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"MY TURN"

By
Carol
Ellis



"SNAP, CRACKLE, POP!"
Walk down the grocery store aisle today, and the cereal boxes seem to be saying "This is a hold up! Give me all your money."

This week two congressmen called for an antitrust investigation of the high price of breakfast cereals which are produced by the four major cereal companies; Kellogg's, General Mills, Post and Quaker.

Consumers can pay over five dollars a pound for some of the breakfast cereals which are most popular with the moppet set (under age 10). I checked out some of the prices and found that Froot Loops is the most expensive cereal on the grocery shelves.

It's not that Froot Loops is the absolute best cereal for your children to eat. You're paying for a lot of cutesy gimmicks and gotcha's. Froot Loops has a plastic toy submarine inside the box.

Cereal companies try to outdo each other in their efforts to grab the eye of that little tyke riding in the front of mommy's grocery cart. Tyke whines and points to the one he wants. If mommy ignores tyke, he sets up a louder noise until she puts that cereal box into the cart.

Notice that the major companies place their cereal products on the middle shelf, right at eye level for the little guy in the cart. Cheaper in-house brands and adult cereals (lots of fiber) have to use the top or bottom shelves.

Every cereal has some sort of gimmick, an identifying cartoon character, a game on the back, a toy inside the box, or a chance to win prizes of some sort.

Cocoa Krispies has 30 free Nintendo Game Boy stickers inside the box. Raisin Bran has certificates inside which entitle you to play video games at specified participating arcade locations. Golden Crisp (formerly known as Super Sugar Crisp) has a glow-in-the-dark poster inside the box, plus a game piece giving you a chance on a lottery-type game with up to \$5,000 in prizes. Apple Jacks and Frosted Flakes are currently running a \$600,000 sweepstakes deal with Nintendo Donky Kong games as prizes.

Is there any doubt why cereal prices have doubled in the past 10 years? Cost of the actual grain product which goes into that box of cereal makes up only 6.5 per cent of what you are paying for it. The promotional gimmicks and advertising cost 43 per cent, while packaging and shipping make up 36 per cent.

This isn't anything new, though. My good old boy says he remembers when he was a little kid, there were always three cereal boxes with no tops on them in his Granny's pantry, because he was always sending off the box tops for stuff like a "Superman secret decoder ring" which you could get for three box tops and a dime. Now you can buy a box of Cap'n Crunch cereal for over \$4.00 and send three proofs of purchase plus \$8.75 for a Mighty Morphin Power Ranger Watch.

Wouldn't it be nice if we could buy only the cereal?

Residents Are Honored

Bovina Chamber of Commerce honored the city's outstanding citizens at the 35th annual banquet Thursday evening.

Phyllis Steelman and Steve Venable were honored as Man and Woman of the Year. Carolyn Widner was named Educator of the Year.

Brooke Charles and Benji Mitard were selected for the Outstanding Young People awards.

Amos Steelman was given the Heritage award. Jay and Patsy Sherrill were honored for longest continuous business.

Miss Texas, Arian Archer entertained the nice crowd.

More details, photos in next week's Blade.



QUILT PROJECT...Pictured are ladies of the United Methodist Church with forty quilts they have just completed and will be sending to Brazil on an orphanage. They are l-r, Jerry Ware, Sue Fowler, Thelma Barron, Doris Sikes, and Denise Jones.

Methodist Ladies Have Quilt Project

Several ladies of the First United Methodist Church in Bovina have been working for the past two months on quilts that will be shipped to Campa Muraao, Brazil, South America.

The ladies started making these quilts in January and have worked every Tuesday getting them ready. Patches of knit material are stitched on the sewing machine then are tacked in the middle of each square. They are not heavy quilts but the weather doesn't get that cold in Brazil, according to the ladies.

This is the seventeenth year that they have been making quilts and sending them to Brazil. They will be shipped in March and it will take three months to arrive there. Winter in Brazil begins in June so the children at the orphanage will get the quilts at a good time.

The ladies said this orphanage is run by the Dickersons and they are David Dixon's wife's parents.

Science Fair Winners Given

There was a great turnout for the second annual Science Fair at Bovina Elementary School.

It was reported that the students did a fantastic job on their projects. Each project takes a lot of time, hard work, and persistence. The children can have fun while doing a science project.

Winners of the Science Fair are as follows:

First Place-- Destiny Cruz, Mayra Banuelos, Kris Galvan, Mathew Villarreal, Nayeli Ovalle, Erika Guillen, Trey Widner, Amber Lide, Tabitha Englant, Christen Stowers, and Jerry Sherbon.

Second Place-- Austin Clayton, Kimberly King, Annabel Loe, Troy Turner, Brandi Stinnett, Marta Gomez, Jeffrey Casas, Rocio Antillon, Briselda Rodriguez, Silvino Silva, and Alonzo Vela.

Third Place-- Amber Widner, Flor Sanchez, Martissa Salazar, Alex Espinoza, Daniel Garcia, Dustin Lara, Luzana Chavez, Jeremy Ortiz, and Josue Valdez.

D.S. Electric Co-op Tells Meeting Date

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative members will receive capital credit refunds from 1980, 1981 and a portion of 1982 totaling \$1,500,000 at the cooperative's annual meeting and dinner Tuesday, March 14. The meeting begins at 5 p.m. in the Hereford Bull Barn.

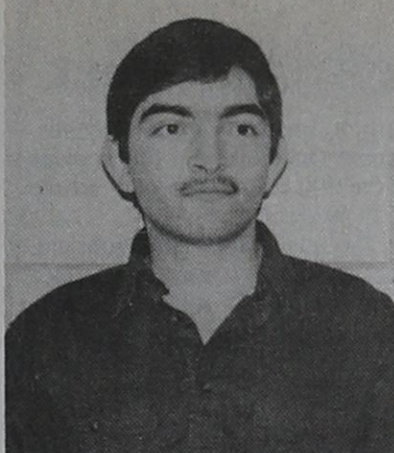
A fish, chicken, and beef dinner will be served and the Florida Boys will provide the entertainment following the meal.

A short business meeting to elect two directors will follow the Florida Boys first performance.

Incumbent Jerry Roberts and nominee Morris Blankenship are candidates for Position 1. Candidates for Position 2 are incumbent Wendol Christian and nominee Leon Ware.

Another highlight of the evening's activities will be drawings for door prizes totaling more than one thousand dollars. A color television set will be awarded as the grand prize.

The Florida Boys, making their



MIGUEL PEREZ

Miguel Perez Is Honored

Miguel Perez has been named as this week's student of the week at Bovina High School. He is a sophomore and the son of Gregoria and Jose Perez.

Miguel is sixteen years old and plans to attend college after graduation from high school. He is reported to be a hard-working person and always tries hard at every endeavor.

third appearance at Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative's annual meeting, have been singing as a group for over 40 years. Along the way, they have established some impressive landmarks.

They hosted The Gospel Singing Jubilee, the most successful gospel music television program in history and winner of many "Dove" awards.

The group was the first Southern Gospel group signed by Canaan Records when Word Records began that division in 1964.

The Florida Boys are among the select few who have stayed in the business for forty years and are in a class by themselves when it comes to productivity over that many years.

The Florida Boys are pioneers in Southern Gospel and are forging new paths today as they are taking Southern Gospel into areas it has not gone before.

Elementary Students Of The Month

The following Bovina Elementary School students have been chosen as students of the month for the month of March.

They are John Paul Guzman, Alma De La Cruz, Elizabeth Trevino, Sandra Chairez, Ray Ramos, Daniel Garcia, Tabitha Englant, Jose Valdez, Yesika Ramirez, Lorena Hernandez, Brandon Edwards, Marquita Fletcher, Chris De La Cruz, Kathy Cantu, Saul Newton, Javier Guevara, Flor Sanchez, Mike Olivera, and Davena Henson.



