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Holly's 'Sour' News Bad For Area Economy

BY BILL ELLIS

The headline in the *Hereford Brand* Wednesday pretty well said it in a nutshell, when it stated "Holly Sugar Hits Sour Note."

The plant's announcement to discontinue processing sugar beets will cause an adverse effect on the area's economy, and will hurt in many ways that might not at first be evident.

So said Friona's Dave Thompson, a 23-year member of the Texas-New Mexico Sugar Beet Growers Assn.

Thompson had been an active sugar beet grower since Holly Sugar first began processing beets following the 1964 crop year. He went on the board at the same time as the late Bill Cleavinger of Wildorado, who served several years as the assoc-

iation's executive director.

He replaced A.L. Black, who was an original board member.

Thompson had served as chairman of the beet growers' research committee.

For starters, Hereford and Deaf Smith County will lose a total of \$495,894 in taxes which the Holly plant paid each year, benefitting the city of Hereford, the Hereford ISD and the Deaf Smith County Hospital District. Holly had been one of the largest taxpayers there.

But--farmers and farm-related businesses will also be impacted, Thompson pointed out.

"Sugar beets had been an excellent 'alternative crop' to corn, cotton, and cattle raising in the local area," Thompson said.

Loss of sugar beets as a crop will hurt implement dealers, seed dealers and the hauling company whose trucks had been seen every fall making trips back and forth to Holly's plant just west of Hereford.

In addition, beet by-products had been used as a supplement to cattle-feeding in the area.

Thompson said the announcement about Holly's plan to discontinue processing beets came as a "complete surprise" to the Sugar Beet Growers' board of directors.

Members of the board had just recently attended a national convention of sugar beet growers in California. "Growers in California had faced some of the same problems that local growers had in recent years. They had come back with news of new technology to combat both plant diseases and weed control, as well as having news of new varieties," Thompson said.

"There was a good price outlook for beets in 1998, and the members I had talked to had come back with an upbeat attitude," the longtime grower and beet official said.

Thompson admitted that there was some concern on the part of growers after the number of acres planted fell off dramatically from 1993 through 1996. But last year's acres were up, the yield was good, and farmers made money on the crop.

"Several farmers from Minnesota leased beet acres in the Dalhart area on the North Plains, and paid from \$400 to \$600 per acre, cash lease, to grow beets. So there must have been some good money in growing beets," Thompson said.

The longtime Friona resident pointed out that he had leased his land in 1997, which was the first year since 1964 that he was not a

producer. Thompson and fellow Parmer County resident Troy Christian of the Oklahoma Lane area both chose to retire from the growers' board at the end of 1997.

"The growers definitely didn't want the plant to close. They are very disappointed with the news," Thompson said.

Recalling the work and effort on behalf of the group of Hereford area leaders who lobbied congress to block a proposed five-year extension on the (then) quotas on sugarbeets, and spent countless hours holding meetings and signing up farmers who pledged to grow the beets if a plant opened in the local area.

Speedy Nieman, publisher of the *Hereford Brand*, credited the personal lobbying effort of Jimmy Witherspoon and Henry Sears, now both deceased, for getting the quota extension tabled.

And the overthrowing of the Cuban government by Fidel Castro about that time was a big help in convincing Holly to expand to the Texas Panhandle, Nieman pointed out.

Three Spots Are Open For City Election

The City of Bovina will begin taking applications for mayor and two aldermen seats on the city council February 16 through March 18 at 5 p.m. at the City Hall.

Applicants must be a registered voter and live in the Bovina city limits.

Mayor Galen Hromas and aldermen Kenneth Waters and Radford Venable's terms are expiring. The election will be held May 2.



BASKETBALL MEMORIES.... Pictures from previous games include, top, Herman Marquez, Tony Beauchamp, and Adan Perez chasing a fast break. Below, Herman Marquez looks for some help over a forest of blue. (ron carr photos)

Mustangs In Playoff Game For Second Seed in 3-2A

By the time you read this, the Bovina Mustangs will either be headed for the playoffs, or hung up the uniforms for another season.

On February 3, the Lockney Longhorns beat the Mustangs 72-58 with a 27-point run in the fourth quarter.

Bovina won out over Hart and Olton, state-ranked and district leader Hale Center defeated Lockney and remain undefeated in 3-2A.

All of which sets up the playoff match between Bovina's Mustangs and Lockney's Longhorns for the right to represent district 3-2A as second seed in the playoffs.

BULLETIN---In spite of a valiant effort, the Bovina Mustangs lost their district playoff game to Lockney, 58-48, in a game played at Hart Thursday night. This was for the second seed in district. Ron Carr will have more details next week.

Sausage Meal Set At Bovina

St. Ann's Catholic Church of Bovina is sponsoring their annual German Sausage Dinner, Sunday, March 1, 1998. Serving time is 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the St. Ann's Parish Hall on Third Street in Bovina.

Ladies of the church will be serving German sausage, creamed potatoes and gravy, green beans, sauerkraut, cranberry sauce, relish plate, bread and butter, desserts and tea or coffee.

Donations will be \$6 for adults and \$3 for children eight and under. Take-out plates will be available at no additional charge. Sausage will be available by the pound the day of the dinner.

School Bd. Elections Scheduled

Bovina ISD superintendent Sue Nuttall has announced that there will be three places open on the local school board this May. Members whose terms are expiring are Bob Owen, Mike Beauchamp, and Estella Ortiz.

Anyone interested in running for a position on the school board may apply at the Bovina school superintendent's office beginning on February 16. The deadline for filing applications for a place on the ballot is 5 p.m., March 18, 1998.

Holdover members of the board are Susan Kerby, Ricky Jamerson, Justin Brozek, and Joe Steelman.



