

Bull Town Bulletins

By
Bill Ellis



WE HAVE SEEN our first reaction from a friendly neighbor's press regarding the recent presidential election, and we found it quite interesting.

Dr. Bob Alexander sent us a clipping of an editorial that appeared in a Brisbane, Australia, newspaper, sent to him by his brother who lives in that country.

The Australian writer gave President Bush high marks for his presidency, calling him a "world player." "The Kinnebunkport Kid could be counted on in a clinch to take the global view. Slick Willie, saxophonist and Rhodes Scholar, is an unknown quantity," the writer said.

The editorial praised President Bush for winning the Cold War with Russia, bolstering Mikhail Gorbachev, and removing Saddam Hussein from Kuwait--"which whatever the subsequent outcome was a task that simply could not be ducked."

The Bush presidency, the article pointed out, brought about its own downfall. Despite his outstanding record in international affairs, he forgot about domestic policy, and the oversight has cost America and Americans dearly, as well as uprooting Mr. Bush from the oval office.

The overwhelming win by Bill Clinton also was interpreted as a statement by U.S. voters that they were tired of the incumbency. "Voters throughout the western democracies are getting uppity. A pox on all politicians. Politics, the electoral message goes, must perform," the writer continued.

The piece was quick to assure that Australians would give President-elect Clinton their good will, with the hope that his administration will succeed.

But the article also hints that Governor Clinton has his work cut out for him, and with Americans in a mood for tightening belts on taxes, his "tax and spend" image may have to be put on hold. After all, there is still that electorate out there that fired President Bush on November 3. It may prove to be a pretty tough audience to play to.

THIS MONTH Carol and I are observing an anniversary of sorts, and since no one else realizes it, I'll wish her a "happy," and she will just no doubt breathe a big sigh.

We have completed a half-century of newspaper publishing in Parmer County. Pretty good trick for a couple who "just barely" have topped the 50-year mark themselves, right??

Here's how it works: In November, we have published the Friona Star for 30-1/2 years, and the Bovina Blade for 19-1/2 years. That's 50 yearly volumes, just about any way you figure it.

We have chronicled a lot of events during this time period: some good, some not-so-good. I've been to Austin with girls' athletic teams from both schools that brought home the winning trophy, and with girls and boys team from Friona that came about as close as you can get to the top prize.

But the highlight of our local news in this time period has no doubt been the growth and development of the cattle feeding business, with the building of all the feedlots, culminating in the securing of the Excel Corp. (originally Missouri Beef Packers).

We have been able to reach this milestone thanks to the great support we have had from our local readers, subscribers and advertisers. And also by having top-notch employees at both the Blade and Star. We appreciate you all very much.

Don't know if we can promise you "another 50 volumes" or not, but we'll just keep bringing you the best papers possible, week in and week out.

Hope you had a happy Thanksgiving and that the Cowboys beat the Giants!

UNCLE AUSTIN SAYS: The only thing wrong with the younger generation is that I don't belong to it anymore.

Area Reels From Nov. Blizzards

Parmer County has been socked with not one, but two of the worst November blizzards in memory.

On the positive side, the moisture that accompanied the storms may turn out to be a lifesaver for the area's wheat.

But it has been an adventure for travellers, etc., who have had to be out on the roads.

DPS Trooper Frank Ellis III said late Wednesday that the county had been exceptionally lucky in the accident department. Ellis said he had been stationed in Friona for eight years, and this was the first time the highways had to be closed due to snow in that time.

"This has been about as bad a storm for road conditions that I've seen. The roads have been ice-packed, and the blowing snow has caused poor visibility for drivers," Ellis said. Highway 60 through Parmer County has been closed several times during the two storms.

The changing weather began early last Saturday morning, with thunderstorms and a good general rain falling. It remained too warm for snow until about 7 a.m., otherwise we could have had around 10 inches in that storm. As it was, from four to five inches of snow fell after the change-over from rain.

The temperature continued to drop slowly throughout the day last Saturday, with the snow finally quitting at about 2 p.m.

The melting began on Sunday, which dawned clear, and by the end of Monday, most of the first snow was gone, except for some of the larger drifts.

Then early Tuesday morning, the snow began again, accompanied by a high wind. It snowed until about mid-morning, and left another six to seven inches locally.

But the drifting, and blowing snow turned out to be the problem.

Schools in both Bovina and Friona were closed on Tuesday. Friona schools re-opened on Wednesday, although buses did not run. The Excel Corp. missed its shifts on Tuesday, and numerous other activities were curtailed.

Highway 60 had been closed last Saturday morning from about 11

a.m. until 5 p.m. due to the blowing and drifting snow. The Highway Department closed the road again Tuesday morning, from 5:30-9:30 a.m., and then again from about 12:30 midnight until about 5:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Numerous cars and trucks had to be pulled out of ditches, Wednesday morning alone, according to Trooper Ellis, the DPS helped pull out at least a dozen vehicles.

On Monday morning, about 11:30 a.m., a semi-truck rolled over on its side about five miles north of Lazbuddie on FM 1172, spilling its load. The driver suffered minor injuries and was treated at the Muleshoe hospital. Another driver hit two cows just south of the ten-mile corner at about this same time.

Wednesday morning, a truck jackknifed on Highway 60 about two miles west of Bovina, but no one was injured.

"We have been exceptionally lucky not to have had any more serious injuries," Ellis said. The DPS trooper said that a main reason for Highway 60 being closed all the way to Canyon for so long a time on Tuesday was the fact that there were so many accidents in the Amarillo area and on the Canyon Expressway that emergency workers could not operate their snow equipment with the regular traffic continuing to move.

Roy Lee Stowers Is Top Grid 'Picker'

Roy Lee Stowers missed only two games (one was a tie), and easily won first place in the Bovina Blade's Football Contest's 11th week.

One of the contest games, Michigan vs Ohio State, ended in a tie, and was counted wrong on all of the entry blanks.

Stowers' only miss besides the tie game was the Houston-Texas Tech game.

Rhonda Thatcher likewise was the only contestant to correctly pick 12 games, and she won second place. Rhonda missed Cincinnati-Detroit and Green Bay-Chicago in

addition to the tie game.

Four contestants correctly picked ten games, and of these, Edna Minyen came the closest on the Dallas-Phoenix score, missing it by seven points. Her misses were Memphis-Springlake/Earth; Ohio State-Michigan; Houston-Texas Tech and Cincinnati-Detroit.

Three other contestants also picked 10 games correctly, but missed out on a weekly prize by virtue of the tie-breaker score. They were Donnie McDonald, Jimmy Harris and Charles Steele.

Eighteen contestants correctly picked nine games: Isiah Oliver, Dianne Morgan, Linda Sudderth, Matt Howell, Cheryl Howell, Jay Grisham, Eleazar Lara, Ronnie Cary, Richard Grisham, Frances Johnson, Lisa Hromas, Matt Hromas, Dorothy Harris, Darren Hromas, Joe Harris, Ruby Jones, James Grisham and Glenden Sudderth.

In the race for grand prize, Isiah Oliver regained the lead with his score of nine. Oliver has a score of 109. A.M. Wilson, the leader for the past two weeks, is at 108.

Donnie McDonald, Danny Harris and Del Ray Sudderth are tied at 106. Jerry Roach, Joe Harris and Darren Hromas are next at 105.

Scores of all the leading contestants may be found elsewhere in this issue.

Pheasant Season Scheduled

Pheasant season in Parmer County will be held December 12-26, according to Don Bandy.

The season will once again be two weeks and three weekends in duration. According to reports, a good pheasant crop is in store for hunters this season.

Hunters please remember that everyone must have a hunting license, even if you live in Parmer County. You can purchase a license at Bandy's Restaurant for \$15.00.

Teachers of Week Are Announced

Our teachers of the week consist of a veteran, Margaret Durben and a newcomer, Coach Robert Perez.

Robert Perez graduated from Olney High School in 1984 and received his B.S. degree in 1991 from West Texas State University.

Perez is single and lives in Bovina. This is his first teaching position and he teaches junior high athletics, junior high history, and government. He also assists the other coaches with their duties.

Coach Perez enjoys all sports and said that he has really enjoyed his job, has had a lot of fun, and that the kids have been great.

