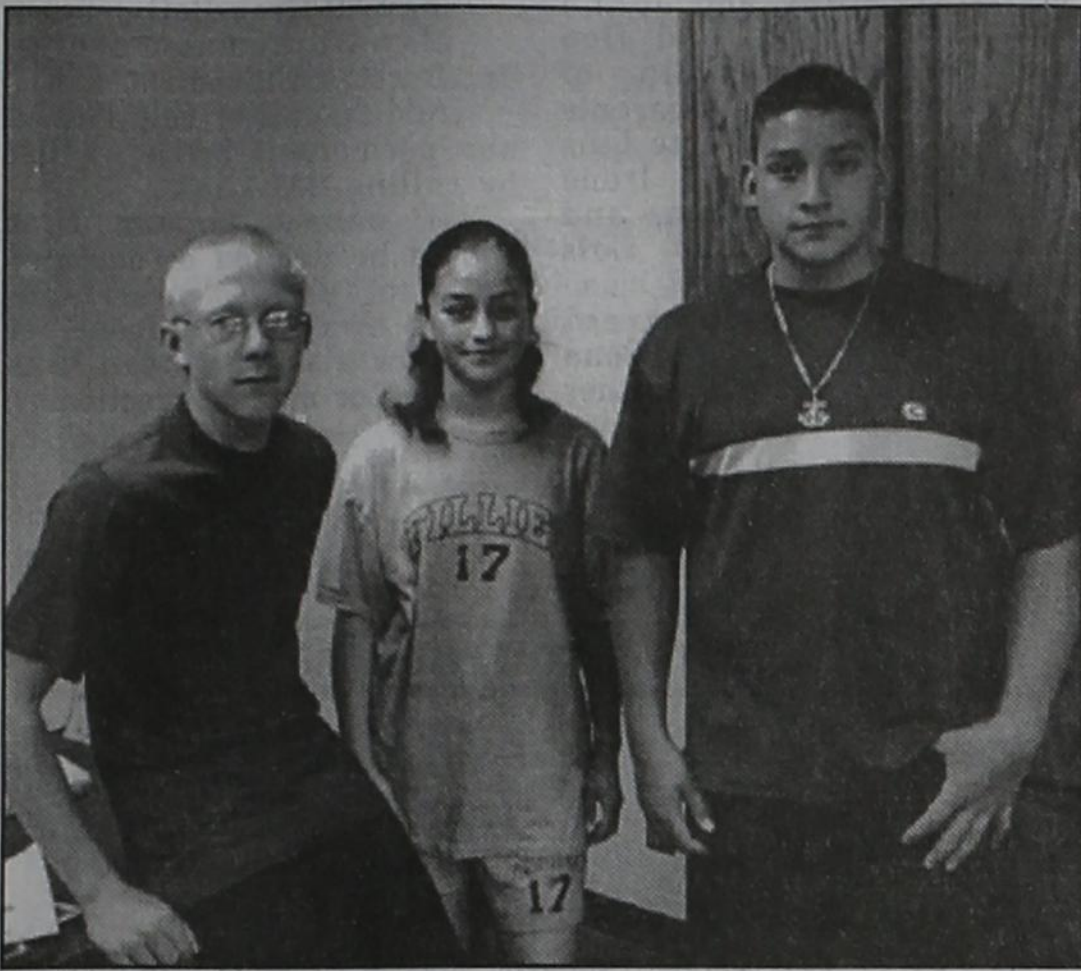


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TWO SECTIONS



THE TOP THREE students for 2003 in Bovina middle school are, l-r, Henry Hiebert, valedictorian; Hilda Quintero, historian; and Frank Martinez, salutatorian. ron carr photo

Three BHS Students Are Chosen For Upward Bound

Three Bovina high school students have been selected to attend the Upward Bound Regional Math/Science Center this summer at East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma.

The intensive five to six week program is designed to encourage students to think about possible career opportunities in math and science and to enroll in upper-level math and science courses while still in high school.

A total of 50 students from counties in Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas will be brought to the ECU campus to participate in a variety of course work, demonstrations by community business and industry leaders and observations of actual research and field trips.

The three Bovina students attending are Hugo Martinez, Jessica Amparan Maldonado and Eliseo Salazar.

Runoff Slated For June 3

Early voting is underway at the Parmer County Courthouse for the runoff election to name a replacement for Congressman Larry Combest.

The runoff, between Randy Neugebauer and Mike Conaway, will be held on Tuesday, June 3. Polls will be open from 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Neugebauer carried Parmer County in the first election with 284 votes. He has been endorsed by former Lubbock mayor David Langston, who ran second in Parmer County and in the area in the May vote.

THE KID LIKES TO LIVE ON THE EDGE! After all, he does reside in LaLa Land, California. When our youngest offspring was home over the weekend, he kept saying he wished he could see another Texas Panhandle storm or tornado like we used to have when he was growing up in Friona.

"My Turn" by Carol Ellis



An Earthquake is what most Californians would rather go through on any scale of severity than face a tornado.

A Tornado is what any Texas Panhandle resident would rather go through on any scale of severity than face an earthquake. At least we get warnings from our mild-mannered soft spoken TV meteorologists, who turn into wild men when severe weather strikes and they interrupt your prime-time favorite show and start yelling at you; "GET INTO YOUR BATHROOM OR YOU'RE GOING TO DIE!"

Storm Chasers are meteorologist-rejects who are pretty much insane but get really cool pictures of tornadoes. We release them from the mental institution every time it starts to thunder, just to see what they will do.

Friona, Texas is a favorite gathering place for tornadoes. (We've had three here that I can remember.) They like to meet here and do a little partying before stretching out across the rest of the Midwest.

Watch it on TV the next time a storm comes up. If it's severe, there will be two cells; one starting in Clovis and another south of Clayton. Just a hop across the NM/TX border and they're in Dalhart and Friona. After doing some damage, ours will travel in a northeasterly direction, while the one in Dalhart travels southeast. Then they converge right on top of Amarillo for a real fun fest before heading on east to Vernon/Wichita Falls and points of interest in Oklahoma.

The Tornado Siren is a system the city spends tons of money to install, which is really useful, unless there's actually a storm or tornado because then, of course you can't hear them and when the tornado hits, it generally knocks the thing off it's tower anyway.

The Mobile Home is a metal covered dwelling that sends off some sort of strange signal that calls to tornadoes, because if there's one mobile home park within a hundred mile radius, the tornado will find it.

Barometric Pressure is something that nobody quite understands but when it drops, a lot of pregnant women go into labor, which makes for exciting moments as their husbands try to drive them to the hospital while dodging tornadoes at the same time.

Cars are supposed to be the worst place to be during a tornado (next to a mobile home). Well, you might be able to outrun a tornado in your car, unless everybody else on the road decides to do the same thing, and then you're in grid lock.

The Storm Cellar is a great place to wait out a tornado if you aren't afraid of rats, snakes, or spiders.

Electricity is what always goes off at the first sign of a storm or tornado, so get your candles and matches out as soon as your meteorologist starts acting antsy.

When the storm is all over and the electricity is still off, you might as well go to bed. Be sure to turn off everything that was on before it went out, because when the power is unexpectedly restored in the middle of the night, every light, every computer, your dishwasher, your blow dryer, your washing machine, your microwave, and all your fans will all turn on ALL AT ONE TIME. 1) You'll just about have a heart attack when this happens and wakes you up from a dead sleep. And 2) your breakers will all blow, leaving you in the dark again.

Such is life during the late spring in the Texas Panhandle.

Mid-School Graduation May 29

Bovina middle school will hold graduation ceremonies at 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 29, in the school auditorium.

This week, middle school principal Hank Holt announced school honor students during the awards assembly.

Middle school valedictorian is Henry Hiebert. Frank Martinez is salutatorian and Hilda Quintero is class historian.

Rounding out the top six students were David Rojas 4th, Isai Saucedo 5th and Jessie Reyna 6th.

Exit Level TAAS Info

Individuals who are no longer enrolled in a Texas public school and wish to register to take the exit level TAAS test, may pick up a registration packet at Bovina High School. The registration forms must be completed and returned to Austin no later than June 6, 2003. The test dates will be July 8-9-10, 2003.

Bovina Girl Struck Twice By Rattlesnake

Eleven-year-old Maribel Salazar of Bovina remains in critical condition at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo at press time as a result of a double rattlesnake bite at her home Saturday night. The three foot long rattler bit the girl twice, once on each foot.

The girl's father met the Bovina EMS at the Fast Stop Conoco in Bovina after calling 911. The Bovina ambulance transported her to Parmer County Hospital in Friona.

Bovina first responder volunteer Jessie Stone went with the man back to the house where he killed the snake in a utility room. Stone said the snake was about three feet long and had eight rattlers.

Maribel, a fifth grader at Bovina Elementary, reported that the snake bit her while she was outside and must have followed her into the house when she went to tell her parents.

She was later transported by Aerocare Helicopter to Amarillo after being administered anti-venom serum at the Friona hospital.

Friends of the family reported at press time that she remains in critical condition with severe swelling in both legs. Reports are that the girl is at risk of losing a

Light Moisture

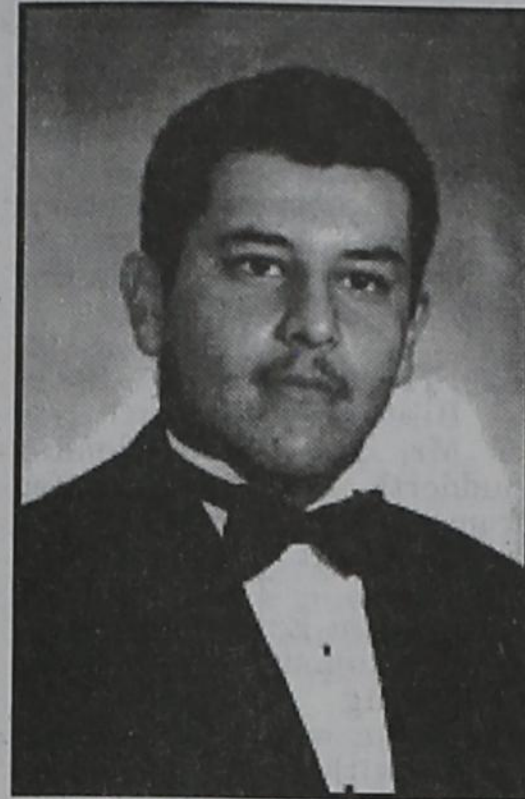
A light .16 inches of rain was measured in Friona on Monday, first moisture for May.

High temp was 98 here Sunday, but some thermometers registered over 100.

Date	Hi-Low
Friday, May 16	78-46
Saturday, May 17	89-51
Sunday, May 18	98-61
Monday, May 19	75-44
Tuesday, May 20	61-42
Wed., May 21	77-51
Thursday, May 22	85-50



MARIE VENABLE was feted with a surprise birthday party at 7 a.m. May 20. She was 83 and has lived in Bovina all her life. Later this month she and Elton will celebrate their 58th wedding anniversary and they have lived in the same house for those 58 years. Many more to you both.



JUAN VARA
Historian



COURTNEY JAMERSON
Salutatorian



SANDRA GUEVARA
Valedictorian

Class of 2003 To Graduate Next Friday Night, May 30

BISD interim superintendent Charles Carter has announced the top graduates for the Bovina Class of 2003.

The class valedictorian with a 97.5 grade average was Sandra Guevara. She is the daughter of Jose and Maria Guevara

Sandra is in the National Honor Society, on the honor roll, a member of the NASA Fly High Program in 2000, and earned the President's Education Award. She plans to attend West Texas A&M University.

