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Bovina

Good News In

EIGHT PAGES



ON CALL....State Trooper Taylor Carrasco, 4, is ready to patrol Parmer County highways if he only had a driver's license. He is the son of Isabel and Dee Anna Carrasco. His dad, Isabel "Izzy" Carrasco is a DPS Trooper. Taylor's authentic trooper uniform was made for him by his grandmother and he wears it proudly.

Deaf Smith Electric Annual Meeting Set

Cooperative members will receive capital credit refunds from 1986, 1987, 1988 and a portion of 1989 totaling \$1,000,000 at the Cooperative's annual meeting and dinner Tuesday, March 30. The meeting begins at 5 p.m. in the Hereford Bull Barn.

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A fish, chicken and beef dinner will be served and the Palmetto State Quartet will provide the entertainment following the meal. A short business meeting to elect two directors will follow the performance.

Position 1 candidates are incumbent Gilbert (Nick) Yosten and nominee Dwight Jesko. Position 2 candidates are incumbent Anthony Acker

THE OTHER DAY Ye Editor

looked around the office and

changed in the publishing industry in the four decades

Carol and I have been in the

involved with publishing that

hasn't undergone a complete

been in perfect focus.

There is hardly a facet

business.

decided that things have surely Town

Deaf Smith Electric and nominee Vincent Gerber. Another highlight of the evening's activities will be drawings for attendance prizes totaling more than one thousand dollars. A color television set will be awarded

as the grand prize.

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Bill Ellis

For starters, the main camera in use when I was in college and for starters at the Friona Star was the "Press 25." This was the type you see in the old film clips when a celebrity is

mobbed by the press corps: it was about a foot square, used

the "one time only" flash bulbs, and weighed about 25

right arm was a foot longer than his left arm simply because

he had spent all those years roaming the football or

basketball sidelines lugging this trusty picture-maker.

The Press-25 used 4x5 inch (single) negatives. Everything

on the film was crystal clear, and with this large negative,

you could have enlarged a print to four feet by six feet (if

they made print paper that size), and everything would have

My late friend and publisher Ben Ezzell used to say that his

Bulle-

The Palmetto State Quartet, making their second consecutive appearance at Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative's annual meeting have enjoyed tremendous success for the past five decades.

Throughout the years, Palmetto State Quartet's first they have hosted several television programs, including the nationally syndicated "Bob Poole's Gospel Favorites," which broadcasts to 128 stations nationwide.

They appear annually at

vention and have been the host group at the Grand Ole Gospel Reunion held every year in Greenville, South Carolina. In the past few years, the

quartet received many nominations as one of the best male quartets in gospel music today and are consistently placing songs in the "Top 40" radio charts.

the National Quartet Con-

The Palmetto State Quartet's goal of delivering a first-class performance filled with excitement, energy and lots of traditional Southern Gospel Music are traits which have proven to play an essential role in the success they have enjoyed.

Clinton Policy In Kosovo Washington D.C.--Rep. the Administration's policy Larry Combest (R-Tx.) an- towards Kosovo is yet another nounced today that he intervention that will put steadfastly opposes President American lives at stake. Clinton's policy of committing "You may remember that this air strikes and additional Administration initially pro-American resources to Kosovo. mised that our American "Given the history of this

promises of bringing our troops home, I think it is a mistake to commit troops to further action," Combest said.

However, Combest maintains that since American air strikes have already begun in Kosovo, he strongly supports the American troops that have been deployed there. "To be sure, I support unwaveringly our American men and women who bravely risk their lives so that we can sustain our freedom; I simply do not agree with the policy that put them there. Too often with this Administration, the foreign policy tactic is to rush into conflicts with no definitive strategy or accomplishing the long-term mission or of getting our troops home."

Rep. Combest fears that

Methodist Youth To **Have Meal**

Oklahoma Lane Methodist Youth will be having a Brisket dinner Sunday, March 28 at 11 a.m. Donations will be accepted.

troops would be in Bosnia for Administration's open-ended only one year. The fact is, promises of committing our we do not commit troops for troops to places in the world only a small period of time and the initial policy never where we frankly don't and the initial policy never belong, and their history of met the recommendations or not providing a clear exit calculations that are strategy or living up to their necessary before committing troops."

Rep. L. Combest Opposes

Combest notes that there are three basic criteria that he uses when considering any proposal to commit American troops: (1) Is the U.S. national security at risk? (2) Is there a clear, well-defined mission and exit strategy? and (3) Would he send his own son/daughter to fight for the case of Kosovo."

this cause?

Currently, the U.S. has tens of thousands of American troops committed in over 40 foreign countries. American troops are still in Haiti, Bosnia and Iraq, with no end in sight. We have spent \$10 billion and counting on the Balkan conflict, and the cost of the Kosovo deployment alone is estimated to be between \$1.5-\$2 billion annually.

