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"The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come."
--Song of Solomon 2:12

County's Ethnic Pattern Described By New Census

Panhandle County's ethnic makeup was detailed, and the growth of its cities and towns traced from 1960 to 2000, in a report issued this week by the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC).

Friona and Bovina were two of the Panhandle's 26 cities and towns which showed population increases from 1990 to 2000, and Farwell lacked only ten people showing a gain. Sixty-seven cities were surveyed.

Friona showed a gain of 1,806 people from 2,048 in 1960 to 3,854 in 2000, an increase of 88 per cent.

Bovina gained from 1,029 to 1,874, a gain of 845 people, or 82 per cent.

Farwell went from a

population of 1,009 in 1960 to 1,364 in 2000, an increase of 349 and 35%.

Panhandle County as a whole showed a population gain from 9,583 in 1960 to 10,016 in 2000. This was an increase of 433 people, or five per cent. Only 11 of the 26 counties surveyed showed population gains during the past 40 years.

Others with gains were Armstrong, Childress, Dallam, Donley, Hartley, Moore, Potter, Randall, Sherman and Swisher.

From an ethnic standpoint, the 2000 census showed that in Panhandle County the Hispanics gained a slight advantage over caucasians by 51 people, 4,927 to 4,876. Mathematically, both races

are figured at 49 per cent. Black residents, 93, amount to one per cent, and 120 are classified as "other," and this is just over one per cent.

Hispanics showed a numerical gain in two of the county's communities. They have a 2,230 total (58%) in Friona, to 2,542 whites (40%). Friona has 43 blacks and 39 "other races," which come out to one per cent each.

Bovina counted 1,353 Hispanics, 72 per cent, to 479 whites, 26 per cent. Blacks, 23, and "other," 29, came out to one per cent each.

Farwell tabulated 890 whites, 65 per cent; Hispanics 436, or 32 per cent, only six blacks, zero percent, and 32 in the "other" category, just over one per cent.



WORK CONTINUES on the expansion at Panhandle County Community Hospital in Friona. Workers raised the first steel at the site last weekend.
ron carr photo

BLADE PUBLISHER

Ellis Named To Hall of Fame

Publisher Bill Ellis was named to the Panhandle Press Association's Hall of Fame, at the PPA's 91st annual meeting at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo April 6.

Sue Cannon, publisher of the Olton Enterprise, was installed along with Ellis. The two became the 19th and 20th Panhandle publishers installed in the Hall's "Living" category. An equal number of deceased publishers have been honored since the program was inaugurated in 1981.

By coincidence, Ellis and Mrs. Cannon served on the press organization's board of directors in 1969-70-71. She

was secretary of the board when Ellis became the youngest ever to head the group in 1969. He held the record until Roger Estlack of Clarendon Enterprise served as president in 1998-99.

"I am very honored to be chosen to join a group which I have always considered as my role models, such as Wes Izzard, Doug Meador, B.M. Nelson, Mary Kate Tripp, Speedy Nieman and many others," Ellis said.

"I am further honored to have been installed with Sue Cannon, for whom I have the utmost respect and admiration" Ellis said. Mrs. Cannon began working for the Olton newspaper when

Established in 1908, the Panhandle Press Association has more than 50 member newspapers in the Texas Panhandle, South Plains, and parts of New Mexico, Oklahoma and Kansas.

of the Memphis Democrat, Herschel Combs, and Van Stewart, a newspaper pioneer at Perryton.

Speakers at the convention included Texas Tech Chancellor John T. Montford, John Lumpkin, bureau chief for Dallas Associated Press, as well as Mike Cochran, reporter for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, who also has worked for AP in Texas for 40 years.

The two writers have recently published a marvelous "coffee table" book entitled "West Texas," and gladly autographed a copy of the book for Ellis, as did Tech Chancellor Montford, who wrote the foreword to the book.

Mary Dudley of Perryton, PPA vice-president, noted that Ellis had been publisher of the Friona Star for 39 years, and the Bovina Blade for 28 years. He was an original stockholder and board member at Palo Duro Offset Printing Co. in Canyon since 1986.

The Bovina Blade became one of the first newspaper to be printed by the new offset method in 1960. Ellis has been innovative with his publishing techniques. He began using a six-column page format (as opposed to the old eight-column pages) years before it finally became a nationwide trend.

Among his awards, Ellis has won "general excellence" (the highest honor) from the Texas Press Assn., the Panhandle Press Assn., and the West Texas Press Assn. The Ellises also have won a room-full of plaques in various categories from the three newspaper organizations. They were also awarded the "Community Service" award on two separate occasions.



AWARD WINNERS--- Bovina Blade Editor Ron Carr and Publisher Bill Ellis are shown being congratulated by Panhandle Press Association President Doug McDonough of Plainview at the recent PPA Convention in Amarillo. Carr took a first and second place in column writing and Ellis took second in sports writing, as well as being inducted into the PPA Hall of Fame during the convention proceedings.