PIPES, WIRE, AND CONCRETE.... Workers are making progress on the new BISD administration building as long as the weather cooperates. The concrete slab is poured and plumbed. (ron carr photo)



30 YEARS IN BOVINA.....In February 1968, Dudley Hughes opened his Tru-Value hardware store in Bovina and has been serving the community since. Shown are son Kevin, Dudley, and wife Barbara. (ron carr photo)

JUDY STRICKLAND of Plainview is a candidate for the State Board of Education on the Republican ticket. Mrs. Strickland, who is a mother and young grandmother, says she is running for a spot on the board because she is troubled by the current trend in education that seems more concerned with teaching children subjects like global warming and legalizing drugs than reading, writing and arithmetic.

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By
BILL ELLIS



It appalls me to see the state purchase textbooks like the one dubbed by concerned parents and teachers as "Rainforest Algebra," because of its bizarre emphasis on environmentalism. The textbook ignores basic principles of mathematics, Mrs. Strickland says.

These kinds of books have abandoned the basic principles of learning and turned our children into guinea pigs of the Clinton administration, the ACLU and the bureaucrats at the Texas Education Agency. These groups have 'way too much control over what our children learn," Mrs. Strickland says.

Parents need to pay attention to the textbooks that their children are using. Many of today's books take an environmental slant, and they are definitely slanted. Mrs. Strickland points out that one science textbook stated "When cattle feed, they remove all the vegetation from the soil and compact the dirt with their hooves."

That should be news to all of the farmers/ranchers in Parmer County who have cattle grazing. Up until now, they probably thought that it was the lack of moisture on the wheat fields that was causing the bare places in the pastures.

Another "enrichment workbook" stated "Farmers are usually subsidized by the federal government or the chemical manufacturers to use chemical pesticides." Cattle raisers had better rush out to the mailbox and pick up that big check from the feds for all the cattle wormer they have bought over the years.

Mrs. Strickland says she agrees with Governor Bush that we must abolish the regulatory powers of the Texas Education Agency, and will work closely with him to make it happen.

"This is the best opportunity for Texas to put a conservative majority on the Board of Education. We cannot afford to put another rubber stamp for the bureaucrats at the TEA back on the board," the candidate concluded during our office interview.

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TO BE THE MOST FAMOUS draft-dodger in American history, Pres. Clinton shows no noticeable shame while threatening to send America's pilots and troops against Iraq.

In 1969, Clinton wrote to Col. Eugene Holmes, head of the ROTC program at the University of Arkansas. Excerpts from the letter follow:

"First, I want to thank you, not just for saving me from the draft, but for being so kind and decent to me last summer. I have written, spoken and marched against the war.

"I went to Washington to work in the Moratorium Against the War, then to England to organize the Americans here to demonstrate. From my work I came to believe that the draft system is illegitimate."

"Because of my opposition to the draft and the war, I am in great sympathy for those who are not willing to fight, kill and maybe die for their country right or wrong."

How does Clinton have the gall to commit our country's military to do what he left the country as a youth to avoid???



TOP PARTS WINNERS.....Robbie Barrett, left, and parts manager Rick Carr, center, are congratulated by Case IH representative Gene Levitt on their 1997 parts department performance. Parmer County Implement was number 8 out of more than 2,000 dealers in the U. S. and Canada.



MID-SCHOOL BEES....The top three finishers in the middle school spelling bee were Paula Chavez, 2nd place; Charlotte Rumph, 1st place; Bethany Rumph, 3rd place. They qualify for the Parmer County senior spelling bee February 24 in Friona.

Scooter's Scoops

By SCOOTER RUSSELL



We received a letter this week with information concerning the production of "Texas" the musical drama held each year at Palo Duro Canyon June 10-August 22. They are already taking reservations for the 1998 season and will send promotional materials such as videos, posters, cassette tapes or brochures. Just give them a call at 806-655-2181, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Last year they had guests from every state and more than 100 countries to see "Texas". They also reported that they were delighted to be selected as the program cover for the first ever White House Conference on Travel and Tourism and to be listed in the top 100 attractions in North America by American Bus Association.

If you need further information, the brochure will be on the wall at the *Blade* office.

Marie Venable underwent emergency hernea surgery in the Deaf Smith County Hospital in Hereford Sunday night. The family took her to Friona, then the ambulance took her to Hereford.

She was up and walking around Monday and her granddaughter, Amy, said she was getting along real well.

Congratulations to Chris and Tammy Jones on the birth of their first baby, Tiffany Cheyanne, born February 10. Also congratulations to Sammy and Ella Jo Stormes who are the Bovina grandparents. This makes four little grand-

daughters for the Stormes. Nellie Spicer and I had dinner at K-Bob's Restaurant recently in Hereford and enjoyed visiting with former residents Lewis and Jean McDaniel. They looked great and said they enjoy reading the *Blade* and keeping up with Bovina people. Lewis is still with Southwestern Public Service. They sent their regards to Bovina. They have lived in Hereford for several years.

John Dixon has suffered a heart attack. I talked with him at Baptist-St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo on Tuesday of this week. He said he had two blockages but they were going to try to treat him with medication.

He said he would probably spend a few days with his sister, Mary Hazel Hill, in Amarillo before coming home. All of his kids came 'runnin' when he became ill, he said. David lives in Canyon, Gail in Hereford and Mike in Lubbock.

John appreciated everyone's concern and prayers when he became ill.

We extend our deepest sympathies to Paula Trevino and her family in the death of Paula's mother, Manuela Sierra, 79 of Lubbock. She passed away February 8, and was survived by her husband, eleven sons, four daughters, forty-six grandchildren and twenty-seven great-grandchildren.

Gaylon and Shelby Rhodes visited Freda Lloyd,

who is a resident at Bivins Nursing Home in Amarillo. They said she was enjoying good health and seemed happy. She said she missed Bovina people and wanted them to tell everyone hello for her.