Combest concludes, "This is a further escalation of the President's open-ended Bosnia policy for which, up to this point, none of the prerequisite recommendations calculations have been met. I cannot look into a parent's eyes and say that sending our troops into harms way was the right thing to do in



ANOTHER DRY SPRING......"Chief' Weldon Crim of Lazbuddie conducted his annual "fireburning" ceremony Monday and the results, according to Crim, say farmers could be in for a dry spring and summer. Crim learned the ancient ritual from his father, who learned it from his father, who learned it from the Plains and Cherokee Indians. Crim claims an 80 percent accuracy rate, but missed the mark last year. Crim has been carrying on the family tradition since 1983.

Forecast Looks Poor Says "Chief" Crim

BY SCOTT ROBINSON

While every town has a weatherman, only a few of them are truly famous. The world's most famous one is Punxsutawney Phil, otherwise known as the ground hog. Amarillo has the popular "Doppler" Dave Oliver. And the local area has a guy by the name of Weldon "Chief"

Phil, while being the most

Growers Approved Eradication

The Texas Department of Agriculture announced this week that cotton producers in the Northwest Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone have voted to establish a boll weevil eradication program in the five-county zone.

Final results were 1,441 voting "for" and 476 voting "against" establishing an eradication program.

In addition, producers in the zone voted to set a maximum annual assessment for the program not to exceed \$12 per land acre for irrigated cotton and \$5 per land acre for dryland cotton.

To officially establish a boll weevil eradication program in the Northwest Plains Zone and set an assessment, the propositions had to be approved by a two-thirds vote, or those voting in favor needed to farm more than 50 per cent of the zone's acreage.

"Producers in the Northwest Plains have shown they want an eradication program," said Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs. "We look forward to working with them and the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation in eliminating this costly pest in Texas."

famous, has the worst accuracy rating. reportedly is correct less than half of the time. I haven't heard any recent reports on "Doppler" Dave, but he seems to hit a lot more than he misses. Then there is the "Chief", who has historically hit on apporximately eightypercent of his forecasts.

Unfortunately, even getting eight out of ten correct means missing a couple. For the local "Chief", last year was one of the misses. Crim called for an average Spring, but it turned out to be less than that.

Due to last year's miss, odds are better than usual that this year's forecast will be on the nose. This isn't good news for the locals as the "Chief" is calling for a dry Spring based on his "fireburning."

"The southwest wind calls for a poor Spring," said the "Chief." "That is the worst direction, so conditions are going to be dry.

'My dad used to say that the southwest wind meant you should load up the squaw and the kids and move to

Oklahoma." The "fireburning" is conducted annually on March 22 by stacking wood in a teepee shape and setting fire to it. The direction the wind blows the smoke at exactly

sunrise predicts the weather

for coming Spring season. Weldon is carrying on a family tradition that began in 1910 with his grandfather Taylor. Taylor learned the ritual from the Commanche and Plains Indians near El Paso. Taylor passed the tradition on to his son, J.W., who conducted the "fireburnings" from 1923 until 1980. Weldon picked up the tradition from his father, and

he has been conducting the

"burnings" since 1983.



RE-ELECTED AS DIRECTORS at the West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative annual meeting this week were, l-r, Pat Robbins, Charles Christian, and J. B. Noland.



WHERE'S THE BEEF...Grand prize winners at the West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative annual meeting were Les and Rose McCain of Bovina. They are shown with co-op director Ernest Flood. The prize was for 200 pounds of

beef. ron carr photo May 1 Election Candidates

Alonzo Coffey, Susan Kerby, and Justin Brozek. On the ballot for the city council (alderman) election will be Charles Wilkins, Kevin Hughes, Linda Marshall, and Bill

On the ballot for the school board election will be Josie

There are two positions open on the school board and three for city council. The election will be held on Saturday.

Cameras have gone every which-way, from Polaroids to high-tech 35-mm cameras, but basically you can't get anywhere close to the quality of photos with today's mostlyautomatic cameras that we did with the old ones. When I did my student editing on the Texas Tech newspaper, and later at the San Mateo (Daily) Times in California, "hot type" was still the vogue for newspapers. The type was set on the 189th-century style Linotype machines, and pages were put together in a dark, inky and hot backshop. You had to learn to read in reverse, since all of the type was set that way. On the daily papers, editors would make a "dummy" on miniature page mock-ups. When the printers finished a page, they would "pull a proof" and send it up front to be proofchecked. Galleys of type were proof-read earlier, so this in effect was the final proof before going to press.

