

## Bank Depository Vote: An Adventure

It took several votes, over a pair of County Commissioners' meetings, but Parmer County's official bank depository for a four-year period, 1997-2001, was finally approved.

Friena State Bank was awarded the county's bank business, but it wasn't as easy as it sounds. When the bids were first opened on April 21, the bid was awarded to Muleshoe State Bank.

However, Jerry Hinkle, representing Friena State Bank, pointed out that the bid submitted by the Muleshoe bank did not comply with the specifications outlined by the Commissioners Court in their bid instructions.

After some discussion, a motion was passed to rescind the previous motion, and allow the court to seek legal advice on the application format.

Another motion was passed that the applications submitted be tabled for further discussion.

After a recess, another attempt to accept the bid by Muleshoe State Bank was denied by a 4-0 vote of the court. The commissioners also voted to have the bids re-submitted on May 12.

Hinkle again addressed the court and asked that it be noted that he protested the fact that the commissioners

declined the bid made by his bank, which were completely in accord with the form provided by Parmer County.

When the commissioners reconvened on April 28, the court again discussed the bid matter to a great extent, particularly the two bids which had been received.

After much discussion, Tom Ware made a motion to rescind the April 21 motion to have the bank services re-bid. This motion passed, 4-0.

Then, Raymond McGehee made a motion and John Tannahill seconded, to accept the bid submitted by Friena State Bank for the county bank depository. The motion was carried unanimously.

## Clinic Has Vaccines Scheduled

The Bovina Rural Health Clinic will be offering monthly immunization clinics for area children for \$10.

Starting May 23 the clinic will offer the shots from 9 a.m. until noon and 1 p.m.-5 p.m. The next clinic will be June 20 and each third Friday monthly thereafter.

Sherry Whiteakre, R.N. and family nurse practitioner said, "We will not turn anyone away if they do not have the \$10."

OCCASIONALLY one of our readers will ask why this newspaper does not publish all the courthouse news, DWIs, and items from the police blotter. In a small hometown paper, those particular "news" items are published or not published at the discretion of the publisher.

So for the answer to the question of "why not?" we defer to the late legendary editor of the *Matador Tribune*, Doug Meador, who authored a weekly column called "Trail Dust" and made the little town of Matador well-known throughout this state with his colorful and compassionate writings. We quote him here from a speech he once made before the members of the West Texas Press Association:

"We publish a small newspaper in a small town. We know our readers personally. We know their faults, their foibles, their hurts, their troubles, their children, and their goodness. We do know, as most of our citizens know, who drinks, who carouses, who chases women and who is attracted to any pair of trousers that walk by."

Meador continued, "But, unlike some of you, we don't print the stuff from the courthouse, the DWIs, and the police arrests, because we don't want to add to the grief. Who among us said that the printed word has priority over a broken heart? We don't want to add to the pain and suffering already experienced by the family."

"Since when has the printed word been more important than the heart of a grieving widow or the pained embarrassment of teen-agers whose father has been arrested?" In light of this, we suppose we're not much of a newspaperman, but we like to think we're a compassionate, caring member of the community and the human race."

Doug Meador received a standing ovation at the end of that speech.

Fresh out of journalism school, the Good Old Boy and I thought you had to print all that sort of thing, but it didn't take long for us to realize that Meador's approach was correct regarding the hurtful things which are considered newsworthy in other papers. We see quite enough of reporters shoving microphones in the faces of grieving families, the rudeness, the prying into personal lives, the hard cynical reporters and editors who only care about getting the "inside scoop." We also don't follow police cars and ambulances out to accident scenes in order to get front page pictures of the bloody accident victims.

Have you heard this one lately? "Newspapers are the dinosaurs of the media and once the internet comes to television, local newspapers will become extinct." That's a good one! Hometown weekly newspapers have grown from 36 million to 80 million in the last decade.

Will Rogers once said "Reports of my demise have been greatly exaggerated."

First, radio was going to be the death of newspapers. Then it was television, then cable, the internet, the information highway, the world wide web, etc., etc. Wrong! No one else covers the local news but your local paper. Except for crime or natural disasters (like tornadoes) the television crews ignore us. Magazines can't touch us. The internet doesn't even know what small town papers are all about.

National Newspaper Association Chairman Roy Eaton (owner-publisher of the *Wise County Messenger* in Decatur) says "If you want proof of what people really think about their local paper, just look at what your neighbors have clipped out and stuck up on their refrigerators."

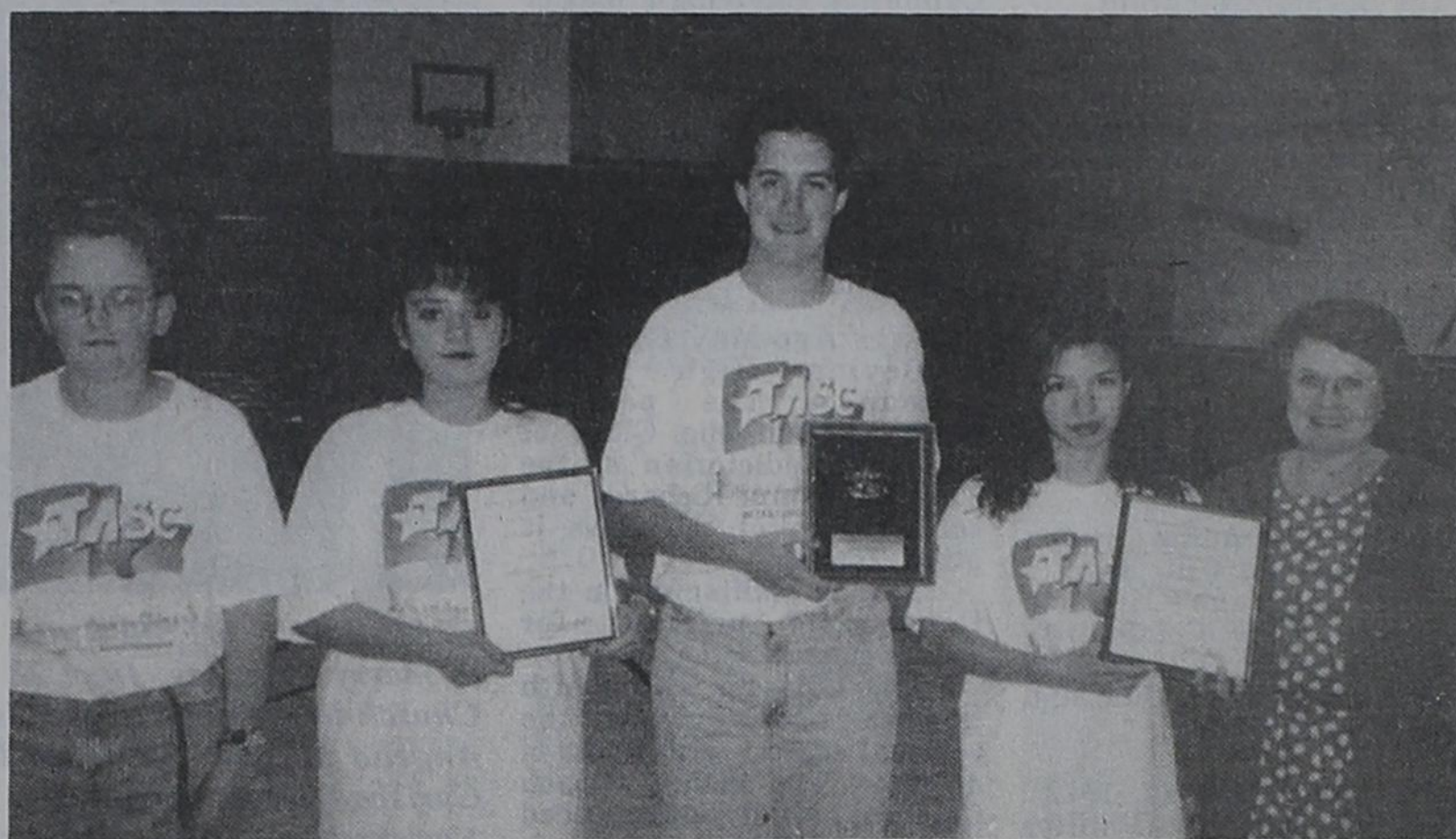
The internet won't tell anyone what your daughter wore at her wedding or announce the birth of your grandbabies. The internet won't brag on your football team or support your school bond elections. It won't publicize the activities of your Chamber or tell how area farmers will be affected by political decisions in Washington.