Margaret Durben graduated from Tulia High School in 1952 and got her B.S. from West Texas State University in 1956. Margaret has also attended Eastern New Mexico University and Texas Tech University to further her studies.

Mrs. Durben has four children: Terry Willey who is 32 and lives in Lubbock. She owns a Respiratory Service.

Billy is 31 and a roofing contractor in Muleshoe. Billy has a wife, Pat, and two children, Michael who is 8, and Caitlyn who is 3 months old.

Jeffrey is 30 and a Technical Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force. He and his wife Laura have just been stationed at Reese Air Force Base in Lubbock.

Caryn Show, 24, is the baby of the family and is a graduate student at Eastern New Mexico University. Caryn lives at Muleshoe with her mom.

Mrs. Durben started her teaching career at Turkey teaching in the junior high there in 1956. She then taught two years in Roswell teaching sixth and seventh grade English. Margaret then taught seventh grade English for three

years in Lazbuddie.

In 1969, at mid-semester, Mrs. Durben came to Bovina to substitute for Mrs. Pat Dicuffa and has been "substituting" ever since.

Mrs. Durben teaches English, Drama, and Speech. She has taken the one act play to state one year and 18 out of the 23 years she has been directing the play she has won district. She has also been taking students to state in other literary events.



ROBERT PEREZ



MARGARET DURBEN



FIRST SNOW--The first snow of the season hit the Panhandle area on Saturday, followed by an old fashioned "blue Norther" early Tuesday morning. Bovina received about four to five inches of snow on Saturday and another six inches on Tuesday, bringing some much needed moisture to this extremely dry area.

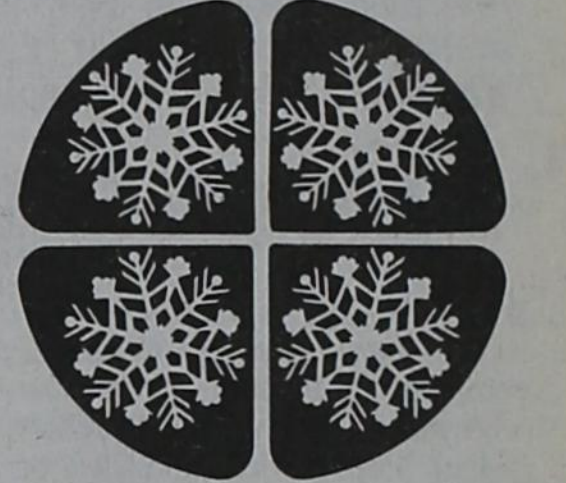
Photo by Linda Marshall



GOOD GRUB--It was a meal fit for a king when the Bovina Senior Citizens met last week at the Senior's Center for their annual Thanksgiving Dinner. A nice crowd attended and enjoyed the food and fellowship.



GAS WINER--Nancy Hartley, an employee of Charles Oil and Gas, Inc., is shown here with Dorothy Looney who was the winner of 100 gallons of gasoline given away this week. Everyone who has a Charles Oil Credit Card is eligible to participate in the drawings for free gas.



Needed Moisture Is Registered

The two-pronged blizzard-like snowstorm accomplished one thing, in that it brought the first beneficial moisture to the area in two months, and many believe it may be in the nick of time to save the current winter wheat crop, which has been stressed for moisture.

Last Saturday's system left a total of 1.03 inches of moisture in the official weather gauge at Friona. Of that total, about .65 inches came in the form of rain before the temperatures dropped low enough for the precipitation to change into snow. Four to five inches of snow was registered, adding the remainder of the moisture.

Tuesday's follow-up storm added another six inches or so of snow, although it was difficult to measure, since it fell "side-wise." The moisture caught in the official gauge from that blowing snow amounted to .54 inches.

The temperature dropped to a low of 18 degrees on Sunday morning, with most of the original

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Donations Needed By Study Club

Bovina Women's Study Club is once again sponsoring "Project Christmas Card," to benefit a local needed charity.

Donors to the fund will have their names published in the Christmas edition of the Bovina Blade as a Christmas greeting to their friends.

Last year the proceeds were donated to the Bovina Ambulance Fund. The Club sponsors the event, in conjunction with First Bank and the Blade. Donations may be made to Project Christmas Card at First Bank.



WHITE THANKSGIVING....It's unusual for this area to receive much moisture prior to Thanksgiving in the form of snow, but that's what happened the past week, as two blizzard-type snows left over 10 inches of snow and moisture estimated at 1.5 inches, which should be a big help for the winter wheat. A local scene typifies things this past week.

Looking Up!

BY RICHARD L. GRISHAM

Christmas is the time Christians celebrate the birth of Christ. But who was Jesus anyway? In John's gospel, 5:18, the Jewish leaders of Jesus's day were plotting to kill him because he "was calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God." These Jewish leaders had no doubt that Jesus was claiming to be God himself, that's why they eventually crucified him. Was Jesus really God? C.S. Lewis, well-known British intellectual, professor at Cambridge, and writer (now deceased), states in his classic, *MERE CHRISTIANITY*, that Jesus had to be one of three things: liar, lunatic, Lord! Lewis points out that Jesus did not, by either his words or actions, leave open the option that Jesus was merely a great teacher. The Jewish rulers of his time certainly understood that he claimed to be God and not just a great rabbi. That's why they wanted him done away with. Therefore, only the three options Lewis presents are feasible. If Jesus claimed to be God and

was not, then he was either a liar or a lunatic. If he was a liar, he certainly could be no great human teacher! He would rather be a great deceiver on par with Satan himself. But Jesus said, "I am the truth." Again, if Jesus claimed to be God and really thought he was, but was not, then he was a lunatic, a mad man on the level of Nero or Adolph Hitler! Such a crazy man could be no great teacher. The only option left is Lord! Jesus claimed to be God, and he was God incarnate (John 1:14). Only if he was who he claimed to be could he truly be a great teacher. He was and is, in fact, *The Great Teacher*, God the son, second person of the Holy Trinity. Some people need to rethink their concept of Christ's deity. If we are true to the scriptural facts, we will decide as did doubtful Thomas, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28) The greatest proof of all is personal experience. Ask any true Christian and they will tell you who Jesus is and what he has done for them.

Sr. Citizens Make Plans For Xmas

The Senior Citizens had their regular meeting on November 18, 1992. They had their Thanksgiving meal and then played games and a short business meeting. The group decided that they would put up their Christmas tree on December 9 after the birthday party. They also decided to have their Christmas party on December 19, at which time gifts will be exchanged. Those present for the Thanksgiving meal were; Clifford and Julia Leake, Hattie Burnett, Dorothy Ellison, Ethel Johnson, Howard and Minnie Kelso, Edna Scott, Owen and Arlene Patton, and Jerry Ware. Visitors were: Linda Marshall, Laura Bratlett, Tom and Sandy Ware, Coletta and Keegan Langford.

Emergency Dial 9-1-1

And Help Is On The Way!

REFLECTIONS

....from The Bovina Blade

35 YRS. AGO--NOV. 23, 1957
Evelyn Joyce Steelman, a senior student at West Texas State College, Canyon, and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Steelman, Bovina, began practice teaching in the local school on Monday.

Hampered, oddly enough, by pretty weather, Bovina Lions Club members sold \$651 worth of brooms, mops and other merchandise during the annual broom sale which was conducted Friday.

Dick Horn, Bovina Mustang quarterback, was named a member of the All-District 3-B first team.

Parmer and other counties in this vicinity followed the West Texas trend in increasing population, non-farm employment and factory jobs in 1956.

Many farmers hopped on the sesame band wagon this year, as they continued their search for new and more profitable field crops.

30 YRS. AGO--NOV. 21, 1962
Bovina Church of Christ will observe formal opening of the new building Sunday afternoon. Announcement of the special activities was made this week by Don Stone, minister of the church. Some 400 people are expected to attend.

Winter time, 1962-63 version, unreels its most severe blast of the season here over the weekend and into this week. The snow was estimated at two inches.

Two men, Julian Hernandez, 32, Bovina, and Paul Gene Graham, 23, South Prince Street, Clovis, were killed in a head-on crash early Saturday morning on U.S. Highway 60, three and one-half miles northeast of Farwell.

