

"MY TURN"

By
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IT WAS THE week after Christmas and you wondered why Santa gets a year-long rest when you did most of the work.

Your mail suddenly changes from "Have a Happy Holiday" to "Pay This Amount Now."

You feel guilty about exchanging your best friend's gift until you run into her at the store in the process of exchanging yours.

You vow not to buy those boxes of Christmas cards that are now offered at half price, because you never could find the ones you bought last year on December 26th.

That glorious dinner everyone raved about a few days ago is now the never-ending leftovers that everyone is complaining about.

There's only one type of Christmas cookie left in the cookie jar. This is your family's way of telling you "Don't bother baking that kind next year."

Every newspaper columnist and TV anchorman is spouting about the wonderful and not-so-wonderful events of the past year, while every magazine article is telling you the best way to lose weight during the new year, quit smoking, stop drinking, pay off your credit cards, exercise more and be a nicer, healthier person.

Therefore, this local newspaper has spared no expense to bring you the following astrologist's horoscope for the new year so that you, our readers, may each work on improving your own character flaws during 1992...

Aquarius (January 20-- February 18): You have an inventive mind and are inclined to be progressive. You lie a great deal. On the other hand, you are inclined to be careless and impractical, causing you to make the same mistakes over and over again. People think you are stupid.

Pisces (February 19--March 20): You have a vivid imagination and often think you are being followed by the CIA or FBI. You have minor influence over your associates and people resent you for flaunting your power. You lack confidence and are generally a coward.

Aries (March 21--April 19): You are the pioneer type and hold most people in contempt. You are quick-tempered, impatient and scornful of advice. Aries people think they are better than everyone else.

Taurus (April 20--May 20): You are practical and persistent. You have a dogged determination and work like hell. Most people think you are stubborn and bull-headed. Taurus people don't bathe very much, so they smell bad. They are a whole lot like Taurus the Bull.

Gemini (May 21--June 20): You are a quick and intelligent thinker. You are inclined to expect too much for too little. This means you are cheap. You hate small animals. Very few Gemini-ans ever become rich and famous.

Cancer (June 21--July 22): You are sympathetic and understanding of other people's problems. They think you are a sucker. You are always putting things off. That's why you'll never make anything of yourself. Most welfare recipients are Cancer people.

Leo (July 22--August 22): You consider yourself a born leader. Others think you are too pushy. Most Leo people are bullies. You are vain, arrogant, and dislike honest criticism. Leo people think they are always right about everything.

Virgo (August 23--September 22): You are the logical type and you hate disorder. This sort of nit-picking is irritating to your friends. You are cold and unemotional and you often fall asleep during conversations with people. Your love of money knows no bounds.

Libra (September 23--October 22): You are the artistic type and have a difficult time with reality. Chances for employment and monetary gains are good, but you are messy and drift from one job to the

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News Highlights From 1991 Presented From Blade Files

Participation by local residents in "Operation Desert Storm" was among the major headline events during the past year in Bovina. Following is a sampling of the top local news stories during 1991, as reported in the pages of Bovina Blade.

JANUARY 1991

As of Thursday, January 3, a total of 76,852 bales of cotton had been ginned in Parmer County.

The area experienced the coldest December temperatures on record in the local area, with the mercury dropping to a minus 7 on the 23rd of December and it remained below zero for three days.

A total of \$1,183 was raised this year through the Christmas Card Fund.

The New Year's baby was Meagan Jade, daughter of Johnny and Virginia Martinez. She was born January first.

Sandra Johnson, CPA, was saluted this month by the Bovina Chamber of Commerce.

Ribbons were placed on some of the trees in the City Park with the names of Bovina's servicemen on them. Some of the servicemen from the Bovina area are: Richard and David Villarreal, Richard Garza, Abel Lopez, Bryan Mason, Antonio Serna and Steven Jaime.

On January 31, Bovina's landfill or dump ground as it used to be called, was to be closed.

FEBRUARY 1991

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brito of Portales and Bovina were very interested in war in the Persian Gulf because of their three sons in the service who were involved in the conflict.

Basketball King and Queen for 1990-91 crowned during halftime activities were Jose Silva and Mona Martinez.

Bovina Pump Company was featured as Bovina Chamber of Commerce's "Business of the Month."

Bovina High School students rolled out the American flag during the break between basketball games. Grady Sorley sang, "God Bless the USA."

A banner was placed in the window at McCallum Insurance honoring our troops.

With the new postage rates that became effective February 3, two new non-denominational postage stamps went on sale at the U.S. Postal Service.

Beginning Sunday, February 17, the City of Bovina announced that it would no longer be collecting barrels of trash but garbage would be picked up behind the dumpster truck.

MARCH 1991

Steve Thomas was the new band director in Bovina Schools who came here a few weeks ago from Groom.

The City of Bovina was one of a number of Texas cities who received a tidy "post Christmas bonus" from the state comptroller's office. The city received a sales tax payment of \$3,331.75 for the month.

The ladies at the First United Methodist Church make quilts each year for the agape Mission in Brazil. This is the fifteenth year they have sent quilts.

