

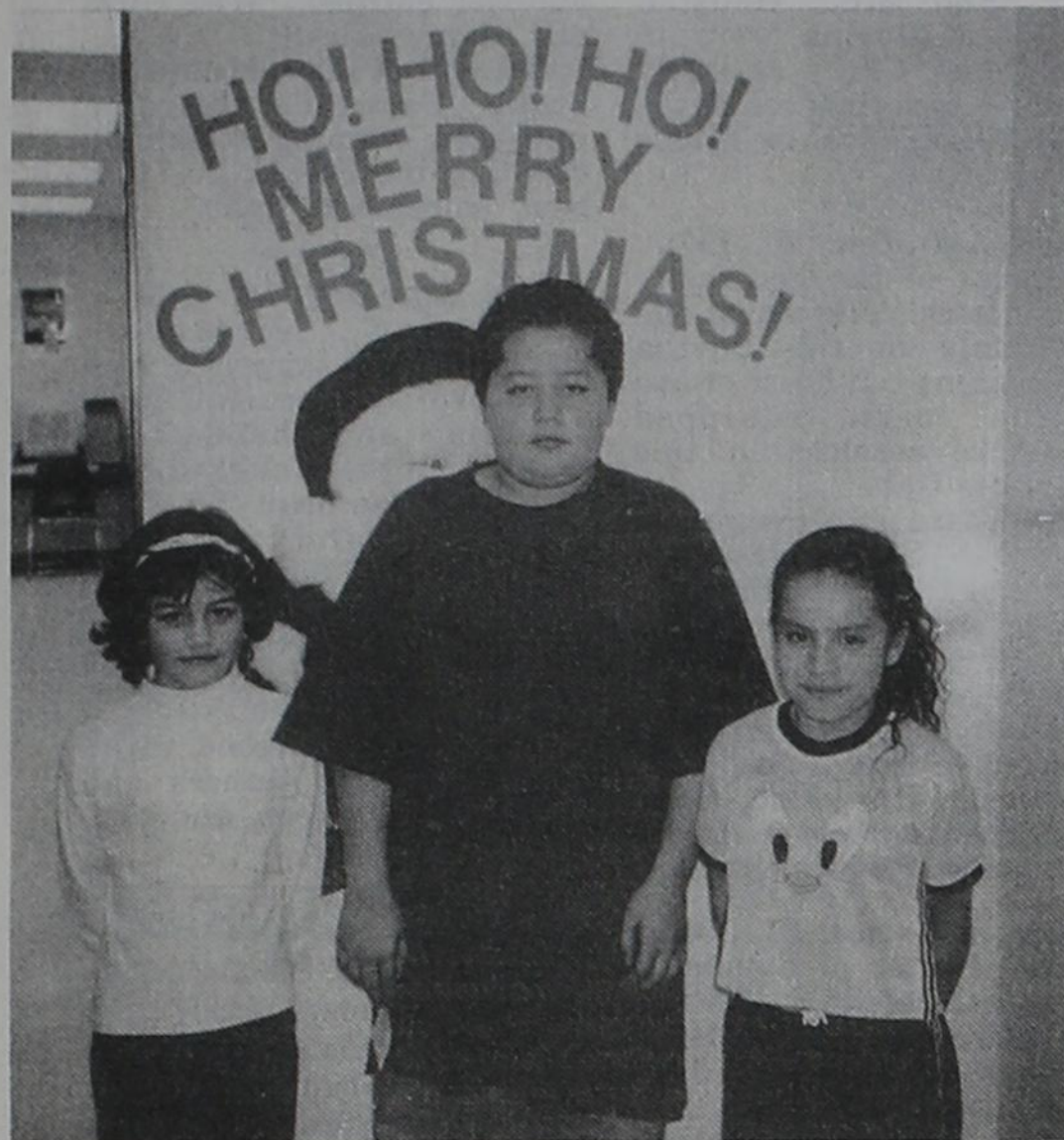
The Bovina Blade

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EIGHT PAGES

As of December 16, 1998
89,800
bales of cotton had been
ginned in Parmer County.
Friona Star/Bovina Blade survey



GOOD READERS...Joining the 100-point readers club were, l-r, Hilda Quintero, Mrs. Deen's 4th grader, and David Perez and Elizabeth Ortiz, in Mr. Martin's 5th grade class.

Combest Issues Strike Statement

Congressman Larry Combest (R-Texas) issued the following statement regarding the December 16 airstrikes against Iraq:

"To those troops in harm's way, we are unified in our support to make certain that they have everything at their disposal for a safe mission. In that the question of timing of these airstrikes has been asked, does not take away our support for the troops, nor will these airstrikes have any implication on the impeachment process.

"We have had airstrikes before, but the problem continues in Iraq, and has yet to be solved. One has to question whether a long term solution is in sight.

"The entire policy of this administration towards Iraq needs to be fully debated."

HERE IS A SAMPLING of a few of the Santa Letters for 1998 that the newspaper has received from several of the "rich and famous," and we thought we'd share them with our readers:

Dear Santa: Please send me the newest version of Webster's Dictionary. By the way, what is your definition of "liar," and does memory loss count as to what I'll get for Christmas? I was a naughty boy a couple of times during the year, but nothing is ever my fault, you see. All those Republicans have been really mean to me this year. It's all their fault.

