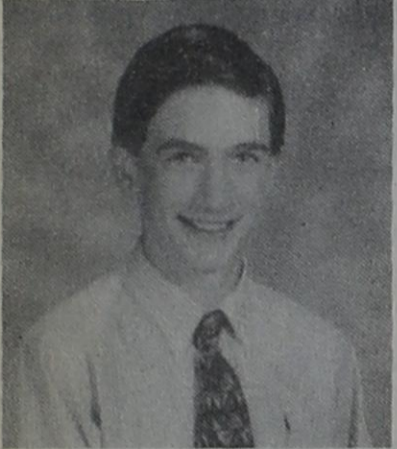




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Tyson Kerby Is Top Grad in Mid. School

Principal Robert Rumph announced the top graduates for Bovina's Middle School. Middle School graduation ceremonies were held Thursday, May 29, 1997.

Valedictorian for the 1997 graduating class was Tyson Kerby. His grade average was 95.50. Tyson is the son of Susan and Al Kerby.

Salutatorian for the middle school was Levi Steelman, son of Joe and Esther Steelman. His grade

average was 93.59.

Rounding out the top six grade averages were: Third place, Cameron Charles, son of Barbara and Billy Charles, with an average of 91.64.

Followed by Marlena Gomez, daughter of Roman and Eduarda Gomez, average 89.03; Patricia Robles, daughter of Luis and Lupe Robles, average 88.13; and Yancy Graves, son of Kathy Graves and Dale Graves, average 88.10.

Fifty-Five Graduate From Kindergarten

There were fifty-five members of the kindergarten class that graduated last week in Bovina.

The students were: Tori Abeyta, Ricardo Amaya, Brett Anderson, Yeslih Candia, Jeremy Curtis, Omar Flores, Luis Galvan, Ronaldo Garcia, Zacarias Garza III, Cindy Gomez, Danna Guerrero, Yesenia Guevara, Kimberly Hernandez, Peter Hiebert, Brenda Jasso, Michelle Lara and Denise Larrea.

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PARS & BIRDIES.....Will Bell and Lori Beauchamp were given the Most Valuable Player awards for golf competition. The pair reached regional golf playoffs in 3-2A.

Weather Worries Bother Bovinans Once Again

Heavy wall clouds and prowling storms threatened Bovina last Wednesday afternoon.

The severe thunderstorm activity developed around 5 p.m. north of Friona and headed south-southeast through the county.

Lightning, hail, and rotating clouds kept most residents on alert. The storm passed without a tornado, however some scattered crop damage was reported because of the hail.

The hail seemed to concentrate southeast of Bovina. Damage to corn, cotton and wheat resulted at the Barret and McClaran farms, according to Harry Johnson, manager of Sherley Grain.

However, Johnson said that at his place 2 1/2 miles southwest, he received no moisture at all.

Also, three miles east, Les

McCain reported some "beat up cotton."

Andy and Laurie Stormes, local storm spotters, were paged into action by county officials. Lori Stormes said they drove 2-3 miles north where they observed a large amount of cloud rotation.

Maggie Moore, Bovina's official weather lady, reported a total of 2.26 inches of rainfall for the month of May, including .33 of an inch Wednesday night.

Sheriff Rex Williams told the Blade that for all interested storm spotters, the National Weather Service will conduct a basic storm spotter school in Friona.

The class will be held Monday night, June 2, at 7 p.m. at the Friona Fire Department.

Mr. Larry Vannozi from the National Weather Service in Lubbock will be the instructor.

All-Sports Banquet Honored 1996-97 Fillies & Mustangs

The 1996-97 version of the annual All-Sports Banquet was held in the cafeteria on Thursday, May 15.

Head Coach and Athletic Director Bobby Ortiz was master of ceremonies. Each individual coach presented awards and recognition to the athletes.

Melissa Cano, who represented Bovina at the state track competition was selected as track Most Valuable Player (MVP).

In Fillies basketball, Coach Jeremy Tharp presented Marcie Guevara the Most Improved award; Kasey Bell won the Fighting Heart Award; and Fillies basketball MVP was presented to co-winners Bonnie Quintana and Lisa Hromas.

Coach Derrick Byrd introduced the Mustangs basketball squad. Basketball award winners were: Most Improved-Adan Perez; Fighting Heart-Martin Reyna; and MVP-Tony Beauchamp.

Willard's Rites Set Saturday

Funeral services for Vernon Willard, 62, are scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday, May 31 at First United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Bovina Cemetery.

Willard died Thursday, May 29.

He was born October 19, 1934 in Wellington. He married Frances Totty November 21, 1953 in Mobeetie.

He was a member of First Methodist Church, where he was active in every phase of church work. He was also a member of the Bovina Lions Club. He moved to Bovina in 1951 from Mobeetie.

He was a farmer, and served on the Parmer Co. Farm Service Agency. He was named Bovina's Man of the Year in 1987.

Survivors include his wife Frances of the home; two sons, Dennis Willard of Clovis and Karl Willard of Carrollton; one daughter, Terri of Amarillo; one brother, David Willard of Bakersfield, California, and one sister, Virginia Eason of Waxahachie.

Also surviving are nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

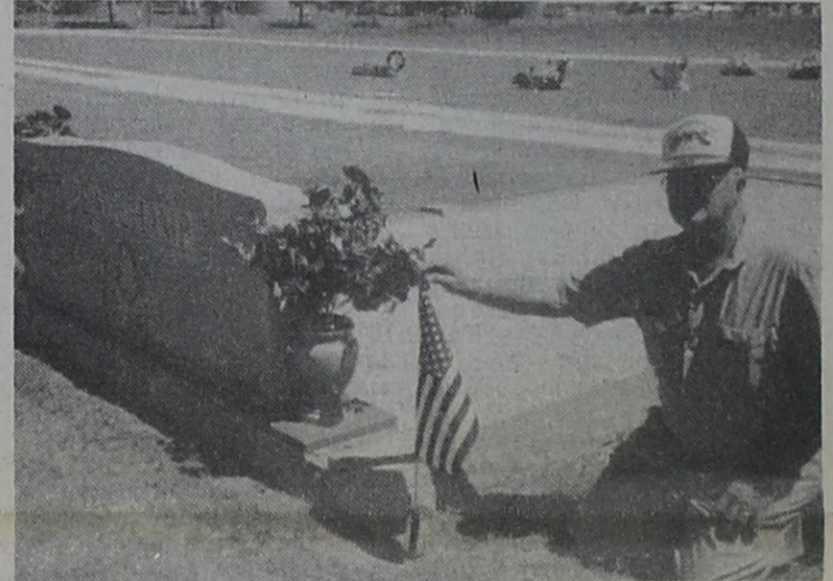
Service Pins Presented

At a teacher's work day breakfast on Friday, May 30, several Bovina teachers and staff received service pins.

5-YEAR: Pam Bell, Robbie Carlyle, Helen Deen, Tina Uriegas, Debbie Widner. 10-YEAR: Denise Anderson, Linda Atwell, Bob Martin, Linda Martinez, Tina Sides. 15-YEAR: Kay Venable. 20-YEAR: Sarah Owen, Yolanda Ramon. 35-YEAR: Janie Suddarth.



LOOK AT THE POPPIES...Helen Blalock of 201 8th Street shows her twenty-five year old poppy plant that has had up to forty-nine blooms at one time. The recent wind, heat and hail has damaged some blooms but many are still beautiful.



MEMORIAL DAY HONORS.... Our roving holiday camera caught Pat Kunselman placing a flag on a veteran's grave at Bovina Cemetery on Memorial Day. The cemetery looked great and credit goes to the Bovina City employees for the maintenance. See Out Here for more.



FAST & PRETTY....These ladies on the Fillies track team were honored at the 1997 Athletic Banquet. Stephine Villarreal was awarded Most Improved, Tammy Stormes the Fighting Heart Award, and Melissa Cano the MVP honors. Cano competed in state 2A track competition.



YELL LEADERS.....A lot of yelling and jumping are in store for 1997-98 athletics in Middle School. The new yell leading squad members, 1-r, are Amber King, Maritssa Salazar, Amber Widner, Veronica Herrera, Christen Stowers, and Destiny Cruz. Sponsors will be Becky Herrera and Sylvia DeLeon, front.



WHERE'S THE SMOKE COMING FROM...Wednesday morning there was a lot of smoke billowing out of the end of First Street and Avenue D. Every thing was fine, Bovina city employee Andy Garza was just burning citizens' discarded tree limbs. If you have tree limbs that need disposed of, call the City office 238-1116. After the city has an accumulation, they seek permission from the State of Texas to have an open burning. (Becky London photo)

Reflections

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

40 Yrs Ago-May 28, 1957
Bovina people were scared, alarmed, and/or excited, depending on the individual, Friday morning shortly before noon when a tornado, and possibly more than one, was sighted south of town. Citizens were warned of the potential danger by the fire siren. There was, most observers felt, little doubt that the destructive winds would miss the city of Bovina. However, it was close enough to town-some two or three miles-to offer much potential danger. J.W. Wright was elected president of Bovina Lions Club in a regular bi-monthly meeting Thursday night at the Bovina Restuarant. Wright has served as Tail Twister for the past year. Saturday afternoon Boost Bovina Drawings are no more. Bovina Jaycees, who sponsored the drawings through the cooperation of local merchants, decided at the recent meeting to terminate the drawings because of lack of merchant participation.

35 Yrs Ago-May 31, 1962
Bovina and Parmer County voters will join those in the rest of the state in a trip to Dallas Saturday for the second time in as many months. The election this week is the second Democratic primary. T.O. Lesly, who farms near Hub and is a member of Bovina Roping Club, suffered a broken leg while practicing calf roping Sunday afternoon. The accident occured at the club's arena west of Bovina. Signing-up of property owners for Bovina's latest proposed paving project is nearing completion. Alderman Alvin Glasscock, who had been helping with sign-up work with several other volunteers, said this week that only 12 property owners are yet to be signed for the street improvements.