The Running Water Draw Watershed project cleared a legal hurdle in Parmer County on Tuesday when the commissioner's court tentatively agreed to act as co-sponsor of the project.

Superior Electric Co. was moved to a new location. The business is now housed in the building formerly occupied by Combs Grocery on Main Street.

25 YRS. AGO--NOV. 22, 1967
Bids from three contractors were opened here Friday for the proposed Bovina Medical Clinic before members of the building committee, temporary executive committee and James W. Doppelman of Sears-Roebuck Foundation.

Kenneth Howard of Denton will begin work here Tuesday of next week as combination man-in-charge of Bovina for General Telephone Company.

Seaman Recruit Glendel W. Davies, USN, son of Mrs. Mildred M. Davies, Bovina, has been graduated from nine weeks of Navy basic training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center.

The Teenage Club continues to send The Bovina Blade to Bovina boys who are serving in the Armed Forces in Vietnam.

20 YRS. AGO--NOV. 22, 1972
Mustang mentor Roger Ezell sat in his office at Williford Gym Monday, reminisced about the just past football season, his first as head coach, and looked forward to the future.

Mrs. Eldon Thatcher of 905 Ridgelea Drive and her niece, Toby Bandy of Bovina, narrowly escaped serious injury about 7 p.m. last night when their car struck a double-deck cattle truck at the intersection of Highway 86 and FM 1731.

Mrs. A.L. Kerby, treasurer of the Bovina Booster Club, reported the organization had spent approximately \$1540 on new equipment since school began.

Mrs. Ben C. Rejino of Bovina, a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church here, was named Woman of the Year Tuesday night of last week at the Amarillo Diocese Council of Catholic Women Convention at Christ the King Catholic Church in Lubbock.

15 YRS. AGO--NOV. 23, 1977
Billy Whitecotton, longtime participant in the Bovina Businesses Football contest, rang the bell with eleven correct predictions this past week and

claimed first place in the weekly contest.

Pete Polston, Jr., manager of Hobo's Restaurant, told the Blade last Friday that the restaurant will be closed permanently, going out of business of Saturday, November 26.

10 YRS. AGO--NOV. 24, 1982
The Bovina Medical Board has been approached with the idea of having one-day dental service at the clinic.

Billy Shepherd was the winner of this week's football contest.

Brenda and Randy Kirkpatrick recently made a trip of 2,100 miles in six days vacationing in the northwest.

George Turner was taken to the West Plains Medical Center in Muleshoe and remains a patient there.

J.T. and Tessie Jones are great-grandparents for the first time this week and the child was named Chelsey Dawn.

5 YRS. AGO--NOV. 25, 1987
The district 2-A all-district teams were announced this week, and true to form, the three co-champions, Anton, Bovina and Farwell, shared equally in the number of selections, with 14 each. The Mustangs landed four spots on the first team offense, three on the first team defensively.

Pheasant season in Parmer County will be held December 12-26, according to Jack Patterson.

The Bovina seventh and eighth grade girls teams each scored a victory Monday night against Lazbuddie. The seventh graders won their game, 32-19. The eighth graders won by a final score of 25-11.

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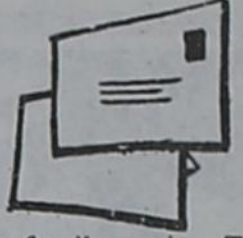
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Dear Bill:

In 1975 I was still a young man, full of desires, dreams, hopes, and a mixture of many idealistic and realistic wishes for my future. Those hopes and wishes that I had weren't so big, and I think they were very legitimate desires shared by every human being on this planet. My dream was to finish my education, get a job, have a wife and a couple of kids, and to live in a peaceful environment. I hoped, also, that I could take care of my parents and family, and if possible, do something for my fellow man, because "no man is an island unto himself." I wanted my life to be in the domain of action and passion for myself, my family, and others. I always thought, like so many young people in third world countries, that the key to the door of my dream castle was the United States, a place full of opportunities and success.

Several days before my departure to the United States, my father, a hard working merchant who loved me so much, took me aside and said, "Karim, my son, I always wanted the best for you and tried my best to prepare everything I could for you. Now that you are leaving, I am having a hard time. If you stay here, I will give you enough money to open a business."

I said, "Dad, I really don't want to be a businessman. I want to go and finish my education and then come back and we all will live together."

My father, who always respected my ideas, kissed me and said, "My son, may God be with you and good luck."

On our way to the airport that August of 1975, my father said, "Karim, you have been a good son and I have always loved you so much. Now that you are going to a foreign land, remember that until you finish your education, no matter how much you pay for rent, you are considered a 'guest' and you are representing your people. Be good as you always have been and so long."

I walked toward the plane and turned back. I saw my father standing behind the big, cold glass window and I saw the tears in his beautiful eyes. I never realized that this was going to be the last time we would see each other and be together. How could I have known the events taking place to fulfill my dream would portray a bitter picture? At any rate, I left the Persian soil and entered the soil of the United States of America in Washington, D.C.

My field of study before graduating from high school was literature, therefore, it was very difficult for me to study science. However, I told myself, "No pain, no gain." Time was passing by. Reaching the top of the rainbow in my dream was not as easy as I thought it would be. Tuition and expenses were very high. I was trying to live as cheaply as I could.

Several other Iranians had American wives and were paying lower tuition based on their status as Permanent Residents. I had made the acquaintance of a female friend who had much respect for me. After one or two months, she asked me if we could get married. I told her no and after further discussion, gave her my reason. I said, "At this time I am not ready to get married for I hardly am able to meet my own expenses. Marriage is full of responsibility and it is not as easy as you think. I also don't want to marry you just in order to get my 'green card' and to make my life easier because marriage for this reason is wrong. I consider myself a guest to your country and I am not going to do something which I consider immoral."

During those years, the easiest and most comfortable way for one to open the doors of opportunity for himself was to marry an American. Then, within several months you could be granted Permanent Resident status and file for divorce. Of course, some married for love and are still together with successful marriages. But I never wanted to build up my own life at the expense of destruction of someone else's life. Human feelings are so fragile. You must be careful not to play with others' emotions.

By the summer of 1978, my father had died. It was necessary for me to return home to organize the family. With the loss of my father, the family had no source of income. In order to provide my family with financial means, I separated the second floor of our home from the first floor so that my mother could rent it and live without financial burden. Mother was kind and accepted my point of view. Rents were commonly high in our country at that time, especially after the revolution. However, she rented the second floor for almost half of what she could have gotten so that the renters could live with less economical stress during the oppression.

I sold my father's car and with that money I was able to return to the United States in 1979. President Carter had ordered Iranian money to be frozen. I could not use my cash which was at the bank. However, I managed to get enough money to reach Eastern New Mexico University. After paying my tuition, room and board, I had 65 cents. With this 65 cents I was supposed to finish my education, for I could not get a job since I did not have a 'green card' and, therefore, legal permission to work in this country.

I did manage to get a job as a custodian from 4:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. or 5:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. cleaning the campus union before the students came. This job was going to help pay for some of my tuition. I received twenty to thirty dollars of my paycheck and the rest went to the student account for tuition and dormitory. I asked for a job in the school cafeteria but since the cafeteria wasn't part of the school and belonged to a private company, they couldn't give me the job and pay me. Instead, I worked for them several hours per day for my meals. Now I was covered and had means of support, but it was hard on me. There were times after work that I would open my books and nothing could go into my mind. My two brothers wrote me about selling the house in order to send me my money, and with their share of the money they wanted to open a business. But mother had so many memories of the house, and I preferred she keep the house.

I got my Bachelor of Science, and continued on to get my Master of Science. I worked with the Student Teaching Program. While working on my MS, I received a letter from my brother, Cyrus, who said, "If I stay here any longer, I will die. Please get me out of here." I wrote him back and told him that at present I could hardly support myself. I asked him to give me some time and to be patient. I begged him to take care of himself until I could provide the means to get him out of the country. I don't know if he ever received my letter.