Freda has been in different nursing homes for several years. She has two daughters, Patricia Wright and Penny Lawlis, who live in Amarillo and they are good to visit her.

Our sympathies to the family of Irene Johnson, 86, who passed away on February 6, at the Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona.

She was survived by three sons, five daughters, twenty-seven grandchildren, fifty-six great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

She was a dear lady and had lived in Bovina for the past twenty years. She had many friends here.

Emmagene Calaway had company the past week. Her sister and brother-in-law, Audine and Bill Wells of Midland came Wednesday and stayed until Saturday. They attended a funeral for a cousin in Hereford on Thursday afternoon and visited with Emmagene's other sister in Hereford that afternoon.

Sixteen-month-old Jordan Windle, son of Shawn and Joanna Windle of Clovis and grandson of James and Sandra Clayton, is getting along real well now. He had pneumonia a couple of weeks ago and is now taking breathing treatments at home.

Jordan became ill in September of last year and was hospitalized in Clovis three times and in Lubbock twice but things are looking good now.

Congratulations to grand-Bovina ISD Lunch Menu FEB. 23-27

- *MONDAY-Toasted cheese sandwich, pickles, potato puffs, fruit and milk.
- *TUESDAY-Sub sandwich, pickles, potato chips, fruit and milk.
- *WEDNESDAY-Chicken fry, potatoes, mixed vegetables, fruit and milk.
- *THURSDAY-Nachos with meat, pinto beans, salad, fruit and milk.
- *FRIDAY-Fish sticks, macaroni and cheese, green beans, biscuits, fruit and milk.
- *Hamburger basket or sandwich bar is an alternate choice each day.

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parents and great grandparents, Larry and Donna Mitchell and Dean and Arlene McCallum, on the birth of Keri and Michael Waldie's first child. Keri is the Mitchell's daughter.

The couple and their son, Wesley Brock, live in Lindsborg, Kansas.

Donna is in Kansas with the new baby and we will have more details next week.

KITCHEN HINTS:
No more tears when peeling onions if you place them in the deep freeze for four or five minutes first.

A little salt sprinkled into the frying pan will prevent spattering.

To remove lime deposits from tea kettles, fill with equal amounts of water and vinegar. Bring to a boil and allow to stand overnight.

Espinoza Makes WT Honor List

Andrew J. Espinoza, a sophomore Pre-Engineering student from Bovina, was named to the President's List at West Texas A&M University for the 1997 fall semester.

Two hundred fifty-four students were named to the President's List.

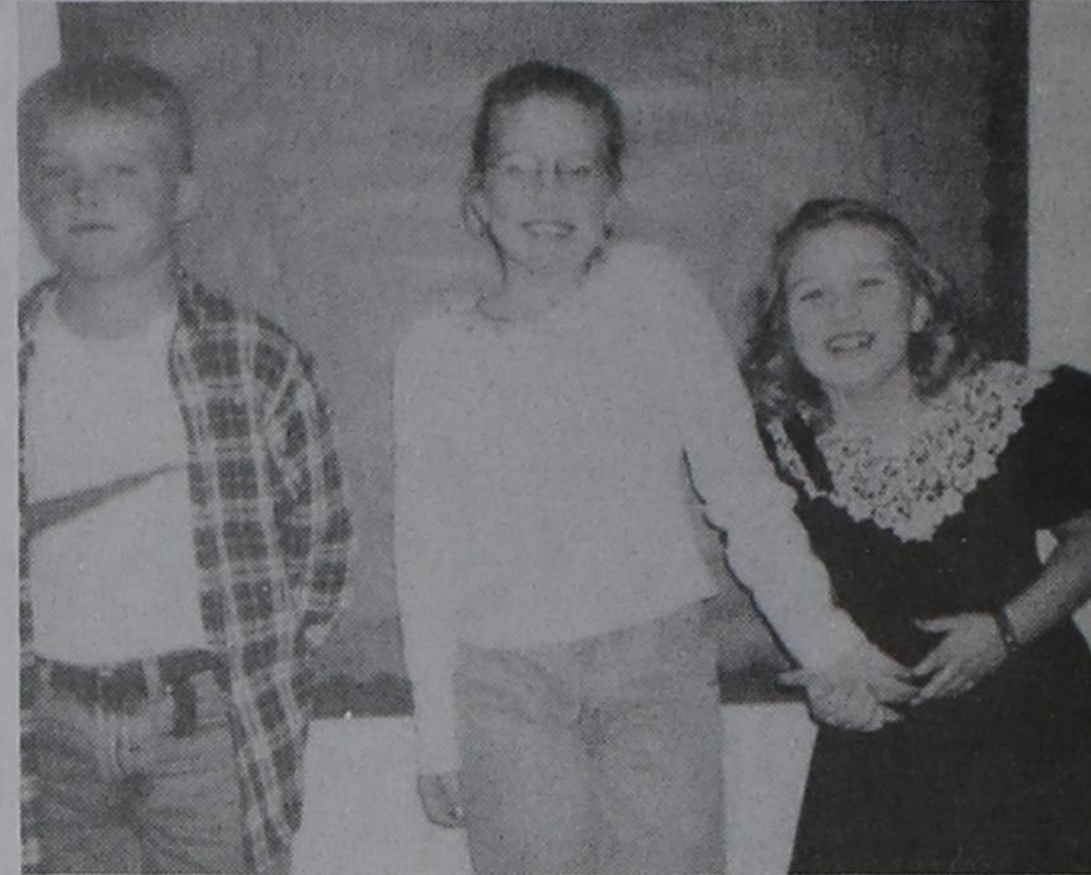
Students earning President's List recognition achieved a semester grade point average (GPA) of 3.85 (of a possible 4.0) or better with a minimum class load of 12 undergraduate hours.