Besides all that, you can't paper train a puppy with the internet, you can't line the bottom of a birdcage with it, you can't light the logs in your fireplace with it, and you can't fold the internet into a three-cornered hat so your little person can dress up like a pirate.

Probably the last and most important reason why there will always be newspapers is this... you can take your newspaper into the bathroom and read it while you sit on the commode.

## MY TURN

By Carol Ellis



AWARDS GALORE.....Blake Clements, Vicky Ortiz, J. T. Roach, Brandy Munoz and sponsor Judy Jennings show off their certificates and awards for Student Council Sweepstakes state competition in Austin. Not pictured is Misty Pruitt. See accompanying story.

## Local Girl To Compete In State Bible Drill

Randa Englant, daughter of Mark and Toya Englant of Bovina, will compete in the State competition Saturday, May 17 in Clovis at Parkland Baptist Church in the New Mexico State Bible Drill.

Randa and her family are members of First Baptist Church in Texico, New Mexico. Five other young people from FBC will also compete.

Randa attends Clovis Christian School. She started the 1996-97 school years as a fifth grader but was advanced to sixth grade.

Bible Drill is a self competition in which students must correctly answer six questions in each of the four sections of material at each level of competition. The students memorize twenty-five Bible verses, ten key passages and the books of the Bible.

First, the children attend the Bible Drill held at their church. They are allowed to miss twelve of the questions. Randa did not miss any.

Second, the children attend the Bible Drill at the Association level. For FBC Texico this was at Central Baptist Church in Clovis. Students are allowed to miss eight. Randa missed only three.

Finally, the contestants attend the State Bible Drill.

"The goal is to not miss

## St. Ann's To Have Jamaica

St. Ann's Catholic Church will hold its annual Jamaica this Sunday, May 18.

Following the 8:30 a.m. service breakfast and bean burritos will be sold for \$1.

After the Noon Mass burritos and barbacoa will be sold.

The barbacoa will be \$6 per pound.

## Learning Tests Set For May 20

The Parmer County Shared Service Arrangement serving the Friena, Bovina, Lazbuddie and Farwell Independent School Districts, is offering a free diagnostic clinic for children three, four and five years old who seem to have a learning problem or developmental delay. Certified specialists will be working with children at this clinic which is to be held at the following locations on Tuesday, May 20.

At Farwell Elementary School Library 8:30-9:30 a.m.; Bovina Ridgelea Elementary School 10-11 a.m.; Lazbuddie School 12:30-1:30 p.m.; and Friena Elementary School Library 2-3:30 p.m.

If you are concerned about your child's growth and development, bring your child to this clinic. If you need additional information, call Sue Beene, Director of Special Education at 247-3315.

## Students Earn Awards In Austin

Students from Bovina High School attended the annual Texas Association of Student Council Convention in Austin May 1.

BHS student council president, J.T. Roach; vice president, Vickie Ortiz; secretary, Brandy Munoz; Blake Clements and Misty Pruitt attended the three day convention with school sponsors Mrs. Jennings and Mr. Drumma.

The council received the State Award for Outstanding Student Council, the State Energy Award, and the Pride and Patriotism Award.

The awards were awarded after the council earned the required number of points in each category. The points are earned by planning and completing projects throughout the 1996-97 school year that help the school, students and community.

## Senior Info Is Needed

The Bovina Blade will be publishing our annual Senior Souvenir Edition in the near future. Forms are available at Bovina High School or the Bovina Blade.

First grade pictures and information about the students' activities at Bovina High School are featured in this special edition.

We need this information brought to the Bovina Blade office by Monday, May 19 or your senior will not be included.

If your senior is on the following list, please help us get the information, along with a first grade picture: Eric Brito, Lennie Brito, Nancy Gomez, Hector Larrea



RANDA ENGLANT

any at State because you get a Bible," said Randa.

The four sections that the children are quized on are Book Drill, Key Passages, Quotation Drill and Completion Drill.

In the Book Drill the judge calls out a name of a book in the Bible. Students have ten seconds to find the book in their Bible and tell each book that comes before and after that book.

In the Key Passage Drill the judge gives a key passages, for example, "Creation". The students then have ten seconds to find the book and chapter in the Bible. In this case it would be Genesis 1 and 2.

In the Quotation Drill a portion of a verse is given to the students. They have ten seconds to say the entire verse and give its location in the Bible.

Finally, in the Completion Drill the judge will give a reference, for example, Job 37:14. The students then repeat the reference and say the verse. In this case the correct answer would be "Stop and consider God's wonders."

Randa added, "You don't compete against anyone, only yourself. No one loses in Bible Drill."



INSPIRACION.....They haven't hit the charts yet, but this group of local musicians won first place and \$500 in a Battle of the Bands competition at Cannon Air Force Base recently. They are Josue Gonzales, Gildie Flores, Ricky Antillon, Martin Reyna, and Luis Robles. See accompanying story.

## Aldermen Sworn In At Meeting

The board of Aldermen met in regular session Thursday, May 8 at 7 p.m. Those present were Mayor Galen Hromas, Aldermen Garry Beauchamp, Kenneth Waters and Joe Olvera.

