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See pages 4-7 for 134 photos of really cute children! (photos submitted by proud grandparents)

New Home, O'Donnell Teams In Basketball Playoffs This Week

New Home and O'Donnell High School varsity basketball teams continue in hoop playoff action this week, with the New Home Lady Leopards claiming the Bi-District Championship trophy Tuesday night. Boys bi-district games are scheduled for next Tuesday, and O'Donnell's Lady Eagles ended their season Tuesday in a bi-district battle with Roby.

The Lady Leopards, under the direction of Coach Joe Helms, defeated Dawson 54-48 at the Texan Dome in Levelland Tuesday night for the Bi-District win. The Ladies advance to the Sectional Semifinals Friday night, when they will take on Whitharral at 8 p.m. in the Canyon High School gym.

Three players scored in double figures to lead the Lady Leopards to victory over Dawson, with Randi Thornhill scoring 15 points, Heather Kieth 11, and Stephanie Kieth tossing in 10. New Home gained an early lead in the first quarter, putting 10 points on the board while allowing only 4 for Dawson, but the battle heated up in the second quarter and the Lady Leopards led by only 2 points at the half, 26-24. The second half of the game was a battle for the boards, as New Home scored 10 and Dawson 9 in the third period, but the Leopards pulled ahead with 18 points

in the final period while Dawson trailed with 15.

The win gives the Lady Leopards an 18-10 record heading into the Sectional Semifinals.

Playoff action for the New Home boys team begins next Tuesday, Feb. 20 as the Leopards take on Loop for Bi-District honors. The game is scheduled at South Plains College in Levelland, with game time not known as of press time. Head coach for the team is Shawn Harrison.

O'Donnell's varsity boys team heads for the bi-district playoffs Tuesday also, facing Bronte at 7 o'clock in the Forsan gym. The Eagles tied for District Championship honors with Crosbyton, finishing 5-1 in district and an impressive 24-2 season record. Coach Mike Read leads the Eagle squad.

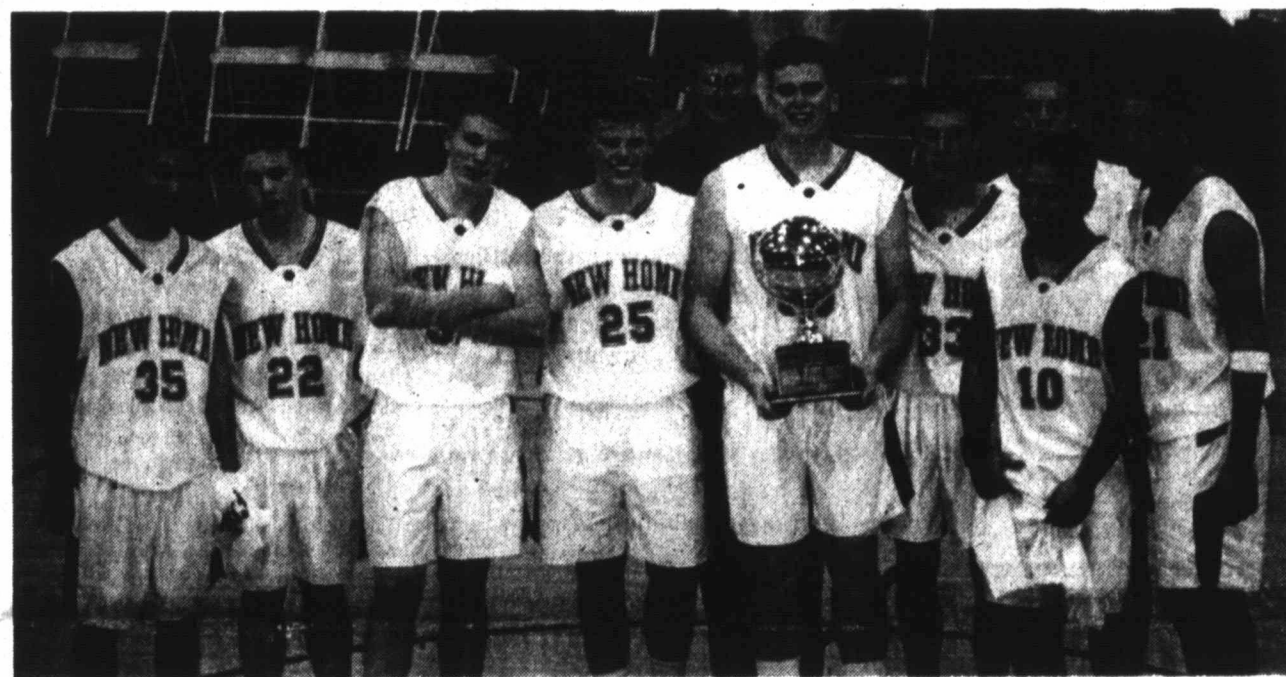
A practice game is scheduled this Friday at 7 p.m. in Levelland, where the Eagles will play Ropes to prepare for playoff action.

The Lady Eagles ended a good season Tuesday night in a bi-district battle with Roby, just nine points short of victory, 63-54.

They had a perfect 6-0 district record for the District Championship title, and were 22-8 for the season. Coach Billy Wilson directs the O'Donnell girls' squad.



BI-DISTRICT BASKETBALL CHAMPS - The New Home Lady Leopards varsity basketball team is shown here with the trophy they were presented for winning the District Championship this year. They defeated Dawson 54-48 Tuesday to claim the Bi-District Title and head for the Sectional Semifinals Friday at Canyon High School where they will play Whitharral at 8:00 p.m. From left to right are Danna Swartz, Serena Gonzales, Carrie Floyd, Mindy Dion, Randi Thornhill, Angelica Gonzales, Heather Kieth (obstructed), Tiffany Nettles, Kaci Wied and Stephanie Kieth. The team is coached by Joe Helms.



DISTRICT CHAMPIONS - The New Home Leopards varsity basketball team took home the District Championship after an undefeated season. They will take on Loop for the Bi-District title next Tuesday, Feb. 20, at South Plains College in Levelland. Team members and their coach are (from left) Justin Garza, Chris McAllister, Nathan Black, Keaton Askew, Coach Shawn Harrison, Matthew Cramblet, Shawn Wied, Michael Wied, Jonathan Rodriguez and Jason Reyes.

WOODWORK by Dalton

YESTERDAY was Valentine's Day, and I guess it sort of passed me by this year, but thinking about it made me wonder where we get the traditional shape of a heart: ♥

Anyway, the few pictures of real hearts that I have seen don't look like Dolly Parton at the top and Joe Lieberman's head at the bottom. They just look sort of shapeless, a blob of stuff, and attached are a bunch of little squiggly things which are going to cause lots of problems if we don't stop eating French fries and gravy.

Anyway, I hope that on Feb. 14 you told everybody you love them, even your enemies. It would drive them crazy wondering what you really mean.

INSURANCE COMPANIES send me a lot of junk, trying to get me to sign up for something I don't need, and trying to get some of those premium dollars which I spend with local agents who advertise in this newspaper.

Much of it is for "accidental death" policies, which for most folks is a waste of money. "So," said one agent, "you don't think there's a chance you will die accidentally?"

"On the contrary," I told him. "I sure don't expect to die on purpose." Of course, they don't define accidental death as any time you don't die on purpose. If they did, I'd have some of those policies.

Not long ago one of the companies sent a brochure called "LMS", explaining that this means Life Made Simple. Under this it said "Simplified-Issue Whole Life Level Death Benefit." Simple, huh? That statement alone is pure gobbledegook.

I'd guess that it means you have to live your whole life before you die, and death has to come on a perfectly level surface, like on top of a pool table, before they will pay your survivors.

I never have been especially fond of the idea of buying something which I have to die to collect. All of this reminds me of some jokes and cartoons I have seen in the past. One was the old man who told the insurance salesman, "I don't want no insurance. When I die, I want everybody to be sad!"

Then there was this cartoon of an attorney reading a will in front of a group. From the will, the attorney read, "In my lifetime, I made just over a million dollars. Being of sound mind, I spent it."

And there was this older couple sitting around one evening, and he said, "You know, Elsie, we've had a good life together for all these years." And she replied, "We sure have, all right."

"Yes," he said, "It has been really good. But I've been thinking lately that one of these days, one of us will be gone, and what will the other one do then?"

"Well," she said, "I think I'm going to move to Florida."

KNOTHOLES: The Center for Disease Control and Prevention once sent us a brochure about "Preventing Homicide in the Workplace." You might try working with nicer people. Or maybe carrying a gun, so you can get them before they get you. Guess we'd better not propose that, though. The report said guns were used in 75 per cent of homicides in the workplace, knives and other sharp instruments in 14 per cent. Three people were talked to death (okay, so I made that last one up). The brochure offered 13 tips on how to prevent murders in the workplace, including silent alarms, good lighting, bulletproof barriers and carrying small amounts of cash (that's the easiest one, of course; we do that all the time). . . . Even in the middle of the night, you can see ads on TV that ask you to "Call now, operators are standing by." On telethons sometimes they say this, and then show rows of phone answerers, every one of whom is sitting down.

TISD Principals, A.D. Contracts Renewed; Board Hears Parent Complaints At Meeting

by JUANELL JONES

School trustees did not disclose any information about parent complaints heard behind closed doors at last week's monthly school board meeting, but the seven board members, Superintendent Jimmy Parker, school attorneys Cal Huffaker and Philip Mack Furlow, and High School Principal Jerry Lee met for just over an hour and a half with Gloria Moore, Wanda Williams, Helen Payne and Debbie Harris to discuss the apparently controversial issue while a crowd of 30+ waited to hear the outcome.

Board President Greg Henley issued a brief statement when the board reconvened in open session, stating merely that the board would take no action on the issue and that trustees supported the school's administrative action.

"The board believes the administrator acted accordingly with school policy," Henley said. "That being said, we also encourage administrators to continue to enter into dialogue with concerned individuals to address any remaining concerns," he added.

When the board moved on to the next item of business, about half of the crowd left the meeting, many of whom gathered outside the meeting room to voice their complaints to a Lubbock News Channel 28 videographer who had been assigned to attend the meeting. Lubbock news stations later aired opinions from Ollie Jo Lawson claiming racial discrimination issues with the school district and complaining that she had been barred from attending any school functions on the high school campus. Ms. Lawson, however, was not one of the parents who met with trustees in the closed session.

School administrative officials and board members, by law, cannot

discuss details regarding specific students and disciplinary action and have therefore made no comment to public news media. Additionally, when a grievance is brought against a school employee, the employee has the right to hear the complaints in closed session, unless the employee specifically requests the grievance be heard in open session. Specifics of conversations held in closed session cannot be disclosed to the public, except as directed by a court order.

Trustees took action on several other agenda items during the meeting, including contracts for principals and the athletic director (after another three-hour closed session), calling for an election for three seats on the board, soliciting bids for an elementary campus renovation project and for a new school bus, and increasing the salary scale for at-will employees.

All administrative contracts were extended with salary increases, including Elementary Principal James Baker at a salary of \$57,000, Middle School Principal Gio Hays at a salary of \$49,000, High School Principal Jerry Lee at a salary of \$59,500, and Athletic Director Bryan Gerlich at a salary of \$51,500. All received \$1500 increases in their respective salaries. Elementary Assistant Principal Lisa Ramirez, whose one-year contract was extended to a two-year period like other administrative contracts, received a \$7500 salary increase to bring that position up to scale with other assistant position salaries in the state. Her salary will be \$45,000.

Three seats on the board of trustees will be up for election, with trustees calling the election for May 5 and naming Jackie Stephens as election judge, Donna Brooks as alternate

judge, and Susan Tipton as early voting judge. Precincts 1, 2 and 5 single-member districts will be up for grabs, currently held by Leighton Knox Jr., Joe Calvillo and Carmen Chapa, respectively. Filing period for candidates is Feb. 19 through March 21, at the school business office located in the Harvick Educational Building.

John Baker, representing MBA Architects, Inc., made a presentation to the board regarding the proposed elementary campus renovation project and trustees voted unanimously to solicit bids for the project. The proposed renovations include removing the old boiler heating system and installing a new heating/air conditioning system for the elementary campus, electrical wiring renovations, new ceilings and light fixtures, and carpeting/flooring, as well as a new roof on the elementary gym. Total estimate, including several options which trustees will consider, is \$649,445 for the project.

Trustees authorized Supt. Parker to solicit bids for the purchase of a new 77-passenger school bus, and instructed him to sell the 1996 46-passenger bus for a minimum price of \$20,000.

The salary scale for hourly employees in custodial, grounds maintenance and cafeteria positions was increased by \$1 per hour, approved unanimously by the board and effective immediately.

The next regular board meeting was set for Thursday, March 8 at 7 p.m. in the Harvick Building.

All seven trustees were present for the meeting which adjourned at 1:32 a.m., as well as Supt. Parker and other administrative and district staff, the district's attorneys, and about 30 guests for the first portion of the meeting.