IT'S BEEN EXCITING around here for the past couple of weeks. We are quite proud of our two fellows here at the newspaper office. But, after receiving a lot of honors, winnings, and accolades, Bill and Ron have now had to climb down off their pedestals, get their feet back onto terra firma, and hunker down to the everyday business of putting together a newspaper for you folks.

Ron received first AND second place plaques for his column writing at the recent press convention "Better Newspaper" awards in Amarillo. Since Ron has had little formal training in this sort of thing, we can only conclude that he has a natural gift, and he may be secretly writing the great American novel in his spare time.....except for the fact that covering as many local events in Friona and Bovina as is humanly possible, actually leaves him with very little "spare" time at all.

The Gulf Coast (Texas) Press Association judged the Panhandle newspapers this year, and their judges were so impressed with the column writers from this area, that they requested copies of the winning columns so they could show their writers the way it ought to be done. Frankly, that makes me proud.

My Good Old Boy Bill was inducted into the Panhandle Press Hall of Fame in Amarillo for his over 40 years in the newspaper business, and then just three days later he was named Friona's Man of the Year. That was almost more than his old ticker could take. He has never been one of those "big ego" guys, but he certainly is enjoying the notoriety that comes with these two fantastic honors.

And if all that wasn't enough, it was followed up with

My Turn
by Carol Ellis

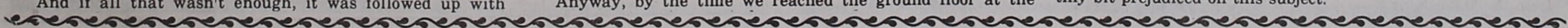
Buddy Peeler's "Bill & Carol" day on KNNK and a steak dinner for two at K-Bob's in Hereford. So I guess it also pays to be the wife of the Hall of Fame-er and Man of the Year. Our son Rick won't be able to travel all the way from California for the honors, but he tells us that he's having a shirt made up that says "I'm the son of the Man of the Year!"

You may not know that at the end of every year, the newspapers for that year are bound into a large hard-back volume, like a very big book, measuring 14 X 23 inches. With both the Friona and Bovina papers, Bill has published 67 books (volumes) in the 39 years we have lived in Panhandle County. A large portion of the history of Friona and Bovina is contained in those volumes.

Our week of honors and awards started out rather precariously. When we reached the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo after picking up son Stan at the airport that Friday (April 6), it was really windy. Laura and family drove up from Lubbock and all met in our fourth-floor room at the hotel. The lights began to flicker on and off. Son-in-law Noel noticed a lot of debris flying past our window and he hustled us all out into the hallway. About that time, a voice came over a speaker telling everyone to go to the first floor. Of course the elevators automatically shut down at times like that, so we headed for the stairway exit. We found ourselves being jostled down four flights of steel and concrete stairs with a lot of very panicky people barreling along behind us.

Since Bill lost the sight in one eye, his depth perception is really screwy; so he has to be especially careful going up and down steps and stairways. Just ask all the folks who were on the FSB Seniors' bus tour of New England last Fall about Bill and stairs. (By the way, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you sweet souls who have helped Bill get up and down the bleachers at the football games when he has to go all the way up to the press box.)

Anyway, by the time we reached the ground floor at the



2000 Population Totals Panhandle Cities/Towns

City	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000
Bovina	1,029	1,428	1,499	1,549	1,874
Canyon	5,864	8,333	10,724	11,365	12,875
Dalhart	5,160	5,705	6,854	6,240	7,237
Dimmitt	2,935	4,327	5,019	4,403	4,375
Dumas	8,477	9,771	12,194	12,871	13,747
Farwell	1,009	1,185	1,354	1,373	1,364
Friona	2,048	3,111	3,809	3,688	3,854
Hereford	7,652	13,414	15,853	14,745	14,597
Memphis	3,332	3,227	3,352	2,451	2,479
Perryton	7,903	7,810	7,991	7,607	7,774
Tulia	4,410	5,294	5,033	4,699	5,117

Carr Column Wins Plaques In Contests

Columns written by Managing Editor Ron Carr of the Friona Star/Bovina Blade won him a couple of plaques from the Panhandle Press Assn. at the organization's convention, and presented at a brunch on Saturday, April 7 at Amarillo's Ambassador Hotel.

Carr won a first place plaque in the "serious columns" division, as he bested Laurie Ezzell Brown of Canadian, and Debra Wells of the Fritch Eagle-Press.

His entries in the "humorous" category won Carr a third-place plaque, behind Cynthia Hall and Christi Ross, both of the Clarendon Enterprise.

Otherwise, the Star won a second-place plaque in the sports writing division. The newspaper also gained "honorable mention" for best spot picture, and best special section.

Carr is a holdover director on the PPA board of directors. Mary Dudley of the Perryton Herald is the new president. Doug McDonough of the Plainview Herald is outgoing president.