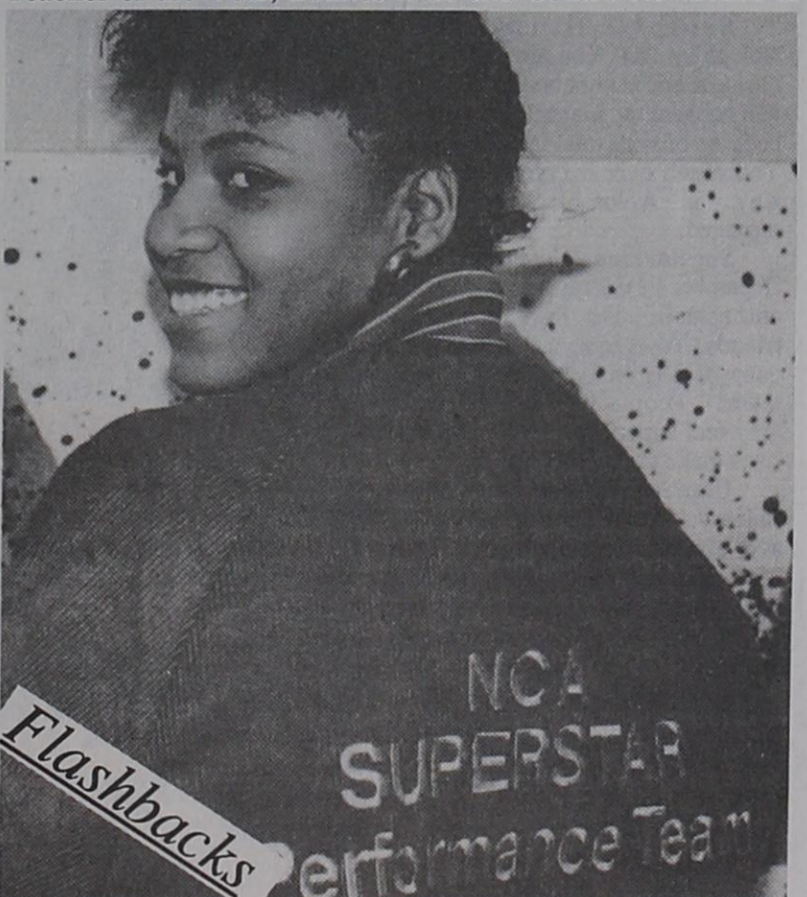
A new beauty salon opened its doors for business on February 26. It is managed by Kathleen Spring and is called Katt's Mane Korner Salon.

Larry Mitchell, representing the Bovina Ambulance Service, received a check in the amount of \$1,183 from the Bovina Womens Study Club. Proceeds were from the Christmas Card Fund.

Lawlis Gin was sold to Wayne Smith of Oklahoma Lane. Lawlis Gin has been owned and operated by Ovid Lawlis since 1958.

Greg and Debbie Kubin became the new owners of Kubin Air Inc. which was formerly the Ted Stallings Spraying Service.

Bovina Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture banquet honored the following citizens: Keith Knight as Man of the Year; Carolyn Pruitt as Woman of the Year; Patti Johnson as Teacher of the Year; Belinda Dale and Genaro Ruvalcaba as



CHEERLEADER--Bovina High School cheerleader Donna Griggs was honored with a trip to New York City last Thanksgiving in order to perform with National Cheerleaders Association in the Macy's parade.



EXCHANGE STUDENT VISITS...A former Bovina High School exchange student, Dr. Alexander Orlovsky, who attended school here in 1964-65, is shown above with his family. His wife is named Inga, and the children are Kolja, 17, Janina, 16, Janosch, 13, and Darja, nine. They visited in Bovina with Mr. and Mrs. Bedford Caldwell, with whom Dr. Orlovsky stayed while in Bovina.

Christmas Card Project Is Successful

The Annual Christmas Card Fund, sponsored by the Bovina Women's Study Club, in conjunction with the Bovina Blade was again a success. The money raised through this project will go this year to assist the Bovina Ambulance Fund.

The total raised this year was \$1,386.23.

The Christmas Card Fund has been beneficial to many worthwhile projects in the community throughout the years.

Additional donors who's names were not published in the Christmas edition of the Blade are as follows:

- Wes, Charolette, Krysta and Skyla Cockerham
- Harry Johnson
- Kenneth Johnson
- Leon and Martha Schilling
- Joe and Leverne Black, Sr.
- Jack and Alma Clayton
- Dean and Juanita Hastings

J. Beauchamp Buried Here December 31

Funeral services for Janie Beauchamp, 68, were conducted at the First United Methodist Church of Bovina Tuesday, with Rev. Steve Venable, pastor, officiating, assisted by Rev. J.B. Fowler of Amarillo.

Burial was in Bovina Cemetery, under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Mrs. Beauchamp passed away December 29 at her home in Bovina.

She was born August 8, 1923 in Brice, Texas. She married Tom Beauchamp August 28, 1940 at Clovis, N.M. They moved to Bovina in 1951 from Sudan.

Survivors include two sons, Garry Beauchamp and Mike Beauchamp, both of Bovina; and one daughter, Karen Kirkpatrick of Bovina; one brother, W.F. Foust, Jr., of Morton, and one sister, Angelee Workman of Arlington. Eight grandchildren also survive.

Pallbearers were Durwood Workman, Michael Coble, David Anderson, Billy Foust, Todd Workman, Derwin Beauchamp, Kirk Whitworth and B.J. Charles.

Honorary pallbearers were Rouel Barron, Durward Bell, Bedford Caldwell, Jimmie Clements, J.T. Hammonds, Dean Hastings, Earl Stevenson, M.M. Treinen, Bob Wilson, Gene Ezell and O.H. Jones.

Outstanding Youths. A special Heritage Award went to Sid Lloyd.

