

## MY TURN



By Carol Ellis

CARDS, CANDY and accoutrements seem to be clogging all our holidays with excessive clutter. Are we obsessed with holiday decor, or what? Here we've just barely gotten rid of all the balloons and confetti from New Year's and, of course, there are still some dried pine needles and a few bits of tinsel lurking in the corners from Christmas. And now it is time to get out all the red and white Valentine fluff ... hearts and flowers, cupids and arrows.

It must have something to do with light deprivation during the winter months when we have short, dreary days and little sun. You know how people sometimes get really depressed after Christmas. I think all the bright glitter of holiday decor tends to brighten our otherwise dull, drab existence. You notice that we don't do as much home adornment during the months when there is lots of sunshine.

Pre-Valentine's Day is about the only time of year that men will dare to venture into the lingerie department to buy their sweeties a little something lacy and romantic. Women buy underwear for men all the time and it's no big deal. But men, on the other hand, act like they're in a foreign country when they get in that situation. Why is it that women's under things are called "foundations" and men's are called "furnishings?" Sounds like building a house.

The easy way out for Valentine's Day is a box of candy. Candy, candy, candy! Every holiday on the calendar seems to have some sort of candy connected to it. Valentine's Day comes with heart-shaped boxes of chocolates and/or those little sugar candy hearts that say "Be Mine."

Then there's Easter with pastel colored marshmallow eggs and jelly beans. It's red hot for the fourth of July. There's candy corn for Halloween, plus all those wrapped candies that you buy for the trick-or-treaters and then you have them "left over" for weeks because it came a blizzard on Halloween night.

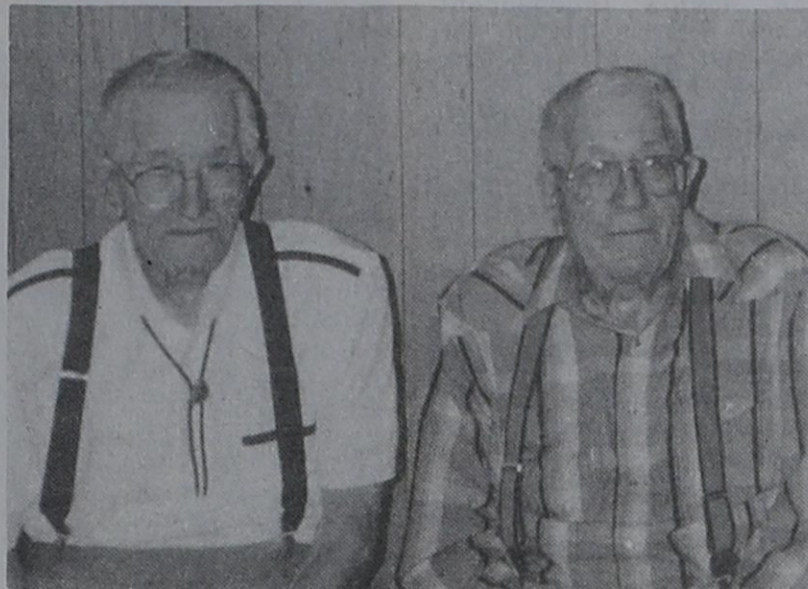
Of course, from Thanksgiving through New Year's, we are deluged with every kind of caloric candy confection known to humankind. I tend to associate Christmas candy with the old time red-white-green striped ribbon candy from my childhood days. You don't see those much anymore.

Speaking of childhood, one February, when I was about seven years old, I emptied my piggy bank of nickles and dimes a few days before Valentine's and bought my mother a lacy, flowery box of chocolate covered cherries. This was way back in the Victorian era when you could buy a pretty fancy box of candy for a dollar and they didn't come completely encased in plastic wrap like they do now. So I opened up the box for a peek at the contents.

"Hmmm. Believe I'll try just one," says I. "Well, that wasn't so bad. I'll try another one and just scoot the little pleated brown paper wrappers around in the box so it won't look like any pieces are missing."

Well, when it was all over, I had eaten the entire box of chocolate covered cherries, made myself sick, and then on Valentine's Day, I presented my mother with the empty box saying, "Here, Mom. It's a fancy box for your handkerchiefs." I've hated chocolate covered cherries ever since.

My son-in-law has heard this story and thinks it's pretty funny. So he buys me a box of chocolate covered cherries every year. If he does it again...in fact, if ANY one brings me ANY kind of candy for Valentine's Day, I'm gonna "whop 'em upside the head" with it.



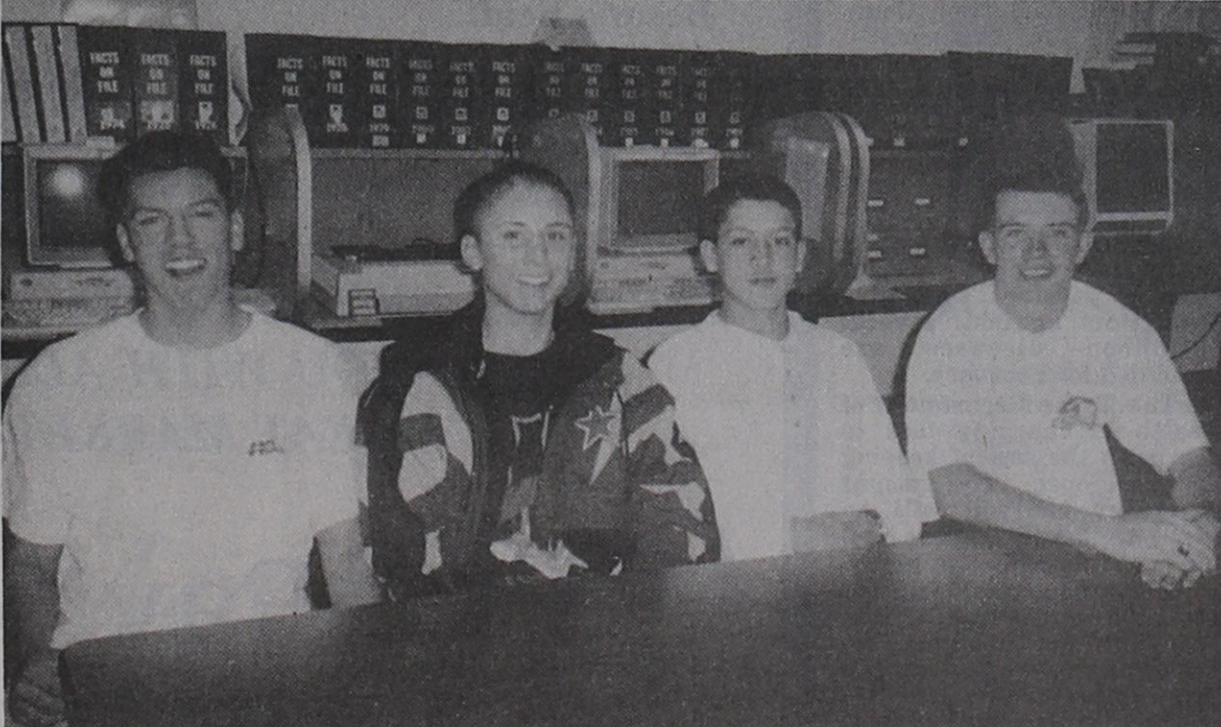
**TWINS CELEBRATE 91 YEARS.....**Howard Harold Kelso of Bovina joined his twin brother, Hugh Edward Kelso of Amarillo as they celebrated their 91st birthdays on January 26, 1997. The gentlemen were feted with a birthday dinner at the Kelso's home in Bovina on January 27.