RICHARD CARSON



JIMMIE COCKERHAM

WTRT To Hold 41st Annual Membership Meeting March 21

Election of directors for the Tharp, Milo Center and Westway exchanges and voting on a major revision of the bylaws will highlight the forty-first annual meeting of the membership of West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative, March 21, at the Hereford Bull Barn.

Registration and serving of a barbecued beef and sausage dinner, catered by K-Bob's Steak House of Hereford, will begin promptly at 6 p.m. The business session is set to start at 7 p.m.

All cooperative members who register at the annual meeting are eligible to vote on directors and bylaws during the business session. Members will also hear a financial report.

Other activities will include a catered dinner, entertainment by local musicians, The Texas Country, and drawings for door prizes valued at over \$1,000.

Amending the cooperative's bylaws would update and clarify them, simplify accounting, eliminate membership fees and retain unclaimed patronage capital credit funds for local benefit.

In the past, when the cooperative has been unable to forward capital credit checks to their rightful owners within three years due to lack of a current address, those funds reverted to the State of Texas.

If amending the bylaws is approved by the membership, those unclaimed capital credit funds would be considered a gift to the cooperative and channeled into a scholarship fund that would assist students in the WTRT service area.

Amending the bylaws would also clarify procedures for dealing with certain taxable patronage funds.

Another important proposed bylaws change would eliminate the required \$10 membership fee and the issuing of membership certificates. All membership fees currently being held by the cooperative would be refunded. WTRT's financial position is sufficiently strong to eliminate the need for the membership fees and the change would substantially reduce paperwork.

The requirement that two candidates be named by the nominating committee for board positions coming open at the end of a term would be eliminated under a proposed amendment. The nominating committee would have greater responsibility in selecting candidates if the change is approved.

Several other changes deal with housekeeping matters such as bringing language that hasn't been changed since 1977 up to date.

Members will be able to cast a block vote on the entire package of proposed amendments, or they can vote up or down on each individual change.

The terms of office of incumbent WTRT director Jimmie Cockerham of the Tharp exchange in Parmer County, Ernest Flood, Jr. of the Westway exchange and Carl Straffuss of the Milo Center exchange in Deaf Smith County are expiring. A director election is being held to fill those board positions.

In accordance with cooperative bylaws, a nominating committee representing all the WTRT exchanges met in January and submitted two nominees for each of

the board positions.

Incumbent directors are eligible for re-election and nominees included all three incumbents in addition to Richard Carson of the Tharp exchange, Tommy Wells of the Milo Center exchange, and Dwight Jesko of the Westway exchange.

Cockerham, 65, is a farmer near Bovina, in Parmer County, and has served as the Tharp exchange representative on the board of directors since 1967. He has served as president, vice-president and secretary of the WTRT board during that tenure. He and his wife, Barbara, are the parents of four children and they have eight grandchildren.

Carson, 47, farms and ranches north of Bovina in the Tharp exchange. He is a 1966 graduate of Bovina High School and holds a bachelor of arts degree in economics from Texas Tech University. He served two years in the Peace Corps in Cameroon, Africa and was

employed two years with the Parmer County ASCS office. He is a volunteer with the Bovina Ambulance Service and is a deacon and member of the board of the First Baptist Church of Bovina.

Scouts To Hold Sale

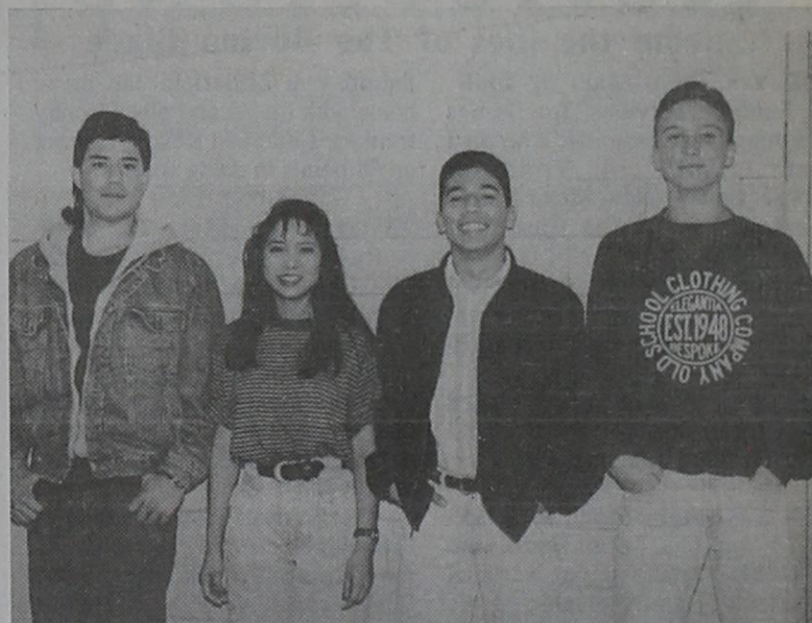
The Girl Scouts will be selling cookies with a booth sale Saturday, March 11, at the Pay-N-Save Super Market in Bovina.

The cookies will sell for \$2.50 a box and there will be free samples.

The kinds of cookies that will be sold are Do-si-dos, Tinfoils, Samoas, Juliette, Taga-longs, Snapo, Mint, and Chalet Creams.

Temperatures

Date	Hi-Low
Friday, March 3	64-26
Saturday, March 4	69-35
Sunday, March 5	70-32
Monday, March 6	65-46
Tuesday, March 7	45-16
Wednesday, March 8	59-25
Thursday, March 9	63-28



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK...Last week there was a tie for student of the week. The four Bovina High School students who tied for this honor were: (l-r) Francisco Nieto, Jr., Josie Viernes, George Juan Villarreal, and Tony Beauchamp.

Two Students Tie For School Honors

Last week, there was a tie for student of the week, so four students were chosen. They were Francisco Nieto, Jr., Josie Viernes, George Juan Villarreal, and Tony Beauchamp.

Francisco Nieto, Jr. is the son of Francisco and Maria Nieto. He is a freshman at Bovina High School.

Francisco enjoys playing football, basketball, lifting weights and being with his friends.

Francisco has two brothers and three sisters.

Josie Viernes is the 17-year-old daughter of Tiburcio and Bacilia Viernes. She is a senior at Bovina High School.

Josie has three sisters and one brother, Isabel, 19; Noemi, 10; Rebeca, eight; and Fabian, 12 years old. She has lived in Bovina all of her life and has enjoyed it very much, she reported.

Josie plans to continue her education at South Plains College or WTAMU and become a legal secretary or a medical assistant.

Josie is involved in the National

Honor Society program. She enjoys spending time with her friends and listening to music. She attends the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witnesses.

George Juan Villarreal is a freshman at Bovina High School and is the son of George and Nickie Villarreal.

George was elected president of his freshman class. He is a member of the student council and student advisory committee.

George is a member of the Mustang Band and he also enjoys playing sports in his spare time. He attends Saint Ann's Catholic Church.

Tony Beauchamp is the son of Mike and Debra Beauchamp.

He participates in football, basketball, track, and golf. He is the Greenhand vice president in the FFA.

Tony enjoys playing sports and swimming in the summer. He is a member of the First United Methodist Church of Bovina.

S.T.A.R.S. Are Listed

The following students are recognized for being on the S.T.A.R.S. Recognition List at Bovina Elementary School for the fourth six-weeks.

They are Jeffery Casas, Luzana Chavez, Rebeca Viernes, Christopher Bachicha, Juan Carrillo, Victoria Carrillo, Isreal Escobar, Victor Garcia, Kody Hawkins, Crystal Morris, Daniela Quintero, Jennifer Reyna, Elizabeth Alonzo, Rebeca Carrillo, Emigdio Flores, Hugo Martinez, Eliseo Salazar, Edgar Ortiz, Matthew Villarreal, Savannah Villanueva, Troy Turner.

