

The Bovina Blade

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the heat and
bundle up to
stay warm!

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PETE'S BAD NEWS...Parmer County Pete, the prairie dog, who is a close cousin to the famous ground hog, Punxsutawney Phil, ventured out of his burrow Friday morning for a look around. Since Pete saw his shadow, the oldtime weather specialists maintain that our area will be blessed (?) with six more weeks of winter weather. This news may come as no surprise to most of us, what with the high natural gas bills and all.

St. Teresa's Mexican Dinner

The ladies organization of St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Friona is making plans for their annual Mexican dinner.

The dinner will be on Sunday, March 4, at the Parish Hall of St. Teresa's. The menu will consist of enchiladas, tacos, beans, rice, hot sauce, chips, coffee, tea and dessert.

Hours of service will be 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.. Donations are \$5 adults and children under 10 are \$3.

54 INCHES IS MARK

Snowfall Not Yet Threat For Record

This winter's snowfall in the area, which totaled 26.5 inches as of January 31, is not yet a threat to our all-time record, which is 54 inches—but of course, there is still February to come, and in the past, February has been the month for some of the local area's worst—and

biggest—snowstorms. The current year's total is the most since 31.75 inches were received during the winter of 1996-97. In that winter's total, 7.75 inches of the total came in April—and past the 15th at that.

(The figures listed here are from records of Parmer County's official weather recording station at Friona, unless the snow totals were given by news accounts in the Bovina Blade)

One of the biggest snowstorms recorded locally produced 26 inches of snow on the first week in February, 1956. The snow fell on a Friday and Saturday, and travelers were stranded at least overnight.

Although estimated at 26 inches, many snowdrifts were recorded of at least six feet.

The following year, in March of 1957, the local area had virtually a repeat performance—coming six weeks later than the previous year.

The 1956-57 winter is the record-holder for snow, with 54 inches, according to the National Weather Service. The previous winter, '55-'56, produced 51 inches of snow in the local area.

Many longtime residents can also remember the "Easter Storm" of March 27-28, 1970.

That storm, which paralyzed the entire Panhandle, only measured eight inches, but came as a blinding blizzard.

In that storm, two small children of Luis Rodrigues were frozen to death near their stranded car, after other family members attempted to find help.

Luis Rodrigues, Jr., eight, and his sister Micaela, seven, were among five persons in

LARGEST SNOW TOTALS GIVEN	
1955-56	54"
1956-57	51"
1996-97	31.75"
1969-1970	31"
1992-93	27.00"
2000-01	26.50"

Blood Drive Set Here Tuesday 4-7

Coffey Memorial Blood Bank will host a blood drive Tuesday, February 6 from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the ambulance building.

Other examples are Tommy and Bonnie Scaff of Bovina, \$145. Les McCain of Bovina reports a \$255 bill while Billy Smith's was \$186 which he reduced to \$119 by using electric heaters.

Francisco and Guadalupe Garcia of Friona's last bill was \$77 before receiving January's of \$174. Betty and R. J. Renner's doubled: \$160 in December and \$380 for January.

Several businesses reported a monthly bill over \$3,000. One gave us this monthly breakdown: October, \$686; November \$1,125; December, \$2,021; and January, \$3,076. Although this business used 100 fewer "ccfs" in January, their bill increased \$1,000.

Bill Neely at Parmer County Community Hospital said the January bill for PCCH was \$3,578. The same month last year was \$850, a 420% increase. The hospital's bill in December was \$2,013.

the car, four miles south and seven miles east of Bovina.

Two older children left the car seeking help but had to take shelter in a barn on the Tom Beauchamp place. Sometime later the other three tried to find their other siblings, and the two youngest were found not far from the vehicle.

Luis Rodrigues, Sr., was an employee of Rouel Barron. The group was enroute from Muleshoe to their home. As it turned out, the family was within a mile of their home when the car became stuck.

A number of travelers were stranded in Bovina. The lone motel filled up quickly, and a number of motorists were placed in local homes. Williford Gym was host to several people. Bovina Restaurant remained open all night for the convenience of those who had no place to go.

Motorists were stranded all across the area. Thirty motorists spent the night at the Hub Store, another 30 at Black Mercantile, east of Friona; 27 at the Fleming Gin office near Hub, and another dozen at the Hub Community Center. Clay's Corner store also harbored travelers.

Hundreds of cattle died as a result of the storm.

Another snowstorm hit the area in February of 1971, but was not nearly as bad as the one the previous year.

In the '56 storm, the temperature dropped below freezing, and stayed there for several days. With the windy conditions, the powdery snow reduced visibility to as low as 20 feet, another deterrent to traveling.

The county and the Texas Highway Department were not nearly as well equipped to handle large snowfalls as they are today, and as a result the resumption of highway travel took longer.

The 1956 storm was called the "possibly the worst blizzard in 25 years" by the Bovina Blade.

The storm dumped an estimated 15 inches on the local area. The storm swooped down on the sleeping community Wednesday night, February 1.

No serious injuries or deaths happened during the 1956 storm, but an estimated 50 travelers were marooned in Bovina. Several stayed in the Hiway Cafe, which stayed open all night.

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LOCALS SPEAK OUT ON BILLS

Think Your Gas Bill Was High? Join The Group!!

You don't have to ask many folks in Parmer County about their Energas bills to get an accurate survey.

Predictions of a further increase when the January bills arrived were apparently accurate as we polled businesses and individuals on the effects of the sudden natural gas increases.

In many cases gas bills tripled during the November-January period. Three different snow storms, two of them major, since Thanksgiving have affected rates also. But the rates Energas have to pay for gas are being passed on, making conservation practices like turning the thermostat down and boosting insulation almost negligible.

Around the county, folks reported some bills more than double in one month. Judy Cummings of Friona said her bill went from \$68 in October to a bank draft for \$614 for December and January.

At Prairie Acres, Jo Blackwell reports a January bill of \$2,600, up from \$1,170 in December. The only use of natural gas at Prairie Acres is for cooking and hot water heaters.

Friona Independent School District had not received their January bill at press time but they are not looking forward to receiving it. The school district's budget this year for gas heating is \$66,000.

The two previous month bills at FIRD were November, \$12,952 and December, \$20,523. The total spent so far this year is \$37,659. The January bill could use up the remainder of the budget.

Friona City Manager Paula Wilson related that the city pays heating bills for city hall, the police and fire station, the community center and the Depot in city park.

Heat has to be kept on at the fire department to keep the water in the tankers from freezing. Heating can be expensive also at the large Community Center when it is in use as it was during the recent livestock shows.

Wilson said that last month's billing to the city was \$2,871. The most recent bill, received this week was for \$5,315. Even the bill for the Old Depot skyrocketed from \$20 last month to \$77 this month.