It could be legally accurate to say that I have been good, more than I have been bad, so that wipes the slate clean, right Santa? Anyway, being naughty shouldn't count, because the economy is good, everyone is naughty sometimes, and four out of five people surveyed say it doesn't matter.

Also, I've been looking for a legacy, whatever that is. Everyone says I need to have one by the time I leave office, and who knows when that will be. Could you please bring me a legacy? Your friend, Slick Willie.

Dear Santa: Would you scout around and find me a possible new partner. AC/DC--doesn't matter, because as of January 1, 2001, Slick Willie is out on his ear. Thank you, Hillary R-C.

Dear Santa: For Christmas, please bring me a sparkling personality and some charisma. I have done a lot of difficult work this year and tried to do what is right. In spite of that, a lot of people don't like me very much and try to twist things around and blame me for stuff that little Willie did. If I had a perky personality, maybe everyone would like me more. And Santa, if you run into any of those pesky media people, maybe you could cause them to trip over their own cable wires. I think that's what they call "poetic justice." Honestly, Kenny Starr.

Dear Santa: If you give personality and charisma to Kenny, then I need some, too. And while you're at it, bring me a tree to hug, a snail darter, a spotted owl, a Smith Blue Butterfly, and some of those other endangered critters that no one ever heard of. When they kick little Willie out and I get to be the Prez, then we'll have a big old plastic Christmas tree at the Nation's Capitol. Bring something nice to all my pals at the Environmental Protection Agency. Global Warmingly, Algore.

Dear Santa: Well, I haven't been the best little girl this year, but I'm pretty cute and I have a big heart. Please bring me a good job or a nice boyfriend or both. I'm tired of sitting home alone getting fat nibbling on Christmas cookies. Sorry there aren't any left for you. And by the way, for my ex-friend Linda Tripp, just put a bunch of rocks in her stockings. Love and Kisses, Monica L.

Dear Santa: I wish you could bring me a new identity, complete with plastic surgery, etc., so I cannot be recognized. I have tried to be a good girl, and at this point I've never had sex--at least not the way Daddy explains it. Degradingly, Chelsea C.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a new comedy TV series and a new image. I messed up my old one when I came out of my closet. Now my cute girl friend is in the spotlight all the time instead of me. I have to go on talk shows and cry a lot, to get anyone to pay attention to me. Maybe I just need a another closet to crawl back into. Gaily, Ellen D.

Dear Santa: Could you please send Yassir a new tea-towel? The one he is wearing is the same one we set up housekeeping with. After 40 years of wiping egg stains, spaghetti sauce, etc. on this one, can you imagine how bad it smells?? Also, a battery-operated Remington shaver wouldn't be bad. Shalom, Mrs. Arafat, somewhere in the Mid-East.

Dear Santa: Please bring a year of health and happiness to our readers and advertisers, who make it possible for us to publish newspapers for the best folks on the face of the earth. Sincerely, Bill and Carol.

**Bull
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tins**
By
Bill Ellis



Retired Teachers To Meet

The Parmer County Retired Teachers & Employees Assn. will meet on Tuesday, January 5 at the Headquarters Restaurant in Friona, at noon.

The group will have a meal, and a program by Kathryn Gurley, attorney.

All members and interested persons are invited.

**City Offices
Holiday Schedule**
Bovina city hall offices will be closed on December 23-24-25 and also January 1.

'98 Cotton Harvest: Heading For Home

The area's 1998 cotton harvest, having been stalled for some time due to late, heavy rains, has rebounded and 98 per cent of the county's cotton farmers had their cotton stripped and/or in the form of modules as of Wednesday of this week.

A survey by the *Friona Star/Bovina Blade* on Wednesday indicated that an estimated 89,800 bales of cotton had been ginned by Parmer County gins.

Wednesday's estimated total was actually up by some 858 bales over the total

which had been ginned on the same day in 1997.

Since most of the cotton modules had been ginned as of Wednesday, the 1998 county total may have trouble topping the 100,000-bale mark, which would be for the second consecutive year.

"Overall, we may be down slightly from 1997, but not by much," one county ginner said, adding that the yields for the most part were pretty good, in spite of the year-long challenge by the weather.

For the entire growing season, the area received very scant rainfall, then when the crop was about ready to harvest, many farmers received seven to eight inches of rain in the last few days of October, which stalled the harvest.

Then, of all things a late killing freeze further stalled the stripping and forced a large number of farmers to defoliate their crop in order to get it out.

The late rain didn't particularly hurt the yield, but the bad wind which was received following the rain blew a considerable amount of cotton off the stalk.

A spokesman for the Bovina Gin indicated that the 1998 crop would be close to that of a year ago, and that the harvest should be wrapped within a week or ten days. All of the customers of Bovina Gin had finished stripping.

A new problem for the cotton farmers is the market price, which has slipped considerably during the past couple of weeks. Ginners were at a loss to explain the drop in prices, since it appeared that the world's cotton supply was slightly off.

Due to the added expense that many cotton farmers had in 1998, they were hoping for much better prices than the current market indicators.

"We still have a couple of farmers stripping," said a spokeslady at North Lazbuddie Gin, who indicated that their customers' yields might be up slightly from a year ago. "The yield wasn't hurt by the rain, but the wind blew a lot out onto the ground. Some were trying to pick it up," the lady added.