Class salutatorian in 2003 is Courtney Jamerson. Her four year average was 97.05. She is the daughter of Rick and D'Lynn Jamerson.

Courtney won Fighting Heart awards and was academic all-district in basketball and golf, is in the National Honor Society and was a Chamber of Commerce Girl-of-the-Year recipient. She plans to attend West Texas A&M University.

Number three graduate and class historian is Juan Vara. Juan's grade average was 95.77. He is the son of

Alfredo and Juana Vara.

He was on the A-B honor roll, was active in football and basketball and received the President's Education Award. He plans to attend the University of Texas at El Paso.

Completing the top ten in the Class of 2003, in ranked order, are Miguelino Castro 93.42; Jonathan Olvera 92.63; Josh Kerby 92.30; Randa Englant 91.27; Matthew Downes 91.08; Sergio Antillon 90.87; and Joaquin Marin 90.46.

Bovina High School graduation ceremonies for the Class of 2003 will be Friday, May 30, at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium.

Child Dies, Parents Charged

A second degree felony charge of endangering a child has been filed in the death of 9-month-old Xavier Fierro in Bovina.

Emergency personnel were called to the Bovina residence at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, May 10, to find the baby dead in his crib, the result of strangulation on a mini-blind cord.

Bovina Police Chief Leon Saddler said that charges of endangering a child, a second degree felony, were filed against the father Fidencio Fierro, 26, and mother Amanda Garcia, 20. Both turned themselves in on Friday, May 16, posted \$10,000 bond each, and were released.

Saddler said another child, approximately 22 months old, was removed from the home by Child Protective Services (CPS). The case will be referred to the Parmer County grand jury which convenes June 3.

The indictment alleges that the child was left unattended in his crib "for several hours." Saddler declined to discuss any other details of the case due to the pending grand jury action.

Comptroller Delivers Sales Tax

Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn has disbursed May's sales tax rebates to Texas towns and counties.

May's sales tax rebates include local taxes collected in March by monthly sales tax filers and in January, February and March by quarterly sales tax filers and reported in April.

"For the first time since the sales tax was enacted in 1961, state revenue from the sales tax is down for the tenth consecutive month," Strayhorn said. "We are also going to have another historic unfortunate first in Texas--two consecutive years of losses in sales tax revenue."

The Parmer County towns of Bovina, Farwell and Friona received a net total payment of \$44,335 this

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Former City Employee Sentenced

Former city secretary Sarah Alonzo Brito, accused of misappropriating city funds, plead guilty to the charges this week in 287th District Court.

Brito admitted taking the approximately \$270,000 in city water deposit money over a 1 1/2 year period.

An agreement was reached with the court that Brito would repay \$100,272, including court costs, in monthly payments over a 10-year probation period. The restitution is to begin June 1, 2003. In case you were wondering about the math, it computes to 120 monthly payments of \$835.60.

There are two other children in the family. Donations are being accepted at 1st Bank in Bovina. The bank phone number is 251-1442 for information on how to donate.

Great Plains CASA For Kids Organizing

The Great Plains Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for kids is being organized in Parmer, Bailey, Deaf Smith and Oldham counties. Currently there are about 43 children from the four counties that could benefit from a relationship with a CASA volunteer.

Texas CASA, Inc., is a non-profit group association with 59 affiliate member

CASA programs in the state. Great Plains CASA will become the 60th affiliate.

CASA programs across the state train volunteers to serve as a voice for victims of child abuse and neglect in court. They are appointed by judges to help the courts deal with the difficult and costly increase in child abuse cases.

These dedicated volunteers provide what no one else in the system can: a caring and committed adult to speak up for a child during a very frightening process. Frequently the volunteer is the most consistent person in a child's life and provides their only independent voice.

An organizational meeting in Friona on April 30 had 23 people present. Cody Simmons, an attorney from Hereford, introduced Jan Weishaar from Hereford and Jennifer Paul from Austin. Mrs. Paul explained the program and answered questions. There was an overwhelming response of those present to sign up to become a volunteer advocate, serve on the board of directors and/or help with community service.

If you would like to be a part of the Great Plains CASA program, or would like more information, please call Jan Weishaar at 364-4290 or Kenny Austin at 250-5900.

BOVINA REFLECTIONS

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

45 Yrs Ago-May 21, 1958

Members of the 1958 graduating class of Bovina High School were honored with an informal breakfast Friday morning in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Berry.

Bovina's Post Office will go from a third to a second class rating effective July 1, according to Gene Ezell, postmaster.

Mr. and Mrs. A.M. Wilson and daughters left Sunday afternoon for a vacation. They planned to go to Oklahoma City and then make a tour of several parts of the country.

Mrs. Don Owens was honored with a pink and blue shower Thursday afternoon by members of the Bovina Town and Country Club.

James D. Taylor, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Taylor of Bovina, recently was promoted to specialist third class at Fairchild Air Force Base.

40 Yrs Ago-May 22, 1963

They cut wheat early over a wide area north of Bovina last night, but they didn't cut it with combines or use grain trucks to haul it. Hail did it. What was considered the most severe hail in the history of this farming community dumped eighteen inches of the frozen rain on the level, destroying all crops in the area where it struck.

Janice Richards of Bovina will receive a B.S. Degree from McMurry College on May 27, at 10 a.m. in the spring graduation exercises to be held in Radford Auditorium on the campus.

Mrs. Lillian Wheeler entertained members of Widow's Club, Friday at her home with a covered dish luncheon.

35 Yrs Ago-May 20, 1968

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie J.

Fowler were hosts to an open house at their new "Blue Flame" home Sunday, located four miles west and one mile south of Bovina.

Miss Grace Paul, pioneer Parmer County teacher, received her 20 year pin from the Bovina School system Sunday.

Clean-up chores are underway at the McCutchan building on Highway 60. The building was severely damaged by fire last summer.

Larry McKay of the U.S. Marine Corps will be home in Bovina, May 29.

30 Yrs Ago-May 23, 1973

The high school diploma in piano has been awarded to Jan Kassahn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kassahn of Bovina.

Bovina Blade and Bovina Gin-Three Way jumped off to leads in the Pee Wee and Little League, respectively, in the season openers of the 1973 summer baseball program.

Matt Moten was honored with a farewell party Friday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Harris.

Larry Mitchell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean McCallum of Bovina, received a bachelor of science degree in agricultural science from Texas Tech University at Lubbock in ceremonies Saturday night.

25 Yrs Ago-May 24, 1978

The Bovina Jaycees were honored at the state Jaycee convention last week with a number of first place awards in competition with Jaycee chapters statewide.

Twenty-three Bovina High School seniors will graduate in commencement ceremonies Friday, May 26, at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium.

Steve Cockerham was the recipient of the "Top Hand" Award at the FFA Banquet,

Monday night.

Kyle Jones, Bovina High School graduate of the class of 1975, and his wife, Lee Ann Williams Jones, a graduate of Farwell High School, 1976, pre-vet students at Texas A&M University for the past two years, have received their letters of acceptance to attend the Texas A&M Veterinary School of Medicine beginning with the fall of 1978.

20 Yrs Ago-May 25, 1983

Billy Scott Sudderth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenden Sudderth, has been accepted from our area to the Summer Enrichment Experiences program. The Summer Enrichment Experiences are a special summer program for achieving students that combine a week-long learning camp with recreation and exploration of new people, places, and ideas. The camp will be held at the University of New Mexico campus in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

15 Yrs Ago-May 25, 1988

Two students from Bovina were among a record number of 659 persons who received diplomas or certificates Friday, May 13 during South Plains College's 30th commencement exercises. Bovina graduates are Terry Moore and Roger Scaff,

receiving associate of science degrees in business administration. Terry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Moore and Roger is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Scaff.

10 Yrs Ago-May 22, 1993

Graduation exercises for Bovina High School's graduating class of 1993 will be held Saturday, May 22 at the high school auditorium. Darren Hromas, the class valedictorian, has the highest four-year scholastic average-a perfect 100. The class salutatorian, Stephanie Rackley, has an average of 94.7.

5 Yrs Ago-May 22, 1998

The parents and friends of Kelli Mitchell have established a scholarship fund in her memory at First Bank-Bovina.

Each year, the scholarship fund will award money to a Bovina High School graduate to further their college education.

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Timms Have a Baby Boy

Terry and Melinda Timms of Plainview are the proud parents of a baby boy born April 30, 2003 at Plainview Covenant Hospital.

Tanner Keith weighed 7 lbs. 3.6 oz. and was 20 in. long. Grandparents are Mickey and Yolanda Ramon of Bovina, Billy and JoAnn Timms of Slaton, and Don and Marla Franklin of Lubbock. Great-grandparents are Felicitia and the late Luis Serna and C.G. and Irene Ramon all of Bovina, and Marvin Dorsett and Lois Timms of Lubbock.

Tanner's great-great grandmother is Juanita Pena of Texico. He has one brother Kolton of Lubbock.

Happy Birthday Bovina

Birthdays for the week of May 25-31, 2003.

- May 25 Lauren Gray
- May 26 Anne Corn
- May 27 Estella Ortiz, Rock Stanley
- May 30 Greg Bell
- May 31 Tomas Fuentes, Jr., Dorothy Ellison.

Add friends or relatives to our permanent birthday list by calling 251-1523.

If names appear that should be deleted or changed due to death, marriage, moved away, etc., please let us know also so we can take them off or make corrections.

HERE'S TO YOU, CLASS OF 2003



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Good Luck Grads!



Chalk up another success for our local graduates. We look forward to great things from you in the years to come. We wish the Class of 2003 all the success they deserve.

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Barraza	Irma Wehunt	Ross
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Bob Johnson	J.H. Wheeler	Segovia
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Buster	Joe Harris	Shanks
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C.N. Treinen WWII	Joe Pinner	Spring
Carl Rea	John McLean WWI	Starr
Charles Corn	John Terry	Stormes
Charles Hawkin	John Wilson WWI	Norvell Strawn
Chet Woltman	Johnny J. Jaramillo	Sudderth
Claud Arthur Hughs	Johnson	Syler
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Crook	Kesler	Tom Beachamp
Crook	Lawrence Jamerson	George H. Trimble
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Denney	Mann	A.V. Warren
Dixon	M. Eugene Ezell WWII	Whiteside
H. Dorsey	Mast WWII	Ovis Sikes
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Everett L. Gee	Horace Nickols	Willy Williams
Gee	Norton	Ronnie Wines Vietnam
Gee	W. J. Parker Coast Guard	Woelfel
Gene Brito	Pryor	
George McLean WWII	Queen	

This listing is brought to you by The Bovina Blade. Please report any corrections that need to be made.

Around Town

FHS Graduation Tapes Slated

Videotapes of the graduation exercises program for the FHS seniors will be made available to parents, grandparents, etc. Those interested may call Mike Hutson at 250-2766 (office) or 250-2510 (home). The tapes will cost \$10 each.

Reception at Friona Banking Center

Stop in at Friona Banking Center Thursday, May 28, from 1-3 p.m. for a reception honoring bank employee Sharon Newton. Her fellow employees invite you to join them in expressing appreciation to Sharon for her employment at the bank. The Newtons will soon be moving to Dalhart.

Methodist Bible School May 27-30

Vacation Bible School at Friona's Methodist Church will be held May 27-30 from 9-11:45 a.m. The theme is "God's Greatest Gifts." For info call the church at 250-3045.