It's A Girl For Couple

Chris and Tammy Jones of Bovina became parents for the first time February 10, 1998 at 1:33 p.m. at Plains Regional Medical Center in Clovis, New Mexico.

Their daughter, Tiffany Cheyanne Jones, weighed six pounds, twelve ounces and was twenty inches long. Grandparents are Sammy and Ella Jo Stormes of Bovina, Gisela Jones and Tony and Brenda Soliz of Morton.

Her great-grandmother is Martha Myers of McAlister, Oklahoma.



SPELLING BEE WINNERS...The top three winners in the Bovina Elementary's annual spelling bee held February 13 were Zane Anderson, Charlotte Rumph, and Bethany Rumph. They will participate in the Parmer County Bee in Friona February 24.



LUNCH WITH THE LIONS...8th graders Elizabeth Trevino and Danny Martinez were guests of the Bovina Lion's Club for being named students-of-the-month.

Hromas Is Graduate Of Texas A&M

Diplomas were awarded to more than 3,000 Texas A&M University graduates during December commencement ceremonies.

Darren Hromas of Bovina graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Science.

The degrees were presented at three separate ceremonies.

Featured speakers at the ceremonies were Patrick H. Wood III, chairman of the Public Utility Commission of Austin; Ronald Kirk, mayor of Dallas; and U.S. Rep. Joe Barton of Ennis.

Love Fund Established For Lady

A love fund has been established at Friona State Bank for Bertha Carnero of the Rhea community. Donations may be mailed to the bank at P. O. Box 549, Friona, Texas, 79035.

Mrs. Carnero is facing treatment for cancer. Her husband, Robert, also works in the Rhea Community and the couple is well known and loved. Cards may be mailed to Bertha at HCR 2, Box 120; Friona.

For further information, you may call Cecelia Schueler at 295-3855.

BOVINA REFLECTIONS

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

40 Yrs Ago-Feb. 19, 1958
Miss Nita Beth Estes and Danny Morton were crowned Queen and King of Hearts at the annual Sweetheart banquet of the Methodist Youth Fellowship Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Gilbreath are new owners of the Bovina Dairy Freeze on Highway 60. They began this week preparing the drive-in for opening in the near future.

35 Yrs Ago-Feb. 20, 1963
Some \$300 in damage was the result of a collision between a pickup and a parked truck tractor on North Street Thursday morning. A '62 Dodge pickup, owned and driven by A.L. Kerby, was damaged when it struck the '62 Chevrolet truck tractor owned by Norvell Strawn which was parked in front of H&M Garage.

30 Yrs Ago-Feb. 21, 1968
Dudley's Auto Parts, located at the corner of Third Street and Highway 86, is open for business. Owner of the new parts store is Dudley Hughes, formerly of Farwell.

25 Yrs Ago-Feb. 21, 1973
Roy Hartzog, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Hartzog and a Bovina High School junior, exhibited the grand champion steer at the annual Bovina FFA-4H Livestock Show Wednesday of last week.

Al Kerby showed his 213-pound Chester White to the reserve championship of the Parmer County Junior Livestock Show at Friona last week. The barrow was purchased by Bovina Wheat Growers, Inc., for \$1 per pound.

20 Yrs Ago-Feb. 22, 1978
Joan Carson is developing quite a name in steer showing, after winning her second county title in three years. She had earlier won the Bovina show for an unprecedented fourth straight year.

15 Yrs Ago-Feb. 23, 1983
An old landmark in the city, the old Co-op elevator in the East part of town, will be coming down this week. Workmen have been dismantling the structure since Monday.

Rodney Bachman, new chief City Marshall and Mel Clark, city patrolman, are new members of the Bovina Police Department.

10 Yrs Ago-Feb. 17, 1988

Chris Wilson, seventh grader, and Hugo Renteria, eighth grader, took third and fourth places, respectively, in a recent statewide computer literacy contest. Chris will be attending a state Computer Conference in Dallas later this month.

Bovina High School basketball teams split their games against Kress, played last Tuesday, February 9. The Mustangs won their game over the Kangaroos, 63-44. However, in the girls' game, the Kress girls scored a 58-35 win over the Fillies.

The Bovina City election will be held May 7 and the last day to file for a position is March 23. The first day one can file is February 22.

College Night for Bovina juniors and seniors will be held Thursday night, February 18 at 7 p.m. at the Farwell Community Center. All juniors and seniors and their parents are encouraged to attend.

Parmer County will have a strong contingent of 4-H and FFA members at the Houston Livestock Show February 17. Sixty-four youths will make the annual trip.

5 Yrs Ago-Feb. 20, 1993
The Bovina Chamber of Commerce has announced that it is selling tickets for the upcoming banquet to be held Thursday, March 18. The speaker for this year's banquet will be Stan Cobb, a cowboy poet from Spearman.

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Political Calendar

The Bovina Blade is authorized to make the following political announcements, subject to next spring's primary elections:

- DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY: DISTRICT JUDGE**
Gordon Houston Green
PARMER COUNTY JUDGE
Bonnie Clayton (re-election)
- PARMER COUNTY TREASURER**
Anne Norton (re-election)
- JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 2**
Vi Hutto (re-election)
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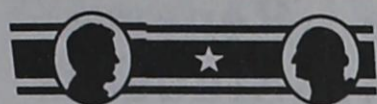
Card of Thanks
The family of Irene Johnson acknowledges with grateful appreciation your many acts of kindness--the prayers, food, flowers, visits and many other expressions of sympathy shown to us during the loss of our mother and grandmother.
Phillip Johnson Family
Alton Johnson Family
A.M. Johnson Jr. Family
Bertie Newton Family
Leatha Garrett Family
Frances Smith Family

Amarillo Symphony & Mozart Feb 21

The February 21 concert of the Amarillo Symphony Orchestra features pianist Robert Levin performing one of Mozart's greatest concertos. One of the foremost experts on Mozart, Mr. Levin will perform two of the great composer's works; including the Minuet for Clavier, K.1, the piece Mozart composed when he was five years old, and the Concerto for Piano, No. 25, K. 503.