Michael Downes, superintendent at Bovina ISD says some roof work this summer has helped conserve heating in the school buildings. December's bill at BIRD was \$9,933 compared to \$7,699 a year ago.

So far this school year, BIRD has spent \$12,555 of a \$30,000 budget. They had

not received the January billing at press time.

Local industries like Excel and Hi-Pro are also affected by the sharp spike in gas prices.

The processing at Excel requires extensive use of heat for heating buildings, heating of water, and heat used for drying in the meat processing. Steve Thompson, general manager at Excel, said the plant uses six boilers full time.

Thompson said the plant is spending about \$120,000 a week in gas usage out of a \$185,000 weekly utility expenditure. The budget for natural gas at Excel Friona this year is \$6 million.

Higher heating costs coupled with high gasoline cost of transportation will eventually be passed through to consumers, Thompson said.

Jack Hamil, general manager of Hi-Pro in Friona, stated that natural gas costs at Hi-Pro's four plants (three in Texas and one in New Mexico) are about 2 1/2 times higher than a year ago. From December 1999 to December 2000, gas bills at the Friona plant have doubled.

Hamil said that they have not received their January billing but anticipated the same percentage of increase that others report. With large grain customers, such as dairies, Hi-Pro has contracts that extend to September, prohibiting the company from passing on increases at this time.

Help is available to qualified families with high Energas bills through Panhandle Community Services. Local PCS (Continued on Page 2)

IN RESEARCHING other winters that have had record-breaking snowfalls, Ye Editor found the stories in our files about the winters of 1955-56 and 1956-57. Those are the winters that many of us not-so-old timers recall.

I was a freshman at Texas Tech in the 1956 snow, and can remember that Lubbock got an even two feet of snow (which appears to be the amount received in these parts). I can also remember that Plainview had reported **THREE FEET** of snow in that storm.

So, we're not yet approaching record numbers in our snow total, but we need to be forewarned: we may be barely half-way through our "snow season."

This will test our mettle, if we do have six more weeks of winter, in relation to the thermostat on our heating systems!

MANY AMERICANS were simply appalled by the actions and acts by Bill and Hillary Clinton on his last day(s) of presidency.

Surely by now you have heard the stories about Clinton's last-minute pardons of hundreds of felons—many of whom had not even sought a pardon or parole.

Members of the conservative-type media have discovered that one of the pardons was to "Hasidic Jews" (a term which means they fraudulently used money) in New York. It "just happened" that this was the precinct which voted overwhelmingly for Hillary Clinton in the U.S. Senate race?

Several other similar cases are under investigation at this time.

On the completion of their last trip to New York on Air Force One, the Clintons and staff members virtually stripped the plane of whatever they wanted, including dishware with the presidential seal, and several other items.

Rather than fly into the small airport nearer the Clintons' new home, they chose J.F.K. Airport so they could get one last (meaningful) ride on the big jet plane. It was said that when the plane returned to Andrews Air Force Base, it looked as though it had been stripped by a skilled band of thieves.

Same thing for the White House, where it was estimated that the Clintons left the presidential home with over \$200,000 worth of furnishings, a dubious record.

Conservative columnist Tony Snow pointed out that the Clintons even put together a bridal-registry type list which was e-mailed to supporters across the country, who have been forthcoming with another huge pile of "loot."

It was said this week that the Clintons have no conscience, no shame nor remorse. They're in a league by themselves (well, not really).

Asked to comment about Pres. Bush's nominee for Attorney General, Sen. Ashcroft, Hillary said she would vote against Ashcroft, because "you couldn't have someone in that post who would bend the law." Bend the law??? Come on, Hillary, you and your scum of a spouse have done nothing better in the past eight years than bending the law to the breaking point. As John Stossel would say "Give me a break!"

What a breath of fresh air when I turned on our TV set Thursday morning, to find Pres. Bush addressing the National Prayer Breakfast. Our new president asked for the prayers of those attending the breakfast. I don't recall Clinton ever doing this. If he did it was just about as funny as his getting counseling from Jesse Jackson about extra-marital goings-on while Jesse, himself, was busy with an affair of his own.

We are certainly looking forward to an administration that can show the country what moral fiber looks like!

Bull Town Bulletin
By Bill Ellis



THE FILLIES played county rival Farwell last Friday. Bovina lost to the Lady Blue 58-31. Above, K'Leigh Scroggins (34) blocks a Farwell shot while Veronica Herrera (00) looks on. The Fillies travel to Springlake-Earth tonight. ron carr photo

Local Math-A-Thon Raises Money For St. Jude Hospital

Bovina Elementary held a Math-A-Thon to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The event was held in October with Judy Jennings as the coordinator.

Mrs. Jennings says that the community helped raise \$1,229.97 for the internationally recognized center. The funds will help St. Jude to fight against catastrophic childhood diseases.

"Our goal in holding the Math-A-Thon is to help the children of the world who are stricken with diseases like cancer, AIDS, and sickle cell anemia," said Jennings. "St. Jude is a world leader in the fight against these diseases and they have made great progress but only because of the help like the citizens of Bovina."

The Math-A-Thon is sponsored by Six Flags

Theme Parks who provide free passes to their parks for every student raising \$35 or more through the program. Bovina children who raised more than \$35 and earned prizes were:

Cheyenne Dutton, Jesse Rodriguez, Taryn Jamerson, Brianne Downes, Shannon Le Clear, Angelica Gallagher, Denise Larrea, Audrie Terrones, Brett Anderson, Pecos Prather, Felysha Villa, and Yoselin Rueda.

The students received T-shirts and sports bags depending on how much money they raised. The grand prize winner, Brianne Downes, raised \$175 and was also awarded a CD player.

Mrs. Jennings and the children thank the community for their donations which further research and save children's lives.

Students Represent Bovina Well at All-Region Concert

BY BILL SHELLY
Band Director

First, I would like to thank the people who helped this weekend to be a success. Charlie Teague's expert driving helped get us on time and safely home through the snow and sleet.

Miss Serna kept the students moving from one event to the next. Miss Cowen took care of the Middle School girls very well through the fast paced weekend.

On Friday, January 26 at 5:45 a.m. the Bovina All-Region Band members were preparing for a busy weekend. At 6:30 a.m. we stopped at McDonald's in Muleshoe for a quick breakfast. Rehearsal started at 8:30 a.m. in the Lubbock Civic Center.

We had students in three different rooms in the Civic Center. They took their first break at noon—Papa John's catered 500 students

Bovina EMS & Firemen Say Thanks

This is a correction to the previous thank you about the Christmas Card Project. We said that the thank you was from Friona when it should have read Bovina. The Blade apologizes for the error.

Bovina's Volunteer Fire Department and Emergency Medical Service (EMS) express their thanks to the citizens of Bovina who participated in the Christmas Card Project.