Genealogy meeting May 30

The Genealogy Society will meet at 10 a.m. Friday, May 30 at the Friona Public Library. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

Youth activities at Calvary Jun 1

Friona youth are invited to a water balloon volleyball game at Calvary Baptist Church on Sunday, Jun 1, starting at 4:30 p.m. A picnic at a pond in the country will be held after the 6 p.m. worship service. All youth are invited to participate to kickoff summer activities at Calvary Baptist. For more info call the church at 250-3000.

Calvary Baptist VBS Jun 2-6

Calvary Baptist Church in Friona will hold Vacation Bible School Jun 2-6, 8:30-11:30 a.m. Children ages 4 years through 6th grade are invited. For information call the church, 250-3000.

Dimmitt city garage sale Jun 7

Saturday, Jun 7, is the date for Dimmitt's 16th annual city wide garage sale. Sales will start at 8 a.m., but shoppers are invited to come earlier to pick up directories and maps. The maps will be available at the intersection of Highway 385 and 86 at the traffic light northwest of the courthouse.

First Baptist Bible School Jun 9-13

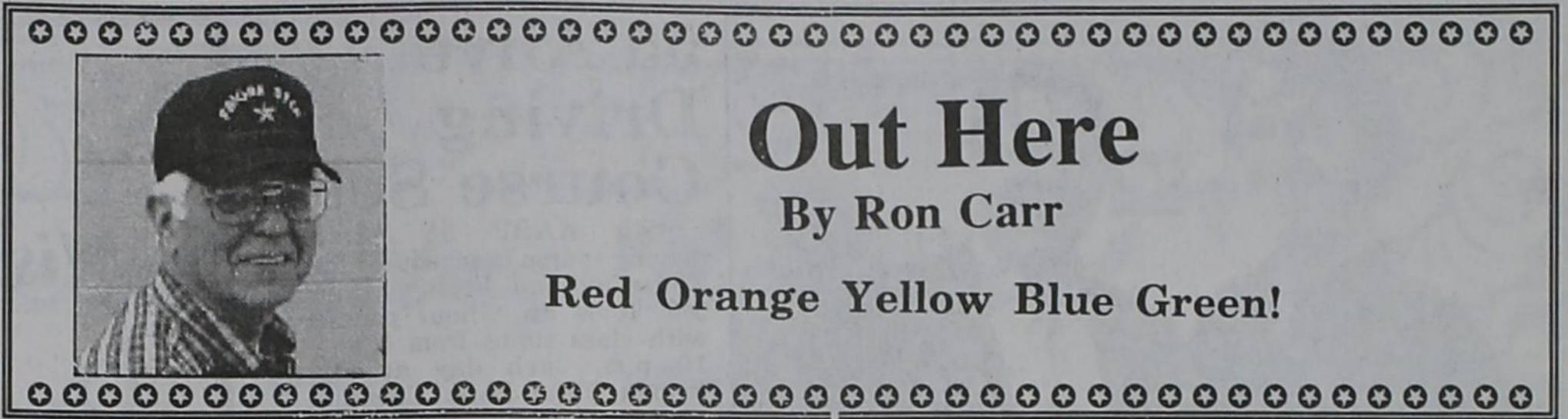
Children are God's Greatest Gift! Friona's First Baptist Church will hold its annual Vacation Bible School Jun 9-13 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. For more information call the church office at 250-3933

Soccer Camp Jun 16-20

A Hereford Youth Soccer 5-day camp will be held Jun 16-20 at 15th St. & Avenue I in Hereford. Cost of the camp, depending on age, will include a free soccer ball and T-shirt. For info or a registration package contact Shana Fleming at 265-3207.

Relay For Life cancer walk Aug 8

Preparations are under way for the 2003 Relay For Life cancer walk. The date is Aug 8 at the Friona high school track. For team info call Shana Fleming at 265-3207.



Out Here

By Ron Carr

Red Orange Yellow Blue Green!

What is it that terrorists want anyway?

I'm having one of those "I don't really care" days. Have you ever had one? Nothing goes the way you planned it. People don't do what you expect them to do. And the world would be a better place if everybody would just listen to me.

I'm thinking that society is going insane and what's worse, "I don't really care" today. Our world is upside down thanks to terrorists and Michael Jackson.

Take the government's totally insane terror alert color code. Quick, what level are we at today? They say orange. Does that mean duck and run?

No. Just be vigilant, which of course is an overrated word. Nobody I know is continually vigilant. Least of all the folks out here in Parmer County. (Or Palmer County as Congressional candidate Nuegebauer called it when he visited in Friona this week.)

Here's what an AP wire story said about the orange alert: "Authorities described the intelligence pointing to a domestic attack as general in nature, with nothing credible suggesting a time, location, method or target."

Well all right then. I'm gonna be vigilant now that I know what to look for. And they call this kind of information "intelligence."

We do not now, nor will we ever, understand terrorists. What would it take for them to stop being terrorists? I have to be honest, I don't know what they want.

They hate America. I hate some things too but not enough to blow myself up. Dubya says you can't negotiate with terrorists. I guess that is true. If you

don't know what somebody wants, it's pretty hard to reach any agreements.

Our Homeland Security Department doesn't have the foggiest idea where to look for terrorists either. We are adding security in New York, Washington, D. C., and along the eastern seaboard. That's nice.

Terrorists do not have to bomb those places to wreak havoc in America. A couple of bombs in a supermarket in St. Louis and a museum in Arizona would cause America to go into absolute panic for days and days.

They don't have to knock down big buildings anymore. They got our attention on September 11, 2001. Now all

they have to do is leak a rumor that they might attack and we go right away to orange alert.

There are thousands of targets in America, most of which are not secure. How about the Wal Mart in Clovis? A car bomb could cause death and destruction there. I doubt if the greeters are experts in recognizing terrorists.

(In fact, think about this. One of the Wal Mart greeters could easily be a suicide bomber.)

What do terrorists want? Obviously it is not a three bedroom, double garage with a nice yard. It doesn't seem to be a steady job with opportunity for advancement.

They want to kill people, especially Americans.

They want people to believe what they believe or die. All the time knowing that they will never beat this great country of ours into submission. So what's the point? Maybe there isn't one.

And even if there is, today I just don't care. Tomorrow I'll be better.

Remember to pause on Memorial Day and salute our veterans, living and deceased. God Bless America.

P. S. Oh yeah God, if there is anything you can do to make all the terrorists in the world die, we sure would appreciate it.



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1:30 - 4:00 - 7:05 - 9:05

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TWO HOLLYWOOD DUDES--Rick Ellis (left) and Ben McCain (right) ran into one another at the Ellises Retirement Reception last Sunday. Both live in the Los Angeles area and have worked together in the past. Rick is the son of Blade publishers Bill & Carol Ellis. Ben, who grew up in Bovina, is the son of Les and Rose McCain.

55 Alive Driving Course Set

An AARP 55 Alive driving course is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, June 5-6. It is an 8-hour course with class times from 5:30 - 10 p.m. each day at the Friona State Bank Community Room.

Anyone 50 or older can attend. Joann Mills is the instructor. To enroll, call her at 247-3526.

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Hope you enjoy retirement. We left Friona eight years ago Thursday, and it doesn't seem that long. Love,

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Dear Bill & Carol:

...It has been an interesting observation over these past thirty-four years now, how a newspaper becomes the glue that ties a community together. The community has been blessed by both of your talents.

I'm sure, after 41 years of deadlines, you're looking for some rest, and can't blame you. Hope you'll continue writing for us now and then.

All our best wishes,
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Bill and Carol:

Publishing a weekly newspaper is a tough job, but you have done a great job for your readers.

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Dear Bill and Carol

(Editors, gifted people, artist, photographers, historians, genealogists, family-oriented, caring first-class citizens!)

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Eva and Don Kimbrough, Friona

Bill & Carol:

Good luck during your retirement!

I enjoyed my years working for you two at the Blade. It was fun.

Scotter & Jim Russell

Dear Bill & Carol:

I wish you many years of happy retirement and want to thank you for the years I worked for you.

They were the best "working years" of my life. You both always made me feel I was needed and appreciated.

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Wahleah Beck,
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Dear Bill & Carol:

Best wishes for the best of everything always. Can't think of anyone who rates it more!

Your expertise in journalism has definitely put Friona on the "Best in the Panhandle" map!

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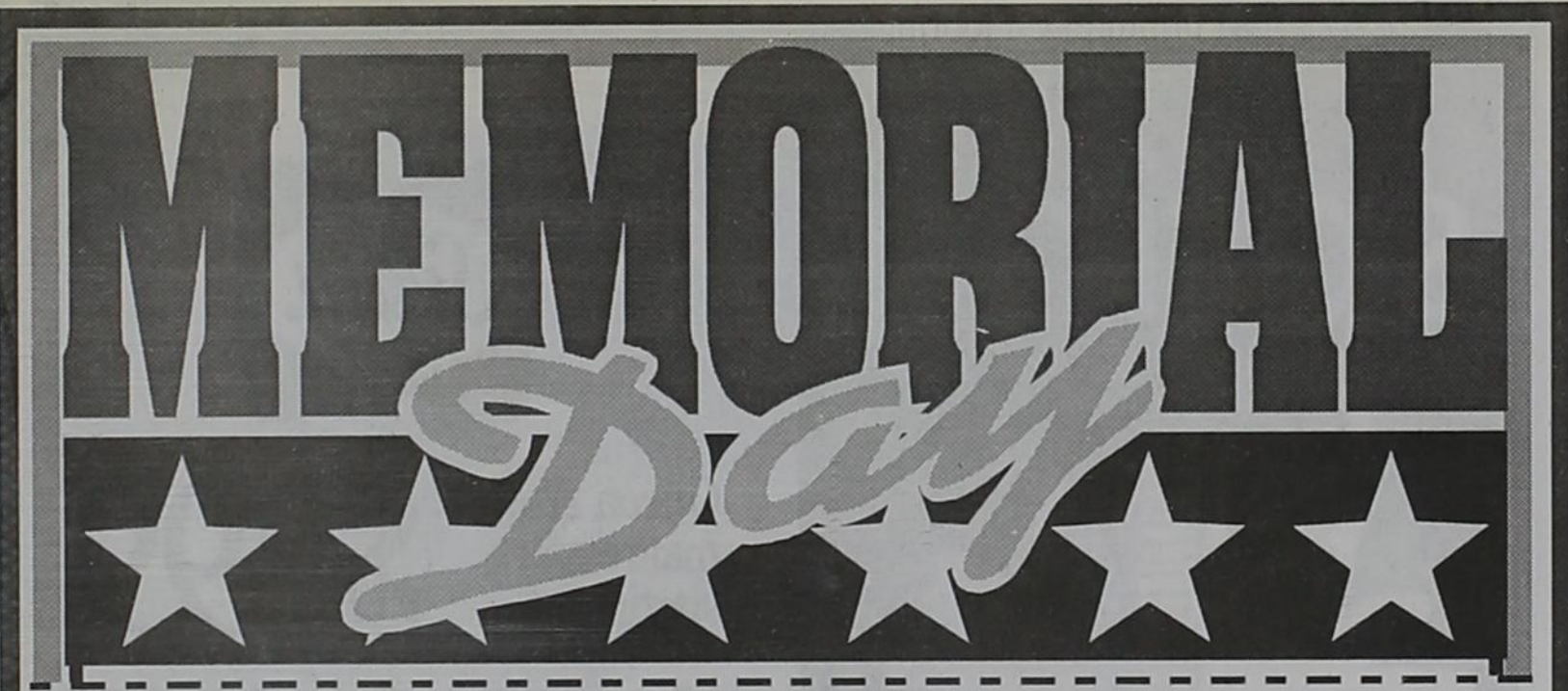
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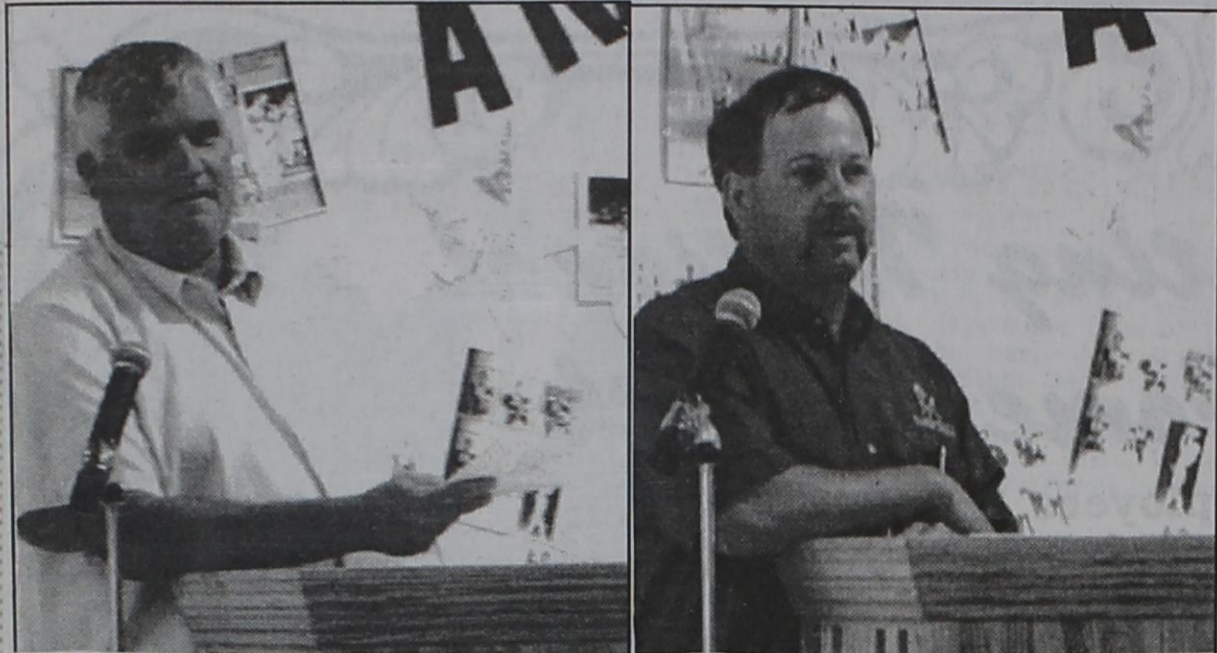
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SCHOOL IS almost out and time to scatter for the summer. At the All-Sports Banquet, Coach Tony Epps, left, and Coach Randy Ragland took to the podium to hand out awards. Coach Epps will assist with the Mustang football camp this summer. See camp info at right.