During the second half of the program Gail Williams of the Chicago Symphony will play Mozart's Third Concerto. The full orchestra will play Symphony #40, considered by many as Mozart's greatest work.

The concert, sponsored by the law offices of Peterson, Farris, Doores and Jones, begins at 8 p.m. in the Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium. Tickets may be purchased by calling the Amarillo Symphony office at 376-8787.



Arts/Crafts Show Set In Amarillo

The 7th annual Amarillo Arts and Crafts Festival will be held February 21-22 in the Amarillo Civic Center.

More than 130 exhibitors from throughout the Southwest will fill the main exhibit hall with original art, limited edition prints, and handcrafted items.

Hours for the show are Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. There is no admission charge.

Red Cross Sponsors Classes

The Hereford Red Cross Chapter will sponsor a lifeguarding class at the Aquatic Center.

The class will begin on Friday, March 13 and

continue on Saturday, March 14, and Sunday March 15, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., then Monday-Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Participants must attend all of the sessions in order to pass the course. Participants must be able to swim 500 yards continuously using the crawl, breast, or side stroke, tread water for two minutes using legs only and submerge to a depth of seven feet and retrieve a 10-pound object and return with it to the surface.

The class will cost \$45 for the books and CPR mask. Each student is required to buy the books and mask.

Call the Red Cross office at 364-3761 or come by the office at 224 South Main Street to register for the class.



SPECIAL HEARTS.....A Valentine party at Prairie Acres crowned Thomas Gibson and Johnnye Blackwell as the Prairie Acres Valentine King and Queen.

Ag Expo Kicks Off Tuesday At ENMU

The New Mexico Ag Expo begins with a banquet Tuesday night, February 24.

The Farm/City/ENMU Banquet will feature entertainment by the Flying J Wranglers. The location is the ENMU Campus Union Ballroom. Tickets are \$15 per person in advance and \$20 at the door.

At 9 a.m. Wednesday, February 25, the Expo opens at the Roosevelt County

Fairgrounds with a host of activities including working dog demonstrations, weather modification seminars, and a horse training demonstration.

Seminars on dairy production management, hairy hoofwarts, and protecting private property rights and the environment are also scheduled.

From 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, women's activities are scheduled in the Women's Building.

Hours for the annual Ag Expo are 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday.

A Chuck Wagon dinner will be hosted by the Portales Rotary Club, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday at the Show Arena and Sheep Barn.

Happy Birthday Bovina

Area birthdays for the week of February 22-28.

Feb 22-Lawrence Widner, Penny Burklow, Larry Mitchell.

Feb 23-Shirley Garrison, Matthew Royce, Cameron Charles.

Feb 24-Ginger Bowman, Gracie Murillo, Carlene Jones Blankenship, Kody Wilson.

Feb 25-Elva Hernandez, Freddy Flores, James Roach, Georgia Foster.

Feb 26-Jill Sorley, Martha Garner, Ken Foster, Wayne Foster.

Feb 27-Jordan Barrett, Ken Langlinais.

Feb 28-Catalina Garcia, Asa Smith.

To make changes or add a friend or relative to our birthday roster call 238-1523 or write Drawer B, 79009.

Godspell Presented By ENMU

The ENMU Department of Theatre and Dance will present the play Godspell.

Performances will be February 25-28, March 1, at the University Theatre Center, at 8 p.m. (2 p.m. on Sunday, March 1).

Ticket prices are \$7 general admission; \$6 senior citizens; \$5 pre-college; and \$4 ENMU students w/current activities sticker. For tickets/reservations call the box office at 505-562-2710, Mon-Fri, noon to 6 p.m.

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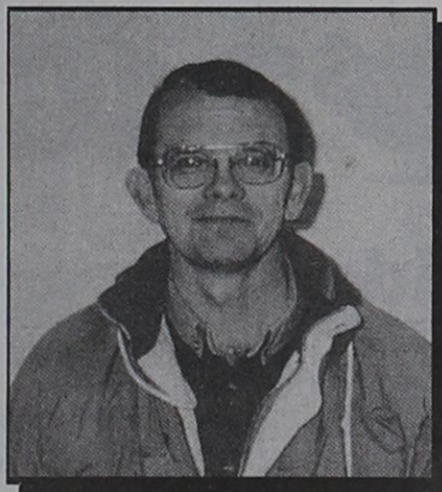
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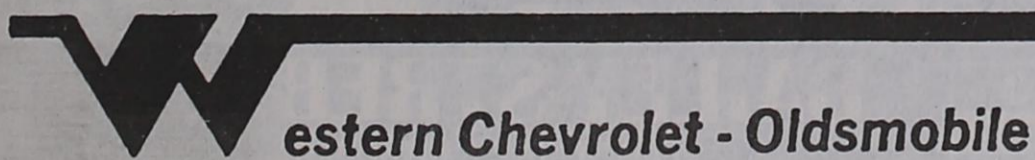


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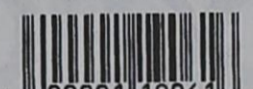
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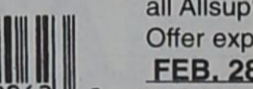
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By RON CARR

"Let's all just take a deep breath and step back and wait for the facts to come out."

I wish I had thought of that saying a lot earlier. Like some of those times my mother, or a teacher, caught me in a lie.

I could have rehearsed my story on the way to the principal's office.

"Now Mr. Brockett, let's just take a deep breath and step back and wait for the facts."

