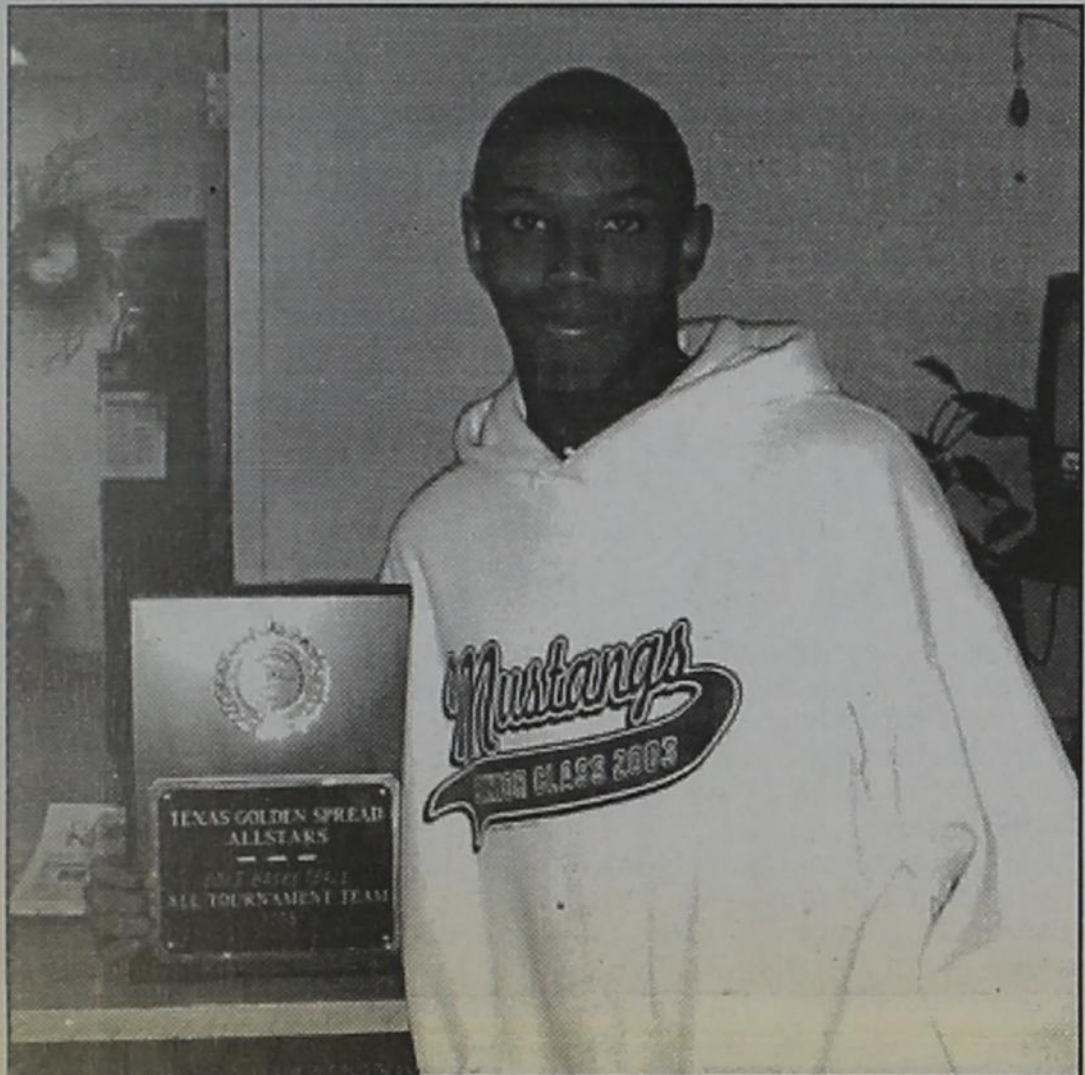
Any questions can be directed to one of the above or Rhonda Wilkins.