None of the printers I worked with in the letterpress system, as it was known, were ever very excited about making proof corrections. In those days, it was a chore to reset the individual lines, and then replace the erroneous ones

with the correct lines. The printers and/or Linotype operators would not have believed how easy it is to make corrections, change type sizes or styles, and even move paragraphs around like we can

today on our computers. The offset printing process really spawned numerous changes in the publishing business. It also burst on the scene in an industry which had seen no big changes in a half-

century or more. Offset was not even mentioned by my Texas Tech profs. Apparently the old-time printing companies thought that offset might be just a "flash in the pan." I think they must have believed if they ignored offset it would go away.

Having spent four years at Tech and three post-graduate years working on newspapers produced by the old letterpress method, Ye Editor landed in Friona, where the new offset printing method was not only in use, but a new central printing plant was in full swing, doing printing for several other newspapers in the area.

I was similar to the guy who said that the first car he ever rode in, he was also serving as the driver. On-the-job training, I guess. It has been a good learning experience, and one we

wouldn't trade. I strayed off the subject somewhat, so I'll have to discuss the other things that have changed so drastically in a future column. That's "30" for today.



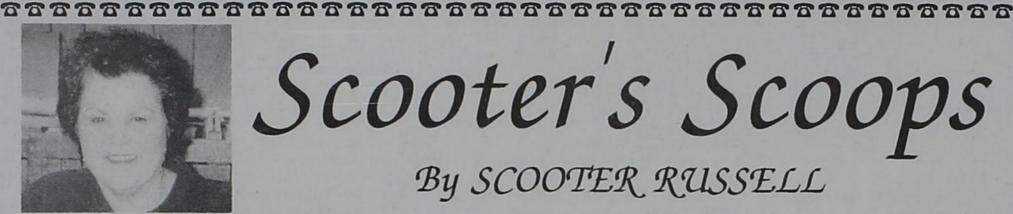
Rachel Navarro, Evang Casas, Patricia Robles



Chris Dopp & Evang Casas



Eric Shufelberger, Derrick Vanegas, J.T. Roach



Scooter's Scoops

By SCOOTER RUSSELL

The men also enjoyed

We understand Diane

some fishing while in that

Heard and her four-year-old

son are back in Bovina and

living in the Owen Patton house. We want to welcome

Lora Sikes, of Hico,

Texas, a former resident,

passed away March 16. She

was survived by three

children, John of Lubbock;

Annie Ballard of Lubbock;

and Dora Sullins of Victoria;

death by her husband, John,

and two sons, Wilfred and

Windel. Both John and

daughter and son-in-law,

Kathy and R.B. Riley

attended funeral services in

many years and John Sikes

was a deacon in the Baptist

in Friona, Saturday for

Johnny Brand, uncle to Billy

Smith. Johnny was survived

by his wife, who is a resident

in Prairie Acres Nursing

Home and one daughter,

Elsie, is still a patient in the

Clovis hospital and her

daughter-in-law, Suezy, said

this past Tuesday was the

and she and Billy attended

funeral services for him in Ft.

Shamblin, who had lived at

Lake Tawanke, which is

illness and was survived by

his wife, Lou, and two

children, Eve Hamilton of Ft.

Worth and Randy Shamblin

He died after a lengthy

located near Terrell, Texas.

Suezy's uncle passed away

He was Dale

Billy Smith's mother,

She was preceded in

Barbarette Sikes, her

They lived in Bovina for

Funeral services were held

also several grandchildren.

Windel died in 1989.

Church.

Kathryn.

47th day.

and Jan Heard of Clovis.

NEWS AROUND TOWN... Andy and Lori Stormes' baby boy, Tristen, is much better, according to his grandmother, Ella Jo. The baby is only a few weeks old and had respitory problems from the beginning and ended up in a Dallas hospital in critical condition.

He was diagnosed with pnuemonia last week but was much improved.

Lori's sister, April, who live in Happy, took the Stormes girls, Skyler and Tamara, to Dallas to see their parents over the weekend. After they returned to Happy, Skyler was playing on the trampoline and suffered a broken arm. It was her upper arm and is was thought that she may have to have surgery but now they think she can get along without having to have the

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Nathan and Chris Moore lived here for many years

We daughter of Juanda's brother, last few years. understand Chris's mom passed away. She was Bonnie Payne of Farwell and the funeral was held on area. Monday. Our sympathy to the family.

Sid Lloyd is getting along real well after suffering a bad sprain to her wrist. She spent a week with daughter her back and hope she will be put on a ventilator from the Patsy in Hale Center but was very happy. Diane grew up respirator and his condition is able to come back to her in Bovina and her parents sister in Lubbock and also home in Bovina and attended church on Sunday.

She said she was glad to be home but had a good time with Patsy and her family.

Don and Juanda Murphy have been busy the past few weeks. They went to the Abilene Chamber of Commerce banquet where their daughter-in-law, Suzanne Murphy was awarded Teacher of the Year.