Beki Lightfoot of the Amarillo Globe-News is the secretary-treasurer.

Other board members include: Kayla Parvin, Booker News, Jessica Brooks, County Star-News, Shamrock; Mike Haynes, Amarillo College Journalism Dept., Becky Thorn, Hereford Brand, and John Kanelis, Amarillo Globe-News.

At the brunch, author-writer Mike Cochran of Fort Worth entertained the group with some "prize winning" headlines which actually made it into print.

Included were "War Dims Hope for Peace", "Cops Eat Kid's Pet," referring to a deer which was killed when run over by a police officer; "Headless Corpse found in Topless Bar," and "Couple Slain--Police Suspect Homicide."

Also, some head-scratching quotes, as from President Gerald Ford: "Things are more like they are now than they have ever been before," and ex-governor Bill Clements, who said "It's time to take the bull by the teeth," and the football player, being interviewed prior to the season, said "I am planning to gain 1,500 or 2,000 yards rushing this year, whichever comes first."

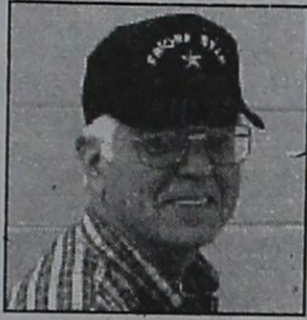
hotel, the tornado or wind storm or whatever, was probably already over. But they asked us to stay there for about 15 or 20 minutes just to be certain. A bunch of strangers and scared, crying little children all huddled together in a hallway in the center of the building, well away from any windows until the all-clear was given.

Once back in our room, we looked out the window to find that a huge chunk of the roof had blown off the top of the building down to the parking lot and had smashed onto a really nice new-looking pickup. I mean that vehicle was FLAT all over. It belonged to a member of the Texas Press Association from downstate who had driven up for the Panhandle Press Convention. I'll bet the fellow wrote some pretty unflattering things about the Texas Panhandle when he got back to his local paper.

Things evened out after that. Bill got his nice Panhandle Press Hall of Fame award and then we had to work to keep him from knowing about the Man of the Year thing until Monday night. There were lots of phone calls while hiding in the closet and lots of emails being quickly deleted before he could see them. Surprise! The Bristows popped in from Edmond, Oklahoma and said yes, they surely would be glad to go with us to the Chamber of Commerce banquet. Actually they knew about it all along, and had come just to be with old buddy Bill on his special night.

The Wittens got to the Community Center early and had saved a couple of tables for all of us. Once our whole crowd got there, Bill began to suspect that something was up. He was especially thrilled to be honored by the home town folks since he has slowed down quite a bit in the past few years and is not as active in civic and church events as he used to be.

Aristotle once wrote "Dignity does not consist in possessing honors, but in deserving them." Actually, I think the honors Bill received were well deserved, but then I might be just a tiny bit prejudiced on this subject.



Out Here

by Ron Carr

"The Market Tries To Look Forward!"

Last week I could have bought a share of stock in Motorola for \$12.90.

I was a little surprised to read that. Motorola is an old company that has been around since my youth. I figured the stock would be selling for near a hundred bucks.

But there it was in a newspaper article. Motorola stock closed at \$12.90. The article went on to say that Motorola reported its first quarterly loss in 16 years.

They have cut 22,000 jobs since December and said more positions will be slashed. I never understood how a company could hire 22,000 too many employees.

Wouldn't you think that when they got up to about 15,000 too many employees someone in the human resources department would say "hey, I think we have too many employees already, don't ya'll?"

Motorola lost \$533 million in the first quarter of this year. They had a profit of \$448 million in the first quarter last year. That is almost a \$1 BILLION swing in revenue in one year. They lost about \$2.75 million a day every day including weekends.

I wonder if any of those 20,000 people they are firing include the brilliant executives who got them in the mess in the first place. Nah!

I don't mind telling you I am laughing at the current kamikaze dive in the economy. Yessiree Bob, I am as smug as a Barbara Streisand over how these "dot.com" billionaires can no longer afford gasoline for their Porsches and Ferraris.

I still remember those days a couple of years ago when snot-nosed kids were forming dot.com companies to sell weasel spit jewelry over the Internet.

Every night on TV there was another group of what looked like teenagers, popping champagne and taking us on a tour of their \$87 million mansions which were under construction.

They were flaunting their success in our poor unwashed faces. Laughing at us, that's what they were doing.

Investment bankers a lot smarter than you and me gave these geeky morons billions of dollars to start up their dot.com ventures to sell us pets, books, toys and groceries in the comfort of our living rooms.