**HOMEGROWN MANAGER.....** Darla Stormes, native of Bovina, transferred to the Bovina Allsup's on November 13, 1996, as manager. She has worked for the company for 1 1/2 years and transferred here from a Clovis Allsup's. She grew up in Bovina, graduated from Bovina High School and attended college at West Texas University.



**BASKETBALL ROYALTY.....**Nominees for 1997 Basketball Queen are, seated, seniors Kasey Bell, Lori Beauchamp, and Lisa Hromas. Serving as the Queen's court are, l-r, standing, Bonnie Quintana, Vickie Ortiz, and Marisol Antillon.



**ROYAL TOYBOYS.....**The 1997 basketball homecoming candidates who make up this year's royal court are, l-r, Luke Steelman, Josh Quintana, Herman Marquez, and Jason Kerby.

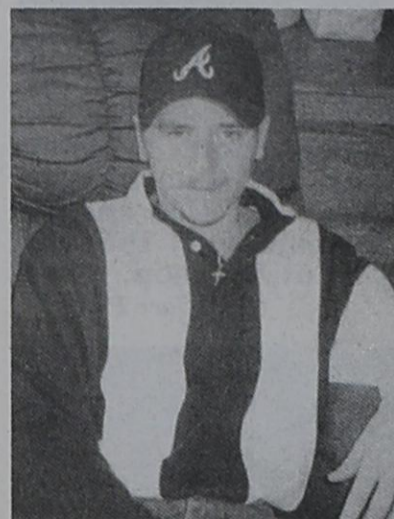
## \$2K Reward Offered By Allsup's In Recent Holdup

BY RON CARR

Friona Police Chief Randy Geries stated this week that Allsup's corporate office is offering a \$2,000 reward for information leading to an arrest or conviction in the January 11 robbery at the west Allsup's location in Friona.

Clerk Tory Snyder was severely beaten during the early morning robbery and so far has been unable to identify his assailants. After a stay in the intensive care unit at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo, and then Methodist Hospital in Lubbock, Snyder has returned to Friona for now.

During an interview this week he told the Friona Star that he has no memory of



TORY SNYDER

any events that occurred during his shift at the Allsup's store that evening

and early morning. Ironically he was not scheduled to work that night but was called in to substitute for a sick employee.

The robbers apparently attacked Snyder from behind as he cleaned the restrooms around 4:30 a.m. Officials believe that a hammer was used during the attack, that he was struck three to six times, but no weapon was found at the premises.

Based on blood evidence at the scene, police theorize he managed to crawl from the restroom out into an aisle toward the front of the store where he was found by a customer. The 911 call was made at 4:38 a.m.

Two customers who were in the store around 4:15 a.m. gave police a description of a person who was standing at the counter talking to Snyder. Since the two customers were in the store at separate times, minutes apart, and both observed someone in the store, two composite drawings were released.

It is unclear at this time exactly how many suspects may be involved. An undisclosed amount of money was taken from the store.

Snyder is still officially under doctor's care as he recovers from his wounds. During the ordeal he has lost some 15 pounds and faces possible additional surgery to the right side of his face and head to remove bone fragments and repair damage to his skull. For now, except for continuing headaches, he is taking progress slow and easy and continues to improve.

A love fund is established at Friona State Bank to assist the Snyder family.

In addition to the \$2,000 reward from Allsup's, up to an additional \$1,000 is offered through Parmer County Crimestoppers. Anyone with information about the crime is urged to call Chief Randy Geries of the Friona Police Department, 247-2711.

## WTRT Nominating Committee To Meet

The nominating committee of West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. will meet Saturday, February 8 at 11:30 a.m. at the Hereford Country Club to nominate candidates for three seats on the board of directors.

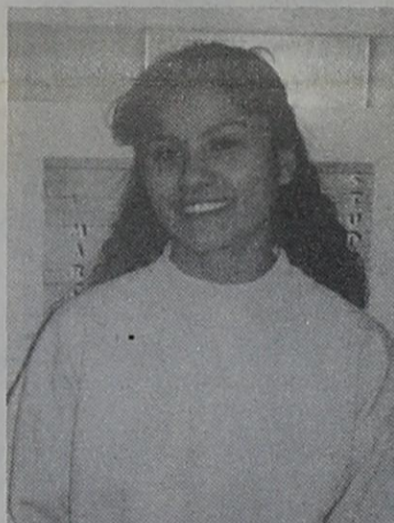
Terms of office of incumbent directors, Charles Myers of the Hub exchange, and Floyd Schueler of the Parmer exchange, both in Parmer County, and Dick Fellers of the Dawn exchange in Deaf Smith County, are expiring this spring. All three are eligible for new terms.

Elections to fill the three board seats will be held during the annual meeting of the membership March 18 at the Hereford Bull Barn.

WTRT members may also nominate board candidates from the floor during the business session at the annual membership meeting.

Among members of the nominating committee are Pat Smith, Dawn; Willis Duggan, Milo Center; Dee Taylor, Frio; Jim McGowan, Westway; and Charles Ray, Summerfield.

Other members include Lawrence Widner, Tharp; Bill Nichols, Hub; Danny Allen, Parmer; and Jerry Davis, Oklahoma Lane.



**MARCY GUEVARA**  
Junior Marcy Guevara was selected as student-of-the-week.

She was nominated by three teachers, Janie Sudderth, Margaret Durben, and Carolyn Beauchamp, as a good, pleasant student who participates in extra-curricular activities, is hardworking, polite, and cooperative. She is a positive contributor.