Also, Adriana Ramirez, Gonzolo Quintero, Christopher Ortiz, Sandra Moreno, Wendy Gomez, Alex Espinoza, Brandon Edwards, Mayra Banuelos, Martin Carrillo, Randa Englant, Brandi Holguin, John Nelson, Maria Perez, Romualdo Ruiz, Flor Sanchez, Christy Villarreal, Christine Villarreal, Brandi Stinnett, Ricardo Rojas, Abraham Rocha, Morgan Parson, Nayeli Ovalle, Daniel Garcia, Crystal Galvan, Gorden De La Rosa, Kasi Birdsong, Juan Contreas, Jose Salas, Cristina Carmona, Juan Vara.

Also, Edgar Aguilon, Nimesio Rodriguez, Annabel Loe, Eric Garza, Kris Galvan, Agustine Ruiz, Rocio Antillon, Arelly Chairez, Tabitha Englant, Sammy Espinoza, Rene Flores, Mitchel Vela, Christen Stowers, Noemi Viernes, Silvino Silva, Diego Ruiz, Briselda Rodriguez, Yesika Ramirez, Kathy Perez, Stephen Olivarez, Timothy Martinez, Amber King, Alejandra Aguilon, Jennifer Cantu, David Garcia, Eddie Garcia, Rigo Gonzales, Veronica Herrera, April Martinez, Danny Martinez, Carla Nieto, Jeremy Ortiz, Fidelfo Saucedo, Jerry Sherbon, Alonzo Vela, and Angela Villarreal.

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Reflections

...from the files of The Bovina Blade

35 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 9, 1960
Funeral services for James Washington Ellison, 87, who died last Tuesday in Truth or Consequences, New Mexico were conducted in Bovina Church of Christ Friday.

Emmett Tabor underwent surgery in Clovis Memorial Hospital Tuesday morning at 10 a.m.

Mrs. Eva Gaines was admitted to Clovis Memorial Hospital Monday night from pneumonia.

30 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 6, 1965
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris were in Caddo, Oklahoma last weekend to attend a family reunion of the Harris family. It was held at the home of his mother, Mrs. I. A. Harris.

Two of Bovina's Fillies have been named to the all district team. Forward Lynn Looney and guard Linda Estes were named to the first team. Named to the second team from the Fillies were forwards Judy Strawn and Sandra Patterson and guard Kathy Minyen.

25 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 11, 1970
A grainery on the Fred O'Hair farm south of Bovina was destroyed by fire Saturday night. Cause of the blaze was not known, according to O'Hair.

A 1956 grain truck, stolen the middle of January near Bovina has been found in Amarillo. Howard Looney, owner of the vehicle, was informed last week the truck was found on the north side of Amarillo. He says the vehicle needs some work done on it, but is apparently in pretty good shape.

Bovina High School students participated in a forensics tournament at Texas Tech Friday and Saturday and placed in nearly every event, according to Mrs. Margaret Durben, group sponsor.

20 Yrs. Ago--Mar. 12, 1975
Karen Kirkpatrick was named head of the Bovina Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture by board of directors at a luncheon meeting Wednesday of last week at Bovina Restaurant and Steak House.

The Bovina Filly track squad entered its first meet of the season



BOVINA BOYS VARSITY TRACK TEAM.... Pictured here are the members of the 1995 Bovina High School boys varsity track team. In the back row (left-right) are: Benji Mitard, Andy Espinoza, Jaime Flores and Enrique Mares; (front row) Richard Beauchamp, Roberto Perez and Gerardo Rubalcava.



BOYS JV 1995 TRACK TEAM...Back row, left to right: Pablo Martinez, Martin Reyna, Adan Perez, John Stormes, Tony Beauchamp, Albert Larrea, Manny Quintana, John Saucedo, Santiago Serna. Front row, Ezequiel Flores, Hector Larrea, Jose Garcia, Chris Arias, Joe Villarreal, Juan Martinez.

Junior Varsity Boys Track Team Does Well At Meet

The Junior Varsity track team recently competed at the Morton Last Frontier Relays, Saturday. They finished fourth place in the team standings with 68 points, and also competed against some very strong 3A schools.

Ezequiel Flores finished second place in the 3200 meter run with a time of 12:03, and placed third in the 1600 meter run with a time of 5:40. This made Ezequiel the top point getter for Bovina with 14 points, eight for second place and six for third place.

Martin Reyna finished first in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:16. Joe Villarreal placed sixth in the 100 meter dash with a time of 12.43 seconds. Albert Larrea finished in the 400 meter dash for second place with a time of 55.7 seconds.

Tony Beauchamp ran the 300 meter hurdles and placed second

with a time of 46.25 seconds. Manny Quintana won fourth place in the 200 meter dash with a time of 25.69 seconds.

The relays did a great job, too. The sprint relay won fourth place with a time of 49.45 seconds. Members of the sprint relay were: Jose Garcia, Albert Larrea, Adan Perez, and Martin Reyna. The mile relay placed third with a time of 3:52.56. Martin Reyna, Adan Perez, Tony Beauchamp, and Albert Larrea were the members of this relay.

We had two athletes place in the field events. Martin Reyna took fifth place with a jump of 17'9". Tony Beauchamp placed sixth in the triple jump with a jump of 36'9 1/2".

"The team did an excellent job for the first meet of the season. We are all looking forward to the up and coming meets," Coach Beets said.

Fillies Win 19 Medals In Morton Track Meet

The Bovina Fillies competed in their first meet of the year, the Morton "Last Frontier Relays," on Saturday, March 3.

The Fillies finished with 111 points and second in the team standings behind class 3A Friona. The Fillies made a very strong showing as they came away with 19 medals and one relay championship trophy.

Highlights of the meet included a very impressive showing by Bovina's distance runners Brooke Charles, Carmen Campos, and Maria Fragoza. They contributed 42 points to the team total in their respective events, the 3200 meter, 1600 meter, and the 800 meter runs.

Times and efforts were extremely good for this early in the year and for the 40 mph plus winds these young ladies had to compete in.

Sophomore Amber Willard produced one of the area's best 200 meter performances as she raced to a 26.6 prelim and a 26.9 final time to win her event.

Fillie relays also did very well,

placing first, second, and third, respectively in the 400, 800, and 1600 meter relays.

Meet results were:
Shot Put-- First place, Amber Willard, 31' 5 3/4"; Seventh place, Priscilla Martinez.

Discus-- Sixth place, Lisa Hromas, 69' 11"; Seventh place, Martinez, 68' 2 1/4".

3200 Meter Run-- First place, Brooke Charles, 13:11; Third place, Carmen Campos, 14:01.

400 Meter Relay-- First place, Bovina (Melissa Cantu, Hromas, Sally Noriega, Willard), 54.57.

800 Meter Run-- Second place, Maria Fragoza, 2:48.06.

800 Meter Relay-- Second place, Bovina (Rachael Turner, Lori Beauchamp, Cantu, Noriega), 2:02.02.

200 Meter Dash-- First place, Willard, 26.9.

1600 Meter Run-- First place, Charles, 6:08.49; Second place, Fragoza, 6:27.7.

1600 Meter Relay-- Third place, Bovina (Turner, Cantu, Beauchamp, Widner), 4:45.19.

INHALANTS & POISONS

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Awareness Week March 19-25, 1995

Special Week Focuses On Inhalant Prevention

The Bovina Police Department, The National Inhalant Prevention Coalition and the Texas Prevention Partnership are sponsoring a week-long awareness campaign to alert the public to the severity of inhalant abuse, especially among youth 12-14 years old.