How many times did we hear impeached president Billy Jeff Clinton recite the litany of his success? You remember:

Lowest unemployment in 40 years;
Lowest crime rate in 30 years;

20 million new jobs in the past eight years;
100,000 new cops;
37 kazillion new teachers;
Largest surplus in history;
Yadda, yadda, yadda!

So here we are. Gold is down 19% so far this year; gasoline prices are on the way to \$3 a gallon; natural gas heating bills and electricity are higher than they have ever been.

Kodak is laying off 3,500 people; Texas Instruments firing 2,500 workers; DuPont cuts 5,300 folks; Cisco Systems whacking 8,500 common people; and Yahoo's stock went from a high of

\$240 early in 2000 to \$17 last month.

A year ago, Billy Jeff was still holed up in the Oval office. I must have been out of town when he took credit for the crash of the U.S. economy.

It's not just an American problem. Japanese bankers are offering "zero interest!" loans to stimulate their economy but nobody is borrowing.

Bill O'Reilly, host of Fox TV's O'Reilly Factor (7 p.m. nightly on Fox News Channel) has been on a rip-roaring tear for weeks trying to get someone in the federal government to explain how \$450 million is unaccounted for in the Department of Education and where the \$3 BILLION went that we sent to Haiti. No one knows and they are not worried about it.

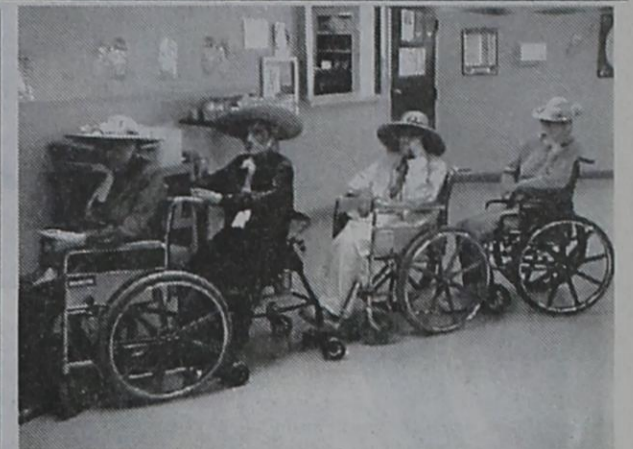
So far, the Congressmen and government accounting office people he has interviewed have said they don't know. When asked who would know, they don't know that either.

It seems to me that President Dubya has his work cut out the next four years. I am not yet convinced he is up to the task. If what he is trying to do, i.e. the tax cut, works, I will be the first to give him all the credit.

If it doesn't, I will bring the full power of this column to bear on W and all those old poops that help him out.

Just remember, as they say on CNBC's morning stock market show SquawkBox, "The market tries to look forward."

It's a good thing because there ain't nothing left of the behind.



SCENES from the Easter Parade and party at Prairie Acres, above and left, included pretty Easter bonnets and refreshments. ron carr photos

Rodeo Assn. Team Penning Is Set May 6

The Top O' Texas Rodeo Association will be sponsoring its 5th Annual Team Penning on Sunday, May 6 at the Rodeo Arena in Pampa.

Advance entry is not necessary as books will open at 10 a.m. and the penning will start at 11 a.m. Books will close at the start of each class.

Classes and their entry fees are as follows: open--\$90.00 per team with a 60% payback; mixed--\$90.00 per team with a 60% payback; youth--\$30.00 per team with a 50% payback and novice--\$60.00 per team with a 50% payback.

Youth division teams consist of youth sixteen years old and under and may include one adult rider who may not enter the herd. The novice division teams consist of riders who are rated novice by PTPA or beginner/non-rated riders.

Each rider is limited to five rides and must change one rider per team. A practice will be held on Saturday, May 5 at 11 a.m. at the rodeo arena.

More information may be obtained by contacting the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association at (806) 669-0434.



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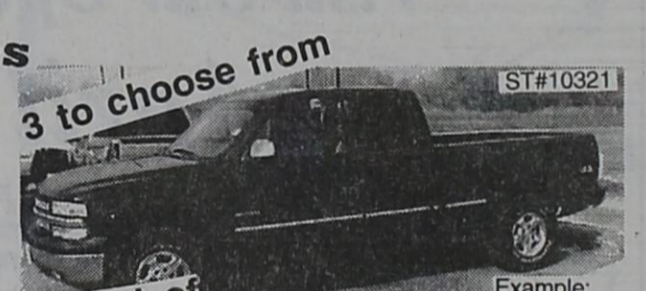
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AT THE PANHANDLE Press Association convention in Amarillo, Sue Cannon, editor of the Olton Enterprise and Bill Ellis, editor and publisher of the Friona Star and Bovina Blade, are shown during the induction ceremony at the Ambassador Hotel.



AT THE SATURDAY Awards Brunch during the PPA convention, Ron Carr, at the podium, introduces speaker Mike Cochran. Doug McDonough, PPA president, is at right.