APRIL 1991

Doctors at Parmer County Community Hospital were honored with a reception. The honorees were: newest staff member Dr. Natasha Shah, Dr. Paul Spring who has retired, Dr. Bob Alexander and Dr. Tracy Toten.

The Bovina Lions Club held their annual Easter Egg Hunt at the City park. The hid one hundred pounds of eggs.

Bovina City Marshall Ted Blair received a new police car purchased from Doc Stewart Chevrolet in Clovis, as the lowest bidder.

Effective April 15, 1991, Parmer County Community Hospital became a smoke-free hospital, approved by the Hospital's board of directors. This policy prohibits smoking in all areas of the building and applies to employees as well as visitors and patients.

Randy James, a longtime employee with the Department of Highways and Public Transportation, was transferred from Bovina to Muleshoe by the Department.

MAY 1991

Excel Coproration announced an \$11 million expansion of its beef-slaughter and boxed-beef processing facility at Friona that would double the carcass chill-cooler capacity of the plant.

Ella Jo Stormes, Earl Whitten and M. M. "T-Bone" Treinen received honorary Chapter Farmer awards for donating their time and financial support to the FFA.

Joyce and Bill Reed, owners of Aero Farm Chemicals, were chosen as "Business of the Month" by the Bovina Chamber of Commerce.

Honor graduates from Bovina's graduating class of 1991 were Belinda Dale, class valedictorian with a four year grade point average of 96.55, and Michelle Stanberry, selected class salutatorian with a four year average of 95.13.

Kody Wilson was named the eighth grade valedictorian with an Average of 96.3. Andy Espinoza was named the eighth grade salutatorian with an average of 92.8.

The Bovina Volunteer Ambulance Service was presented "Rescue-Annie," a complete CPR training manikin, the latest addition to the Bovina Ambulance Service.

The area received the first beneficial rainfall in the past 8-9 months with as much as 1.5 inches in the local area.

JUNE 1991

Bovina and the surrounding area suffered from a very abusive storm that hit the area. High winds reached up to 70 mph.

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CONTEST WINNER...Virginia Steele, left, was the grand prize winner in the Bovina Blade's football contest. She is being presented her check for \$100.00 from Blade editor Joyce Gilbreath.

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The theme "God's Children" was selected for the Vacation Bible School for children at the Methodist Church.

Don Spring announced that he would close Don's Medicine Chest, effective June 15.

Wheat harvest was begun early in the Bovina area. "This was the first May wheat I can remember," said Harry Johnson.

Total rainfall for the month of June was 4.79 inches.

A new storage tank was installed at Charles Oil and Gas, Inc. Some extensive work was done at the company.

Dr. Paul Spring was honored by the Texas Medical Association.

Virginia Daugherty, legal counsel from Northern and Daugherty, spoke to the Parmer County Citizens Advisory Committee on re-districting. Due to the 1990 census and several landmark court cases, Parmer County precincts needed to be re-drawn.

Temperatures hit a high of 96 degrees as summertime arrived.

JULY 1991

Unknown individuals broke into Bovina High School and did a considerable amount of damage to the building.

Two individuals have been arrested in connection with the numerous tractor thefts, which have occurred in the surrounding area the past few months.

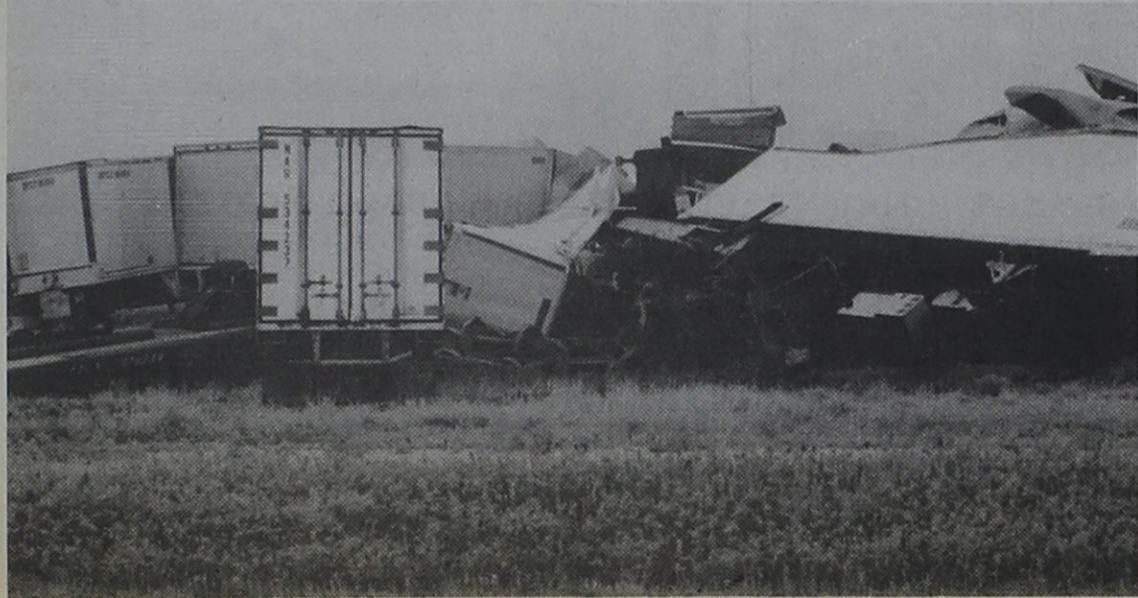
A four-engine Santa Fe Railway train pulling an estimated 15 cars, loaded with 30-35 semi-tractor trailers, derailed just east of Bovina and a tremendous amount of wreckage ensued. It was estimated that for each hour the track through Parmer County was inoperable, Santa Fe lost approximately \$10,000.