I was told that one night he crawled toward my mother and died in her arms. He was the sweetest and most cheerful kid in the family. I was doing my student teaching in Portales, New Mexico, when I received news about Cyrus. It affected my life so much that as soon as I gave my students their final grades, I left for California. I wanted to stay there for the summer and be alone and have time to think. I was under a lot of pressure. In just a short time, I had lost my father, brother and my grandmother.

After six months and much mental anguish, I returned to Portales. I had lost so much weight. I hated that I had been away and that the school there had to go without a chemistry teacher during my absence, but because of all the calamity and events occurring in my country and within my family, my heart was breaking and I needed time alone.

Eventually, I finished my Master's degree, defended my thesis, and was accepted in several schools to get my Medical Technology degree. I traveled to Chicago and finally became a Medical Technologist! I wanted to return home to use my knowledge, but now my mother who had cried when I departed told me not to return. My friends also told me not to go back to Iran! Our country was suffering economical problems, and my mother told me to stay in the United States by myself because she thought it was more secure and I would have a chance at a better future than at home in Iran.

So, I began looking for a job and filed my application for my 'green card.' I looked at several job opportunities. I wanted to go somewhere where I would be of benefit and assistance to the people, not necessarily where I would receive the most pay or benefits. I received a call from the Parmer County Community Hospital. They told me they could not afford to pay much, but that they needed me. So in August of 1988, I came to Friona, Texas. When I arrived at the bus station that early morning in August, I had hope and a smile upon my lips. I raised my head toward the sky and said, "God, thank you! With your help I made it! The future is mine!"

Since I did not yet have my work permit, I agreed to work for the hospital without pay for a short time. Finally, on August 18, I was called to Albuquerque, New Mexico, to obtain permission to work for the hospital. Permission was granted for 90 days, and every 3 months I had to travel to Albuquerque to obtain a renewal at my own expense.

The hospital and I began to work for my permanent residency and permanent work permission. The Texas Employment Commission sent us their requirements. In accordance with the requirements of the TEC, we ran an ad for three consecutive days in a newspaper and asked for a MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST. We also posted the job opening in a conspicuous and visible place at the hospital so that it could be seen by all employees and visitors. In all these ads, MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST was written.

In an application that Miss Elda Hart typed on September 8, 1987, she

mistakenly typed MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNICIAN as the job title. As soon as I notified her about the mistake, she retyped the application as MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST. It is important to mention that in all of the documentation, even the one that Miss Hart typed Medical Technician on, Medical Technologist was listed on the same page and showed that I graduated as a Medical Technologist. Nevertheless, in a letter we received from TEC, the job title was written as MEDICAL LAB TECHNICIAN.

In the final documentation sent by the U.S. Department of Labor dated May 24, 1988, MEDICAL LAB TECHNICIAN is written as occupation although all accompanying papers still showed MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST. Finally, a letter sent by the U.S. Department of Justice, INS (Immigration and Naturalization Service), showing that my petition was approved as MEDICAL TECHNICIAN. I was called by the INS in March 1990 for an interview. The INS required a letter from the hospital which indicated that I was still employed by Parmer County Community Hospital. In that letter, Miss Hart mentioned that I was the CHIEF MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST. Since the job title in her letter and acceptance by the INS, was not the same, I could not complete my interview and could not be accepted as a permanent resident.

I called a lawyer in Dallas. He told me that the situation did not seem too complicated. I paid the lawyer \$902 to assist me. Finally, the lawyer told me that the situation was after all complicated and it might take from nine months to two years with several thousand dollars involved to straighten out the clerical error.

I called and wrote to the Labor Department to ask them why they made such a mistake, and why they did not read my file before mailing it to Immigration. They replied to me, "We are sorry, but the lady who worked on your file is no longer employed here." It is appalling to me that because someone did not know the difference between a Technician (one with two years of college) and a Technologist (one with four years of college and practical training), I was denied attaining my permanent residency. People who are in such a sensitive job must realize that they are dealing with people's lives and feelings, and not take their position lightly.

I wrote letters to Senator Teel Bivins and to Senator Larry Combest to implore them to assist me in my plight. Both of them did much to help. Especially, with the continuous support and understanding from Senator Teel Bivins' office, my file was finally approved after more than 575 extra days of waiting.

During the entire time, the conditions of my permission to work included that I was unable to leave the United States. Should I have chosen to leave, for whatever reason, re-entry into the country would have been at great expense and through a great deal of bureaucratic paperwork. I chose to stay so that my permanent residency application would be approved. Unable to leave to see my family, I put myself into the work at hand.

I worked at my job at Parmer County Community Hospital, doing the best that I could do. I was on 24 hour call, working seven days a week, rarely with any days off. I didn't know that after working so hard to put myself through college, and after all my training and education, that I would be paid only twice what I earned working eight hours each day, cleaning bathrooms as a custodian, except now I was working 24 hours a day! The lab where I worked was not really a lab. The equipment was outdated. No other hospital around us was in such poor shape. Nobody could benefit from our lab. So I worked hard to rebuild it.

But these pressures did not bother me at all, mostly because the patients and their families were always so appreciative and thankful of my services. Of course, this was my job, and I was to perform my duties like everyone else because that is what I was getting paid for. But in my case, the patients and their families would see me there, working at the hospital around the clock. They would comment to me, "Hey, man, you work too much, Karim. But we appreciate what you do for us." No matter how tired I was, people like these made me feel so warm that I had to smile and I always did everything with pleasure.

During this entire time, my mother encouraged me to stay and continue my work although I longed to return home to see my family. She understood how important it was to receive my permanent residency so that I would be able to come and go from this country without problems.

Then one early morning when I returned from work, I opened my mail box and saw my permanent residency card! I said, "Thank you, Senator Bivins, and God bless you!" I came in to call my mother and let her know that our waiting was over, and that in a few months I would be able to see her, again. Nobody answered. I continued to try and reach her but never got an answer.

After four months, my wife broke down and told me that my mother had died. She just had not had the courage to tell me. She knew how devastated I would be. It was related to me that my brother broke down the doors to my mother's home and found her. She had already been dead for 48 hours. I fell apart. I just bent down and cried until morning, and cried every day after that. This last event was just too much to bear. I sat and reviewed my life to think whether I had ever hurt anyone and to try and understand why I had deserved all these things. I could not think of any reason why I should have had to suffer so much. Always, whether my job was dishwasher, custodian, or medical technologist, I always tried to do the best I could, and to be honest and honorable.

I thought back and knew that if I had been dishonest and married an

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Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk!

American then I would have been able to see my family again. Things would have been different economically and emotionally. But I instead chose to do what was right and moral.

Eleven months ago I gave my notice to the hospital and informed them that they would have to find someone else to replace me. I need to go somewhere else where I can work only 8-10 hours per day so that I will have time to spend with my family and friends. No one who replaces me will be willing to work 24 hours a day, especially when they do not receive pay for most of the hours. I am proud of the job I performed for Parmer County Community Hospital. I did the work of two people for five years and from a lab that had nothing when I arrived. I built the lab up to an outstanding lab that has about \$100,000 to \$140,000 worth of instrumentation, all top of the market. I saw to it that the taxes your people paid were invested well and kept safe.

I feel that I owe some explanation to everyone as to why I have left Friona. I would like to ask the forgiveness from my friends who are so dear to me if I have not told them about my mother. I have so much attachment to this small lovely town and I have friends that respect me and whom I respect as well. At the time it was just too difficult to mention and to have to explain all that I had gone through. It is something that is between me, my God and my mother and time will help.

I hope that during my lifetime I can see a change in the law of this country pertaining to permanent residency and the ability of an individual to leave and re-enter this country. It is my sincere belief that the sort of people who have heart, souls and backbone and are parents or children or men, that whoever serves this country, no matter what job classification, that they should be treated as a human being.

It does not make any sense that the government gives a work permit to somebody for one year, or for the rest of their life, and stamps a piece of paper to say that he/she is not allowed to leave the country. This is like holding someone as a hostage, but for a real hostage they would be in chains and in the hands of terrorist people who could hurt or kill. The hostage here was in that as I was serving this country, I was told I could work, fine, but that I had to stay and work. If I chose to leave, there was no guarantee that I could come back!! I want you, as Americans, to think about that.