Sen. Hutchison Sets Town Meeting Here Wednesday

U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison will meet with interested Lynn County citizens in a Town Hall Meeting in Tahoka next Wednesday, Feb. 21 at 1 p.m. in the Lynn County Courthouse. The senator will meet with citizens in the District Courtroom, on the second floor of the courthouse.

According to a representative from her office, Senator Hutchison will give an update on congressional issues and field questions from those in attendance during the hour-long meeting. This is her first town hall meeting in Lynn County.

For more information on the Town Hall Meeting, contact Lynn County Judge J.F. Brandon at 998-4222.

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Feb. 7	75	39	
Feb. 8	65	40	
Feb. 9	40	25	
Feb. 10	43	19	
Feb. 11	56	20	
Feb. 12	58	25	
Feb. 13	72	37	
Feb. 14		.06"	
Total Precip. for February: 0.17"			
Total Precip. year to date: 1.17"			
Precip. this time last year: 1.02"			

FNB, WSB Submit Bids For County Depository Rights

Representatives from First National Bank of Tahoka and Wilson State Bank met with Lynn County Commissioners Monday morning to present county depository bids for handling the county's financial business, but after hearing remarks and receiving informational packets commissioners tabled any action on selecting a county depository until the next regularly scheduled meeting, on Feb. 26. John Krey represented First National Bank, and Dan Cook and Kelly Livingston were present on behalf of Wilson State Bank. Currently, the county depository is with First National Bank of Tahoka. The bidding process occurs every two years.

In other business, monthly bills were approved as presented, and commissioners approved a request by County Clerk Susan Tipton to allow the Lynn County Abstract and Title to provide a copier in the county clerk's office, which would be maintained by the Abstract office for the use of office space. Mrs. Tipton also informed commissioners that the county clerk's office is contracting with Tahoka ISD and Lynn County Hospital District to conduct early voting for those entities for their upcoming May elections.

Lena Cloe, representing the county's Crime Victims Assistance office, met with the court to give an update on her department's activities since forming the new office six months ago, noting that the office had offered assistance to 89 victims during that time period. She explained that the goal of the office is to provide victims of crime in Lynn County with services as well as assistance and compensation through the Crime Victims Compensation Act. She provided informational packets to commissioners, and said that Lynn County had received approval for the continuation of a grant for the 2001-2001 year beginning in June 2001.

Commissioners J.T. Miller, Don Blair, Mike Braddock and Don Morton were all present for the meeting, as well as County Judge J.F. Brandon and others.

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Traffic Accidents, Vandalism Reported During Last Week

Two traffic accidents in the city of Tahoka were investigated by police during the last week. Police also had cases involving criminal mischief, possession of marijuana, driving while intoxicated (DWI) and a 13-year-old youth drinking beer.

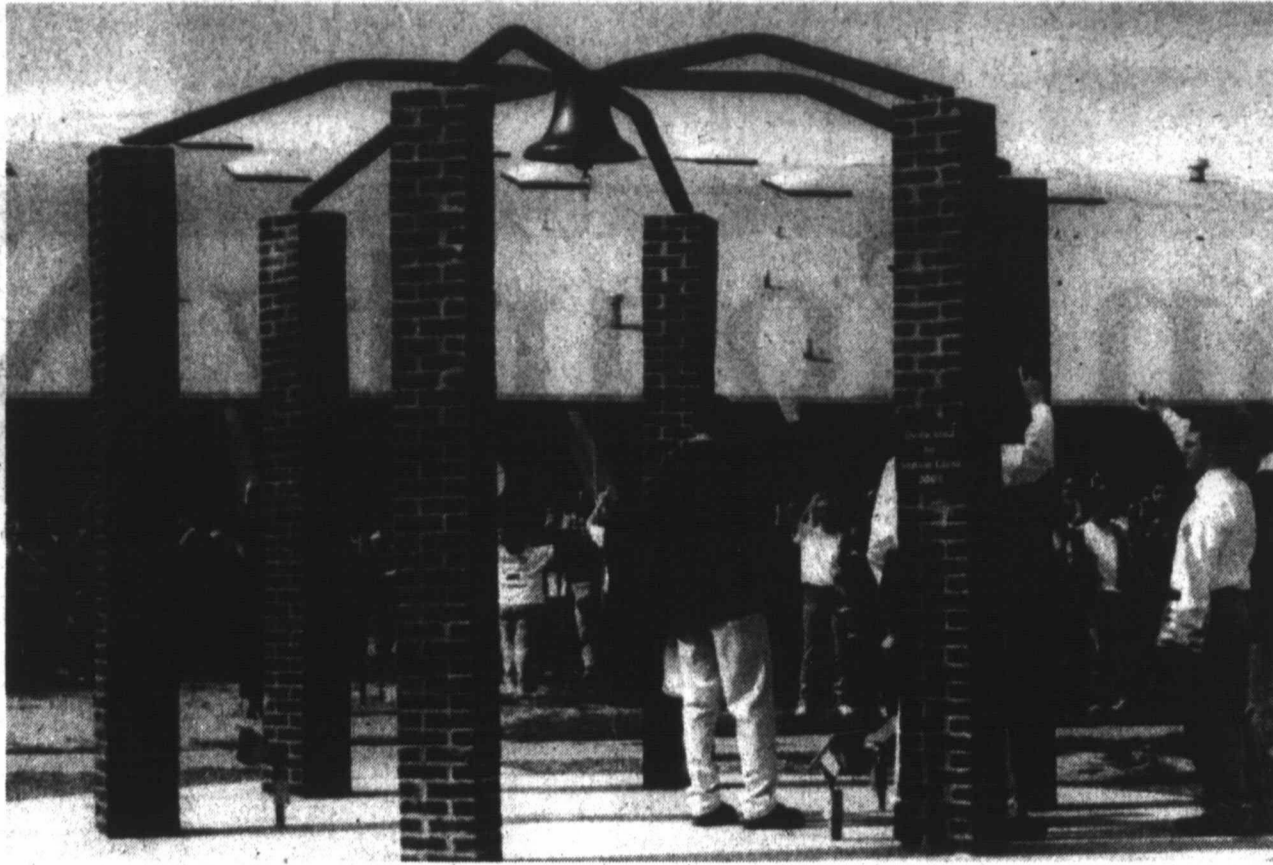
During the noon hour Friday vehicles driven by Tahoka High School students collided at the intersection of N. 3rd and Ave. S. Driver of a 2000 Chevrolet Cavalier was Lezli Rae Gandy, 18, and driver of a 1980 Chevrolet pickup was Clay Tyler Pittman, 17. There were no injuries except a possible minor injury to the driver of the pickup.

At mid-afternoon Friday in the

1900-block of Ave. N a collision involved a 1998 Pontiac Grand Am driven by Cassandra Hatchett Tillman, 33, and a 1994 Chevrolet pickup driven by Roberto Estrada, 37. There were no injuries.

A Tahoka woman said her boyfriend caused \$50 damage to the door of her home when he kicked it in Tuesday night.

In jail during the week were three persons for DWI, one for child support, one on Lubbock warrants for failure to appear on charges of speeding and no liability insurance, and one person for violation of parole on conviction of aggravated sexual assault on a child.



BELL TOWER DEDICATION - The Tahoka High School Senior Class of 2001 held a dedication ceremony for the new Senior Class Bell Tower on the front lawn of the high school campus Monday afternoon, expressing gratitude to those who assisted with the project and presenting Leighton and Joan Knox with a plaque of appreciation for donating the bronze bell. High School Principal Jerry Lee expressed the school's appreciation to the class for the bell tower, and the program concluded with the band performing the school song, shown here as students lift their hands for the song. Class members of the THS Class of 2001 engraved their names on the underside of the bell, which will be rung for special school occasions. (LCN PHOTO)

Girl Scouts Taking Orders For Cookies

Tahoka Girl Scout Troop #297 is currently taking orders for Girl Scout cookies and will continue to take orders until Sunday, Feb. 25.

To place an order, call Tammy Sodd at 998-4307.

Proceeds from the cookie sale will benefit the Tahoka troop.

Little Dribblers Registration Set Today

Area girls in grades 3-8 are invited to sign-up for Little Dribblers today (Thursday) from 5:00-6:30 p.m. at the Life Enrichment Center in Tahoka.

Cost is \$25 for the first child and \$20 for the second child.

Parents or guardians must accompany the child to the registration and must present a copy of the child's birth certificate.

Some people once believed that a sapphire would protect the wearer against the powers of darkness.

Area Students Earn Degrees From A&M

Three Lynn County residents were among approximately 3,400 students to receive degrees from Texas A&M University during fall commencement ceremonies.

Jade Russell Foerster of New Home earned a Bachelors in Business Administration degree with a major in Information and Operations Management.

Wesley James Solomon of Tahoka received a Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology, and Shawn Thomas Brewer of Tahoka received a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Development.

Scramble On Tap At T-Bar

T-Bar County Club in Tahoka will host a two man open scramble Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 17-18.

Entry fee is \$35 per person. Tee times are 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

For more information, or to enter, contact the country club at 998-5305.

Lynn County Students Graduate From Texas Tech

More than 1,500 students at Texas Tech University received degrees during the 2000 fall commencement exercises, including three students from Lynn County.

Brent Mitchell Raindl graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mitch Raindl of Tahoka.

Jay David Parker earned a Bachelor of Science degree with an Animal Science major. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Parker of Tahoka.

Keri Jaclyn Wied, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Wied of Wilson, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture and Applied Economics.

Tahoka School Menu

Feb. 19-23 Breakfast

Monday: Donut or Cereal & Toast, Apple Juice, Milk.

Tuesday: Sausage or Cereal & Toast, Fruit Punch Juice, Milk.

Wednesday: Cinnamon Rolls or Cereal & Toast, Pineapple Tidbits, Milk.

Thursday: Breakfast Pizza or Cereal & Toast, Apple Juice, Milk.

Friday: Sausage & Pancake Stick or Cereal, Orange Juice, Milk.

Lunch

Monday: Chili Beef Burrito, Mixed Salad, Corn, Peach Cup, Milk.

Tuesday: Hot Dogs, Pinto Beans, Cole-slaw, Mixed Fruit, Pineapple Cake, Milk.

Wednesday: Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza, Tossed Salad, Apple, Cherry Shape-Up, Milk.

Thursday: Steakfingers w/Gravy, Cream Potatoes, Green Beans, Orange Slices, Hot Rolls, Milk.

Friday: Hamburger or Cheeseburger, Lettuce, Onion, Pickle, French Fries, Purple Plum Cobbler, Milk.

The word *cockles* in the phrase *warm the cockles of one's heart*, come from the Latin phrase *cochleae cordis*, meaning ventricles of the heart.

Texas Tech Names Students To Honors Lists

More than 4,000 Texas Tech University students qualified for academic honors lists at the end of the 2000 fall semester, including several students from Lynn County.

Students named to the President's List include: Lindsey Jay Garcia of Tahoka, a freshman majoring in Photocommunications; Brady Lynn Raindl of Tahoka, a freshman majoring in COBA; and Kimberly Paige McInroe Rivas of Tahoka, a sophomore majoring in Multidisciplinary Studies.

To be named to the President's List, a student must earn a 4.0 (A) grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours of class work.

Named to the Dean's List were: Rebekah Gay Curry of Tahoka, a sophomore Merchandising major; Robert Allen Fant of Tahoka, a sophomore majoring in Restaurant, Hotel, and Institutional Management; William Carlton Cavender of Wilson, a freshman Mechanical Engineering major; Keri Jaclyn Wied of Wilson, a senior majoring in Agriculture and Applied Economics; and Lexi Marie Wied, a freshman Interdisciplinary Agriculture major.

Students who earned 12 or more hours with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9 qualify for the Dean's List.

THS Releases TAAS Schedule

Officials at Tahoka High School have released the class schedule for Feb. 20-22 when sophomores will be taking the Exit Level TAAS.

Sophomores should report to the High School LRC at 7:55 a.m. each morning with freshmen reporting at 7:55 a.m. to the gym. Juniors and seniors need not report to school until 11 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday.

Class schedules are as follows:

Tuesday, Feb. 20:
8:00-10:59 TAAS Writing
11:00-11:36 First Period
11:40-12:17 Second Period

Wednesday, Feb. 21:
8:00-10:59 TAAS Math
11:00-11:36 Third Period
11:40-12:17 Fourth Period

Thursday, Feb. 22:
8:00-10:59 TAAS Reading
11:00-12:17 Fifth Period

The regular afternoon schedule will resume after students return from lunch at 12:55 p.m.

For more information, please contact Sherri McCord at 998-5146 or the THS main office at 998-4538.

Tahoka Students Named to Dean's List

Three students from Tahoka have been named to Honors Lists at South Plains College.

Jamie Luna was named to the President's List while Amanda Fuentes and Casey McAllister were named to the Dean's List.

Students named to the President's Honor List must maintain a 4.0 grade point average while carrying at least 12 semester hours of college-level work. Students must maintain a grade point average of 3.25 to 3.9 while carrying at least 12 semester hours to be named to the Dean's List.