"Statistics indicate almost one

L.D. Ready For Season

It's Little Dribbler's basketball time again, and this year's season will start February 21, 1995.

Again we will be selecting a boys all-star team to represent Bovina in the Boys regional tournament. The tournament will be held in Shallowater Texas, April 11-15, 1995.

Again this year we are asking if anyone wanting to donate to the All-Star team may do so by going by the First Bank of Bovina.

The account that his team is under is the Bovina All-Stars. We will be trying to take two All-Star teams, a junior and a major division. This will depend on the donations and contributions.

If you have any questions or comments please contact Manuel Torres at 238-1133 or 238-9944.

Remember, that these teams will be representing your town of Bovina and need your support.

BHS Boys Tracksters At Morton

The Bovina varsity track team competed in the Morton "Last Frontier Relays" last weekend. The young men competed very well and brought home four medals.

Benji Mitard placed first in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 16:3 and also placed first in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles with a time of 43:3.

Roberto Perez placed second in the 400-meter run with a good time of 55:2.

Gerardo Rubalcava ran a fast race to place third in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12:02.

Andy Espinoza placed fourth in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:17.42.

This year's members of the Bovina boys varsity track team are Benji Mitard, Andy Espinoza, Jaime Flores, Enrique Mares, Richard Beauchamp, Robert Perez and Gerardo Rubalcava.

in five Texas students has "sniffed" or "huffed" legal products such as spray paint or gasoline to "get high" by the time they reach seventh grade," said Bovina Police Chief, Leon Saddler.

National statistics from a University of Michigan study mirror those in Texas showing inhalants to be the third most abused substance after alcohol and tobacco among 12-14 year old children. However, while national statistics indicate use has increased over the last several years, Texas studies have indicated a decline in inhalant use in Texas.

Schools, community groups, drug prevention and health professionals, churches, businesses, law enforcement and the media are being recruited to help with education campaign. Forty-five other states and nearly 200 cities in Texas are participating.

For more information call, the Bovina Police Department at 238-1133 or the Texas Prevention Partnership at 1-800-269-4237.

Elementary Honor Roll Is Given

The Bovina Elementary School honor roll for the fourth six-weeks has been announced this week by elementary principal, Darla Sealey.

All A's

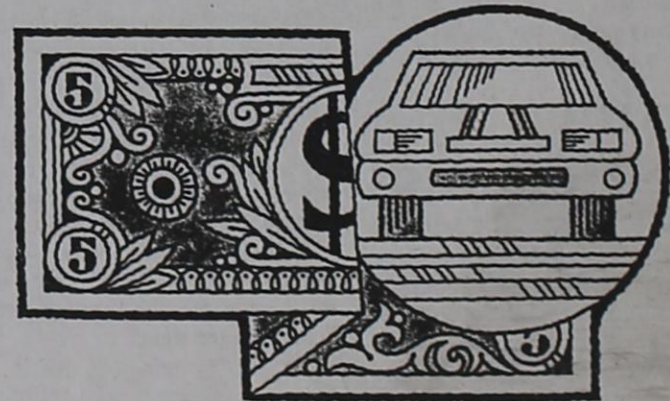
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A's and B's

Rebeca Carrillo, Elizabeth Alonzo, Marta Gomez, Dustin Lara, Hugo Martinez, Eliseo Salazar, Kristen Montgomery, Hugo Aguilon, Roger Martinez, Jessica Ampan, Juan Carrillo, Isreal Escobar, David Guevara, Kody Hawkins, Daniela Quintero, Myra Banuelos, Silvino Silva, Paula Chavez, Veronica Herrera, Jerry Sherbon.

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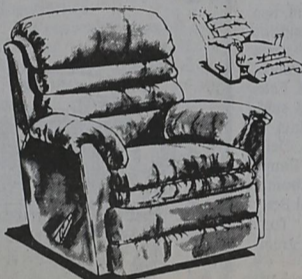
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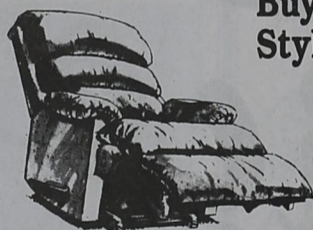
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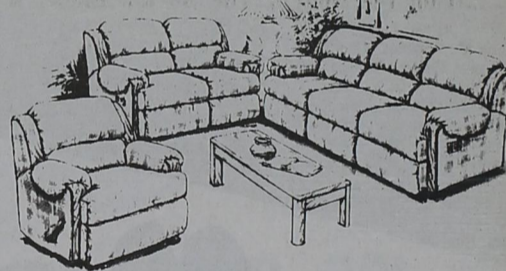
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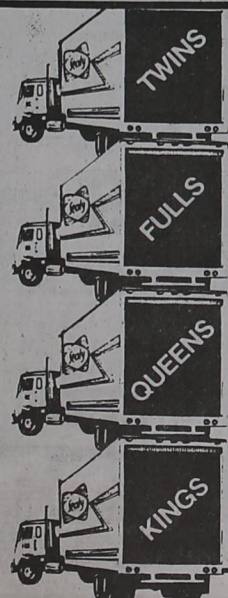
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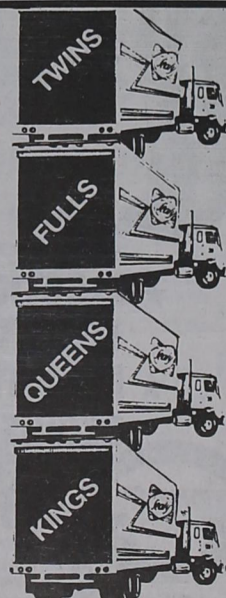
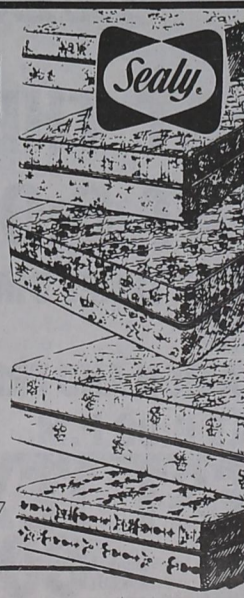
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County Meeting To Discuss Boll Weevil Referendum

Information on the High Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Referendum will be provided on Friday, March 17 at the Farwell Community Center.

"We're conducting this educational meeting along with 29 other High Plains and adjacent Rolling Plains counties in the proposed eradication zone," said Gary Patterson, County Extension Agent. "This two-hour boll weevil meeting will be conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and will begin at 10 a.m.," he said.

It has been accredited by the Texas Department of Agriculture for two continuing education units (CEUs) toward re-certification requirements for private pesticide applicators.

Brant Baugh, EA-ENTO (PM), will present information on the present boll weevil situation and the proposed referendum so that cotton producers can make an informed decision when they have the opportunity to vote in April. A representative from Plains Cotton Growers (PCG) will follow with a presentation which will further emphasize the critical nature of the present boll weevil situation and provide details about the proposed referendum and program operation.

The Plains Cotton Growers Boll Weevil Suppressions Program has operated for 31 years and has successfully kept the boll weevil from becoming an established economic pest in the High Plains area, the biggest cotton patch in the world.

"Area producers have enjoyed a competitive edge compared to other regions of the cotton belt where insect control often means spraying up to 15 times a season," said Dr. James Leser, Extension entomologist at Lubbock. "Many of these pesticide applications can be directly attributed to the presence of boll weevils."

The PCG program uses a fall diapause control program, applying malathion within its operational boundaries that, with the help of cold winter weather, reduce the number of boll weevils able to successfully survive as over-

wintering adults until a new cotton crop is up and squaring in the early summer.

Malathion is a proven and safe insecticide which has been used by the diapause program for 31 years. It was also used for the California Medfly program and is widely used for mosquito control in towns across this area. The program control zone, roughly along the edge of the Caprock Escarpments, creates a buffer to the east and south of the High Plains acreage, separating weevil infested areas of the Rolling Plains and the uninfested areas of the High Plains.