A Farwell Gin spokesman said that they had probably two weeks left in their ginning season "If the weather will hold just a little longer, we'll get through. The grade might be down slightly, but the yields weren't hurt by the rain," he stated.

The receptionist at Clay's Corner Gin said the end was in sight for their ginning. "I think we just have one customer who is still stripping," she said, adding that yields in that area might be up slightly.

--BILL ELLIS



1998-99 BOVINA MUSTANGS...Shown after their victory at the Vega tournament are, standing, l-r, Alvaro Martinez, Sergio Nieto, Jason Stone, Derrick Vanegas. Kneeling, l-r, Chris Antillon, Herman Marquez, Tyson Kerby, Josh Quintana. (photo courtesy of susan kerby)

School Board Approves Resignations; Discusses Summer Food Program

The Board of Trustees of Bovina ISD met in regular session on Monday, December 14. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. Members present were Steelman, Beauchamp, Jamerson, Whitten, Brozek, and Kerby.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Sandra Johnson addressed the Board concerning the

Mobile Clinic Schedule

The St. Mary Mobile Clinic will not be in Bovina next week. They will be on Christmas break.

The clinic will be back on Tuesday, December 29, but will not be here December 31.

According to clinic officials, now is the time to get chicken pox vaccines for children. It takes about two weeks for immunity to develop.

The clinic will resume a normal schedule after January 1, 1999.

Elementary Christmas Play Tues.

Bovina band director Bill Shelly has announced that the Elementary School Christmas play will be presented in the school auditorium at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 22.

The play is titled "Crazy Carols" and will be presented by students in second, third, and fourth grades.

Everyone is invited to attend.

audit report. Beauchamp made a motion to accept the audit report. Jamerson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Beauchamp moved to approve the payments of vouchers, Kerby seconded, motion passed unanimously.

The school principals gave their reports.

Beauchamp made a motion to accept Commercial Union's bid for property/liability insurance and to accept United National's bid for school board legal coverage. Steelman seconded, motion passed unanimously.

A public hearing was held for the 1997-98 AEIS report.

Brozek made a motion to approve participation in the summer food service program for 1999. Jamerson seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Beauchamp made a motion to accept the bid from Hromas Builders for placement of formica tops on sink cabinets in Ridgelea classrooms and to allow Superintendent Nuttall to negotiate and initiate placement of cabinets around the internet hub in Ridgelea. Jamerson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion was held on middle school boys restroom but no action was taken.

Beauchamp made a motion to place water heaters, drop-in ceiling and exhaust fans in designated areas in Ridgelea school. Steelman seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Brozek made a motion to accept Linda Atwell's resignation. Beauchamp seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Jamerson then moved to hire Linda Davis as recommended by site-based committee and Principal Erwin. Kerby seconded,

motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Nuttall gave her reports. Steelman moved to adjourn, Kerby seconded, motion passed unanimously.