"What are the facts, Ronnie?"

"I'll have them for you sooner than later and more than less."

"Tell you what, Ronnie, while we are waiting on the facts, I'll just get my paddle, then we will call your mother."

In my childhood, innocent until proven guilty was not always the law of the land.

"Okay, I'm going to give you the benefit of the doubt, but I know you are lying."

And all the time I was thinking, *Lord, if you will just let me get out that door, I know this will all blow over.*

And so it goes in Washington, D.C. The Clintons have been caught doing something, nobody seems to know exactly what, and they have told us to take a deep breath, step back, and wait.

Isn't it nice of the Clinton family to be so concerned about us they designed a low impact aerobics workout for America. Deep breath, step back, wait.

My guess is that Billy Jeff and Hill Rod would like us to wait for, oh, say, about three years. That's the same amount of time it took to find Hill Rod's law firm records there at the White House.

This "job" as they call it, will be over in three years, after which they can sit back and laugh at all the things they managed to put over on

the American public. (In case you want to jot this down, Billy Jeff's "job" expires at noon, Eastern time, on January 20, 2001.)

The PCI coffee bar bubbas are getting up a pot on what day Hill Rod files for divorce after that date. They are giving even odds that she files for divorce and announces her candidacy for president on the same day.

Republicans have been quiet because they want Billy Jeff to serve out those three years. He can do more harm to the Democrats than any smear campaign or conspiracy could ever accomplish. Besides, they sure don't want Al Gore to take over.

I think the Irony Of The Year award should go to Clinton's cry that Ken Starr is abusing his power. They sure know abuse of power when they see it.

Fact is that the Clinton gang does not want to be rid of Ken Starr. They need someone to attack. They need a vast right-wing conspiracy bubbling to tone down their illegal and immoral agenda.

Only history will reveal all the facts. Facts about LBJ, Nixon, and Kennedy are just now being made public. So it will be with Billy Jeff Clinton.

Mr. Ginsburg, Monica's lawyer, has now jumped on the "Starr is a bad guy" bandwagon because Starr wants Monica to tell the truth. Remember, she swore in a deposition to Paula Jones' lawyer that she never played kissey-face (or kissey-somewhere else) with Billy Jeff.

Then it seems she told several dozen other friends that she did and one of those friends turned her in and the righteous unwashed are now appalled that Linda Tripp could rat on a friend.

Well, Bob Bennett, Billy

Jeff's lawyer, called Linda Tripp a liar when she reported that Billy mauled yet another woman named Willey in the oval office.

Apparently it is not good to call Linda a liar. This time, when Monica started blabbering about her conquest, Linda taped it all. Screw friendship, take that Mr. Bennett.

Fact: None of this is about sex. Another fact: there are thousands (maybe more) of women across America, married and single, that would jump at the opportunity to have an affair with Billy Jeff.

That last fact was the result of a national survey/poll. I didn't make it up. You don't have to make up stuff about this guy. What he does in real life is better than anything we could make up.

Want to know something else? I'll bet that Billy Jeff privately laughs at all the jokes that Jay Leno, David Letterman, and others make about him. He likes to be one of the boys, so I think he is probably flattered by Leno's jabs and Letterman's commentary.

There is one thing Billy Jeff has stated publicly that I do believe. When asked by a reporter if he would ever consider resigning, he said "Never." He didn't say "I don't have anything to resign over", he just said never. I believe he will never resign nor will he ever tell the truth because he thinks those rules don't apply to him.

The last point to make is that the reason Billy Jeff is not telling the American unwashed the truth is because he is afraid Ken Starr will use it against him. Let me make sure I understand this: I never touched Monica Lewinsky but if I explain the exact true nature of my "friendship"

Classic Cable Renews Commitment to Students

Classic Cable recently announced that the 1998 application process for the Classic Cable Scholarship Fund is underway. The fund was created in 1997 for graduating high school seniors within its eight-state service area.

J. Merritt Belisle, Classic's Chief Executive Officer, views the program as further evidence of the company's commitment to the communities served by its cable television systems. "We look forward to the opportunity to build upon the enormous success of the 1997 campaign, wherein Classic awarded over \$30,000 to 101 graduating seniors. Our commitment to the scholarship program has been bolstered by outstanding performance reports from a number of our 1997 scholarship recipients."

Specific eligibility requirements include a top 20% ranking within the graduating class, demonstrated leadership in and out of the classroom as well as participation in extracurricular activities.

Financial hardship or other circumstances will also be considered when deciding between

applicants whose abilities appear equal. In addition to the scholarship application, students must submit three letters of recommendation from the school principal, teachers or administrators, a copy of their official high school transcript showing class rank, as well as a 300 word essay on chosen goals with an emphasis on leadership and ability to reach goals.

All applications will be evaluated by a committee of employees from Classic Cable and will be judged according to the overall strength of qualifications.

Scholarship applications are available through the local high school guidance counselors or by contacting Adina Crawford with Classic Cable directly at (785)434-7620 ext. 323. The deadline for submitting applications is March 13 and the scholarship winners will be announced April 20.

Classic Cable owns and operates cable television systems in 278 rural communities in eight states. As of December 31, 1997, the company served approximately 167,000 customers.

COURTHOUSE NOTES

Instrument Report Ending Feb. 4, 1998
Parmer Co., TX
Bonnie Warren, County Clerk
WD-Margie M. Lawrence, Kenneth E. Miller, Ne 28.73 acres of S14 T51/2S R5E Synd Sub.

WD-Harcoop, Inc., Roger C. Lowe, Sr., 3 tracts of 3rds Installment to Staley Add; Lots 13, 14 & 15 B9.

WD-Randy Roberts, Roberts Ranches, Inc., All S33 & 34 Thomas Kelly H.