BOVINA REFLECTIONS

...from the files of The Bovina Blade



MY GRANDSON is an All-Star and all I got was this lousy T-Shirt? Proud grandma Dorothy Harris went to Amarillo to watch grandson B. J. Shepherd play in the Golden Spread All-Star basketball tournament. She volunteered to shoot baskets in a halftime contest and received this Golden Spread souvenir t-shirt.
ron carr photo



MUSTANG SENIOR B. J. Shepherd played in the Golden Spread All-Star basketball tournament last weekend in Amarillo on the West squad. He was top scorer in one game with 17 points and was selected to the All-Tournament team.
ron carr photo



DPS TROOPER Joel Rejino, left, looks on as a Trans-Matic wrecker loads the Mustang involved in a Sunday afternoon wreck in which two youth were injured. See story.
photo by leon saddler

45 Yrs Ago-April 9, 1958
Jack Clayton and J.D. Kirkpatrick tallied the leading votes of the Bovina ISD's trustee election. The two were picked from a slate of seven candidates. A total of 254 votes were cast, with 2 votes going to each voter.

BISD Board of Trustees Monday night received a written petition that a kindergarten be included in the services offered at the school, according to Warren Morton, superintendent. The petition bears the names of 71 patrons of the district.

40 Yrs Ago-April 10, 1963
Incumbent Grady Sorley and Don Murphy were elected to board of trustees of Bovina Independent School District in balloting here Saturday. Murphy was high man in the four-candidates for-two-positions election. He received 77 votes. Sorley was second with 59 votes and he edged out Richard Vaughn who had 51. Incumbent M.H. Carson received 39 votes.

35 Yrs Ago-April 10, 1968
Bob Johnson was fatally injured about 2:30 a.m. Sunday near Lordsburg, New Mexico when his tractor-trailer unit jack-knifed off Interstate 10. He had left Bovina Friday afternoon for Phoenix, Arizona and was on the return trip when the accident occurred.

30 Yrs Ago-April 11, 1973
The first blizzard-type storm of the long winter of '73 struck here late Saturday, resulting in additional cattle losses for area stockmen and another power failure over a wide area of Parmer County. The severe storm was the second one to hit here in less

Car Wreck Sun. Injures Two Teens

A one-car accident Sunday sent two area youths to Amarillo hospitals, one via Lifestar Helicopter.

The accident occurred about 3:30 p.m. on Highway 86 just east of the railroad overpass.

A Ford Mustang driven by Rigo Gonzalez, 18, of Bovina, swerved out of control and apparently went airborne briefly before crashing into a culvert on the north side of the highway.

Gonzalez suffered two broken wrists, one of which was a compound fracture, and other minor contusions.

His passenger, Elizabeth Ortiz, 15, a Bovina high school freshman, was more seriously injured in the crash. After being evacuated to Amarillo by Lifestar, family members report that doctors had to put a steel rod in her leg to repair a broken femur (thigh bone).

At press time Wednesday afternoon, Elizabeth was said to be walking some at the hospital but running a slight fever and she hoped to be able to return home soon.

than a week. Monday's storm of last week dumped eight inches of snow on Bovina.

25 Yrs Ago-April 12, 1978
A rash of vandalism, apparently committed Sunday afternoon and night has been reported to City Marshall Jerry Atchley. A full-length tinted plate glass panel in the front door of the U.S. Post Office, Second Street, was broken during the period of time other acts of destruction occurred.

Mrs. Nita Beth Dobbs and her son, Vernon, victims of the recent botulism epidemic in Clovis, were released from the BCMC in Albuquerque last Friday.

20 Yrs Ago-April 13, 1983
Bovina Lions Club's "Journey For Sight" was postponed from last Saturday due to cold weather, and will be held this Saturday, April 16.

The project is to raise funds to help the blind, sight-impaired and those who might someday lose the precious gift of sight.

When a Lion calls to ask for your pledge, please respond generously, urges Harry J. Charles, chairman of the event.

C.E. Trimble has agreed to ride his mule for \$1 per mile in pledges.

15 Yrs Ago-April 13, 1988
Junior class favorites are Sandy Trevino and Albert Espinoza.

Mayor Dudley Hughes announced that due to the

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Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986 and the Continuing Appropriations Act of 1987, FmHA has allowed the city to pay off the loan on the water system on the Cemetery Road at a discount rate, and the city saved \$195,195.00 in interest.

Lewis McDaniel, serviceman/manager and local manager in Bovina for Southwestern Public Service from 1968 to 1974, has been named manager for the SPS office at Hereford.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced today that the country's farmers intend to plant 1,290,600 acres to sugarbeets.