Also at the banquet were Suzanne's dad, A.M. Wilson and her sister and husband, Pam and Greg Bell, all of Bovina. Suzanne had taught

school for 25 years.
The Murphys also attented their neice's wed-

Polly Mills came home a couple of weeks ago. She has had heart problems and was in the hospital. Later she had blood clots around her heart and they had to take care of that and then she had problems with clots in the vein in her leg but things are looking good now and hopefully all will continue to go well for her.

Polly spent time with her are Jim Heard of Lubbock with two of her daughters.

Jim and I helped our grandchildren, Rene and Todd Rindlisbacher, and two children move to beautiful Durango, Colorado last week. We stayed a couple of days and the men went fishing.

We have had them in Spearman with us for several years so it was hard to lose them but it will be a pretty

place to visit.

Visitors in the home of Jim and Lola Parsons were their daughter and family, Joe and Jamie Martinez of Amarillo and their ten-monthold daughter, Kylee. They came Saturday and spent the night and attended church with them on Sunday before returning to Amarillo. Sid Lloyd has her fourth

grandchild. Kirklyn Skyler was born on St. Patrick's Day. Her parents are Kendal and Natasha Webb of Amarillo. Kendal's parents are Larry and Becky Webb of Hale Center and lived here when Kendal was born. Congratulations!

Don Lloyd of Grand Prairie was in Bovina and spent a week with his mother, Sid Lloyd. Don has recently retired after working for the ASC for thirty-five

He lived in Washington, D.C., or rather worked there, and lived in Virginia for years but now lives in Grand Prairie and happy to be back in Texas.

Thanks for helping with the Scoops, I appreciate your

PRISCILLA MARTINEZ P. Martinez Completes Navy Basic

Priscilla Martinez, a 1998 Bovina High School graduate, completed U.S. Navy basic training on September 24,

operations specialist and is currently stationed in Norfolk,

Kim Smith Included In '99 Who's Who providers by the

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Kimberly J. Smith of Bovina is among the 80 students from Angelo State University who have been included in the 1999 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Smith, a junior majoring in early childhood education at the University, was selected by campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory based on her academic achievement, service to the community, leadership attributes in extracurricular activities, and potential for continued success.

The ASU students honored in this year's edition 1998, at Great Lakes Naval of the annual directory join Air Station in Chicago, an elite group, selected from more than 1,900 institutions She is the daughter of of higher learning in all 50 Pablo and Linda Martinez of states, the District of Columbia, and several foreign She is training to be an nations. Outstanding students have been honored in the annual volume since its initial publication in 1934.

....from the files of The Bovina Blade

40 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 25, 1959 Janice Richards, Bovina Fillies' all-state forward, is a member of Dowell's Dolls, Amarillo AAU basketball Mr. and Mrs. Odis White

returned home last week from a ten day vacation in Arizona. They were gusets of their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kelley and Tim, in Tucson and also visited with Mrs. Stella Barnes in Phoenix.

released from Parmer County neck. He was hospitalized in Community Hospital in Muleshoe. Friona Sunday morning. He had been confined there for 15 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 28, 1984 almost six weeks following a severe stroke.

35 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 25, 1964 Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Adams hosted a reception honoring her father, V.F. Roberts of Littlefield, on his 85th birthday Wednesday evening.

Mrs. John F. Kennedy this week acknowledged a letter from Shervl Moore, tenyear-old daughter of Mr. and Jerry Roberts were re-elected Mrs. Bill Moore of Bovina.

Several students of Mrs. Margaret Caldwell were entered in the National Federation of Music Festival Saturday at Lubbock.

30 Yrs. Ago--Apr. 2, 1969 Members of Bovina Volunteer Fire Department entertained their wives at a Bovina Restaurant.

Idalou girls track and field in the third grade. meet Saturday.

25 Yrs. Ago--Apr. 3, 1974

A change in the ownership and management of Birkelback Machine and Pump Company was formally announced this week by Kenneth Cary, new manager

Lewis McDaniel, local manager for the Southwestern Public Service Company in Bovina for the past six years, has been appointed the local manager of the company's office in Crosbyton.

20 Yrs. Ago--Apr. 4, 1979 The Bovina High School Thespians travelled to Farwell last week and came home with the first place trophy in the one-act play division.

Bovina's Senior Citizens have kicked off a fund drive, with hopes of raising \$25,000 for a new club building.

Joe Jones was injured while fighting a fire at the Clawson building last week. He suffered pulled muscles J.H. Steelman was and a pinched nerve in his

Postmaster, Gene Ezell has retired. He had served as postmaster locally since 1947, and prior to that his father, Roy Ezell, was postmaster here.