If I were a leader of this country, above all other things I would respect citizens of other countries who would come here to clean the garbage, or to clean the bathrooms, or even to do heart surgery or to run a space shuttle, on the same terms and on an equal basis. I would give them my thanks simply by treating them right--to allow them to work according to the law and to be able to leave the country and to see their old waiting mothers and then to come back. This is the most democratic and most humanitarian country in the world, and she should consider herself the "Mother of Nations," and should set an example to other peoples as such.

With the help of my American friends and the newly elected President Clinton, I have no doubt that for my children and my children's children, and for others waiting to come to this country, that I will change this law in such a way that no one has to wait for years and years to see their loved ones. I hope that all of you, as American citizens, will take this to your hearts and consider doing something about it. Don't let what has happened to me happen to someone else. Don't make people wait until it is too late.

Good-bye friends and my best wishes to all of you,
Karim Moshrefi, Your Old Chief Medical Technologist

Bivins Files Education Bill

State Sen. Teel Bivins (R-Amarillo) today filed an education finance bill that would create county-wide taxing districts to fund schools. The bill has been introduced in the House of Representatives by Steve Ogden (R-Bryan).

Under this plan, each Texas county would become a taxing district, and property tax revenue gathered within a county would be shared with all school districts in that county," he said.

These county units would exist only for taxing purposes--much like county education districts. "But, unlike CEDs, these county units would be made up of only one county, as opposed to the multi-county CEDs we have today.

County units also would be controlled by the local electorate," he said.

Voters would adopt whatever tax rate they choose, Bivins said. If voters adopted a maximum rate of \$1, they could generate the maximum amount of state aid, he said.

"The advantage of this plan over others is that it does not contain any recapture," taking money from property wealthy districts and sending it to Austin to be redistributed to poor districts elsewhere in the state," Bivins said. "Yet it would provide substantially equal revenue for Texas students. I believe the system would meet court muster and a 95% equity standard that should be put in the Constitution."

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snow on the ground, but a sunny day produced a high of 43 degrees that day, producing a lot of melt. The temperature had modified to a high of 50 degrees on Monday afternoon, before the onslaught of the "second whammy."
Readings fell below the freezing mark just before midnight on Monday, and did not again top the 32-degree reading until about noon on Thursday, some 60 consecutive hours with local readings below the freezing mark.
With clearing conditions, Wednesday morning's low reading was 17 degrees, and Thursday's low was 14 degrees. It's easily the coldest reading of the current season, and the second-lowest of calendar 1992, eclipsed only by the 13-degree reading last January 16.

The bad part of it is--if you consult the calendar, it will tell you that the official first day of winter was exactly one month from the time last Saturday's snow began to swirl.

Hopefully the farmers' wheat can be saved, and perhaps some of our insect crop will be eliminated, so that the past week will be worth some of the slipping and sliding around.

The November moisture, 1.60, brings the total for calendar year 1992 at Friona's National Weather Service station, to 22.53 inches. Somewhat above average, it still trails the total registered there for 1991, which was 24.73 inches.

TEMPERATURES

Date	Hi-Low
Friday, November 20	54-31
Saturday, November 21	31-18
Sunday, November 22	43-19
Monday, November 23	50-22
Tuesday, November 24	24-17
Wednesday, November 25	29-14
Thursday, November 26	40-17
Moisture: .01 Nov. 20; 1.03 Nov. 21; .54" Nov. 24. Total for month: 1.60". Total for 1992:	

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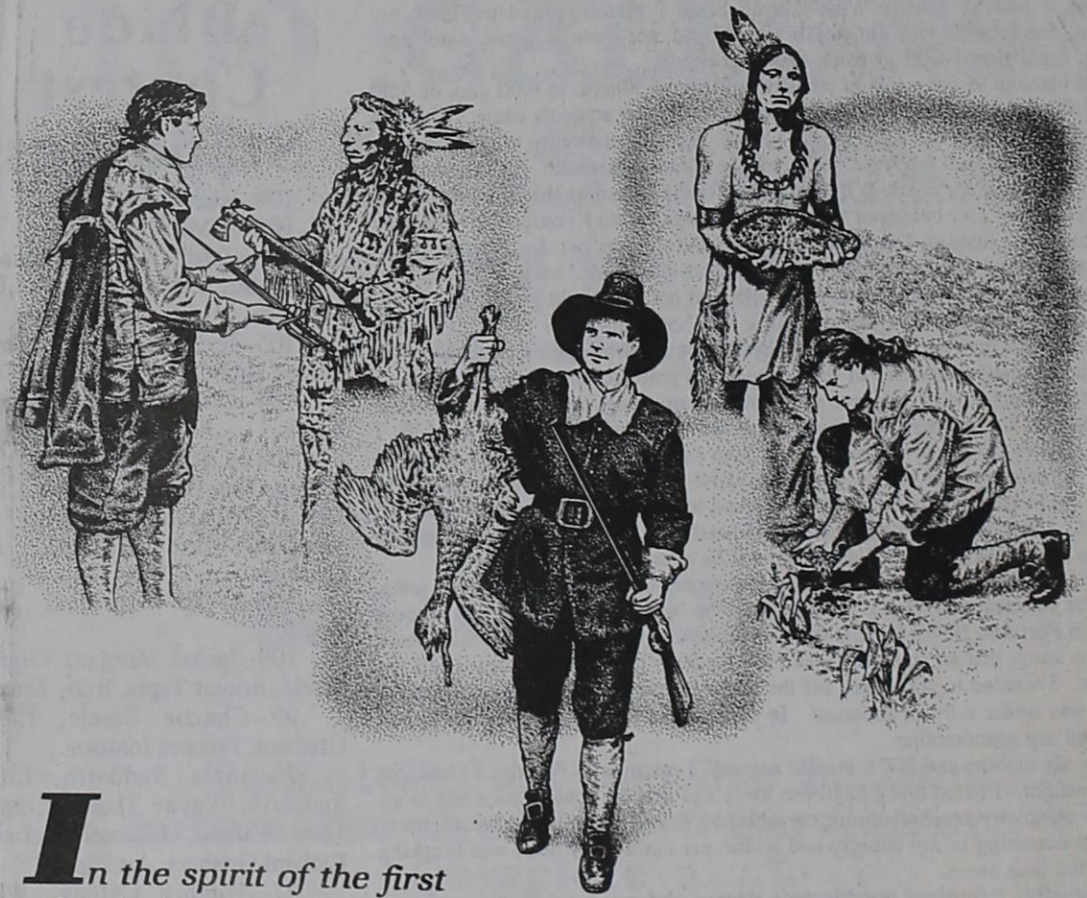


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Favorite Pie Recipes

BY CARLA MCKEOWN

About this time last year I embarked on an adventure to pursue a lifelong dream of mine—to be a full-time free-lance writer. The trip has required much hard work and has been slow-moving at times, but I'm enjoying it.

I would like to thank everybody—readers, editors, publishers—for supporting me in this endeavor. Writing was my first love, and I find great delight in writing this weekly food column.

If you have any questions, comments, recipes or requests you would like to share with me, please write to: Carla McKeown, P.O. Box 3942, Lubbock, Texas 79452.

One of the most treasured, old-fashioned desserts is the pie. Each family has their favorite or several favorites. Some like chocolate cream pie; others prefer spicy raisin pie.

People who have never made a pie often refrain from making them because they think pie crusts are difficult to make. And, while it may be easier to buy a pre-made

crust, homemade pie crusts taste much better. However, pie crusts, are not hard to make at all.

Follow these tips and the recipe below for a single pastry shell, and you'll be on your way to having pie for dessert.

Pie crust making tips:

* For a flaky crust, keep all ingredients and the dough cold, and cut the shortening into the flour just until pea-sized chunks are formed.

* For a tender crust, use room temperature ingredients, cut the shortening into the flour thoroughly and handle the dough as little as possible.

* Accurately measure all ingredients.

* Add liquid a tablespoon at a time to avoid adding too much liquid.

