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THE TOP PLAYER...Dorothy Harris made a miracle run the last week of the 1998 football contest. See the story for details. Dorothy is shown receiving her \$150 check from Kenneth Waters, left, of Charles Oil, a contest sponsor. At right is Ron Carr, Blade editor. P. S.-For those who know her, Dorothy is standing on a box, just in case you thought she had really grown.

Football Contest Goes To Overtime In Four-Way Tie

BY RON CARR

It took an extra week to determine the overall winner of the 1998 Bovina Football Contest.

To recap, going into the final week's contest, Jan Smith and Jeanne Kerby were tied for the point lead. Aubrey Parson and three others were only one point back.

No one paid much attention to Dorothy Harris sitting four points behind the leaders with only one contest left.

Some of the players in a position to win took some chances in the last contest by predicting possible upsets.

This system bombed for the most part.

The entry for Jan Smith, who lives in Sudan and works at the Muleshoe post office, did not arrive by Monday. We called her and she said she had mailed it like always. So we waited.

In fact, we picked up her entry at the Bovina post office last Friday, a week after the final contest deadline. It was properly postmarked, just took a few more days to get from Muleshoe to Bovina.

Smith and Kerby both picked 9 correct in the last contest. Parson's entry had 10 correct. Harris came from

way back and picked 13 (out of 14) correct.

The entry not only won the \$20 prize in week 13 but moved Harris into a tie for the overall point total prize of \$150.

Jeanne Kerby, Jan Smith, Aubrey Parson, and Dorothy Harris each had ended the season with 127 total points out of a possible 182.

Just for reference, the 127 points was an average of 9.75 correct guesses each week out of the 14 weekly games. A contest that had picked only 10 correct each week would have won the top prize.

To break the four-way tie, we computed their weekly tie-breaker scores for the 13 weeks, added up the totals, and the player with the lowest total won.

Jan Smith was 238 points off overall, Jeanne Kerby was 207 off, and in a heart breaker finish, Aubrey Parson was 195 off, but Dorothy Harris edged him at 194 off, winning the top prize by one point over 13 weeks.

Harris, a long time contest player, was presented the \$150 check this week by Kenneth Waters of Charles Oil, a contest sponsor.

She said this is the first time she had won the overall prize, but remembers one year when she also lost by one point.

Congratulations to all our winners and thanks for playing the contest again with us. A special thanks to each of our sponsors for making this much fun possible.

See you next year.

Some Important Bovina School Announcements

* School officials announced that the National Junior Honor Society bake sale will be held at school on December 17. All proceeds will go toward the spring field trip.

* A financial aid night for all parents of juniors and seniors with students wishing to go on to college or vocational school after graduation are asked to meet in the high school library at 7 p.m. on January 13, 1999.

* Holiday Schedule-early release on December 21 & 22. Students will dismiss at 2:30 p.m. those days. On December 22 school will not start until 9:05 a.m. No breakfast will be served.

* Lisa Navarro was the winner of the Thanksgiving dinner that Bovina Elementary gave away as a door prize at the recent Health Fair. Lowe's Pay-N-Save donated the turkey and the trimmings were provided by Bovina ISD.

SEASON STARTS SATURDAY

Pheasant Season: Not Many Birds Locally

By BILL ELLIS

The pheasant season kicks off in Parmer County this weekend, and going by what the experts are saying, hunters are not likely to find nearly as many of the bright game birds at which to shoot as they did in 1997.

The season runs through Sunday, December 27.

"We just don't have any birds to speak of in our area," said Jack Patterson of the Rhea community. Patterson said he had seen one cock pheasant on his place in recent weeks, and that was about it.

The longtime hunter, and a leader when the pheasants were stocked in the county back in the 1960s said that after last year's good pheasant season--the first in a number of years--he had hoped the bird's population would climb back up.

"We had plenty of birds left over, after last year's hunting season was over, and things were looking good," Patterson said.

But several factors challenged the game bird once again. First and foremost was the severe drought that hit the area in early spring and lasted through late summer.

Then, in the Rhea community, what added insult to injury was the hailstorm which hit the last of October, and demolished crops and birds as well. Farmers with cotton crops had their cotton--ready to be stripped by machines--done by Mother Nature. This was the latest destructive hail many local residents could remember.

Patterson did say that he had not visited with residents south of Bovina and Friona, to see what their areas looked like in regard to the hunt.

Game Warden Chuck Cosper has the opinion that the lack of available water forced the pheasant hens to leave their nests for extensive periods in order to find drinking water, and this may have ruined the hatch success. Very few small birds were

witnessed.

Cosper, Patterson and others also point to a growth in the coyote and skunk populations in the rural areas. These varmints will not only eat the nest eggs, but will kill the grown pheasants if they catch them.

Then, too, cover crops which the pheasants depend upon were not as prevalent, mainly due to the drought.

Patterson said that the low numbers applies to other birds than pheasants. He said he had been quail hunting west of Morton and near San Jon, N.M., and that the hunting was not worth the trouble. He went a day or so without seeing a single bird, he said.

During the "glory years" of the pheasant hunters, as many as 10,000 hunters would invade the area on the opening weekend of the hunt, and come from as far away as Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio.

Governors and other "celebrity hunters" have also taken part. Governor Preston Smith was a regular for many seasons--before and after he was governor.

The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service has estimated that an average hunter coming from outside the area spends in excess of \$1,000, on transportation, lodging, meals, gasoline and so forth. So, if a thousand hunters come into the local area, this could mean an addition of around a million dollars.

With this as the "carrot," perhaps we need to work even harder to keep the pheasant population going in Parmer County.

Bovina High School Final Exams Scheduled

High school principal Wayne Erwin announced the final exam schedule for the first semester.

As a reminder, he said that students will not be released when they finish their exam. Each student must bring something to study or a book to read.

Wednesday, December 16--First period final exam 8:55-10:25 a.m.

Thursday, December 17--Second period final exam 9:15-10:45 a.m.; Third

period final exam 11 a.m.-12:31 p.m.; Fourth period final exam, 1:05-2:35 p.m.

Friday, December 18--Fifth period final exam 9:15-10:45 a.m.; Sixth period final exam 11 a.m.-12:31 p.m.; Seventh period final exam 1:05-2:35 p.m.

Erwin also said that on Monday, December 21, high school begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. and on Tuesday, December 22, high school begins at 9:05 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m.