The Bovina Post Office celebrated its 20th anniversary as an independent establishment of the federal government with an open house for the postal customers.

Farming operations picked up considerably following the



OPEN HOUSE HOSTED...Cathy Shields, Laura Bartlett and Sandy Ware took time out from serving cake, punch, and giving tours during the 20th anniversary observance of the U.S. Postal Service at the Bovina Post Office.



TRAIN WRECK--A four-engine Santa Fe Railway train pulling an estimated 15 cars, loaded with 30-35 semi-tractor trailers, derailed just east of Bovina last July. Highway and train traffic had to be re-routed for a time while the wreckage was cleared.



BIRTHDAY GIRL--Laura Kathleen Gilbreath celebrated her second birthday Saturday, December 14. Her parents are Chuck and Joyce Gilbreath. She has two sisters Melissa who is six years old and Rachel who is three years old. Her grandparents are Charles and Isabell Gilbreath and Billy and Katherine Harbison, all of Bovina. Great-grandmother is Mrs. W. H. Burkett from Harlingen, Texas.



HOMEcomings ROYALTY...Hector Guevara and Leticia Arias, both seniors at Bovina High School, were crowned Homecoming King and Queen during halftime of the Bovina-Farwell football game. Their parents are Refugio and Maria Guevara and Jesus and Estela Arias.

good rains recently. Crops in the area looked great during July.

The Bovina PTA sponsored a Kindergarten Summer Fest. The program was designed to better prepare children for first grade.

AUGUST 1991

Kachina Stakes winner, "Y Not Sizzle," owned by C.E. Trimble of Bovina and trained by Bob Arnett of El Paso, is probably the bargain of the decade. She was sold at the Ruidoso horse sales last summer for a meager \$1,200 and earned \$51,419 for her victory in the Kachina Stakes.

Dr. Alexander Orlowsky, a German exchange student who graduated with the class of 1965 at Bovina High School, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Bedford Caldwell. During the year he spent in Bovina, Alex lived in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Charles until the family moved to Kansas. The rest of the year was spent with the Caldwells.

School started on August 19 for all Bovina students.

Joyce Gilbreath assumed duties as the new editor of the Bovina Blade. Joyce is a native of Bovina.

New addition was completed at the Ridgelea School. The multi-purpose area is for P.E. and music for pre-K.

Bovina's rainfall for August totaled five inches.

Phil Langston was transferred to Oklahoma and Bill Neely was announced as his replacement as administrator at Parmer County Community Hospital for Preferred Management Corp.

It was announced that, effective September 1, motor vehicle owners will have to submit current proof of financial responsibility when applying for new registration, renewal or transfer of registration.

SEPTEMBER 1991

Bovina Volunteer Fire Department sponsored a "Fill The Boot" drive on Labor Day in an effort to collect donations for the MDA. Total donations amounted to \$1,000.

According to Suezy Smith, High School secretary, enrollment was up at Bovina Schools.

Junior High Cheerleaders who attended ENMU camp during the summer were Mandy Wilson, Melani Jansen, Rachel Turner, Lisa Hromas and Lori Beauchamp.

Dean Stanberry was the first week's winner in the Bovina Blade football contest, picking ten of the 14 contest games.

The Bovina High School Cheerleaders were award-winners at a National Cheerleaders Association camp this past summer. Members were Nancy Vargas, Kim Kirkpatrick, Stephanie Rackley, Donna Griggs, Brooke Charles, and Ione Molinar. Donna Griggs was selected as a member of the NCA All-American Cheerleading Team.

Yankee Cafe of Bovina sponsored a drive on behalf of Donna Griggs to enable her to attend the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York.

OCTOBER 1991

Weather was great in October for the beginning of corn harvest.

Parmer County Commissioners Court adopted a re-districting plan for the Commissioners precincts, and made changes in election precincts and J.P. and constable precincts at a called meeting of the court.

The Receiving Station opened for area sugarbeet farmers on FM Road 1381.



OFFICER HERTHA...Bovina Chief of Police Ted Blair is shown with Bovina's new drug dog, "Officer Hertha."

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Steelmans Have A Boy

Jeff and Kristi Steelman recently became the parents of a son. Jeffrey Scott Steelman arrived at 5:24 p.m. December 18, 1991, at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. He weighed seven pounds, 11 1/4 ounces and was 20 1/4 inches long. He is the first child for the couple.

Scott's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Steelman of Bovina and Mr. and Mrs. Larry L. Hungate of Amarillo. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Steelman, Mrs. J. D. Vaughan, and Mrs. C. B. Russell, all of Bovina.

My Turn

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Scorpio (October 23--November 21): You are shrewd in business and cannot be trusted. You will achieve the pinnacle of success because of your total lack of ethics. You climb over everyone on your way up. A lot of Scorpions get murdered.

Sagittarius (November 22--December 21): You are optimistic, enthusiastic and have a lot of friends. You have a reckless tendency to rely on luck since you lack talent. People like you because they feel superior to you. Sagittarians make good politicians.

Capricorn (December 22--January 19): You are conservative and afraid of taking risks. You don't do much of anything and are lazy. Capricorns are rarely successful at anything. You should avoid sitting still too long because people will think you died.