SHARING A GOOD report with members of the Friona Texas Federal Credit Union at their annual stockholders meeting Tuesday, April 10, is Credit Union president Barbara Maynard. Members attending enjoyed good food and entertainment also.
ron carr photo



SHARING THE Hall of Fame honor with Bill Ellis at the awards dinner in Amarillo were, seated, l-r, Vickie Copley, Friona Star production and layout manager, Bill and Carol Ellis. Standing are Kent Bridenstine, manager of Palo Duro Offset Printing in Canyon and Ron Carr.

Green Thumb Sponsors Website For Sr. Artisans

Green Thumb, Inc., the nation's oldest and largest provider of training and employment for mature workers, has launched Geezer.com. This distinctive virtual marketplace is up and running and active. Geezer.com offers online shoppers the handiwork of seniors from cities, towns, villages and hamlets all across the country. "Geezer.com is unique," says Andrea Wooten, president and CEO of Green Thumb, Inc., which sponsors and created the site. "It provides talented seniors, even those without computers and Internet access, with a worldwide market for their handcrafted goods. The site brings the unique products of America's seniors to people who don't regularly travel the back roads. Shoppers looking

for unusual gifts and accessories will find them right here." Wooten says the site's name may raise a few eyebrows, but it has a positive connotation and visibility among baby boomers who are surfing the Internet looking for distinctive gifts. "We're changing the stereotype of older individuals," she explains, "by demonstrating that seniors are in fact talented, generous and fun-loving. What better way to dispel the 'geezer myth' than to use the word 'geezer' to reflect the positive characteristics and skills of America's seniors." Geezer.com features scores of artisans and craftspeople, and more than two thousand hard-wrought products in more than a dozen categories

Soil & Water Stewardship Week Is April 29-May 6

Increased community awareness of the need to care for natural resources that make up the habitat that sustains us all is the goal of

local organizers of the 2001 Soil and Water Stewardship Week, set for April 29-May 6.

The focus of this year's national observance is on the personal responsibility each citizen has to be a good steward of the land, water, wildlife and other natural resources that enhance our quality of life.

The concept of habitat, which most of us think of in terms of wildlife, has been expanded to include human and other living things around us that make up the place where we live. The basic elements of habitat are food, water and shelter.

It is common to think about people losing their homes and the quality of their living environments as being something that happens to someone else or in some other place. That may not always be the case.

As we see sprawling growth take valuable farmland, read about a town's drinking water being polluted by a chemical spill or watch helplessly as a flood wipes out farms and towns, we are witnessing a steady loss of the habitat life that is needed by all people and other living things.

When an animal or plant species becomes extinct, we are a little less because of that loss. If that extinction occurs because we as humans were careless or thoughtless we bear responsibility.

To learn more about how you can help protect your habitat, contact the Parmer County Soil and Water Conservation District between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at 806-250-2220.



CREDIT UNION MEMBERS enjoyed the musical talents of these three local ladies. They are "The All A's" because they are Amy, Andrea and Amanda Geries, daughters of Randy and Sarah Geries. Their uncle, Clint Mears, provided musical accompaniment.

Sample Ballot Boleta Muestra

May 5, 2001
El 5 de mayo de 2001

Election for Parmer County Hospital District Board Members at Large

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AHAB, THE SON OF OMRI, SEVENTH KING OF ISRAEL (B.C. 919-896), WAS A MAN WHO, ALTHOUGH HE HAD GOOD INSTINCTS, BEHAVED WICKEDLY DUE TO THE EVIL INFLUENCES OF HIS WIFE JEZEBEL, A PHOENICIAN PRINCESS AND PRIESTESS OF THE HEATHEN GODDESS ASTARTE. JEZEBEL MEANT TO INSTALL THE WORSHIP OF ASTARTE THROUGHOUT ISRAEL WITH AHAB'S HELP AND ONLY THE PROPHET ELIJAH STOOD TO DEFEAT HER, PREDICTING ALSO THAT AHAB WOULD BE DESTROYED FOR TRYING TO HELP HER, NO MATTER WHAT PRECAUTIONS HE TOOK AND, ALTHOUGH AHAB WAS CAREFUL TO DISGUISE HIMSELF ON THE BATTLEFIELD SO AS NOT TO BE A CONSPICUOUS MARK FOR ENEMY ARCHERS, IN HIS LAST BATTLE WITH BENEHADAD OF SYRIA, A RANDOM ARROW HIT BETWEEN THE JOINTS OF HIS ARMOR, KILLING HIM, THUS FULFILLING ELIJAH'S PREDICTION (1 KINGS 21:19).