30 Yrs Ago-May 31, 1967
Bovina's city council, in an action-taking mood during a special meeting Monday night, voted to bring Bovina Cemetery under the city's jurisdiction. In the action of the cemetery, the council was answering a request by officers of Bovina Cemetery Association--for the city to assume control of the burial grounds.

American Legion of Bovina placed American flags on the graves of men buried in Bovina Cemetery who served their country during time of war when the nation observed Memorial Day Tuesday.

About 40 miles of U.S. Highway 60 will receive a new seal coat of asphalt and gravel in the next few weeks, according to the Texas Highway Department.

Rev. J.B. Fowler, Jr. was returned to Bovina Methodist Church when appointments were read Thursday at the Northwest Texas Conference annual meeting in Abilene.

Fourteen Bovina student artists of Dean F. Merritt will exhibit their paintings in the Student Art Exhibition to be held Sunday, June 4, from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Clovis Youth Center.

25 Yrs Ago-May 31, 1972
Mustang Theatre, after being closed for the past few years, will be open on weekends this summer, beginning this week.

The Bovina High School Senior Class of 1972, numbering 34, marched across the stage of Bovina Schools auditorium and received diplomas Friday night.

Mrs. Gwen Clements, local piano, organ and theory teacher, was installed as president of Panhandle Music Teachers Association in Amarillo Tuesday, May 16.

Annual meeting of stockholders of Bovina Wheat

Growers, Inc., was held at 8 p.m. Thursday in the Community Room of First State Bank of Bovina.

The longest day of the year-June 22-when the sun never sets in Alaska and her neighboring countries-21 scouts from Oklahoma Lane, Farwell, Texico and their sponsors plan to view the spectacular midnight sun at Anchorage, Alaska.

20 Yrs Ago-June 1, 1977
Eugene Griffin has been named the new manager for Southwestern Public Service Company in Bovina. The announcement was made by Jake Webb, district manager in Hereford, and will become effective July 1.

It has been announced that Heidi Corn Shelby, a junior at McMurry University, Abilene, Texas, has been placed on the Dean's List with a grade point average of 3.86. Mrs. Shelby is a graduate of Bovina High School and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Corn of Bovina.

15 Yrs Ago-June 2, 1982
Ms. Heidi Corn, formerly of Bovina, was one of the graduates who went through exercises at West Texas State University ceremonies May 15. Ms. Corn received her bachelor of science degree in nursing.

Larry Don Helton, 34, formerly of Big Spring, has been named as the new head coach/athletic director for Bovina High School, according to school sources.

Keith Guest received an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Auto Mechanics Technology and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Guest.

10 Yrs Ago-June 3, 1987
Donnie Brown, 25, formerly of Pampa, has been named as the City Marshall for Bovina and assumed his duties on May 22. He succeeded Ray Spence.

Graduation ceremonies were held on Wednesday of last week for kindergarten children who graduated into the first grade.

5 Yrs Ago-May 30, 1992
The month of May is almost over and it's been mostly hot and dry, like most months, until recently. With so much land in CRP and the wheat fields beginning to dry, the hot weather is the fire fighters' most dreaded time. Since January 1992, the fire department has been called to nine rural fires, four town fires and two weather watches.

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Letter To The Editor

This past Memorial Day my good friend James C. Melton and I placed flags on the graves of Veterans in the Bovina Cemetery.

The flags used, are the same flags used a few years back, but for some reason had not been placed on the graves of these Veterans for some time.

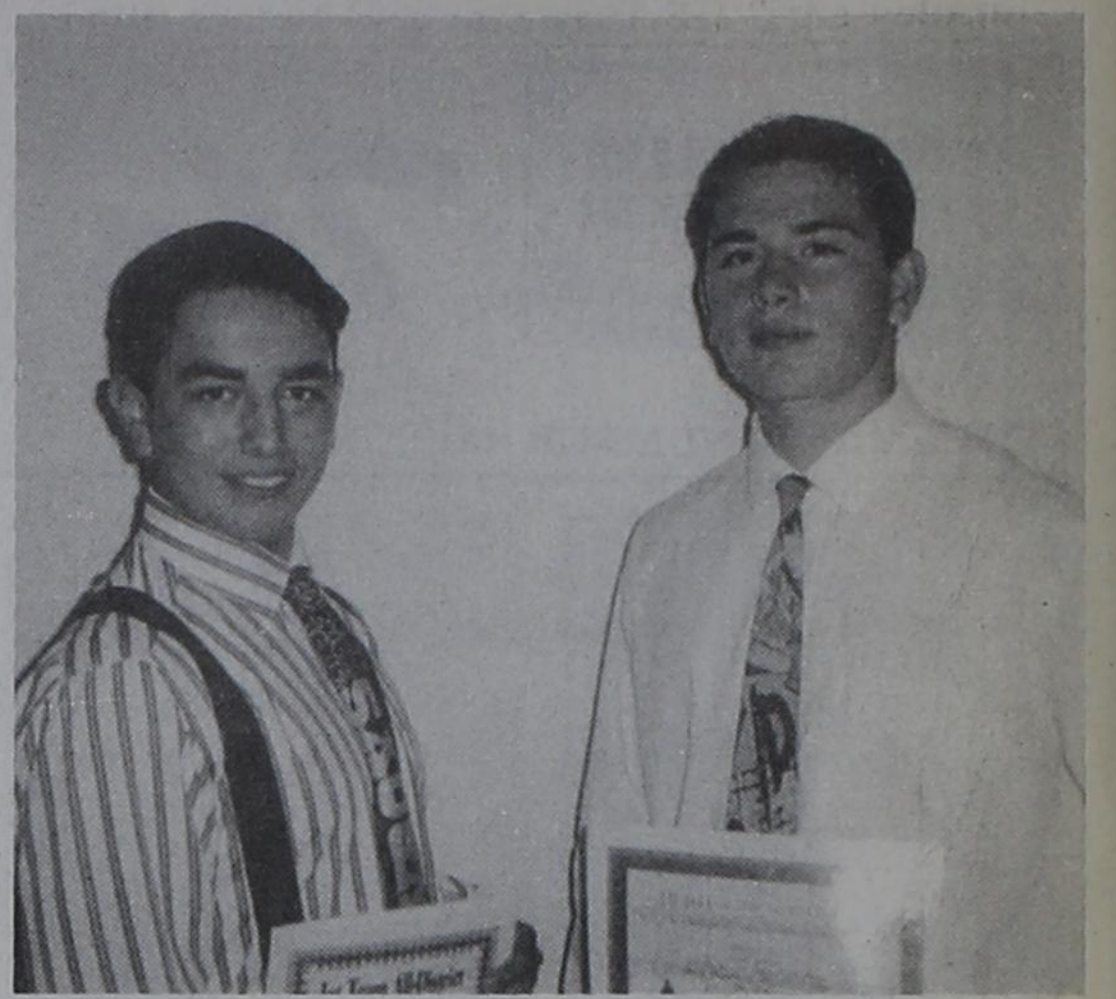
I am a Veteran of World War II and feel it is a privilege to do this in a cemetery that the city of Bovina does an excellent job in the upkeep of it. Especially on Memorial Day.

We found that we were short of stands for the flags, but after talking to the manager of Bovina Pump Company and explaining our plans, they made a very generous donation of metal pipe. Many, many thanks to Bovina Pump Company.

We tried hard not to miss any Veterans' graves but perhaps we did. We will try to do a better job next time.

Let us always honor the men and women who sacrificed so much for our nation's freedom, and remember that some did not return.

Sincerely,
George Cervantez



FINE YOUNG MEN.....Erik Galvan, left, was given a certificate for his selection as first-team all-district lineman for the 1996-97 Bovina Mustang football team. The Mustangs Fighting Heart award for football was presented to Albert Larrea.



CO-WINNERS.....Fillies basketball stars Bonnie Quintana and Lisa Hromas were selected as co-MVP's for the 1996-97 Fillies basketball season.

It's A Girl For Couple

Brandon and Melissa Caldwell have a new baby girl, Jacee Dawnlyn, born May 23 at 5:07 p.m. at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

The baby weighed six pounds, fifteen ounces and measured nineteen inches long.

Grandparents are Dennis and Debbie Black of Lubbock; Buddy and Darlene Foster of Midlothian; and Bruce and Carrie Caldwell of Lubbock.

Great-grandparents are Don and Juanda Murphy of Bovina, Dolores Winter of Yukon, Oklahoma; Pauline Caldwell of Lubbock; Wayne and Louise Foster of Oklahoma Lane.

Jacee's great-great grandmother is Mattie Murphy of Ballinger, Texas.

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JERRY BIRDSONG is the principal at Bovina High School.



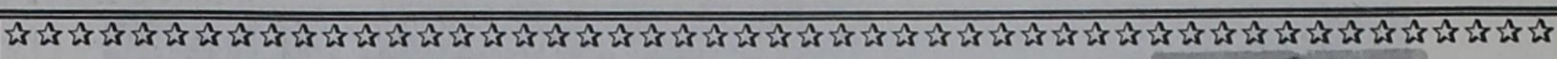
ROBIN BAILEY is serving as a senior class sponsor this year.



EUGENIE BROWN is a sponsor for the BHS senior class.



50TH ANNIVERSARY....Christian and Ruth Durrenburger Drager will observe their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception on Saturday, June 7 from 3-5 p.m. at the Rhea/Hollene Activity Center. They were married June 8, 1947 in Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Warda, Texas. Children of the couple are Curtis Drager of Rhea and Raymond Drager of Melissa, Texas.



Out Here

By RON CARR



Last Monday I visited the cemeteries in Bovina and Friona.

It was Memorial Day and cemeteries across the U.S.A. were the focus of the holiday, as veterans were honored, and the emphasis was to put the "memorial" back into Memorial Day.

To me a cemetery is a holy place, especially on those days we honor our departed mothers, fathers, veterans, etc.

I found people at both cemeteries last Monday. Some were standing in silent memories. Others were pulling a weed or two, picking up a stray bit of litter, or adjusting flags and flowers left on the markers to honor the dead.

Most were simply there. For no other reason than to be there. To recall happy memories, to talk quietly to the memory of loved ones.