SOMEBODY TOOK A POLL about Christmas traditions ... which just proves that they'll take a poll about anything.

Anyway, the poll noted that one out of every two Americans watch a classic movie over the Christmas holiday every year, either at the movie theater or at home on TV or video tape.

"It's a Wonderful Life" is the one the Ellis family always tries to watch. Other perennial favorites were listed as: "Miracle on 34th Street" and Dicken's "Christmas Carol."

We send almost three billion holiday cards and those awful Christmas letters every year. No wonder our postal workers are looking a bit frazzled this time of year. The poll noted that the average household will send around 38 Christmas cards, though some, especially the affluent folks, generally send quite a few more than that.

Six out of ten of us will hang a Christmas stocking and 75 million of us put out a plate of cookies and a glass of milk or some other small goodies for Santa Claus. 38 million American children sit on Santa's knee every year to discuss their Christmas wish list.

Fifteen percent of the world's children anticipate a visit from St. Nicholas on Christmas Eve, which is close to 400 million eager little tykes. That means he must travel a distance of about 15 million miles around the world in one evening. Due to the various time zones and the earth's rotation, he can cut off a lot of time by traveling from east to west. But he'll need to be moving around 650 miles per second, which is 3,000 times the speed of sound. So is it any wonder that we don't actually see Santa in action on Christmas Eve!

Personally, I think he feeds those reindeer a bowl of Texas chili beans and steroids for lunch on the day of Christmas Eve. Then by the time he hooks the reindeer up to the sleigh, they all just go zipping around on methane gas emissions.

We are all divided 50-50 on the question of a real Christmas tree or an artificial one, but 37 million real trees were sold last year. We have an artificial tree at the Ellis house and I miss that wonderful evergreen smell from my childhood. About a week ago, when the weather was nice and warm, I stopped at a Christmas tree lot and just walked through the place inhaling the air. When the man asked if he could help me, I said "No thanks. I'm just smelling."

About 71 percent of us attend a religious service of some sort over the holiday. And three out of four families open their gifts on Christmas Day. Only one in four couldn't wait and opened their presents on Christmas Eve.

Four out of five women bake something special for the Christmas season, though most of them (66 percent) say they'll use a mix and tell everyone that they made it from scratch. A few busy but ingenious ladies simply purchase baked goods at the store, throw away the box, and present it at home on a nice Christmas platter, as though they'd been slaving over a hot stove in the kitchen all day.

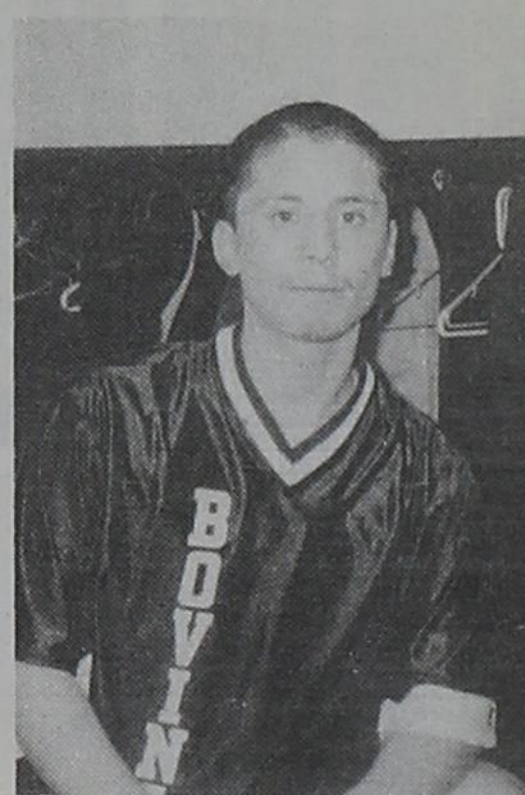
Very few of us (only 9 percent) have ever roasted chestnuts over an open fire. I don't know what chestnuts taste like. My friend Anne Spring, who hails from the "old country," says she remembers as a child in Manchester, vendors on street corners would roast the nuts over little flame pots and sell them as a warm confection. "The smell wafting over the crisp winter air was wonderful, but chestnuts hardly have any flavor at all," Anne noted. So with all of the other memorable traditions which surround our most wonderful holiday, perhaps this is one that we can forego.



JASON STONE



EVANG CASAS



HERMAN MARQUEZ

Basketball honors were earned at Vega: Vega Tournament Most Valuable Player, Jason Stone, and all-tournament selections Evang Casas and Herman Marquez. Congratulations!

Bovina Aldermen Accept Resignations At Meeting

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session December 8, 1998 at 7 p.m.

Those present were Mayor Hromas, Alderman Hughes, Alderman Wilkins, and Alderman Marshall.

The meeting was called to

order at 7:15 p.m.. Mayor Hromas opened with a prayer.

Previous minutes were read and approved.

Alderman Hughes made a motion to pay the bills, Marshall seconded, motion passed.

Alderman Hughes moved that the city send a letter to Duncan Disposal, letting them know that the city intends to put the trash disposal up for bids when the contract between the City of Bovina and Duncan Disposal is over. Marshall seconded, motion passed.

Alderman Hughes made a motion to table the discussion on seal coating the streets until the city gets further information. Marshall seconded, motion passed.

Alderman Hughes moved that the city pay for the phone calls that pertain to the city that are made on the

Mayor's cellular phone. Wilkins seconded, motion passed.

Alderman Wilkins made a motion to accept resignations from Patricia Kunselman and Daniel Rodriguez. Hughes seconded, motion passed.

Alderman Hughes moved to approve the 98-99 budget, Wilkins seconded, motion passed.

The council went into closed session at 8:05 p.m. and open session resumed at 9:15 p.m. Alderman Waters arrived at 8:45 p.m.

Alderman Hughes made a motion to pay all accumulated employee compensatory time up to date. Wilkins seconded, motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

(Council minutes furnished by Sarah Alonzo, city secretary.)



Santa Letter Reminder

There is now a special mailbox at the Bovina Blade office just for your letters to Santa Claus. It is easily accessible in the hall between the newspaper and Dorothy's Beauty Shop. Santa letters will be published in the Christmas edition of the Blade.

Bovina Reflections

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

40 Yrs. Ago-Dec. 10, 1958
James Lawlis, recognized as Bovina's top ground-gaining back during the 1958 football season, has been named to the 2B All-District football team.