Letter To The Editor: Tax Rebates Announced For May

Dear Editor:

The following passage is from a sermon by John Hagee:

I want you to close your eyes and picture in your mind the soldier at Valley Forge, as he holds his musket in his bloody hands. He stands barefoot in the snow, starved from lack of food, wounded from months of battle, and emotionally scarred from the eternity away from his family, surrounded by nothing but death and carnage of war.

He stands, though, with fire in his eyes and victory on his breath. He looks at us now in anger and disgust and tells us...

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I left my family destitute to give you the freedom of speech and you remain silent on critical issues, because it might be bad for business.

I orphaned my children to give you a government to serve you and it has stolen democracy from the people.

It's the soldier, not the

reporter, who gives you the freedom of the press.

It's the soldier, not the poet, who gives you the freedom of speech.

It's the soldier, not the campus organizer, who allows you to demonstrate.

It's the soldier who salutes the flag, serves the flag, whose coffin is draped with the flag that allows the protester to burn the flag.

"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need."

Please stop for a moment and say a prayer for our U.S. troops in Iraq, Afghanistan, and all over this world.

Barbara Alexa

Tax Rebates Announced For May

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Martinez Heads South At WTAMU

Twelve West Texas A&M University students have packed their bags and headed south for a six-week study abroad program at the Universidad de las Americas in Puebla, Mexico.

The Mexican university is located about two hours southeast of Mexico City and serves students from around the world. The 12 WT students will take part in a Spanish immersion program

during the summer session and will bring back a minimum of six hours course credit for their work.

The students will also be able to visit many of Mexico's sites including the pyramids of Teotihuacan.

Bovina high graduate Alvaro Martinez, a junior majoring in general business, is one of the 12 students on the trip.

Young Mustangs Wanted For June Football Camp

All future Mustang football players are encouraged to attend the Bovina Mustang Football Camp June 9-12 at Mustang Field.

Scholarship opportunities are available for all young players that would like to attend regardless of their ability to pay.

All campers will receive a camp shirt and refreshments will be provided. Please see Coach Kent Torbert for any questions about the camp fee. He can be reached at the field house, 251-9915, at the high school 251-1317 or at home 251-1171.

The camp is open for third grade through eighth grade (as of September 2003). Third, fourth and fifth grades will meet in the afternoons from 2-4 p.m. Sixth, seventh and eighth grades will meet in the mornings from 9-11 a.m.

Cost of the camp is \$10 per participant. Players will need to fill out a registration form which is available from Coach Torbert, or one of the other coaches.

In addition to Coach Torbert, coaches Hector Guevara, Bryan Jones and Tony Epps will assist in the camp. Coach Torbert is a graduate of Eastern New Mexico University. He played college football at Texas Tech and ENMU, and also was on

an undefeated state championship team at Clovis High School.

His coaching career spans 16 years and includes positions at Eastern New Mexico, Perryton and Amarillo High. He joined the Mustang staff last year and was recently promoted to Head Coach

"We are very excited about the future of Bovina Mustang football," Torbert said. "These young players are the future of Bovina football. We hope to get to know you better and want all our young Mustangs to come to camp with us this summer."

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION ESPECIAL)

To the Registered Voters of Parmer County, Texas:
(A los votantes registrados del Condado de Parmer, Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., June 3, 2002, for voting in a special election runoff to elect a U.S. Representative District 19 to serve out the unexpired term of the Honorable Larry Combest.

(Note, por lo presente, esta dado que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m., el tres de mayo de 2003, para votar en la eleccion especial para elegir U.S. el Representante para el distrito 19 para servir el tiempo que no esta vencido para el Honrado Larry Combest.

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES
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Friona: Calvary Baptist Church
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Oklahoma Lane: Methodist Church
Farwell: Community Center

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at the County Clerk's Office, Parmer County Courthouse, Farwell, Texas, between the hours of 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. beginning on May 19, 2003, and ending on May 30, 2003.

(La votacion adelantada en pesona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en la oficina de la secretaria del Condado, Farwell, Texas, entre las 8:30 de la manana y las 12:00 de la tarde y la 1:00 de la tarde hasta las 5:00 de la tarde comenzando el 19 de mayo, 2003, y terminando el 30 de mayo, 2003.

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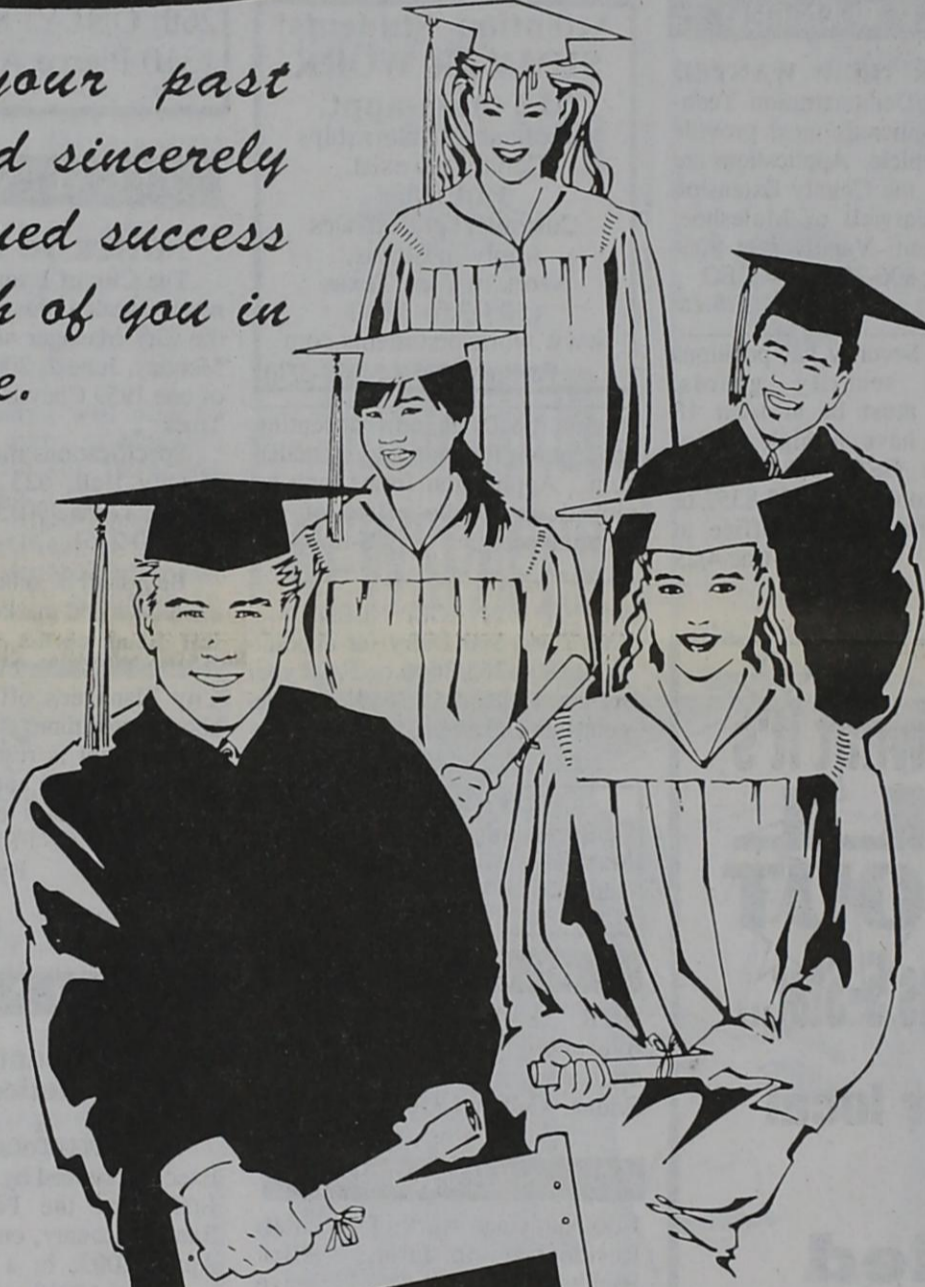
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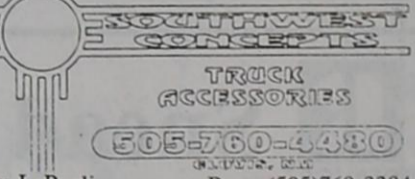
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Lupe DeLeon Rites Held In Bovina

Church services for Lupe DeLeon, 65, of Farwell, were held Wednesday, May 21, 2003, at St. Ann's Catholic Church of Bovina, with Father Ed Sweeney officiating.

A vigil service was held Tuesday evening at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel, Muleshoe.