Leser explains that the boll weevil has recently out-flanked the PCG control program and has moved into previously uninfested areas at an alarming pace the last two years.

Infestations are widespread as far north as Lubbock, Lynn, Dawson, Terry, Gaines and Yoakum counties. He noted that scattered infestations have been detected in Hale, Crosby, Floyd, Briscoe, Hockley and Lamb counties.

Leser warns that if left unchecked, the boll weevil could easily cost area producers over \$160 million in yield losses, fiber quality reductions and increase insecticide costs. "The worst case scenario is that the weevil could put us out of the cotton business."

The boll weevil has taken advantage of four consecutive mild winters, resulting in unprecedented number of weevils surviving to infest cotton in the early summer, Leser explains. The 1994-95 winter appears to be the mildest one of them all. Cotton producers in the southern High Plains area can expect an expensive battle with this pest this year, says Leser.

Mild winters, coupled with greatly expanded overwintering sites in the form of grasses in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), have significantly altered the boll weevil's chances of overwintering on the High Plains.

In the past, CRP grasses were not considered as very good insulators from cold temperatures

associated with "normal" winters. However, recent mild temperatures are proving that CRP grasses can provide excellent overwintering habitat during mild winters.

Producers are encouraged to attend this or other boll weevil eradication referendum meetings scheduled during the month of March. For further information, contact the County Extension Office or a representative from Plains Cotton Growers.

Ex-County Judge Is Buried

Funeral services for Archie Tarter, 87, of Farwell, were held February 25 in Ellis Funeral Home Chapel of Muleshoe, with the Rev. Rick Sullivan, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park.

Tarter died Thursday, February 23, 1995 in Farwell Convalescent Center.

He was born April 12, 1907 in St. Louis, Oklahoma. He married Grace Gowen in 1939. She died in 1959.

He married Benna Felts on November 22, 1983, in Hereford. He was a member of Farwell Rotary Club and First Baptist Church, and was a past member of the Masonic Lodge.

Tarter was a former Farmer County judge and a former Farmer County commissioner.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, David of Weatherford and Joe of Lazbuddie; two step-sons, Charles L. Felts of Los Alamos, New Mexico and Richard E. Felts of Ruidoso, New Mexico; a step-daughter, Kayla Felts Skelton of Caldwell, Idaho; four sisters, Della Spitzer of Ada, Oklahoma, Emma Raper of Maude, Oklahoma, Georgia Frye of Lubbock and Betty Glaze of Muleshoe; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

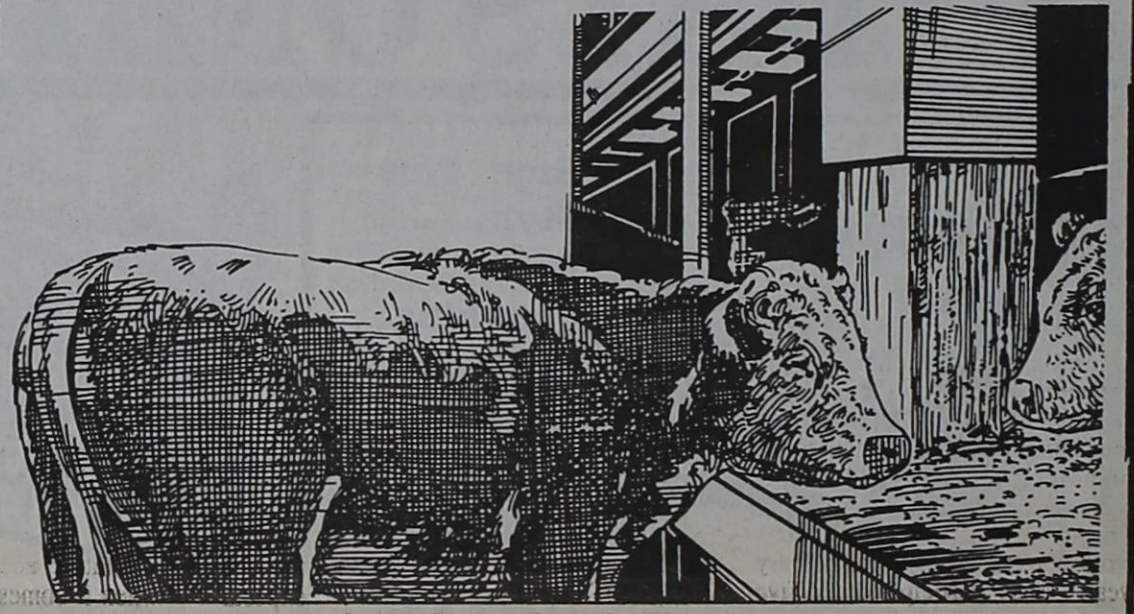
The family suggests memorials be made to the Farwell Volunteer Fire Department.

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WEST TEXAS RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.

County Native Gets Spotlight At Epcot

Walt Disney World Florida announces it has named Andy Alexander of Orlando to be the new performer/lead of the World Showcase Players at Epcot 95.

The move comes as part of a large scale revitalization of Epcot entertainment. "We're developing a new mission...for Epcot," according to Linda Warren, executive vice president of Epcot 95.

The park, formerly known as Epcot Center, is the largest of the three theme parks in the 24,000 acre Disneyworld resort complex. It boasts eight pavilions devoted to science and technology in the Futureworld half of the park, and eleven different countries in the world's air atmosphere of the World Showcase.

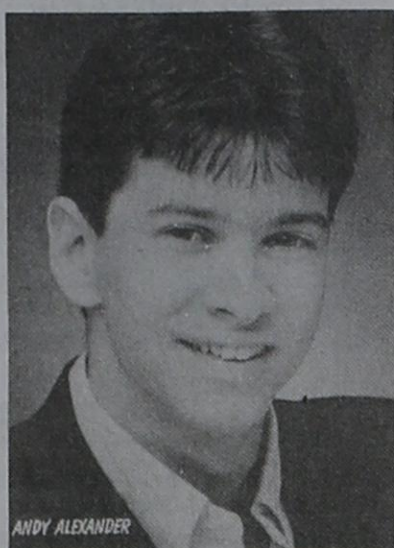
The World Showcase players are a group of professional actors from all over the U.S. who provide live interactive entertainment for the guests.

Alexander is not a stranger to Epcot entertainment. He has been there five years. He estimates he has been in 7,000 performances with the Anacomical Players, an improvisational comedy troupe playing daily in the Wonders of Life pavilion. "Andy has been the performer/lead of the Anacomical Players for the past three years," said Sean Keohane, a spokesman for Disney.

Alexander's new duties will include supervising the United Kingdom's Olde Globe Players and the Canadian Comedy Corps, as well as performances for special events. "I'm like a player/manager," said Alexander, borrowing a baseball simile. "I perform in the shows, but I also serve as a liaison between administrative management, creative management and the actors."

A native of the small farming community of Friona, Texas, the twenty-nine year old attributes much of his interest in acting to his hometown's summer drama workshop program. Friona's Friends of Fine Arts sponsors this workshop for the city's youth every year. Andy participated for five years, beginning when he was twelve. "It was a great experience," he said.

Alexander attended school at



ANDY ALEXANDER

both Friona and Bovina. He is the son of Dr. Robert Alexander and Sarah Owen.

Outside of Disneyworld, the young Texan will continue to serve as the artistic director of the James Best Theatre for Children, and he intends to continue pursuing his acting career in whatever medium it takes him, whether stage, film or television.