Visiting recently in the home of Mr. and Mrs. I.W. Quickel were their daughter and children, Mrs. C.E. Stark, Mike, Karyl, Sabra and Kervin, of Lubbock. Also spending the day were the local couple's son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Quickel, Ike Bill and Teresa, of Farwell.

Members of the local chapter of the Order of Eastern Star met Thursday evening of last week for a salad supper. The meeting was held in the Masonic Hall and was in honor of the Deputy Grand Marton's official visit. *****

35 Yrs. Ago-Dec. 11, 1963
Three Tulia men escaped death in a spectacular one-car accident about midnight Saturday a mile east of Bovina on the Dimmitt Highway.

Mrs. Wallace Rogers was hospitalized Saturday night at Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona. She is reported to be

improving.

Good Neighbor Sewing Club has a dinner party Thursday evening at a Clovis restaurant.

Ira Wellborn, who lives northwest of Bovina, suffered face and chest injuries Friday night when his car crashed into a dead end a mile from his home. *****

30 Yrs. Ago-Dec. 11, 1968
Gail Turner, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Turner, was reported to be improving in the intensive care ward of Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo, this week. She has been a patient there since Friday.

Mrs. Lee Sudderth is in High Plains Baptist Hospital, in Amarillo, where she was transferred Saturday after receiving a fractured leg that day in Bovina.

Miss Toni Barraza, LVN, will begin full time work after December 15 at the Bovina Medical Center. *****

25 Yrs. Ago-Dec. 12, 1973
A youth-led revival has been set at the Iglesia Bautista Belen Church in Bovina this weekend, according to a member of the youth organization.

George Long, 47, a

resident of Parmer County since 1958, died suddenly of an apparent heart attack late Thursday afternoon in Clovis. He was pronounced dead on arrival at Clovis Memorial Hospital.

A trap shoot, sponsored by the Bovina-Friona Knights of Columbus, has been scheduled for this weekend, according to a spokesman for the organization.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Ward of Bovina announce the birth of a son at 10:51 (CST) Saturday, December 1, at Clovis Memorial Hospital. *****

20 Yrs. Ago-Dec. 13, 1978

The second snowfall of the season was received this week and lowest temperatures ever were reported. Official temperatures were reported as low as ten to 18 degrees below zero the morning of December 9.

Bovina Wheat Growers has expanded their operation, and is now operating the former Bonds Oil Company station.

Clayton Williamson, Bovina city manager, resigned his post effective at the end of 1978.

Mr. and Mrs. Von Bowen celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, December 17, hosted by their niece, Kay Kelly. *****

15 Yrs. Ago-Dec. 14, 1983

The First Baptist Church Adult Choir will present a Christmas musical, "A King Comes," by Michael E. Parks and directed by Grady Sorley, Sunday night.

Payment of the bill for the new roof, which was applied to the Courthouse,

was one of the main items of business for the Parmer County Commissioners' Court on November 28.

This season's Cabbage Patch Doll "craze" has developed into one of those shopping fads which comes along every so many years, like the Barbie doll and hula hoop. Even marketing experts could not predict the unusual demand for the dolls this Christmas season. *****

10 Yrs. Ago-Dec. 14, 1988

The Bovina High School Mustangs had to settle for the runner-up trophy in the Farwell Invitational Tournament last weekend, losing to the host Steers in the tourney finals, 79-68.

Bovina has hired a city patrolman. He is Gary Coleman of Austin. Gary is now on duty, but will be moving permanently to Bovina with his wife, Sue, after the Christmas holidays.

The Kregg Wilson family of Bovina started raising pheasants two years ago as a project to help their children earn some money for college. *****

5 Yrs. Ago-Dec. 11, 1993

The Bovina Senior Citizens met on December 1 for their regular luncheon and business meeting.

The main topic discussed was the Christmas program, which will be held on December 11.

Those attending the meeting were: Clifford and Julia Leake, Hattie Burnett, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Black, Ethyl Johnson, Dorothy Ellison, Idella Owens, Charlie Eubanks, Sid Lloyd, Edna Scott, Minnie and Howard Kelso and Jerry Ware.



DRIVING to the goal is Fillie Elia Marrufo being chased by the Smyer squad. Evang Casas (14) and Letie Vargas (10) are in the background. ron carr photo

Community Reunion Draws Large Crowd

The Oklahoma Lane School and Community Reunion, was held in the Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church on November 27. The church is a former school building.

Registration began at 9 a.m. Eighty-nine guests registered. A catered meal was served at noon. Pictures were on display. Other photos were brought including several school group shots of years past.

Oklahoma Lane School consolidated with Farwell in 1948 with some students going to Lazbuddie and Bovina.

After lunch, everyone gathered in the sanctuary for a short business meeting with Harold Carpenter presiding. Recognized were former teachers, school board members, bus drivers, those traveling the farthest and the oldest class present. A number of comments and several prayer request were made. The group reminisced and many pictures were taken.

Records are kept of the deaths from one reunion to the next. There were fifty Oklahoma Laners on our list since the reunion held November 29, 1996.

Plans are to have the next reunion the Friday after Thanksgiving in 2000.

Those present for the reunion were: Mary Christian Crain, Janis Billingsley,

Glenn and Glenn Hromas of Amarillo; B.J. and Bobbie Kent Foster, Ruby (Kersey) and Leon Prindle, Loren and Darleen West, Pauline Caldwell and Kathryn Gober of Lubbock.

Also, Geneva Hanna Henson, Joe and Glenda Doshier Carpenter, Raymond Magness, Dustin Davis, Viola Lockridge, Otto Hillock, Mickey Hillock, Condy Billingsley, Angeline Lee Stanley and her son, Dennis, and Jean Stanley of Clovis, New Mexico; (Lynn) Sonny and Brenda Hanna and Ernestine Hromas Lovell of Fort Worth.

Also, Jackie Brown and daughter, Sandy Peterson, Dee Brown, Alden and Jewell Henderson of Muleshoe; Arnold and Amy Donaldson Hromas, Scott Gober, Leon and Charlene Grissom, Rita Wilkinson Mast, Joe Looney and her daughter, June Gay, Janean Grissom's sister, and Obereta West Sudderth, of Bovina.