Burial was in Sunset Cemetery of Farwell.

Mrs. DeLeon died Monday, May 19, 2003, at her residence in Farwell. She was born March 7, 1938, in San Marcos. She married Gil DeLeon in Morton on December 30, 1956.

She had been a resident of this area since 1956. She was a member of the St. Ann's Catholic Church of Bovina, St. Ann's Altar Society and the Guadalupanas. She worked as a homemaker.

Survivors include Gil DeLeon of Farwell; two sons and daughter-in-laws, Tommy and Elva DeLeon of Bovina; Michael and Lorena DeLeon of Farwell; two daughters, Becky DeLeon of Farwell, and Patty and Glen Gomez of San Marcos.

Also surviving are three brothers: Narciso and Ramon Gauna, both of Dimmitt and Luciano Gauna of Houston;



LUPE DeLEON

seven sisters: Trine Guajardo of Whiteface, Dolores Moreno of Washington, Antonia Lopez of Levelland; Sofia Vargas of San Marcos, Tina Gonzales of Dimmitt, Mary Mendoza of Lubbock; Alicia Castillo of Littlefield.

She is also survived by 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations are suggested to the Covenant Foundation, 4000 24th St., Lubbock, TX. 79410.

Comptroller Delivers Sales Tax

Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn has disbursed May's sales tax rebates to Texas towns and counties.

May's sales tax rebates include local taxes collected in March by monthly sales tax filers and in January, February and March by quarterly sales tax filers and reported in April.

"For the first time since the sales tax was enacted in 1961, state revenue from the sales tax is down for the tenth consecutive month," Strayhorn said. "We are also going to have another historic unfortunate first in Texas--two consecutive years of losses in sales tax revenue."

The Parmer County towns of Bovina, Farwell and Friona received a net total payment of \$44,335 this period, compared to \$34,366 same period last year. Bovina received \$8,173, Farwell \$7,426 and Friona \$28,735, all three showing an increase over the same period in 2002.

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Tax revenue for Farwell and Friona is up 15% and 2% respectively in 2003.

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WWII Memorial To Be Dedicated May 26

Memorial Day activities will include the Texas Panhandle War Memorial Grand Dedication Ceremony at Randall Veterans Park, Georgia and I-27, in Amarillo. Time and date are May 26 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A Memorial Day breakfast will precede the event. The breakfast will be at the Ambassador Hotel, Rio Grande Room, from 8-10 a.m. Cost is \$10 per person.

On May 24, a War Memorial dinner, dance and

art show will be held at the Ambassador Hotel. Cost is \$20. The reception and art show are from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The dinner and dance are from 7:30 p.m. to 12 midnight.

A War Memorial barbecue, cost \$5 per person, will be held at the Memorial Park gazebo area, next to Amarillo College, from 1-5 p.m. on May 25.

For information on any of the War Memorial events contact 355-4982.

Light Moisture

A light .16 inches of rain was measured in Friona on Monday, first moisture for May.

High temp was 98 here Sunday, but some thermometers registered over 100.

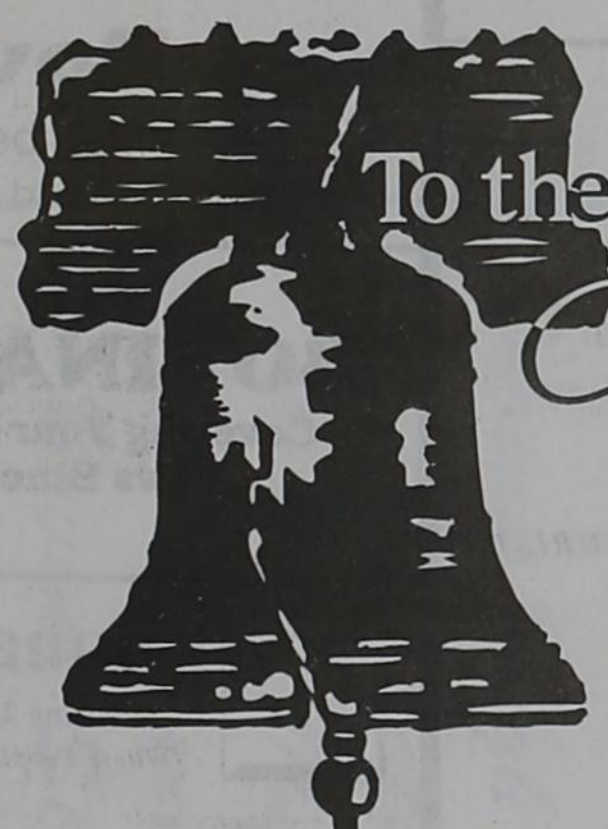
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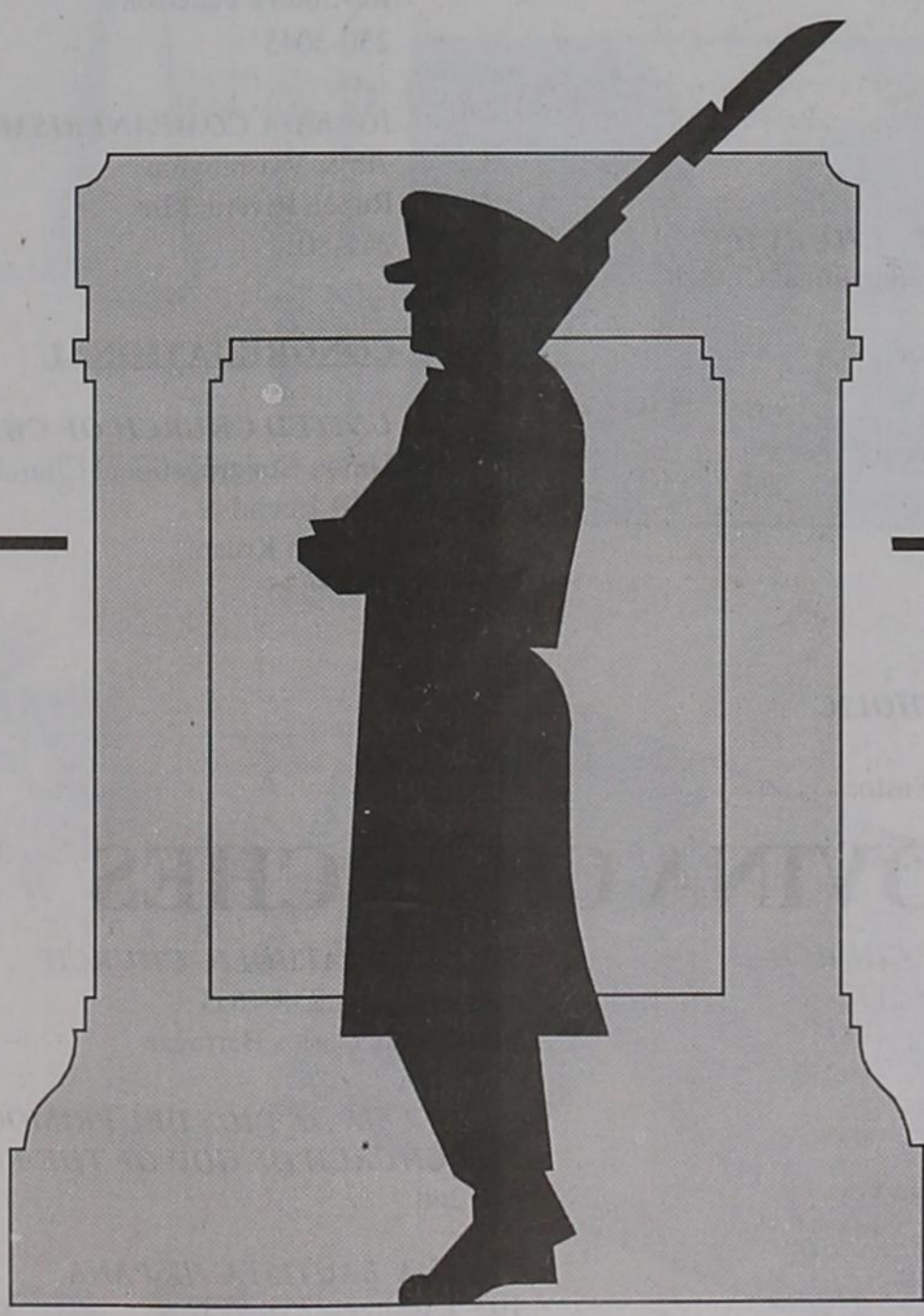
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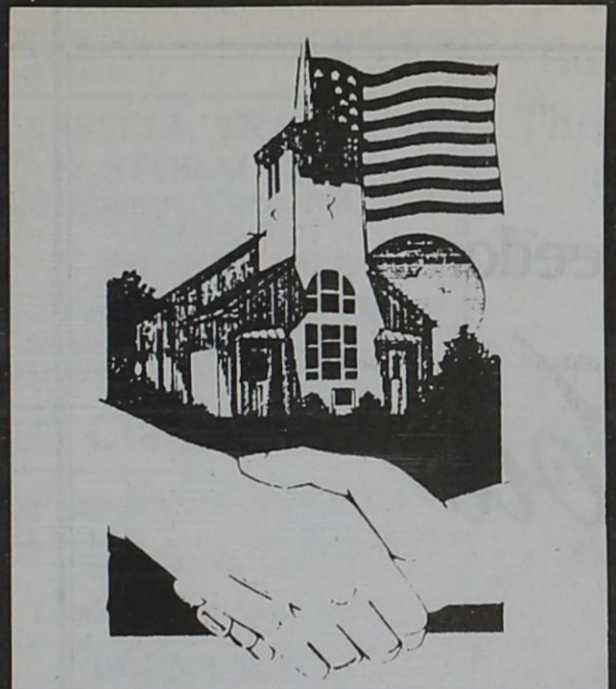
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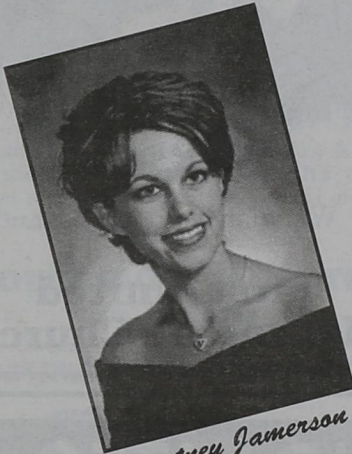


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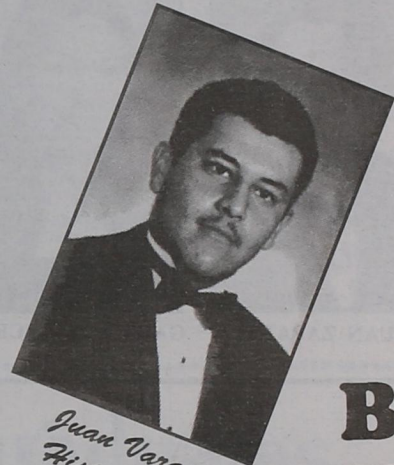
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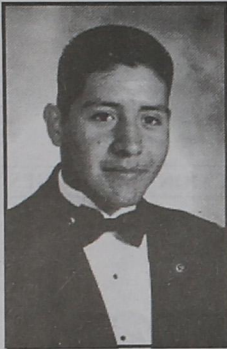
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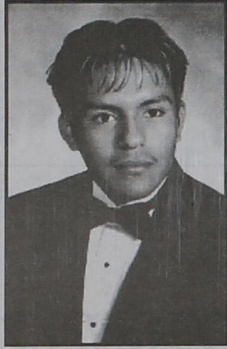
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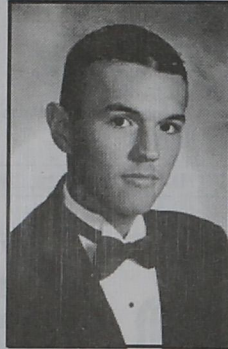
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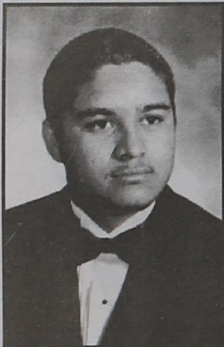
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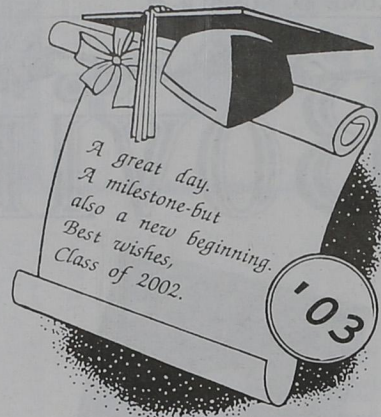