Fireman Stan Miller said, "We appreciate the thoughts and cooperation of the donors. The money will be helpful in maintaining our equipment to continue to serve the community."

participating in the all-region activities.

The students rehearsed from 1-5:30 p.m. with more focus on details in the music. At 6 p.m. we arrived at the Koko Inn and unloaded. The students enjoyed a 2-hour break swimming in the indoor heated pool. Afterwards, we ate at On The Border. The students enjoyed "Balloon Man" who created crowns, motorcycles, mice and other figures out of balloons.

Saturday morning we got up at 6 a.m. and after breakfast it was off to another rehearsal, from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

It started to rain and sleet again as we returned to the motel to change into uniforms and pack.

The Middle School band performed at 1 p.m. They performed well on all the music and looked sharp in their Bovina band uniforms.

Next the high school band performed "Mozama", a technically difficult percussion piece. The Honors Band performed last with five good selections.

It took about 3 hours to get back to Bovina on the sleet and snow. Our trip and concerts will be remembered thanks to the wonderful pictures taken by Sammy Espinoza with the school's new digital camera.

Miss Cowen complimented the students: "Our students performed with great respect and responsibility." She also noted how attentive the students were during the practices and the concert.

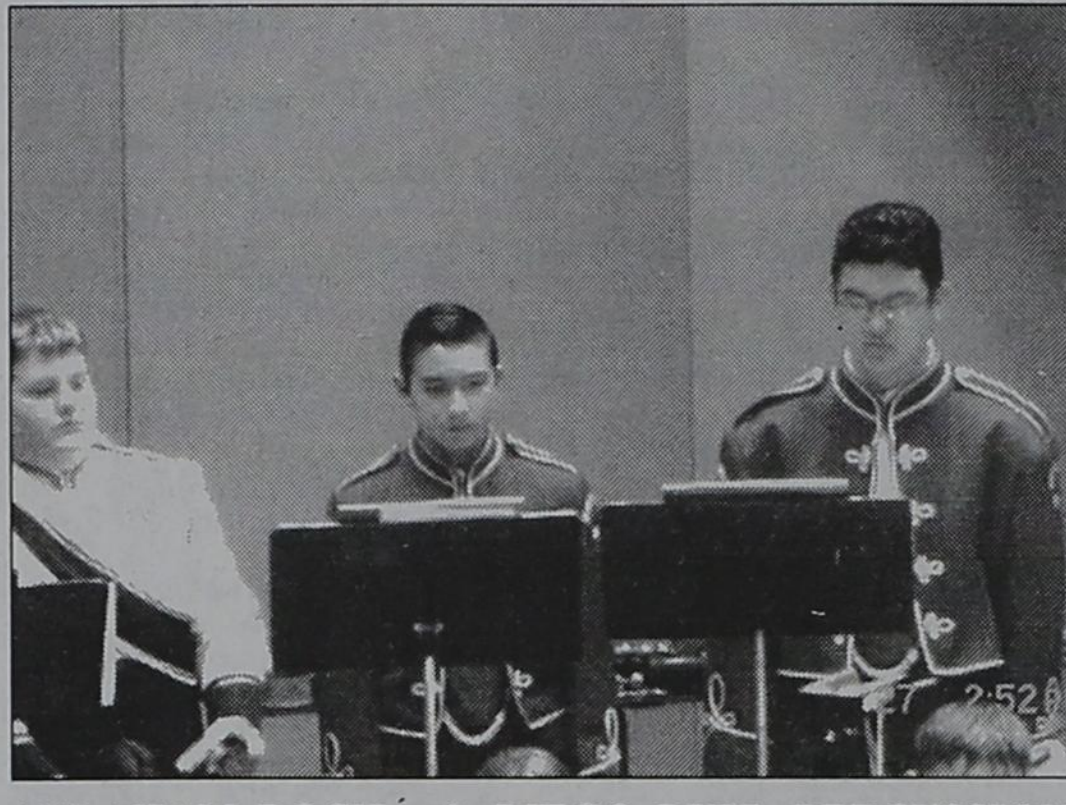
As the director, I can not possibly give these students enough praise. The community of Bovina should be very proud and thankful for having such outstanding students participating in the Bovina Band.



PAULA CHAVEZ, BASS CLARINET



JUAN CARLOS ROLDAN, FLUTE



ABRAHAM ROCHA & DIEGO RUIZ, PERCUSSION



JEFFREY CASAS, PERCUSSION

ALL-REGION BAND PHOTOS BY
BHS JUNIOR, SAMMY ESPINOZA

Snowfall Record....

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Also, the Bovina Hotel was filled, with several staying in the lobby. Also, a number of local residents opened their homes to those stranded here, and some nice comments were related from those who had been stranded.

School was dismissed Thursday until the following Wednesday. Basketball games were cancelled on Friday and Tuesday.

Immunization Clinics Set In February

Immunization clinics offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases are scheduled for February throughout several Panhandle communities.

Protection will be against polio, diphtheria, lock-jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (Haemophilus Influenzae Type B) and varicella (chicken pox).

The Texas Department of Health is charging fees to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount of money charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability of the individual or family to pay, however, no one will be turned away if not able to pay.

Additionally, flu shots will also be available at the clinics to be given to the general public. Those considered to be in a high-risk category should seek to be immunized as soon as possible. This would include anyone over the age of 65 and anyone with a chronic medical condition.

The vaccinations will be available at the WIC Office, 607 Main Street, Friona, Friday, February 16 from 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:45 p.m. Vaccinations will also be administered at the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Office, 109 East Third Street in Bovina, Monday, February 12 from 10 a.m.-12 noon and 1-3 p.m.

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THE 2001 1A ALL-REGION HIGH SCHOOL BAND



THE 2001 1A ALL-REGION MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND

BOVINA REFLECTIONS

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

40 Yrs Ago--Feb. 1, 1961
Burglars made another of their periodic strikes in Bovina Monday night. Victim was Williams Mercantile Company. Merchandise worth more than \$2000 was stolen by the burglars, estimates W.E. Williams, owner of the business.

Don Murphy walked away with top national honors of DeKalb's Selected 5-Acre Yield Contest in grain sorghum production. Murphy won the national grand championship with a yield in excess of 13,000 pounds per acre. Don was presented with a 12-place setting of sterling silver plus a large national trophy.

35 Yrs Ago--Feb. 9, 1966
Bovina is wearing a new population figure on her city limit markers. Signs with the new figure-1702-were erected on the five highways coming into Bovina. The new figure was determined by the number of water, gas and electric meters in the city.

30 Yrs Ago--Feb. 3, 1971
Two new building projects

are now underway on Third Street. Construction has begun on the new building to house Allsup's 7-11 grocery across Ave A from First State Bank of Bovina. Construction is also underway on the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Raul Garza, located across Ave. B from American Legion Hall.