Okay...let's don't just stand there taking up air space. Let's get busy and try to improve on some of these character traits during this brand new year.

Thanks to Jinx Sneed for the article "It's The Day After Christmas." I took a few liberties with it, of course.

I have no idea who turned in the "Tell It Like It Is" Horoscope.

Bovina Scoops

Call 238-1523 With Your News Items

Happy New Year!

We had a white Christmas after all. It melted fast but was pretty while it lasted.

Jim and Scooter Russell had a beautiful white Christmas in Moriarty with the West family and 42 were present. Last weekend their daughter Tami, Arty and daughters came from Spearman and had Christmas with them and the Kunselmans. On Monday night they had Christmas in Hereford with Jim's mom.

Elmer and Veda McKay hosted a Christmas party for her day-care children and their parents on Tuesday, December 17. They shared a meal and opened presents. Veda said they had a guessing game where everyone guessed the number of lights on her tree. They had two winners; Tom Ziegler guessed 1,100 lights and Cheryl Smith guessed 1,200. There were actually 1,141 lights on the tree.

Those attending the party were: Elmer and Veda McKay, granddaughter Tracy Rowland; Tom and Julie Ziegler and daughter Sarah; Cheryl and Robert Smith and sons Roper and Rawdy; Kelly McClaran and sons Ryan and Ross; Don and Pat Bandy and daughter Amber; Amy Teles and son Ross and friend Kyle; Angie Riley and son Dusty; Casey Riley; Mike and Lori Smith and daughter Kadi; also Veda's son Larry McKay and son Brian.

Larry and Brian came in on Wednesday, December 11 from St. Charles Missouri and left Friday, December 20. I rained on them most of the way home.

June and Bob McMeans had a covered dish supper Saturday night, December 21, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reagan Looney. Those attending were: June and Bob McMeans; Howard Looney from Clovis; Kay Hodges from Deer Park Texas; Lynn and Jim Cabe and daughters Amy and Andi from Sherman Texas; Lea Brantley and sons Rory and Ryan from Midland Texas; Stuart McMeans of Washington D.C.; Bobby McMeans and children, Scott and Madison of

Amarillo; R.D. Looney and wife Gale and their two sons, Robbie and Sean from Ramstein Germany.

On Sunday, December 22, they all had lunch together and had a really nice visit. On Monday, December 23, Reagan and Joe Looney celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary and went to Clovis to Furr's Cafeteria. Those attending were R.D. and Gale Looney, who were also celebrating their wedding anniversary that day, along with their children; Howard and Marcie Looney, and it was also Howard's birthday; Stuart, Bob and June McMeans.

Christmas dinner was at June and Bob's house and most of the family had already left. Those attending the dinner were: Reagan and Joe Looney; Stuart McMeans; Bobby McMeans; Mr. and Mrs. A.M. Wilson and June and Bob.

R.D. Looney and family drove on to Roswell N.M. to spend Christmas with R.D.'s mother, Mary Pickinpaugh.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Lee Medford from Abilene Texas along with their daughter Renae and son Wayne were in Bovina visiting with Clifford and Julie Leake. Also visiting from Abilene was Julie's twin sister, Frances Thane. Shirley Medford is the daughter of Frances Thane. They arrived on Thursday, December 26 and left on Sunday, December 29. While here they went out to Tommy and Kay Williams' home for dinner and had a nice visit. On Saturday night they had a hamburger supper at the home of Kim and Kathy Rundell.

Funeral services were held Wednesday for Janie Beauchamp. She was survived by her husband, Tom, and three children, Karen Kirkpatrick, Garry Beauchamp and Mike Beauchamp; also eight grandchildren. Janie had many friends and will certainly be missed. We extend our deepest sympathies to the family.

Congratulations to Jeff and Kristi Steelman on the birth of their first child, a son born December 18 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. He has been named Jeffrey Scott. Also congratulations to Bovina grandparents, Dickie and Mary Evelyn Steelman and great grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Steelman, Mrs. J.D. Vaughan and Mrs. C.B. Russell.

Jessie Fuentes, 11 year-old son of Tomas and Nora Fuentes, was admitted to Clovis High Plains Hospital and had emergency surgery

on his appendix. He was released Saturday, December 28, and is home now. I talked with his mother, Nora, and she commented that it may take a month of recovery time.

A Christmas party was held Monday, December 23, at Elton and Marie's Flea Market for appreciation and a gift to the following people for Christmas: Jay Sherrill, Scott Sherrill, Dennis Thomas of Friona, June McMeans, R.D. and Gale Looney from Ramstein Germany; Stuart McMeans of Washington D.C.; Dean and Juanita Hastings; Joe Looney; Florence and Glenn Ritchie; Earl Whitten, Brett Whitten, Norma Whitten, Jean Wiseman, Anita Guest and Paula Guest from Oklahoma City Oklahoma; Carrie Melear, Radford and Kay Venable; Helen Blalock; Bud Venable, Amy Venable, Lester and Flossie Rhinehart; Charlie Gilbreath, J.T. Hammonds; Robert Lee Hopingardner of Clovis; Dustin Dodson of Abilene Texas, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Hammonds and Elton and Marie.

They enjoyed biscuits, sausage, gravy, eggs, orange juice and coffee, as the party menu. Marie said they sure had a good time and that she had made up special gifts for everyone to choose from. The party began at 7:00 a.m. and lasted until around 9:00 a.m.