The weather could not have been better. Recent rains assured that grass and trees were a splendid green. What wind there was furled and rattled the many flags placed on the graves of Farmer County's veterans.

Most of all, the Bovina and Friona cemeteries were neat and manicured to frame the quiet reverence of this most sacred place.

Everyone should say a giant "Thank You" to the city employees of Bovina and Friona. They maintain the cemeteries and it is obvious to me that they mow, trim, and water with great care to preserve the integrity and beauty of this holy resting place.

Thank you city employees. Our cemeteries stood tall and proud on this Memorial Day 1997.

Special thanks also to the American Legion and VFW Posts and the Women's Auxiliary for their volunteer time and effort in placing the flags on the graves of America's veterans.

What a sight it was to see the colors of the flags and flowers and wreaths so carefully placed and so highly respected by all visitors.

I hope as the years pass we will be able to renew the spirit of Memorial Day and make it more than just another day off.

Last Monday was a good start. My spirit and confidence in America was raised a notch. I was having a really good day.

Then I remembered that Bill Clinton is President of the United States of America and Commander-in-Chief of U. S. Armed Forces.

As usual, I have some questions. For instance, do you think that the current problems in the military of adultery, rape, consensual sex under duress, lying, and disobeying orders has anything to do with soldiers following the example of their commander-in-chief?

There were seven old black Tuskegee soldiers who survived a government experiment on venereal disease. They survived the disease and were invited to Washington for an official apology.

Five of them accepted. The other two said they wouldn't go to Washington D. C. because they had survived the venereal disease once and were afraid they would catch it again at the White House. (Relax, it is a Jay Leno joke.)

I know that some of you are going to "be so mad" at me for talking bad about your beloved Billy Jeff.

"Yes, isn't he cute and he is so nice and he just wants good things for all of us. He is taking care of the children, and the poor, and some of the old folks too. He is wonderful!"

Gag!! I haven't said much about Billy Jeff and his reluctant roommate Hill Rod in quite a while. Some folks said we're "tard of you talking 'bout Clinton all the time. Why don't 'chu write about sumpin' else?"

Well I did that. Haven't mentioned him for several months now. Enough is enough. If you are one

of the few Clinton lovers in Parmer County, stop reading right here. See you next week.

I don't like the man. During my life I have had friends who lied every now and then, chased women, drank too much, and generally were regarded as good old boy hell-raisers.

Matter of fact I have done some of those things myself. But, my friends and I weren't state governors or presidents of the U. S. of A.

We didn't have an agenda to leave a historic legacy come hell or high water. We had an agenda to party. And best of all, we didn't do any of it at taxpayer expense. (It boggles the mind to think how much fun we could have had with \$200,000 a year and a free 747 airplane to party in.)

Bill Clinton is a hustler. From what I read he always has been. Some other accusations are that he is a liar, adulterer, philanderer, cheater, draft dodger, drug-dealer, and drug money launderer.

Just this week, the U. S. Supreme Court, in a unanimous 9-0 decision, said that Paula Jones could go ahead with her suit against Billy Jeff. (Guess they didn't think he was much of a president either.)

Remember, Clinton lovers, it was Clinton's lawyers who took the Paula Jones case to the Supreme Court, not Paula Jones.

The latest edition of the National Enquirer (that rag?) says that Hill Rod had an affair with Vince Foster and Billy Jeff wanted to have one with Sharon Stone. (It also hints that Hill Rod may be gay or bi-sexual but I am not going to mention that.)

Did money from China

and Indonesia influence this president? He would say "shucks, gosh no."

Last week some senators had a screaming fit when they found out that our soldiers had recently been issued combat boots that were made in China.

The Chinese took over a closed naval base in San Diego for a Chinese shipping company with ties to the Chinese group that allegedly gave money to the Democrats.

Clinton signed an order making over one million acres of land in Utah a "national monument." The one million acres contains the second largest deposit of coal in the world which now cannot be mined.

It is probably just a coincidence that the second largest coal producer now, who will be selling coal to the United States, is Indonesia, home of the generous Riyhadi family, another of Billy Jeff's illegal foreign money benefactors.

Suicides, murders, fatal accidents, sexual harassment, shady business dealings, ex-

partners and friends serving jail time, abuse of power, lying, and even some double-crossing thrown in.

These are adjectives that have characterized the Clinton administration from day one.

I am also surprised that about a million teachers haven't marched on Washington by now.

Why are so many teachers remaining silent when Billy Jeff is saying that you are too inept to do your job? Saying openly that first, second, and third grade teachers don't know how to teach reading. Where's the anger, teachers?

There is a 1 1/2 hour video tape called "The Clinton Chronicles", floating around Friona. Jake Outland loaned me a copy.

Find it. Watch it. Then tell me how much you love Bill Clinton.

Am I showing disrespect, spite, and disdain. Damn right.

In honor of Memorial Day I respect the office, but I sure don't have to respect the holder.

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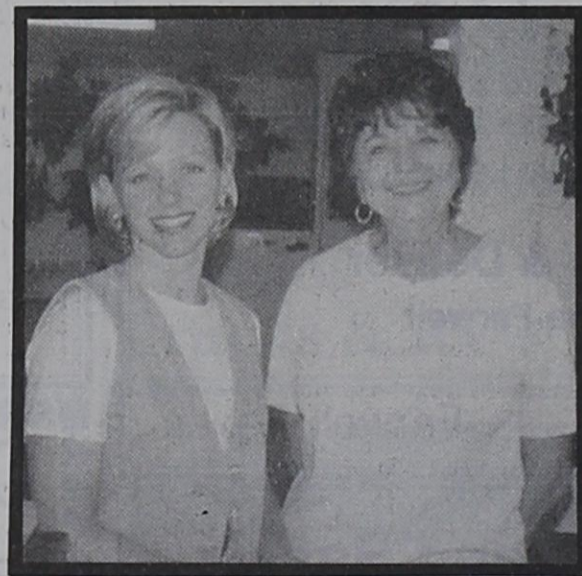
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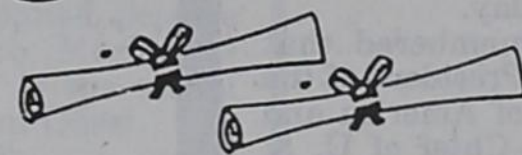
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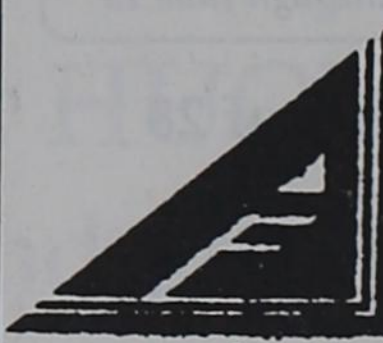
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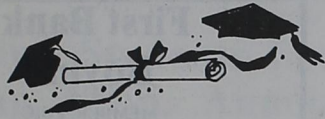


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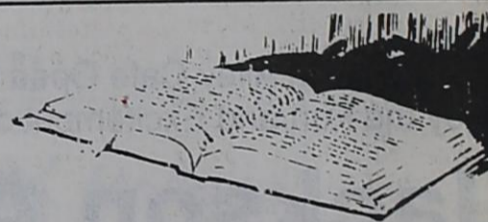


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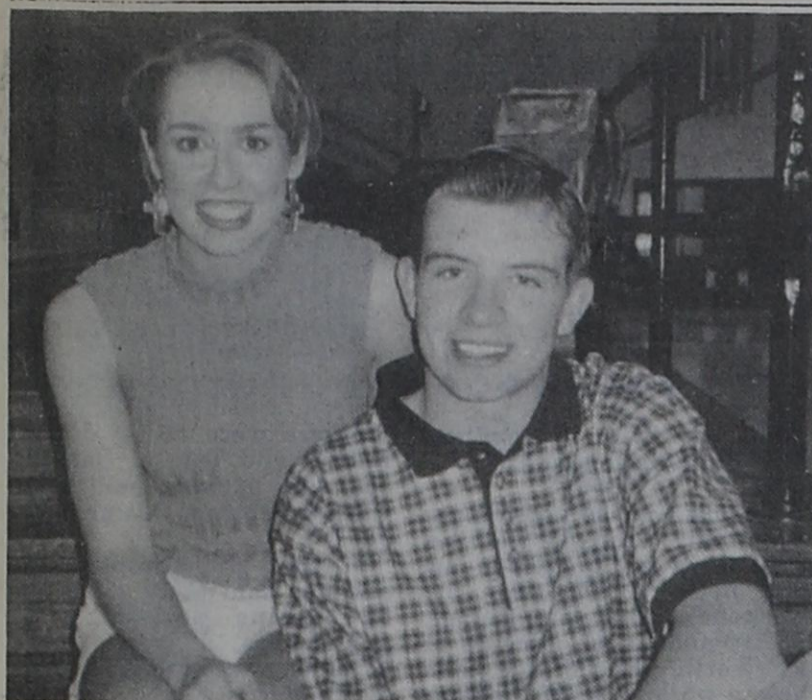
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Top BHS Students Recognized At Annual Honors Banquet



BLEEDS MAROON....At the All Honors Banquet on Thursday, May 22, Bovina Principal Jerry Birdsong gave Kasey Bell and Jason Kerby the Bovina High Principal's Maroon Award. The award is given for students who are positive role models, are academically sound, demonstrate leadership and "bleeds maroon".
(Ron Carr Photo)

Reading Students For Bovina Elem. Announced

One Bovina Elementary student, Luzana Chavez, reached the 500 Point Club in the accelerated reading program during the 1996-97 school year.

Ninety-two students participated this year earning points after reading various books and passing computerized tests. The more difficult a book, the more points the student received.

19,860.2 actual points were earned for the 1996-97 school year. During the 1995-96 school year, only 31 students participated earning 11,843.3.

As she earned more points, Luzana, became a member of each point club, making her the only member to be in the 400, 300, 200 and 100 Point Clubs.