25 Yrs Ago--Feb. 4, 1976
"Shorty" Martinez, an employee at Bonds Oil Company here, suffered first and second degree burns on his face and arms Monday afternoon when a tire exploded. The tire had reportedly been "aired up" with butane and exploded when Martinez was working on it. He was taken to the Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona where he was treated and released later that day.

20 Yrs Ago--Feb. 5, 1981
The 1981 basketball king and queen at Bovina High School were Harvey Shepherd and Karen Schilling, who were crowned in ceremonies last Friday night.

Over 250 people from

Parmer County and Curry County, New Mexico, attended a reception honoring Charles Lovelace, former Parmer County Sheriff.

Oma Looney celebrated her 85th birthday this week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Ware. *****

15 Yrs Ago--Feb. 5, 1986
Kay's Workshop, owned by Kay Roach, will be opening for business in the near future.

Channel 10 in Amarillo selected the Bovina girls basketball team as its high school "team-of-the-week".

10 Yrs Ago--Feb. 2, 1991
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brito of Portales have more than passing interest in the current war in the Persian Gulf. Three sons, Fred, Albert and Larry, are all involved in the conflict. Brito owns and operated Bovina Body Shop.

5 Yrs Ago--Feb. 3, 1996
Coach Mike Royce said at press time that the Bovina Mustangs will move to District 3-2A beginning the 1996-97 season.

Funeral Services For "Mace" Cochran Sat.

Services for Mary Alice "Granny Mace" Cochran, 91, will be Saturday, February 3, 2001 at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church with Rev. Gene Hawkins of Lubbock and Gary Morgan, pastor officiating.

Burial will follow at Bovina Cemetery under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

She passed Wednesday, January 31, 2001 in Kerrville where she had been living since January 1998 moving from Bovina.

Locals Speak Out On Extra High Gas Bills

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representative Stella Devers operates the PCS office in Dimmitt.

Devers says she is in Friona on the first three Mondays of each month from 1-3 p.m. at the MHMR office on 7th Street across from city hall. Or she can be reached by phone at 806-647-3244.

Panhandle Community Services pays one-half of an eligible family's gas bill. Also, Energas has donated \$1,500 to PCS to be used in Parmer County for people whose income is too high to qualify for other assistance. The Energas grant allows PCS to pay \$100 toward a bill.

Devers said that individuals interested in assistance can make an appointment with her at the Dimmitt office. PCS also has programs for HUD rental assistance and to weatherize homes with replacement heaters or for people who do not have a heater.

As an example, a family of four with income less than \$21,313 can qualify for assistance with half of their gas bill.

Those in the know say that natural gas prices will come down but the consensus is that the era of cheap gas prices is over.

Useful Information Available

Would you like to know how to delay or totally prevent Macular Degeneration?

There is new research that brings to light a rather good regimen for prevention or delay of Macular Degeneration. It is the leading cause of blindness for Americans over the age of 65.

We have prepared a paper on the subject, which you may have whenever you come in for any family eyecare.

We think you will find it very worthwhile, and very simple to comply with.

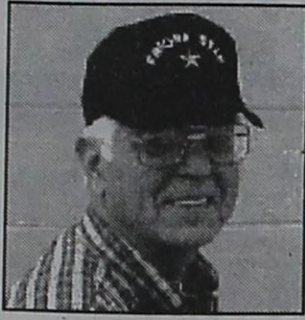
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Out Here

By RON CARR

"Old Fogeys and Whippersnappers"

Put me down as a fogey. I am not ready to be called an "old fogey" yet because I am not ready to be old. Just a fogey.

I realized that I had moved to fogey status last Sunday. Maybe you remember. We were snowed in again. It was Super Bowl Sunday. (It is a good thing my TV doesn't run on natural gas.)

Somewhere in the middle of the afternoon I was screaming at the TV (cabin fever, you know). "JUST GET ON WITH THE GAME," I shouted. "I don't want to see anymore of the pre-game stuff. JUST PLAY THE GAME."

One more interview with Ray Lewis, or one more condescending lecture from Ravens coach Brian Billick and I figured I would run screaming barefoot through the snowdrifts.

I realized I was a fogey right about halftime of the game. For the 10th consecutive year, I was not able to understand one word they sang during a Super Bowl halftime show.

That is pretty depressing. The only song I understood was Ray Charles and "America The Beautiful" before the game. Of course Ray is a fogey too.

I also realized that it ain't all bad to become a fogey. Let the young whippersnappers have some fun too. We'll try to stay out of the way.

I can remember when I was young and didn't want to do something in particular, that sometimes an adult would say to us, "don't be an old fogey." It was as if an old

fogey was a bad thing. Often a person who I thought was an old fogey would refer to us as a "young whippersnapper." That didn't have a nice ring to it either.

My Webster's Ninth New Collegiate defines fogey as: "a person with old-fashioned ideas, usually used with 'old' as in old fogey." It was first used around 1780. The origin is unknown.

The Webster's says that whippersnapper means: "a diminutive, insignificant, or presumptuous person." It was first used in 1700.

So I guess a diminutive, insignificant, presumptuous person with old-fashioned ideas is an old fogey whippersnapper. That's pretty much me.

I like old-fashioned ideas. I attended Super Bowl VI at the Orange Bowl in Miami in 1971. I was in a 50-yard-line seat when Jim O'Brien kicked the winning field goal to beat the Cowboys.

I watched as Bob Lilly threw his helmet in disgust. It sailed as high as the stadium and landed around midfield. I can't remember exactly but I think a couple of college bands marched at halftime.

No Michael Jackson, Butt-Head Surfers, or Third Eye Blind howling through the fake smoke in indistinguishable tones they pass off as music.

In those days, the Super Bowl started around 1 p.m. That was before television and corporate America took over the game and made it a billion dollar event, beyond the wallet of most average football fans.

Tickets to the 1971 game cost \$25. In 2001 they cost \$350-\$450 face value. Corporations buy up most tickets today and scalpers seem to have the rest.

I don't need pre-, during and post-game festivities. I can't get interested in two teams whose players will all be playing for somebody else next year.

I don't need post game

interviews with players who make millions a year and have a vocabulary of about 10 words.

Millions of those young whippersnappers had a ball though. This is America in the year 2001. Most things have already passed us fogeys by.

Maybe being an old fogey won't be so bad. I'll let you know if I don't forget. rc

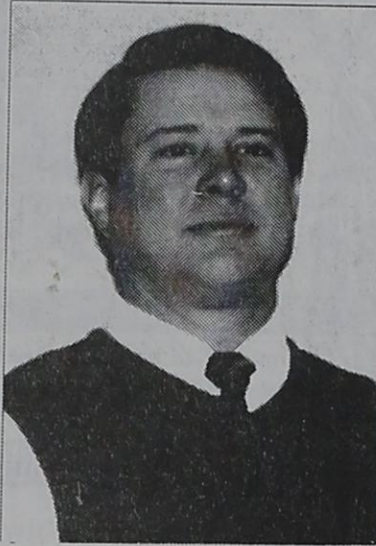
J. Koenig Is Promoted At DSEC

Jerry Koenig was recently promoted to the position of manager of engineering services for Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative. He previously served as technical operations foreman.