Deed-Cynthia C. Cotton, Cynthia C. Cotton, Trustee, SE1/4 S21 T6S R3E Cap Synd.

WD-Milton Frazier, James H. Jennings, SW corner Sec 101 Kelly "H".

Instrument Report

Feb. 11, 1998

Parmer County, TX

Bonnie Warren, Co. Clerk
WD-Billy J. York, Ricky Black, All N1/2 S42 Kelly "H".

WD-Kerry D. Ford, L.C. Gosner, Lots 24-32 B36 OT Farwell.

WD-Sherley Max Cook, Armando Garcia, E70', Lots 7 & 8 B42 OT Friona.

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Holly To Quit Processing Beets At Hereford Plant

Holly Sugar Corporation announced Tuesday it is discontinuing sugar beet processing at its factory located at Hereford, Texas. Holly will continue to package and distribute refined sugar products from the facility to its current customer base.

Holly Sugar, a subsidiary

of Imperial Holly Corporation, Sugar Land, Texas, has operated the beet sugar factory since its construction in 1964.

The decision to downsize the operations is a direct result of declining acreage over the last five years due to diminished sugar beet crop yields caused by adverse weather conditions and numerous plant diseases.

Because of the declining availability of acreage, operations at the facility, which accounted for less than two percent of Imperial Holly's annual production, had not been profitable for the past three years, and based on acreage available to be planted in sugar beets, the factory would not have been profitable in the upcoming crop year, a plant spokesman said.

Employees and sugar beet growers were informed of the company's decision at the Hereford factory during meetings on February 17, attended by Holly's management including its president, Roger Hill, who

made the announcement. Holly's management believes the timing of this announcement will provide sufficient notice to the affected growers to make alternative crop decisions.

The company expects to record a charge in its second fiscal quarter for the costs related to this decision. Severance and other cash costs are estimated to be \$1.2 million; the company is currently analyzing the amount of the impairment loss, if any, which may be incurred on Hereford's \$13.5 million of plant, property and equipment.

Holly estimates that 20 to 25 of the factory's approximately 110 full-time, year-round employees will remain with the distribution facility. Certain employees, based on training and skills, may be offered transfers to other areas. However, at present, it is not known which employees, if any, may be offered this option.

Company management emphasized that this action will not impact any of its

customers or Holly's other beet sugar processing factories. Holly and its sister company, Michigan Sugar, operate four beet sugar factories in California, as well as three in the Rocky Mountain States and four factories in Michigan. Imperial Holly Corporation also operates four cane refineries located in Sugar Land, Texas; Gramercy, Louisiana; Savannah, Georgia; and Clewiston, Florida.

Roger Hill, president and chief executive officer of Holly said, "The decision to downsize our Hereford factory was a difficult step. We carefully considered what effect it would have on our employees, growers, customers, vendors and the community, and on balance, we believe this was the best course available. By maintaining the packaging and distribution facilities we are maintaining a presence in the community and taking steps that will allow us to compete more effectively."

First Texas FLBA To Refund \$2.7 Million

Most of the 4,800 plus members of the newly merged First Texas Federal Land Bank Association are set to receive a generous refund on the 1997 interest paid on their loans.

At a meeting held on December 11, the board of directors declared that all borrowers whose loan payment contributed to the Association's 1997 earnings would receive a patronage refund totaling \$2.7 million during the month of January.

According to John Morris, CEO of the First Texas Federal Land Bank Association, the patronage amounts to approximately half of the Association's net earnings for 1997. The patronage will be issued in two different forms, depending on whether it is a current borrower or a borrower whose loan paid off during 1997.

"The Association will be refunding back to the borrower a portion of the net interest paid on each loan. On average, this patronage is approximately 11.11 per cent of that amount," said Morris.

William C. Liles, president of the Muleshoe Credit Office, attributes the financial success realized by his office to the stockholders who live and operate in Bailey and Parmer counties

who experienced a good crop year in 1997.

"Without the hard work of each individual member, First Texas would not be able to provide this type of a return to our borrowers," said Liles. "First Texas Federal Land Bank Association strives to maintain a cooperative long term mortgage lending system that benefits the farmers, ranchers and rural homeowners of this area."

Keith Vandivere, chairman of the board of directors for First Texas, explained that the patronage will effect approximately 4,800 loans across a total of forty South Plains and Panhandle counties.

"We want to give some benefit back to our borrowers for the successful year we had in 1997. The exceptional financial strength of the First Texas Federal Land Bank Association can be attributed

First Texas Federal Land Bank Association just completed its first year as the merged entity of nine area associations. It is a stockholder owned cooperative that specializes in long term real estate financing. There are full service Land Bank Credit Offices located in Childress, Dalhart, Lamesa, Lubbock, Levelland, Littlefield, Muleshoe, Spur, Crosbyton, Dimmitt, Hereford and Tulia.

Comptroller Delivers Feb Sales Taxes

State Comptroller John Sharp has delivered a total of \$290.5 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,090 Texas cities and 118 counties.

This month's payments include sales taxes collected by monthly filers at the height of the holiday shopping in December, plus quarterly returns for the fourth quarter and all yearly filings for 1997.

Parmer County received a payment of \$35,402.05. Comparable payment last year was \$42,387.10, a decrease of 16.47%.

The February payment was broken down to Bovina, \$3,628; Farwell, \$5,449; Friona, \$26,324. Both Bovina and Farwell had increases around 20% while Friona's revenue was down over last year by 24.55%.

Payments to date are \$53,579.41, compared to 1997 payments of \$58,909.29, an overall decline of 9.04%.

Lubbock SBA Office To Move

The Lubbock District Office of the U. S. Small Business Administration will be moving to the George H. Mahon Federal Building, 1205 Texas Avenue, Suite 408, Lubbock.