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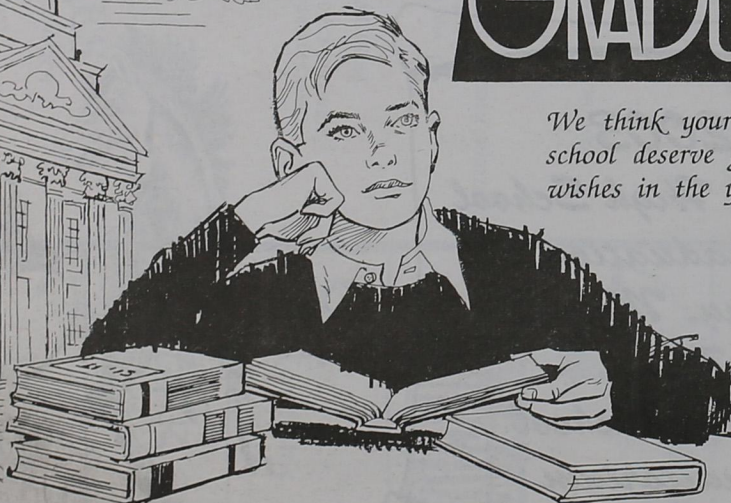
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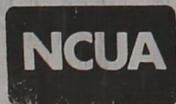
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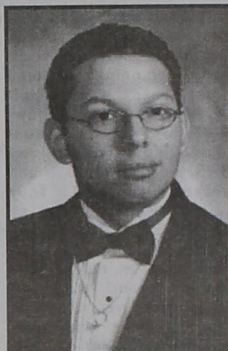
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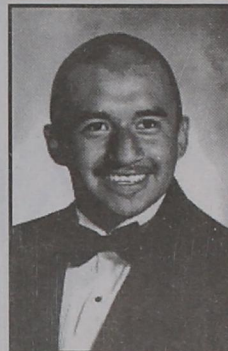


RANDA ENGLANT has been a student in Bovina Schools nine years and will be attending Texas Tech University, Lubbock, after her high school graduation. Her parents are Mark and Sue Englant and Randy and Sandra Hudson. She was in the Student Council her freshman and sophomore years; served as a cheerleader her sophomore and junior years; NHS her junior and senior years; in Students Against Destructive Decisions as a junior; was listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students three years; received the Star



CHRISTOPHER DELACRUZ has attended Bovina Schools twelve years and is undecided as to his future plans. He was in FFA his sophomore year; yearbook staff member his junior year; and contest play cast member this past year. He attends St. Ann's Catholic Church.

Scholar Award and Honor Scholar Award one year; and served as Student Council and SADD representatives. Randa enjoys singing at church, exercising and hanging out with her friends. She attends the United Methodist Church.



JOAQUIN MARIN, son of Joaquin and Julia Marin, has attended Bovina Schools twelve years and has joined the U.S. Army. He was in NHS and Student Council his sophomore and senior years; played football two years; and was an academic all-district selection. Joaquin served as senior class treasurer; junior class secretary; Student Council representative his sophomore year; and Student Council treasurer. Listening to music and riding horses are his hobbies. He attends the Catholic Church.

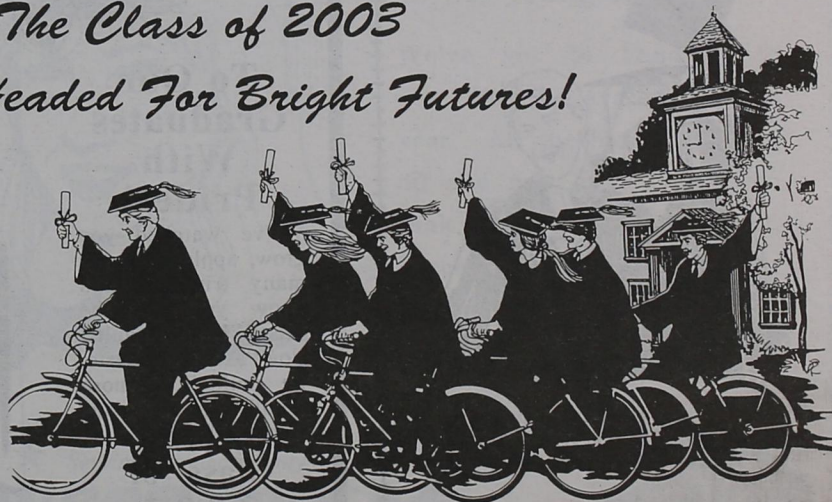
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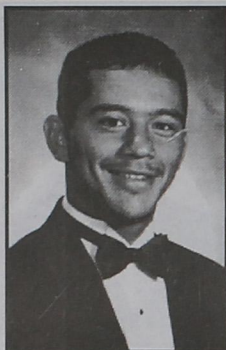
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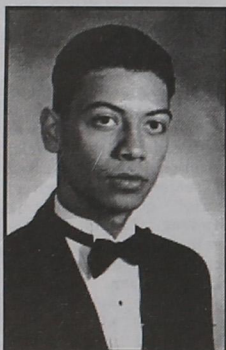


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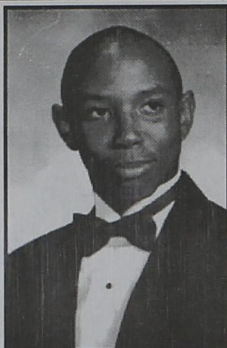


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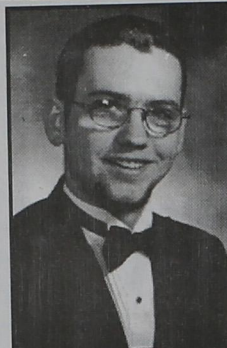
NEMECIO RODRIGUEZ has been a student in Bovina Schools ten years and is planning to attend West Texas A&M University, Canyon, following his high school graduation. While at BHS, he was in FFA and played football four years, where he was an academic all-district selection, named to the first team on defense two years, second team offense three years, second team defense one year, honorable mention one year, received the Fighting Heart Award and Coaches Award and was named football Homecoming King. Nemesio was in the contest play and on the Student Council this year; FCCLA his junior and senior years; won the Fighting Heart Award in golf; played basketball and ran track; and named Outstanding Boy of the Year by the Bovina Chamber of Commerce. Offices she held were FFA and FCCLA representatives and class treasurer. He attends St. Ann's Catholic Church.



AGUSTIN RUIZ



B.J. SHEPHERD, son of A.J. and Betty Shepherd, has been a student in Bovina Schools three years. His future plans include attending South Plains College, Levelland. He was in FFA his senior year; played basketball and football, where he was named to the first team all-district, all-area honorable mention in 2001-2002, named Most Valuable Player and Homecoming King this past year in basketball; and named to the first team all-district at wide receiver his senior year. Cruising and playing video games are his favorite pasttimes.



MATTHEW DOWNES, son of Michael and Sandi Downes, has attended Bovina Schools three years and his future plans include attending Vernon College. He was in band his freshman, junior and senior years; FFA his sophomore year; was in NHS; and served as freshman and sophomore class treasurer. Camping and fishing are his hobbies. Matthew attends the First Baptist Church.



KATHY CANTU will be attending Clovis Community College this fall. She has been a student of Bovina Schools twelve years. Her parents are Ben and Delia Cantu. While at BHS, she played basketball and was in FHA four years; and ran cross country one year. Kathy enjoys spending time with her family and friends. She attends St. Ann's Catholic Church.



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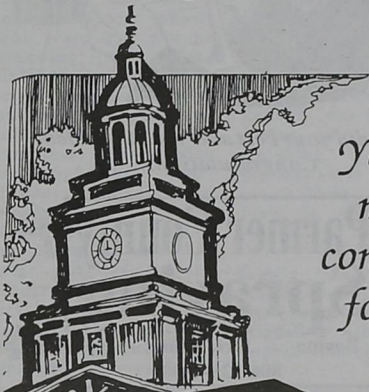
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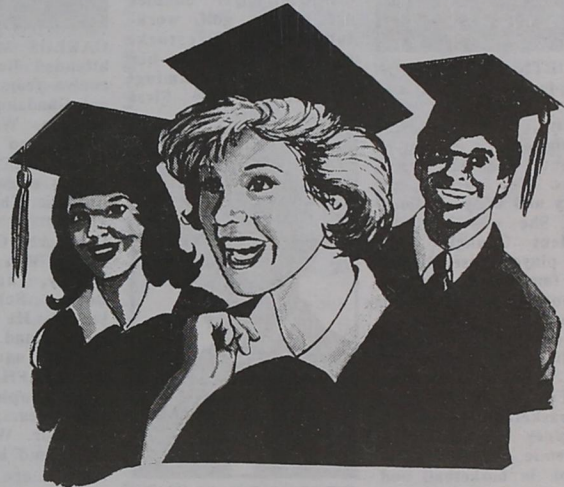
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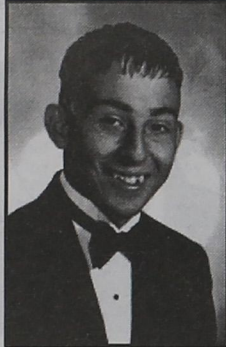
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COURTNEY JAMERSON is planning to attend West Texas A&M University, Canyon, after having been a student in Bovina Schools twelve years. Her parents are Ricky and D'Lynn Jamerson. She was in NHS, Student Council, FCA and played baseball and golf four years; FFA her sophomore, junior and senior years; received the National Science and English Merit Awards four years; and received the Fighting Heart Award in basketball and golf. Courtney was named an academic all-district selection in basketball and golf; was listed on the

National Honor Roll, A/B honor roll, received Outstanding Leadership Awards; Wendy's Heisman nominee; named Basketball Homecoming Queen; Girl of the Year; and listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students. Offices she held included Student Council president two years and secretary, senior class president, FFA secretary and vice president. Her hobbies are playing golf, working with livestock, spending time with her friends and swimming. She attends the First Baptist Church.



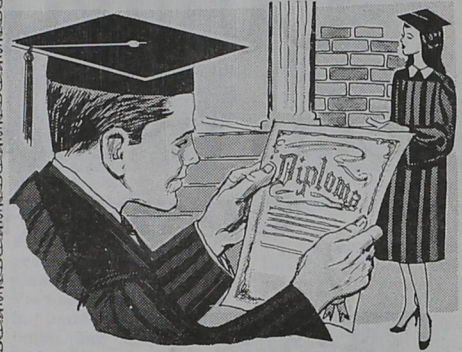
DEOLANDO ALONZO



CARLOS MORENO has attended Bovina Schools twelve years. His parents are Guadalupe and Maria Moreno. Watching television and listening to music are his hobbies. Carlos attends St. Ann's Catholic Church.