In his new position, Koenig will direct and supervise the DSEC engineering department. The position also includes monitoring substation loads and forecasting future load developments.

Koenig joined DSEC in 1977 and began his career as a groundman. Subsequently, he has held several positions including journeyman lineman, construction foreman and basket truck foreman.

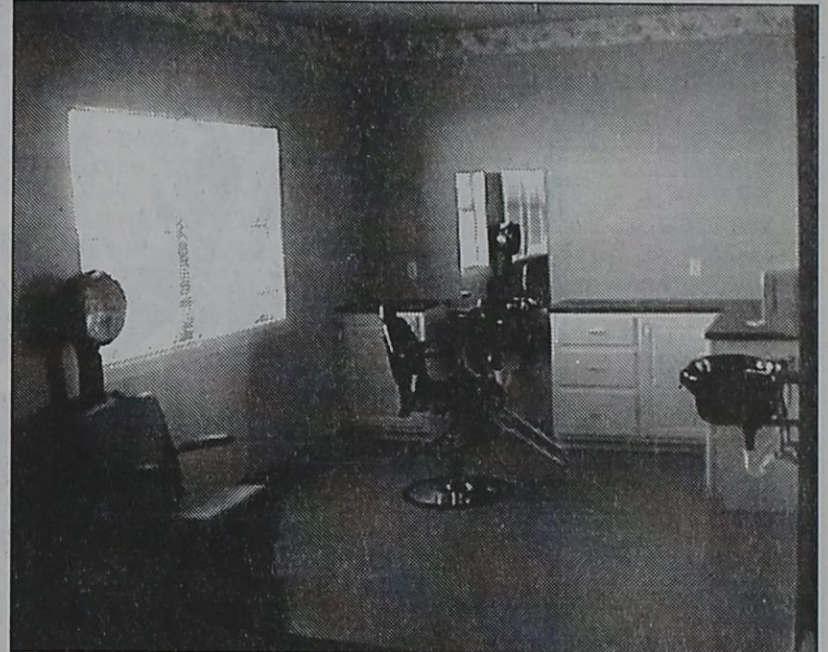
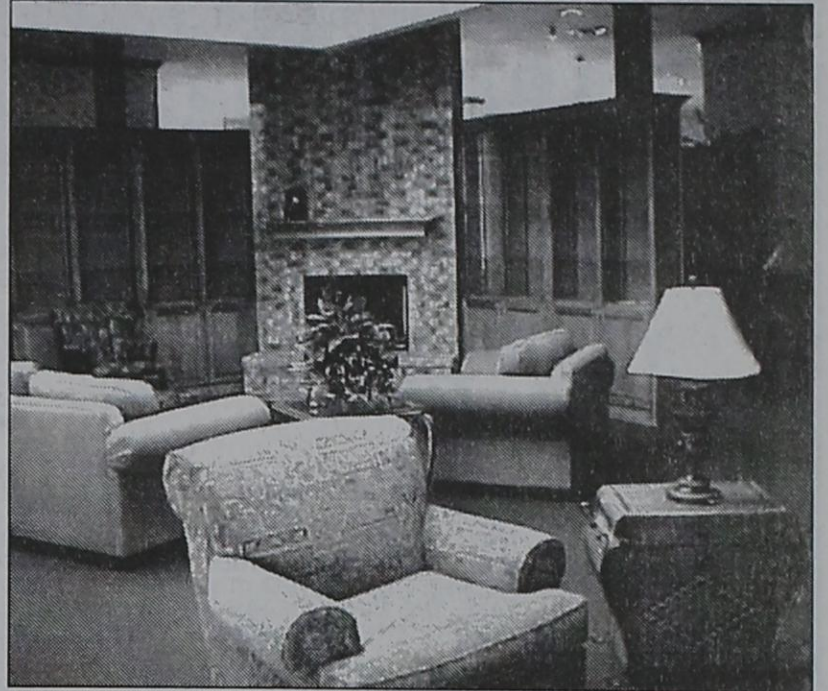
A Deaf Smith County native, Koenig is a 1977 graduate of Hereford High School. He received an associate of science degree in electrical utilities technology from Amarillo College.



JERRY KOENIG

Koenig's community activities include having served as Whiteface Kiwanis' Club president. He is also serving as a member of the City of Hereford's electrical examiners board.

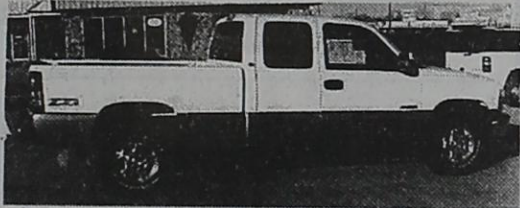
He and his wife, Brenda, are the parents of three children, Tiffany, Christopher and Michael. The Koenigs are members of St. Anthony's Church of Hereford.



HERITAGE ESTATES, the assisted living center at Prairie Acres, will be opening in a few weeks. Workers and inspectors are busy putting the finishing touches on the facility. Top is a view of the attractive entry lobby complete with fireplace. Below is the beauty shop for residents. Administrator Jo Blackwell says room selections are available now and the waiting list is open again. Rhonda Bentley has been hired as housing manager. Construction on the 16-unit facility was begun in October, 1999. Two of the units are designed for couples. Anyone interested in donating artwork would be welcome. For information call Jo Blackwell or Deb Hendley at 250-3922.