The meeting was called to order and Mayor Hromas opened with prayer.

The previous minutes were read and approved with changes and bills were paid.

The matter of the closing of Hamlin Avenue for Doris Strawn was untabled.

Beauchamp made a motion to adopt a petition for the closing of Hamlin Avenue. Olvera seconded and the motion passed.

The proclamation for Fair Housing was discussed. Beauchamp made a motion to proclaim May as Fair Housing Month in the City of Bovina. Olvera seconded and the motion passed.

The board canvassed the votes cast in the May 3 city election. A total of 144 votes were cast as follows: Linda Marshall, 90; Charles Wilkins, 93; Don Bandy 22; Kevin Hughes, 80; and Jeff Steelman, 73. Beauchamp made a motion to accept the votes as tallied and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Hromas administered the pre-oath to all incoming candidates.

Hughes made the motion to elect Waters for Mayor Pro-Tem. Wilkins seconded the motion passed.

The trailer park ordinance was discussed. Hughes made a motion to table the discussion until the June meeting. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

## Immunization Schedules Clarified

Bovina school nurse Sarah Owen advised that some clarification was needed for Bovina's immunization clinic schedule.

Two clinics are available for area residents every month.

The second Monday of every month the Texas Department of Health conducts an immunization clinic in the ambulance building on Third Street from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The third Friday of every month the Bovina Rural Health Clinic conducts an immunization clinic from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.



## Local Band Wins Big In Clovis

Bovina Tejana band *Inspiracion* won first place, \$500, in the Tejana category at Cannon AFB Battle of the Bands, Saturday, May 3. *Inspiracion* competed against two other bands Dezero from Amarillo and Starliners II from Roswell, New Mexico.

"The competition was tough. *Inspiracion* is made up of pretty young musicians, some still in high school, competing against older musicians, so you know that they must have been very good to have won," said Jeff Gardner, organizer of the Battle of the Bands.

The band has been together for four months playing at the local high school, Lubbock, Amarillo and Eunice, New Mexico.

The band members are Luis Robles, 20, 1995 Bovina High graduate who attends South Plains College, keyboard; Ricky Antillon, 17, junior at BHS, vocals; Martin Reyna, 18, junior at BHS, bass; Gildie Flores, 19, of Bovina, bass; and Josue Gonzales, 18, senior at BHS, drums.



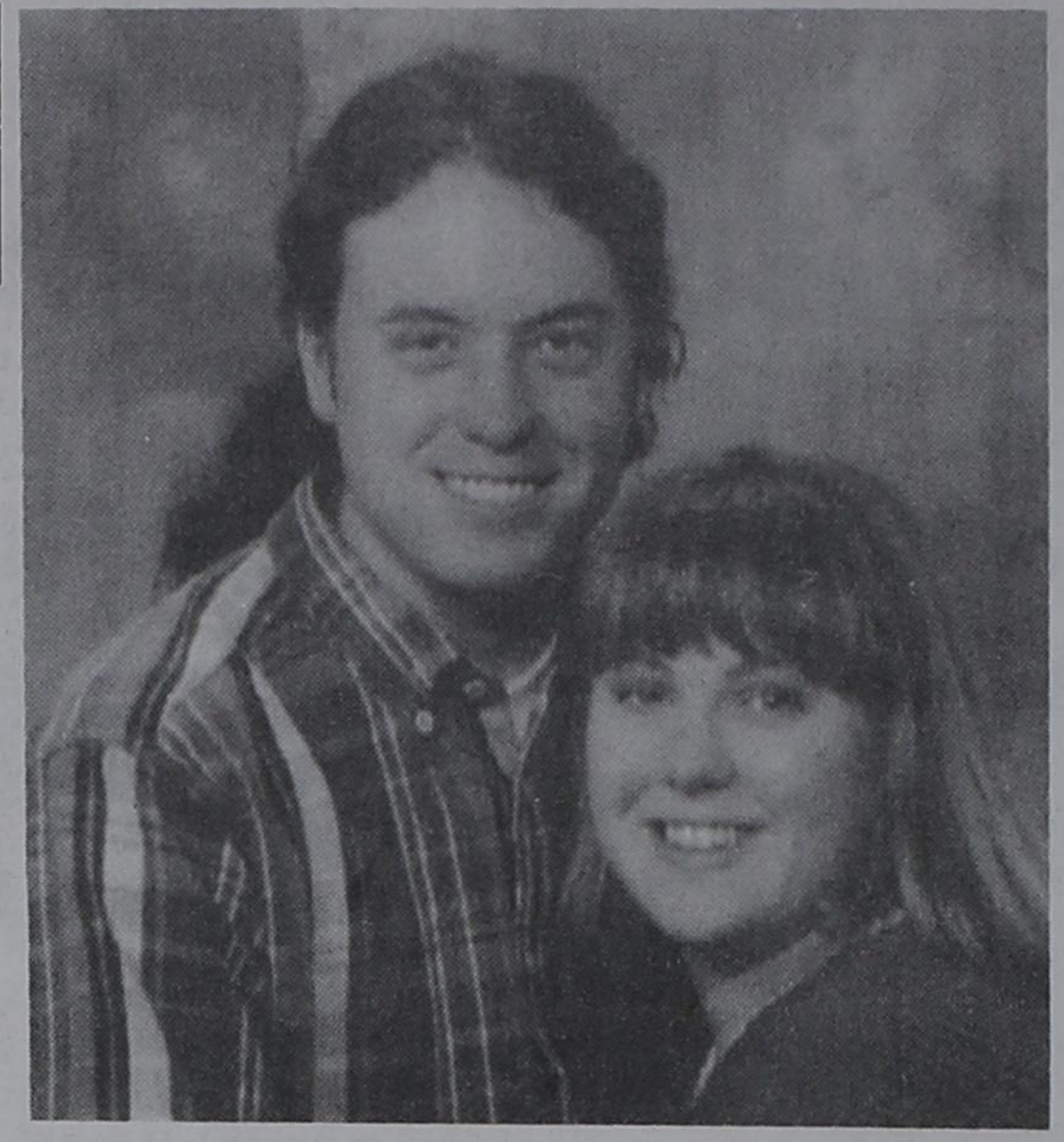
# Reflections

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

**40 Yrs Ago-May 15, 1957**  
In a special called meeting last Wednesday night, Bovina city commissioners voted to raise the minimum monthly water rate 50 cents--from \$2.60 to \$3.10 per user.  
Ceremonies marking the end of high school for 18 members of the 1957 Bovina High School graduating class begin Sunday night when baccalaureate services will be held in the school auditorium.  
An estimated \$750 damage was done to a tractor belonging to J.D. Kirkpatrick about 6 p.m. Wednesday morning. The scene was one mile south of the roadside park on Highway 60. Bovina Volunteer Fire Department answered the call and extinguished the blaze.  
About 160 music students participated in the annual spring concert in the school auditorium Thursday night. W. Wayne Stevens, music instructor, was in charge of the program.  
**35 Yrs Ago-May 16, 1962**  
Mrs. Jimmie Charles is director for the annual Vacation Church School at Bovina Methodist Church, May 20-27.  
As estimated crowd of 40 people were present at the city hall Saturday night to protest and discuss proposed paving of various Bovina streets.  
Jackie Dane, Bovina FFA member, was an entrant in the Star Chapter Farmer Contest for this area at the Area 1 FFA Convention, Saturday, in Lubbock.  
Two bids were submitted for state highway department-owned land in Bovina. Bids were opened last week in the office of O.L. Crain, district engineer, in Lubbock.  
Bovina Lions launched a ticket sale campaign this week for an invitational softball tournament which is scheduled here Thursday-Saturday May 24-26.  
**30 Yrs Ago-May 17, 1967**  
Possibilities of a dam on