DEOLANDO ALONZO, son of Ron and Josefina Coffey, has attended Bovina Schools twelve years. He ran cross country and track, played football and basketball; was in FHA his freshman, sophomore and junior years; and FFA as a senior. Weight lifting, music and being with his friends are his favorite pasttime. He attends the Catholic Church.

A Year To Remember

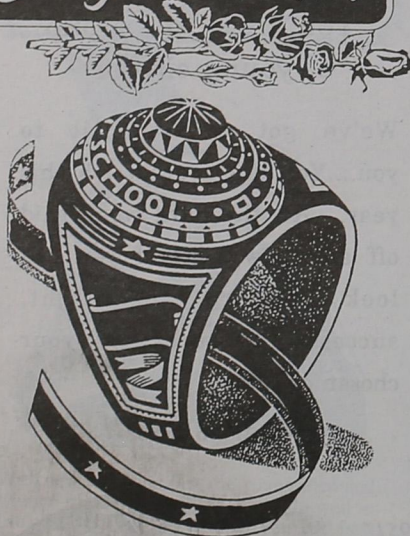


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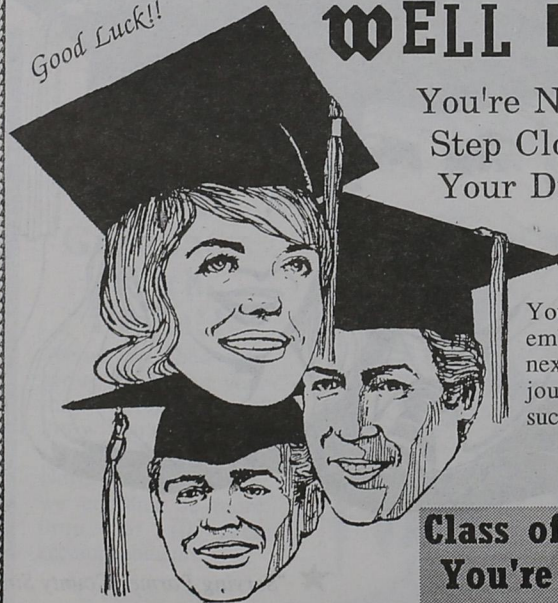
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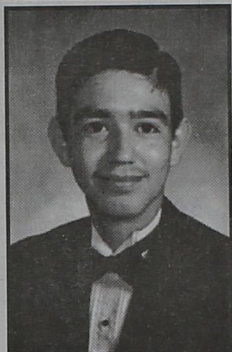
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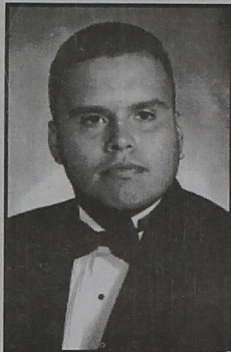


MIGUELINA CASTRO is the daughter of Josefina and Sebastian Castro. She has been a student in local schools eight years and will be attending Sul Ross Junior College, Uvalde, Texas. She was in band four years; yearbook staff member her freshman year; contest play her sophomore year; Student Council her junior and senior years; was in NHS and FCCLA; was listed on the A/B honor roll, received the Leadership Award and served as drum major. Her hobbies include talking on the telephone, spending time with her



SERGIO ANTILLON, son of Sergio Angel Antillon and Graciela O. Antillon, has been a student in Bovina Schools twelve years and will be attending El Paso Community College after his high school graduation. He was in NHS his junior year. Cruising, watching movies and playing video games are his hobbies. Sergio attends St. Ann's Catholic Church.

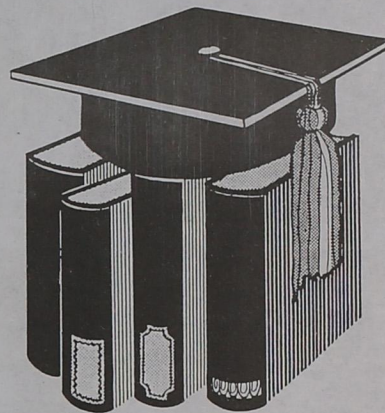
family and friends, playing with her dogs and doing home work. Miguelina attends First Baptist Church.



JUAN CONTRERAS is the son of Juana and Lina Contreras, has been a student in Bovina schools twelve years and is planning to attend Amarillo College. He played football two years; ran track one year; was in FCCLA his freshman, sophomore and junior years; FFA this year, serving as student advisor; and was listed on the A/B honor roll. Being with his family and friends is his favorite pasttime. Juan attends St. Ann's Catholic Church.



WE LOVE OUR GRADS



A deserved tribute to a fine graduating class. We join family and friends in wishing you the best in your future careers.

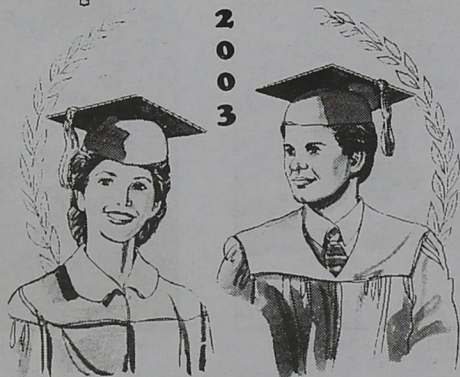
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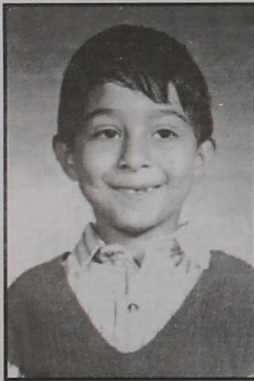
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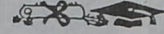


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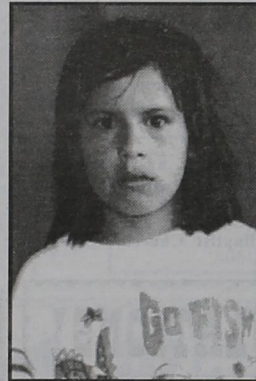
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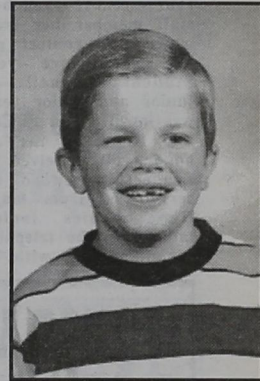


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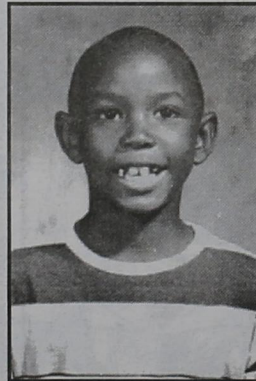
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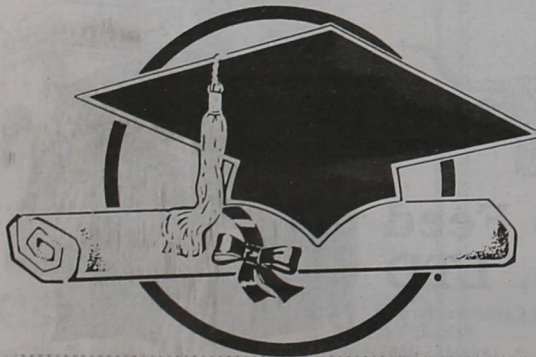
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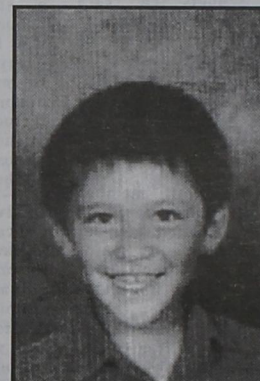
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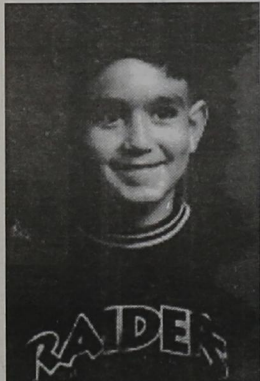
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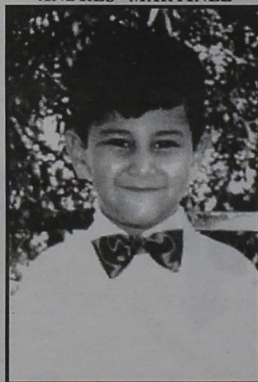
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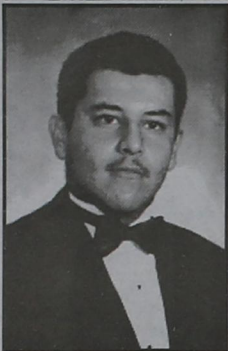
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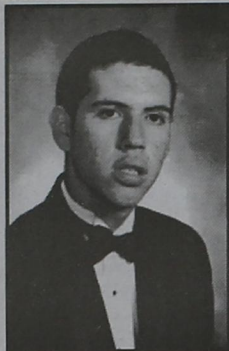
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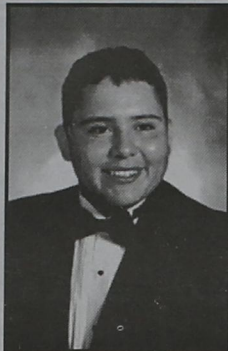


JUAN VARA, son of Alfredo Vara and Juana Vara, has attended Bovina Schools ten years and plans to attend the University of Texas, El Paso, this fall. He played football and basketball four years; ran track two years; and softball two years; was in NHS his sophomore, junior and senior years; yearbook staff member his sophomore year; and Student Council member his junior and senior years. In football, was an all-district honorable mention selection three years and an all-district honoree on offense two years. Juan was named on the A/B honor roll;



RICHARD LAMAS, son of Juanita P. Lamas and Jose G. Lamas, has been a student in Bovina Schools five years and will be joining the U.S. Army after graduation. He was listed on the A/B honor roll. His hobbies include hanging out with friends and playing video games. He attends the Catholic Church.

received the President's Education Award his sophomore year; and served as junior class vice president. His favorite hobbies are listening to music, playing sports and working on cars. He attends St. Ann's Catholic Church.



MIKE OLVERA, son of Joe and Celeste Olvera, has attended Bovina Schools twelve years and will be attending West Texas A&M University, Canyon, this fall. He was on the Student Council four years; NHS his sophomore, junior and senior years; played football, softball, basketball and golf and ran track. He served as freshman president and student representative. His hobbies include playing video games, basketball, hanging out with his friends and cruising. He attends the Catholic Church.

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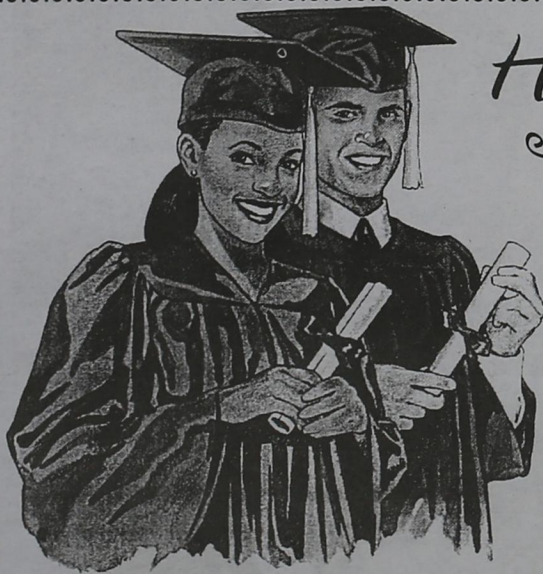
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It's your day in the sun, Class of 2003. We Knew you could do it. Best of luck to all this year's graduates.