Also, Gladys Donaldson Hromas, Willie Roberts, Joe and Beulah Donaldson McWilliams, J.C. and Auneliese Robertson, Cotton and Shorty Robertson, Donald Watkins of Farwell; Cathy Rundell Sturtevant, Walter Hurst and Peanuts Hurst of Yakima, Washington; and John Christian of Raymondville, Texas.

Also, Neil Hendrickson of Silver City, New Mexico; James Smith of Walker Basin, California; Dennis Nelson of Spearman; Weldon and Martha Rundell of Plainview; C.W. and Janean Grissom and daughter, Kathy, of Taiban, New Mexico.

Also, Alma Lee Yawn of Hazelhurst, Georgia, Alpha (Lee) and Lon Everly of Umpire, Arkansas; Ed and Sue Lee of Artesia, New Mexico; Charles and Marge Caldwell of Houston; Vic and Ruth Caldwell Coats of Wichita, Kansas; J.W. Punk Hromas of Levelland.

Attending from Oklahoma Lane were: Harold and Avis Donaldson Carpenter, Lois McGuire Billingsley, Sterling and Dorothy Donaldson, Georgia Bolton Nelson, Tom and Skeet Caldwell, Donald and Dot Kent Christian, Troy and Lillie Christian and Lowell Primrose.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Clyde Blalock, Deceased, were issued on December 17, 1998, in Cause No. 2350, pending in the County Court of Parmer County, Texas, to: UTE S. BLALOCK ROSS.

The residence of the Successor Independent Executrix is 605 NW 5th Street, Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas; the post office address is:

c/o CHARLES F. AYCOCK
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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 7th day of December, 1998.

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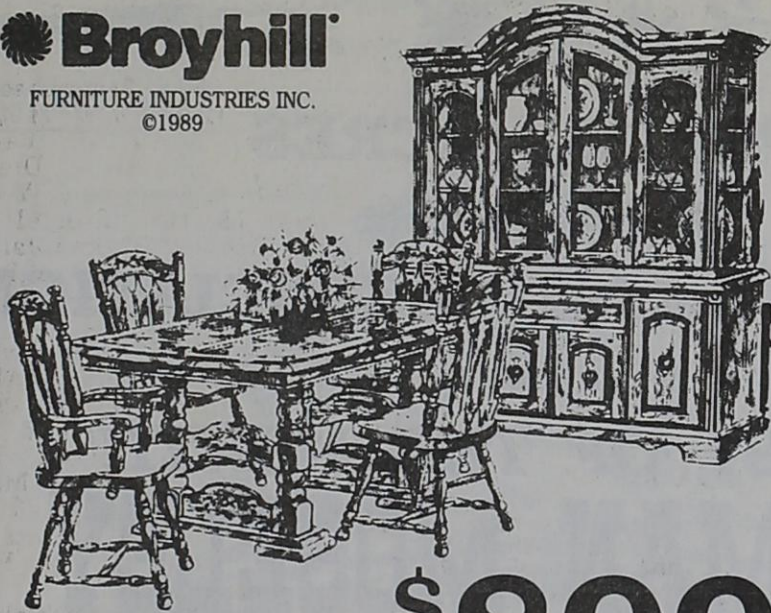
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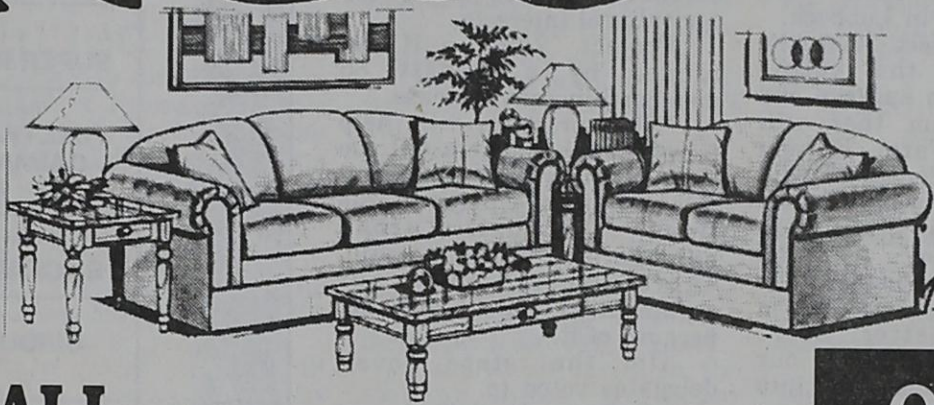
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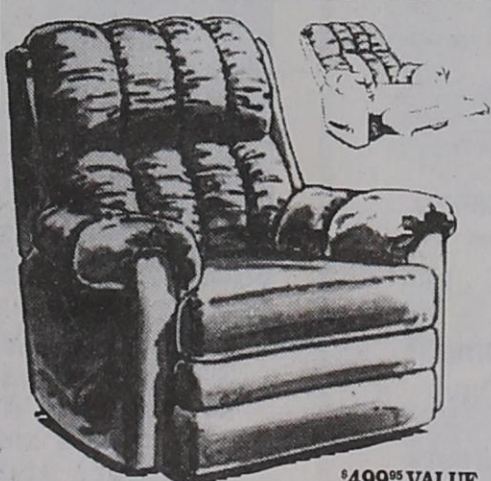
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So. Plains Announces Reg. Dates

South Plains College's spring 1999 registration begins January 11-12 at the Reese Center campus, 9421 W. 4th St. in Lubbock.

SPC Levelland, 1401 S. College Avenue in Levelland, will have regular and evening spring registration January 14. Financial Aid Award Day is scheduled January 13 for pre-registered students receiving any type of financial aid.

SPC Lubbock, 1302 Main, will have returning student registration January 13 and new student registration January 14. Late registration begins January 19.

To obtain a 1999 spring schedule of classes, contact SPC's Office of Admissions and Records at (806)894-9611, ext. 2374, 747-0576 ext. 4660, or the Reese Center at 747-0576, ext. 2902.



PRAIRIE ACRES resident Minnie Knight, center, was featured as resident-of-the-month in the Prairie Acres newsletter for December. Minnie is shown with PA staffers Velma Lovvorn and Deb Hendley.

Farm Bureau Adopts Project 2000 At Meet

Texas Farm Bureau voting delegates approved a path for the state's largest general farm organization to follow into the new millennium at their 65th annual meeting in Lubbock.