Running Water Draw near Bovina, which appears to be becoming fewer, were discussed at a meeting of Bovina Lions Thursday night in the Bovina Restaurant.  
A contract was let Thursday afternoon to Jake Diel of Muleshoe on a low bid of \$94,480 for paving of Bovina streets when the city commission met with Engineer Ralph Douglas of Muleshoe.  
A total of \$40 has been given to the Bovina Clinic Fund by the G.I. Forum Auxiliary of Bovina and Friona. The money was raised recently at a dinner served by the group at the school cafeteria.  
In the near future, Bovina area residents will have a direct telephone line to Parmer County Community Hospital, thanks to the efforts of Bovina Women's Club and Mrs. Amos Steelman.  
**25 Yrs Ago-May 17, 1972**  
A portion of the Phillips Petroleum Company building on the corner of Main and Third Streets, is being razed. The front portion of the building will be done away with and the back portion will continue to be used as a warehouse.  
The second annual Pops Concert, originally scheduled for Thursday night of last week, will be held in the Bovina School Auditorium at 8 p.m. Friday.  
Parmer County Democrats adopted three resolutions, one on a split vote, at their bi-annual convention Saturday afternoon in Friona.  
The annual Mid-Plains Pioneer Day will be held Saturday, May 27, at the Bull Barn in Hereford, according to Frank Bezner of Hereford, president of the association.  
**20 Yrs Ago-May 18, 1977**  
The rains continued last Wednesday through Friday, dropping a total of 18.5 inches in Bovina over the three-day stretch.

Phil Sorley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Sorley, Bovina, graduated on Saturday, May 7, from the Azusa Pacific College, Azusa, California, receiving a master of arts degree in marriage, family and child counseling. His grade point average was 4.0.  
Baccalaureate services for the Senior Class of 1977 will be conducted Sunday at 8 p.m. in the Bovina School Auditorium.  
**15 Yrs Ago-May 12, 1982**  
Bovina High School announces the pending graduation of the Class of 1982. Valetorian of the class is Jeanna Richards and salutatorian of the class is Mark Teague.  
Tommy Williams won the Democratic primary for county commissioner.  
Tim Grissom placed fifth in the shot put at the regional contest with a toss of 46 feet, six inches, Coach Clifton Neal announced.  
**10 Yrs Ago-May 20, 1987**  
Mindy Neal placed second in the long jump with a jump of 35-7 at the state track meet.  
Gene and Genevieve Ezell have returned recently from a trip to New Zealand and Australia. In their many miles of traveling around the world, they said this was perhaps the most scenic trip they had taken.  
Tracy Moore, daughter of Sonny and Melba, was among 592 persons who received diplomas or certificates during graduation exercises Friday, May 8, in the Texan Dome on the South Plains College campus.  
**5 Yrs Ago-May 16, 1992**  
The honor graduates for Bovina High School's graduating class of 1992 were announced this week. Valetorian for the class is Cain Neal, with a four year average of 100. Salutatorian is Grace Uriegas with a 98.1 average.



**LESLIE ANN MESSER and KODY KREGG WILSON plan to marry Saturday, June 28 at Epworth United Methodist Church in Carlsbad. Leslie is the daughter of Billy Ray and Angelia Messer of Carlsbad. She is a 1995 graduate of Carlsbad High School and is currently a sophomore at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales studying Family and Consumer Sciences. Kody is the son of Kregg and Brenda Kaye Wilson of Bovina. He is currently a senior at Eastern New Mexico University, graduating May 16 with a degree in Anthropology. He plans to continue at Eastern working on his Masters degree.**

## Mailbox Upkeep Important

The U.S. Postal Service is asking all Friona homeowners to inspect and repair their mailboxes during "Mailbox Improvement Week." May 19-24, says Postmaster Laura Bartlett.  
"Repairing suburban and rural mailboxes improves the appearance of our community and makes delivering and receiving mail safer for our carriers and customers," Bartlett says.  
The Postal Service makes this yearly request because of the wear and tear that occurs to mailboxes every year.  
Some of the typical activities that may need to be taken include: replacing loose hinges on mailbox door, repainting a mailbox that may have rusted or started peeling, remounting a mailbox post if loosened, and replacing or adding house numbers.  
If a homeowner plans to install a new mailbox or replace a worn one, he or she must use only USPS approved traditional or contemporary mailboxes, said Bartlett.  
Customers may use a custom-built mailbox, but they must consult with the Post Office to ensure that it conforms to guidelines applying to flag, size, strength and quality of construction.  
For more information on the use of names or numbers on mailboxes, or answers to any other questions, call Bartlett at 238-1351.

## Allsup's Drink Makes Big Money For Special Olympics

Mark Allsup, vice president and director of operations of Allsup's Convenience Stores, recently presented checks in the amount of \$13,344 to Texas Special Olympics and New Mexico Special Olympics.  
The money was generated during a promotion sponsored by the New Mexico based corporation. Allsup's Convenience Stores, Inc. donated five cents to Special Olympics for every 44-ounce "Honcho" cup fountain drink sold from July 1996 to March 1997. The effort was initiated to boost cup sales while giving back to the community.  
Allsup's plans to continue the "Honcho" cup fountain drink promotion through March 1998 and hopes to top this year's proceeds of \$26,688. Allsup's has 310 stores located throughout West and North Texas and New Mexico.  
Special Olympics is a non-profit organization committed to providing year-round sports training and athletic competition to individuals of all ages with mental retardation.

## Letter To The Editor

Dear Bovina Blade:  
Thank you for your donation at the Parmer County Livestock Show.  
I greatly appreciate it!  
Sincerely,  
Amber Widner

## Bovina School Lunch Menu

Week of May 19-23

- MONDAY--chicken fajitas, cheese, salad, fruit and milk.
- TUESDAY--chicken fried steak, green beans, potatoes, fruit and milk.
- WEDNESDAY--barbecue, potato salad, green beans, bread, fruit and milk.
- THURSDAY-- tamales, corn, salad, crackers, fruit and milk.
- FRIDAY--ham and cheese sandwich, potato chips, lettuce, tomato, fruit and milk.