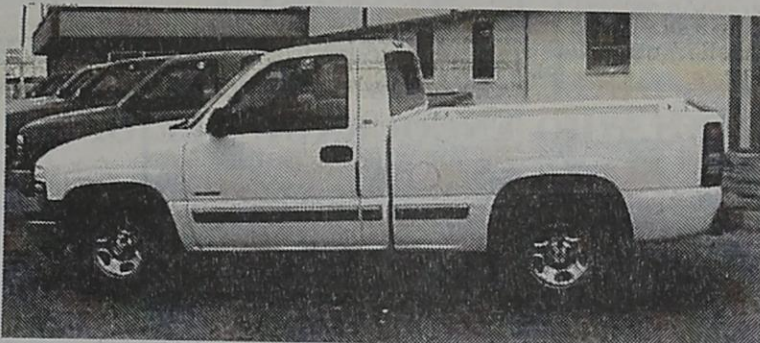
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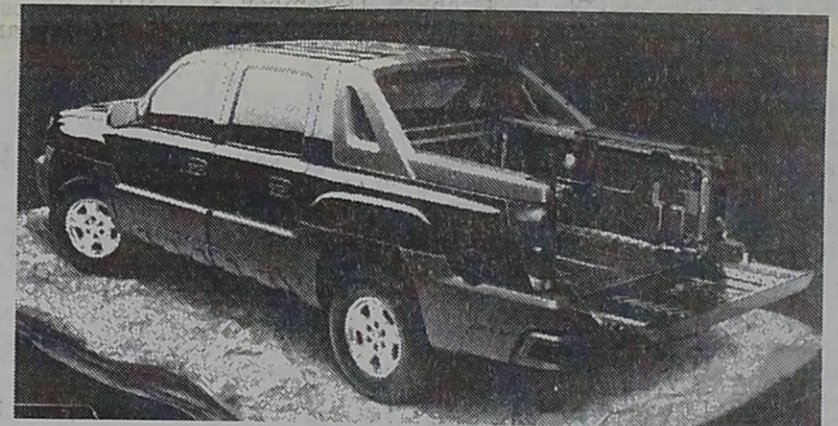
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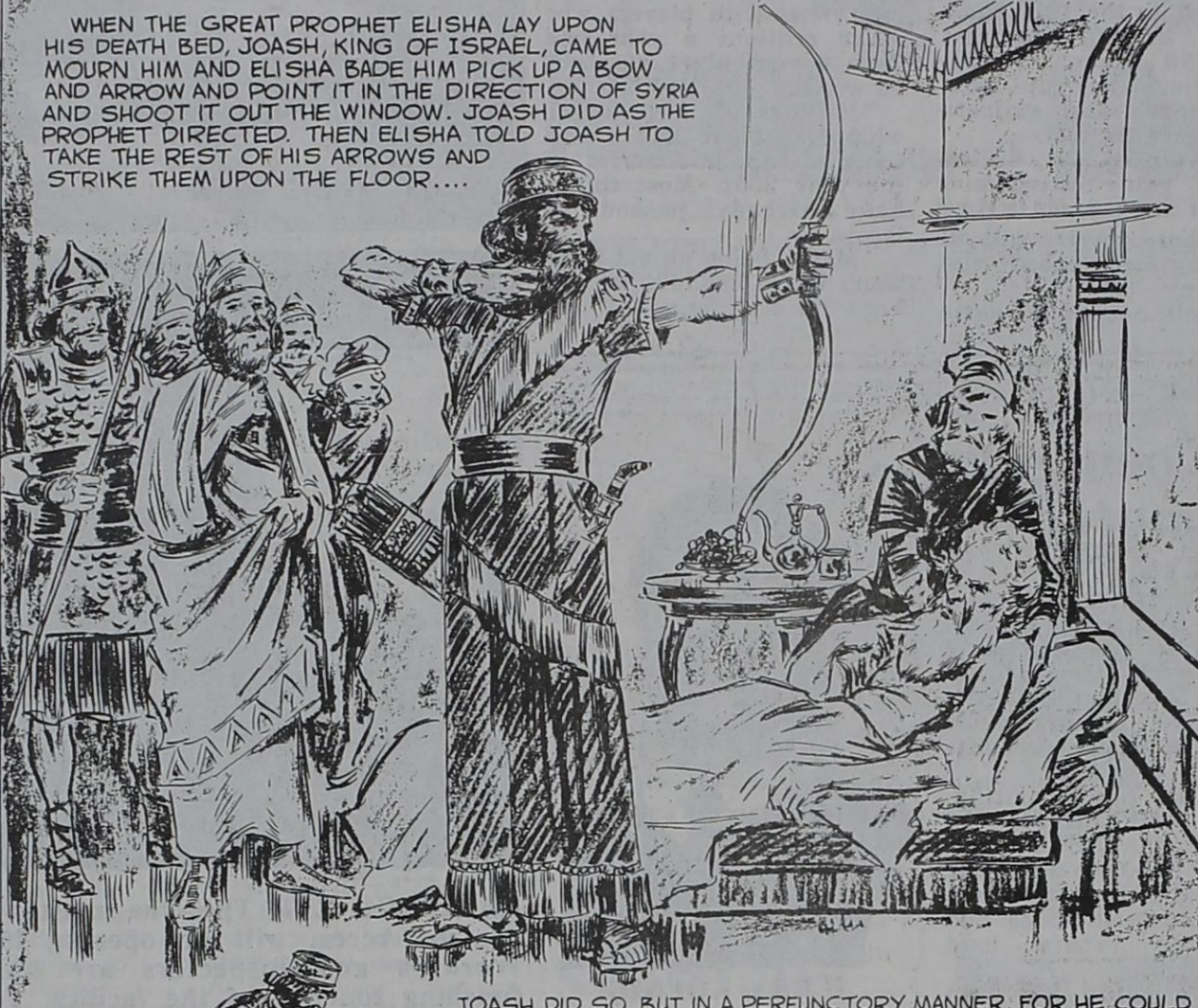
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...JOASH DID SO, BUT IN A PERFUNCTORY MANNER, FOR HE COULD SEE NO IMPORTANCE IN THIS ACT, LAZILY STRIKING THE FLOOR THREE TIMES. ELISHA BECAME ANGRY AT THIS DISPLAY OF LAZINESS FOR, HAD JOASH STRUCK THE ARROWS SIX TIMES, HE WOULD HAVE COMPLETELY DEFEATED SYRIA TO SAVE HIS KINGDOM, BUT, SAID THE PROPHET, NOW HE WOULD ONLY DEFEAT SYRIA IN THREE BATTLES—NOT ENOUGH TO SAVE ISRAEL! ALL THIS WAS BORNE OUT AFTER ELISHA'S DEATH—SURE ENOUGH, JOASH WON ONLY THREE BATTLES AS THE PROPHET HAD DECLARED!

NEXT WEEK: OUR PRESIDENTS AND THE BIBLE!

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TO: Mario Antonio Diaz Defendant, Greeting:

You are commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Original Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday the 12th day of March, A.D. 2001 before the Honorable 287th Judicial Court of Parmer County, Texas at the Courthouse of said County in Farwell, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, by Noe Valles, whose address is 1115 Broadway, Lubbock, Texas 79401 on September 12, 2000, in this case, numbered 8507 on the docket of said court, and styled.