Courthouse Notes

Instrument Report Ending February 24, 1995, County Clerk's Office, Parmer County, Texas, Bonnie Warren, County Clerk

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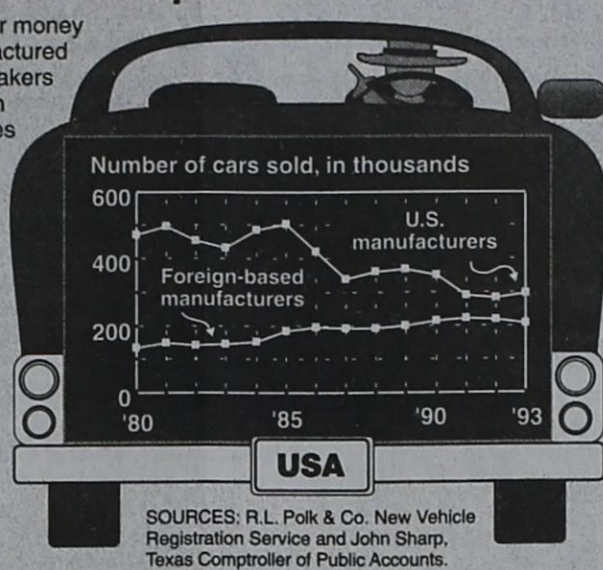
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WD, James Douglas Crawford, Millard I. Murray, the N/14 ft. of Lot 29, and all of Lots 30, 31 and 32, Blk. 37, OT Farwell

Keeping an eye on Texas

Texans increase purchase of U.S. cars

Texans put their money on cars manufactured by U.S. auto makers in 1993, with an increase in sales to 296,151 vehicles. Foreign-based manufacturers saw sales decline to 205,120 last year.



GRAPHICS BY: Kate McKenna

SOURCES: R.L. Polk & Co. New Vehicle Registration Service and John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Zimmatic Dealer Earns Top Award

Irrigation Pumps & Power, Inc. of Muleshoe recently received the Zimmatic President's Award For Outstanding Performance at Lindsay Manufacturing Co.'s annual dealer convention held this year in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The Zimmatic President's Award For Outstanding Performance recognizes Irrigation Pumps & Power, Inc. as one of the top Zimmatic dealers in 1994. The award is a product of the dealers' sales performance and their commitment to customer service and satisfaction.

The convention focused on the challenges that dealerships are facing in order to be successful and provide better service to their customers. The dealers attended meetings on new product technology, industry issues and participated in dealer discussion panels.

According to Robert Snoozy, vice president of marketing at Lindsay Manufacturing Co., "Dealers will need to meet or exceed their customers' future needs and expectations when it comes to the new technology surfacing in the irrigation industry."

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provide time and energy saving technology, and improving service to their customers," Snoozy commented.

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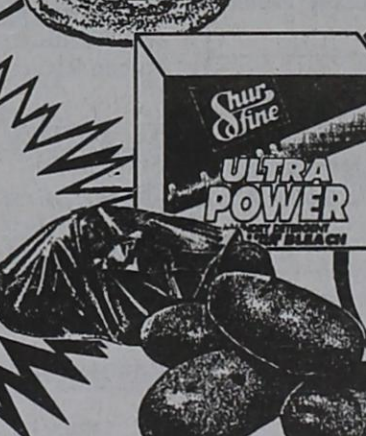
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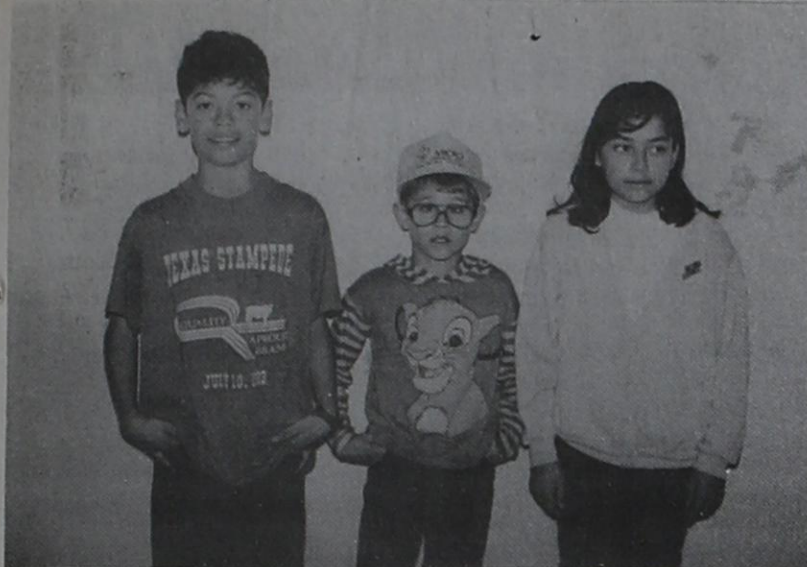
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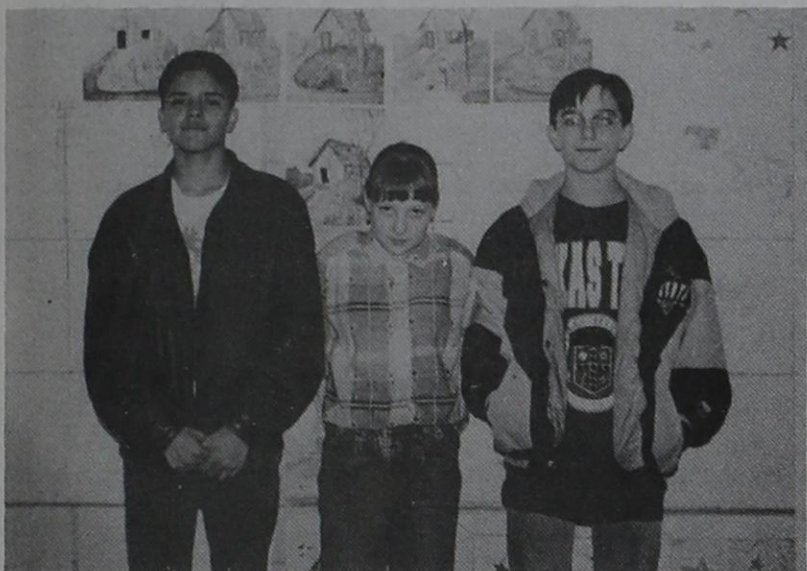


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JR. WINNERS...These students competed in the local spelling bee on February 22. Left to right, Augustine Ruiz, first place; Brandon Edwards, third place; and Maria Perez, second place.



SENIOR WINNERS in the spelling bee are shown, left to right: Derrick Vanegas, first place; Jimmi Dawn Jones, second place; and Josh Willard, third place. The local spelling bee took place on February 22.

1995 Spelling Bee Winners Announced

Bovina's 1995 Scripps-Howard Spelling Bee was held in the Bovina School Auditorium on February 22.

The junior bee consisted of students representing the third, fourth, and fifth grades. This bee lasted five rounds.

First place in the junior bee went to Augustine Ruiz, fourth grader; second place went to Maria Perez, third grader; and third place winner was Brandon Edwards, third grader.

These three winners then joined the sixth, seventh, and eighth graders for the senior bee.

After 17 rounds, Derrick Vanegas came in first place in the senior bee; Jimmi Dawn Jones won second; and Josh Willard was third.

Local winners will now compete in the Parmer County bee on March 9 at the Bovina School Auditorium.

Other participants in the junior spelling bee were Eddy Garcia,

Jessica Reyna, Romualdo Ruiz, Jeffery Casas, Danny Martinez, Crystal Morris, Troy Turner, Ricardo Rojas, Javier Guevara, Joaquin Marin, Adolfo Perez, Victoria Carrello, Amber King, Destiny Cruz, Christen Stowers, Elizabeth Alonzo, and Michael Olivera.