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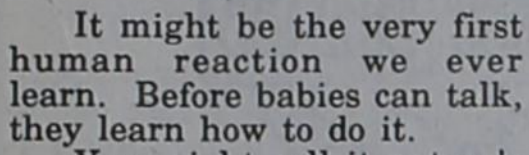
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# Out Here

By RON CARR



It might be the very first human reaction we ever learn. Before babies can talk, they learn how to do it.

You might call it nature's first defense mechanism. After they learn to talk, they become even better at it and by the time they are adults they are experts.

This universal trait applies to each and every human on the planet regardless of race, color, creed, or what kind of car they drive.

Doing it can make you feel really good, or absolutely wretched, and can get you in trouble or keep you out of trouble.

This is a versatile activity which can be produced in silly little harmless doses, or tragic unfair overdoses.

Some people do it with a great big smile on their face. Others admit it with tears flowing in buckets amid waves of burdensome guilt.

It has been done to friends and enemies with equal nonchalance by the same giver.

It is one of those sins that simply gets easier to do the more you do it. Indeed, many adults become quite professional at it. They seem to forget that they even do it anymore. It comes natural, as we like to say.

For instance, before a baby can talk, they sit up, then crawl.

Here is how this characteristic works in infancy. Have you ever looked down at the baby and said "Did you dirty your diaper?" What do they do?

Well the sweet little things look up at you and do what most of us would do if we got caught with a dirty diaper.

They lie. They shake that little head from side to side, hit their all-fours and go into a turbo crawl toward the nearest door. Never could figure out why babies hate to have their dirty diapers changed.

They know it is dirty because they are sitting in it. But they know what happens with a dirty diaper, so they lie by crawling away.

After awhile, parents learn that the kid is not telling the truth by the action of trying to crawl under the couch to avoid the consequences of a dirty diaper.

"Liar Liar" is a new movie that has done well at the box-office. One of my least favorite actors, Jim Carrey, stars in it.

It is about a man who cannot lie and the results of blurting out the truth to everyone. It is a comedy.

I think one of the reasons for the movie's success is that everyone can relate to lying. It is fun to watch someone else get caught in a lie.

On the other hand, it is a real bummer when we get caught. "I am going to have to get better at this lying thing. I get caught every time."

We have developed an entire vocabulary to describe the art of lying. Stretching the truth, telling a story, fudging, little white lies (where did that come from),

## Conservation Loan Closed

The Texas Water Development Board closed a \$2,000,000 loan on April 15 with the High Plains Undergrround Water Conservation District No. 1 (UWCD). The loan is being funded through the Board's Agricultural Water Conservation Bond Program.

The UGWCD will use the funds to make loans to area farmers and ranchers so that they can purchase and install more efficient agricultural water conservation equipment. Up to 80 per cent of the value of the equipment may be borrowed.

High Plains Undergrround Water Conservation District No. 1 encompasses all of Bailey, Cochran, Hale, Lubbock, Lynn, Parmer, Armstrong, Castro, Crosby, Deaf Smith, Floyd, Hockley, Lamb, Potter and Randall counties.

and whoppers are just a few that come to mind.

Perhaps you have your own favorite phrase for the art of lying. "Come on, I wasn't lying, I just didn't tell the whole truth."

We have sayings to describe liars too. "He would lie when the truth sounds better." "Don't believe a word he says."

And my favorite: "He would rather climb a tree to tell a lie than stand on the ground and tell the truth."

We apply medical terms to lying. How about chronic liar, habitual liar, or pathological liar.

I have heard people say that sometimes lying just makes life easier. Tell people what they want to hear and get on with it.

They seem to think that lying is okay as long as it doesn't hurt anybody.

Speaking of hurt, sometimes we lie about a relative or a disease or a tragedy to spare a person from anguish until they are well enough to handle the truth.

Telling the truth is one of the main virtues we try to instill in our children. At least most parents do. I think a few parents might actually teach their kids how to lie but I don't have any proof.

From an early age, we tell them stories about "The Little Boy Who Cried Wolf", George Washington and the Cherry Tree, and, of course, Honest Abe.

If you know the real truth but say nothing, is that a form of lying?

The reason I thought about lying this week is because of the Timothy McVeigh trial. (Of course we could throw the O.J. trial in there too.)

A young couple, Michael and Lori Fortier, were friends of McVeigh. They all hung out together, drank beer, did some drugs, and generally just coasted aimlessly about.

Timothy told them all about his plans to blow up a building. They didn't take him serious, even after Timothy and Michael drove to Oklahoma City and circled the block around the Murrah Building.

Driving along the Interstate with the windows rolled down, smoking and drinking beer, Timothy told his buddy almost every detail of his plans to blow up a building.

At one point I guess McVeigh asked Fortier to help him do it. Thinking he wasn't serious anyway, Fortier declined to be a part of it.

After the bombing, Fortier was shocked. When the FBI finally tracked him down, he reverted to the dirty diaper defense. He lied.

There is a major difference in lying to mommy about a dirty diaper and lying to the FBI. In both cases, you are just trying to save your butt.

So Michael and Lori Fortier wisely decided to cooperate and tell the whole truth. But as often happens to all liars, their credibility is now being questioned.

"If they lied before, are they lying now?" It is a question that is second only to the meaning of life.

Can you ever trust a liar? Especially one that has a reputation for lying. Can a liar be rehabilitated?

Timothy McVeigh's lawyers are calling the Fortier's every name in the book. Dope smoking, drug dealin', slime ball and sleaze bag are just a few of the adjectives I have heard on TV.

One well-dressed lawyer who no doubt is a Christian do-gooder with a forgiving heart, told reporters that you "can't trust" people who take amphetamines like candy and act like sleazy petty thieves.

Maybe so. The Fortiers have told a riveting and damaging tale implicating Timothy McVeigh. Yes they traded their truthful testimony for immunity from murder prosecution. I believe I would have too.

Everybody is making a big issue of why they lied in the first place. They said

they were scared. (Have you ever been scared enough to lie?)

Here is my dilemma. I believe the Fortiers are telling the truth. I believe they were scared out of their socks at first and panicked.

I believe that people can change. I believe that drunks can get sober and liars can tell the truth. I believe lives can change. I believe we need to find a way to strengthen our trust and faith in people.

So, I pronounce this as "Love Your Liar" Week. Liars don't like to be told that they are lying. It is called denial.

Tell your favorite liar a lie this week, then say "there, how did you like that?"

I am going to try my best to quit lying too. I hope you will join in and try this truth improvement program.