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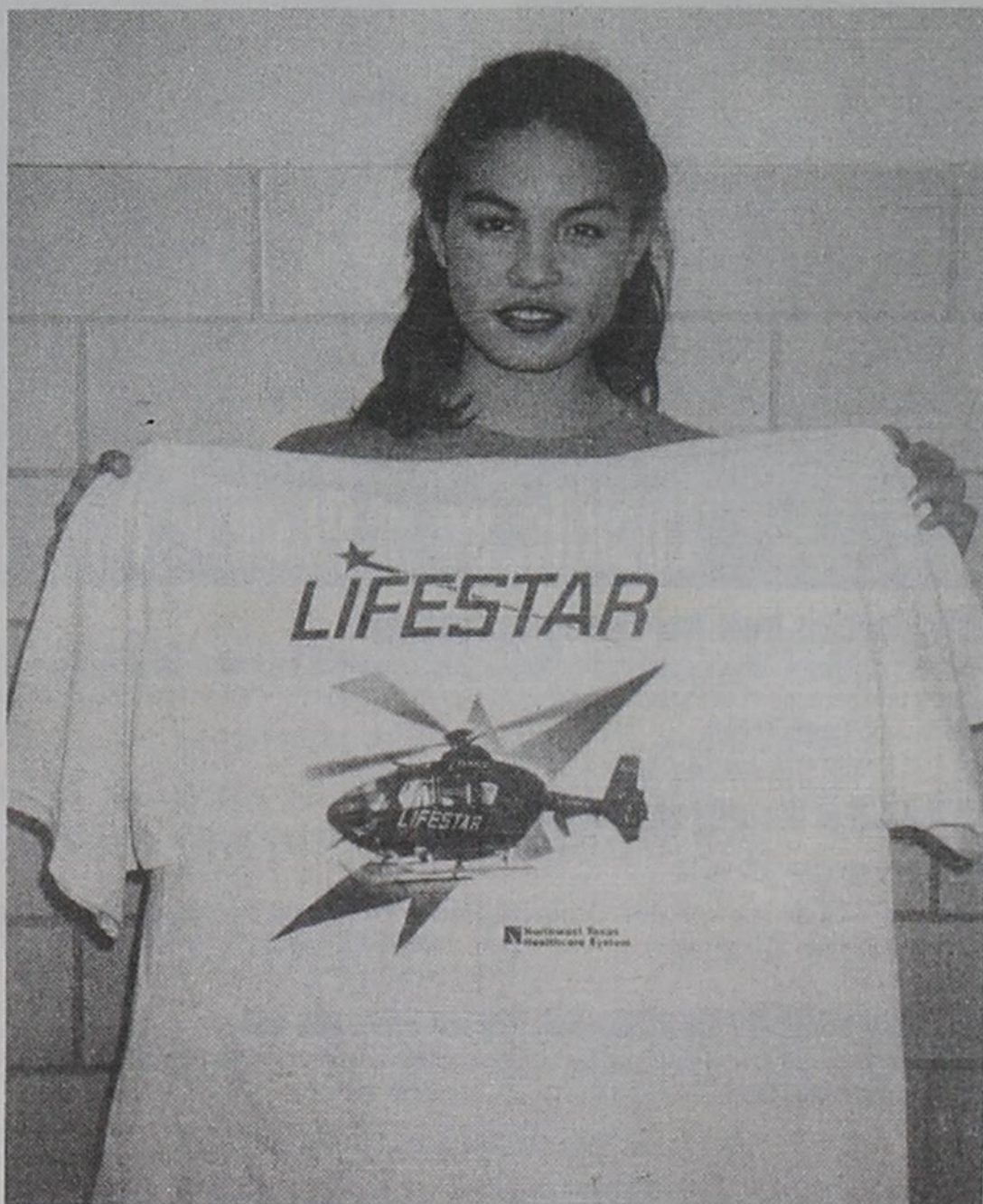
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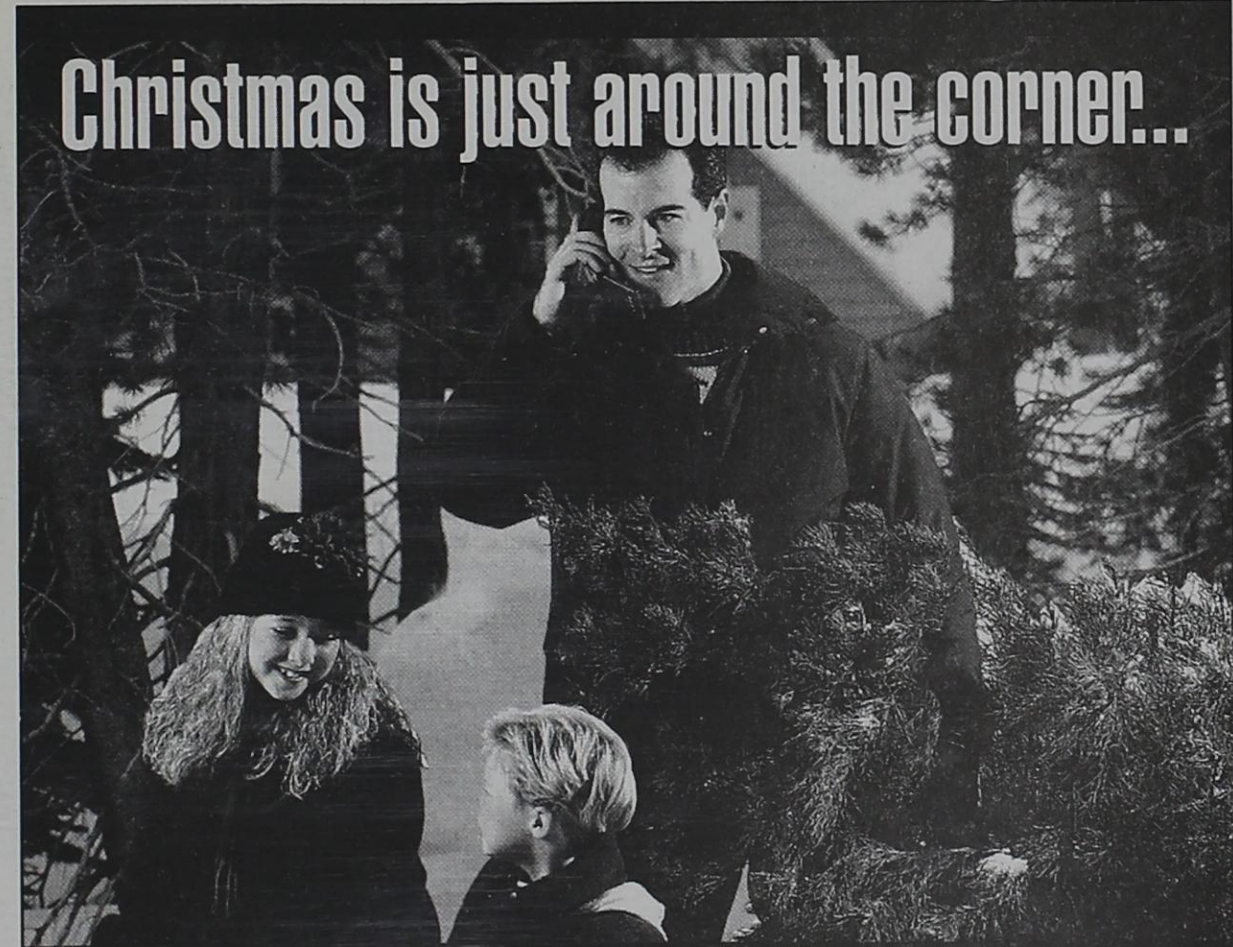
HELP SAVE LIVES....Eighth grader Maritssa Salazar holds a LifeStar t-shirt which can help save a life. All you need to do is buy one of the LifeStar shirts for \$10. The proceeds go to the EMS to defray costs of the new Global Positioning System given to Bovina EMS by LifeStar. The GPS unit will allow an arriving helicopter to zero in on the location of the accident. Buy your shirt from any EMS volunteer or Suzan Hughes or Lou Behrendson at the school. Thanks from the Bovina EMS.