10 Yrs Ago-April 10, 1993
The Parmer County Sheriff's Department has been investigating the death of Carlos Hernandez, 28, who died Saturday after suffering several gunshot wounds. The Bovina resident was discovered in his car at about 1 p.m. Saturday, April 3 about a half-mile east of the Bovina city limits by Sheriff Rex Williams.

5 Yrs Ago-April 17, 1998
Frona police captain Walt Yerger, 51, was selected by Parmer County Commissioners to fill the county sheriff's post effective May 1. Yerger will serve the 6 months remaining due to the resignation of Sheriff Rex Williams.



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(AVISO DE ELECCION de regentes)

To the Registered Voters of Bovina, Texas:

(A los votantes registrados del Bovina Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 3, 2003, for voting in a board trustee election, to elect 2 trustees.

(Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales situadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 3 de mayo de 2003 para votar en la Elección para elegir dos regentes.)

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES
(DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

Bovina ISD
500 Halsell Street
Bovina, TX 79009

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

Bovina ISD Administration Building, 500 Halsell Street
(location) (sitio)

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning on April 16, 2003 (date)
(entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 4:00 de la tarde empezando el 16 de abril, 2003 (fecha)

and ending on April 29, 2003 (date)
(y terminando el 29 de abril, 2003 (fecha)

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

(La votación en adelantada además se llevará a cabo en el mismo sitio de tal manera:)

Date (Fecha)	Hours (Horas)
none	

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(Nombre del Secretario de la Votación En Adelantada)

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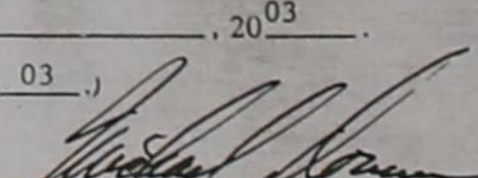
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(City) (Ciudad) (Zip Code) (Zona Postal)

Recommended but not required

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el)

April 25, 2003
(date) (fecha)

Issued this the 4 day of April, 2003.
(Emitada este día 4 de abril, 2003.)


Signature of Presiding Officer (Firma del Oficial que Preside)

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Out Here

By Ron Carr

Dancing In Dearborn!

What was it they said? About 60,000 Iraq immigrants live in the Dearborn, Michigan area? Was it 60,000 or 90,000? Who knows? There are a bunch of 'em.

Wednesday this week they were all out in the Dearborn streets and parks waving US and Iraqi flags

Ag Committee Meets April 29

The Parmer County Extension agriculture advisory board will meet April 29.

This will be a joint meeting and members will serve on a Parmer County local work group with SWCD, COC, NRCS, FSA, Commissioners Court and other federal and state government representatives such as High Plains Underground Water District, Federal Fish & Wildlife and Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Currently, a time and location have not been established, however, all members will be notified, as soon as the location and time are set.

and praising George Bush and America.

I guess I didn't realize we had that many Iraq-Americans on these shores, but to tell you the truth there is a lot of stuff that goes on which slips by me.

Iraq is not the only place being bombed the last three weeks. If you are a cable TV customer, you and I have been "bombed" with news of the bombing. It is incessant, thanks to the imbedded reporters and the yakkity-yack news heads.

So far, since Tuesday morning, I have seen the statue of Saddam being pulled down at least 1,000 times.

I'm getting tired of "video phones" too. They are grainy and the audio keeps cutting in and out and I guess we are spoiled by having clear TV reception. If I am going to watch a war, by golly I expect clear pictures.

Do I watch other stuff besides war coverage? Yes. I watch the Law and Order shows and an occasional Seinfeld rerun. And I try to

catch the weather on Channel 7 but avoid Lee Baker's Sportscasts.

Some of the cable news shows border on being silly. I flinch when I hear the Fox News people, sitting on couches and chairs in nice comfortable surroundings, announce "We'll return to the action in Iraq after this."

To me it seems too flippant when our soldiers are in danger or dying, to be treated like the war is a football game or some other sporting event.

And these on-air "personalities" love to use military jargon like WMDs and the 3-ID and JDAMs. Maybe that makes them feel like they are part of the military effort to talk like a soldier.

And I might add that I am tired of Fox's screenwriter and retired generals and colonels, spouting tactics as though they were still in charge of something.

The operation in Iraq has been a success any way it is measured. Our percentage of fatalities is small, although it is certainly not small to the families of our soldiers killed "over there."