"Called Project 2000, the consensus of the voting delegates was to approve and fund a program that will carry Texas Farm Bureau into the next century," said Bob Stallman, who was re-elected to his sixth consecutive term as the organization's president. "The program will allow Farm Bureau to better serve agriculture and achieve our organizational goals well into the next century."

Specifically, the program addresses the following initiatives:

- Increased administrative assistance for county leaders;
- Increased emphasis on agriculture in the classroom activities;
- Increased public relations activities;

Increased marketing and risk management educational opportunities;

Establishes a legal defense fund to fight for agricultural interests.

Project 2000 will be funded by a modest \$5 membership dues increase. "This program will help farmers and ranchers tell the story of the vitally important role agriculture plays in the lives of their urban neighbors," Stallman said. "Agriculture and our organization will be stronger because of it."

On the state level, delegates voted to:

- Support local Soil and Water Conservation Districts' ability to provide technical assistance and incentives for voluntary soil and water conservation planning and implementation.

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- 1-1978 John Deere 4430 Diesel Tractor, Cab, AC, Htr, PS Trans, 2 Hyd, 18.4 X 38 Rubber, needs repair
- 1-1982 John Deere 4640 Diesel Tractor, AC, Htr, QR Trans, 2 Hyd, 20.8 X 38 Rubber, Duals
- 1-1979 International 1486 Diesel Tractor, Cab, AC, Htr, TA, 2 Hyd, 18.4 R X 38 Rubber 90%, (Clutch is Out)
- 1-1977 Case 1570 Diesel Tractor, Cab 2 Hyd, 20 X 38 Rubber
- 1-1971 John Deere 4620 Diesel Tractor, Cab, 8 Sp Trans, 2 Hyd, 18.8 X 38 Rubber
- 1- International 60 Loader
- 1- Koyker K-5 Front End Loader

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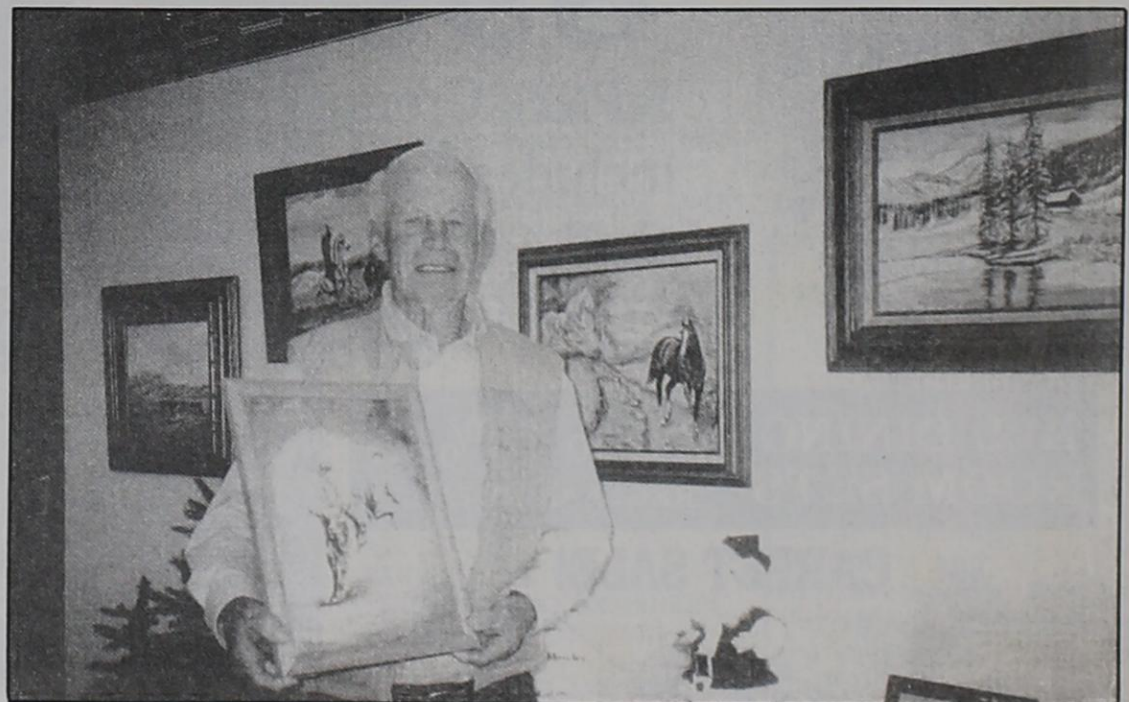
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ARTIST OF THE MONTH--Friona Art Association announces that Coleman Moseley is the December Artist of the Month. Coley's oil paintings will be on display in the lobby at Prairie Acres until January 1st. He is a self-taught artist with a lot of natural talent. Coley says he's always been interested in sculpture and sketching but has only been dabbling in oils for about 12 years. His favorite subject matter leans toward Western themes and landscapes.

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The public is invited to view the art in the lobby at Prairie Acres each month.

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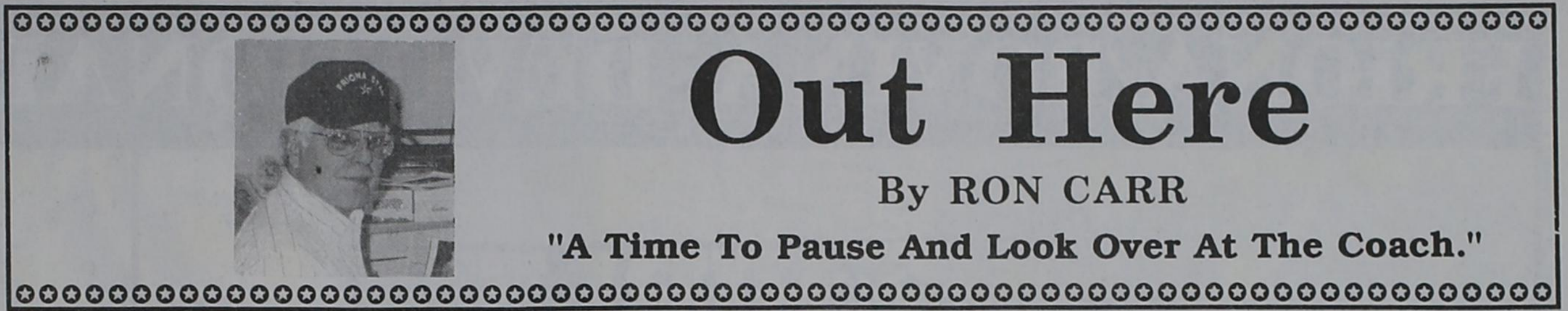
Immunization clinics offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases are scheduled for November.