SINGLE PASTRY SHELL

1-1/3 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup vegetable shortening
3 tablespoons ice water

Mix flour and salt together in a medium bowl. Cut in the shortening using a pastry blender or two

knives until all the flour is blended in and the mixture forms pea-sized chunks. Sprinkle the water, one tablespoon at a time, over the flour/shortening mixture. Toss lightly with a fork until the dough will form a ball. Press the dough between your hands to form a 5-6 inch flat circle. Roll the dough into a circle on a floured surface or between two sheets of waxed paper. (The waxed paper will stick to a dampened countertop.) Trim the pastry to 1 inch larger than an inverted 9-inch pie plate. Fold edges under and flute.

For recipes that call for a baked pastry shell, thoroughly prick the bottom and sides of the shell with a fork to prevent shrinking. Bake at 425 degrees for 10 to 15 minutes or until lightly browned.

BUTTERSCOTCH PIE

Baked 9-inch pastry shell
1-1/2 cups brown sugar
1/2 cup butter or margarine
4 egg yolks
4-1/2 tablespoons flour
1-1/2 cups warm milk
2 teaspoons vanilla
1/2 cup chopped pecans

Cook brown sugar and butter in the top of a double boiler over low heat, stirring, until the butter is melted and the mixture is well blended. Beat the egg yolks with the flour and add milk. Add the milk mixture slowly to the butter/sugar mixture; cook over low direct heat, stirring until the custard is thick. Put the pan over boiling water and cook, stirring occasionally, for 10 minutes. Stir in vanilla and pecans. Pour the filling into the baked pastry shell. Top pie with whipped cream or meringue.

SPICED RAISIN PIE

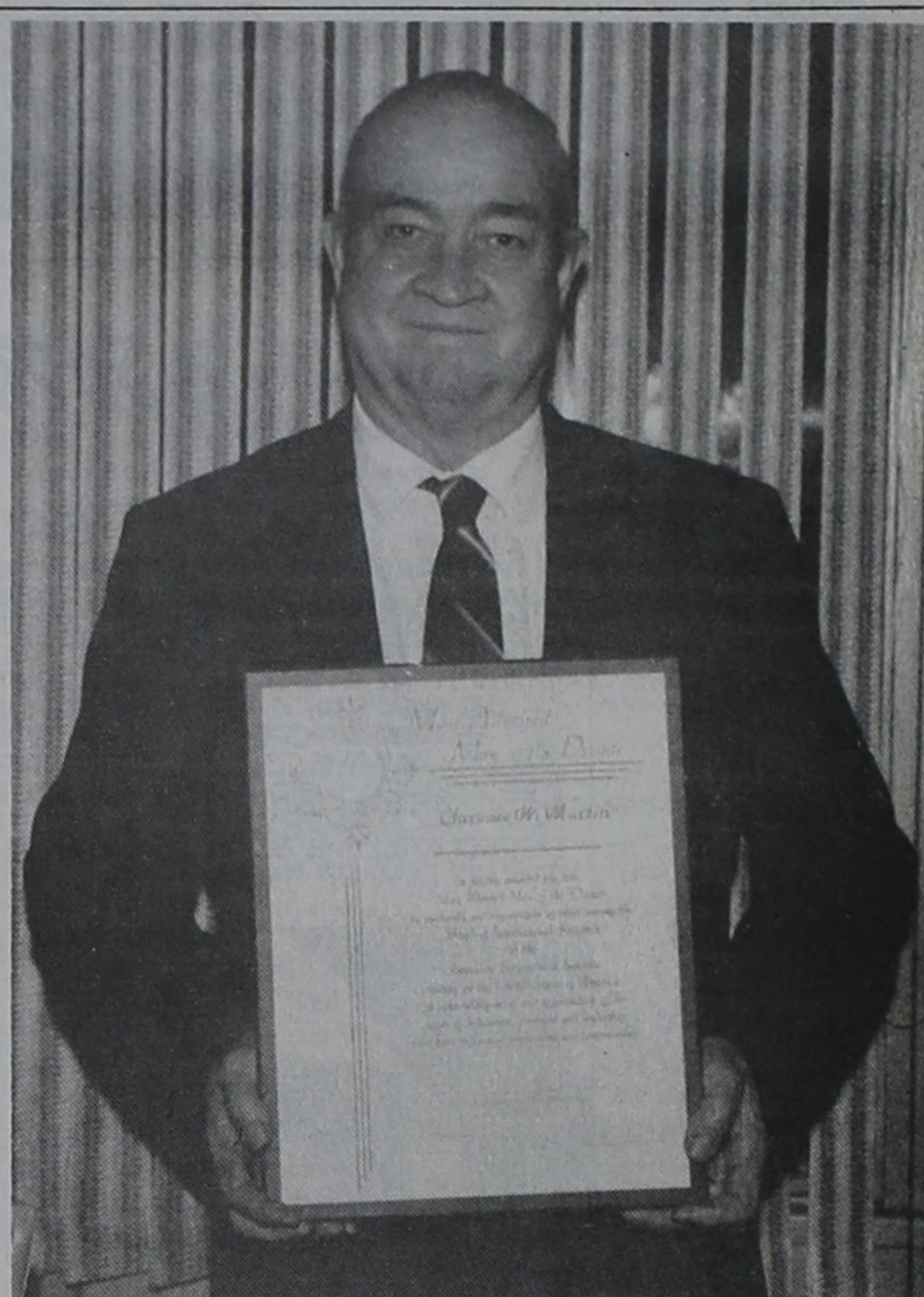
1-1/3 cups raisins
3 eggs
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup butter or margarine, melted
1 tablespoon vinegar
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1 unbaked 9-inch pastry shell
Whipped cream

Cover raisins with water in a medium saucepan and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer the raisins, uncovered, for 8 to 10 minutes or until the raisins are tender. Drain well and set aside. Combine eggs and sugar, beating well. Beat in butter, vinegar and spices; stir in raisins. Pour the mixture into the pastry shell. Bake at 375 degrees for 30 to 35 minutes or until browned. Top with whipped cream.

CHOCOLATE CREAM PIE

2 cups sugar
1/2 cup cocoa
8 tablespoons flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
3 egg yolks
5 cups milk
2 teaspoons vanilla
1/2 cup butter or margarine

Sift sugar, cocoa, flour and salt together. Add 1-1/4 cups milk and the egg yolks; mix well. Add remaining milk and cook in a large pan over medium heat. Cook until thick, stirring constantly. When thick, add vanilla and butter. Beat until smooth. Pour into 2 or 3 baked pastry shells. Optional: Top with meringue made from the egg whites.



RECEIVES AWARD....Clarence Martin, Friona businessman and Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative board vice-chairman, recently received an award from the American Biographical Institute recognizing him for his dedication to community service. The plaque inscription reads, "Clarence Martin is hereby awarded the title Most Admired Man of the Decade by authority and registration of votes among the Board of International Research of the American Biographical Institute sitting in the United States of America in acknowledgment and appreciation of his years of dedication, foresight and leadership that have influenced professions and communities."

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Ten Tips for Fire Safety

Do's

1. DO have at least one smoke detector on every floor of your house, including the attic and basement.
2. DO install fresh batteries in your smoke detector in the spring and fall, the same day you set your clocks forward or back one hour.
3. DO test the batteries monthly.
4. DO have a plan for getting out of your house in the event of a fire. Conduct family fire drills.
5. DO have a prearranged meeting place outside your home where your family knows to gather.
6. DO have a fire extinguisher in your home at every location where a fire is likely to start.