The mean old Iraqi Army that Saddam said was going to send us to hell, seemed to have run away. Those that did not were obliterated by bombs and artillery and bullets from a well-trained group of American men and women who have shown remarkable courage and restraint in the face of dangers that we civilians can only imagine.

Whether it was right or wrong for America and the coalition forces to invade Iraq will be debated throughout history. For the Iraqi people, especially those in Dearborn, Michigan, it was the right thing to do.

As the days ahead unfold we will see more and more of the evil that was Saddam Hussein and the pain and misery he inflicted on "his people."



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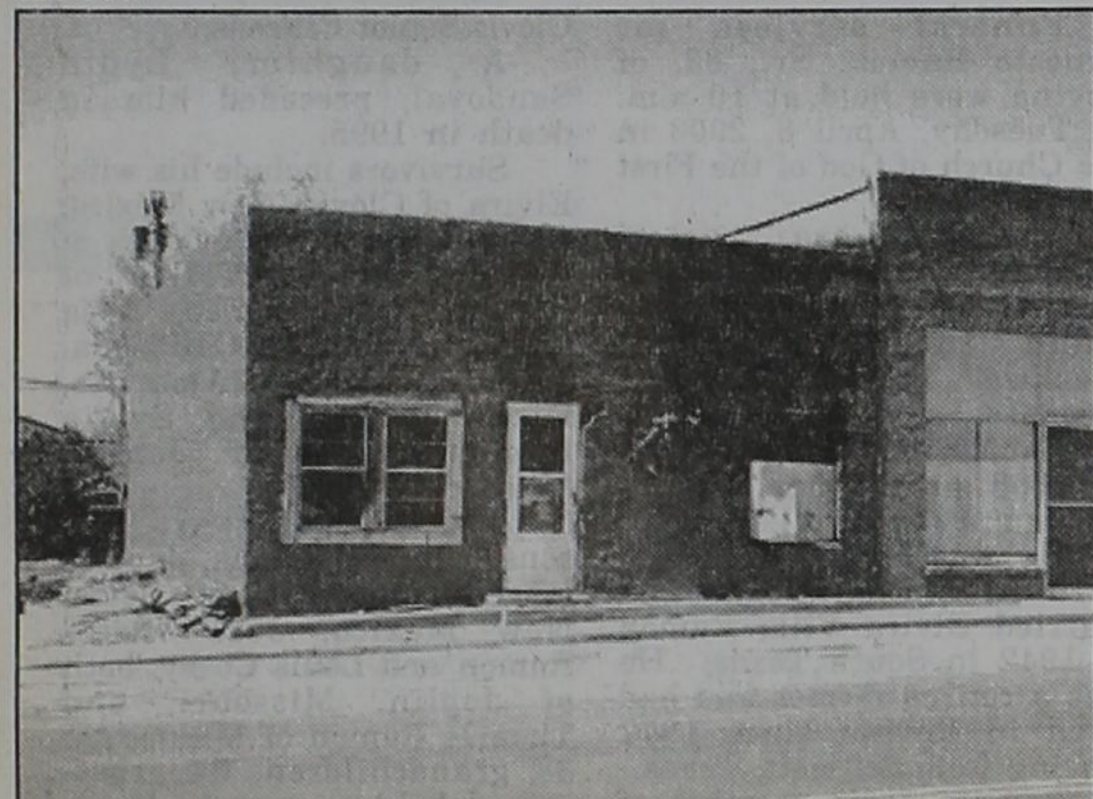
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MR. AND MRS. J.B. SNEAD of Lubbock celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary March 21 with a dinner. Their daughter, Carole Burrus, and a great-granddaughter served as hosts. Also, they are the parents of Gene Snead of Austin and Bettye Parker of Desert Hot Spring, California. Snead and the former Edna Redwine were married March 21, 1938, in Fort Sumner, N.M. They have ten grandchildren and a total of 19 great-grandchildren.

Around Town

Tent meeting/brisket cookoff Apr 12

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

Hub Cowboy Fellowship Apr 15

The monthly worship service of the Hub Cowboy Fellowship will be Tuesday, Apr 15, at 7 p.m. at the Hub Community Center, 1 1/2 miles south of the Hub intersection. Speaker will be Shotgun Passig and music will be furnished by Ben Kirton. Everyone is invited to attend this non-denominational gathering for the whole family.