400 Point Club: Jolyne Ortiz, Charlotte Rumph and Nayleli Ovalle. They were also in the 300, 200 and 100 Point Club.

300 Point Club: Ricardo Rojas. He was also in the 200 and 100 Point Clubs.

200 Point Club: Trey Widner, Abraham Rocha, Emigdio Flores, Matthew Villarreal, Rebeca Carrillo, Eliseo Salazar, Martin Carrillo, Roger Martinez, Sarah Morgan, Troy Turner, Emigdio Flores, Vanessa Garcia and Adrian Ramirez. They were also in the 100 Point Club.

100 Point Club: Mayra Banuelos, Hugo Martinez, Giselle Alvarado, Gorden De La Rosa, Elizabeth Alonzo, David Guevara, Laura Rocha, Cody Jamerson, Christopher Ortiz, Luis Carlos Munoz, Sandra Moreno, Isreal Escobar, Elizabeth Ortiz, Selene Sanchez, Anna Ray, Romualdo Ruiz, David Rojas, Nancy Amaya, Wendi Gomez, Victoria Carrillo, Brandon Edwards, Erica Guillen and Christy Villarreal.

Also, Karla Rivera, Jennifer Reyna, Miguel Munoz, Maria Perez, Jessica Amaran, Irma Rocha, Saul Martinez, Edgar Ortiz, Kody Hawkins, Henry Heibert, Javier Guevara, Estaban Guevara, Dustin Lara, Teresa Brito, Suxey Ovalle and

Alfredo Martinez.

Also, Yuri Vela, Juan Carlos Roldan, John Nelson, Hugo Aguillon, Dorothy Martinez, Amber Bandy, Christopher Bachicha, Jonathan Chisom, Hector Carrillo, Kimberly King, Ryan McClaran, Kasi Birdsong, Victor Garcia, Dustin Riley, Erica Guillen, Crystal Galvan, Betty Quiroz, Gloria Rocha, Jeff Casas and Sergio Salas.

Also, Christine Villarreal, Michael Nieto, Ashley Ford, Edda Robles, Alfonso Espinoza, Catalina Nicolas, Aaron Chavez, Yvette Amaran, Justin Hale, Priscilla Lara, Daniel Garcia, Alex Espinoza, Zane Anderson, David Rojas, Samuel Flores and Crystal Morris.

Screening Date Is Established

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Parmer County Hospital, 1307 Cleveland Avenue in Friona on June 18.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing breast self-exam each month.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening that includes a mammogram and instruction in self-examination by a Registered Nurse. The total cost is \$75. A minimum of fifteen women need to register in order for the mobile mammography clinic to come to area towns.

Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointments only. Call (806) 359-4673 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information.

The Honors Banquet at Bovina High School was held May 22.

Students recognized included:

National Honor Society induction--Paula Borquez, Martin Reyna and Santiago Serna; House Speaker Pete Laney's Proclamation--J.T. Roach; University Interscholastic League Scholar Award--Lisa Hromas, Lori Beauchamp and Minerva Vitolas.

AB honor roll--Marisol Antillon, Melissa Cano, Alvaro Martinez, J.T. Roach, Evangelina Casas, Luke Steelman, Kasey Bell, Miguel Perez, Tammy Stormes and Minerva Vitolas; All A honor roll--Lori Beauchamp, Lisa Hromas and Priscilla Martinez.

Bovina High Principal's Marron Award--Kasey Bell and Jason Kerby.

UIL accounting--third place team, Patricia Kessler, Stephine Villarreal and Sandra Salazar; computer applications--Alfred Uriegas and Lisa Hromas; computer applications (first place district, regional participant)--Derrick Vanegas.

Accounting I--Patricia Kessler; business computer Applications I--Minerva Vitolas; Applications II--Rebecca Gomez; Applications II--Miguel Perez.

Keyboarding I--Walter Kessler; aide--Jaime Salazar; musicianship--Jessie Fuentes, Amanda Smith, Priscilla Martinez, Rachel Espinoza, Josue Gonzales, Melissa Nicolas, Stephine Villarreal, Vickie Ortiz, Elia Marrufo, Noemi Perez, Imelda Castro, Tricia Kessler, Crystal Leal and Lupe Ramirez.

Ag aide--Jessica Stowers; metal fab--Rosario Silva; ag mechanics--Albert Larrea; ag structures--Freddy Quiroz; best overall in metal fab--Hector Vela; metal fab and ag structures--Hector Vela; best overall in ag structures--David Bishop.

Flag Corps--Rachel Espinoza, Monica Perez, Brandie Munoz, Vickie Ortiz, Laura de la Rosa, Crystal Leal, Stephine Villarreal and Priscilla Martinez.

UIL computer science alternate--Alvaro Martinez; computer science district/regional/state award--J.T. Roach; computer science--Walter Kessler.

National Honor Society gratitude--Francisco Lopez; consumer education--Melissa Nicolas; most enthusiastic student in housing/interiors--Magaly Anaya; comprehensive homemaking--Marisol Antillon.

Computer Science II--J.T. Roach; math of money--Esequiel Flores; computer Science I--Walter Kessler; computer science--Erik Galvan and Hector Vela; apparel--Crystal Leal; foods/advanced foods--Priscilla Martinez, Chris Arias, Alfred Uriegas, Derrick Saddler and Lori Beauchamp.

Comprehensive homemaking--Melissa Cano, Blake Clements, Ricky Antillon and Dora Flores; ready writing/spelling and vocabulary--Walter Kessler and Melissa Cano; feature writing--Marisol Antillon; prose interpretation--Alvaro Martinez.

News writing--Misty Pruitt; headline writing--Blake Clements; feature writing and headline writing--Sarah Rocha; feature writing/spelling and vocabulary--Derrick Vanegas; ready writing/news writing/editorial writing--Eric Shufelberger.

Editorial writing--Erik Galvan; English I (highest average)--Adriana Guevara; headline writing--Nora Uriegas; English II (highest average)--Derrick Vanegas; news writing/editorial writing--Santiago Serna; English I (honors/highest average)--Walter Kessler.

English I (honors)--Blake Clements and Alvaro Martinez; English II (honors)--Vickie Ortiz and Neomi Perez; English II (honors/highest average)--J.T. Roach; highest average in reading--Esequiel Flores; National Honor Society gratitude--Miguel Perez.

Most pleasant student in E.S.L.--Yadira Garcia; citizenship award in E.S.L.--Jose J. Rueda and Nancy Gomez; tutor award in E.S.L.--Abel de la Cruz; E.S.L. exit--Abel de la Cruz; Guadalupe Ramirez, Liseth Antillon, Jose Guadalupe Rivera, Francisco

Lopez and Esequiel Flores; E.S.L. attitude--Elizabeth Jimenez

Math wizard ('a' average)--Jorge Guevara and Janet Quiroz; (most improved)--Jose Juan Rueda; (highest average in Algebra 1-4)--Billy Chisom and Monica Perez; ('a' average, Algebra 1-4)--Yadira Garcia and Miguel Hernandez.

Advanced keyboarding--Lisa Hromas and Kelly Mendez; keyboarding I--Marisol Antillon and Nancy Vela; drama/one act play cast--Gina Beauchamp, Chris Dopp, Tony Beauchamp, Jessica Stowers, Jason Kerby, Kasey Bell, Luke Steelman, Lori Beauchamp, Walter Kessler, Marcy Guevara, George Villarreal and Albert Larrea.

UIL persuasive speaking--Tony Beauchamp, Luke Steelman, Erik Galvan and George Villarreal; English IV--Lisa Hromas and Minerva Vitolas.

English III--Luke Steelman, Tony Beauchamp, Santiago Serna, Kelly Mendez and Priscilla Martinez; English IV--Lisa Hromas and Minerva Vitolas; theatre arts--Kasey Bell; physics--Melissa Nicolas; physical science--Walter Kessler.

Mathematics--Santiago Serna and Wanda Munoz; Algebra I--Melissa Cano and Adriana Guevara; Algebra II--Priscilla Martinez and Minerva Vitolas; trigonometry--Lisa Hromas; geometry--Noemi Perez and J.T. Roach; elementary analysis--Lori Beauchamp; Informal geometry--Rebecca Gomez; mathematics most improved--Lupe Rivera; perfect TAAS score mathematics--Jose Vitolas.

UIL calculator applications/number sense--J.T. Roach; UIL calculator applications/ mathematics--George Villarreal; UIL mathematics/number sense--Luke Steelman; UIL mathematics--Derrick Vanegas and Minerva Vitolas.

Government--Chris Vargas and Lisa Hromas; history--Marcy Guevara, Tony Beauchamp, Elia Marrufo, Gina Beauchamp and

Shot Dates Are Given For June

Immunization clinics offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases are scheduled for June.

Protection is against polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (Haemophilus Influenzae Type B) and Hepatitis B.

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

The vaccinations are available at the WIC Office, 704 Main St. in Friona, on Friday, June 20 from 10 a.m.-12 noon and 1-3:45 p.m.

Vaccinations will also be administered at the EMS Office, 109 Third Street in Bovina on Monday, June 9 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Sales Tax Rebates Are Delivered

John Sharp, State Comptroller of Public Accounts, delivered a total of \$216.5 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,086 Texas cities and 117 counties.

In May, 1997, Parmer County received a total of \$33,512.33 in state tax rebate. The breakdown was Bovina--\$3,436.75; Farwell--\$4,915.79; Friona--\$25,159.79.

During the comparable period last year, Parmer County received \$30,627.90. This year's payment is a county increase of 9.41%.

However, for the year to date, county tax receipts are running 5.98% per cent behind 1996. 1997 rebates have totaled \$125,736.11 compared to \$133,742.37 last year. Compared to last year, Bovina is up 1.65%; Farwell is up 3.29%; and Friona's receipts year-to-date is down 8.67%.

Amanda Smith; health--Walter Kessler, Eric Galvan and Lety Vargas; economics--Minerva Vitolas and Melissa Nicolas.

Biology II--Minerva Vitolas and Santiago Serna; Biology I--J.T. Roach; Most improved Biology I--Monica Perez; UIL science--Nora Uriegas and Santiago Serna; mad scientists--Gina Beauchamp and Alfred Uriegas; mad scientists Biology II--Melissa Nicolas and Sarah Rocha; mad scientist Chemistry I--Marcy Guevara and Luke Steelman.