It was reported that Agri-Sprayers was burglarized and that several items, total value of \$10,000 were stolen.

10 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 29, 1989 Wendol Christian and to the board of directors at the annual meeting of the Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative March 18 in

Services for Lawrence Jamerson, 65, were held in First Baptist Church.

5 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 26, 1994

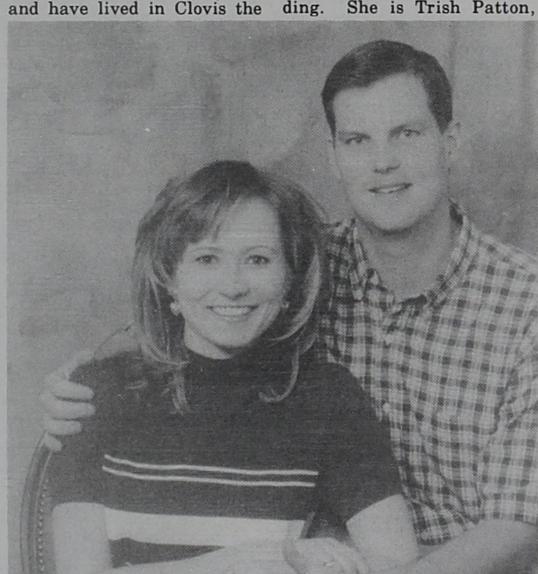
"Jump Rope for the Heart" dinner Saturday night at the in the event sponsored by the American Heart Association, Miss Teresa Page will be Courtney Jamerson collected the honoree at a bridal the most donations, totaling shower Monday, April 14, at \$125. Courtney received a 3 p.m. in the home of Mrs. medallion for collecting the most money. Courtney is the Linda Riley threw the daughter of Ricky and discuss to second place at the D'Lynn Jamerson and she is

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LORI DIANE BEAUCHAMP and JEREMY THARP....Mike and Debra Beauchamp of Bovina announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lori Diane, to Jeremy Tharp. His parents are James and Kay Tharp of Enid, Oklahoma. Grady and Dorothy Sorley of Bovina are her grandparents. The couple will exchange wedding vows July 10 at Lakeridge United Methodist Church in Lubbock. A reception will follow at the Lubbock Club. The bride-elect is a graduate of Bovina High School and is attending Texas Tech University. The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Hardesty High School, Hardesty, Oklahoma, graduated from Panhandle State University, Goodwell, Oklahoma, and is currently employed by Laverne Schools, Laverne, Oklahoma.

Isn't This Nifty? Look Who's 50!



of Lake Tawanke. calls....Scooter **Bovina Middle School Honor Roll Released** The fourth six weeks Villarreal. honor roll for Bovina Middle

Jessica Amparan, Victoria 7th grade--Christopher Ortiz, Yuriela Vela.

All A's and B's--6th grade--Hugo Aguillon, Elizabeth Alonzo, Giselle Alvarado, Christopher Bachicha, Rebeca Carrillo, Jeffery Casas, Luzana Chavez, Kasey Kelley, Hugo Martinez, Rogelio Martinez, Edgar Ortiz, Daniela Quintero, Jennifer Reyna, Danny Salas, Eliseo Salazar, Chad Scroggins, Rebeca Viernes.

7th grade--Teresa Brito, Martin Carrillo, Crystal Galvan, Sandra Moreno, Sarah Morgan, Jolyne Ortiz, Maribel Ortiz, Gonzalo Quintero, Abraham Rocha, Troy Turner, Matthew Robledo.

8th grade--Sergio An-School was released this week tillon, Miguelina Castro, by K'Dawn Scroggins, Courtney Jamerson, Josh Kerby, Annabel Loe, Joaquin The honor roll was as Marin, Mike Olvera, Rosario ows:
All A's--6th grade-- Vela, Ivan Vela.

Happy Birthday Birthdays for the week of

March 28-April 3, 1999. Mar 28 Matthew James Guest, Charolette Cockerham, Juanda Murphy. Mar 29 Grace Stormes.

Mar 30 Jimmie Cockerham, D'Anne Jones Baker, Andrea Villarreal. Mar 31 Leah Mason, of the company. Kim Rundell.

Apr 1 Chuck Gilbreath, Stan Miller, Evangelina Casas, Dale Gober, Rusty Venable.

Apr 2 Kristi Steelman. Apr 3 Ted Blair, Roel

PANHANDLE ORGANIZATION Schools, City Of Friona Benefit From Network

\$2.5 million thanks to collaboration and an efficient

use of state grant money. State Senator Teel Bivins' Information Network and their ability to get the best bang for the buck in

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Local members of the network are Friona I.S.D., Bovina I.S.D.