## Seminar Set For Parents and Teens

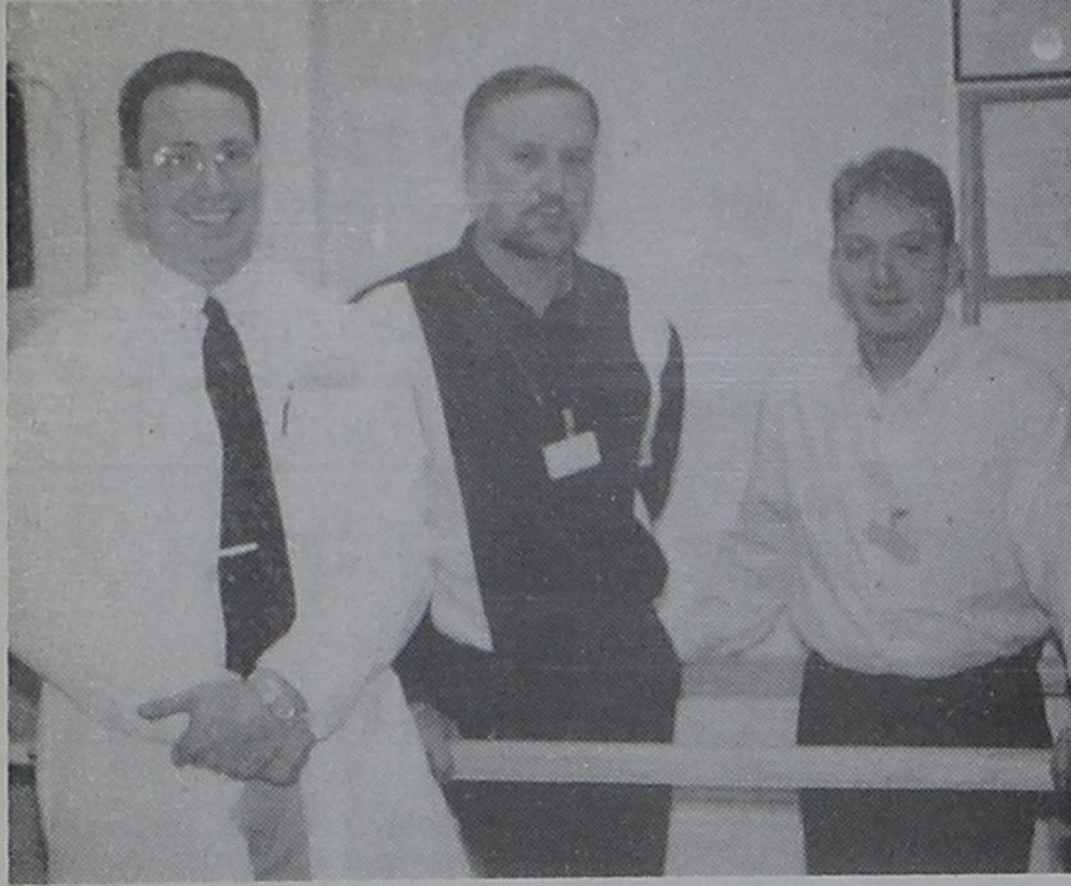
A "Right From Wrong" seminar, designed to help both parents and teenagers with tough times and how to survive in today's world, is scheduled to begin Sunday night, February 9, 6-7 p.m. at First Baptist Church.

The Josh McDowell video seminar series, entitled "Right From Wrong", will provide parents the tools they need to better equip their children to survive in today's world. It will also teach teens how to make the best choices for themselves every time.

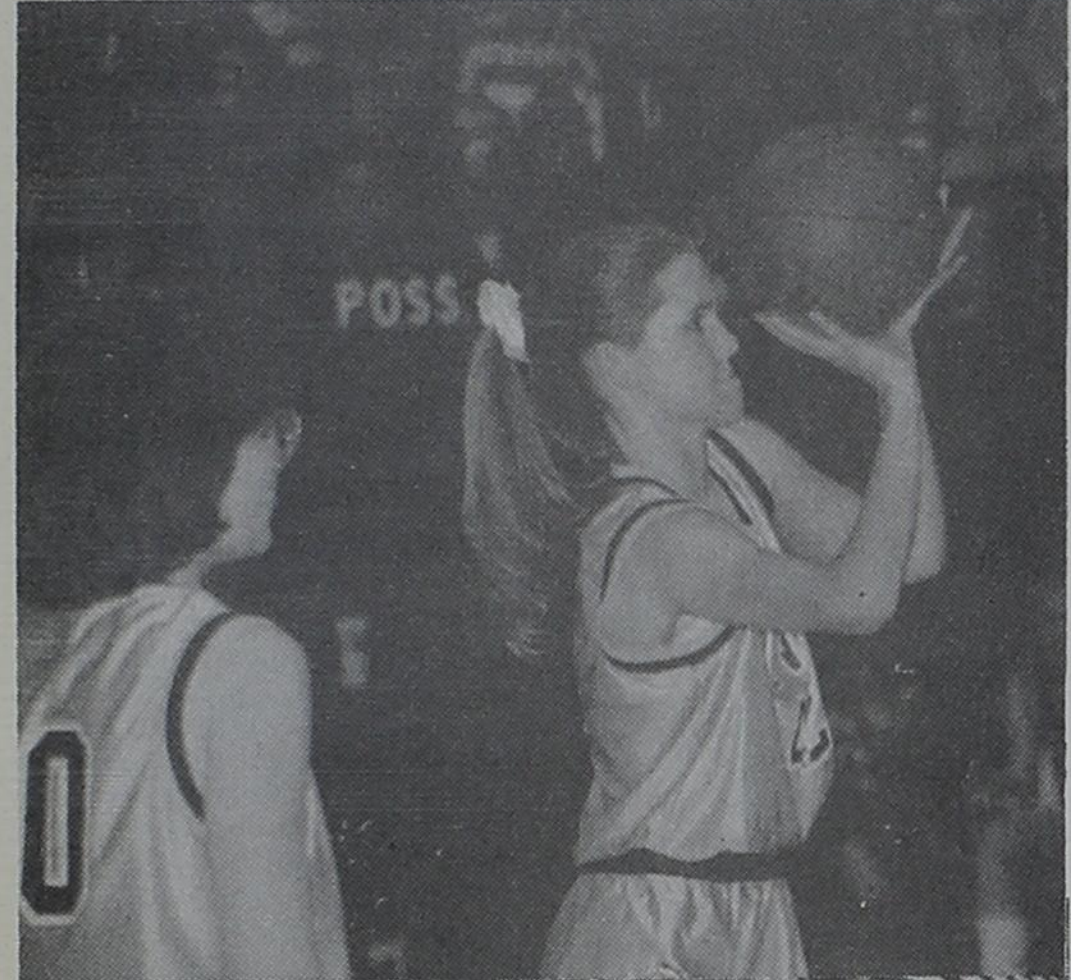
Everyone is invited. The series begins February 9 and ends March 9. The seminar series is free. Optional materials will be available at cost.



**EARNING POINTS....**The elementary school reading program is moving along at a rapid pace. These two bright youngsters, Adriana Rameriz and Zane Anderson earned a T-shirt and a pat on the back for earning over 100 points in the accelerated reading program.



**NEW AT PRAIRIE ACRES....**Prairie Acres spent \$5,000 from the love fund for equipment for their resident therapy room. They contracted with Sundance of Amarillo to provide therapists 7 days a week, plus speech therapy. Pictured in the remodeled therapy room are, l-r, therapists Paul Hudson, Alan Clark, and Bill Timm. (Ron Carr Photo)



**FILLIE ACTION.....**The Fillies wind up their 1997 season on Friday night, February 7, against Highland Park. Shown in earlier action this season against Lockney are, from top, D'Anne Jones watches Lisa Hromas try a free throw, Lori Beauchamp scrambles for a loose ball, and Marison Antillon fends off a Lady Hornet on a fast break. (Ron Carr Photos)

**M. Hromas On T. Tech Dean's List**

Matthew Gabe Hromas, son of Galen and Judy Hromas of Bovina, has qualified for the 1996 fall semester Dean's List at Texas Tech. Hromas is a junior at the university, with a dual major in architecture and civil engineering. Students who earned 12 or more hours with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9 qualify for the Dean's List.

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...from the files of The Bovina Blade

**40 Yrs Ago-Feb. 6, 1957**  
Burglars were at their business again over the weekend in Bovina. An estimated \$200 worth of cash and merchandise was taken from Gaines Hardware Company in Bovina either Saturday or Sunday night. Bovina has set a Parmer County record for money raised during a March of Dimes campaign. By collecting \$1,056.45 during the month-long, just completed, 1957 drive, the community became the first in the county to reach the \$1,000 figures. Members of Bovina Methodist Church discussed plans for building a new educational building at a meeting Monday night at the church.