Telephone and extension numbers will remain the same. Telephone service will be unavailable on Tuesday afternoon, February 24. Normal office hours will resume on March 2.

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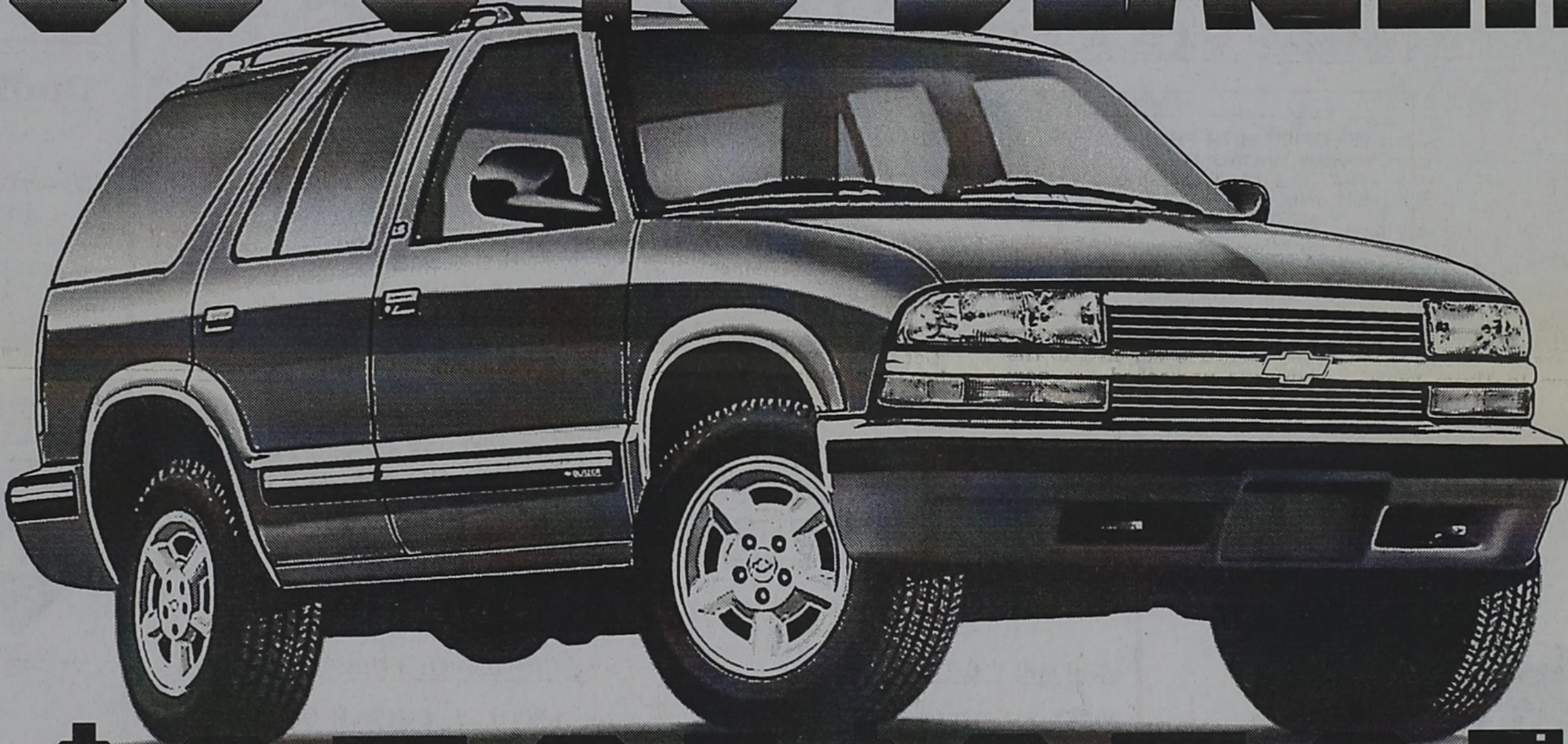
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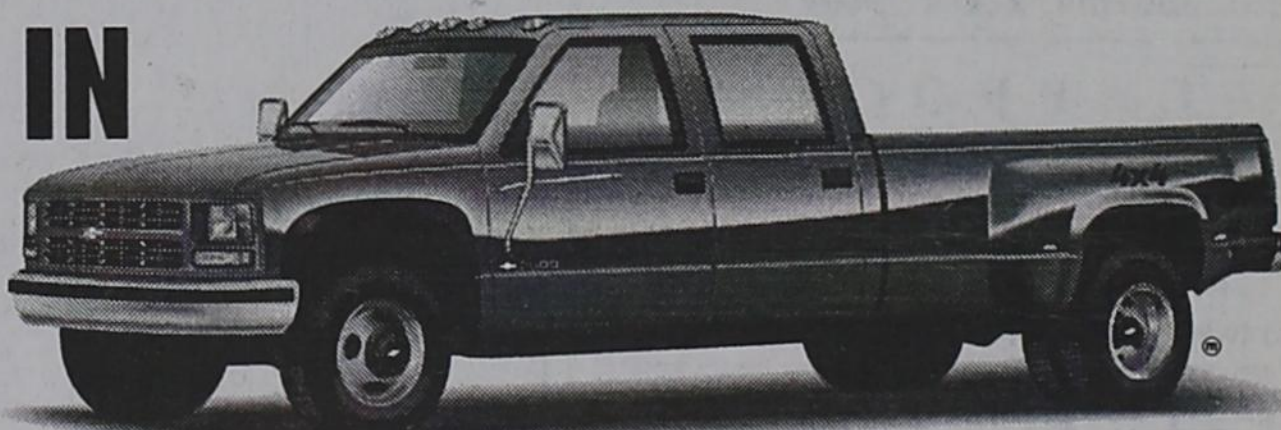
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