PIN helped supply 1,400 computers to 46 of the Texas Panhandle and bring teachers and students. According to Mr. Rex Peeples, Superintendent of Darrouzett I.S.D., "I am extremely proud Executive Director of PIN of the training and states, advancement of educational Information Network was opportunities that Internet developed to meet the needs access through PIN has of Panhandle communities in students alike. We are way opportunities and I believe it create an electronic together to save millions. is going to enhance education Panhandle community." for our students." The grant provided by the Telecom- mix of governmental entities for the 46 PIC schools.

Education Agency/Technology public libraries, hospitals, the Integration in Education (TEA/TIE) grant placed 18 response to news of PIN's videoconferencing sites and several cities and accomplishment is, "I am very connected through the PIN counties. Over 90 entities are accomplishment is, "I am very connected through the PIN counties. Over 90 proud of the Panhandle network in location members of PIN. throughout the region. Brenda Campbell, Technology Coordinator at Hart I.S.D., investing these grant monies finds a variety of uses for the as duplication of equipment in high technology." and services, and create a

conferencing equipment saves travel time and expense for I.S.D. and Chair of the PIN those using the facility. Board of Directors, "PIN's share resources and According to Dr. LeAnn goals include furthering the information in a timely and McKinzie, Director of Academic Services for Information Technology, "West Texas A&M University the City of Friona, and is pleased to be a PIN videoconferencing site because it gives us a presence in each of these local communities. smallest school districts in the We are a regional university and want to support the the Internet to 13,745 students where they are. Our Infrastructure fund Board goal is to make getting an (TIFB) to aid 46 of the education easier for them."

"Panhandle to

The Panhandle Informunications Infrastructure in the Texas Panhandle, mation Network (PIN) saved Fund Board (TIFB). including ISDs, universities. In addition the Texas and community colleges, regional planning commission, the education service center

> PIN's mission is to avoid the costly problems associated with independent efforts, such videoconferencing equipment and services, and create a located at their school. centralized network. Using the . video- According to Mr. Ned Burns, Superintendent of Dalhart missions of its respective members and providing service at the lowest possible cost for all members regardless of their geographic location in the Panhandle."

The PIN Internet Collaborative used a \$6,128,448 grant from the Telecommunications

smaller ISDs in the Dr. LaVelle Mills, Panhandle and the 4.5 million-dollar grant from the Texas Education Agency/Technology

Integration in Education Fund (TEA/TIF) awarded to provided for teachers and their quest to find the best 34 collaborating districts to access fund the massive undertaking excited about these new telecommunications services to and in the process worked

The overall savings in the PIN is an administrative PIN Internet Collaborative money to accomplish this was agency comprised of a diverse grant was almost \$2 million

'Spring Grim' Says Crim

(Continued From Page 1) and the kids and move to Oklahoma."

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A FULL HOUSE enjoyed the K-Bob's meal at the West Texas Rural Telephone Co-Op annual meeting Tuesday. In lower photo, Byron Boyd, the Co-Op's attorney conducts the election of directors as, l-r, Dick Fellers, co-op manager Tom Hyer, Jimmie Cockerham, and Charles Meyers look on. ron carr photos

Clinic Set April 21

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System will conduct Breast Cancer Screening Clinics at Parmer County Hospital, 1307 Cleveland Avenue in Friona on April 21.

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

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

Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointments only. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information.



PICKING THE WINNERS....WTRTC director Charles Christian turns the barrel as Nathan Paschel drew the door prize winners at the cooperative's annual meeting. ron carr photo

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER....Amber Richardson, a senior at Lazbuddie High School, was the winner of the district VFW "Voice of Democracy" contest. She was recognized at a Monday night banquet at Veterans Hall. Vets Joe Lafuente and Avis Henry made the presentation. ron carr photo

Vestern Chevy's It's All About Money Sales Event



NEW '99 Malibu Stk# 80030 SALE PRICE

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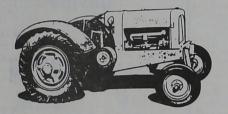


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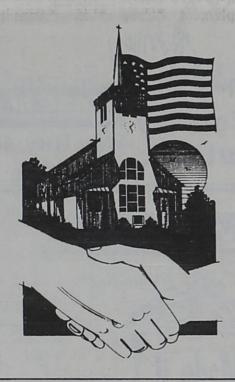
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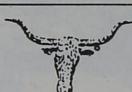
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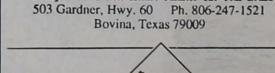
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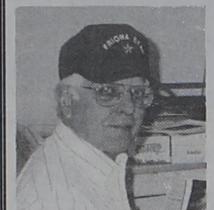
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By RON CARR

Billy Jeff vs. SlobbyDon: Seek Peace Or Die!

should be happy this week. Unless the Balkan war ended since I wrote this yesterday, your president is back at work, doing his job for the American people.