**35 Yrs Ago-Feb. 7, 1962**  
John Zahn, Farwell, real estate dealer, has announced that he will seek election as State Senator from the 30th Senatorial District which includes Parmer County. For the fourth consecutive year, a Bovina farmer has been named state champion corn producer by DeKalb Agricultural Association. This year's winner is Marlin Ferguson, who had an average yield of 174 bushels per acre.

Bovina Dry Goods has reopened under management of Edward Isaac, who has moved here with his family from Lubbock. He plans to remodel the building his store occupies on Main Street. That work is scheduled to begin soon. Members of Bovina Church of Christ are on the brink of launching an \$85,000 church building program. Construction is scheduled to begin around March 1, Minister Don Stone announces, with completion date slated for about June 1. The contract will be let in the near future.

**30 Yrs Ago-Feb. 8, 1967**  
Voters turned out in record numbers in the school board election here Tuesday, to give the two-grade elementary school and cafeteria a slim nod of 222 for and 210 against. Turned down was a new football stadium and field house.

Sears Roebuck Foundation has notified the Bovina Women's Club that Bovina "passed" the medical survey, conducted here last fall.

**25 Yrs Ago-Feb. 8, 1972**  
Bob Fillpot, manager of Bovina Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture for the past several years, resigned his position at a Wednesday dinner meeting of board of directors of the organization. Fillpot's resignation will become effective March 1.

Bovina's city employees received pay increases of 5.5 per cent each at a Thursday night session of the city council. Five people are currently on the city payroll.

Ambitious plans for a new track for the use of athletes of Bovina Schools were announced following a joint meeting of Bovina Mustang Booster Club members and the school board Monday night.

**20 Yrs Ago-Feb. 9, 1977**  
Mrs. Gladys Spring has been named vice-chairman in charge of publicity in Bovina for the Parmer County Heart Association, by Rose Mabry, county publicity chairman. "New Spirit, New Commitment, New America"--

**Shot Dates Are Given For February**

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

The Texas Department of Health is charging fees to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount of money charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay.

The vaccinations are available at the WIC Office, 704 Main St. in Friona, on Friday, February 21 from 10-12 noon and 1-3:45 p.m. Vaccinations will also be administered at the EMS Office, 109 Third Street in Bovina on Monday, February 10 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

those were the words heading the printed programs, words which seemed to have a renewed significance to every person attending the offering of the American flag, given to the Bovina Independent School District through the good offices of U.S. Representative George Mahon, and presented by the Mac Glasscock family.

**15 Yrs Ago-Feb. 10, 1982**  
Funeral services for Davis King, former Santa Fe Railroad agent for Bovina, were held in Tucson, Arizona. During the past week, Parmer County was rated second out of fifty-four Panhandle counties for highway traffic fatalities.

**10 Yrs Ago-Feb. 11, 1987**  
Matt Fox and Peggy Shepard, both juniors at Bovina High School, were chosen as the 1987 Basketball King and Queen, in ceremonies at the halftime of the Bovina-Kress game. The Mustangs beat Kress 98-43 and the Fillies beat them 72-42.

Eddie Villarreal accepted a \$50 savings bond from Bob Owen of the Chamber of Commerce as reward for being named employee of the month. Eddie was nominated by Bovina Fuel, where he is employed.

**5 Yrs Ago-Feb. 8, 1992**  
Construction has gotten underway for Bovina's own Veterinary Clinic which will be owned and operated by Bret Whitten. According to Bret, construction will continue as weather permits. At the present time, he is doing veterinary work on a limited basis, making house calls and routine vaccinations. He is currently unable to do extended work such as x-rays or surgery, due to lack of equipment and facilities.

Bovina High School's Mustangs scored a pair of vital district wins during the past week against Vega and Farwell to run their district record to 2-1, and their season record to 19-4.



**PRAIRIE ACRES HONOREES...**Claudia Adams has been honored as "Resident of the Month" for February at Prairie Acres, and Phil Martinez, who works in the maintenance department, has been named "Employee of the Month."



**SERVING HAPPY CUSTOMERS....**Pam Morris of the local Fast Stop station on Highway 60 is pictured here while waiting on customers. The station has recently added "Hot Stuff" pizza and breakfast pizza to their menu, in addition to serving hot and cold sub sandwiches of all kinds. A large, appreciative crowd of Bovina folks gather there every day about mealtime.

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## Prairie Acres Resident Submits Life History

Residents of Prairie Acres are chosen to write their life history and the Friona Star is happy to re-print these stories. Eula Zelva Parrack's story follows:

By EULA Z. PARRACK

I was born August 22, 1905. My birth certificate was registered at Clarksville, Texas in Red River County. We lived in Cuthand, Texas, six miles out of town on a farm.

I was born to James Delton and Laura Ada Eaves and at that time I had an older sister, Bula Elva. She was five years older than I. Later, my brother, Beuford James, joined the family.

Our home was in a timber place, what we call woods. Papa had a "pedding wagon." He traveled through the country selling material, threads, dish pans, utensils and best of all, boxes and boxes of candy.

Papa always let us have all the candy we wanted. People were always looking forward to him, so they could buy supplies.

I was allowed to go with him on trips and sit in the front seat by his side. There was one incident I remember: we were almost home one afternoon and the sun was shining in my face, when for some reason or another, papa mentioned the word, "Jesus," and he explained, "When we leave this world we will go and live with the Savior." That's the first time I realized we had a savior!

Mama was a very special lady and worked hard to keep our family and home together. She did lots and lots of canning and was a very good seamstress. She also enjoyed singing. Mama was a devout Christian.

I was five years old when we moved to Bagota, Texas. It was twelve miles from where we used to live, and this is where my baby sister, Zula Thelma, was born. This is when papa went into the grocery business.

I remember one crazy incident when I was trying to get an apple (at the grocery store). Back then, apples came in big barrels, and wouldn't you know, I fell in. There I was, kicking and kicking until I was pulled out.

After five years papa started another grocery business in Jolntown, Texas which was ten miles away from Bagota. We built a new home there.

My sister and I continued school. The only transportation we had was the horse and buggy. We were too little to manage it. So, the only way we could get to school was on the freight train which was two blocks away. It passed by in the morning and we rode on the caboose for five cents to and from school.

Papa had a grocery store and also farmed. He hoed, picked

cotton and raised corn. We had to help with the work. Papa also had hired hands.

Mama was proud of her new home and I always looked forward to meal time, because mama had the whitest tablecloths called "Damask Tablecloths" at every meal. They were always starched and ironed so nicely!

In Jolntown which was close by, mother taught children's Sunday School and taught scriptures by using pictures. She also put together religious programs.

There was always a big crowd, this was the entertainment of the day on Sundays. Mama had the prettiest alto voice and sang in the choir. At times they were accompanied by a pump organ.

Bula married in Bogata. A month later we moved to the Plains and landed in Lorenzo, Texas. We rented a farm. I finished school at Estacado, a quaker town.