Men's community breakfast Apr 16

The monthly men's community breakfast will be held at Calvary Baptist Church fellowship hall Wednesday, April 16, from 7-8 a.m. All men of the community are invited to this special Easter breakfast.

Good Friday noon luncheon Apr 18

There will be a special Good Friday noon luncheon for the community on Friday, April 18, at the fellowship hall of Calvary Baptist Church. The luncheon is sponsored by the Friona Ministerial Alliance. All the participating churches will have a layman bring a devotional thought on hope that they see and feel in the Cross of Christ. The program will conclude before 1 p.m. Everyone is invited to come eat and celebrate the gift of Easter.

Seniors & kids Easter Egg Hunt Apr 19

At 10 a.m., Saturday, Apr 19, kids and senior citizens are invited to participate in the annual Easter egg hunt at Calvary Baptist Church in Friona. There will be three different age groups and areas for children. Senior citizens will hunt too, for different color eggs worth points and can win prizes. Everyone is invited.

Amarillo Art Museum student exhibition

The Amarillo Museum of Art will present the 2003 Texas Panhandle Invitational Student Art Exhibition from Apr 9-25. The show allows middle and high school students in the Panhandle to compete in the area of visual arts. The museum is open Tuesday thru Friday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 1-5 p.m. It is located at 2200 So. Van Buren. For more info call 371-5050.

4-H's Compete In Judging Contest

Parmer County 4-H'ers traveled to Clarendon to compete in the 4-H Livestock Judging Contest on Saturday, March 29.

4-H'ers competing were Suzanne Aragon, Keith Hunt, Alisha Wauson, Colton Christian, Russell Schilling, Dan Patterson, Drew Johnson, Michelle Wauson, Abby Johnson, Tyler Schilling, Caleb Christian, Matt Billingsley and Zachary Stancell.

In the junior division, Parmer County placed sixth as a team. Russell Schilling was third high point individual overall.

In the senior division, Parmer County placed fourth as a team with Keith Hunt as third high point individual. Overall, Suzanne Aragon placed twelfth high point individual overall.

"Experience Works" Seeks Outstanding Older Worker

Waco, TX - Experience Works, the country's largest provider of mature-worker training and employment, is searching for Texas' most outstanding older worker. For the sixth year, outstanding older workers from every state, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico; America's oldest Worker; and outstanding employers of older workers, will be honored in Washington, D.C., and in their home states. Experience Works Prime Time Awards Program was launched in 1998 to highlight the valuable contributions that older workers are making in their communities and places of work.

Texas' 2002 outstanding older Worker was 90-year-old Thomas Clayton of Memphis where he has worked for the Memphis Compress Company for more than 65 years and has served as general foreman for more than 50 years.

Experience Works is currently soliciting nominations from businesses and individuals. Applicants must be 65 years of age or older, a resident of Texas, currently employed, and working at least 20 hours each week for pay. Applicants

who are part of a subsidized employment program funded through local, state or national Government support programs are not eligible for this award.

The winner must be willing and able to travel to Washington, D.C., September 30 - October 5, 2003 for the Experience Works Prime Time Award Program events. Outstanding Older Workers will receive an all-expenses-paid trip to participate in the week's events that include a tour of the city's landmarks, meetings with congressional representatives, U.S. Senate and U.S. House events, and the awards banquet and ceremony.

A search for America's oldest Worker for 2003 is also under way. Nominations may be posted via the internet at www.experienceworks.org.

Last year, Dr. Ray H. Crist, 102, professor of Environmental Science at Messiah College, was named America's oldest Worker. Dr. Crist is believed to be the oldest, full-time working chemist in the country and one of the oldest members of the American Chemical Society, where he has been a member for 76 years.

Services Held April 8 For Ernesto Ramon, Sr.

Funeral services for Ernesto Ramon, Sr., 83, of Bovina were held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 8, 2003 in the Church of God of the First Born-Bovina.

Rosendo Lara, pastor, conducted the services. Burial was in Bovina Cemetery under the direction of Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Ramon died Friday, April 4, 2003 at Parmer County Community Hospital.

He was born August 28, 1919 in Sinton, Texas and married Elvira Villa Ramon in 1942 in South Texas. He was a retired farmer and had lived in Bovina since 1977 moving from Stinnett, Texas.