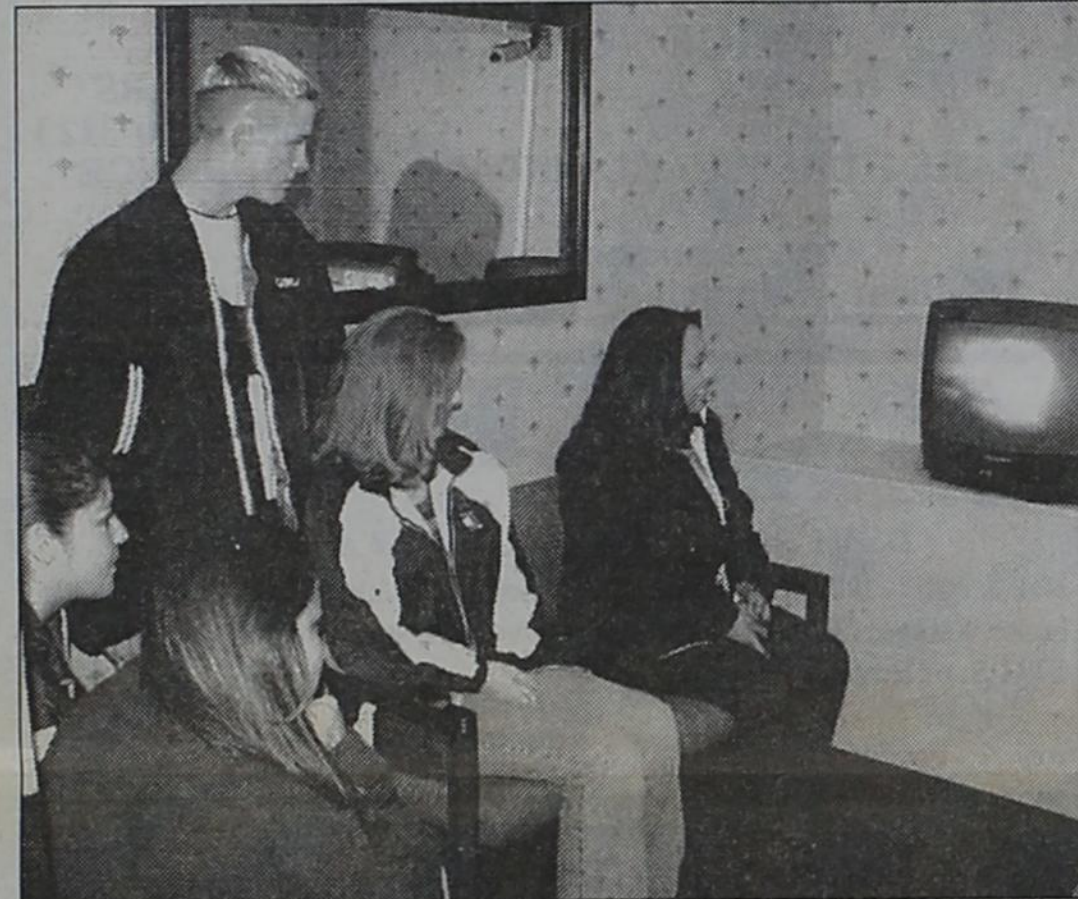
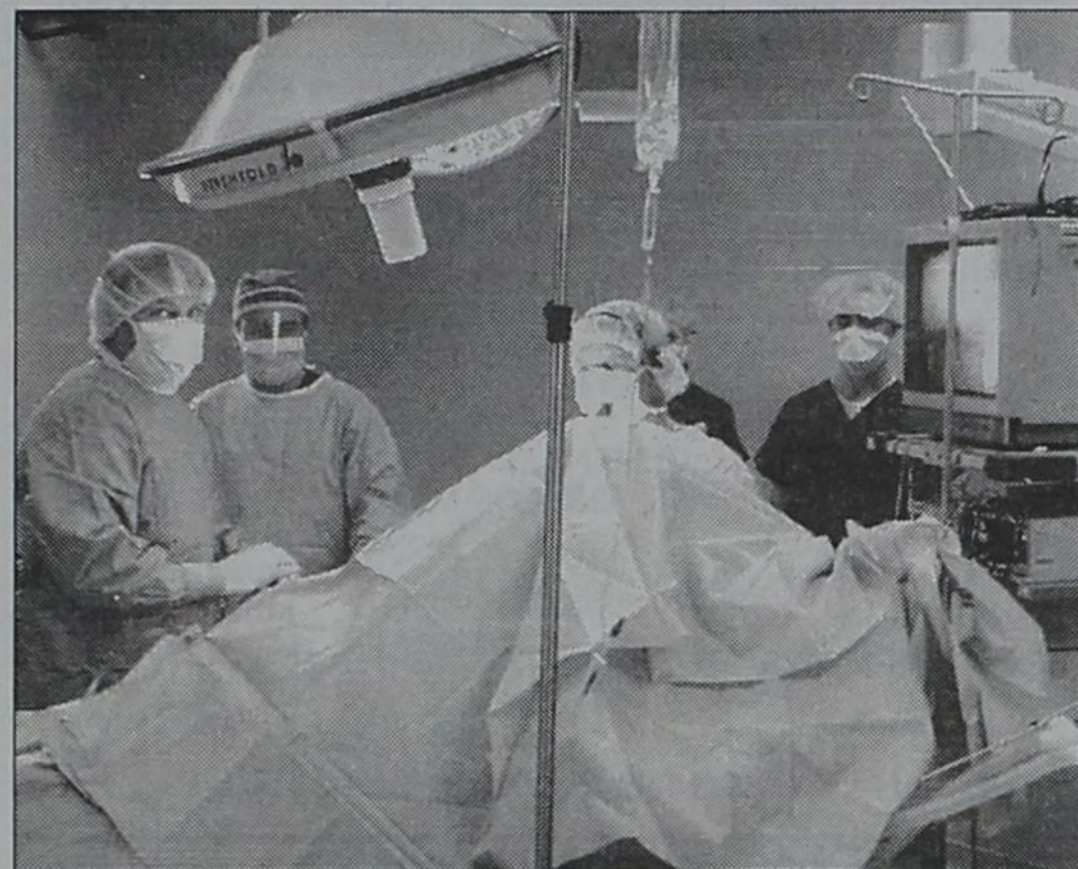
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The nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Negligence, Personal Injury and Damages, and Compensatory Damages and is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Farwell, Parmer County, Texas, on January 28, 2001.

Sandra Warren, District Clerk
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 287th Judicial District Court
 Parmer County, Texas
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STUDENTS FROM Tena Engelhardt's athletic training class went to the Northwest Surgery Center in Amarillo last week. The students toured the facility, top, and observed actual surgeries in progress. Two students at a time went into the operating room while the others watched on closed circuit TV. That is K'Leigh Scroggins and Tyson Kerby scrubbed up in bottom photo. photos by k'dawn scroggins



BOMBS AWAY...Bovina ace Jason Stone fires one of his six 3-point goals against Farwell last Friday. Jason scored 33 points for the Mustangs but Farwell pulled out the victory 63-52. ron carr photo



Bovina Bits

BY BECKY

Phone Becky London at 806-250-2211 or 250-5649
When you have news items. (e-mail: case @wtrt.net)

Bovina folks were iced and snowed in this weekend and no church services were held on Sunday, January 28. Wednesday all the streets had been cleared and we are all dealing with the melted slushy mess. The moisture is great for the farmers-so you really can't complain too much.