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 Cookie sales help local Troop #297!

Rabies Clinic Set Feb. 17 In Tahoka

Dr. Larry Mills, DVM, of Post will hold a rabies clinic on Saturday, Feb. 17 from 1:30-3:00 p.m. at the old fire hall in Tahoka.

Cost for rabies shots is \$6.50 per animal. Other vaccinations will be available at various prices.

For more information, or for a price quote, call Dr. Mills at 495-3726.



Boy Scout FLAG PROGRAM

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NEW AT THE LIBRARY

Dr. Death
by Jonathan Kellerman

Someone has murdered euthanasia champion Dr. Eldon Mate - a self-styled Dr. Death responsible for scores of assisted suicides. In a burst of bloody irony, the killer chooses to dispatch the doctor in the back of Mate's own suicide van, hooking him up to the killing apparatus dubbed "the Humanitron" - and adding some butchering touches of his own. The case is assigned to veteran LAPD homicide detective Milo Sturgis, who turns to his friend Dr. Alex Delaware. But working this case raises a conflict of interest for Alex so profound that he can't even discuss it with Milo. The tension that develops between cop and psychologist further complicates an already baffling and complex murder investigation - one whose suspects include the families of Dr. Mate's "travelers," Mate's own son, and a psychopathic killer who relishes the geometry of death.

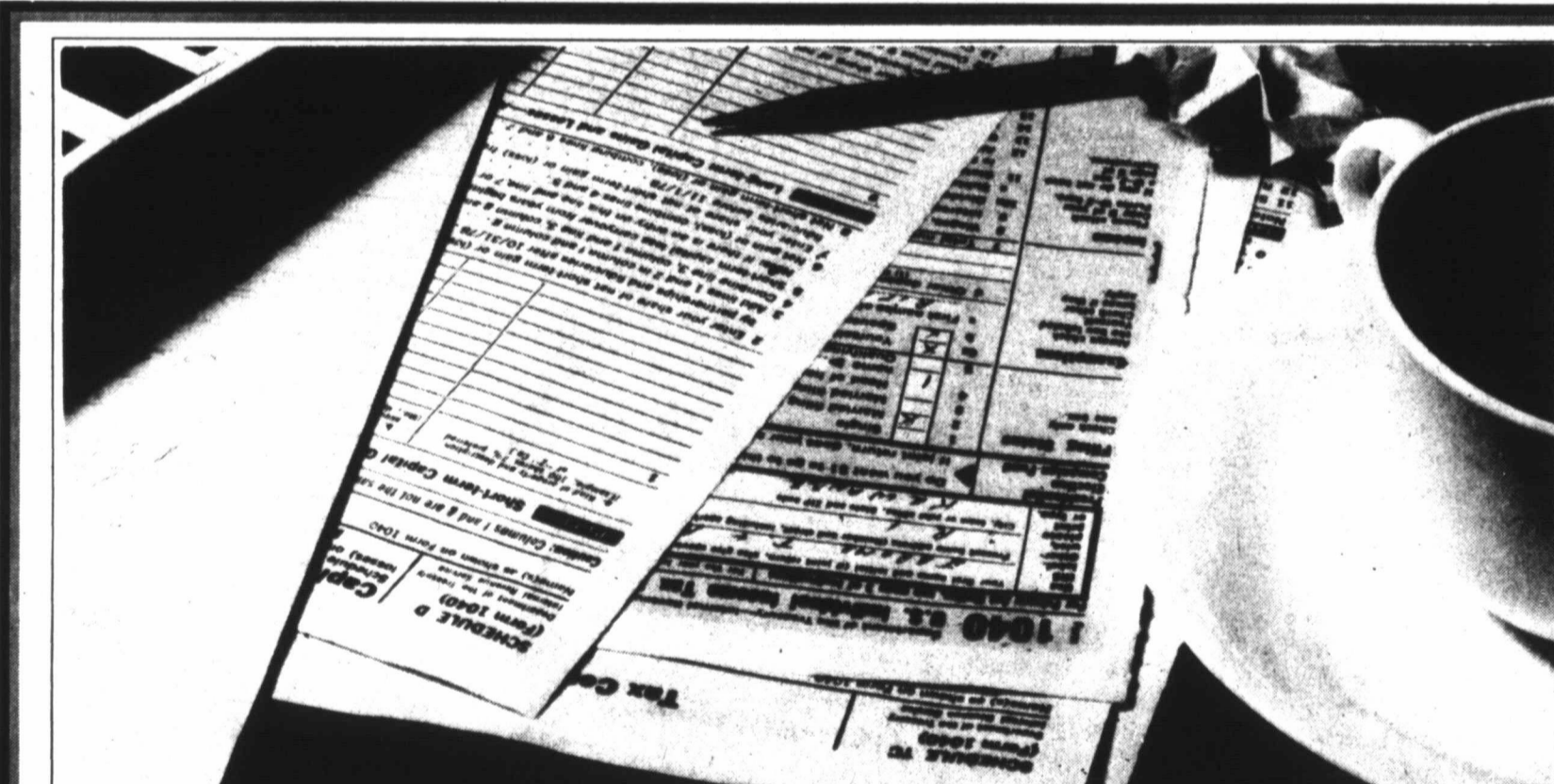
Available at the City/County Library, located inside the Life Enrichment Center, 1717 Main Street, Tahoka, phone 998-4050. Open Mon. and Wed. 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. (closed 12:30-1:30 p.m. for lunch), Tues. and Thurs. 2-7 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

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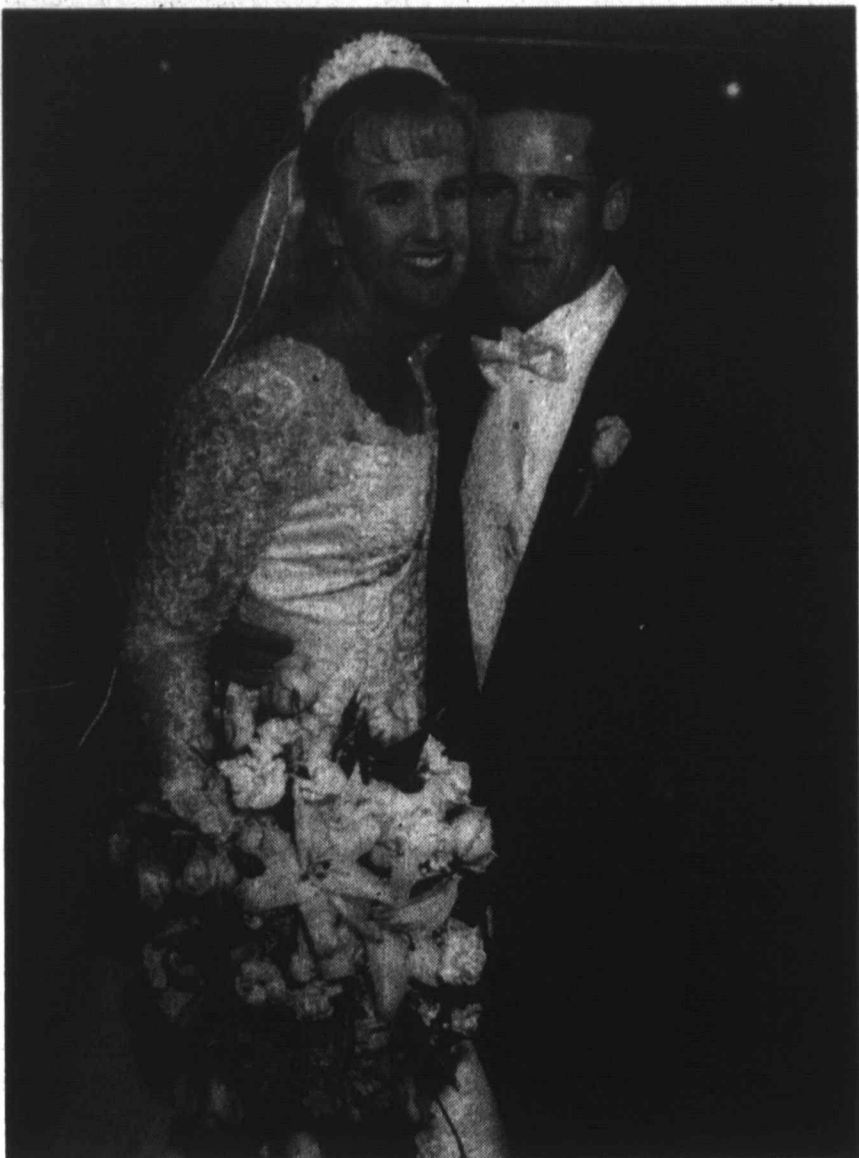
Angela Celeste Olney and Clay Douglas Tahoka were united in matrimony on Saturday, Jan. 13, 2001 at the First United Methodist Church in Tahoka. Rev. Marvin Olney, Rev. Marvin Tahoka and Rev. Matt officiated the double ceremony. Parents of the bride and groom are Harold and Mrs. Harold Simmons of Tahoka and Harold and Mrs. Harold Simmons of Springtown. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Doug Taylor of Tahoka and Mr. and Mrs. Taylor of Trinidad, CO. The church altar was adorned with English ivy, and the bride wore a gown with long sheer sleeves and a basque waistline. The gown was accented with clear sequins. The groom's boutonniere was a clear sequin. The bride's bouquet was a mix of white stargazers, callisyanthus and mini-English ivy and carried a small family heirloom which had been worn by the groom's mother and each of their wedding attendants. Angela Wright served as Matron of Honor and Carrie Taylor as bridesmaid. The bridesmaids were Carrie Taylor, sister of the groom; Austin, cousin of the groom; Brooke Kulhavy and Amy Pierson of Tahoka. The attendants wore dresses of navy crepe with hand-tied bouquets of white and mini-carnations.

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Simmons, Taylor United in Marriage

Angela Celeste Simmons of Olney and Clay Douglas Taylor of Tahoka were united in marriage at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 6, 2001 in the First United Methodist Church in Olney. Rev. Marvin Gregory of Tahoka and Rev. Matt Hall of Olney officiated the double ring ceremony.

Parents of the bride are Venice and Harold Simmons Jr. of Olney. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Simmons of Olney and Mr. and Mrs. Werner Louwien of Springtown.

The groom's parents are Leah and Doug Taylor of Tahoka. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Short of Tahoka and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Taylor of Trinidad, Colo.

The church altar was decorated with English ivy, candelabra and ficus trees adorned in white lights.

The bride was escorted by her father and wore a white matte satin gown with long sheer sleeves, v-neck and basque waistline. The entire bodice and sleeves were covered with pleated lace beaded with pearls and clear sequins. The gown had a deep plunging back with satin covered buttons along the zipper. The train was chapel length. Cut-out appliques embellished the entire train and were adorned with pearls and clear sequins identical to the bodice. After the ceremony, the dress was bustled for the reception.

Celeste wore a delicate embroidered headpiece with a fingertip, two-layer veil cascading from the back. The veil featured a corded satin trim around the entire edge.

She carried a cascading bouquet of white stargazers, calla lilies, roses, lisianthus and mini-carnations with English ivy and pearls. She also carried a small family heirloom Bible which had been carried by the groom's mother and her three sisters at each of their weddings.

Angela Wright of Seymour served as Matron of Honor. Bridesmaids were Carrie Taylor of Tahoka, sister of the groom; Brandy Hays of Austin, cousin of the bride; Misty Russell of Fort Worth, cousin of the bride; Brooke Kulhanek of Olney; and Amy Pierson of Stephenville.

The attendants wore floor-length dresses of navy crepe. They carried hand-tied bouquets of burgundy roses and mini-carnations, mauve

astromeria, baby's breath and English ivy.

Best Man was Trent Scott of Lubbock. Groomsmen were Clint Simmons of Stephenville, brother of the bride; Lance Sides of Vernon; Kyle Mars of Frisco; Bo Dempsey of Happy; and Curtis Erickson of Lubbock.

Ushers were Skipper Russell of Peaster, cousin of the bride; Darren Brunz of Lawrence Kan., cousin of the groom; Collin Brunz of Houston, cousin of the groom; and Heith Heston of Ulysses, Kan.

Kortney Kulhanek of Olney was Flower Girl. The groom's nephew, Colton Taylor of Tahoka, served as Ring Bearer.

Meliah Taylor of Brownfield, and Erin Kilpatrick of Brownwood, both cousins of the groom, registered guests.

Lori Cox of Olney played piano and Edwin Key of Olney played the organ. Perry Simmons, uncle of the bride, sang "Surely the Presence of the Lord," and "If You Could See What I See."

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at The Firehouse in Megargel. Guests danced to the music of Stampede. The couple shared their first dance to George Strait's "I'm Never Gonna Let You Go."

The bride's table featured a three-tiered white cake iced in a basket weave design with a fountain between the first and second layers. The cake was adorned with flowers and greenery.

Serving at the bride's table were Marilyn Ickert and Kara Ickert, both of Olney.