Others who participated in the senior spelling bee were Maria Perez, Joe Rodriguez, Chris Dopp, Melissa Cano, Alfred Uriegas, Marlana Gomez, Mike Robledo, Brandon Edwards, Jeremy Willard, Augustine Ruiz, J. T. Roach, Michelle Guzman, Levi Steelman, Blake Clements, Walter Kessler, Krysta Morris, Tyson Kerby.

Amarillo Globe News is the sponsor of the spelling bees in this area and books containing words used are supplied to students for their study.

Mrs. Linda Atwell, high school teacher, was the pronouncer for the spelling bee.

Scooter's Scoops

By Scooter Russell



The weather is changeable again this week. Tuesday morning, after a temperature of 68 degrees on Monday, temperature was 16 degrees with a chill factor below zero. Temperatures are supposed to reach eighty degrees by Saturday. It was windy and cold on Monday night but only showered for a short time and a little snow flurries.

NEWS AROUND TOWN...

Fred O'Hair is still a patient at the Clovis Hospital where he was taken by ambulance a week ago Monday following a bad stroke. The O'Hairs' daughter, Claudia, flew in from Longview on Sunday and she will be here for several days with her mom, Artie Faye.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BOVINA!!!

March 12--Susan Kerby.
March 15--Stefanie Bowman, Michael Carson, Lawrence Gray.

March 16--Luke Steelman, Jack Patterson, Bill Gist.

March 17--Alan Hromas, Patricia Anaya, Ovid Lawlis, Britton Barrett.

March 18--Pat Read, Mary Rose Weber.

(Editor's note: If someone in your family is observing a birthday, please call 238-1523, in advance, to get the name on our birthday calendar.)

Lee Stevenson was released from the Clovis Hospital where she spent several days suffering from double pneumonia. She was released Thursday.

Grace Stormes was a patient at the Friona Hospital for almost a month but has been released and is now at home with her son Sam and family in Bovina. She had to return to the hospital for a couple of days but has been released. She has to be on oxygen twenty four hours a day.

Don and Juanda Murphy went to Midlothian last week to be with daughter Darlene and her family. During this time tests were run on Darlene's daughter, Rebecca, and Juanda said the reports came out fine.

It was thought there were heart problems for the thirteen-year-old but everything was all right. Don and Juanda came back to Bovina on Friday.

Twenty one young people and five sponsors went to Lubbock Friday and Saturday of last week and attended a conference led by Dawson McAllister who is a dynamic speaker and talked to the youngsters about Heaven.

The conference was held at the Lubbock Coliseum and the group attended a cancer held at the Lubbock Plaza. The sponsors were: DeAn Turner, Esther Steelman, Doyle and Gilda Garner, Ken Sorley, and Tammy Willard.

Sid Lloyd went to Adrian in recent days and then she and daughter Patsy went to Amarillo and spent some time. She said because of bad weather she came home earlier than planned.

Ron Steele, son of Charles and Virginia Steele, came by for a visit early this week. Ronald still lives between Canyon and Amarillo with his wife and two kiddos. He coached for several years but he is now selling insurance.

SMILE: For years, the man's

wife had complained about his habit of leaving off the top of the toothpaste tube.

Finally, on their 25th anniversary, he decided to please her and started putting it back on. After a week, she eyed him suspiciously at breakfast one morning and said, "How come you stopped brushing your teeth?"

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Data Control Codes	1B 100-199 General Fund			2B 200-499 Special Revenue Funds								
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)						
REVENUES:												
5700	Local, Intermediate, and Out-of-State	\$533,303	\$589,603	\$56,300	\$30,000	\$31,472	\$1,472					
5800	State Program Revenues (Note J)	1,931,079	1,947,434	16,355	3,200	3,333	133					
5900	Federal Program Revenues	1,800	-	(1,800)	347,409	332,745	(14,664)					
Sub - Total Revenues Excluding Function 14							\$2,466,182	\$2,537,037	\$70,855	\$380,609	\$367,550	(\$13,059)
0014	Revenues Collected for Function 14	-	-	-	-	-	-					
5030	Total Revenue	\$2,466,182	\$2,537,037	\$70,855	\$380,609	\$367,550	(\$13,059)					
EXPENDITURES:												
0011	Instruction	\$1,629,026	\$1,598,218	\$30,808	\$160,187	\$157,957	\$2,230					
0021	Instructional Administration	1,350	350	1,000	5,419	5,419	-					
0022	Instructional Resources & Media Services	59,240	59,472	(232)	-	-	-					
0023	School Administration	160,544	153,592	6,952	-	-	-					
0025	Curriculum & Instruct. Staff Development	8,000	5,384	2,616	-	-	-					
0026	Communication and Dissemination	-	-	-	-	-	-					
0031	Guidance and Counseling Services	22,390	21,376	1,014	10,284	10,284	-					
0032	Attendance and Social Work Service	-	-	-	-	-	-					
0033	Health Services	18,834	18,446	388	7,973	7,973	-					
0034	Student Transportation	100,829	93,442	7,387	-	-	-					
0036	Co-curricular Activities	94,731	93,101	1,630	-	-	-					
0037	Food Services	-	-	-	196,746	194,888	1,858					
0041	General Administration	147,684	145,097	2,587	-	-	-					
0042	Debt Services	-	-	-	-	-	-					
0051	Plant Maintenance and Operations	265,648	265,689	(41)	-	-	-					
0052	Facilities Acquisition and Construction	121,497	121,497	-	-	-	-					
0075	Data Processing Services	3,700	3,935	(235)	-	-	-					
0081	Community Service	-	-	-	-	-	-					
Sub - Total Expenditures Excluding Fn 14							\$2,633,473	\$2,579,599	\$53,874	\$380,609	\$376,521	\$4,088
0014	Instructional Services Between Schools	-	-	-	-	-	-					
6050	Total Expenditures	\$2,633,473	\$2,579,599	\$53,874	\$380,609	\$376,521	\$4,088					
1100	Excess (Def.) Revenues Over Expenditures	(\$167,291)	(\$42,562)	124,729	-	(\$8,971)	(8,971)					
7990	Other Resources	-	150	150	-	7,186	7,186					
8990	Other (Uses)	-	(7,186)	(7,186)	-	-	-					
1200	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues & Other Resources Over Expenditures & Other Uses	(\$167,291)	(\$49,598)	\$117,693	-	(\$1,785)	(\$1,785)					
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	1,083,731	1,083,731	-	4,583	4,583	-					
1300	Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	-	-	-	-	-	-					
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$916,440	\$1,034,133	\$117,693	\$4,583	\$2,798	(\$1,785)					

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

5B Debt Service Fund	6B 600-699 Capital Projects Fund			8B 810-879 Cooperative Expendable Trust Funds		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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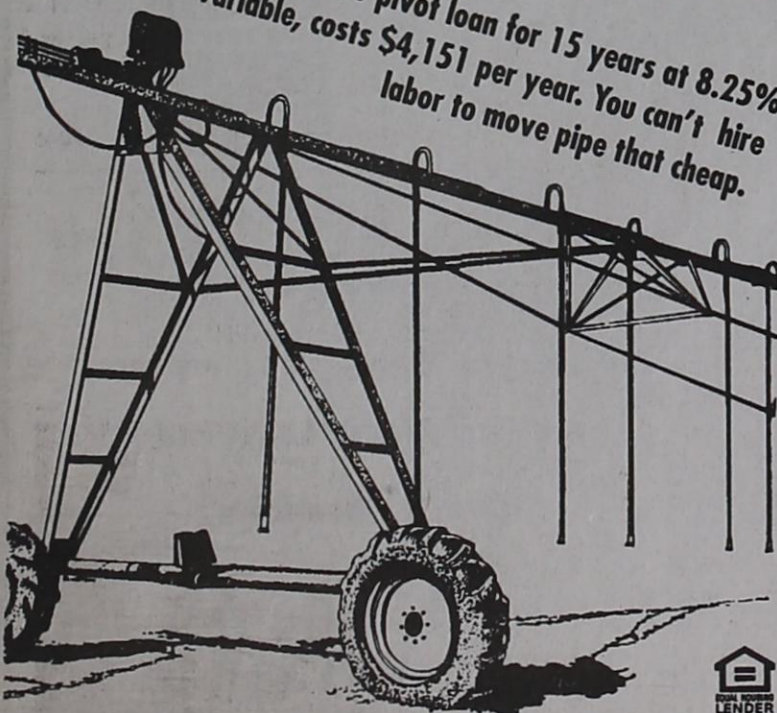
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Looking Up!