Of course the Serb people are not having a good time. Or is it the Albanians? I think in this war, we are rooting for the Albanians, even though the Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA), is an Albanian group that was once listed as a terrorist organization by the USA.

So the American People are basking in their comfort zones because president Billy Jeff, national security adviser Sandyburger, and secretary of state Maddie Allright are in charge of the war.

What's that you say? This is not a war? The Yugoslavian president Slobby Don Milosebich thinks so. He announced on Yugo TV that

his country was at war. Then he kicked out all the journalists from the NATO countries and we are indignant. We are also pretty naive and stupid. It is war, folks. Plain and simple.

Right now the American People are feeling patriotic. If it happens, and we all hope it does not, that a few Americans are killed in this war, the tone of the American People will change from patriotic to "let's get the hell out of there."

From what I understand, the Serbs and Albanians have been going at it for 600 years. That is almost 400 years longer than America has been here.

Acting on the advice of his advisers (and lawyers?) Billy Jeff is going to bomb Slobby Don into submission and force him to sign a peace treaty.

Some say he should have done this 3-4 years ago. Others, like Panhandle Others, like Panhandle Sandyburger was paid by congressman Larry Combest, China to go to Washington

The American people say he shouldn't be doing this and lobby for their interests.

One lady caller to C-SPAN Thursday morning was an immigrant from Kosovo. Came to America in 1967 and has never been back there. Yet she was shouting "shame on America" for bombing her homeland. Doesn't sound much like a homeland if she hasn't visited it for 32 years.

At least this action will keep you American People from thinking about China for awhile. Remember that situation? They got their hands on some nuclear secrets through a Chinese guy that we knew was spying three

secret if I saw one. Some of the stuff we get on our fax here at the office look like nuclear secrets, but how do

I am not going to say much about this China thing 'cause I don't believe the American People care one way or the other. But I want to mention a couple of people you should watch over the next few months.

First is Samuel Berger. They call him Sandy. He was appointed by Billy Jeff as his National Security that he gets up every morning and gives the president advice on how to keep America secure.

To make him easy to recognize, we'll call him Sandyburger. He is a rolypoly little guy that "hems and haws" a lot during TV

interviews. Before he was appointed to guard the security of America, he was a speechwriter for Billy Jeff in 1992. Before that, he was a paid professional lobbyist whose clients included a Chinese National Trade

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Now, he is National Security Adviser. The Los Alamos Nuclear Laboratory in New Mexico is where a Mr. Lee stole nuclear secrets. Doesn't sound secure, Sandyburger.
The second name to

remember is Bill Richardson. He is also a Democrat from New Mexico, former delegate to the United Nations, but now is the Secretary of Energy. He was appointed by Billy Jeff.

The Secretary of Energy oversees nuclear affairs. The nuclear lab, where a Mr. Lee stole nuclear secrets, is located in New Mexico, where Richardson is from.

Billy Jeff and Algore are I wouldn't know a nuclear alleged to have gone dancing with the Chinese to get money so they could get re-

> Energy Secretary Richardson says that the administration has taken aggressive steps to tighten security at the nuclear lab now. He said they were giving lie detector tests and tightening up their E-mail rules.

> Excuse me, sir. This is 1999. Why have we waited so long to realize that the Chinese are stealing our nuke

I just don't trust you Adviser, which I guess means boys. I think you are all three in over your heads. You can bomb SlobbyDon until we run out of money and he ain't going to sign a treaty. Forget about it.

As the Billy Jeff legend

unfolds, remember to watch Billy Jeff, Sandyburger, and Energy Bill. They feel your pain.

But if you find any nuclear secrets, fax them to me here at the office, 806-250-5127.

I need the money.

EQUIP Date March 31

Agricultural producers are reminded that applications for cost-share assistance for the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) are being ranked and considered for funding for the 1999 program year.