Protection is against polio, diphtheria, lockjaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps and HIB (Haemophilus Influenzae Type B). Influenza and pneumococcal vaccines will be available.

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 Street in Friona, Friday, December 18 from 10 a.m.-12 noon and 1-3:45 p.m.

Vaccinations will also be administered at the EMS Office, 109 East Third Street in Bovina, Monday, December 14 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.



Mr. David Dewitt Hillsboro, Texas

Dear Coach Dewitt,

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and all the blessings of the season to you and your family.

It is that time of the year for shopping, greetings, and of course, high school basketball.

We played our last basketball game in 1957, but I have been back on the court for the past four seasons, taking pictures for the newspapers.

It has been fun for me to

relive my high school basketball years and fill a lot of scrapbooks with action pictures of these kids.

Of course, I guess you already know that since I send you the newspaper every week. Let's just say it's my way of giving you something back for what you gave me. I'm just sorry it took me forty years to say thanks and let you know that I love you for it.

You know coach, a lot of things have changed in the game since we played in the 50s. For one thing, when I was a teenager, I thought you were a whole lot older than me. Now that I will soon be 60 are you sure you are only 75?

Jim Rule Is Buried Here

Graveside services for Jim Rule, 72, of Friona were held at 2:30 p.m. Friday, December 11, 1998 at Friona Cemetery with Andy Wood of Trinity Church in Lubbock officiating.

Born October 15, 1926 in Strong City, Oklahoma, he died December 9, 1998 in VA Medical Center in Amarillo.

Rule had lived in Amarillo several months moving there from Friona. He participated in six major invasions in the Pacific during WWII, was awarded four battle stars in the Asiatic Pacific area, two battle stars for the Philippine Liberation and received the China Service ribbon.

He is a member of the VFW, DAV and lifetime member of the American Legion.

Survivors include three sons, John Rule of Amarillo, Ruede Rule of Lubbock and Monte Rule of Friona; one daughter, Melva Rule of Poway, California; two brothers, Budde Rule of Brownsville and Buford G. Rule of Cortez, Colorado; one sister, Myrtie Deaton of Lubbock; and five grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Legion, %J.P. Sims, Friona.

Out Here

By RON CARR

"A Time To Pause And Look Over At The Coach."

I remember the lockers in our dressing room at the old Hillsboro gymnasium were made out of wood and chicken wire. So were the benches we sat on to lace up our black ankle-length tennis shoes.

I don't remember those shoes having any fancy names either. Another thing, coach, the long bloomers the high schools wear these days are pretty ugly, don't you think?

I guess you might say that our uniforms were your basic shorts, tank top, and socks. We did have warmup jackets but no long sweat pants as I remember it.

Some other things we did not have in 1950s high school basketball: 3-point shots, glass backboards, dunk shots, comfortable buses, video cameras, Gatorade water bottles, enough towels.

Back then we had the "A" team and "B" teams. We didn't call it varsity and junior varsity.

My memories of our Hillsboro Eagles basketball seasons are hazy in some areas. Maybe too much time has passed, coach. Or maybe I have ended up with only memories that really matter.

I remember being in the starting lineup my senior year. That is a goal that all athletes still strive for. To be in the top five on the team.

But I also remember a teammate named Refugio Rizo that was my substitute. I hated it when you sent him in my place. There was always that chance he might stay in and keep me on the bench.

Do you remember on our road trips south of Hillsboro when we would always stop at the Chicken Shack in Waco. (That's another thing missing from 50s basketball: McDonald's, Taco Bell, and any other fast food restaurant.)

I can still see and smell those platters of fried chicken

at the Shack. All you can eat, then lick the grease off your fingers for the next 50 miles.

It is funny to me how you can remember one play out of the thousands of times we passed the ball. One game I was playing out front.

I had the ball and out of the corner of my eye I spotted Booger Podsednik under the basket all by himself. Without looking at him, I rifled a pass to him and in one motion he laid it in for two points.

Coach, I can still see that pass as clear as if it were last night. What a beauty. Of course after a play like that, I had to "look over at the coach."

As players, looking over at the coach was the way to get through the game. There are several circumstances in which we had to look over, coach:

When the defense or the offense was not working, when the clock was running out and we might need a time out, when we heard you yell, when we didn't hear you yell, or when we just needed a second or two of confidence, we would always look over at the coach.

And coach, I have to tell you, this is the 100% truth, I do not have even one hint of a bad memory of you as a coach, a man, a friend.

I think that is a pretty special legacy for a coach. I am sure that Booger, Bobby, Duck, and Joe feel the same.

Anyway, I'm sure we broke some rules and made your life miserable from time to time. Blame that on being teenagers.

I also know that whatever you said was gospel. We trusted it and even if it didn't always work, we didn't notice.

With you we never ran out of chances to improve. These days it seems some kids get a limited number of chances and are written off.

Not the Hillsboro Eagles basketball team of 1956-57. We were all fairly poor back then compared to today, but we never knew it.

I loved the smell of that old gym and the echoing sounds of basketballs bouncing and being around my teammates.

Inevitably, the buzzer sounded and it was time to play. Time to look over at the coach.

There is a life lesson in there somewhere Coach Dewitt. Maybe it is this: Even on the field of life, it is good to pause and look over to the coach.

You touched my life and left a fingerprint on my memory. Coaches should be like that.

This Christmas season I just wanted to stop, reflect, and look over at my old coach and give thanks that a long time ago, I was fortunate to be one of the ones who played for him.

Merry Christmas, Coach Dewitt.



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Cotton News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.



Plains Cotton Growers officials have been working diligently over the past two months to help shape the final phase of the disaster assistance package for 1998 and multiple year crop losses. Those efforts should be completed the week of December 7 with the expected announcement of the details of program's last phase.

PCG officials have been working to promote a set of basic principles to shape the crop loss assistance program. It appears that PCG's input has not fallen on deaf ears as some details are beginning to surface about the last phase of the disaster program.