Don't's

6. DO NOT place flammable materials near stoves or other sources of fire.
7. DO NOT store flammable liquids or rags soaked in flammable liquids any place in your home.
8. DO NOT attempt to put out a fire yourself, unless it is very small and easily contained.
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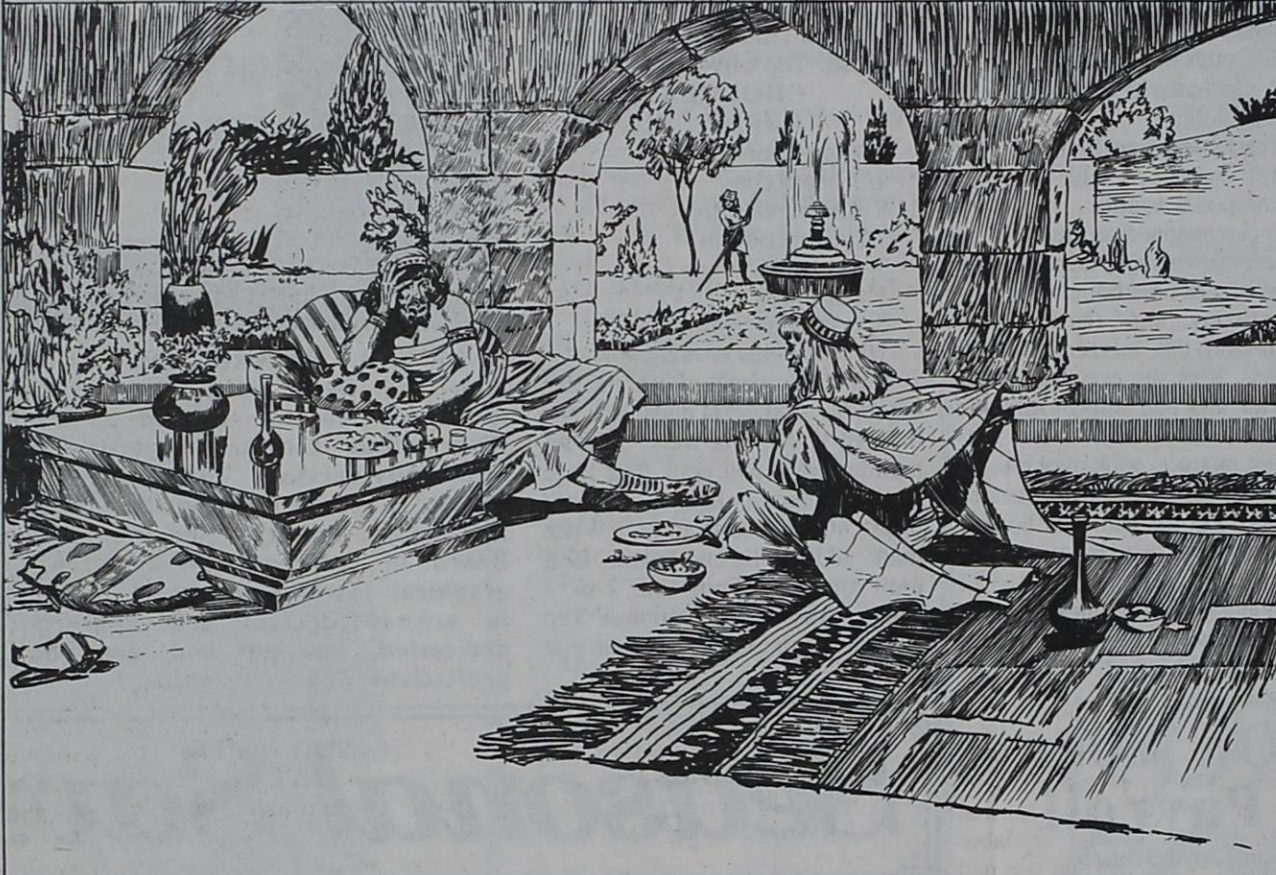
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Letter To The Editor



Dear Bovina Business:

In appreciation for your support to the Chamber of Commerce and the future of Bovina we would like to provide the opportunity for partial reimbursement toward community beautification.

The Chamber of Commerce Directors have delegated a special fund in an effort to create a more attractive atmosphere in our community. We feel this project would help to promote future growth and increase traffic in the Bovina area.

If your business would be interested in painting your building, erecting or fixing a sign, landscaping, cleaning a lot, or etc., the Chamber of Commerce will pay ten percent of the expenses up to \$200.

Applications are available from the Chamber of Commerce. If you are interested, please send the application to Bovina Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 418, Bovina, Texas, 79009.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Ken Waters, Charolette Cockerham or Julie Ziegler.

We appreciate your support and participation in this project and all the activities in our community.

Sincerely,
Kenneth Waters, President
Bovina Chamber of Commerce

Hunter Course Is Scheduled

Art Hunter will be offering the hunter education course starting December 1, at the Bovina School Vo-Ag Shop.

The course will start at 6 p.m. and is mandatory for hunters whose date of birth is on or after September 2, 1971, must have successfully completed the course to hunt in Texas. Hunters whose date of birth is on or before September 1, 1971 are exempt.

To take the course the minimum age is 12 years. You must attend a minimum of ten hours in two or more days and must have a minimum exam score-70% on an examination prescribed by the Department. The course fee is \$5.00. Certification is good for life and accepted in other states and Canadian provinces.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BOVINA!!!

November 30--Margaret Terry.

December 1--Gina Kunselman, Flossie Rhinehart, Zane Anderson.

December 2--Sherrie Sorley, Jimmy Parson, Houston Bartlett, Maggie Moore, Minnie Kelso, Nancy Mayfield.

December 3--Mark Clayton.

December 4--Sherrie Ventura.

December 5--Larry Hodnett.

December 6--Jessie Fuentes, Kent McClaran.

(Editor's note: If someone in your family is having a birthday coming up, call the Bovina Blade office at 238-1523, in advance, so that members of the community may wish them a Happy Birthday!)

Phone 238-1523

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Thank You

I want to express my appreciation for the wonderful way you showed your love and concern while I was in the hospital and after I came home.

For the calls, flowers, visits, food and, most of all, for your prayers that were a real blessing.

I'm getting stronger every day following surgery and praise God for his power in healing.

Again many thanks. Bovina people are the greatest!!!!

Doris Wilson



Linda's Lines

By

LINDA MARSHALL

It sure has been nice to get some much needed moisture, even if it is in the form of snow. Snow is so slushy and messy that I am not as fond of it as rain but I will take whatever the Lord sends. * * * * *

Speaking of snow, Pat Read had gone up to Amarillo to see her daughters and got snowed in. She did get home on Sunday. * * * * *

Thomas and Virginia Rhodes went to see Tom and Nannie Sunday afternoon and Virginia said that Nannie had pleurisy and also had to have a heart monitor. I sure hope that they will both be feeling better real soon. * * * * *

Tuesday afternoon Wayne Smith, owner of the Bovina Gin, got his arm caught in the moss cleaner at the gin. He was air lifted to University Medical Center where he under went surgery.

It was reported that the doctor said there was no nerve damage or muscle damage but the main concern now is the outer skin damage that occurred.

They will probably wait for about 36 hours to look at the progress being made and then determine if skin grafting will be necessary.

If you would like to send Wayne a card he is in Room 340 at the University Medical Center in Lubbock. * * * * *

Early Tuesday morning Tony Bob Englant's wife was taken by ambulance to Clovis. It was reported that she was having labor pains but at this writing she had not had a baby yet. * * * * *

Congratulations to Ruben and Geneva Uriegas Jr. on the birth of their baby girl, Alison. * * * * *

We had some young ladies compete in a gymnastics meet at Farwell last Saturday and they each

Abbit Society Is Given

The Abbit Society for the second six weeks of school was announced this week by elementary principal Sue Nuttall. The list was as follows:

SECOND GRADE

Destiney Cruz, Kris Galvan, Jill Sorley, Jake Steelman, Amber Widner, Lacie Young, Melissa Gilbreath, Josh Kerby, Joaquin Marin, Jr., Courtney Jamerson, Agustín Ruiz, Adolfo Perez, Maritssa Salazar and Armando Saucedo.

Also, Deolando Alonzo, Trent Black, Kathy Cantu, Mike Olvera, Stacy Roach, Sean Stull, Chance Danner, Mark Grissom, Nike Danner, Austin Clayton and Juan Vara.

THIRD GRADE

Christen Stowers, Stephen Olivarez, Jonathan Cordova, Angela Villareal, Rocio Antillon, Tabitha Englant, Danny Martinez, Reuben Salas, Dustin Ward, Jerry Sherbon, Paula Chavez, David Garcia and Eddie Garcia.

Also, April Martinez, Jeremy Ortiz, Krystal Weber, Amber Lide, Jessica Reyna, Diego Ruiz, Brisdela Rodquez, Jennifer Cantu, Dina Flores, Alonso Vela, Mitchell Vela, Noemi Viernes, and Zaira Villareal.