At the age of 15, I had my first date with William Bolan Parrack. His uncle held a revival in Estacado and I sang in the choir. After the service W.B. asked me if he could give me a ride home and I accepted. We were accompanied by his friend and my cousin. One year later on July 31, 1922 we married in the same place where we met.

We moved into my husband's old homestead place in Estacado and farmed his land. We were blessed with our first son "William B". Our second blessing happened in Floyd County where our son "Johnny Weldon" was born.

Later we moved to Ganado, Texas where my in-laws lived. We continued farming. We raised sweet potatoes, corn and cotton. William B. started school and went for a few years and then my husband decided we needed more education, so we moved to San Marcos!

We started San Marcos Military Academy. While he was trying to get a degree, I took Spanish, English, piano, voice and Bible classes. We went for two years. Times were getting hard--that's when we were going through the depression.

We moved back to Lockney and my husband started the trucking business. I worked as High School Librarian. I worked for four years there. We were really deep in the Depression and World War II was declared.

My sons had scholarships in football but didn't take that direction. William B. married Sybil Mudgett just before he went into the Air Corps. He would have been drafted if he hadn't joined.

Johnny Weldon finished High School and planned on going to College in Canyon but was not able to because he was called into the Marines as soon as he turned eighteen. He served 3 1/2 years! At that time we lived in Amarillo



**EULA PARRACK has been a resident of Prairie Acres Nursing Home in Friona since December, 1995 and has submitted her complete life history for re-printing in the Friona Star and Bovina Blade as follows:**

\*\*\*\*\* and he returned home. A year later Johnny married Betty Taylor.

During the war my husband was associated with Ferguson-Steel Oil Transportation in Amarillo. He was terminal manager. After the war we stayed with this company and were transferred from place to place.

In 1959 we started our own truck business in Anson, Texas. Our trucks worked out of Luders Oil Refinery. We built a new home and lived there 20 years. During that time I commuted and worked in Abilene for Minter's Department Store as manager of the ladies' ready-to-wear department. I worked there fifteen years and then retired.

My husband had a stroke in 1974 six months after he retired. He passed away twelve years later from a heart attack. He is buried in Floydada.

Nine months later I moved into Baptist memorial center in San Angelo, Texas. I lived there ten years and as my health declined I felt I needed to move closer to my family so I came to live at Prairie Acres where my granddaughter is Admin-istrator.

I have lived here since the 14th of December of 1995. I think very highly of this place. One of my sons lives in Amarillo and the other lives in Lubbock. My son in Amarillo is now married to Shirley Matson who is Jo Blackwell's mom. His first wife passed away.

I have four grandchildren, one deceased; six great-grandchildren, one deceased; and three great-great grandchildren.

I would like to add that, I have been a member of Eastern Star Concho Chapter #826 for 45 years; also the Rebecca Lodge for 56 years. I also taught Sunday Classes and was president of the 3-F Organization.

## Mendy Rhodes, Scott Wailick Exchange Vows In Bovina

Mendy Rhodes and Scott Wailick, both of Lubbock, exchanged wedding vows at a ceremony in the First Baptist Church of Bovina on Saturday, December 21 at 2 p.m.

Mendy is the daughter of Gaylon and Shelby Rhodes of Bovina and Scott is the son of Charles Wailick of Sanger, Texas and the late Glenda Wailick.

Christmas decorations at the church included poinsettias, candleabras with greenery, bells and red flowers all accented with red plaid Christmas bows.

Howard Rhodes, uncle of the bride, pastor of the Klondike Baptist Church near Lamesa, Texas, officiated at the ceremony.

The bride was presented in marriage by her father, Gaylon Rhodes.

Attendants included Pam Heinrich of Slaton, Texas, sister of the bride, as the matron of honor and Mac Reding of Sanger, Texas, best man.

Shaun Cox of Matador, Texas served as the bridesmaid. Bobby Lotheringer of Lubbock was the groomsmen.

Justin Heinrich, nephew of the bride and son of Pam Heinrich of Slaton, carried a Bible which belonged to Mrs. O.C. Rhodes, grandmother of the bride; Meagan Rhodes, niece of the bride, served as flower girl and her parents are Jim and Joy Rhodes of Fairview, Oklahoma. Her brother, Lance, served as ring bearer.

Candles were lit by Dustin Bell of Lubbock and Chris Benton of Houston, cousin of the groom.

Janet Rector provided an assortment of music before and after the ceremony. Grady and Dorothy Sorley sang "In This Very Room" and "The Lord's Prayer," and Barbara Grimsley, aunt of the bride, sang "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas."

The bride selected a white Italian satin gown. The empire bodice was embellished with sequins and pearls in a paisley design.



Mrs. Scott Wailick

The scooped neckline was complimented with softly rounded cap sleeves. The princess styled a-line skirt swept into a semi-cathedral length train.

To complete her ensemble, she wore a headband accented with pearls and crystals finished with fingertip veiling accented with a sprinkling of pearls.

Her bridal bouquet included white roses, calla lilies and baby's breath. She wore pearl earrings and a gold diamond bracelet that belonged to her sister, Pam.

The attendants' dresses were fashioned in black velvet with a Christmas decorated plaid inset and sash.

The wedding reception was held in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Shannalea Taylor and Donna Atique served the wedding cake and Leah Mason of Bovina and Keri Mitchell of Conroe served punch and coffee.

Joy Rhodes and Joanna Windle registered the wedding guests. Ladies hosting the houseparty were

Carolyn Pruitt, Phyllis Steelman, Mary Evelyn Steelman, Ona Patterson, Bonnie Clayton and Misti Pruitt.

The bride's cake was decorated in a white basket weave accented with red poinsettias, greenery and an angel centerpiece. The groom's table held a cheesecake with strawberry topping.

For a wedding trip to Red River, New Mexico, the bride chose black slacks and a white sweater with a black and white fur collar.

The bride is a graduate of Texas Tech University and is currently teaching high school special education at Lubbock Cooper School.

The bridegroom will graduate from Texas Tech University in May with a degree in agriculture education. They reside at 5206 B, 96th Street in Lubbock.

### REHEARSAL DINNER

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by both parents and held in Bovina the evening prior to the wedding.



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### "ARTIST OF THE MONTH"



ARTIST OF THE MONTH.....Patricia Carmichael is Friona's Artist of the Month for February. Her interesting, abstract watercolor paintings will be on display in the lobby at Prairie Acres for the rest of the month. She is shown here visiting with Nancy Houston of Grady, New Mexico, who is a new employee at Prairie Acres. Nancy is an R.N. and has been in nursing for over 10 years. Patricia has an English degree from UNC at Greeley, Colorado and an art degree from Texas Tech. She taught "Batik" during one summer semester at Clovis College and she is currently the elementary art teacher for Friona Schools.

## PRAIRIE ACRES NURSING HOME

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



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## Facts About The BIBLE BY JOHN LEHTI

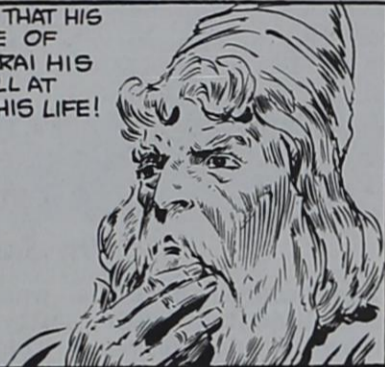
This is a dramatized version of facts taken from the book of Genesis intending to show some of the customs of these ancient and traditional times

### ABRAM IN EGYPT

AS A STRANGER IN EGYPT, ABRAM'S GREATEST FEAR HAS BEEN THAT THE EGYPTIANS WILL SEE SARAI'S GREAT BEAUTY AND DESIRE TO KEEP HER, EVEN IF IT MAY MEAN KILLING HIM, NOW....