PCG has touted the need for several items including yield flexibility, crop insurance incentives and preferential treatment for producers who purchased crop insurance in an effort to protect themselves.

It appears that many of these concepts will be included in the program when it is announced.

PCG will be provided additional details as they become available in "Cotton News" and other media outlets.

It appears that the idea to allow generic certificates to be used to redeem loan cotton will not see the light of day.

Plains Cotton Growers officials have learned that the recommendation to the Secretary of Agriculture regarding the proposal will not be favorable and will

essentially scuttle the proposal.

The idea to allow generic certificates to be used to redeem cotton from the loan was put forth to offset the problem of producers reaching the \$75,000 payment limit for Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP's) and marketing loan gains. Marketing loans would not count against a producer if loan cotton were to be redeemed with certificates.

Since the Adjusted World Price (AWP) has been below the upland cotton loan rate, producers have been able to receive LDP's or marketing loan gains for several weeks. Combined with LDP's from other crops many growers are closing in on the cut-off point.

Once reached, the grower is at a disadvantage because their cotton is no longer eligible for the LDP to offset lower offering prices or their cotton is not eligible to be redeemed at the AWP by potential buyers.

If a producer reaches the \$75,000 payment limitation for LDP's and marketing loan gains they are still able to put cotton in the loan in order to take advantage of free storage and carrying charges as long as the AWP stays below the loan rate.

Two public hearings have been scheduled to provide growers the opportunity to comment on proposed assessment rates for two more High Plains eradication Zones. Growers in the

Northwest Plains Zone and the Southern High Plains/Caprock Zone will have the chance to make comments at hearings to be held December 14.

The Southern High Plains/Caprock Zone hearing will be held at 4 p.m., Monday December 14 at the Texas Department of Agriculture's West Regional Office located at 4502 Englewood Avenue, in Lubbock. The Southern High Plains/Caprock Zone includes approximately 1 million acres of cotton in ten counties: Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Garza, Hockley, Kent, Lubbock, Motley, and part of Lynn and Terry.

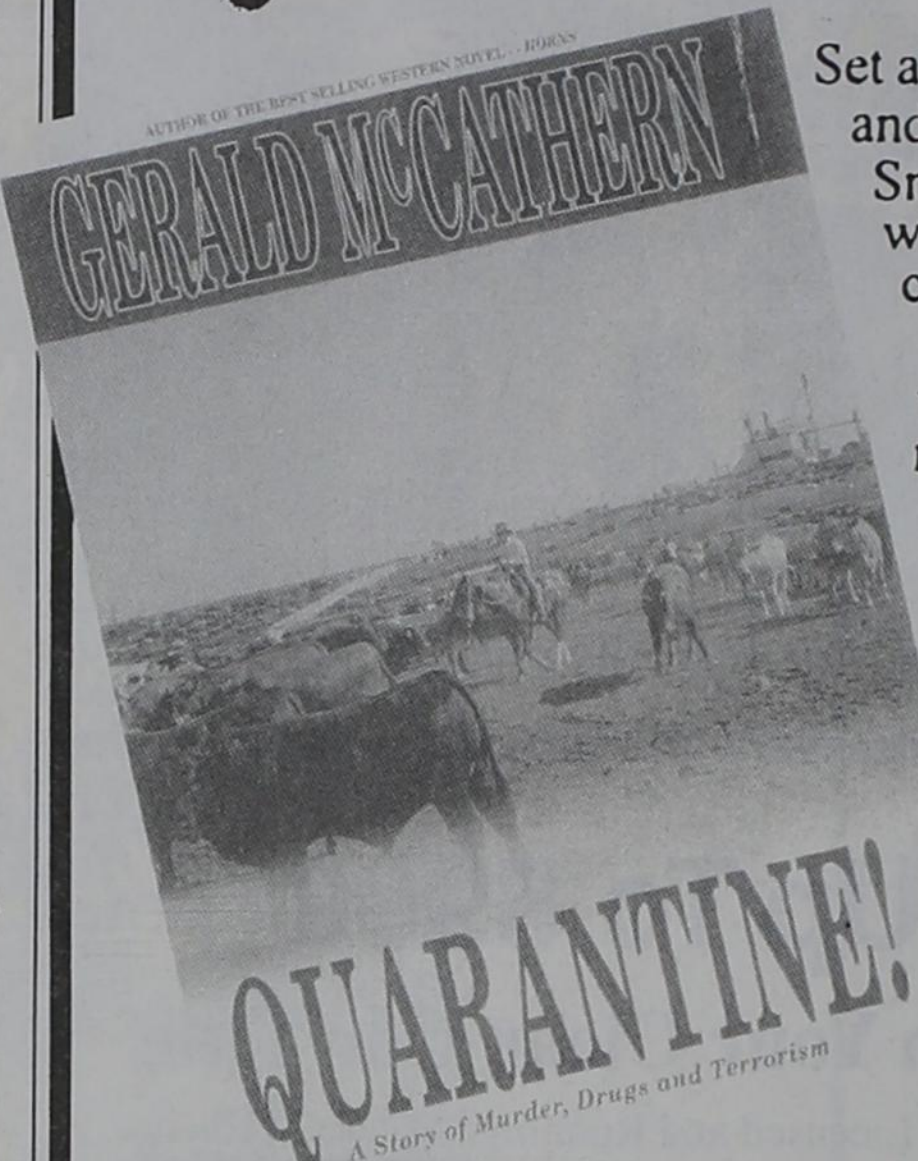
The Northwest Plains Zone hearing will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, December 14 at the Bailey County Coliseum in Muleshoe. The Northwest Plains Zone includes approximately 500,000 acres of cotton in five counties: Bailey, Castro, Deaf Smith, Lamb and Parmer.

Growers are encouraged to attend both of these meetings and to present testimony regarding the proposals being put forth by the respective zone advisory committee's.

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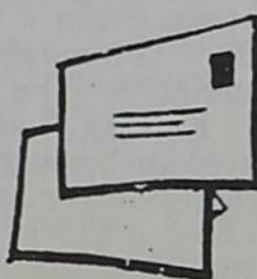
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Letters To The Editor



Dear Editor, My clients, the McCain brothers from Bovina, are two of the busiest guys in show business. Butch, playing a sportscaster, started the year with a Pepsi commercial in the Superbowl featuring race car driver Jeff Gordon.