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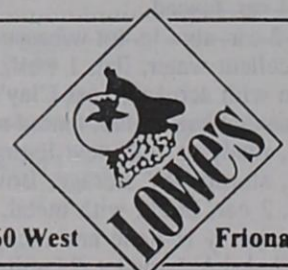


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RE-ELECTED as directors of Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative were Jerry Roberts and Vick Christian, l-r. Over 1,500 people attended the cooperative's annual meeting Tuesday, March 27 in Hereford.

Friona Chamber Honors Bill Ellis

Bill Ellis, who has served as publisher of the Bovina Blade for the past 28 years, was honored last week by the Friona Chamber of Commerce, with its "Man of the Year" award. Ellis has also owned and published the Friona Star since 1962. He purchased the Blade from Dolph Moten in 1973.

"Many times a person can live in a place for years, make lasting contributions, and never be recognized. Our Man of the Year is just such a person," said emcee Kevin Welch, in regard to the award-winner, Bill Ellis.

Ellis was a "quasi" member of the team which worked to secure Missouri Beef Packers (now Excel) for our community, flying with the team to Missouri to inspect the original MBP plant and meet with officials.

He considers one of his greatest successes his editorial campaign to secure an overpass at the Santa Fe Railway and State Highway 214 in Friona as well as the widening and improvement of the highway south of town toward Muleshoe. The highway was a poor Farm-to-Market road at the time.

The late district highway engineer Rhea Bradley of Littlefield told Ellis more than once that highway officials were very sensitive to his editorials, which hastened the highway's improvements. Honored on two different



BILL ELLIS

occasions for the "Community Service Award" by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, Ellis was honored last Friday in Amarillo by being installed in the Panhandle Press Assn.'s "Hall of Fame."

An avid sports fan, Bill also helped start the filming and broadcasting of Friona High School sports for replay on the local cable channel. He has compiled records and statistics for the local teams. Wife Carol, sons Stan and Rick, daughter Laura, son-in-law Noel and granddaughters Madeline and Clair are all proud of the honor.



CAPITOL COMMENT

U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON



TAX ANSWERS

The best part of this job is hearing what Texans from all over the state have to say. I want to thank the thousands of readers who took the time to clip out our annual surveys, filled them in and mailed their responses to my office. Your answers to my questions showed once again that Texans have excellent insights to offer regarding our country's most pressing issues.

I appreciate your local newspaper's generosity in publishing these questionnaires for me each year. Here are your responses to the first part of this year's three-part questionnaire.

The first question I asked was this: "Last year, Congress passed an ambitious tax relief bill that President Clinton vetoed. The legislation did away with the marriage tax penalty, repealed the death tax and cut rates across the board. It would have made it easier for working families to save all they need for their retirement years. What are your tax-cut priorities?"

I was not surprised that 42 percent of you said eliminating the marriage tax penalty was your highest tax-reform priority, followed by 35 percent of you whose first priority is an across-the-board tax cut, and 23 percent of you who want to see the death tax eliminated before other tax reform is undertaken.

The second question dealt with energy issues: "President-elect Bush has suggested that we allow offshore drilling and open up federal land in Alaska and the Rocky Mountains to new oil and gas production. This has the potential to greatly increase our domestically produced energy. Would you support this expanded production, with appropriate environmental controls, in order to reduce our dependence on imported energy sources? What are your energy priorities?"

Texans know a lot about the realities of the energy industry, with 44 percent of you voting in support of more off-shore drilling, 38 percent of you being in favor of opening up federal land in Alaska for drilling, and 16 percent of you favoring tax provisions that would encourage small producers to increase output from marginal wells; the remaining 12 percent did not indicate a preference.

The third question I asked you was this: "If our economy continues on its current track, the federal government will enjoy a budget surplus again this year. How would you use that surplus? Would you cut taxes, reduce the national debt, increase government spending, or a combination thereof?"

You answered this question with 37 percent of you favoring tax cuts as the first way to deal with a government surplus, followed by 27 percent of you favoring reducing the national debt more quickly, 22 percent voting to increase defense spending and 14 percent indicating they would use part of the surplus for Social Security reform.

The final question I asked in this first questionnaire was a fill-in-the-blanks query: "Congress has produced a balanced budget and cut federal spending sharply in many areas. But much work remains to be done. In what areas do you believe federal spending could be cut even more?"

Here is what some of you wrote in answer to that question:
From Helotes: "Privatize wherever feasible, decrease mail delivery to twice weekly, most of it is junk mail, anyway, and eliminate door-to-door service."

Bowie: "Do away with some of the ridiculous federally funded research on things like the mating habits of flies."

San Marcos: "Stop bailing out every industry that is going under. Let the shareholders do it."

Cedar Park: "Don't pay Congress when it's in recess."

Del Rio: "Special-interest groups that get federal funding shouldn't be allowed to use that money to lobby the government for even more money. This is not right. Let people who believe in such groups support them."