Ramon was a member of the Catholic Church and

Clovis Senior Citizens.

A daughter, Lydia Sandoval, preceded him in death in 1995.


Survivors include his wife, Elvira of Clovis, New Mexico; six daughters, Susie Maes of Bovina, Maria Telles of Clovis, New Mexico, Rosa Gray of Polo Alto, California, Irma Ramon of Amarillo, Diana Ramon and Sylvia Ramon, both of Joplin, Missouri.

Also surviving are five sons, Ernesto Ramon, Jr. and Isaac Ramon, both of Clovis, New Mexico, Jose "Pete" Ramon and Louis Cosby, both of Joplin, Missouri, and Thomas Ramon of Minnesota; 37 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

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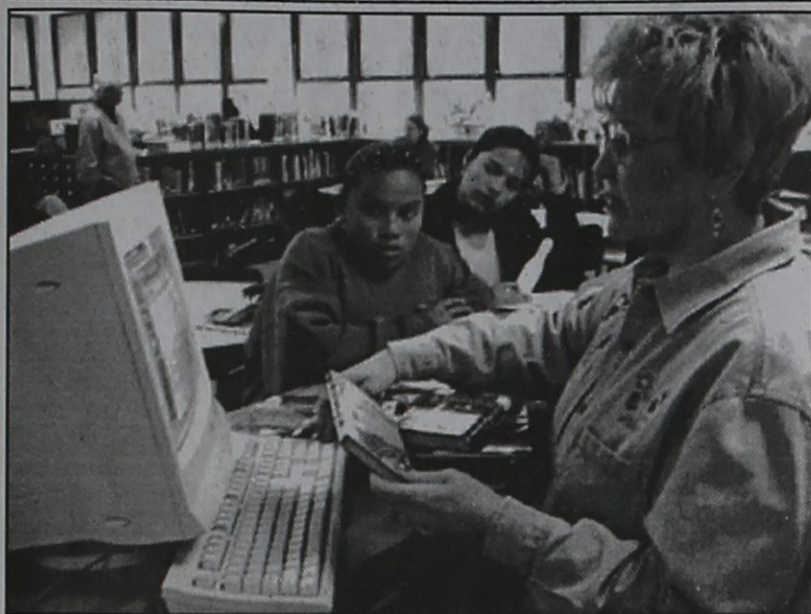
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The Parmer County Shared Services Arrangement will conduct an early childhood screening on Thursday, May 1, 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Ridgelea Campus.

The screening is to determine whether a child may qualify for an early childhood special education program on the basis of one or more of the following conditions:

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Bovina Independent School District is now accepting applications for elementary, elementary bilingual, elementary music, and early childhood teachers. Resumes need to be mailed to the attention of Darla Sealey at P.O. Box 70, Bovina, Texas, 79009. We will continue to receive applications until positions are filled.

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The Parmer County Commissioners Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications. The Depository Contract will be awarded at the Commissioners Court meeting on Monday, April 21, 2003 at 10:00 A.M.

By order of the Parmer County Commissioners Court, Bonnie Clayton-Heald, County Judge.