All the talk in town is over everyone's Energas bill. At the post office Monday, all you could hear were people discussing the bills being opened.

The bottom line is this: you have to stay warm, take your medicine and buy groceries. It's just too bad that some residents have to now decide which to do without-heat, medicine or food.

Jack Patterson is a patient at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital this week. He saw doctors in Friona Monday and was then flown to Amarillo for treatment. He underwent surgery Tuesday morning for a blood clot on his brain. Wednesday a family member said Jack was doing better and were pleased with his improvement in the Intensive Care Unit.

Friends say Jack's daughter, Carrie, said while he was preparing to be airlifted to Amarillo, Jack talked about never being on

Sernas Have New Great Grandson

Luis and Felicitas Serna have a new great grandson, Alex Christian Curtis, born January 11, 2001.

His parents are Elizabeth and Scott Curtis of San Diego. Scott is stationed on board the U.S.S. Boxer.

His other brother is Max David, 4.

Grandparents are Elodia Serna of Farwell and Mimi and Dave Curtis of Bloomfield Hills, MI

Other great-grandparents are Mildred Curtis of California and Dolores Alciatores of Clearwater, Florida.

Happy Birthday Bovina

Birthdays for the week of February 4-10, 2001.

Feb 4 Epifanio Vanegas, Alma Clayton, Pete Davies, Sherri Whitten

Feb 5 Chad Clayton, Montie Howell, Johnnie Dopp

Feb 6 Donalita Hawkins

Feb 7 Rachel Gilbreath, Renee Bartlett, Brett Anderson, Gary Gober

Feb 8 Cody Jamerson

Feb 9 Earl Whitten, Sean Clements

Feb 10 Chris Shufelburger, Blake Scaff, Tiffany Jones

For any corrections or to add a friend or relative to our birthday list, call 251-1523 or write Drawer B, 79009.

Bovina Elem Lunch Menu Feb. 5-9

Monday- tacos, hamburger, tossed salad, corn, french fries, hamburger veggies, fresh fruit, juice bar and choice of milk.

Tuesday- steak fingers, pepperoni pizza, cream potatoes, green beans, corn, tossed salad, wheat rolls, fresh fruit and choice of milk.

Wednesday- enchiladas, hamburger, pinto beans, tossed salad, french fries, hamburger veggies, fresh fruit, juice bar and choice of milk.

Thursday- beef stew, pepperoni pizza, corn, cole slaw, crackers, cinnamon rolls, tossed salad, fresh fruit, juice bar and choice of milk.

Friday- bologna and cheese, potato chips, lettuce and tomato, burger basket, hamburger veggies, ham sandwich bar, bologna sandwich bar, fresh fruit, chocolate cake, choice of milk.

a helicopter before. That sounds just like Jack-being the positive person that we all know him to be.

Jack and Ona Patterson, of the Rhea Community, are very dear to lots of folks in Bovina and we wish them the best as they go through this ordeal.

After attending his wife's funeral Saturday, J.W. Harris, of Odessa, was hospitalized at Parmer County Community Hospital. He has been under Hospice Care for about a year and the trip to Bovina was just a little to much for his system.

Monday I talked to his son, Wesley, and he said J.W. was being taken by ambulance to Lubbock for further treatment.

J.W. and Furne lived in Bovina several years ago for a number of years and have many friends here.

Former Bovinan, Alfred Moody, brother of Ivonne Stevenson, passed away Monday in Garland. His funeral was held Wednesday.

He was raised here and worked at the bank.

Women have been meeting at the Methodist Church for the annual sewing of quilts for an orphanage in Brazil.

Juanita Hastings said the ladies meet each Tuesday in January and February to sew. This week about 10 ladies attended, but usually there are more who go. She said there were about six machines going and others piecing by hand. Those who can't be there, take pieces home to do at night.

Bovina ladies have been making quilts for the orphanage for over twenty years. They meet to sew, have a nice lunch and fellowship.

The Dickerson family, former Bovinan David Dixon's in-laws, started the home and through their Bovina ties, have been able to give quilts to children yearly for their winter season, which is June or July. (David, now of Canyon, is the son of John and Eloise Dixon.)

Before the quilts are shipped, the ladies display their work in the church.

The quilts used to be made from old clothes but they are now made from donated double knit material. Juanita said they haven't had to buy lining material for several years now because of the generous donations.

Last year the Bovina ladies completed 73 quilts, we'll have to wait and see how many they finish this year.

If you would like to contribute your time and talents, call Frances Willard Sarah Owen, Juanita Hastings, Sue Fowler...just to name a few.

Juanita added that part of the reward for doing these quilts is they get letters and

pictures from the children who get them. It is the one item they can call their own and they can keep forever when they leave the orphanage.

Former long-time Bovinan, Mace Cochran passed away Wednesday, January 31. She had been a resident at a nursing home in Kerrville for about three years.

Friends say Granny Cochran "was the lady that always wore a rose pin-one to match every outfit and liked to wear corsages."

Others also said she was very up-beat and positive. She was married to Buster, who passed away in 1988. Their three daughters are Bonnie Clayton of Bovina, Wynema Walker of Richardson and Jo Anne

Mason of Kerrville.

At one time, if there was a baby born in Bovina, they got a hand-made quilt from her. They were the really nice kind that were thick, very pretty and big enough to really cover-up with.

She helped Buster on the farm and they liked to winter in Zapata. One of Bovina's favorite folks, Mrs. Cochran, will be missed.

Rita Mast's daughters, Kathy Bowers of Carlsbad, California and sister Carol Guterrez of Gilroy, California are here this week visiting.

Rita had eye surgery in Clovis this week and is doing just fine.

Her local daughters are Chris Alexander (Kathy's twin) of Friona and Honey Sue Gist of Bovina.

Around Town

Trees still available for sale

The Parmer County Soil and Water Conservation Office is still taking tree orders. Some trees have already sold out, so if you are interested please call Misti at 250-2220 or stop by the office at 1306 West 9th in Friona. Business hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

St. Teresa's Mexican dinner Mar 4

The ladies organization at St. Teresa's Catholic Church will host their annual Mexican dinner on Sunday, Mar 4, at the church's parish hall. Donations are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 10.

Oklahoma Lane Methodist anniversary

The Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church will celebrate its 75th anniversary on Sun, Mar 4, 2001. There will be a 10 a.m. worship service. The noon meal will be catered, donations accep-ted. Guest speakers and special music 1:30-4 p.m. RSVP the number attending by Feb 15 to Alma Pierson, Rt 1 Box 26A, Farwell 79325, 806-225-6822, or Doris Sides, Rt 1 Box 96, Farwell, 79325, 806-825-3500.

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