Spanish I--J.T. Roach and Ezequiel Flores; Spanish II--Jose Casteneda and Minerva Vitolas; Spanish III--Miguel Perez.

Student council--J.T. Roach, Walter Kessler, Paul Borquez, Lisa Hromas, Pablo Martinez, Brandie Munoz, Melissa Nicolas, Lori Beauchamp, Josue Gonzales and Nora Uriegas; student council presidential award--J.T. Roach.

Most dependable library science student--Brandie Munoz; library science award--Paul Borquez.



LUBBOCK, Friday, May 23, 1997

By Shawn Wade

Announcement of the results of the 15th Conservation Reserve Program Sign-Up have left many observers less than thrilled at the results.

With expectations high, the acceptance of bids on only 1.7 million acres in Texas will no doubt disappoint many individuals. Texas landowners submitted bids on some 3.2 million acres.

Individuals who have had their bids accepted during this Sign-Up will begin receiving notifications from the United States Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency (FSA) May 27.

The 53 percent acceptance rate for Texas bids means a considerable number of CRP contracts will expire this year. Percentage-wise, regional CRP levels changed very little. An example of this is the fact that the Southern Plains area had 15 percent of the old CRP enrollment and this new CRP enrollment figure is 14 percent of the total.

"The fact that overall funding was significantly reduced for this Sign-Up was a major factor in the reduction in the number of bids accepted," notes PCG Executive Vice President Donald Johnson. "Also the heavier reliance on the Environmental Benefits Index played a major role in which bids were ultimately accepted or rejected."

Johnson explains that over 21 million acres of highly erodible or environmentally sensitive land was scheduled to come out of the CRP in 1997. Only 16.1 million acres will be going back into the Program. Landowners and producers across the country will now have to decide what to do with 4-5 million acres of previously idled land.

The Texas High Plains fared about average say PCG officials. Unfortunately, the area's 58 percent acceptance rate was only slightly better than the rest of the State and there were significant reductions in some Counties.

Overall, the 25 County area surrounding Lubbock submitted bids on just over 1.7 million acres. The area had just over 1 million acres accepted into the new CRP Program.

The table below shows preliminary figures on the number of acres bid and the number of acres accepted during this CRP Sign-Up.

15th Conservation Reserve Program Sign-Up 25 County Bid/Acceptance Figures

County	Acres Bid	Acres Accepted
Bailey	140,874.4	89,839.0
Borden	4,867.8	2,465.0
Briscoe	62,986.5	15,339.0
Castro	66,183.6	33,209.0
Cochran	113,108.0	76,078.0
Crosby	21,543.9	9,522.0
Dawson	56,299.1	48,893.0
Deaf Smith	153,108.1	48,064.0
Dickens	58,714.6	27,224.0
Floyd	80,204.4	23,793.0
Gaines	167,763.1	154,777.0
Garza	17,064.1	9,502.0
Hale	83,155.7	17,478.0
Hockley	60,950.9	50,204.0
Howard	17,937.5	8,552.0
Lamb	115,149.0	91,815.0
Lubbock	19,570.8	3,212.0
Lynn	33,735.3	21,591.0
Martin	47,392.2	37,487.0
Midland	7,631.9	7,609.0
Motley	30,042.4	12,447.0
Parmer	55,107.1	30,796.0
Swisher	138,042.9	71,899.0
Terry	81,456.8	70,244.0
Yoakum	69,492.2	69,359.0
Total	1,702,382.3	1,031,398.0

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Legislation designed to address problems with the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Program is slowly making its way through the Texas Legislature. With Senate approval already in hand the bill shifts to the House Of Representatives where lawmakers will work to finalize the current legislation.

At this time it is expected that the Senate Bill will be used with little modification by the House, speeding the process considerably.

In order for the boll weevil eradication program to continue this year legislation must be passed before the end of the current legislative session June 2. Otherwise Texas producers will have to wait until the Legislature meets in 1999 to recreate the Texas Program.

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SEMPER FI!.....At the final high school assembly last week, Band Director Bill Shelly announced that Melissa Nicolas had been presented the Semper Fidelis Award for Musical Excellence. The award is sponsored by the U. S. Marine Band and presented to band students across the nation who are selected for their interest and talent in music.

County's Ground Water Declines During 1996

Parmer County ground water levels decreased an average of 2.61 feet in 1996 in 97 private-owned wells in the observation network maintained by the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 in its 546,403 acre service area within the county.

This represents a decrease of 213,916 acre-feet of water on storage in the Ogallala Aquifer last year in Parmer County.

Ground water levels within the Water District's Parmer County service area declined two feet annually during the ten-year period from 1987 to 1997. An average annual decline of 2.61 feet was recorded during the five-year period from 1992 to 1997.

Ground water levels in the Ogallala Aquifer within the 6.8 million acre Water District service area declined an average of 1.49 feet from January 1996 to January 1997. This decline is 0.42 of a foot less than the 1.91 foot annual decline recorded in 1995.

A network of 1,209 privately-owned observation water wells is used to determine the annual change in the quantity of water in

storage in the Ogallala Aquifer within the High Plains Water District. The depth-to-water measurements are taken in January and February of each year to allow water levels to stabilize from pumping during the previous growing season.

Armstrong County was the only county within the District recording an average annual increase in depth-to-water levels in 1996. The declines in the remaining counties ranged from 3.10 feet in Castro County to a 0.42 of a foot decline in Randall County.

Maps showing the location and well number of observation wells in each county or portion of a county was published in the April issue of *The Cross Section*.

Tables listing observation wells in each county within the District and the water levels at one-, five- and ten-year intervals were printed in the Water District newsletter.

Copies of the April 1997 *Cross Section* are available by contacting the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock, Texas, 79405-1499 or by calling (806) 762-0181.

\$1,000 Cargill Scholarship Awarded To Local Youths

Three area students have been recipients of Cargill Scholarships.

Roy Homfeld, a 1997 graduate of Adrian High School, has been awarded a \$1,000 college scholarship. He is the son of Jerry Homfeld of Adrian, Texas. He plans to study agricultural engineering at Texas A&M University.

Joanna Brumley, a graduate of Community Christian, received a \$1,000 scholarship toward studying human sciences/dietetics at Texas Tech University. She is the daughter of Mike Brumley of Hereford.

Sy Olson, a Hereford High School graduate, also received a \$1,000 scholarship. His parents are Steve and Ginger Olson of Hereford. He plans to study animal science/veterinarian at Texas A&M University.

The 250 scholarships are awarded by Cargill to 1997 high school graduates from U.S. farm families in 43

Bucket Calf Weigh Day Set June 7

The next 4-H bucket calf weigh day will be held Saturday, June 7 at Town and Country Vet Clinic on West Highway 60 in Bovina.

Bring your calf from 2-4 p.m. It's not too late to participate in the project. All children ages 5-13 are invited to participate in the bucket calf project.

The show and awards banquet are set for Saturday, September 6 at the Farwell Park.

For more information call Ira Holt at 247-3852 or Alicia Smith at 247-2817.

Scooter's Scoops

By SCOOTER RUSSELL



NEWS AROUND TOWN

Artie Faye O'Hair had a good time with her granddagger and her family visiting from Marshall, Texas, just outside of Houston. They are Jana Janae "J.J." and Richard Byford and baby.

The family went to Clovis two days, had dinner and spent time shopping and looking.

The Byfords came to Bovina early Saturday morning and left on Monday.

Paul and Angela Patton of Brickenridge, Colorado, were in Bovina on Monday and had lunch with their aunt and uncle, Juanda and Don Murphy. They enjoyed a good visit.

Congratulations to Don and Juanda Murphy on the birth of their first great grandchild. She was born May 23, named Jacee Dawlyn, and her parents are Brandon and Melissa Caldwell of Lubbock.

Our deepest sympathy to Charlsie Eubank, whose son Paul passed away. He was Raymond Eubank of Orange, California. He suffered a fatal heart attack. He was preceded in death by his wife nineteen years ago and a son and daughter. Funeral services were held on Tuesday of this week.

Herman Estes is out of the hospital and is in Rehab at St. Mary's in Lubbock. His daughter, Suezy, said he has congestive heart failure and had a stroke that left him unable to talk or eat. He now has a permanent feeding tube that perhaps can be removed later if he gets better.

The Smith's son and his family, Kevin and Crystal Smith and children, Robin and Cutter came from Hereford and had supper with Kevin's parents, Suezy and Billy Smith. Also with the family were the Smith's daughter and family, Darlene and Stan Miller and daughters of Bovina.

Their other daughter and family, Arlene and Justin Brozek and son were in Kansas. They met Justin's mother, Paula Brozek of Great Bend and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hittsher of Loveland.

They stayed in Estes Park with Justin's aunt and uncle.

Members of the high school graduating class were honored with a cookout and homemade ice cream Monday night at the First Baptist Church.

Class sponsors, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Bailey, were there. Also attending were D'Lynn Jamerson, Susan Kerby, Judy Hromas and Rev. Gary Morgan and family, Jerry Birdsong and family and A.L. and Sue Nuttall.

Don Murphy and Don Teague cooked the hamburgers. The group spent time afterwards playing volleyball and had a great

time.

Our sympathies to Dottie Ward, whose only sister and brother-in-law were killed in a traffic accident. They were Edna and Stub Nunn of Camber Missouri.

The accident occurred when the couple's vehicle struck a dump truck. Edna died on Mother's Day and Stub died last Sunday.

They were survived by one daughter who lived close to them and a sister and brother.

Edna had her 80th birthday two days before she died and Dottie called and talked to her that day.

Ignacio Bermea underwent surgery in Hereford to have a tumor removed. She is out of the hospital and

spent time with her mother, Mrs. Reyes in Bovina.

Gilda Garner and Esther Steelman enjoyed having their sister and brother-in-law and niece visiting over the weekend. They are Deliah, Justin and Rachel Lemons of Ft. Worth. Rachel had been here a while visiting with her aunts and their families.

Ruby Barrett suffered a slight stroke and is in the Lubbock Methodist Hospital. She is a resident of the Heritage House in Lubbock. Her sons are Jay Barrett and Monty Barrett of the Bovina area.