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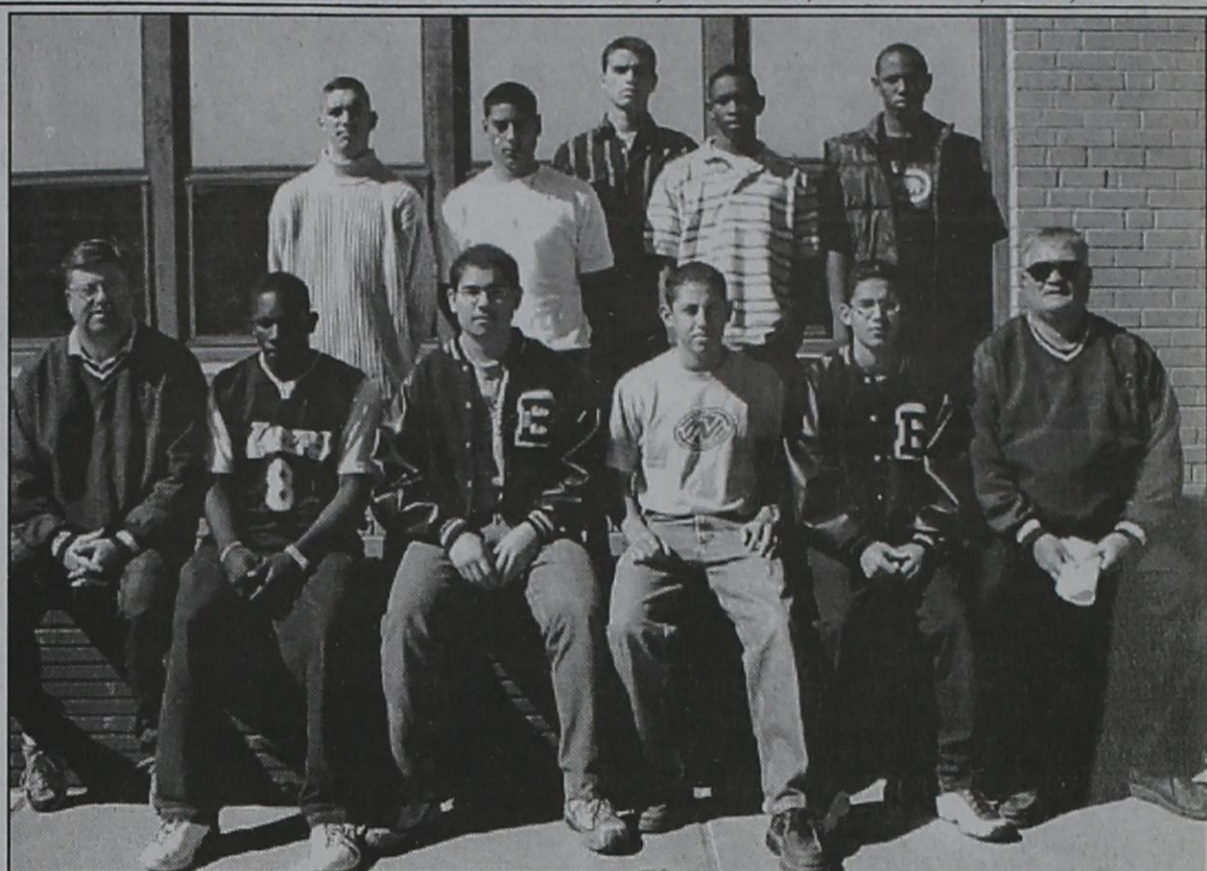
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2003 VARSITY BOYS track team, back, l-r, Alfredo Martinez, Sergio Salas, Jake Steelman, Raymond Chisom, B.J. Shepherd. Front, l-r, head coach Kent Torbert, Jonathan Chisom, Roger Martinez, Hugo Martinez, Edgar Ortiz and track coach Tony Epps. ron carr photo

"Will You Be At Church On Sunday?"

(Continued from Page 1) keep it holy" he gave us a gift. A gift of rest, a day reserved for resting from our labor, a time to refresh ourselves with praise and worship, a time to enjoy the fruit of our labor. The truth is that when we take a day every week to rest and refresh ourselves and praise God for our blessings we are much more effective at the labors of our hands the rest of the week.

So why should we observe the Sabbath in the company of others at the church of our choice? The old saying, no man is an island, is very true. We were created to be "a people" not lone rangers. We need the company of others in all areas of our lives, especially in our spiritual lives. Our presence at worship helps others feel valuable. Our presence at worship helps others feel God's grace. Our presence at worship helps others discover the gifts and talents that God has given them. Our presence at worship helps us

experience the warmth of God's love. Our presence at worship helps us feel valued. Our presence at worship helps us feel God's grace. Our presence at worship helps us discover the gifts and talents God has given us. God loves us all and His spirit is present in a powerful way when His children gather together to celebrate and praise Him.

When we give praises to God in worship, we are giving recognition to the omnipotence of God. We are acknowledging the gifts of God and giving thanks for them and we are also drawing closer to God. When we gather together to praise God, our praise always brings His presence. So let us give praise to God and seek to find Him. And there in His presence we will find peace of mind. Let us open our hearts to sing of His praise and there in our prayers, prayed together we will share in His grace. My prayer for all of you is that you will draw closer to God as you worship

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Happy Birthday Bovina

Birthdays for the week of April 13-19, 2003.