Well, gotta go now. I am flying out to Los Angeles to spend the weekend with Farrah Fawcett. See, after she separated from Ryan O'Neal she called me and.....! (Are my pants on fire?)



**BUSY LADIES.....**  
The Prairie Acres Auxiliary organized a Mother's Day party for residents, and celebrated National Nursing Home Week by preparing food for the staff. From left, Joann Mills, Connie Willard, Marlene Drake, Janet Buske, Lottie Bails, Martha Clements, Patsy Talley, Gerri Taylor, Martha Mae Pruitt, Elva Dean Bedgood, and Martha Hamilton.

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# Scooter's Scoops

By SCOOTER RUSSELL



This was written Monday morning and it was so chilly! Seems unusual for it to be so cold this time of year. Jimmy and I went to the mountains in the Cimarron Canyon and stayed four days in our trailer and it was cold up there.

The temperature was in the thirties and we wore jackets all the time we were there. The trees were not leafed out as they usually are and it really looked like winter time.

## NEWS AROUND TOWN...

Galen Rhodes' brother-in-law, Paul Coker who is married to Margaret, passed away in recent days. Paul had been a long time Friona resident. Burial was in Ruidoso, New Mexico. Paul was only 60 and died of cancer.

Herman Estes has suffered a serious stroke and is in a Lubbock hospital. Friends said he had blood clots in his heart and was in serious condition.

Owen Patton was

## L. Wares Have New Grandson

Juan and Connie Martinez of Okinowa, Japan are happy to announce the arrival of their daughter, Rebecca Elaine.

Rebecca was born on Wednesday, April 30. She weighed six pounds, twelve ounces and was twenty-one inches long.

Her older brother, Samuel, is two and one half years old.

Grandparents are Leon and Shirley Ware of Bovina and Bruno and Maria Martinez of San Antonio.

Great grandmothers are Jerry Ware and Lois Smith, both of Bovina.

released from the Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. His condition has improved. He now has a pacemaker and is getting along much better.

He spent several days in ICU and was in very serious condition at one time.

Veda McKay is a patient in St. Mary's Hospital and has been a patient there for a couple of weeks or more. She had a large tumor removed. She may be released this



**ELIA MARRUFO**  
Bovina High School sophomore Elia Marrufo was selected student-of-the-week.

Marrufo was nominated by teacher Judy Jennings as a good student, very helpful, pleasant and responsible.

She has maintained her grades this year in spite of some medical problems.

In addition to other gifts, the student-of-the-week receives a complimentary lunch for two from either Bandy's Restaurant or Hot Stuff Pizza.

## Johnsons Have New Grandson

Larence and Penny Burklow of Lubbock have a new son born April 30 in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

Brayden Colt was nine pounds, five ounces and was twenty-two inches long. His older brother Gunner is three.

Grandparents are Phillip and Frances Johnson of Bovina and David and Diane Griffith of Roscoe, Texas.

Great grandmothers are Irene Johnson of Bovina, Theda Bloxom of Friona, and Annie Scitern of Lamesa.

## Genealogical Society Has 40th Year

The Amarillo Genealogical Society will celebrate its 40th anniversary on Sunday, May 18, from 3 to 5 p.m., in Room AB of the Amarillo Public Library, 4th and Buchanan.

One of the oldest and largest genealogical societies in Texas, the Amarillo Genealogical Society first met on November 4, 1957 to work with the Amarillo Public Library in securing additional genealogical material to help individuals with their genealogy research.

Boasting a membership of 180, group associates volunteer on a regular basis to assist library patrons with genealogy research.

Additionally, they hold a meeting with a featured speaker on the first Monday evening of each month at the Amarillo Public Library, downtown. For training as well as to raise money to purchase additional library research material, the organization holds semi-annual research seminars with the fall session headlining a speaker of national reputation.

The Amarillo Genealogical Society plays a vital role in maintaining the history of the surrounding area and promoting the interest in the families and individuals who have lived in the Panhandle of Texas. The public is encouraged to attend the special celebration meeting on May 18. Call Luke Morrison at the Amarillo Public Library if you would like more information.

week.

We understand Mace Cochran is back home in Bovina after spending the winter at her home in Zapata. We were unable to reach her but are happy to have her home in Bovina.

Carl and Erma Schrader are back in their Bovina home after spending six months in their other home in Zapata. Erma said it had been cold down there as it has been here.

On Mother's Day her daughter Dyalthia came from Amarillo and spent the day. They had dinner at the Lions Club Benefit at the Bovina school cafeteria.

Erma said Dyalthia enjoyed visiting with friends she went to school with while living in Bovina many years ago. Dyalthia has retired after teaching school in Amarillo for many years.

Bob and June Gay McMeans are back in Bovina and she said they would be here another two and one half weeks. She has to be back in Houston for further treatments by the first part of June but said she is feeling fine. They are giving her oral medication for the cancer at this time.

Congratulations to Leon and Shirley Ware who have a new grandchild, Rebecca Elaine. Her parents are Connie and Juan Martinez, who live in Okinawa, Japan. Juan is a Marine.

The couple has a little boy, Samuel, who will be three in August.

Margaret Terry had a good Mother's Day. Her

daughter, Ludene Davis came from Roswell Saturday and spent the night. On Sunday, they bought lunch and took out to Amy and Arnold Hromas and had a good visit. Amy and Margaret are sisters.

Margaret said most of her grandchildren called on Mother's Day and a couple of weeks ago her son and his wife, Melvin and Lois Terry came from Lubbock and spent time with her and they had dinner together.

Nelline Spicer came home after spending seven weeks in Forney, which is near Dallas, with her sister and brother-in-law, Adele and John Anderson. She also spent lots of time with son Marty and his family who live near.