By Richard Grisham

The phrase, "it's raining cats and dogs" comes from the large cities. Years ago, when there was a great deluge in the city (what we would refer to in West Texas as a "gully washer"), many of the stray cats and dogs would get caught in the storm sewer drains along the streets and drown.

After the rains ended, the city employees would have to pick up and dispose of the dead carcasses. Thus, it was said to have "rained cats and dogs."

We have not had a rain of that magnitude in a long while! Not even a good "gully washer." This past fall and winter have been very dry. All of us would like a good rain-- what a blessing that would be.

Do we believe that God still sends the rain? I've heard it said, "You shouldn't believe God will make it rain if you choose to live in the desert!" That's true to a great degree.

Climate has much to do with annual rainfall amounts. We average about 18-20 inches per year here in our area. Does that mean that rain is not a gift and blessing from God?

We seem to depend more on the weatherman on our favorite news station these days than we do the Lord! They have the latest update from the National Weather Service.

We also have "The Weather Channel" on cable which shows the weather clear across the nation!

Writers Are Invited To Seminar

Romance Writers of the Texas Panhandle will host a Spring Fling, all-day, workshop for aspiring authors, Saturday, March 25, at The Big Texas, I-40 East, Amarillo.

The speakers include published authors: Jodi Thomas--"Researching Your Historical," Dee Pace--"Contest Entry Preparation," Larry Akers--"Point of View," Kelly Ebel--"Writing The Inspirational Romance."

Cost of the workshop is \$35 (includes lunch). Reservations for lunch can only be guaranteed to those registered before March 18. For details call Kim Campbell, 806-371-7735 or 806-353-3259.

Weather satellites hang in orbit over our nation and every continent, sending back continuous weather information and cloud pictures. One begins to wonder in this modern space-age of weather technology, "What do we need God for?"

Yes, the weatherman may be able to predict the weather for days in advance with a great degree of accuracy, but God is still the one who sends the rain!

To quote our Lord Jesus, "Your Father in Heaven... causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous" (Matthew 5:45, NIV). Also read Job 37:5-13 and Jeremiah 14:22.

"Ask the Lord for rain in the springtime; it is the Lord who makes the storm clouds. He gives showers of rain to men, and plants of the field to everyone" (Zachariah 10:1, NIV).

God often promised the rains and His blessings to His people who were faithful to Him and His commands. (See Deuteronomy 11:13-17 for example). God also withheld the rains when His people went astray.

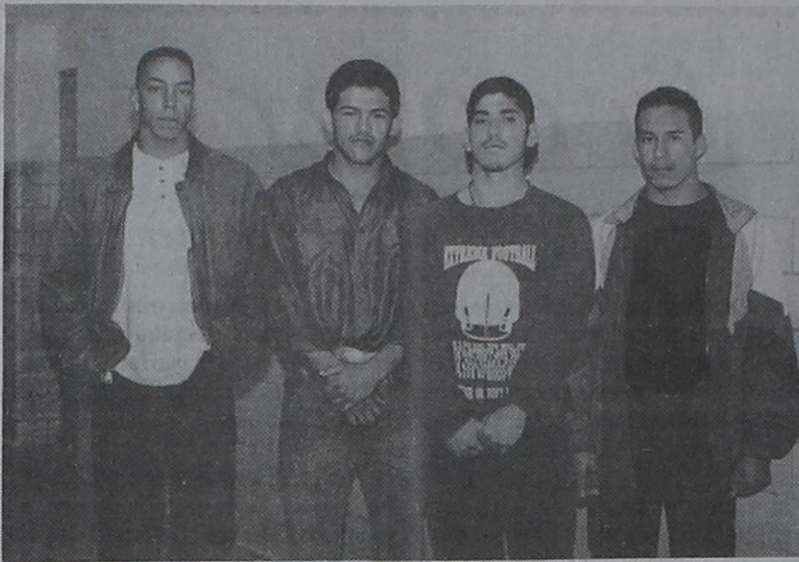
Rain and repentance and revival were often linked in Scripture. As God's people returned to Him and turned from their sins, God would restore His blessings. (Elijah's contest on Mt. Carmel against the priests of Baal, recorded in I Kings 18, comes to mind. Also examine James 5:17-18.)

Faith is still believing that God breaks into the natural realm to do the supernatural. Miracles still come about when God's people believe.

As I admonished my church members the past Lord's day, why not give God some good reasons to bless us again! Reasons such as being more thankful when it does rain.

And committing ourselves to use the blessings He gives to us as a resource for blessing others, rather than selfishly spending everything on ourselves.

I cannot guarantee that God will send more rain and greater blessings-- He still is God! But the Bible gives us good reasons to believe that He will send rain, when we again place Him first in our lives, humble ourselves and pray, seek His face, and turn from our wicked ways.



COMPETED WELL....These young men competed very well in track events at Morton last Saturday. Pictured left to right are Benji Mitard, first place in the 110-meter high hurdles with a time of 16.3 and first in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles at 43:3; Roberto Perez placed second in the 400-meter run, with a 55:2 time; Gerardo Rubalcava, third in the 100-meter dash, 12:02; and Andy Espinoza, fourth in the 800-meter run, 2:17.42.

Local Names On State List

Texas' State Treasurer Martha Whitehead has released the annual Texas Treasury Names List that contains over 130,000 newly-

reported names of people, businesses and organizations for whom the state is holding \$50 or more in cash, shares of stock or contents from abandoned safe deposit boxes.

Residents whose names are listed are urged to call 1-800-654-3463 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday, or 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sundays.

Names included were: **Lazbuddie:** David G. Anderson III, Todd Gregory and Rufus Williams.

Friona: Jamie M. Aguilar, Sherry Atwell, Oscar Bronniman, Abrah Castanon, Mike/Francis Diaz, Double L Cattle Co., Wendell Gresham, Ewell J. Hardy, William/Bula Hopkins, William/Bula V. Hopkins, Robert William Jones and Robert/Ouida Jones.

Also, Melvin Lloyd, Marshall Gas Line, Melvin Miller, Chuck Mills, Jack Nelson, Noland Gas Line, Vern Owen, Ken Pryor, Mary/David Reed, Fermin Rosa, David Schacher, Deloris Stubbs, Jerry D. Terrell and Concepcion Valdez.

Bovina: Miguel Gebara, Victor Huizar, J. Rushing, Glenden Sudderth, Charles E. Trimble, Jack Turner and Rene Villa.

Baptist Youth Group Attends Conference

Several youngsters and their sponsors from the First Baptist Church in Bovina attended a conference led by Dawson McAllister last week, held at the Lubbock Coliseum.

The group went to Lubbock a week ago Friday and returned home on Saturday after attending a concert at the Lubbock Plaza.

Sponsors for the group were: DeAn Turner, Esther Steelman, Doyle and Gilda Garner, Ken Sorley, and Tammy Willard.

Youngsters attending the conference were: Misti and Lindsey Pruitt, Jamie and Melany Stanberry, Jimmi Dawn and D'Anne Jones, Julie Grisham, Sara Sorley, Chris and Eric Shuffelberger, Joe Rodriguez, J.T. Roach.

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