- Apr 14 Sirina Ramirez
- Apr 15 Delpha Vinson
- Apr 16 Ellen Estes,
- Arnold Reyna, Grace Ortiz
- Apr 17 Robert Marquez,
- Jimmi Dawn Jones
- Apr 19 Terry Schilling

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City of Bovina (Ciudad de Bovina)

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTIONS (AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL)

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

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on 3 May, 2003, for voting in a general election to elect three (3) City Councilmen (two year term). (Notifiquese, por las presente, que ls casillas electorales sitados abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. alas 7:00 p.m. el 3 de Mayo de 2003 para votar en la Eleccion General para elegir tres (3) El Consejo de la Ciudad.)

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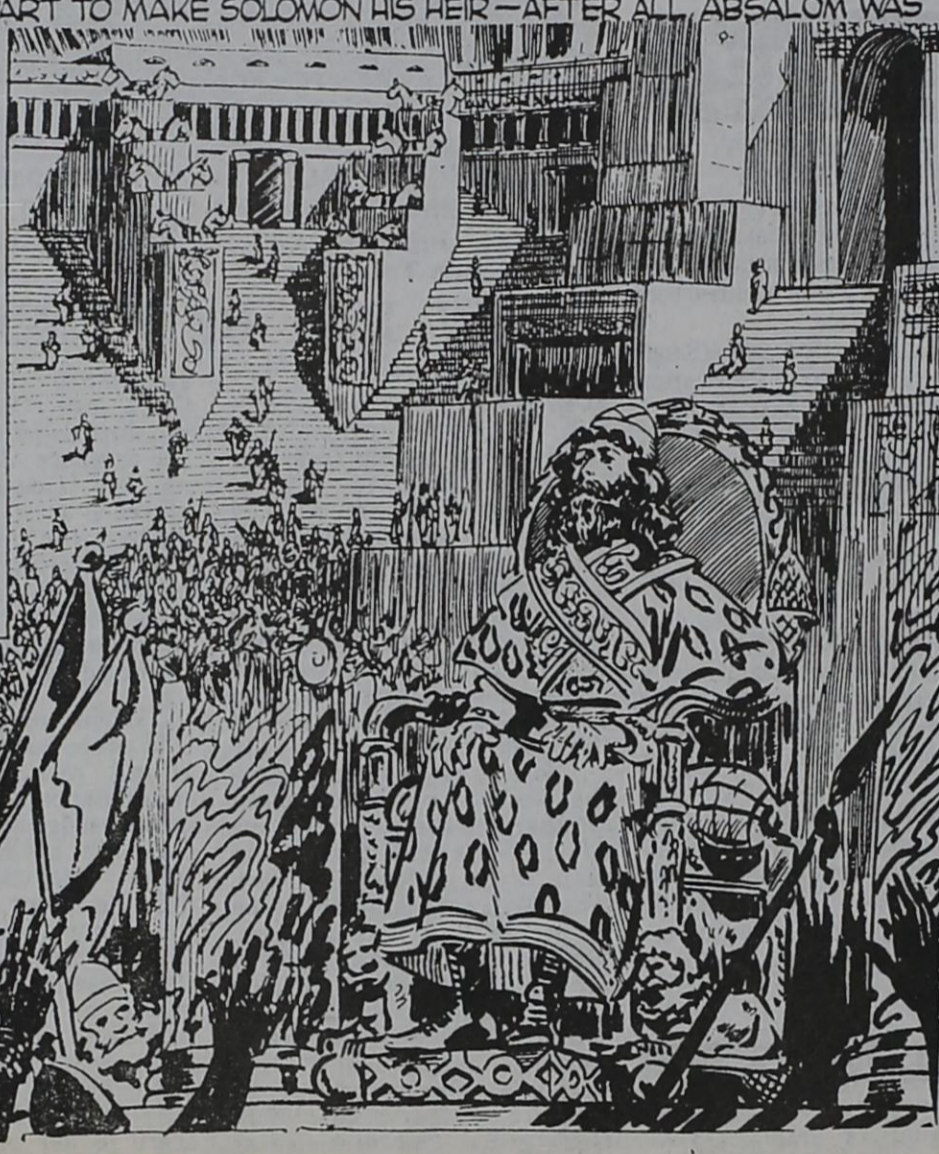
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