FOURTH GRADE

Tyson Kerby, Victor Banuelos, Laura Flores, Yancy Graves, Lindsey Pruitt, Juan Saucedo, Michelle Vanegas, Brenda Carmona and Kimberly Moore.

Also, Christopher Antillon, Marissa Rodriguez, Adan Ramirez, Chrystal Chilton, Jimmi Jones, Joyce Martinez, Levi Steelman, Cameron Charles, Krysta Morris, Patricia Robles, Shantell Bass and Marlena Gomez.

FIFTH GRADE

Marisol Antillon, Melissa Cano, David Martines, Alvaro Martine, April Stull, Nancy Vela, Jessica Chilton, Misty Pruitt and Lety Vargas.

Those on the Principal's recognition list included: Carlos Moreno, Kelli Mitchell, Mark Pena, Tina Cervantes, Alejandra Aquillon and Zaira Villareal.

came home with a ribbon for their efforts.

The young ladies were Christen Stowers, Sara Sorley, Jill Sorley, Skyla Cockerham, and Krysta Morris. They competed against Muleshoe, Clovis, and Farwell. * * * * *

Nita Dale has had some complications with an infected tooth for the past few weeks. She was in the hospital at Friona last Saturday and Sunday and after she was released she went to a specialist in Amarillo.

Nita said that hopefully the medication she is taking now will be the cure they have been looking for. * * * * *

Coleman and Melissa Young have just returned from a cruise aboard the "Fantasy". They went to Miami to board the ship and Melissa said they spent one day at Nassau and the rest of the time they just enjoyed being on the ship.

Melissa also wanted to thank Clay and Le Ann Matthews, and Ricky and DyLynn Jamerson for keeping their children while they were gone. * * * * *

Rebecca Smallwood had an emergency gall bladder surgery about a week or so ago and according to her dad she is doing great and is already back to work. * * * * *

Grady and Dorothy Sorley have

Stars List Is Given By School

The Stars list for the second six weeks was announced this week by Sue Nuttall, principal. Those on the list were:

SECOND GRADE

Sergio Antillon, Annabel Loe, Gonzalo Quintero, Maritssa Salazar, Juan Vara, Ivan Vela, Kathy Cantu, Kris Galvan, Stacy Roach, Jake Steelman, Chance Danner, Courtney Jamerson, and Joaquin Marin.

Also, Xochitl Guevara, Lizeth Olivas, Nemesia Rodriguez, Armando Saucedo, Fidencio Vela, Trent Black, Destiny Cruz, Mike Olvera, Jill Sorley, Lacie Young, Melissa Gilbreath, Josh Kerby and, Nike Danner.

THIRD GRADE

Ruben Salas Jr., Dina Florez, Zaira Villareal, Carla Nieto, Amber Lide, Jeremy Ortiz, Jessica Reyna, Diego Ruiz, Margarita Hernandez and Stephanie Tamez.

Also, Jennifer Cantu, Noemi Viernes, Dustin Ward, Veronica Herrea, April Martinez, Yesika Ramirez, Brisdela Rodriguez, Angela Villareal and Christen Stowers.

FOURTH GRADE

Brenda Carmona, Laura Flores, Kimberly Moore, Michelle Vanegas, Joyce Martinez, Rita Navarro, Melanie Stanberry Enequina Lara, Cameron Charles, Krysta Morris, Shantell Bass and Marlena Gomez.

Also, Tina Cervantes, Tyson Kerby, Juan Saucedo, Christopher Antillon, Jason Mendoza, Marissa Rodriguez, Mario Stone, Paulino Gonzales, Adan Jaquez, Mark Pena, and Lorena Comrona.

FIFTH GRADE

Marisol Antillon, Dora Flores, Alvaro Martinez, Elier Saenz, Nancy Vela, Walter Kessler, and Sara Sorley.

Also, Melissa Cano, Julie Grisham, David Martinez, April Stull, Lety Vargas, Emanuel Marquez and Jessica Chilton.

Couple Adds Baby Girl

Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Uriegas Jr. are the proud parents of their first daughter, Alison. Alison Yvette Uriegas was born on November 12, 1992 at 12:05 a.m. in the Clovis High Plains Hospital. She weighed seven pounds and 3 1/4 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Alison has two brothers; Jeffrey who is three, and Brian who is 16 months old.

Grandparents are Ruben and Tina Uriegas of Bovina and Charles and Nancy Walters of Bovina.

Great-grandparents are Emilia Martinez of Bovina, and Grady and Vendell McHargue of Navarro Mills, Texas.

been to Oklahoma to see about Grady's sister, Belle Maynard. Belle had a severe heart attack but according to Dorothy she will probably get to go home Tuesday the 24th. They are hoping medication will help her condition. * * * * *

Jim Russell attended funeral services in Amarillo for his uncle, Hampton Russell, held in Amarillo's Primitive Baptist Church, Friday November 20. He was Jim's last uncle on the Russell side. * * * * *

Nena Veazey of Hereford and her mom, Nellie Spicer, had a day of shopping and eating out at Clovis on Monday and it was reported that they had a great time. Nena is an assistant principal in one of the elementary schools in Hereford. * * * * *

Notice: We have a classified ad running for Sharlet Johnson McCormick. She will be baking cookies, cakes, and breads for the holidays, so if you want to have some delicious goodies, give her a call.

She brought some to the office and we highly recommend her. You may want to call her since the Methodist women are not having their annual bazaar this year. * * * * *

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and I have a little poem for you this week.

A SEASON OF THE HEART

The frost-tipped leaves now lie in drifts
On lane and city street,
Their scarlet beauty tinged with bronze;
And earth and sky now meet
On far horizons dimmed to gray
Foretelling winter's cold;
A blue mist shimmers on the hills
Swept clean of autumn's gold.

The splendor of the harvest fills
The coffers of the land,
And grateful hearts give thanks

Bovina School Lunch Menu

Week of Nov. 30-Dec. 4.

Monday--burritos, corn, tater tots, cookies, milk.

Tuesday--meat loaf, mixed vegetables, rolls, au gratin potatoes, fruit, milk.

Wednesday--grilled cheese sand., baked beans, tater tots, pickles, fruit, milk.

Thursday--spaghett, salad, corn, toast, fruit, milk.

Friday--hamburgers, lettuce, fries, brownies, milk.

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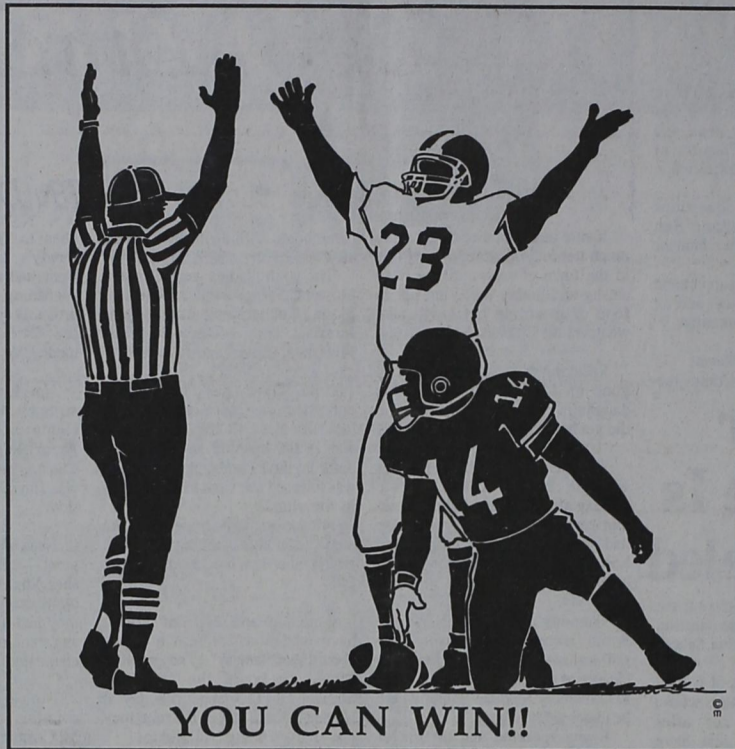
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6. There is nothing to buy. No requirements other than to bring the entry blank, filled out, to The Blade office to 5 p.m. or postmarked by 5 p.m. Friday.
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