Winnboro: "We should end welfare to other countries, no more foreign aid, and spend more money on American highways. They're way behind on maintenance and expansion."

Tulia: "Stopping Medicare fraud would save \$2 million to \$3 million a day. Stop minting 1-cent and 5-cent coins, and round off all purchases to 10 cents. That would save the Treasury some money."

Austin: "Thank you. You are saving money by not sending out an expensive mailing."

Borger: "Cut out all the arts funding except for the projects that educate kids."

Beaumont: "Look for ways to combine government programs so we aren't paying for all those different administrative costs and government salaries."

Leakey: "Put a two-year time limit on all social programs. Help people, but not forever."

Monahans: "The federal government keeps getting more involved in education, and pouring money into it, and the schools keep getting worse. Federal spending could be cut in this area."

San Antonio: "Congress still needs to take a closer look at military spending, and justify every dollar. We need a strong military, and our boys should have the best equipment, but I think there is still a lot of waste, and companies take advantage of Uncle Sam."

I will continue to work for substantive tax relief and eliminating the marriage tax penalty is at the top of my list of priorities. I also support the across-the-board tax-relief proposal President Bush is proposing. I am optimistic that Congress will pass significant tax reform this year.

County Population Totals, Selected

County	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000
Castro	8,923	10,394	10,556	9,070	8,285
Deaf Smith	13,187	18,999	21,165	19,153	18,561
Hartley	2,171	2,782	3,987	3,634	5,537
Oldham	1,928	2,258	2,283	2,278	2,185
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IN PLAINVIEW

Conservation Awards Banquet Is Set May 1

Tobin Redwine, Crescent Crawford, Kyler and Brock Steinbock, all of Lazbuddie, and Ralph Franse of Farwell will be honored for outstanding contributions to the Texas soil and water conservation program at the Area I Awards Banquet.

The banquet is May 1 at 7 p.m. in Plainview. Area I consists of 52 counties in the

Panhandle area.

Categories in which awards will be presented include: outstanding conservation district; resident conservation farmer; water quality management plan; business/professional individual; conservation teacher; wildlife conservationist; conservation homemaker; and conservation district employee. Additional awards are presented for outstanding posters and essays on soil and water conservation by youth in the area.

The purpose of the Conservation Awards Program is to recognize and honor a soil and water conservation district and individuals that have dedicated their efforts and talents to making wise use of renewable natural resources.

Sponsors of the Area Conservation Awards Program are the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts and the 216 local soil and water conservation districts in Texas.

Happy Birthday Bovina

Birthdays for the week of April 22-28, 2001.

Apr 22 Wayne Stormes, Jesus Anaya

Apr 23 Scott Johnson

Apr 24 Josh Kerby, J.W. Wright

Apr 25 Aubrey T. Morgan, Dalton Cockerham, Trent Black, Penny Dutton, Jack Clayton, Joshua Lucero

Apr 26 Honey Gist

Apr 27 Barbara Charles

Apr 28 Elias Fuentes

For changes, corrections, or to add a name to our birthday list, call 251-1523 or write Drawer B, 79009.

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Bovina Bits

BY BECKY

Phone Becky London at 806-250-2211 or 238-1146
When you have news items. (e-mail: case @wtrt.net)

Durward Bell had surgery in Clovis last Thursday. Wife Fern said his doctors are pleased with Durward's progress and plan to release him to return home soon.

The couple's daughter, Karen Grissom (Royce's wife) of Grand Junction, Colorado, has been with her parents since last week. Fern said she and Karen have been taking turns staying the night with Durward and hope to have him home soon.

Folks have missed seeing Postmaster Laura Bartlett's face in recent months at the post office window. Monday she greeted customers and handled postage needs. Good to have you back Laura!

Jack and Ona Patterson returned to their home Wednesday evening from his most recent stay in the hospital. They are glad to be back and had a nice Easter home. Their daughter Sandy Blacksten and her son and daughter-in-law, Donnie and Kerri Shamblin and their two children, Clay and Cass, all of Amarillo, attended church with the couple and had dinner with them at home.

Scouter and Jim Russell were spotted in Bovina Friday around town. They were taking care of business and visiting friends. It was nice to see them again. Hello, old friends!

The Russells also stopped in Friona and visited Carol and Bill Ellis. Jim and Scooter had started to Amarillo the previous Friday to see Bill installed in the Panhandle Press Hall of Fame, but about 10 minutes down the road from Spearman, Jim said, "Maybe

we'd better just read about this in the paper," as a tornadic cloud loomed down the road in front of them.

Erma Jo and Bobby Englant's daughter, son-in-law and grandsons were in Bovina for Easter. They are Devanee and Galen Cogburn and sons Andrew and Kyler of Amarillo.

Saturday was the Cogburns' 11th wedding anniversary so the grandparents watched the boys while they celebrated in Clovis with dinner and a movie.