CORRALING THE LADY 'HORNS on this play are Marisol Antillon (24), Letie Vargas (10), K'Leigh Scroggins (34), and Marissa Rodriguez (52). Lazbuddie was too much for the Fillies though as Bovina lost 69-34. Their record is now 5-8. ron carr photo



SERGIO SCORES...The Mustangs stayed with the Lazbuddie Longhorns, but lost a close one Tuesday by a score of 73-68. Sergio Nieto (23) is surrounded by 'Horns but scores anyway as Jason Stone comes around to help. Herman Marquez had 30 points and Stone had 14. ron carr photo



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BOVINA REFLECTIONS

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

40 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 17, 1958

More than 100 persons, including members and guests, were present Friday night last week when the Farwell Lodge No. 977 AF&AM celebrated its 50th anniversary.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jeter and family over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. D.B. Moss, Brad and Betty, all of Dallas. The guests arrived Friday evening.

A number of friends gathered Friday afternoon in the home of their grandmother, Mrs. Mary Woltmon, for a surprise visit. Mrs. Woltmon, 91, is reported to have enjoyed the visit and gifts the ladies presented to her.

35 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 18, 1963

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ellison returned recently from Aruba, which is an island off the coast of Venezuela.

Mrs. Joe Mack Dutton was honored with a come and go bridal shower Saturday afternoon in the Fellowship Hall of the Church of Christ.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pinner entertained several couples with a dinner party Friday evening at their home.

Spanish Baptist Mission has planned its annual Christmas program for Tuesday evening, December 24, at 7 p.m. at Mission Church.

30 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 18, 1968

Theft of approximately \$60 is being investigated here, according to City Marshall Ronald Mitchell.

The Gleaners Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church held its Christmas party last week when the group had dinner in Clovis.

Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Trimble were host to the Couple's Bridge Club in their home Wednesday night.

The Guadalupanas' fiesta was held December 12 at St. Ann's in Bovina beginning with mass at 7:30 p.m.

25 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 19, 1973

Mr. and Mrs. Reagan Looney of Bovina will be feted with a reception at their home west of Bovina Sunday on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary.

Members of the Thrifty Club met Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. George Douglas for that organization's annual Christmas party.

The Bovina 4-H Club met Saturday night at The Salt Company. Those attending played games and then went caroling. They also gave gifts of fruit and cookies to shut-ins in Bovina.

Mr. and Mrs. Houston Bartlett of Bovina were in Oklahoma City recently attending performances of the World Championship Finals Rodeo there.

20 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 20, 1978

Because of the generosity of businesses, civic clubs, and individuals in the Bovina area, citizens can boast of one of the best equipped ambulance services in this part of the state.

The Board of Directors of the First State Bank of Bovina, at their last directors' meeting promoted Stephen N. Sherrill to vice-president-cashier. At the same meeting Mrs. Henry Minter was promoted to Senior Assistant vice-president. Also, Mrs. Eldon Thatcher was promoted to assistant vice-president.

15 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 21, 1983

Misti Boozer of Bovina is the new Littlefield District FFA Sweetheart. Misti, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Boozer of Bovina, is a junior at Bovina High School. She was selected during the recent Littlefield District FFA Banquet hosted by South Plains College.

Clayton Farm Center is a brand new business in town and is owned and operated by Dickie Clayton. It is located at 700 Third Street.

Billy McAlister of Hereford is now managing Lone Star Insurance Agency and secretaries are Gina Sandberg of Friona and Lori Miller of Bovina.

10 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 21, 1988

Among the special holiday events held locally this season was the Christmas program at First United Methodist Church. The program was directed by Brenda Wilson and was entitled "Wise Guys and Starry Skies."

The Bovina Mustangs broke Farwell's 14-game unbeaten winning streak by downing the Steers, 80-71 in boys' tournament finals.

5 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 18, 1993

Sunday afternoon, residents were surprised with a storm of rain, hail, lightning and thunder and winds that were clocked over sixty miles an hour.

Dale and Sharlet McCormick of Bovina are the parents of a baby boy, Levi James, born November 30 at 12:24 p.m. at St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock.

The baby weighed seven pounds, fifteen ounces and measured nineteen and one-half inches long.