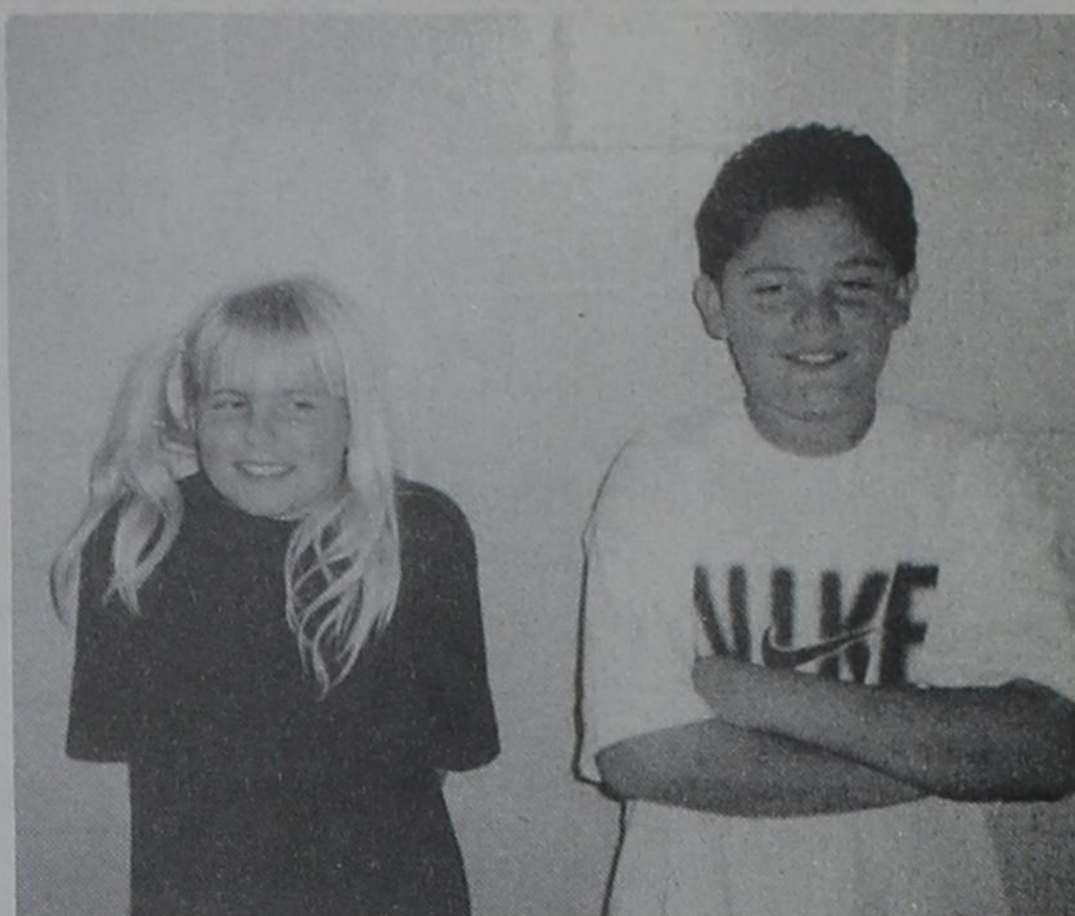
While there, Nelline, Adele, and her brother Lonnie and his friend made a trip to Branson, Missouri and had a lot of fun there.

Congratulations to Phillip and Frances Johnson who are grandparents of another grandson, Brayden Colt, born April 30, to parents Larence and Penny Burklow of Lubbock. The couple has another son, Gunner, who is three.

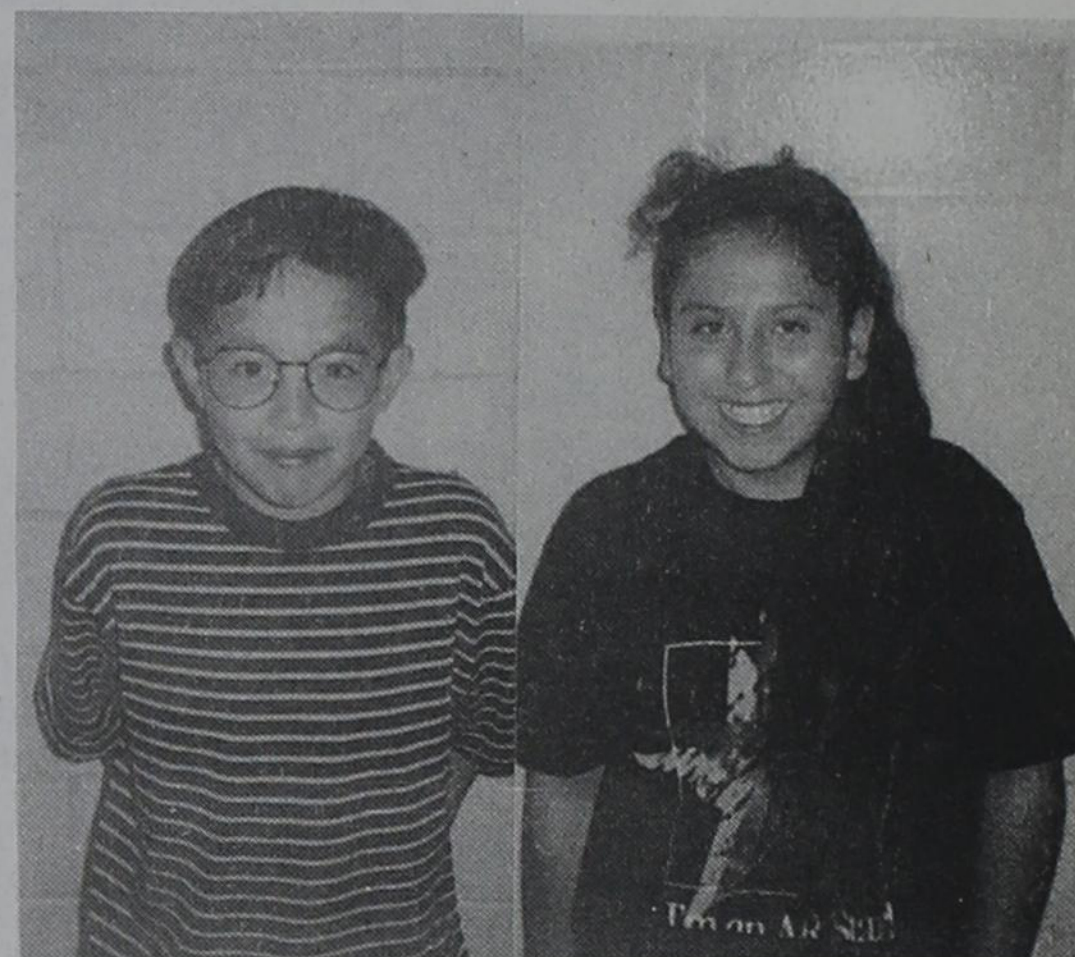
Other grandparents are David and Diane Griffith of Roscoe, Texas.

Great grandmothers are Irene Johnson of Bovina, Theda Bloxom of Friona, and Annie Scitern of Lamesa.

**SMILE:** After closing on a larger house, the couple told their five-year-old that they had to move because another baby was coming. "Aw, that won't work," frowned the youngster. "He'll just follow us."



**AW SHUCKS.....**Ashley Ford said she didn't like to have her picture taken but she looks pretty here as she and Matthew Villarreal brag about their reading accomplishments. Ashley earned the 100 point level, but Matthew soared past the 200 point mark in the elementary reading program. Both are fifth graders in Mr. Martin's class.



**HAD A GOOD YEAR.....**Alfonso Espinoza, a second grader in Mrs. Steelman's class, and Christine Villarreal, a fifth grader in Ms. Brown's class, both surpassed the 100 point reading level at Bovina Elementary.