Joe and Lavern Black attended the Black family reunion held at Kenton, Oklahoma. Joe's two

brothers were there, Jim of Booker and Tom of Dalhart. Joe said it was held at a Christian camp, "Camp Billy Joe."

About sixty people came and Joe said there were lots of cousins and his two grandsons, Trent and Brandon, accompanied them to Oklahoma.

Jerry and Stephanie Birdsong went to Amarillo on Saturday and celebrated their twelfth wedding anniversary. They had dinner at the Outback Restaurant and enjoyed shopping.

THINK ABOUT IT: You can't change the past, but you can ruin the present by worrying over the future. Thanks for helping with the Scoops....Scooter.

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LEGAL NOTICE
 NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Parmer County Commissioners Court is currently accepting bids for the purchase of one (1) new Backhoe, for use in Precinct #4. Bids may be brought or mailed to Bonnie J. Clayton, County Judge, at 401 Third Street, Room 104, P.O. Box 506, Farwell, Texas 79325, to be received no later than 10:00 A.M. Monday, June 09, 1997, at which time bids will be considered. Please include an original and four (4) copies in your bid packet.

A copy of the bid specifications is on file at the County Judge's office.

The equipment to be considered on trade-in is a 1980 John Deere 410B Backhoe, Serial Number T0410BB722364. Any questions concerning the trade-in equipment should be directed to Raymond McGehee, Precinct #4 Commissioner, at 806/965-2334 (home) or 806/965-2316 (barn).

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

By order of the Parmer County Commissioners Court, Bonnie J. Clayton, County Judge. 44-2tc

LEGAL NOTICE
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The Parmer County Commissioners Court is currently accepting bids for the purchase of two (2) new Motor Graders, one for use in Precinct #1 and one for use in Precinct #2. Bids may be brought or mailed to Bonnie J. Clayton, County Judge, at 401 Third Street, Room 104, P.O. Box 506, Farwell, Texas 79325, to be received no later than 10:00 A.M., Monday, June 09, 1997, at which time bids will be considered. Please include an original and four (4) copies in your bid packet.

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The equipment to be considered on trade-in in Precinct #1 is a 1986 John Deere 770B, Serial Number DW770BX512281. Any questions concerning the trade-in equipment should be directed to John Tannahill, Precinct #3 Commissioner, at 806/247-3336 (home) or 806/247-3713 (barn).

The equipment to be considered on trade-in in Precinct #2 is a 1995 Caterpillar 140G, Serial Number 5MD02687. Any questions concerning the trade-in equipment should be directed to Tom Ware, Precinct #2 Commissioner, at 806/238-1193 (home) or 806/238-1419 (barn).

Bids must reflect the total cost of the equipment.

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LEGAL NOTICE

The City of Bovina will be accepting bids for trash pick-up service for the City of Bovina.

Bids will need to be mailed to City of Bovina P.O. Drawer KK Bovina, Texas 79009 or bring them to the City Hall at 205 North St. Bovina, Texas 79009

Last day to bid is Friday, June 6, 1997 at 5:00 P.M.

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Bids will be opened at our June meeting 43-3tc

LEGAL NOTICE

The City of Bovina will be accepting bids for 1989 Ford Crown Victoria (old patrol car)

Bids will be sealed Last day to bid is Friday, June 6, 1997 at 5:00 P.M.

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If you have any questions Please call the City Hall at (806) 238-1116 Ask for Sarah Alonzo, City Secretary 43-3tc

LEGAL NOTICE

Bovina I.S.D. is accepting bid proposals on health insurance plans for the 1997-98 school year. Interested bidders should contact Pat Read, Business Manager, for bid specifications. Bids must be received in the office of the Superintendent of Schools by July 10, 1997.

Sue Nuttall, Supt. P.O. Box 70, 500 Halsell Street Bovina, Texas 79009

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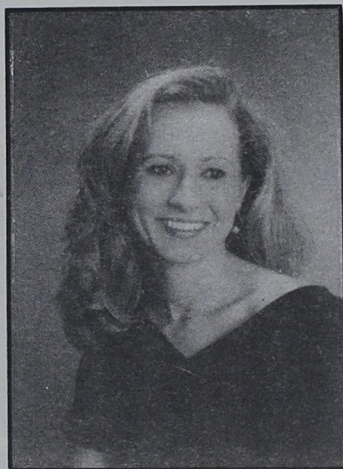
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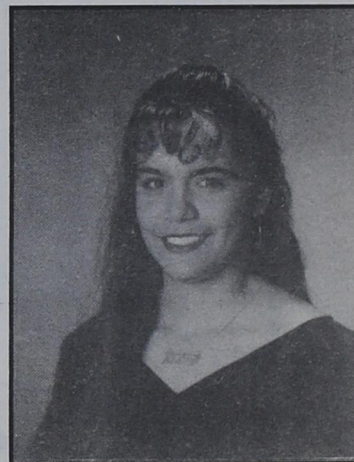


LISA HROMAS
Valedictorian



LORI BEAUCHAMP
Salutatorian

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MINERVA VITOLAS
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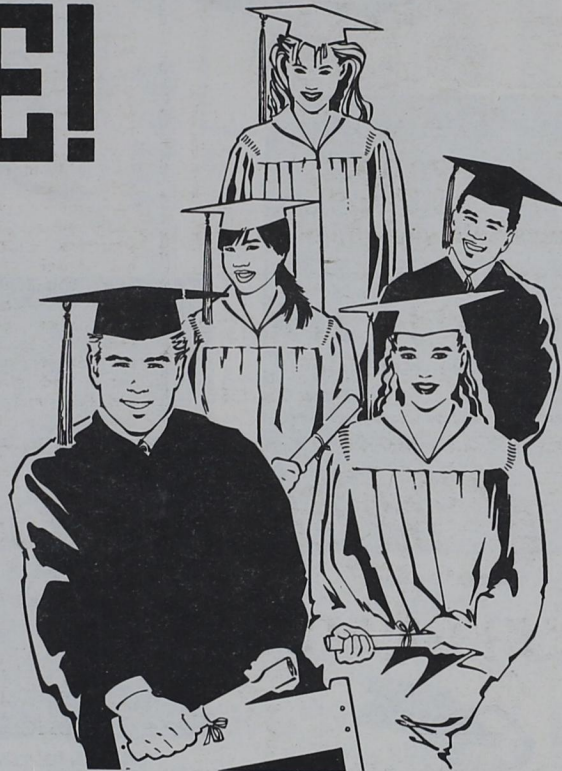
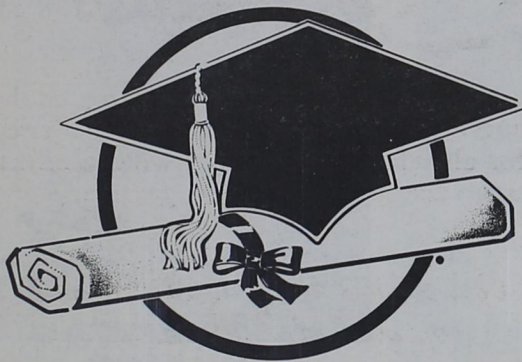
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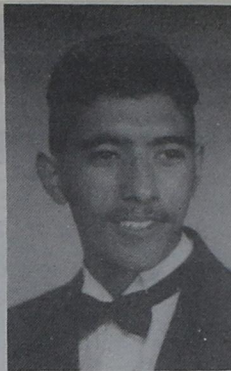
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LISA HROMAS is the daughter of Galen and Judy Hromas, has been a student in Bovina Schools twelve years and will be attending West Texas A&M University, Canyon, after graduating from Bovina High School. She was active in sports, playing basketball and running track four years; ran cross country two years; played golf one year; was in band her freshman year; FFA, NHS and FCA her sophomore, junior and senior years; competed in UIL events her junior and senior years; and Student Council her senior year. Lisa was the top ranking student in the graduating class and will serve as this year's valedictorian; was selected Class Favorite her freshman and sophomore years; won the band Musicianship Award and was named Band Queen her freshman year; was a candidate for Homecoming Queen her freshman and senior years; was named Academic All-District in basketball her sophomore, junior and senior years; was selected

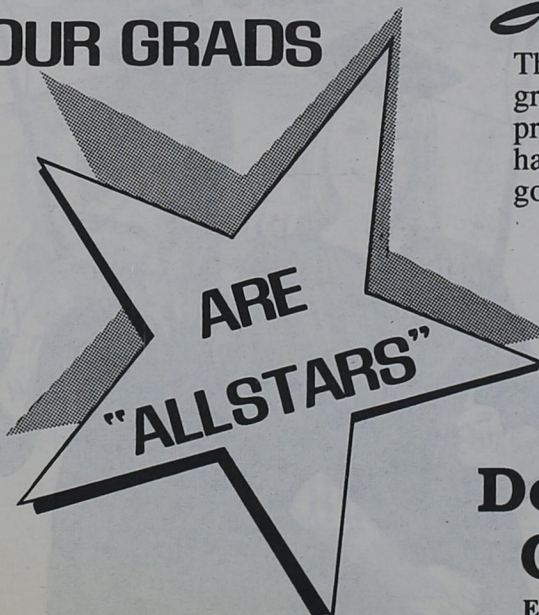


LISA HROMAS

honorably mention all-district in basketball her sophomore and junior years; all-district in basketball, served as basketball team captain, was selected as MVP in track and Homecoming Queen her senior year. Offices she has held included FFA advisor her sophomore year, reporter her junior year and secretary her senior year; NHS treasurer her junior year; FCA treasurer her sophomore year and class vice president her freshman, sophomore and junior years. Lisa attends the First Baptist Church.

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This year, at Commencement, we will watch the graduating seniors with a special pride...a deep pride...for all who, through their willing effort, have earned the honor of wearing the cap and gown.