Heavy spring rains delayed planting of wheat crops and cut yields in the Panhandle, the state's primary wheat region. Fall rains also delayed planting in scattered portions of the region, which could adversely affect the crop, Waller said.

Rains Caused Problems For Texas Farmers in 1991

By Steve Hill

When Texas farmers look back on 1991, many will recall it as a year in which the rain was too abundant.

Statistics from the National Weather Service's Southwest Agricultural Weather Service indicate that much of Texas will finish 1991 with 25% to 64% more rain than in a normal year.

While that benefitted some crops in some areas, the rain brought problems to producers of rice, wheat and cotton, three of Texas' five major crops, according to the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the weather service.

"The rice growers were really late in planting because of large amounts of rain, which led to problems with diseases," said Richard Wynne, a weather service meteorologist.

State rice yields totaled 18.8 million hundredweight in 1991, compared to 21.2 million hundredweight in 1990, said Mark Waller, an economist with the Extension Service.

Cotton was affected in the Panhandle area, where crops were planted late and then harmed by early freezes. That resulted in losses of 25% or more of the area's yield, originally estimated at 3 million bales.

Earlier predictions for a state-record yield of 6.1 million bales were revised downward to 5.4 million bales following freezes and heavy rains. The rains harmed cotton yield and quality throughout much of the rest of the state during critical late-summer or early-fall growth and harvest periods.

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yields in the Panhandle, the state's primary wheat region. Fall rains also delayed planting in scattered portions of the region, which could adversely affect the crop, Waller said.

The latest wheat-yield figures showed a drop from 130 million bushels harvested in 1990 to 84 million in 1991, he said.

Not all crops fared poorly. Because rain varies widely in quantity and timing from region to region, some did well.

"In South Central Texas they had a real good corn crop this year simply because they got the rain at the right time," Wynne said. "It was so wet early that there was just enough moisture to carry it through, so they had a pretty good year."

Waller said Texas corn yields for 1991 are estimated at 179.2 million bushels, up from 130.5 million in 1990. The state's grain sorghum production should total 99.1 million hundredweight, up from 75.7 million hundredweight in 1990, he said.

Meteorologist George Bomar of the Texas Water Commission, who tracks historical trends in Texas weather, has estimated that 1991 will finish as one of the five wettest since 1951.

Of the 31 Texas stations comprising the weather service's weekly precipitation report, 23 have received 120 percent or more of their normal rainfall through Dec. 11, led by the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport at 46.7 inches, or 164%.

Beaumont had reported the greatest total rainfall -- 72.42 inches (145% of normal).

Only three of the 31 stations have reported amounts below normal for the year. Zapata, in Zapata County in far Southwest Texas, had received 15.04 inches, or 64% of normal.

"For the most part, there are only a few areas along the southwest border behind by any significant amount," Wynne said.

Amarillo, at 13.68 inches was the only other station reporting below-normal rainfall (73%). However, other Panhandle and High Plains weather stations have reported much larger amounts. Dalhart had received 22.76 inches (140% of normal) and Childress had 29.29 inches (151%).

Petchinsky Promoted

Mark E. Petchinsky has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of senior airman.

He is an automatic tracking radar specialist at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho.

Petchinsky is the son of Francis and Harley Merritt of 611 Summit in Frion.

The airman is a 1980 graduate of Friona High School.



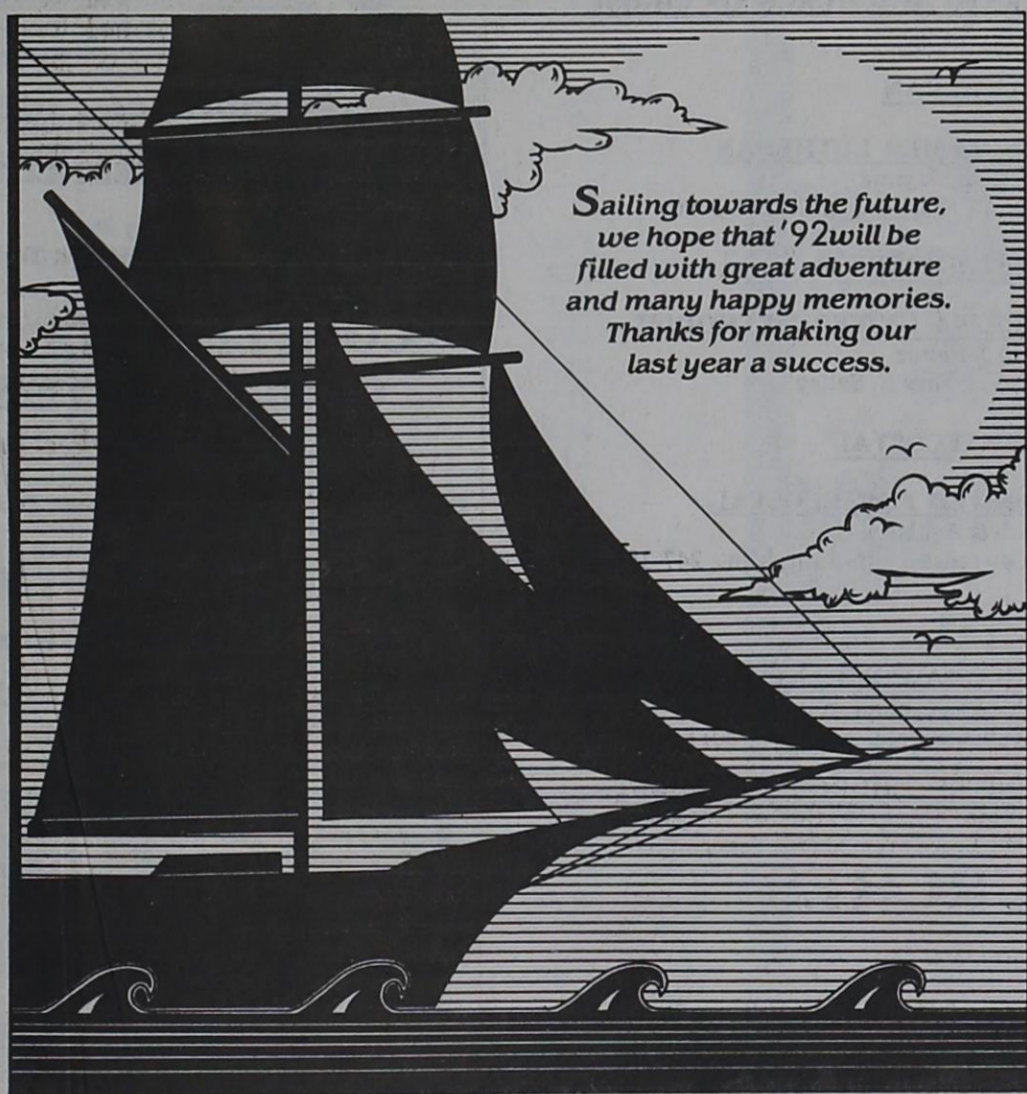
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ON MY BEAT