The commercial continues to run nationally. Also watch for Butch on the highly rated kid's shows "Kenan and Kel" and "All That" running on the Nickelodeon channel this month.

Ben has just completed his 16th episode of the show "Black Scorpion" which will begin airing in worldwide syndication next year. You can catch Ben on "Lois and Clark: The New Adventures of Superman" on TNT December 13, 17, 18, 21, 23, 24 and 28. Check local listings for times.

You'll also see the brothers on the syndicated children's show "Field Trip" with Ben as the crooked sheriff and Butch as the town bully, Buck Toothman. It's the first time the boys have played brothers, and it's the first time they've done a western. It was shot on location at the Calico Ghost Town near Barstow, California.

The brothers will be featured in the upcoming Columbia Tri-Star release "Outside Ozona" playing furniture salesman and as radio personalities in "Sex Monster" starring Mariel Hemingway and Stephen Baldwin.

The McCain boys traveled extensively this summer spending time in New Zealand with their friend, actor-director Bruce Campbell, on the "Hercules" and "Zena" soundstages.

The brothers attended Film Festivals in Auckland and Melbourne, Australia, meeting with various directors. A trip to Fiji was one of the highlights of the South Pacific trek.

"Inbred Jed, Plane Stupid" starring the McCain Brothers is slated to begin production in 1999.

The Brothers McCain are currently working on their third album which will be released November 1999.

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Would you please run an ad or an article to help me

find Cecelia Denny? She graduated from Bovina High School in 1968. Her dad was in law enforcement, but, has since died. Her mother's name is Ester (I think).

We were best friends in high school and through the years, we've lost touch with each other.

Anyone having knowledge of the whereabouts of the Dennys is asked to call Gerri Balanger Gibson (405)732-9975/736-2466, P.O. Box 45581, Tinker Air Force Base, OK 73145, e-mail geri.gibson@tinker.af.mil

Thank you for your assistance.

Gerri Gibson

Dear Editor, I want to thank the people of Texas for the great honor and privilege of serving in the Texas Legislature, as Railroad Commissioner, and finally as Comptroller of Public Accounts. Ours is a unique and mighty state that is special in every sense of the word.

Those of us who have had the privilege of running for and serving in statewide office have a special appreciation for the diversity, beauty and majesty of the Lone Star state.

You have given me the opportunity to make a positive difference in this state and I will always be thankful for that. Although my race for Lieutenant Governor was not successful, it does not diminish the thankfulness and appreciation I have for the people of our great state.

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- (3) Keep the same payments or final payment
- (4) Sell outright and keep difference

30100P '98 Pont. GrandAM	35353 '98 Ford Ranger S/C	35034P '97 Geo Tracker 4X4	35337P '96 Ford Explorer Sport
30099P '98 Pont. Grand AM	30724P '98 Mercury Mystique GS	30082P '97 Chev. Cavalier	35341P '96 Ford Explorer 4X4
30098P '98 Olds Achieva	30720P '98 Ford Taurus	35033P '97 Geo Tracker	30577P '96 Ford Taurus
30097P '98 Olds Achieva	35352P '98 Ford Explorer 4X4	35004P '97 GMC Jimmy SLT 4X4	30703 '96 Mercury Sable
30096P '98 Olds Achieva	30721P '98 Mercury Sable	30015P '97 Chev. Cavalier Conv.	35332 '96 Ford Explorer
35036 '98 Chev. Tahoe	35347P '98 Ford Ranger	30053P '97 Buick LeSabre	30702 '96 Lincoln Continental
35041P '98 Chev. Astro Van	35348P '98 Ford Explorer	30074P '97 Chev. Cavalier	21333 '96 Ford Contour
35040P '98 Chev. S-10 Pickup	35349P '98 Ford Explorer 4X4	21635 '97 Chev. S10 Blazer	20106 '95 GMC Yukon 4-Door
35039P '98 Chev. Venture Van	30712P '98 Lincoln Town Car	21634 '97 Chev. Extended Cab	30076P '95 Geo Prizm
35042P '98 Chev. Astro Van	30714P '98 Ford Taurus	21629 '97 Ford F150	21614 '95 Lincoln Town Car
30089P '98 Chev. Cavalier	30715P '98 Ford Taurus	21631 '97 Ford Contour	21604 '95 Chev. 3/4 Ext. Cab
30093P '98 Pont. Grand AM	30716P '98 Ford Taurus	21627 '97 Ford F150 S/C	21605 '95 Mercury Mystique
35038P '98 Chev. Astro Van	30675P '98 Lincoln Mark VIII	35035P '97 Ford Expedition	21606 '95 Ford Explorer
30060P '98 Olds Aurora	35339P '98 Ford Ranger XLT	21576 '97 Ford F150	21584 '95 Mercury Grand Marque
35016P '98 Chev. 1500 Pickup	35340P '98 Ford Ranger XLT	30591P '97 Ford Taurus sho	21563 '95 Buick Riviera
30075P '98 Chev. Lumina 4-Door	30663P '98 Ford Escort	35317P '97 Ford F150	30586P '95 Mercury Cougar
30078P '98 Chev. Lumina 4-Door	30698P '98 Ford Taurus	30645P '97 Grand Marquis	21474 '95 Lincoln Town Car
30081P '98 Chev. Cavalier	30701P '98 Lincoln Continental	30684P '97 Ford Taurus GL	21277 '95 Ford Windstar
30079P '98 Chev. Malibu 4-Door	35309P '98 Ford Windstar GL	35237P '97 Ford Windstar	21163 '94 Mercury Villager
35024P '98 Chev. S10 Blazer	35272P '98 Ford Winstar	20107 '96 Mercury Cougar	21234 '94 Mercury Quest
30057P '98 Olds Eighty-Eight	20071 '97 Chev. Astro Van	30077 '98 Chev. Astro Van	20099 '94 Plymouth Voyager
30067P '98 Chev. Malibu	30070P '97 Chev. Cavalier	30092P '96 Chev. Camaro coupe	20087 '93 Olds Bravada
35023P '98 Chev. S10 Blazer	30059P '97 Buick Park Avenue	30071P '96 Buick Park Avenue	21615 '93 Chev. Caprice
35354 '98 Chev. S10 Blazer	35035P '97 Geo Tracker 4X4	35345P '96 Ford Explorer	20102 '92 Chev. Extended Cab

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