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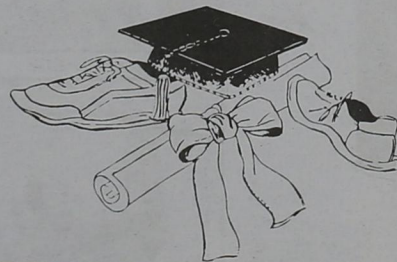
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We have nothing but good things to say about the Class of 2003. Best of luck in all your future endeavors.



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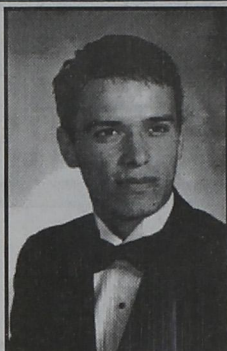
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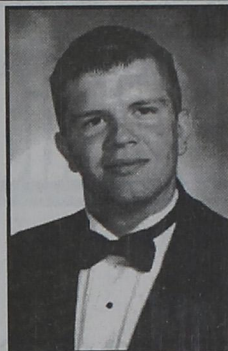
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Today's your day. We wish all of you a beautiful and unforgettable day. You've shown us your dedication, and now we wish you much good luck in everything you do. Good job, Grads.

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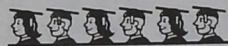
JAKE STEELMAN, son of Joe and Esther Steelman, has been a student in Bovina Schools twelve years and his future plans include attending Texas Tech University, Lubbock. He was in FFA and FCA four years; NHS his sophomore, junior and senior years; contest play cast member as a sophomore; school paper staff member this past year; played football, basketball, golf and ran track. In football, he was an honorable mention all-district selection at wide receiver his sophomore year; honorable mention all-district de-



JOSH KERBY

fensive back his junior year; and named to the first team all-district this year. In track, Jake was the district champion in the 110 hurdles, and qualified for area in the 110 hurdles and 300 hurdles his junior and senior years; was a regional qualifier in the 110 hurdles and 300 hurdles his junior year; and area qualifier in the 110 hurdles his sophomore year. Hunting is his hobby. He attends the First Baptist Church.

JOSH KERBY, son of Al and Susan Kerby, has attended Bovina Schools twelve years and will be attending South Plains College, Levelland, this fall. He played football four years, where he was named academic all-district four years, selected as Most Improved, and was a second team all-district selection on offense and honorable mention on offense one year; honorable mention on defense and member of Homecoming Court two years. Josh was on the Student Council and played basketball four years, named academic all-district four times, was honorable mention all-district, received the Fighting Heart and was a member of the Homecoming Court one year; played golf three years, where he was named MVP and was a regional qualifier one year; contest play as a sophomore; and NHS his sophomore, junior and senior years. Playing sports, hunting, fishing and hanging out with his friends are his hobbies. He attends the First Baptist Church.



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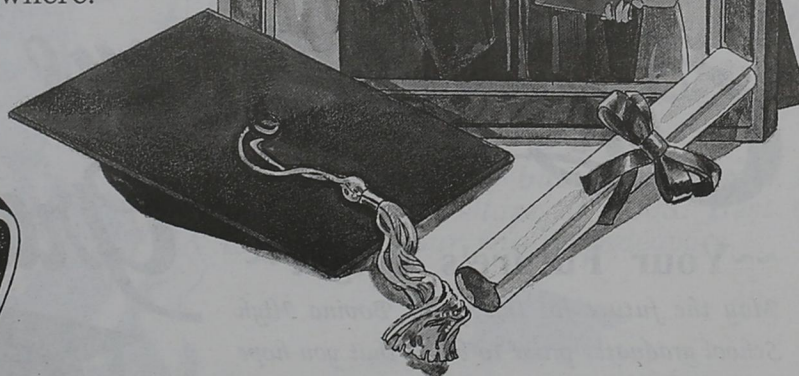
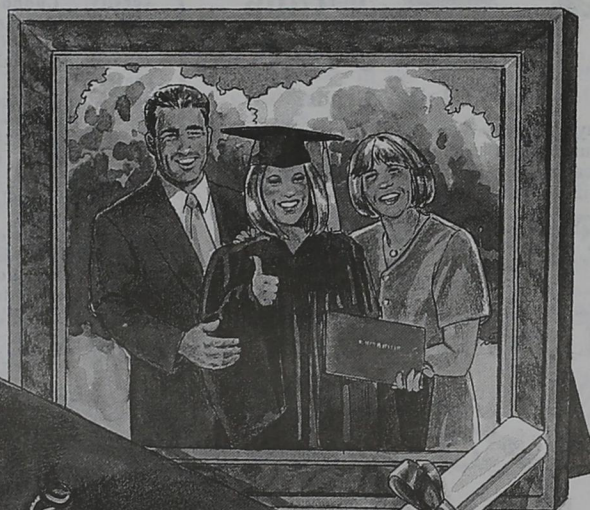


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SANDRA GUEVARA is the daughter of Jose and Maria C. Guevara. She has been a student in Bovina Schools eight years and is planning to attend West Texas A&M University, Canyon, this fall. She was in band her freshman and senior years; yearbook staff her freshman year; NHS her sophomore and senior years; Student Council her senior year; listed on the A/B honor roll; won the DAR Award, was a member of the NASA Fly High Program in 2000; received the President's Education Award; and served as junior class vice president and



ALMA DE LA CRUZ



senior class vice president. Talking on the telephone, listening to music, dancing and being with her friends are her hobbies. She attends St. Ann's Catholic Church.



ANNABEL LOE is the daughter of Vicente Loe, Jr. and Cristina Loe, has been a student in Bovina Schools ten years and is planning to attend Clovis Community College this fall. She was in band four years; FHA her freshman, sophomore and junior years; played basketball, was in Flag Corps and served as basketball manager her freshman year; football team manager and in Student Council this past year. Annabel was a candidate for basketball and football Homecoming Court her senior year, member of all-region band her junior year and served as a Student Council representative as a senior. Her hobbies include hanging out with her friends, dancing and helping others. Annabel attends St. Ann's Catholic Church.

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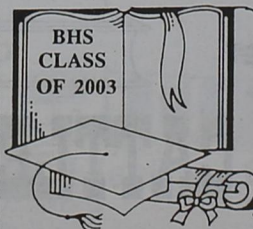
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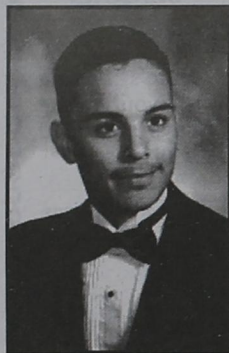


DESTINY CRUZ

DESTINY CRUZ, daughter of Davit and Sharla Cruz, attended Bovina Schools twelve years and has joined the United States Marine Corps. She served as a cheerleader her freshman and sophomore years; played basketball four years; ran track one year; was on the yearbook staff her sophomore year and FCCLA as a senior. Destiny received NCA-7 super ribbons; Mustang Spirited trophy her freshman year; NCA blue ribbons; Spirit Award and champion chant trophy her sophomore year; listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students four years; named Best Dressed and Biggest Flirt this year. Offices she held included FCCLA chairman and vice president this past year. Her special interests include spending time with her family and friends, running, playing basketball, listening to music and cruising. She attends the First Baptist Church.



XOCHITL GUEVARA is the daughter of Estela and David Garcia. She has attended schools locally twelve years and has joined the U.S. Army. She was in FHA her sophomore, junior and senior years; played golf her junior and senior years; was on the school paper staff as a junior; and contest play cast member this past year. Cooking and playing sports are her hobbies. Xochitl attends St. Ann's Catholic Church.



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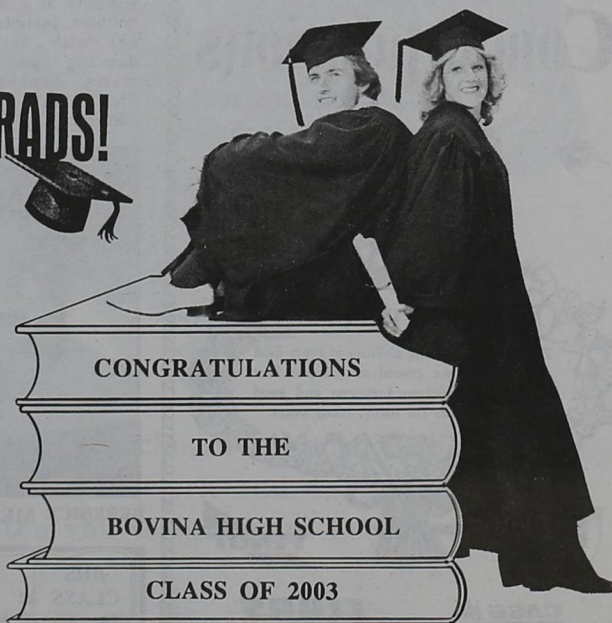
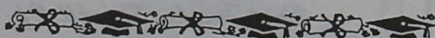
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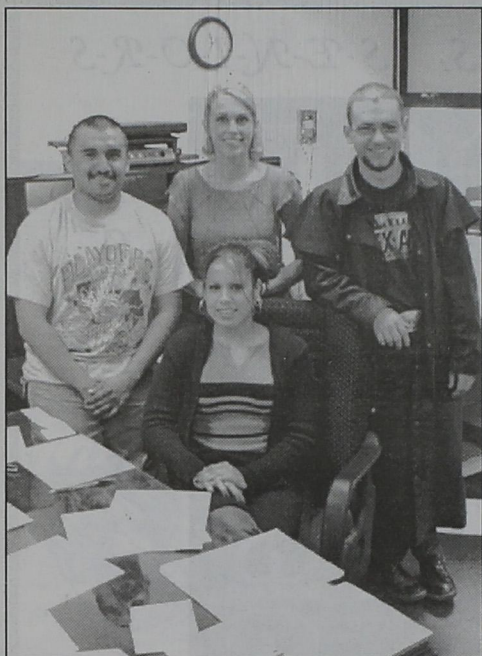
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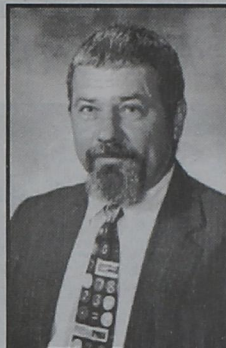
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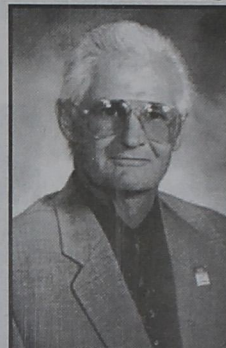
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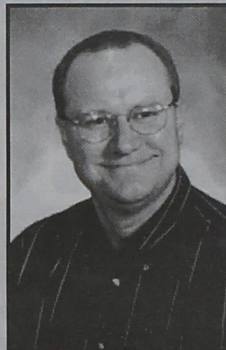
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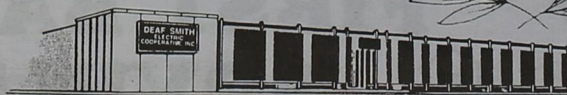
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