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COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE-
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND
YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1998

Data Control Codes	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		TOTALS (Memorandum Only)		
	100-199 General Fund	200-499 Special Revenue Funds	98 August 31, 1998	97 August 31, 1997	
REVENUES:					
5700	Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 666,153	\$ 19,624	\$ 685,777	\$ 696,797
5800	State Program Revenues	2,878,487	33,308	2,911,795	2,378,116
5900	Federal Program Revenues	1,699	357,532	359,231	702,901
5020	Total Revenues	3,546,339	410,464	3,956,803	3,777,814
EXPENDITURES:					
Current:					
0010	Instruction and Instructional-Related Services	1,943,369	182,643	2,126,012	2,217,672
0020	Instructional and School Leadership	221,325	6,810	228,135	217,146
0030	Support Services - Student (Pupil)	341,671	246,510	588,181	858,173
0040	Administrative Support Services	177,870	-	177,870	168,733
0050	Support Services - Nonstudent Based	305,356	3,181	308,537	297,994
0080	Capital Outlay	413,763	-	413,763	47,223
6030	Total Expenditures	3,403,354	439,144	3,842,498	3,806,941
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under)	142,985	(28,680)	114,305	(29,127)
7020	Other Resources	46,858	29,641	76,499	55,159
8030	Other (Uses)	(29,641)	-	(29,641)	649
1200	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues & Other Resources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	160,202	961	161,163	26,681
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	831,419	7,030	838,449	818,799
1300	Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	(1,070)	-	(1,070)	-
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 990,551	\$ 7,991	\$ 998,542	\$ 845,480

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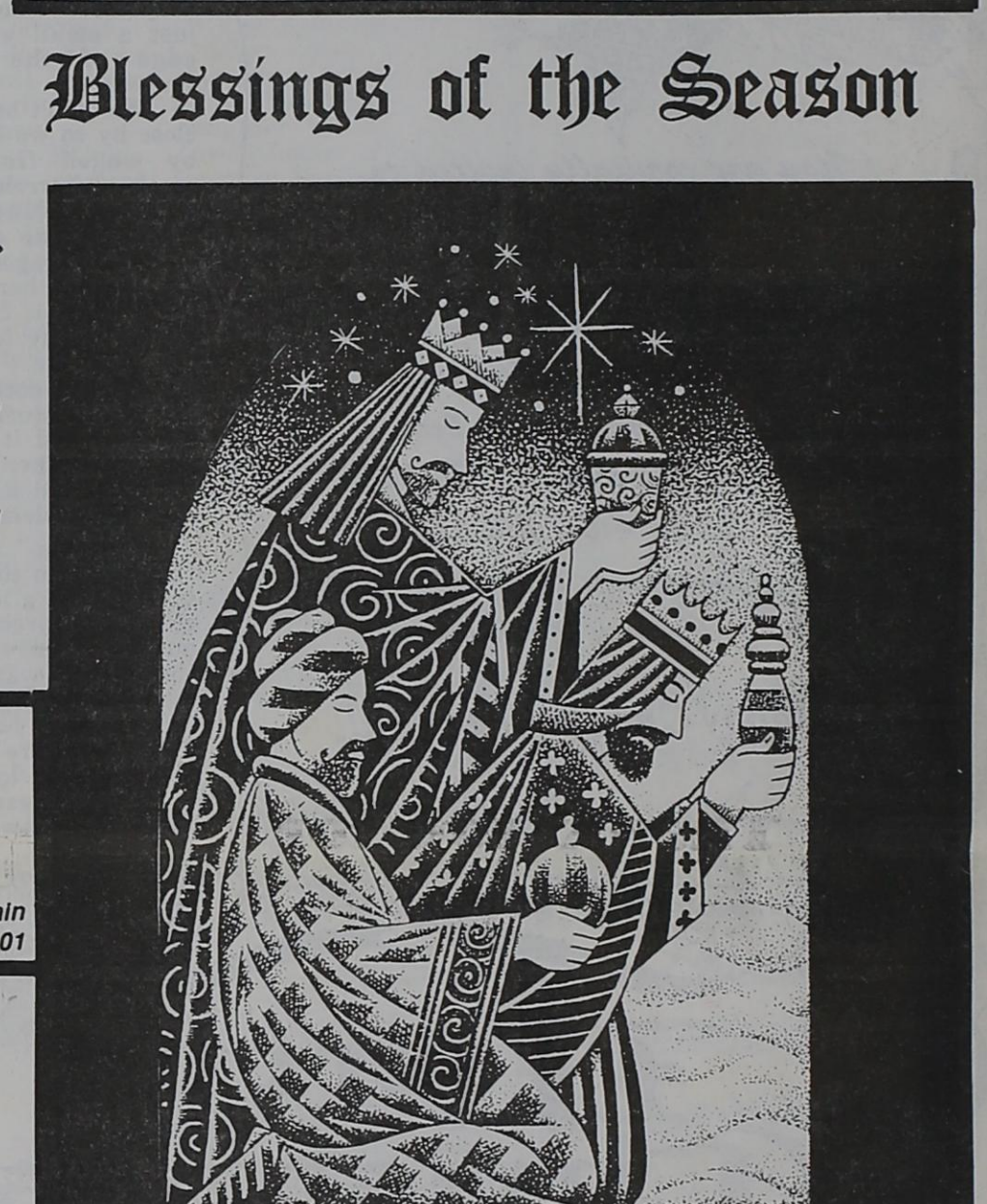