The groom's two-layer chocolate cake in the shape of a horseshoe was served by Meliah Taylor of Brownfield and Erin Kilpatrick of Brownwood, both cousins of the groom.

The couple honeymooned on a cruise to the Bahamas and now reside in Canyon.

The groom is a student at West Texas A&M University, majoring in Ag Business and Economics. He is employed by Jerry Sims of Happy.

The bride graduated from Texas Tech University with a BBA in Finance. She is employed by First National Bank of Amarillo.

Homer Parker

Services for Homer Lee Parker, 83, of Fort Worth were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13 at Brownfield Funeral Home Memorial Chapel with Rev. J.L. Bass officiating.

Burial was in Terry County Memorial Park.

He died Friday, Feb. 9, 2001.

He was born July 29, 1917 in Cameron and graduated from Tahoka High School. He married Shirley Burnett on Feb. 14, 1940 in Brownfield. He served as Terry County Sheriff from 1964-1980 and then was employed with Jack Hamilton Tire Co. until his retirement in 1998. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

Survivors include his wife; a son, John of Houston; two daughters, Pat Parker and Elaine Floyd, both of Fort Worth; two brothers, Pug of Tahoka and B.L. of Bastrop; two sisters, Alice Jackson of Mio, Mich. and Lois Dunlap of Lubbock; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Billie Rudd

Services for Billie Gene Rudd, 77, of New Home were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11 at First Baptist Church in New Home with Larry Westmoreland and the Rev. Floyd Haddock officiating.

Burial was in Englewood Cemetery in Slaton.

She died Thursday, Feb. 8, 2001 in Lubbock.

She was born Jan. 12, 1924 in Gorman and graduated from Gorman High School in 1942. She married E.M. Rudd Oct. 2, 1942 in Clovis, N.M. He died March 1, 1987. They moved to the New Home area in 1945. She was a homemaker, beautician, artist and longtime member of New Home First Baptist Church.

She also preceded in death by a son, Marlow Rudd in 1996 and a daughter, Linda Beach in 1999.

Survivors include a daughter, Laura Smith of New Home; a son, Don of Bedford; two sisters, Gracie Jenkins of Rising Star and Nadine Barte of Andrews; 10 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were grandsons, Chad Ford, Carrey Rudd, Clint Rudd, Keith Godsey, Jeremy Wallace and Stacy Smith.

The family suggests memorials to West Texas MDA, 8212 Ithaca Ave., Lubbock 79423; the American Cancer Society, 3411 73rd Street, Lubbock 79423; or to a favorite charity.

Victor Parrish

Services for Victor Parrish, 71, of Shamrock were held Monday, Feb. 12 at the Church of Christ in Shamrock with nephews officiating.

Burial was in Shamrock Cemetery.

He died Friday, Feb. 9, 2001.

He was born May 7, 1929 in Shamrock. He graduated from Shamrock High School in 1946. He married Leona Hawley on Sept. 2, 1954 in Shamrock. She died in 1979. He lived all his life in the Shamrock area and farmed and ranched. He was a member of Shamrock Church of Christ.

Survivors include two daughters, Phyllis and Debbie; four sisters, Dovie Miller of Tahoka, Ora Lee Foringer of Washington, Pa., Josephine Burgess of Clarendon and Jo Ann Brooks of Shamrock; and four grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Westview Boy's Home in Hollis, Okla.

Lajuana Kieschnick

Graveside services for Lajuana June Kieschnick, 66, of Gladewater will be held at 2 p.m. today (Thursday) in Wilson Memorial Cemetery. She died Saturday, Feb. 10, 2001.

She was born June 14, 1934 in Wilson. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

Survivors include three sons, Roger of Rockwall, Alan Dale of Virginia Beach, VA., and Rodney of Gladewater; three sisters, Pat Hewlett of Florida, Sylvia Wuensche of Wilson and Cheryl Montgomery of Lubbock; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Otis Potts

Graveside services for Otis L. Potts, 64, of Colorado City were held at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12, at Tahoka Cemetery.

Arrangements were under the direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

He died Feb. 9, 2001 at V.A. Medical Center in Big Spring.

He was born Sept. 10, 1936 in Lynn County and attended Tahoka schools. He served in the U.S. Army and was a Methodist.

Survivors include two brothers, Charles Potts of Gowen, Okla., and T.W. Potts of Colorado City; and several nieces and nephews.

Melvyn Dutton

Services for Melvyn B. Dutton, 78, of Petersburg were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, at First United Methodist Church in Petersburg with Rev. Ted Wilson officiating and John Lowrie and Sharon O'Quinn Wiese assisting.

Burial was at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Littlefield Memorial Park under the direction of White Funeral Home.

He died Saturday, Feb. 10, 2001 in Lubbock.

He was born May 11, 1922 in Knox City. He attended school in Sudan and Knox City, where he graduated in 1940. He married Bennie Lou Davis Sept. 25, 1943 in Amherst.

He served aboard the U.S. St. Louis in World War II. After the war, he farmed in the Amherst and Littlefield area. He managed the Lamb County Co-op Gin, Fieldton Co-op Gin, Petersburg Co-op Gin and the O'Donnell Co-op Gin. He served as mayor of Petersburg from April 1976-April 1980.

After retiring in Jan. of 1991 from the ginning business, he became active in Walk to Emmaus. He served on the Kairos Prison Ministry at the Monford Unit near Lubbock. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Petersburg.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Annette Dutton Myrick of Austin and Debbie Dutton Tompkins of Andrews; a brother, Olen of Lake Belton; six grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

The family suggests memorials to the Petersburg First United Methodist Church Building Fund, 1706 Ave. G, Petersburg 79250; or the Llano Estacado Emmaus Community Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 12091, Lubbock 79452.



FOOD DONATION - Lynn-Garza County Farm Bureau and Thriftway donated food items to the Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center on Feb. 7, in celebration of National Food Checkout Day. Food Checkout Day represents the day by which the average American has earned enough income to buy food for the entire year. Rebecca Ingle, director of the Pioneers (center) is shown at Thriftway with the donated groceries, with Farm Bureau representatives Chad Lowermilk (left) and Milton Edwards. (LCN PHOTO)

News from the Tahoka Care Center

by Beverly Zuniga

Phoebe K. Warner Club sponsored our Valentine's Day party on Wednesday, Feb. 14. Special entertainment was presented by Dalton Wood and Margin Gregory.

Thank you to the second and fifth grade GA girls from the First Baptist Church. They made Valentine placemats cards and hearts which were placed in each resident's room. Tahoka High School students

Tahoka School News

by Tahoka High School Growl Staff

THS Powerlifting by Heather Stark

On Feb. 10 the T.H.S. Powerlifting team competed at the Plains Powerlifting meet.

Stephen Solorzano lifted 1,000 lbs. for first place in the 148-lb class. Pablo Herevia lifted 980 lbs. for second place, also in the 148-lb class.

Matthew Bonawit lifted 870 lbs. and received fourth place in the 148-lb class. Lance Lankford lifted 740 lbs. for first place in the 275-lb. class.

Solorzano placed 8th in the region. Hervia placed 11th in the region.

Varsity Girls by Kammie Williams

The Lady Dogs were defeated by Sundown 33-45 on Tuesday, Feb. 6. Top scorers were Kammie Williams with 9 points, Chelsey Miller and Lezli Gandy with 8 points each and Marissa Chapa with 6 points.

The Lady Dogs ended their season 2-24 with a district record of 0-10. The top three scorers for the year were Kammie Williams with a total of 165 points, Marissa Chapa with a total of 154 points, and Keely Boone with a total of 115 points.

The Lady Dogs ended with a total of 845 points for the season.

JV Boys by Carrie Gregory

The J.V. Bulldogs were stomped by New Deal 34-53 on Friday, Feb. 9. The top scorers included Leslie White with 8 points and Randy Chapa with 7.

The J.V. Dogs were conquered by Sundown 20-36 on Tuesday, Feb. 6. The top scorers included White and Kellen Flowers with 6 points each.

Clayton Chancy, Amada Aguilar and Mickey DeLeon, along with their teacher Patti Rambo, will demonstrate our computers to the resident's at 9 a.m. Thursday (today). The kids will help our residents understand the programs and how to make personalized cards for themselves.

Hope you had a Happy Valentine's Day!

Phoebe K. Warner CLUB NEWS

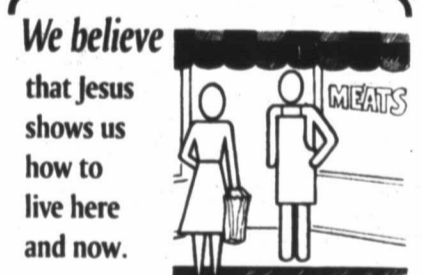
by Mary Belew

The Phoebe K. Warner Club met on Jan. 23 in the home of Grace Huffaker. Betty Owens was co-hostess. The report on the Christmas Card project was given.

The program was given by Rebecca Srygley on "Operation Smile." General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) is a sponsor of this project, which was begun in 1982 by a plastic surgeon, Dr. William McGee and his wife. The program offers children surgical relief from burn accidents, tumor removal, cleft pallets, eating difficulties, impaired speech and hearing. It is run by volunteers on donated monies. Members learned ways of volunteering for this project.

Members then filled out a "Long Form Love Tax" and were encouraged to give a donation according to their score.

The club held a meeting on Feb. 13 in the home of Gerald-Deane Wood.



Come share the Spirit!

St. John Lutheran Church, Wilson (Block S. of 211, next to school) 628-6573 Sunday School 9:30; Worship 10:45

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Tuesday: Turkey & Gravy, Cornbread Dressing, Green Beans, Wheat Roll, Grapefruit or Orange Sections, Pumpkin Pie or Bars.

Wednesday: Pork Chops, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Cole-slaw, Raisin Bread, Applesauce or Baked Apples.

Thursday: Hamburger or Cheeseburger, Scalloped Potatoes, Spinach, Carrot Sticks, Cherry Cobbler.

Friday: Beef Enchiladas, Red Beans, Zucchini, Tossed Salad/Ranch Dressing, Peaches.

Weekend Sale!

6 Pack Cans -- Thursday, Friday and Saturday only, Feb. 15-17, 2001

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3 Liter Bottles -- \$1.69 Thursday and Friday only, Feb. 15-16, 2001