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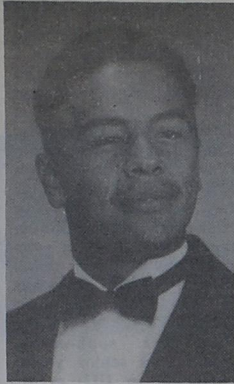


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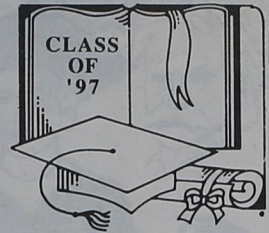
JESSICA STOWERS is the daughter of Roy Lee and Dorothy Stowers, and has attended Bovina Schools twelve years. Her future plans include attending South Plains College, Levelland, this fall. She played basketball, ran track and cross country her freshman year; was in FFA her sophomore, junior and senior years; and was a contest play cast member as a junior and senior. She served as FFA reporter this past year. Her hobbies are cruising, hanging around with her friends and babysitting.



PABLO MARTINEZ, JR. is the son of Pablo and Linda Martinez. He has been a student in Bovina Schools twelve years and has made no definite future plans. While he was attending Bovina High School, he was in FFA his freshman and sophomore years; contest play cast member and choir member his junior year; Student Council and FCA his junior and senior years; and was a member of the yearbook staff as a senior. He served as class president his junior and senior years. Pablo enjoys playing video games.



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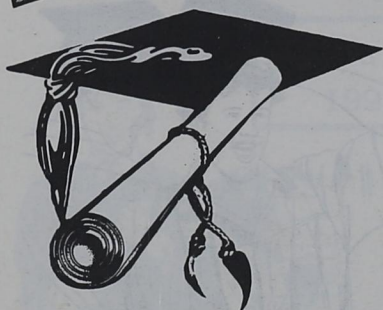


KASEY BELL

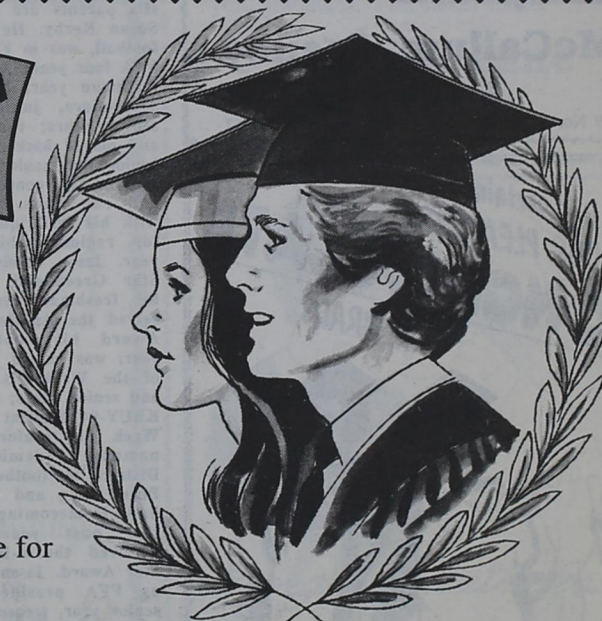
TAMMY STORMES, Corps captain, was daughter of Sammy and Ella Jo Stormes, is selected most improved in track, received the track Fighting Heart Award, FFA Greenhand Award, was listed on the honor roll, served as annual staff co-editor, and exhibited the Grand Champion Barrow at the Bovina Livestock Show. She served as 4-H reporter, vice president and secretary, Greenhand sentinel and FHA vice president. Her favorite pasttimes are collecting cows, listening to the radio, sports and spending time with her nieces, Skyla and Tamra. She attends the First United Methodist Church.

KASEY LYNN BELL, daughter of Greg and Pam Bell, has been a student in Bovina Schools twelve years and will attend Oklahoma Christian University this fall. She played basketball and was a varsity cheerleader four years; ran track and cross country two years; played golf one year; was on the Student Council her freshman and sophomore years; FHA her freshman year; FFA her sophomore year; contest play her junior and senior years; FCA her sophomore, junior and senior years. Kasey was named honorable mention all-district in basketball this past year; was a member of the UIL all-star play cast her junior and senior years; and was nominated for the Fighting Heart Award her junior year. Her hobbies are snow skiing, water skiing and reading and she attends the Bovina First United Methodist Church.

Good Luck



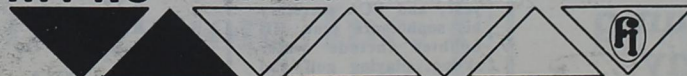
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JUAN MARTINEZ

JUAN MARTINEZ, son of Johnny and Ellice Martinez, has attended Bovina Schools twelve years and has made no definite future plans. He played football four years; basketball one year; ran track three years; was in FFA his freshman and sophomore years; choir his junior year; and FCA his senior year. He likes to play softball and cruise. Juan attends St. Ann's Catholic Church.



MINERVA VITOLAS

MINERVA VITOLAS is the daughter of Jose C. and Guadalupe Vitolas, has attended Bovina Schools two years and will be attending ITT Tech in Tucson, Arizona following her graduation from Bovina High School. Minerva was the third ranking student in the senior class and will serve as historian at the graduation exercises. She ran cross country; was in the Foreign Language

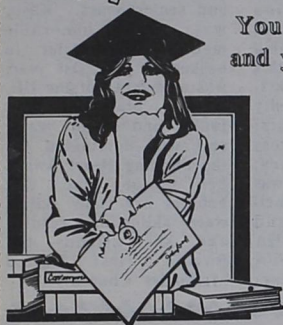
Club her freshman and sophomore years; NHS her junior and senior years; Thespians and choir her senior year; was sixth place individual in UIL accounting her junior year; was listed on the honor roll and won third place in UIL math. Minerva served as freshman class secretary and treasurer. Reading is her favorite pasttime.

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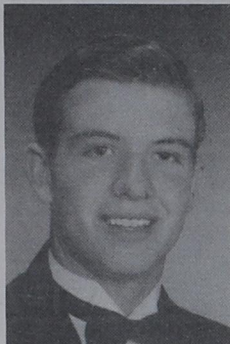
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JASON KERBY has attended Bovina Schools twelve years and plans to attend Western Texas College after graduation. His parents are Al and Susan Kerby. He played football, was in FFA and FCA four years; band his freshman year; NHS his sophomore, junior and senior years; ran track and played basketball his junior and senior years; was in the contest play and ran cross country, with his team qualifying for regional this past year. Jason received his Star Greenhand Degree his freshman year; received the Ag-Mechanics Award his sophomore year; was named Student of the Week his junior and senior years; selected KBUY-94 Student of the Week his junior year; named Academic All-District in football and Prom King and Basketball Homecoming King this past year; and received the 4-H Gold Star Award. Jason served as FFA president his senior year, treasurer his junior year and secretary his sophomore year; NHS secretary his junior year; and FCA secretary his sophomore year. His hobbies include water skiing, playing golf and attending stock shows. He attends the Baptist Church.

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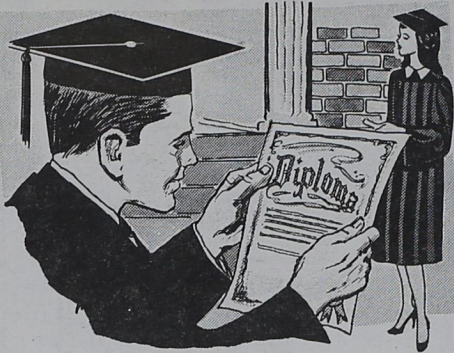


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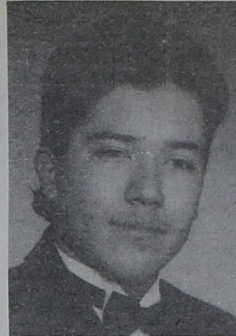
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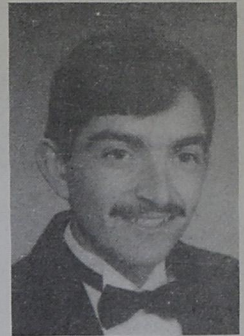
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FRANCISCO BARRAZA, son of Velia Barraza Nieto, has attended Bovina Schools two years and plans to farm after graduation. He played soccer and ran track while at BHS. Francisco enjoys being with his friends and he attends the Catholic Church.



FRANCISCO BARRAZA



MIGUEL PEREZ

MIGUEL PEREZ plans to attend Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, New Mexico, following his high school graduation. His parents are J. Concepcion Perez and Gregoria Perez and he has been a student in Bovina Schools seven years. He played basketball, soccer and baseball, ran track; was in band his junior year; NHS his junior and senior years; and Foreign Language Club his sophomore, junior and senior years. Miguel received awards in Spanish I, Spanish II and Spanish III, Algebra I, Algebra II, Biology I, Biology II, English and was named Student of the Week at BHS. His hobbies are working with computers and guitar picking and he attends the Catholic Church.



On this great day, we're thinking of you, graduates. Full steam ahead!