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... THE EGYPTIAN MERCHANTS, AFTER LEAVING ABRAM'S ENCAMPMENT, COME UPON SOME PRINCES RETURNING FROM A HUNT....



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**SISTERS GRADUATE FROM COLLEGE...** About twenty years ago these two, Libby and Nita, daughters of Billy Lynn and Linda Marshall, posed for a professional photographer. Recently they received bachelor of science degrees in interdisciplinary studies from different Texas universities. Libby Holman of Bovina graduated from West Texas A&M University, Canyon, and Nita Leifester, who lives at Liberty, Texas, graduated from Texas A&M University, College Station. Each one has passed her exit test for teacher certification.

## The Most Serious Problem Children Face

BY JESSICA REYNA

*(Editor's Note: Miss Reyna's essay won an honorable mention in the recent Middle School Principal's Writing Contest. We have reprinted it without editing.)*

I think the most serious problem children or young teenagers face today are drugs.

Drugs to some people is a habit forming substance taken to relieve pain or to produce sleep. But a drug is really a mixture of substances used in medicine. There are certain drugs that are a habit-forming which they are called "narcotics". There are some drugs that are injected for different reasons one of them is to relax muscles during surgical operations.

Many drugs are called "extracts" which they are taken, or extracted from another substance. There are two other well-known plants called morphine and opium two narcotics made from juice of the poppy. Which those two kinds of drugs are very dangerous and could probably kill you if you had a overdose. Most drugs don't usually effect you if you have a overdose.

One other drug is cocaine which comes from a coco plant it is used chiefly to deaden the nerves of a patient during operations. Many drugs come from minerals and their compounds which are: iron, salts, bromids, and epomsalt which is magnesium salt. If you use any kind of drug you can get addicted to that certain drug very easily. Then you have terrible cravings for more of the drug and larger doses are required to prevent violent illness.

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## If Money Were No Object

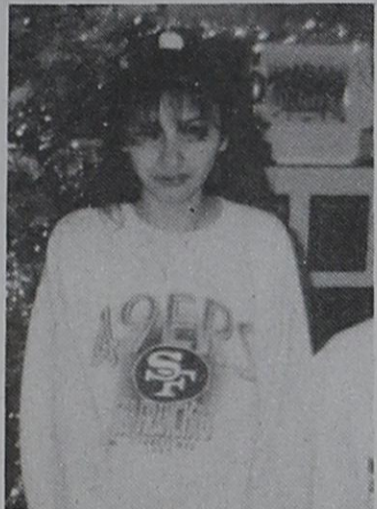
BY YESIKA RAMIREZ

*(Editor's Note: Miss Ramirez won an honorable mention in the recent Middle School Principal's Writing Contest. Her essay is reprinted without editing.)*

If I had as much money as I wanted, I would buy a house, car and clothes. I would probably buy very expensive things. I would buy things I could never buy now. I would buy every one of my family at least one present for Christmas. That's the first thing I'll do.

The second thing I'll do, would be to give lots and, I mean lots of money, to the homeless. As long as I had roof on top of my head, food, and clothes, I'd be happy. But some homeless don't even have shoes to wear. So my second choice would be to give a lot of money to the homeless.

There's a whole lot of other things I could do. I could help schools by paying more money so kids could more books or buy more computers, if they needed. Maybe buy a store and sell toys, clothes and shoes. Maybe I would buy a shop so you could cut hair. I would go often to the mall and buy tennies, clothes and school things, ect. I would buy a



JESSICA REYNA

marijuana and cocaine are cleverly paddled by rings of vicious criminals, if one addicts they will often try to convince others to take the drugs.

Soon the drugs have wrecked their health and lives and they don't get anything out of life while they are taking drugs but stay home or dealing the drugs. Then they either die because of an overdose or because they get shot for not paying for the drugs they bought.

But my opinion to drugs is that they are dangerous for young teenagers or young children because the drug is used by injecting and someone else uses it, a disease starts and there starts other problems. If a adult leaves a drug somewhere and a child gets a hold of it the child might overdose himself or herself and the child could die since the child is at a young age then the parents will be the ones responsible for the accident.



YESIKA RAMIREZ

house and cars. I would have lots of parties and invite all of my friends. I would buy my own clarinet.

I would travel to so many places, because I can't really travel very much now and if I do, it's not very far. I would go to Africa and stay there the whole summer. The other place I would go is to China, because I would like to learn their language. I would travel because I could make lots of new friends and learn about different countries.

Even though money were no object to me, I would still work. I don't like to be lazy. Many people are lucky to have money as no object. But some aren't so lucky. People should use money wisely. If we don't use the money wisely, God knows what could happen.

# Scooter's Scoops

By SCOOTER RUSSELL



Howard Kelso of Bovina and his twin brother, Hugh of Amarillo, celebrated their 91st birthday at Kelso's home in Bovina.

Howard's wife, Minnie, provided a turkey and dressing dinner with all the trimmings. Hugh's son, Charles Ray Kelso of Amarillo brought his dad to Bovina. According to the Kelso's information, only one set of male twins in America lived to be 93 years old and they lived in California.

The twins were born in McCullough, Texas and their parents were J.E. and Maude Kelso. They had three brothers and three sisters.

Brad Hromas, son of Arnold and Amy Hromas was recently hospitalized in Friona and he has been diagnosed with diabetes. He was happy to be released so he can fill his job as usher at the First Baptist Church on Sunday.

We're happy to have Leon Hitt as our new butcher at the Bovina Pay 'N Save. He worked for twelve years at D.L.'s in Friona before coming to Bovina. He has things looking good at the meat market.

Erith and Frances Hawkins drove to Ruidoso for a few fun days in recent weeks. They said the snow was melting and the weather

## Youth Group To Sponsor Trap Shoot

The Lazbuddie Methodist youth group will sponsor a trap shoot Sunday, February 9 at Clay's Corner beginning at 1 p.m. until dark.

Types of shoots available will be regular, partnership, monkey and Anne Oakleys.

Refreshments will be available and there will be plenty of shoots for kids.

## Happy Birthday Bovina

Area birthdays for the week of February 9-15.

Feb 9-Earl Whitten, Sean Clements.

Feb 10-Chris Shufelburger, Blake Scaff.

Feb 11-Lori Wilburn, Lucille Thomas, Owen Patton.

Feb 12-Linda Atwell, Phillip Johnson, Patricia Martinez, Jeff Schueler.

Feb 13-Mary Steelman, Billie Ruth Primrose, J. T. Hammonds, Kevin Mitchell.

Feb 14-Terry Widner, Odester Finch, Faustino Salazar, Leon Saddler, Montie Turner.

Feb 15-Walter Kessler, Wesley Davis.

To add a friend or relative to our permanent birthday roster, call 238-1523 or write to Drawer B, 79009.