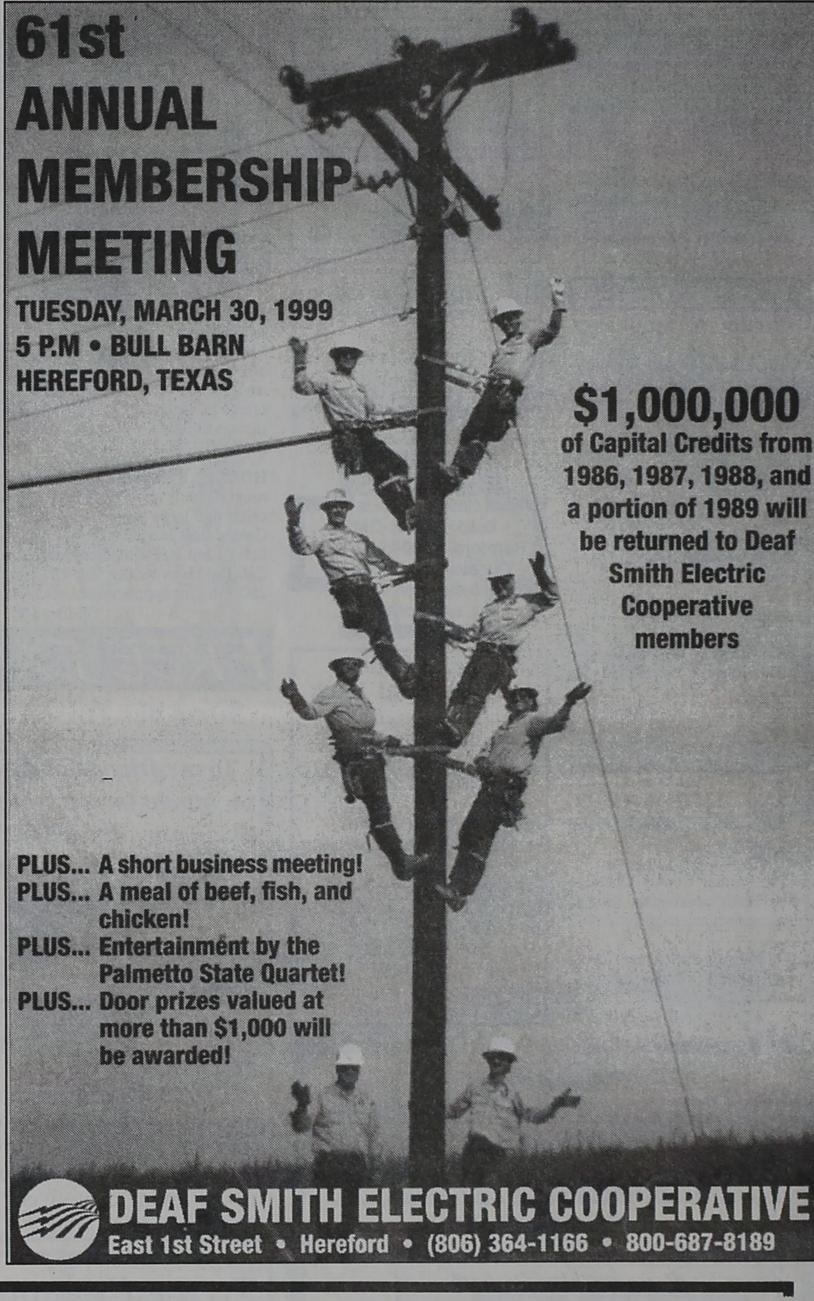
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Irrigation pipeline to new sprinkler systems, converting sprinklers to low pressure and subsurface drip irrigation will receive highest priority.

Contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service or the Farm Service Agency to make application.



PARMER COUNTY'S FINEST?.....The law team of Parmer County played basketball against Hereford and Muleshoe to benefit Crimestoppers. From left are Joe Herrera, Randy Geries, Walt Yerger, Keith Payne, Rachel Howard, Izzy Carrasco, Scotty Ward, Tim Smith, Julian Dominguez, and Donna Kirton. ron carr photo.



Electric Company To Give Credits

Southwestern Public Ser-settled, allowing significant vice Company customers in savings. Also, costs of Texas will see an ongoing natural gas and coal price reduction of about eight generally are down, allowing percent, beginning with April electric bills.

The Texas customers also will be 25 percent lower than will see a one-time credit to they were 16 years ago. By April bills, reducing the bill contrast, overall consumer for an average home by prices have increased 67 about one-third.

The changes were approved last Friday by the Public Utility Commission of

They reflect a \$44 million annual reduction in the fuelcost portion of future bills from SPS.

SPS residential customers in Texas using 1,000 kilowatt-hours of service monthly will see a \$3.74, or 6 percent, drop in their bills. The one-time credit, for a home typically using 1,000 kilowatt-hours, will reduce the April bill by \$19.32.

Commercial and industrial customers of SPS in Texas will see reductions of up to 11 percent, because fuel accounts for a greater portion of their overall bills.

SPS customers in New Mexico, Oklahoma and Kansas already are enjoying similar reductions in their electric bills. Regulations in those states differ from regulations in Texas, but the price changes are equivalent.

SPS also is providing lower prices to its regional wholesale customers.

The one-time credit and the ongoing reductions in customers' future bills reflect savings SPS has achieved in costs for fuels that fire the boilers at its power generating plants.

PThe reductions reflect, especially, lowered costs of transporting coal by rail from mines in Wyoming to the coal-fueled SPS plants near Amarillo and Muleshoe. SPS announced the reductions in November, noting that a dispute with the rail carrierongoing since 1990-had been



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