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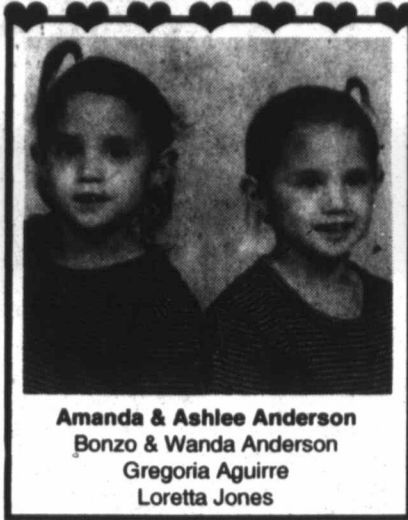
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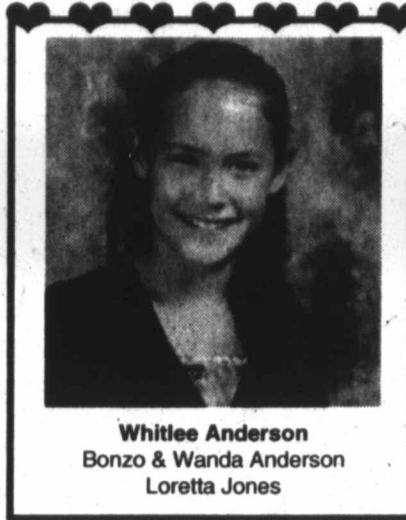
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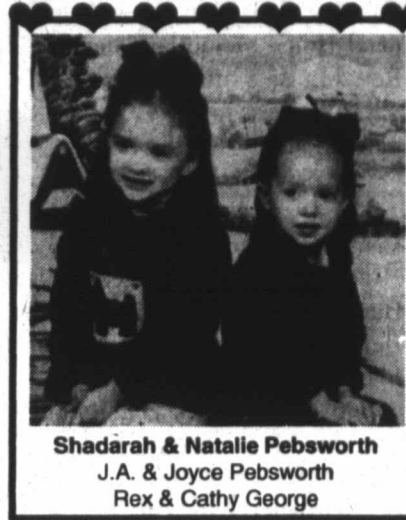
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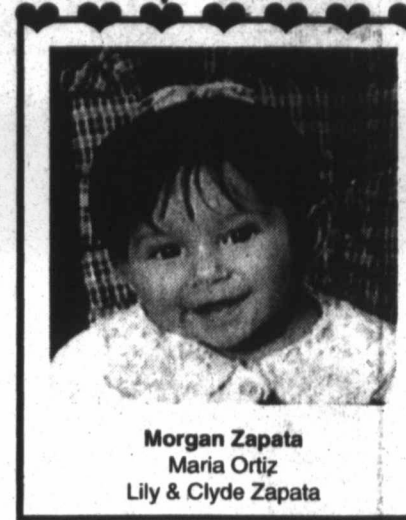
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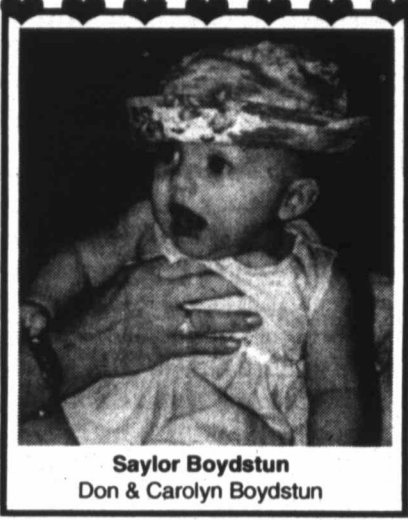
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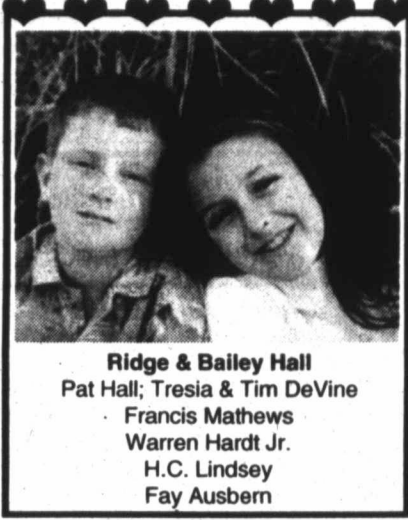
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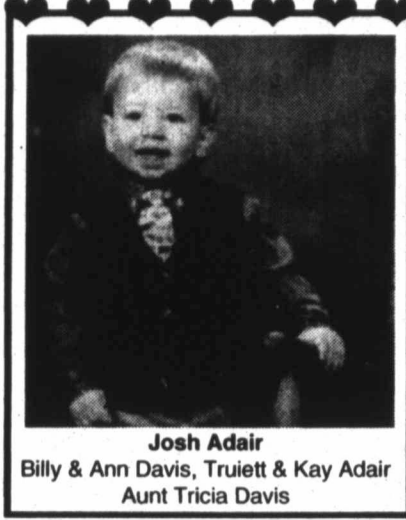
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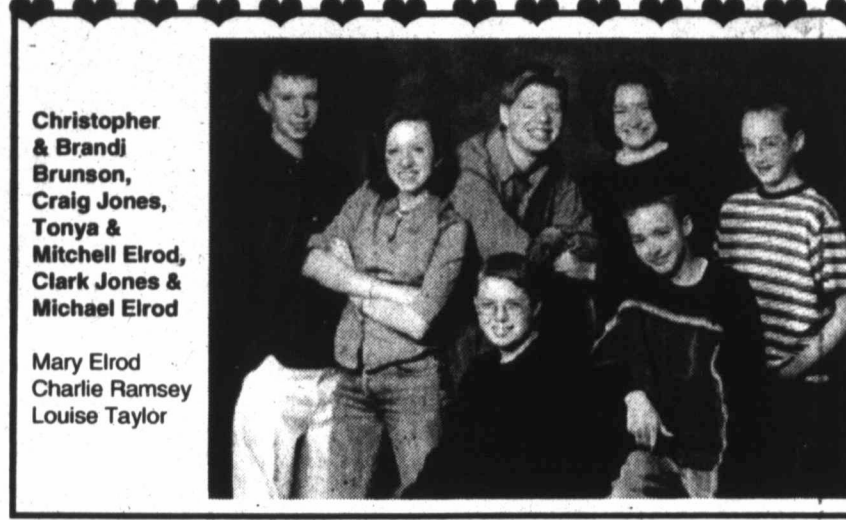
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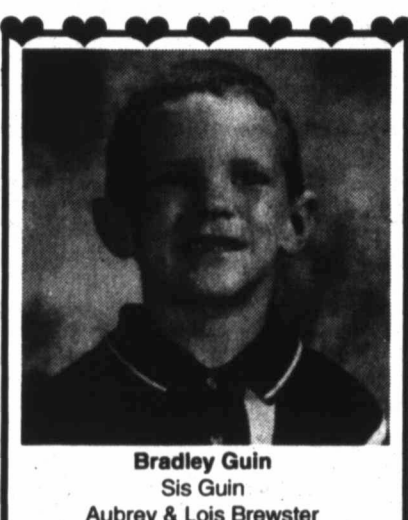
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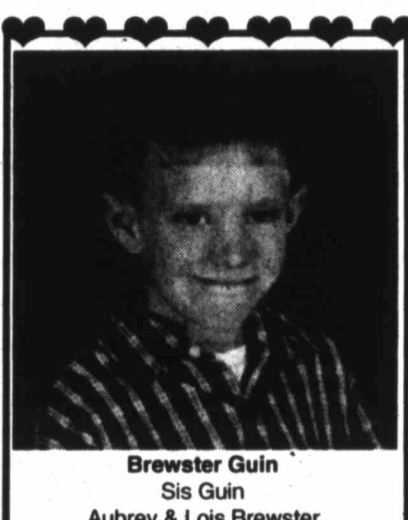
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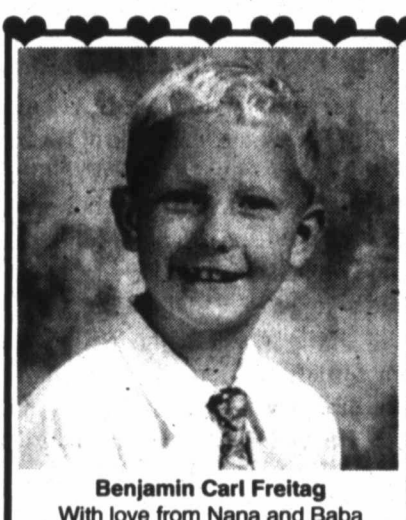
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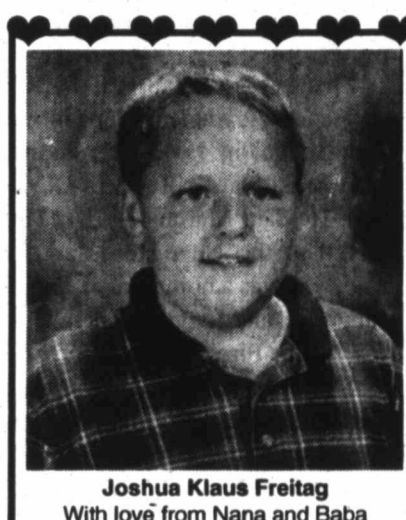
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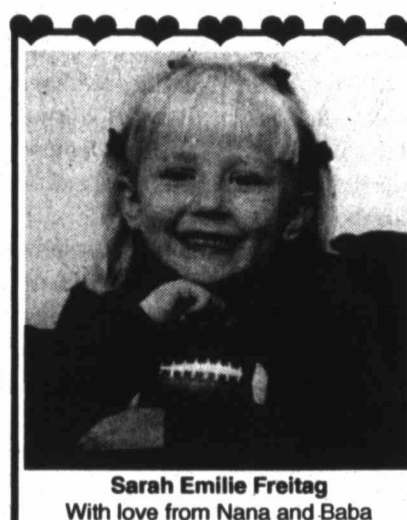
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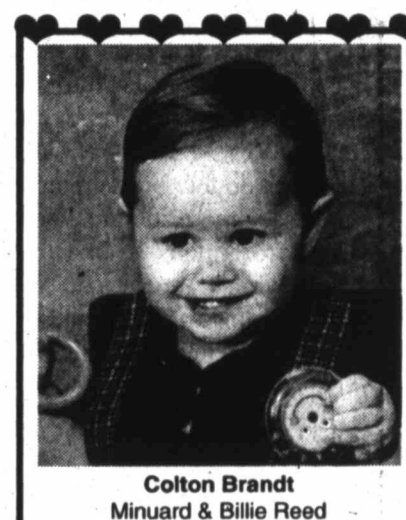
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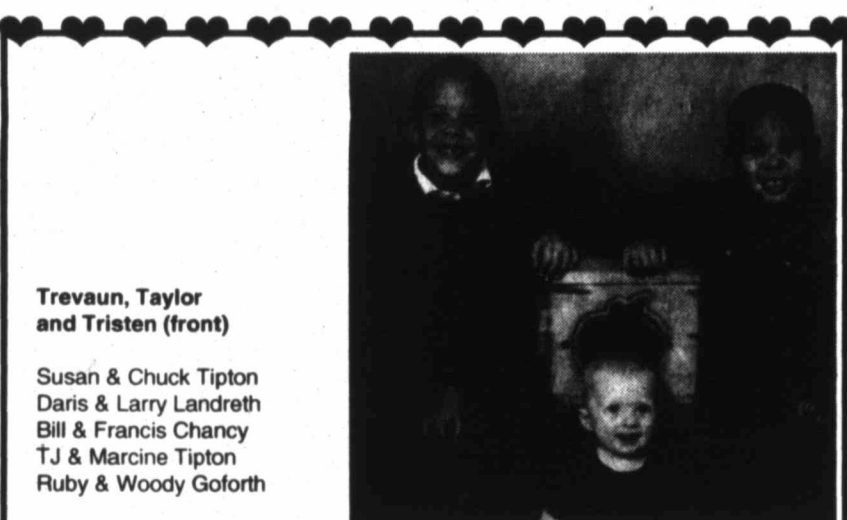
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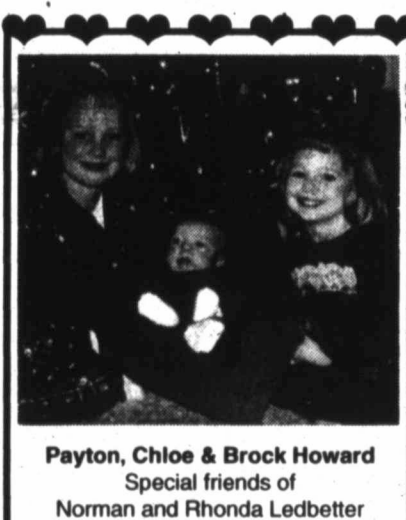
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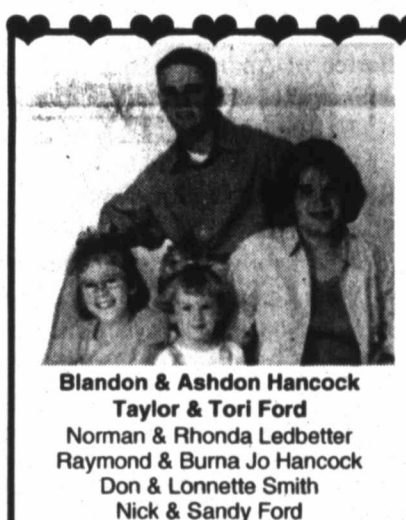
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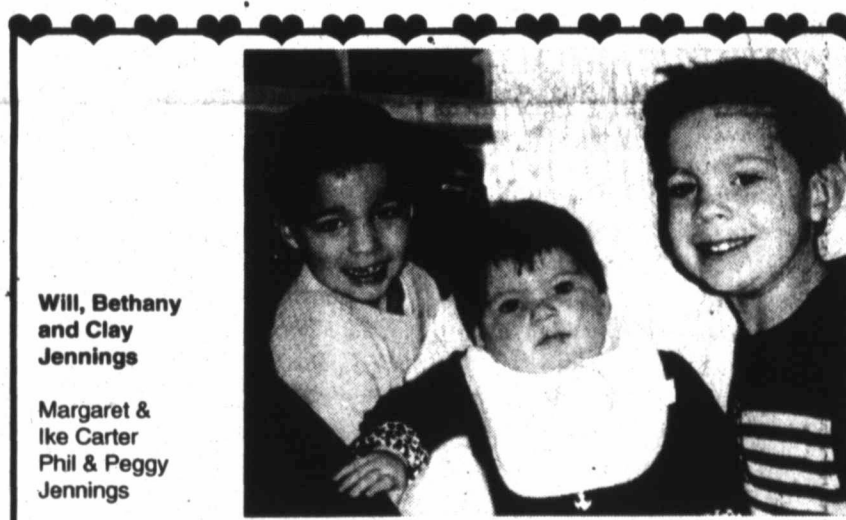
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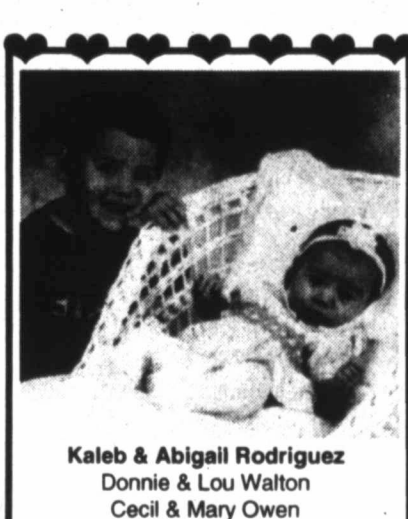
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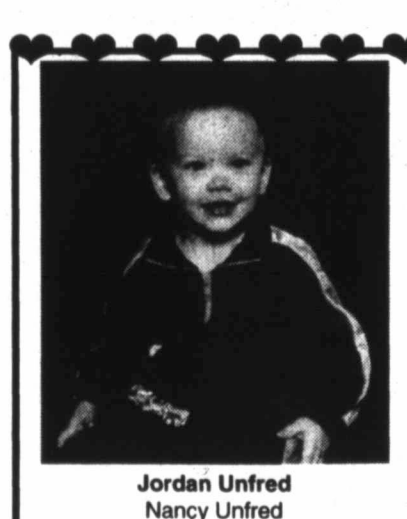