## Phil Gramm Heads Rep. Task Force

U.S. Senator Phil Gramm will head a task force of Republican senators to address the issue of health care in the 105th Congress.

He was appointed by Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott to lead the group.

"This is a great responsibility and I look forward to the challenges facing us as we work to save the Medicare system," Gramm said.

Gramm, who is chairman of the Senate's Health subcommittee for the new Congress, has made preserving Medicare his top priority. The Medicare trust fund is projected to go bankrupt in 2001.

Other members of the health care task force are Senators Wayne Allard of Colorado, Sam Brownback of Kansas, John Chafee of Rhode Island, Dan Coats of Indiana, Bill Frist of Tennessee, Jon Kyl of Arizona, Bill Roth of Delaware, Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania and Craig Thomas of Wyoming.

was messy.

They also said it was warmer there than in Bovina. They came home on that windy, cold Monday and wondered why.

Justin, nine-year-old grandson of Gaylon and Shelby Rhodes and son of Pam Heinrich of Slaton, had the Reserved breed champion in the Poland division in the County Stock Show.

This past week he entered his pig in the Ft. Worth stock show and took seventh place in the Hampshire breed. His mom, Pam and grandparents, Gaylon and Shelby went to Ft. Worth with him.

When the Rhodes family came back from Ft. Worth they celebrated daughter Mendy's birthday at daughter Pam's home in Slaton. They enjoyed a good supper with birthday cake.

We understand Velma Grisham's dad, J.D. Evans of Lubbock passed away. Services were held in recent days. Velma and her husband, Brother Richard, lived in Bovina several years and J.D. and his wife visited in Bovina often.

We're slow but we want to congratulate Mac and Coleeta Langford on the birth of the first baby of the year born January 7. He weighed eight pounds and seven ounces and has two big sisters, Keegan, 5 and Kristin 2. Also congratulations to great grandparents Howard and Minnie Kelso.

Neely Landrum, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, has his father living with them for now while his mother is taking treatments

## Sr. Citizens Hold January Dinner Meet

Bovina seniors were happy to be able to get out for their regular monthly luncheon and meeting since bad weather in January canceled several monthly activities.

Those enjoying the luncheon on January 29 were Howard and Minnie Kelso, Sid Lloyd, Joe Looney, Julia Leake, Edna Scott, Charlsie Eubank, Oma Lee George, Dorothy Ellison, LaTrelle Miehler and Erra Jamerson.

January birthdays will be honored at the February birthday party. Those honorees are Howard Kelso, Julia Leake, and Charlsie Eubank.

The business meeting concluded with the election of officers for the coming year. Those elected were LaTrelle Miehler, president; Edna Scott, vice-president; and Erra Jamerson, secretary-treasurer.

Saturday evenings are set aside for a pot-luck dinner at 6 p.m. and games of cards and dominoes starting at 6:30 p.m.

The senior citizens group extends an invitation to those in the community to come and join the fellowship.

## All Night Long

By ADAM RAMIREZ  
(13 year old great-grandson of Edemia Lucero)

As I stay awake at night,  
I start to think, I see no light.  
Someone I know passed away,  
It's no one's fault,  
God wanted it that way.  
My great grandma went to Heaven,  
She lived with us since I was seven.

When they told me she died,  
Everyone sat together and cried.  
Now my heart is filled with pain,  
But there is no one to blame.  
To me all this is wrong,  
Nobody should feel this pain,  
We must be strong.

We all know she's in a better place,  
But this is a problem we have to face.

My grandma took good care of her for fourteen years,  
So she will shed millions of tears.  
I know she put up a fight,  
As I hug her, I hold on tight.  
Now Edemia Lucero is gone,  
I think about her all night long.

in Lubbock.

He said she had a tumor on her brain that controlled her motor functions and is presently taking radiation treatments. Our thoughts are with Neely and his wife and hope the situation gets better. He said his mom is in the skilled nursing facility in Lubbock.

Clyde Blalock was taken to the Cannon Air Force Base Hospital by ambulance on Tuesday of last week. He was released on Monday of this week and his condition has improved. His wife, Helen, said he was having problems with his pancreas but is feeling much better.

Ruby Wilson, long time Bovina resident, has been moved to the rest home in Muleshoe. She suffered a stroke in recent weeks and could not live by herself, according to family members.

We understand the young man, Tory Snyder, who was robbed and beaten at Allsup's in Friona, where he worked, has finally been released from the hospital and is now home.

Saturday night, Ann Lee and Floyd Englant's grandkids were in a bad wreck. James Collins, 15 and his sister, Lessie, 13, were in their mother's car driving in the country. Two of their friends were with them.

James was driving and flipped the car, end over end, throwing him out of the vehicle. James and Lessie had to be hospitalized in Lubbock St. Mary's Hospital. Their friends were not injured.

My brother and sister-in-law, Preston and Nan West of Moriarty, New Mexico, came by Friday night and spent the night. We went to Clovis and had supper. The next morning we went to Friona for breakfast before they left. We had a good visit with them.

## SPS Board Declares Dividend

The board of directors of Southwestern Public Service Company (NYSE:SPS) has declared a regular quarterly dividend of 55 cents per share on common stock.

The dividend on common stock is payable March 1, 1997 to holders of record at the close of business February 14, 1997. SPS does not have preferred stock outstanding.

Southwestern Public Service is a regional electric utility that primarily provides electric service to a population of about one million people in a 52,000-square-mile area covering eastern and southeastern New Mexico, the South Plains and Panhandle of Texas, the Oklahoma Panhandle and southwestern Kansas.

Through its Utility Engineering Corporation and Quixx Corporation subsidiaries, the company also provides engineering, design and construction management services to a variety of industries and is involved in a number of non-utility power generation projects. Corporate headquarters are in Amarillo, Texas.

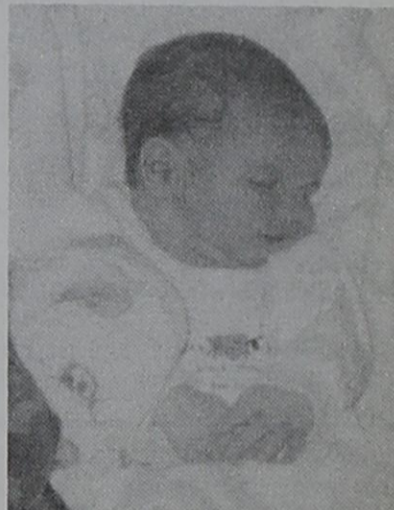
Funeral services were held on Wednesday for Maureen Bell, Durwood Bell's mother. She died Sunday at the Retirement Ranch in Clovis. She had lived here many years prior to moving to Clovis.

We extend sympathies to the family.

Our sympathies to the family of Edemia Aragon Lucero, 81, who died February 1. Services were held Monday at 1 p.m. Two of her daughters lived in Bovina, Ellice Virginia Martinez and Lucy Lucero.

She had two other daughters and one son, 24 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. Another great-granddaughter was born the day of the funeral.

Our sympathies to the family of Ruben Salazar, 36, who was killed in an automobile accident. His parents are Lupe and Paula Salazar. Funeral services were held here on Monday in Bovina.



## Kenneth Reagan Brantley Baby Boy Born Into Big Family

Kenneth "Reagan" Brantley was born January 22. He is the son of Rory and Dawnna of Midland, Texas.