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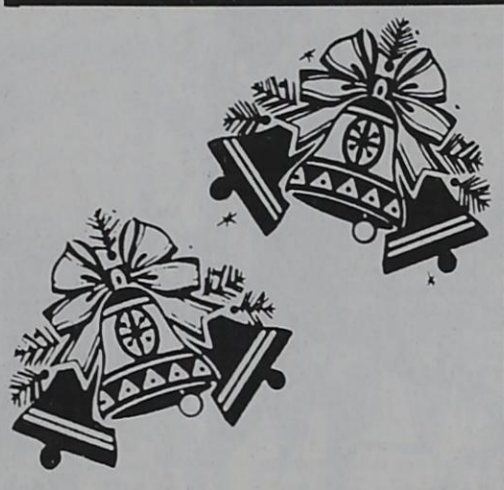
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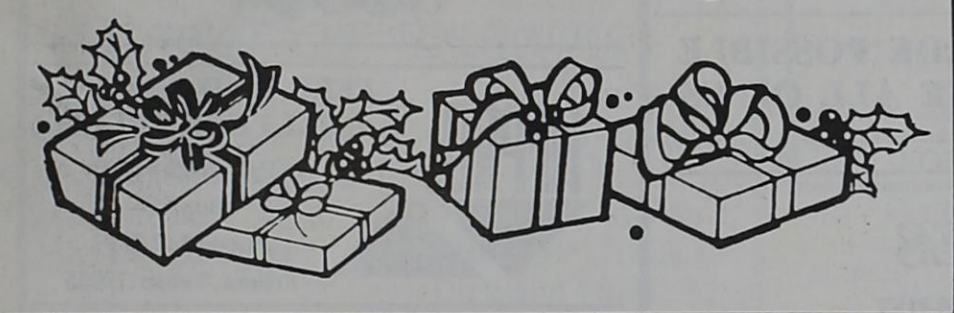
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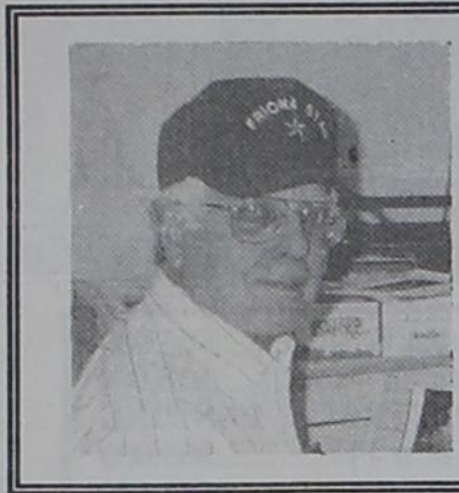
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I watch most of those news shows on TV, like Dateline, 20/20, 48 Hours, Larry King Live, etc. I don't watch sitcoms because the news talk shows are often funnier. Especially when they take phone calls from "the American people."

Holy cow! There are some really, scary experts hidden out there in the nooks and crannies of America. We don't need to figure out what the Founding Fathers had in mind when they wrote the Constitution.

Just open the phone lines and let the American people decide. Nothing like a phone call from some crud in Mountaintop, Arkansas to let the air out of a windy expert.

In the mornings when I am stumbling around the house trying to drink coffee, meditate, shave, and pick out some socks, I turn on C-Span.

I don't sit and watch it, I listen to it like you would a radio. There is not much to "watch" on C-Span anyway.

The morning program is called Washington Journal. They review editorials and columns from all the major newspapers that day. Their daily guests include politicians, professors, journalists and the like.

It is a very good program with a minimum of yelling and babbling, full of information instead of a string of biased sound bites. If you want insight, not spite, watch some C-Span.

Anyway, one morning this week I was shuffling around gnawing on a piece of stale toast and listening to a

dignified professor-type expound on the definition of impeachment, high crimes, and misdemeanors.

He finished his soliloquy and was looking smug and confident. The next call came from an obviously older American lady. She sounded like a grandma. She sounded a lot like my grandma used to sound.

"Go ahead caller, you're on C-Span."

"Yes, I am Maude Frickett from Frog Pond, Florida and I just wanted to tell your guest there that he is full of baloney."

Well, when I heard her say "full of baloney" my sleeper socks screeched to a burning halt.

What a great reminder of Christmases past. My grandmother, granddaddy, and my mother said that to me all the time when I was a boy back in the '40s.

I remember rushing in the house to tell them about some event or the other, embellishing the story until it was bigger than it was ever meant to be.

They would listen, smile, roll their eyes, give me a couple of "tch, tch" clucks and say, "Ronnie Lynn, you are full of baloney."

I'll tell you what, that phrase will stop an argument in its tracks and confuse the best of experts. It works like this:

You listen intently and courteously as though they were really getting through your numbskull exterior. Let them think that with all their superior intellect you are absorbing every morsel that they have spent their entire lives gathering.

Then you spring it on them. "You know what? You are full of baloney." There is no effective counter argument.

First of all, experts do not like to associate with us common folks that eat baloney. On the rare occasion they might acquiesce and acknowledge that baloney exists, they go so far as to spell it "b-o-l-o-g-n-a."

To break the monotony my folks in the 40s would sometimes tell me I was full of other things.

My granddaddy would say I was "full of prunes." Mamaw would offer "you're full of beans."

I never thought much about any of that until recently. Since prunes are a natural laxative (they say) and beans convert to gas, my grandparents came about as close as you can get without saying the actual "full of it" word.