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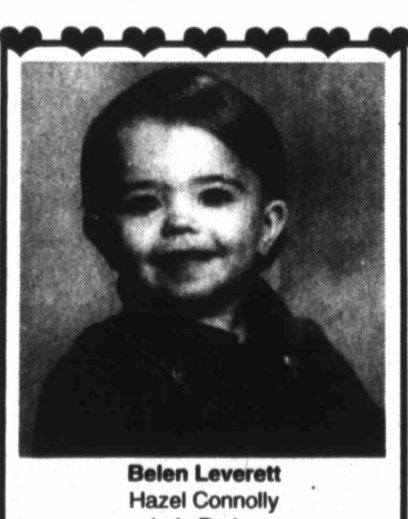
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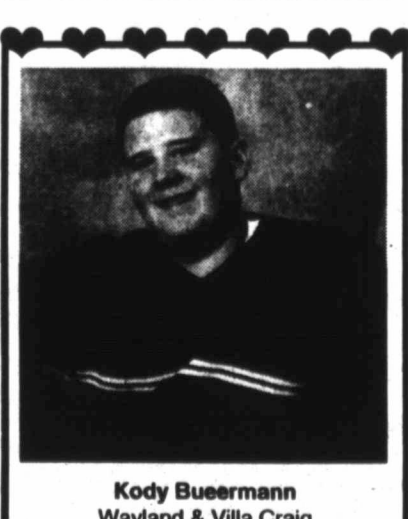
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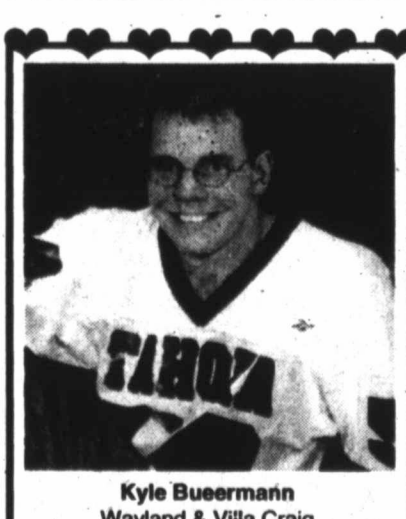
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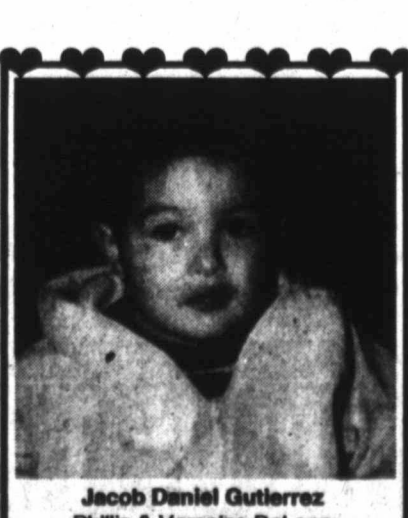
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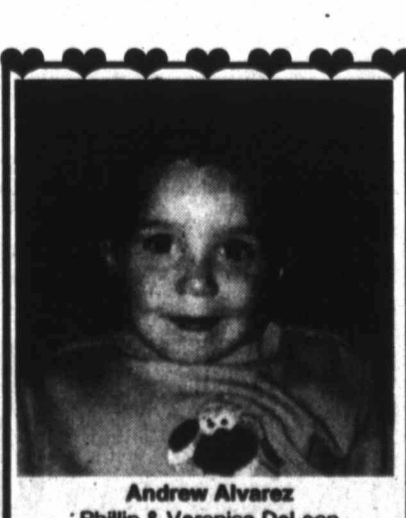
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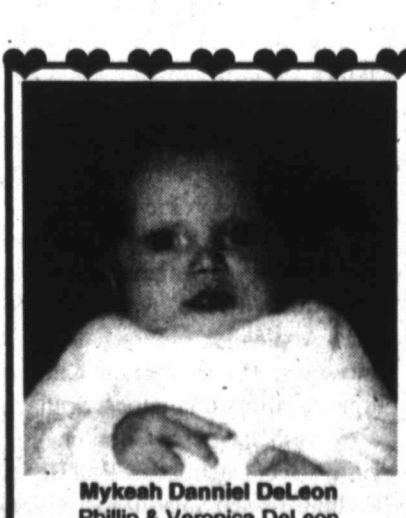
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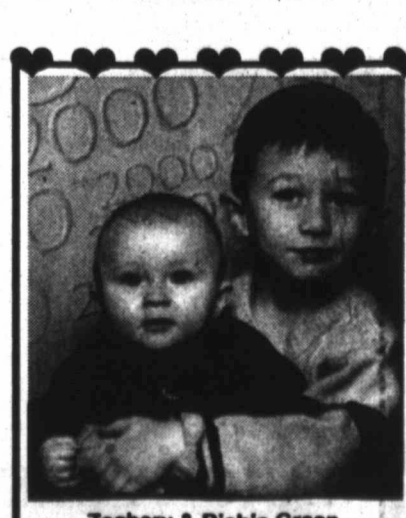
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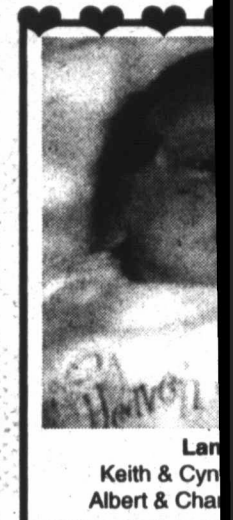
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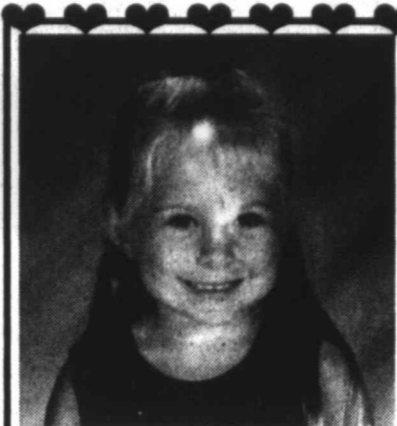
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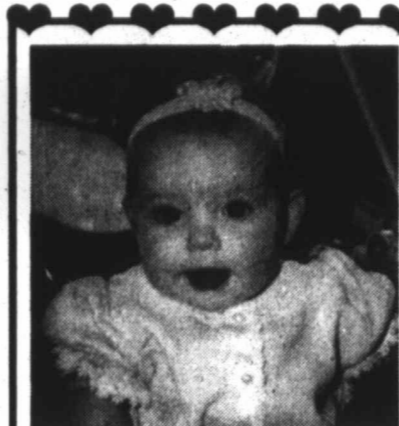
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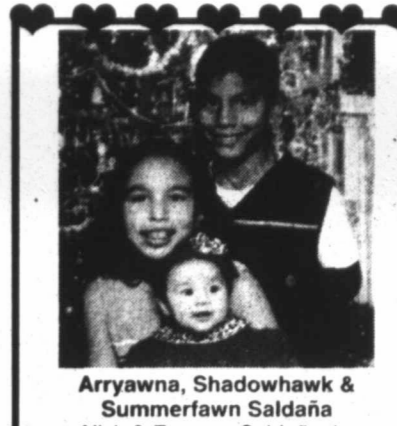
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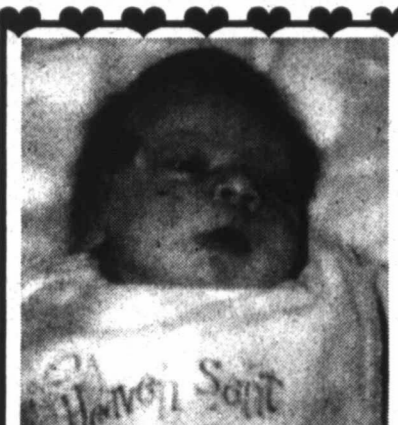
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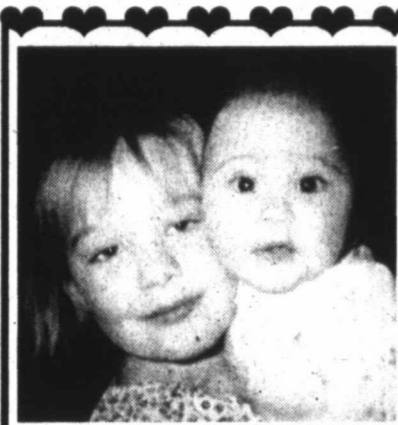
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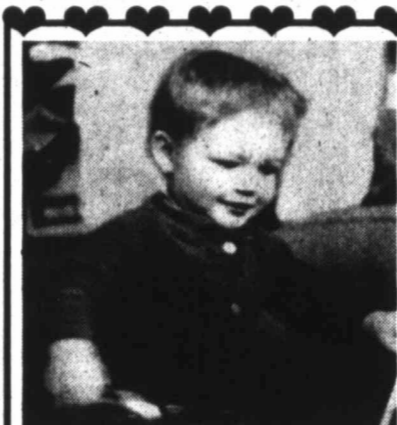
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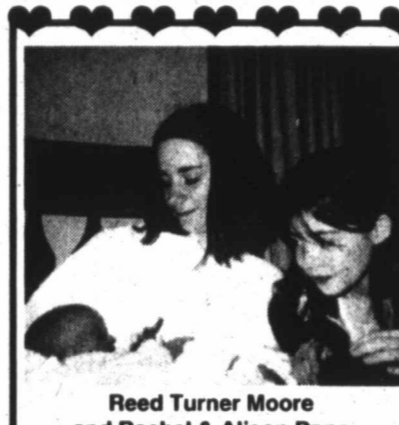
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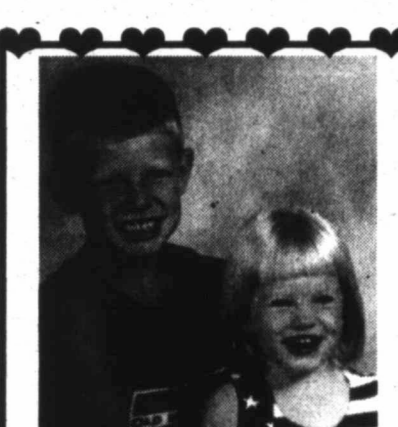
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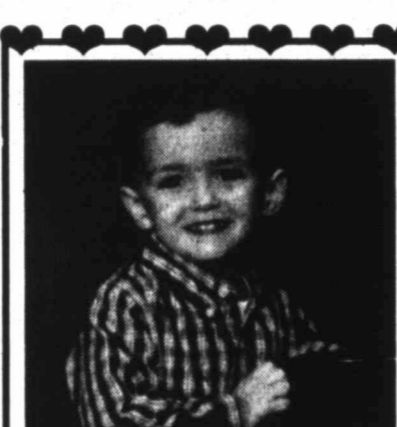
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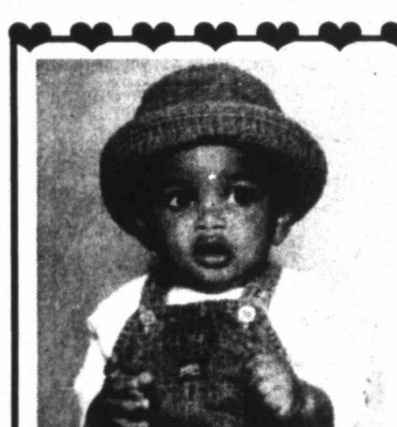
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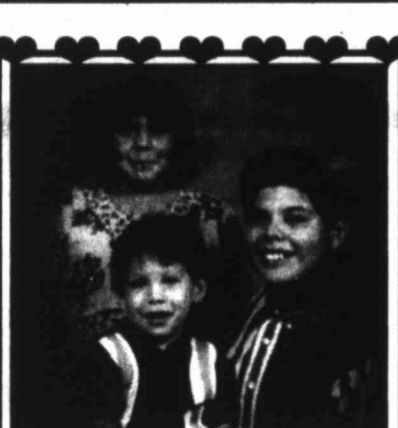