He weighed eight pounds, ten ounces and was nineteen and three-fourths inches long. Reagan joins a big family that includes five generations of the Looneys, Brantleys, Smiths and Fridays.

His grandparents are Richard and Lea Brantley and Kayla Rawlings, all of Midland and Terry Smith of Big Spring, Texas.

Great grandparents are Dorothy Looney of Bovina; Howard R. Looney of Clovis, New Mexico; C.E. and Janelle Brantley of Plains, Texas; J.L. and Margie Smith and Sharon Hale and the late Kenneth Wells, all of Midland.

Great-great grandparents are Joe Looney and the late Reagan Looney of Bovina; Hattie B. Brantley and the late A.G. Brantley of Plains; Iola Terry and the late Oscar Terry of Coleman and Truman Friday of Midland.

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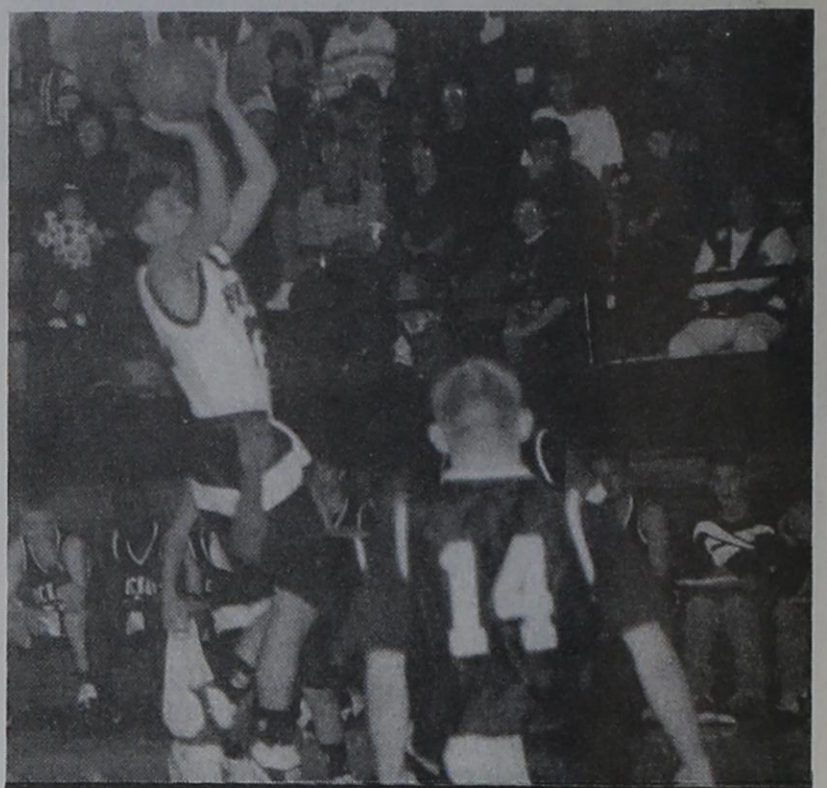
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 We love you and thank you,  
 Dorothy and Grady and The Ernest Jones Family



**HERD OF LONGHORNS....**Mustang Adan Perez (21) is surrounded by four Lockney Longhorns but manages to get the shot off anyway. Perez scored 17 points in the district contest against undefeated Lockney. The Mustangs lost a close one, 80-78. At right is Martin Reyna (13). (Ron Carr Photo)



**Mrs. Bell's Rites Held**

Services for Mrs. Maurine Bell, 98, of Clovis, New Mexico, were held Wednesday, February 5, at Bovina Methodist Church with the Rev. Neely Landrum officiating.

Burial was in the Bovina Cemetery.

Mrs. Bell was born April 4, 1898 in Itasca, Texas to Albert and Lillie Burns.

Mrs. Bell passed away at the Retirement Ranch in Clovis on February 2.

The family moved to Athens, Texas where she met and married Joel William Bell on October 12, 1912.

In 1917 they moved near Melrose, New Mexico. They lived there a year then returned to Athens in a covered wagon. They were on the road for twenty-one days in December. They came back to New Mexico in 1925 and settled in the Pleasant Hill Community where they farmed and raised their children. When they retired they moved to Clovis for a short time and then moved to Bovina.

Survivors include daughter and son-in-law, Gladys and Eric Pierce of Clovis; son and daughter-in-law, Durward and Fern Bell of Bovina; and daughter-in-law Jane Bell of Waskum, Texas.

Also, seven grandchildren, fifteen great grandchildren and eight great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe Bell in 1977; daughter, Lillian in 1918; son, Forrest in 1982; her parents and four brothers.

Pallbearers were grandsons Alex, Michael, Greg, Will and Joe Bell and Wayne Pierce.

**R. Salazar Rites Held**

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Monday, February 3, 1997 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina for Ruben Salazar, 36, of Post, Texas. Rev. Edward Kieran, pastor, officiated. Rosary was held Sunday, February 2 at 7 p.m. at St. Ann's.

The military burial was held at Bovina Cemetery.

Salazar died January 30, 1997 at Slaton, Texas following an automobile accident.

He was born April 7, 1960 in Muleshoe and was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina. He was residing in Post, Texas the past three years moving there from Clovis, New Mexico and was employed in the oil fields.

A 1979 graduate of Bovina High School, he was active in sports including football, basketball and track.

Survivors include a daughter, Adriana Salazar of Clovis, New Mexico; three step-daughters, Berta Salazar and Gina Salazar of Clovis and Lori Jones of Post, Texas; his parents, Lupe Salazar, Sr. and Paula Salazar of Bovina.

Also surviving are one brother, Lupe Salazar, Jr. of Amarillo; one sister, Carol Ortiz of Bovina and one grandchild.



**FIRE AND GO....**The Mustangs have a slim chance of playoff action depending on results from action Friday night, February 7. In action against Lockney, from top, Luke Steelman pumps a jump shot for three, Adan Perez fakes to Reyna, and Martin Reyna drives the sideline. The Mustangs lost a squeaker to Lockney, 80-78. (Ron Carr Photos)



**QUILT OF THE MONTH....**On display this month at Prairie Acres are two quilts made by resident Camille Lacewell. This one is a new afghan she made in December and the quilt on display is about 30 years old. She would like to make more afghans but says the yarn is difficult for her to get. (Ron Carr Photo)

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**E. Lucero's Rites Held**

Edemia Aragon Lucero, 81, died Saturday, February 1.

Services were at 1 p.m. Monday in The Chapel in Clovis, New Mexico with Robert Lucero, Sr. officiating. Burial was in Mission Garden of Memories by Muffley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Lucero was born in Antoin Chico, New Mexico. She married Jose Chavez Lucero in 1933 in Lubbock. They moved to Clovis in 1949.

She was a homemaker and a Pentecostal.

Survivors include four daughters, Betty Bustos of Amarillo; Lucy Lucero and Ellice Virginia Martinez, both of Bovina; and Mary Villarreal of Hereford; a son, Robert Lucero Sr. of Amarillo.

Also three sisters, Dylcinia Martinez of Bakersfield, California; and Mary Richardson and Flora Chavez, both of Lubbock; two brothers, Manuel Chavez and Reynaldo Chavez, both of Lubbock; 24 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

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