I suppose since baloney

itself is made of several things together that we wouldn't eat all by themselves, the phrase "full of baloney" is quite accurate.

Here's a quick slice of baloney from my resealable pack: Secretary of State Maddie Allright said that they thought Saddam Hussein was telling the truth a month ago when he said he would comply with the inspectors, that is why they waited until the night before the impeachment to air mail him \$200 million in missiles.

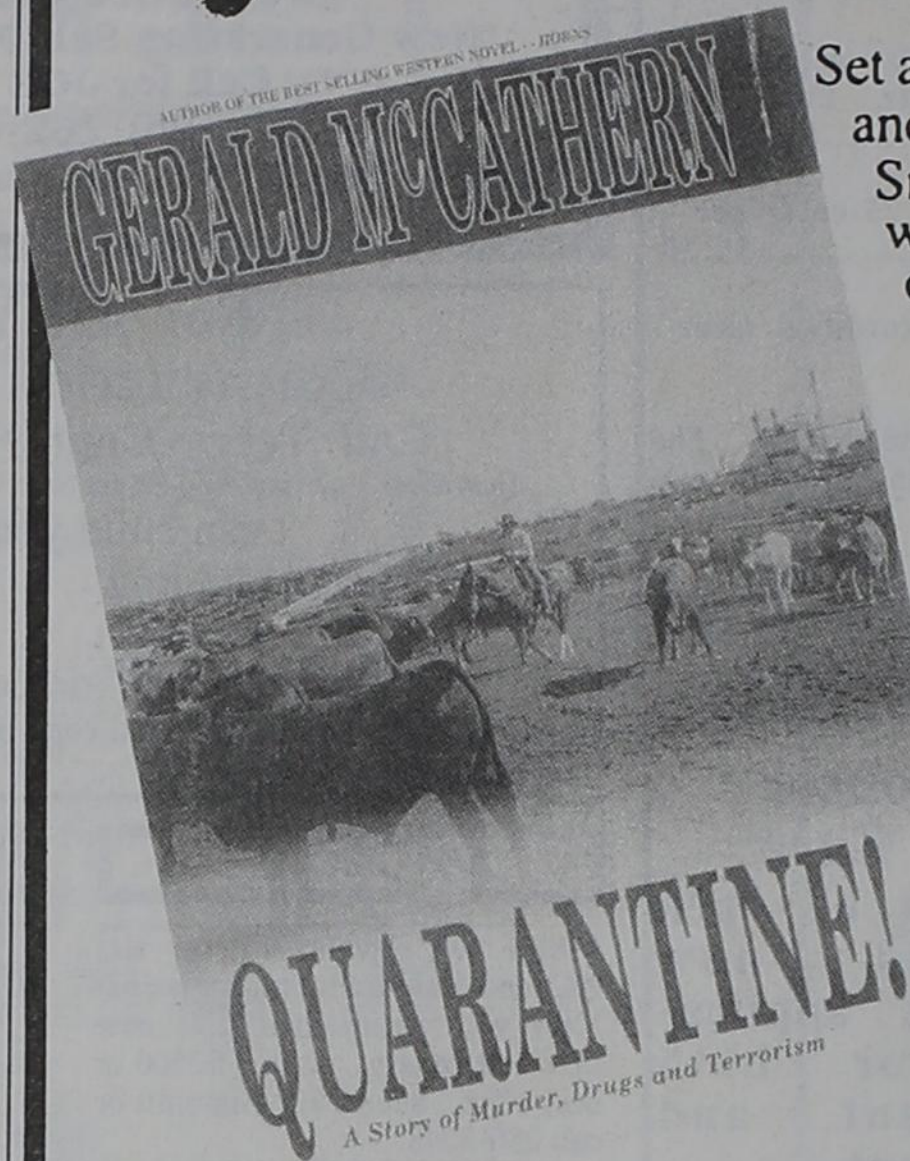
Of course, Maddie is the same cabinet official who stepped up to the microphone a few months back and stated that she believed Billy Jeff Clinton. So, Maddie, you know what? I think you are full of baloney.

I have plenty of baloney to last throughout 1999. As we join hands and march across the Billy Jeff Clinton Memorial Bridge into the next millennium, clutching our Chia Pets and Lava Lamps, I will bring a basket of thick sliced baloney and mayonnaise sandwiches so we can all picnic together on the lawn of life.

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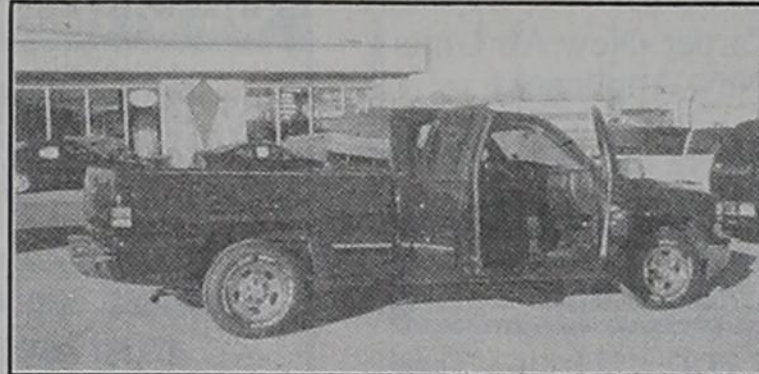
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