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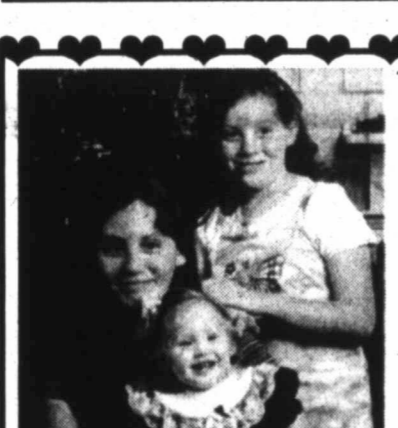
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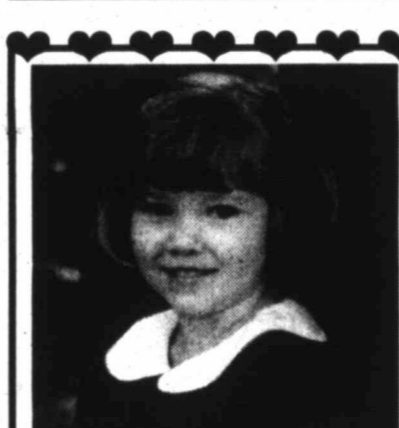
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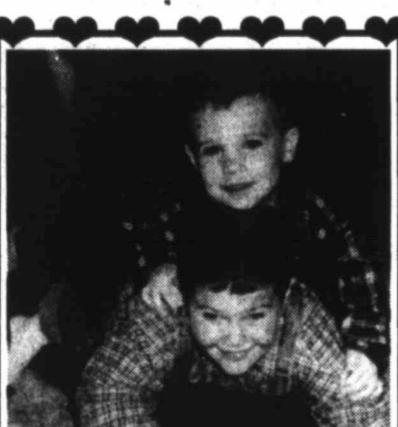
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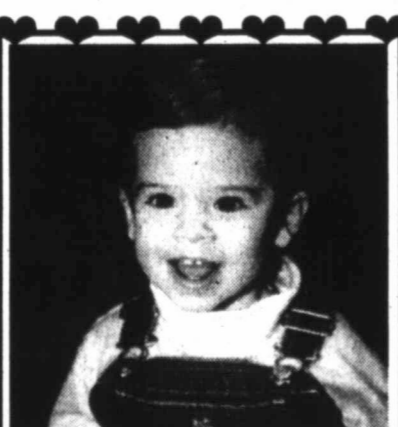
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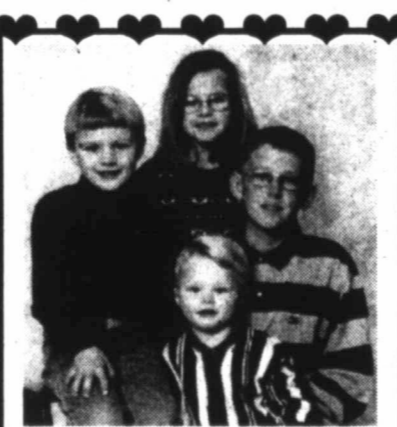
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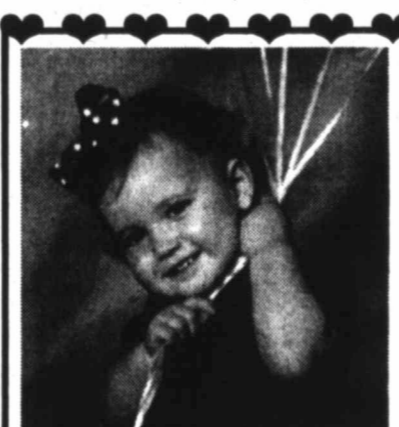
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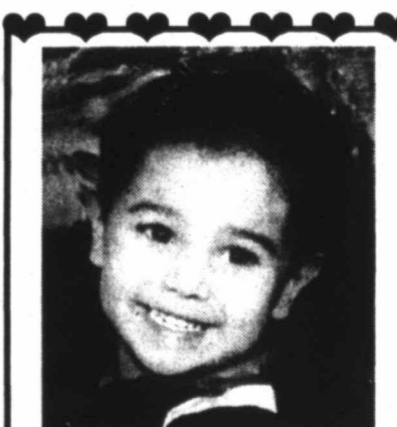
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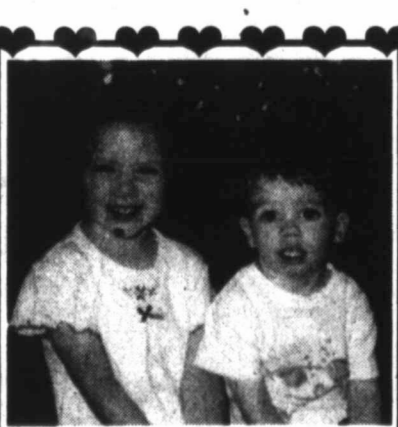
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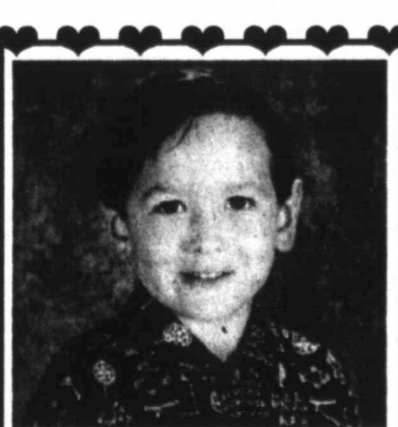
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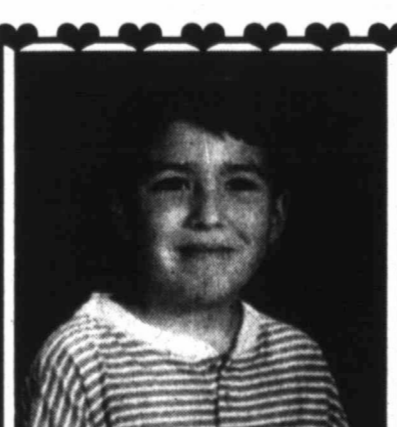
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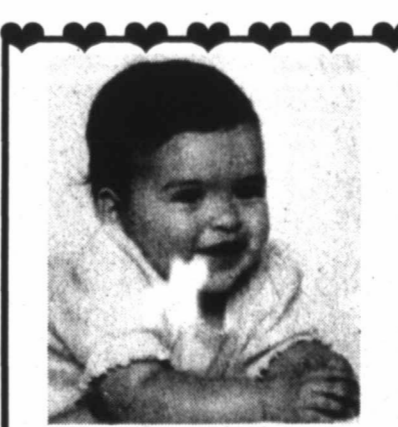
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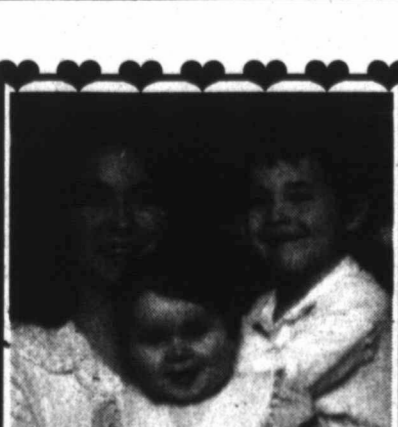
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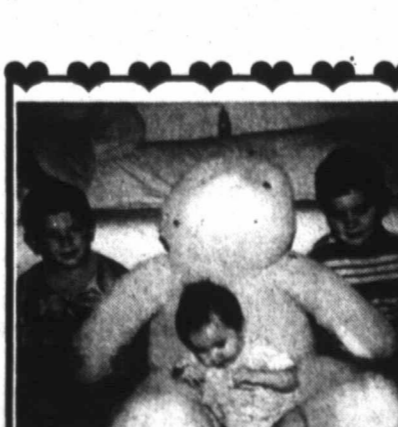
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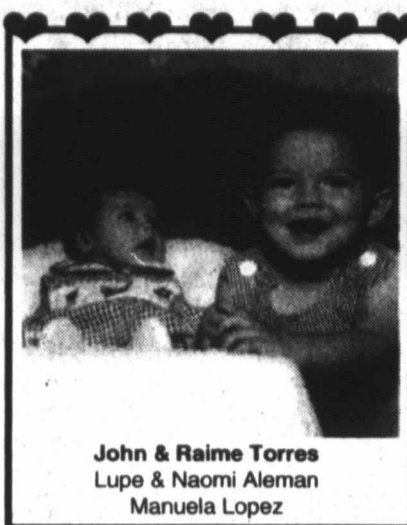
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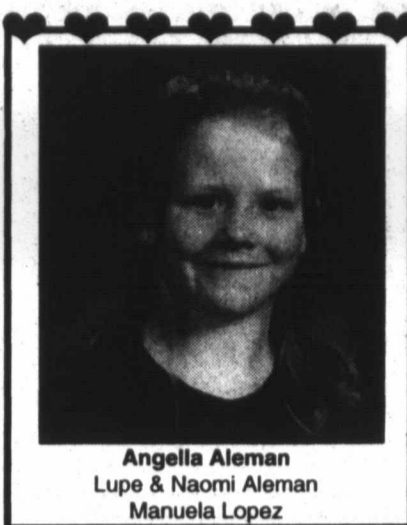
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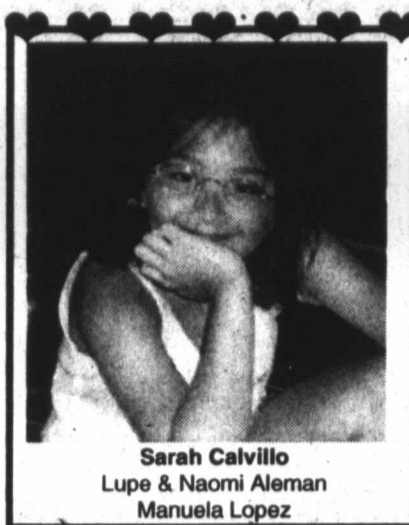
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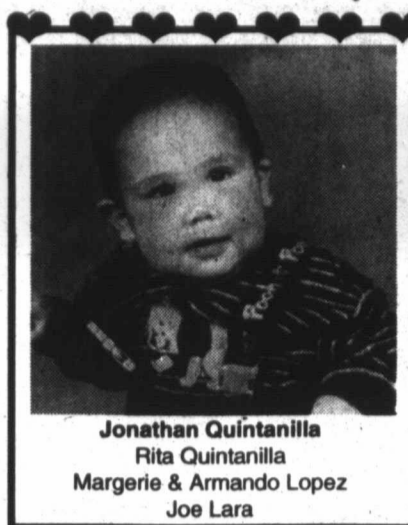
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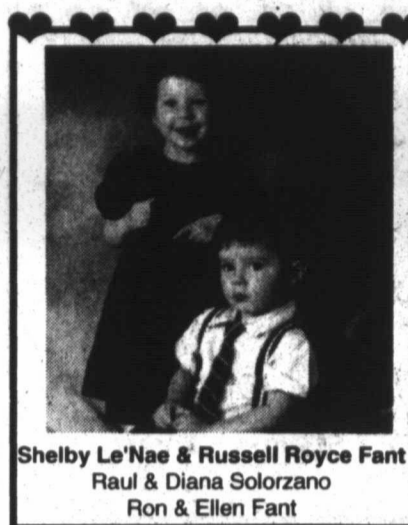
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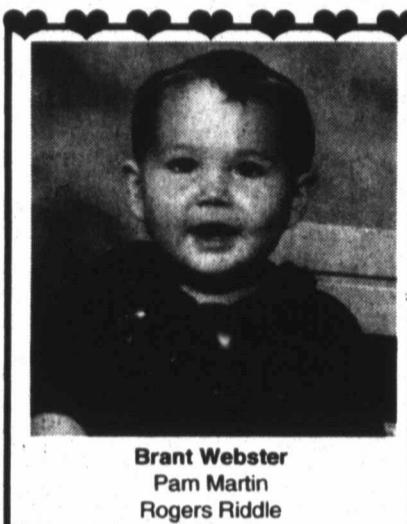
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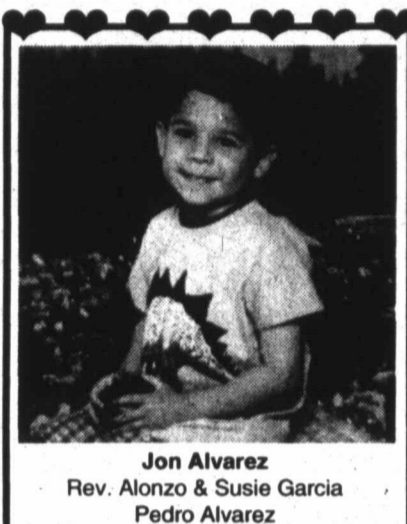