Hertha and I hope that all of you were well and enjoyed the holidays with friends and family.

This article is about "The Un-suspected Traffic Menace --- THE DRUNK CAR!!" It could be the next car you meet on the road; anyone who "has a couple" and then takes the wheel. Each year DRUNK CARS are involved in accidents injuring nearly half a million people, killing thousands more and causing millions of dollars in property damage.

Isn't it interesting that a defendant can get two years, suspended, for stealing an American flag where there was no endangerment to human life and another person gets three months, suspended, for DWI with a 0.20% BAC where there is severe endangerment to life.

A person can get several years for stealing livestock when he is sober, but only a couple of years for death by a DRUNK CAR while driving impaired.

In court, the judge calls DWI a criminal offense but when someone is killed, its an "ACCIDENT!!" A person driving a DRUNK CAR is no different than a drunk walking down the street, recklessly firing a handgun. Sooner or later someone is going to get killed.

The truth is, anyone who has a couple of drinks, then tries to drive, is the real menace. Two drinks can impair your driving ability, slow your reflexes and affect your judgement -- enough to cause an accident. Most people don't realize that significant impairment can actually begin at an alcohol level as low as 0.04%. Think about that the next time you have "ONE FOR THE ROAD!"

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FRUIT BASKETS--Pictured are members of the Bovina 4-H Club standing in front of their specially prepared fruit baskets that went to the elderly as part of the club's yearly Christmas project. Memebers (not in order) are: Wayne Stormes, Tammy Stormes, John Stormes, Darla Stormes, Jason Kerby, Josh Kerby, Tyson Kerby, Levi and Luke Steelman.



PRESENTS CHECK--Lee Stevenson of the Bovina Women's Study Club presented a check for \$1,386.23 to Larry Mitchel, representing the Bovina Ambulance Service. Proceeds were from the club's recent annual Christmas Card fundraiser. Local citizens donate the amount they would spend on Christmas cards and postage each year. In turn, names of these donors and their families are published in the Blade's Christmas edition in the form of a Christmas greeting to friends in the community.

FINANCIAL FOCUS

BY IKE STEVENS
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IKE STEVENS

Tax-Exempt Municipal Bonds -- Are They Right For You?

Despite their attractive tax-free status, municipal bonds aren't for everyone. The promise of a regular income that isn't shared with the Internal Revenue Service has lured many people in low tax brackets into buying municipal bonds even though investments paying better interest rates may be available. For example, similar corporate or government bonds, the interest of which is taxed, offer more income than municipal bonds. There is a simple method to help determine if tax-exempt bonds are for you.

Begin by looking at your last year's tax return to determine your tax bracket. If you are in a 28 percent marginal tax bracket, for example, subtract that from 1, which gives you .72.

Now, assume you are offered a municipal bond paying 6 percent. Is this a wise investment when there are corporate bonds of comparable quality and maturity offering 9.5 percent? To figure the advantage or

disadvantage of the tax-free income over the taxable, divide 6 percent (.060) by .72, which gives you 8.33 percent. This is the interest rate you must earn on your taxable income to equal a 6 percent return that is tax free.

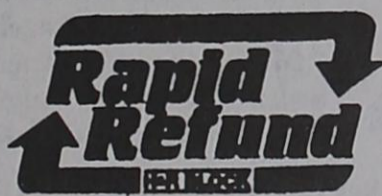
The following chart illustrates the tax-equivalent yields necessary to equal tax-exempt yields for the three major tax brackets. For example, for someone in the 31 percent bracket, a 7 percent tax-free yield is equivalent to a 10.14 percent taxable yield.

As with any investment, the quality of the bonds is also important. Tax considerations of an investment should never outweigh its overall quality. When comparing tax-free and taxable yields, make certain the quality of the two investments are comparable; otherwise your analysis is worthless.

For many taxpayers, tax-free income can mean a better standard of living. For others, it offers little or no advantage. To see how tax-free income might benefit you, sharpen your pencil and figure it out.