Frances Willard had lots of family members home for Easter.

Son Dennis and his family, Tammy and kids Amber, Jeremy and Josh; and daughter and son-in-law, Terry and Alton McCormick in Amarillo and their daughter, son-in-law and baby, Amy, Jeremy and McKenzie.

Renee (Curry) Meeks and her children were also guests in the Willard home. Renee was Frances' 8th grade student in 1983 and had lived with the Willards to finish that grade when her family moved during the school year.

Dean and Juanita Hastings' daughters and their families were in Bovina for Easter. They are Carole Jean and Jerry Wright of Albuquerque and daughter J.J., a student at W.T. A&M in Canyon and Lajuana and David Renfro of Amarillo.

Jerry's mother, Gladys Wright joined the family for church and a great family meal for the holiday.

Have you ever had someone do something really nice and think other folks should know? Well, if you are the recipient of a good deed, call, write or email us your experience and pass along the good news. The following is an item we heard this week that is worth repeating.

Thursday afternoon Jack and Ona Pattersons neighbors out at Rhea showed up at their home with mowers and trimmers to clean their overgrown yard. Jack said that since he has been a patient in Amarillo so much recently, their yard was really a mess. So Floyd and John Schlenker, Krita Potts, Gay Taylor and Terry Widner all worked at making the Pattersons' yard pretty again.

Like Jack said, "Isn't it great that we love each other so much to do these things?"

Grady and Dorothy Sorley went to see their son and daughter-in-law, Phil and Patty, in Glendale, California for the weekend. The Bovina couple tried to see their family during Christmas, but all the snow prevented that trip.

The California Sorleys' children were home from college. They are Alison, a student at San Diego State and Chris of University of Southern California.

Dorothy said the weather was great and they had a nice visit.

Ludene Davis' daughter Barbara Baker, her son Cole and friend Roy Capps of Roswell, New Mexico came to see her Friday and Saturday. She said it was a quick but nice visit.

Monday Ludene went to

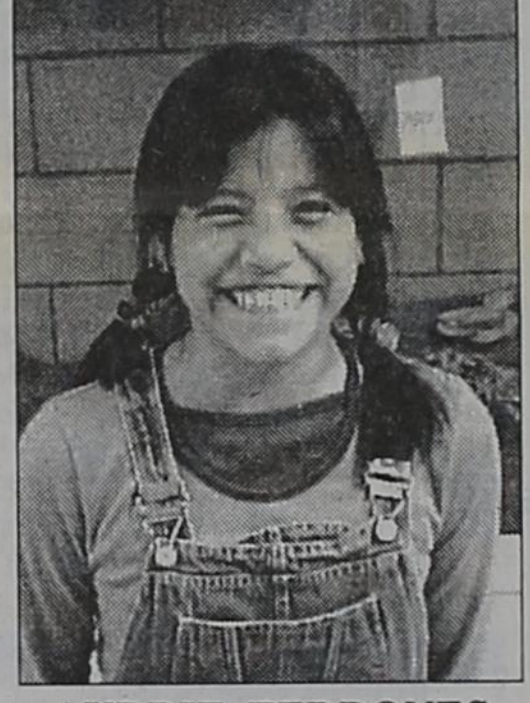
Lubbock for her brother Melvin Terry's day surgery. She said doctors are pleased with his recovery and he is doing better. Melvin is married to Lois (Ellison), Lois' sister and brother-in-law, Lilly and Troy Christian were also there for the surgery.



DANNA GUERRERO



MIGUEL GUERRERO



AUDRIE TERRONES

These three elementary students surpassed the 100-point level in the school reading program. Danna and Audrie are 4th graders. Miguel is in 2nd grade.

Shower Set For T. Stone

A bridal shower for Teresa Stone, bride elect of Joe Lopez, Jr., is set for Saturday, May 5 at Bovina's First Bank meeting room from 2 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.

Selections are in Clovis at Dillard's and Wal Mart. The shower is given by hostesses.



MANDY ANN WILSON and JOSEPH BRIAN ROSAS....Mr. and Mrs. Gregg Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rosas are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Mandy Ann and Joseph Brian. The couple will exchange wedding vows on May 12 in a private family ceremony. She is currently employed as a Registered Nurse in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center in Waco. He is employed with the Lockheed-Martin Corporation and serves as director of the local Heart of Texas Workforce Center. The couple plans to reside in Groesbeck.

Sample Ballot Boleta Muestra

May 5, 2001

Bovina Independent School District Trustee Election

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Eleccion de condado de Administradores)

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(AVISO DE ELECCION _____)

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(A los votantes registrados de _____ Texas:)

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and ending on May 1st 2001 (date)
(y terminando el 1st de Mayo 2001 (fecha)

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(La votación en adelantada además se llevará a cabo en el mismo sitio de tal manera:)

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