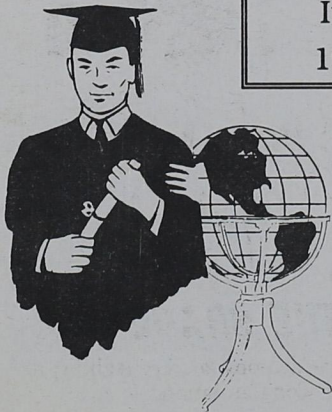
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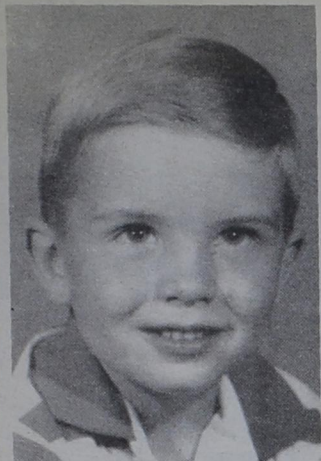
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LISA HROMAS



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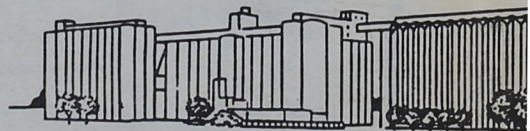
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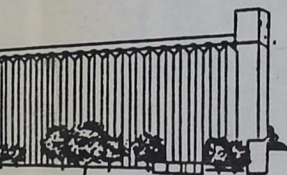
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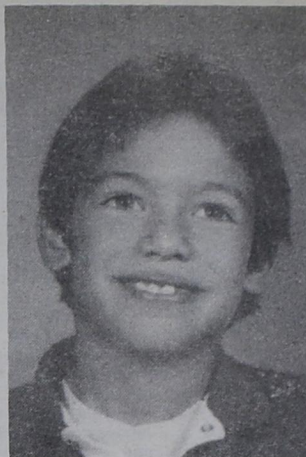
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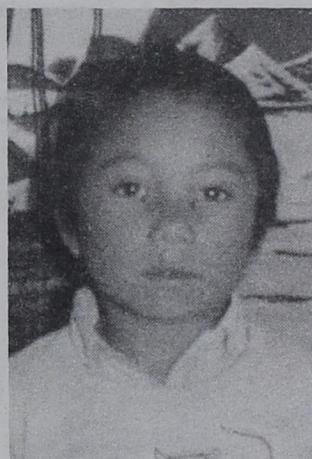
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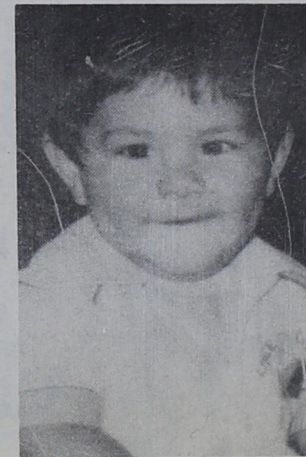
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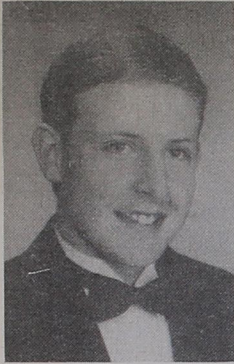
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MINERVA VITOLAS



JIM PRATHER, son of Buddy Prather and Doris Gentry, attended Bovina Schools four years and plans to work after graduation. He played football four years, was named to the first team all-district as a defensive end and selected academic all-district; played basketball two years; ran track one year; was in FFA four years; and NHS as a sophomore, junior and senior. Jim served as FFA vice president his freshman and sophomore years; FFA president his junior year; FFA vice president this year; and NHS vice president as a junior.

RACHEL ESPINOZA



ROCIO AMPARAN

RACHEL ESPINOZA has been a student in Bovina Schools twelve years and plans to attend South Plains College, Levelland, this fall. Her parents are Jesus and Margarita Espinoza. While a student at BHS, she was in band and Flag Corps her sophomore, junior and senior years; FHA her sophomore and junior years; served as Flag Corps captain and was in the Student Council her junior year; choir her junior and senior years; was listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students; and received the English IV Award. Rachel's interests are talking on the telephone and cruising. She attends the Baptist Church.

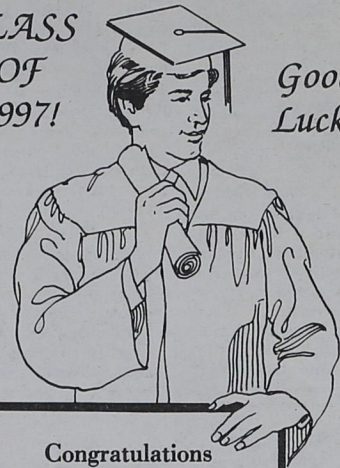


ROCIO AMPARAN is the daughter of Isidra Morales and will be attending Clovis Community College this fall. She has been a student in Bovina Schools four years. Rocio was in FHA her sophomore year. She enjoys reading, nursing and listening to music. She attends St. Ann's Catholic Church.



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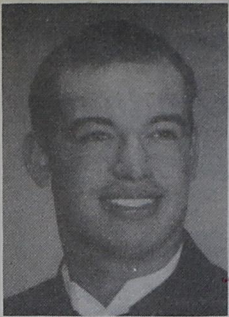


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JERRY ROCHA, son of Lucy and Raymond Rocha, attended Bovina Schools twelve years. He plans to work. Jerry played football four years; and basketball two years and attends the Catholic Church.

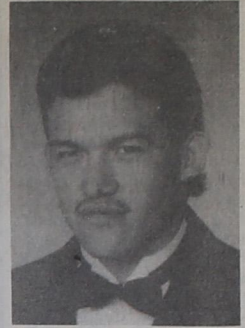
SANDRA MENDOZA is the daughter of Jose Luis and Maria Mendoza, has been a student in Bovina Schools three years and is planning to attend Azusa Pacific University. While a student at BHS, she was in FHA her sophomore and junior years; contest play her junior year; Thespians and choir her junior and senior years; ran cross country and track. She was named honorable mention on the all-star cast of the one-act play, was a member of the third place UIL team at district in current events and issues and was listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students. Sandra served



SANDRA MENDOZA

as FHA vice president her sophomore year and senior class secretary-treasurer. She enjoys playing volleyball and attends St. Ann's Catholic Church.

ROBERT PEREZ, son of Conception Perez, has been a student in Bovina Schools seven years and has no definite future plans. While a student at Bovina High School, he played football three years; ran track two years; played baseball, soccer and basketball one year; was in band his freshman year; FHA and FFA his sophomore year. Robert's favorite past-times are playing soccer and he attends the Catholic Church.



ROBERT PEREZ

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CAROL D'ANNE JONES is the daughter of Joe and Denise Jones and has been a student in Bovina Schools twelve years. She plans to attend American Commercial College, Lubbock, after graduation. While at BHS, she played basketball and golf, ran track and cross country, was in FFA four years; contest play her junior year; and FCA her junior and senior years. She represented the United States in Belgium during the summer of 1996; was honored as Student of the Week, received the FFA Beef Production Award and was named honorable mention all-district in basketball this past year; and received the Agriculture Award for highest achievement in wildlife management her junior year. Offices she held included FFA Greenhand president her freshman year, secretary her sophomore year, sentinel her junior year and treasurer as a senior. Her hobbies are playing basketball, talking, hanging around her friends and spending time with her boyfriend. She attends the First Baptist Church.



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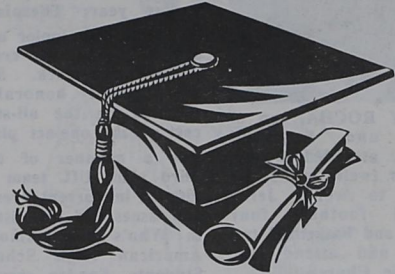


LORI BEAUCHAMP

LORI BEAUCHAMP has been a student in Bovina Schools twelve years and will attend the University of Oklahoma following graduation. Her parents are Mike and Debra Beauchamp. She will serve as salutatorian of the graduating class. Lori ran cross country, played basketball and golf and was a varsity cheerleader four years; ran track three years; was in FHA and FFA her freshman year; Student Council member her freshman, junior and senior years; contest play

her junior and senior years; NHS and FCA her sophomore, junior and senior years. She made the Academic All-District list her junior and senior years; was selected as honorable mention all-district in basketball, was a regional qualifier in golf, was an honorable mention selection on the one-act play all-star cast and was named Girl of the Year in Golf this year. She likes to snow ski and babysit and attends the First United Methodist Church.

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NORA ANN URIEGAS will be attending the University of Dallas in Irving. Her parents are Ruben and Tina Uriegas and she has attended Bovina Schools twelve years. She was on the Student Council four years; FFA her sophomore year; contest play cast member her junior year; NHS her sophomore, junior and senior years; yearbook staff and choir member her senior year. Nora was on the honor roll, received the English III Award, Biology II Award, received the Math of Money Award, placed second in UIL headline writing, was a regional UIL qualifier, placed fifth in UIL current issues and events competition, was named Homecoming Queen, was listed in Who's Who Among American Students and named Student of the Week. She served as her freshman class secretary and sophomore class president. Her interests include reading about the Irish culture and customs and listening to alternative music. She attends St. Ann's Catholic Church.



NORA URIEGAS



MELISSA NICOLAS

MELISSA NICOLAS is the daughter of Ramiro Nicolas and Juanita Nicolas. She has been a student in Bovina Schools seven years and will be joining the United States Armed Services following her high school graduation. While at BHS, she was on the Student Council her sophomore, junior and senior years; band, NHS and choir her junior and senior years; contest play cast member and Flag Corps her junior year and FHA her senior year. Melissa was listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students, was selected Student of the Week at BHS, was named Band Queen, served as a band drum majorette and was on the Executive Student Council. Offices she held included junior class secretary, senior vice president, NHS secretary and Flag Corps captain. Her hobbies include reading, cooking, science of all types, watching television and talking on the telephone. She attends St. Ann's Catholic Church and is a member of the church choir.

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ZEFERINO JOE VILLARREAL, son of Zeferino and Mary Villarreal, has attended Bovina Schools five years and will join the United States Marines after graduation. He played football four years; baseball one year; ran track three years; was in FFA his freshman, sophomore and junior years; was a member of the contest play cast and Student Council his sophomore and junior years; and was in choir his junior year. He was selected second team all-district as a runningback his junior year; was chosen honorable mention as a linebacker, first team all-district as a runningback and honorable mention all-state runningback this year. His



ZEFERINO VILLARREAL hobbies include playing sports and being with his family and he attends St. Ann's Catholic Church.



JAIME SALAZAR

JAIME SALAZAR, son of Sebastian Salazar and Marion Salazar, has been a student in Bovina Schools seven years and will be moving from Bovina after graduation. Jaime was on the yearbook staff his senior year. He likes to play basketball and read and he attends the First Hispanic Baptist Church.

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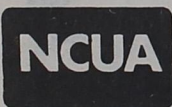
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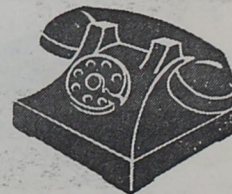


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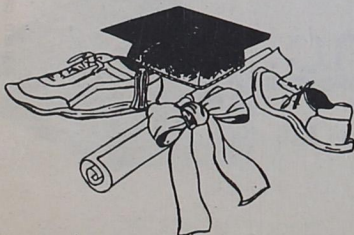
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