Tax-Exempt Yields (%)	Tax Bracket		
	15%	28%	31%
4.00	4.71	5.56	5.80
4.50	5.29	6.25	6.52
5.00	5.88	6.94	7.25
5.50	6.47	7.64	7.97
6.00	7.06	8.33	8.70
6.50	7.65	9.03	9.42
6.75	7.94	9.38	9.78
7.00	8.24	9.72	10.14
7.25	8.53	10.07	10.51
7.50	8.82	10.42	10.87
7.75	9.12	10.76	11.23
8.00	9.41	11.11	11.59
8.25	9.71	11.46	11.96
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Bids will be taken at the County Judge's Office, 401 3rd St., P.O. Box 506, Farwell, Texas 79325, until 10:00 a.m., Monday, January 13, 1992. Bids will be opened at that time.

The Parmer County Commissioners Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

By order of the Parmer County Commissioners Court.
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Year-End News Review

(Continued from Page 1)

UIL director announced that Margaret Durben, teacher and sponsor of the University Interscholastic League one-act play at Bovina High School, was one of 114 nominees for the 1991 UIL Sponsor Excellence Award.

Hector Guevara and Leticia Arias, seniors at Bovina High School were crowned Homecoming King and Queen during half-time at the Bovina-Farwell football game.

The Bovina Against Drugs committee met to make plans for school and community involvement in the annual Red Ribbon Week campaign.

Construction got underway on the \$11 million expansion project at Friona's Excel Corporation plant.

NOVEMBER 1991

Houston Bartlett was winner in the 27th Annual First Freeze Contest for the second year in a row.

Bovina received its new drug dog, Officer Hertha. She works with Bovina Chief of Police Ted Blair who trained with her.

Donna Griggs of Bovina High School was among 500 select NCA All-American Cheerleaders who performed in Macy's 65th Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City.

Hattie Burnett and Virginia Steel waged a heated battle for the overall lead in the annual Bovina Football Contest.

Les McCain brought in the first load of cotton to be ginned by Bovina Gin.

Darla Stormes and Tobyn Dyer representing Bovina at the Littlefield District Awards Banquet at South Plains College, were named fist runnerup in the "Mr. and Miss FFA" contest.

The Bovina Women's Study Club set up an account for the Christmas Card Fund with proceeds to go toward assisting the Bovina Ambulance Fund.

DECEMBER 1991

Virginia Steele ended up as winner of the Blade's Grid Contest Champion with a total of 135 points.

Doris Herington announced her candidacy for re-election as Parmer County Tax Assessor-Collector, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary next May.

Pheasant season kicked off with the bird population being low again this season.

Bovina Feeders were honored for the month of December by the Bovina Chamber of Commerce.

Erica Clark, State FFA president, was guest speaker for the Bovina FFA members.

Former Bovina resident, Jeff McCormick, played a role in the presentation of "That Night" which was featured on Channel 4 television by the Central Baptist Church of Pampa.

Oklahoma Lane's community and school reunion was pronounced a great success with 130 folks registering from eight different states.

Alan Hromas won honors in the Clovis High School Band.



SANTA VISITS---Kadi Smith, two-year-old daughter of Mike and Lori Smith, enjoyed visiting with Santa when he came to Bovina this past week. Kadi told Santa that she had been especially good all year long.

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Happy Birthday Bovina

- January 5: Nora Fuentes, Charlie Eubanks, Ricky Jamerson.
 - January 6: Don Teague.
 - January 8: Belinda Dale.
 - January 9: Ricky Morgan, Galen Carson, Ruby Davies.
 - January 10: Rocky Bartlett.
- (NOTE: If someone in your family is observing a birthday, please call the Blade office in advance, so that we may list your birthday.)

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING VISION CARE

Dr. A.R. Ploudre, OPTOMETRIST has announced a NEW PROGRAM to provide special assistance to low income families in need of vision care. Families who feel they qualify are encouraged to call for more information.

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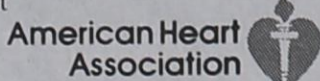
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Vaccines Available In January

The Texas Department of Health announces that immunization clinics offering vaccines that give protections against several childhood diseases have been scheduled during January.

Protection is against polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps and HIB (haemophilus influenzae type B).

The Texas Department of Health is charging money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay.

In this area, the Texas Department of Health Office is located at 205 West 4th Street, Suite B, in Hereford. Immunizations will be given at this location on each of the five Thursdays during January, on the 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th. The hours are nine to 11:30 a.m. and one to four p.m.

The owners and employees at Tullia Livestock Auction Inc. would like to take this opportunity to thank our many consignors and buyers for helping us to sell cattle for you in 1991.

Tullia is located in the heart of the cattle-feeding and wheat grazing area with several yards represented each day. Packer Cow and Bull buyers represented here each week include:

- Clovis Packing Co., Clovis, N.M.
- Gibbon Packing Co., Gibbon, Nebraska
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Let's hope we have another good market year ahead of us in 1991 with prices remaining profitable. We have never claimed to be the World's Largest, our only commitment to you, the producer, is to get the most net dollar for your cattle. No consignment is too small or too large with capacity to handle over 5,000 head. Most of our feed is purchased locally, especially the hegarl and cane from area farmers.

We will be closed two weeks in observance of the holidays. Our next sale will be Monday, January 6, 1992. If we can be of any assistance in marketing your cattle in 1990, give us a call at (806) 293-9193.

Here's wishing you a safe holiday and profitable New Year. See you Sale Day!

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