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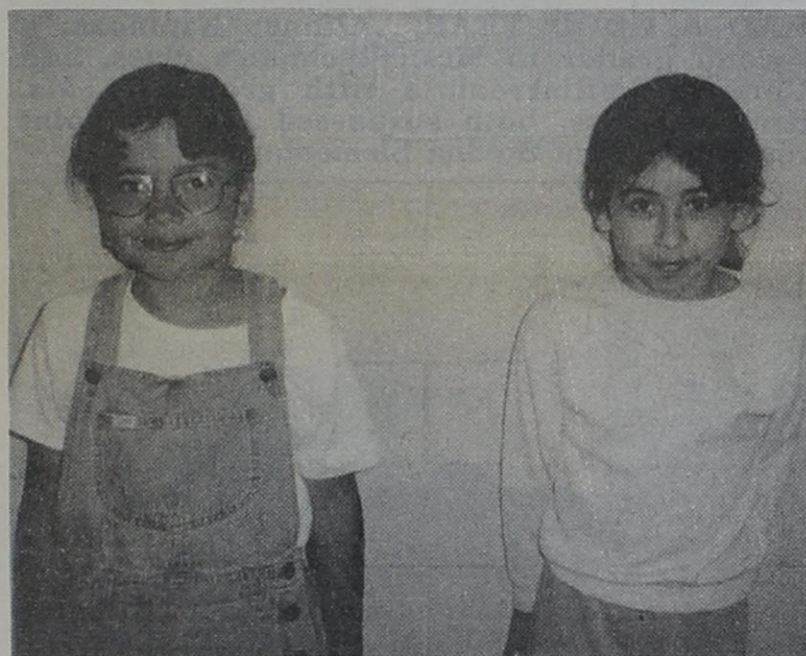
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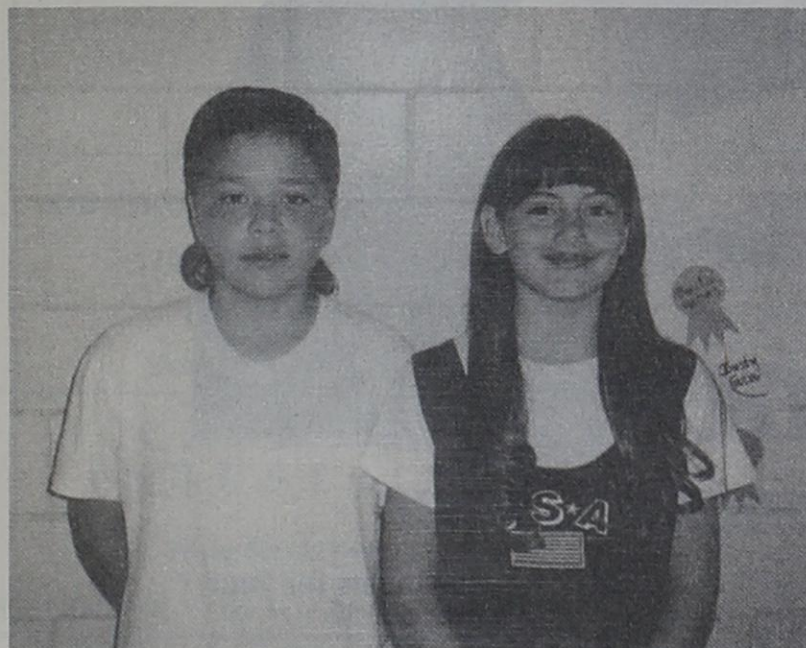




**BEAT THE BANDS.....**Bovina's bands brought home honors again. The fifth grade band (below), and the middle school band all participated in the Hale Center Band Festival recently. They are shown with the festival's Sweepstakes trophy which they won and brought home the Bovina trophy case. All school bands will put on a spring concert May 20 at 10 a.m. in the school auditorium. The public is invited to attend.



**LOVIN' TO READ.....**Vanessa Garcia earned 200 points in the accelerated program and was joined by Edda Robles who garnered 100 points. Both young ladies are third graders in Mrs. Beall's class.



**'BOUT TIME.....**Kimberly King and Michael Nieto, who have been hanging out all year in Ms. Halbrooks' fifth grade class, finally reached the 100-point reading level to earn a T-shirt and a picture in the paper.

### P. Coker Buried In Friona

Services for Paul D. Coker, 60, of Ruidoso, New Mexico were held Monday, May 12 at First Baptist Church in Friona with the Revs. Howard Rhodes of Lamesa and Bill Crenshaw of Amarillo officiating.

Burial followed in Friona Cemetery under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Mr. Coker died May 9 at VA Medical Center in Amarillo.

He was born February 11, 1937 in Hereford. He married Margaret Rhodes May 22, 1957 in Friona.

Mr. Coker was a member of the First Baptist Church in Muleshoe. He had lived in Ruidoso the last five years moving from Muleshoe. He was a technician for Cable Television.

He was a former member of Phillipsburg Lions Club in Phillipsburg, Kansas. He served in the U.S. Army from October of 1959 until February 12, 1962.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret Coker of Ruidoso; two sons, Mike Coker of Ruidoso and Mark Coker of Lafayette, Indiana; two daughters, Shayla Armstrong of Amarillo and Stacey Ibarra of Canyon.

Also surviving is his mother Ina B. Coker of Friona; two brothers, Floyd Coker of Hereford and Bob Coker of Amarillo; one sister, Aline Turner of Friona and seven grandchildren.

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By Executive Order of the Honorable Galen Hromas, Mayor of the City of Bovina, it is hereby proclaimed:

WHEREAS, April 1997 marked the twenty-ninth anniversary of the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, which included Title VIII, the Fair Housing Law, for guaranteed equal housing opportunity for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, Fair housing is consistent with the principle of equality and justice for all, providing the challenge to combat discrimination, and to broaden the protection of the beliefs upon which our nation was founded; and

WHEREAS, This month provided an opportunity for all Americans to rededicate themselves to the principles of free choice and to reacquire themselves with the rights and responsibilities that are theirs under the Fair Housing Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Galen Hromas, Mayor of the City of Bovina, do hereby proclaim May, 1997, as:

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and urges my fellow citizens to join me in reaffirming the obligation and commitment to fair housing opportunities for all people.

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By his Honor the Mayor of the City of Bovina, Texas

Galen Hromas  
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### Phone 238-1523

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Word Ads, first insertion, per word.....20¢  
Additional insertions with no copy change, per word.....15¢  
Minimum charge.....\$2.50  
Classified Display (boxed ads) 1 or 2 columns wide per column inch.....\$3.00  
Card of Thanks.....same as classified word rate.  
Minimum charge.....\$2.50

Check advertisement and report any error immediately. The Blade is not responsible for error after ad has already run once.

**DEADLINE for Classified Advertising in the Bovina Blade's Saturday issue is 5 p.m. Tuesday**