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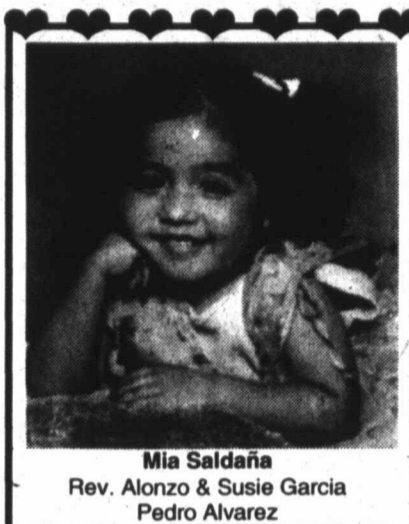
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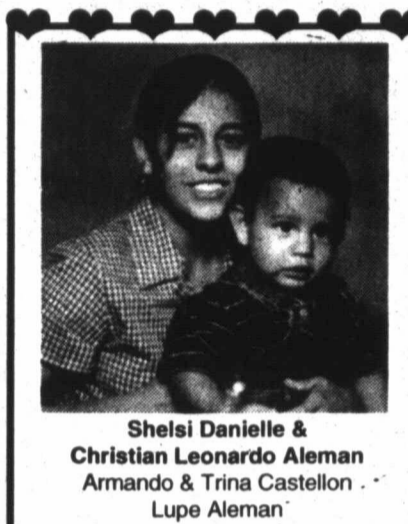
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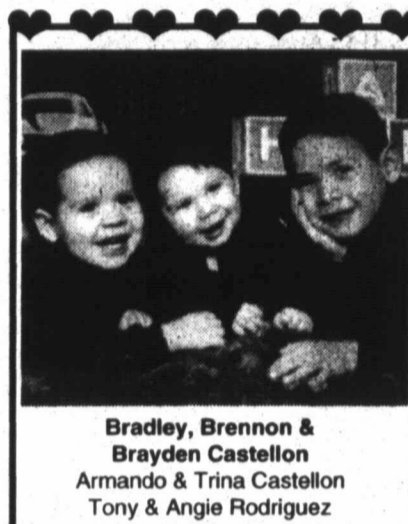
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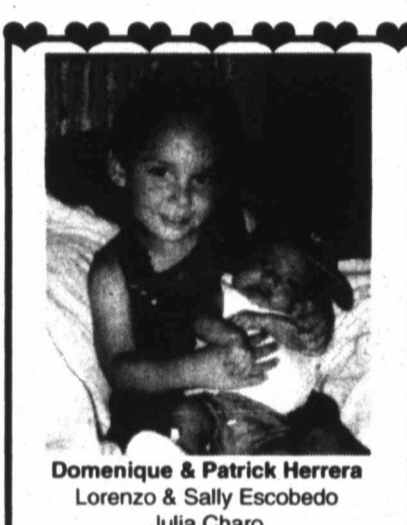
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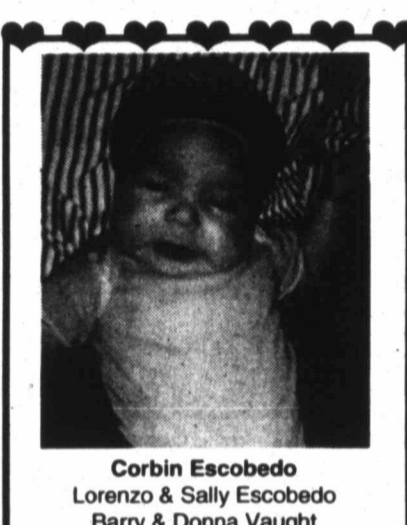
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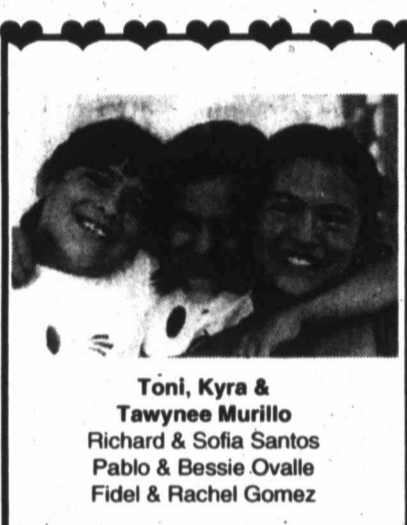
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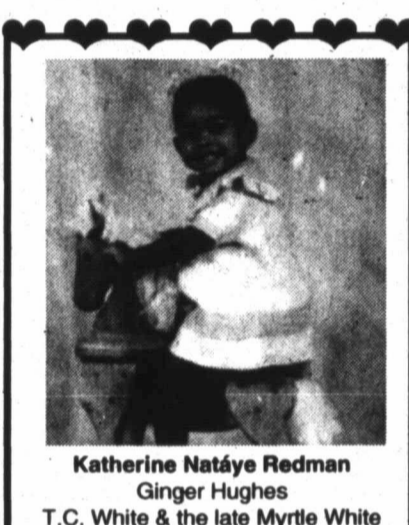
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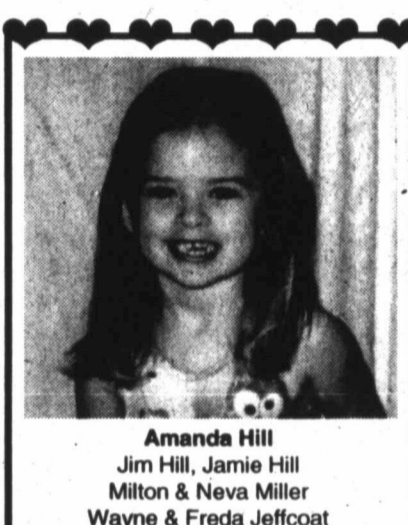
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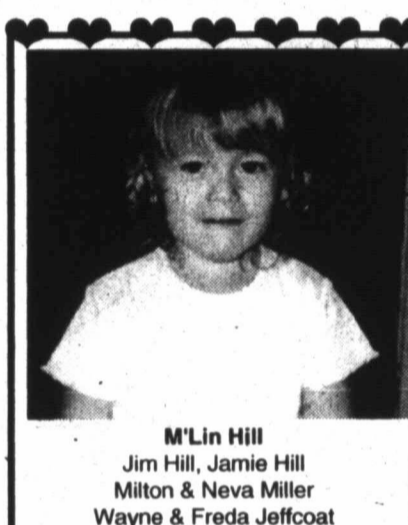
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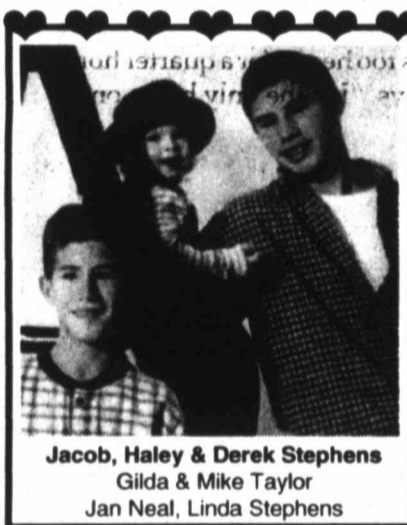
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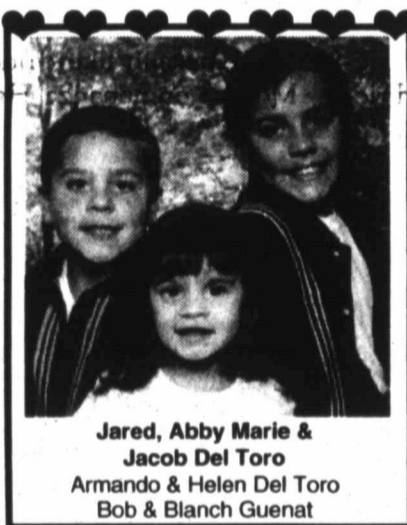
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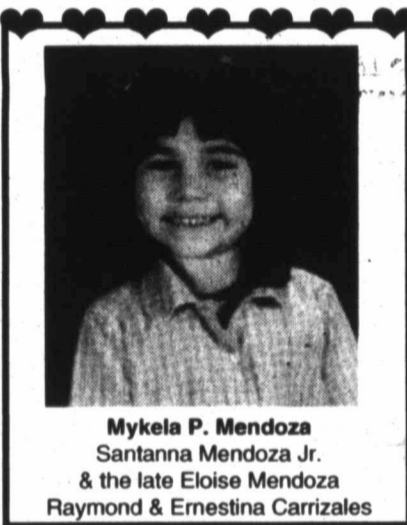
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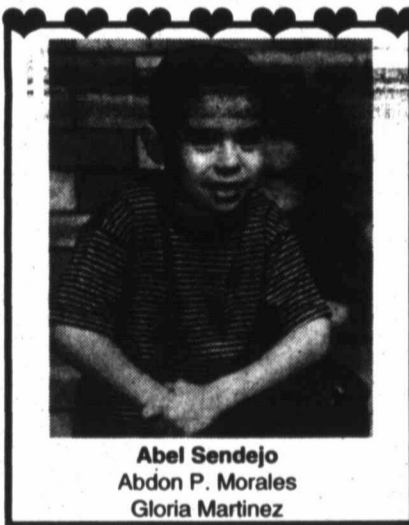
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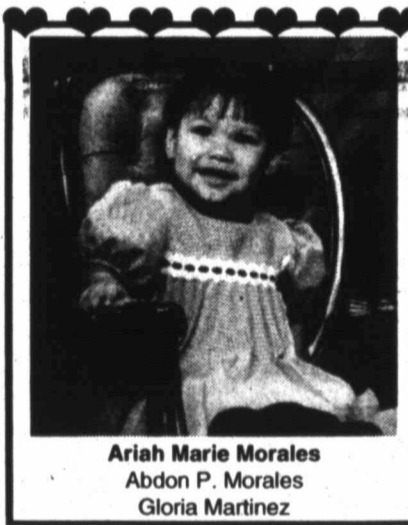
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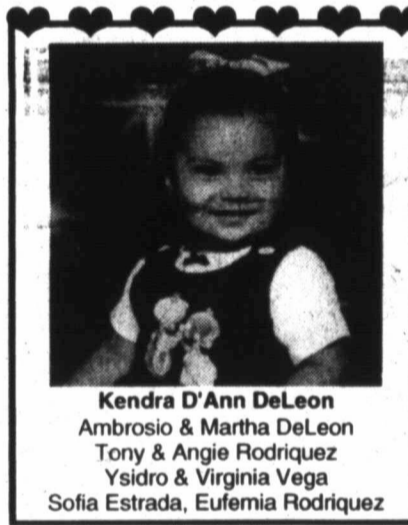
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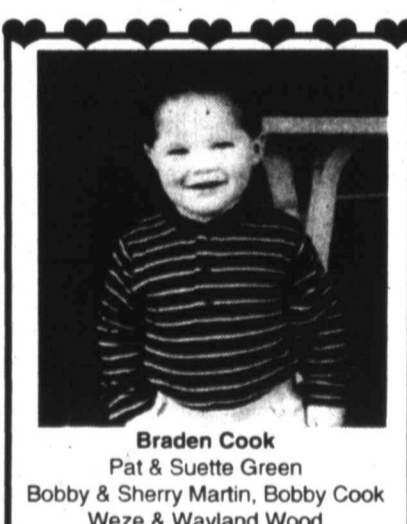
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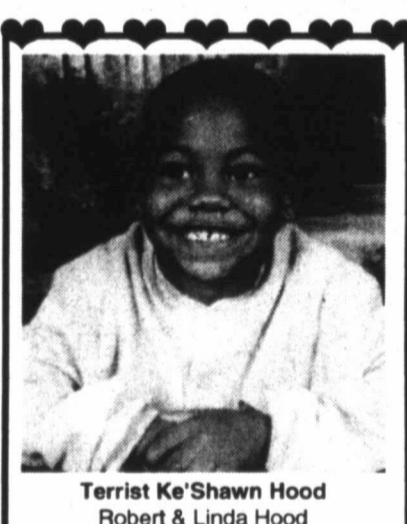
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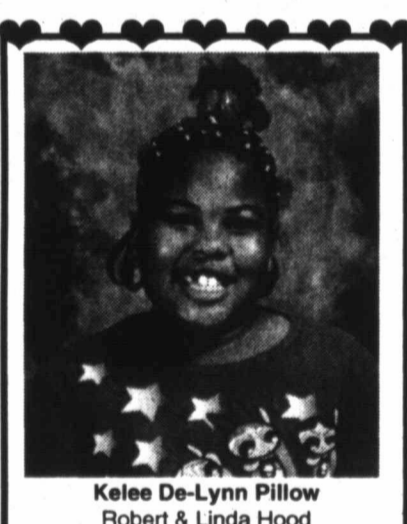
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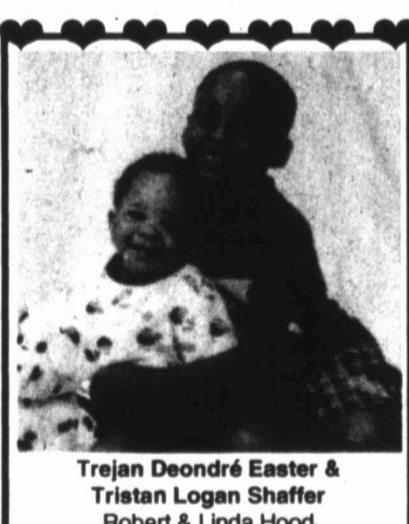
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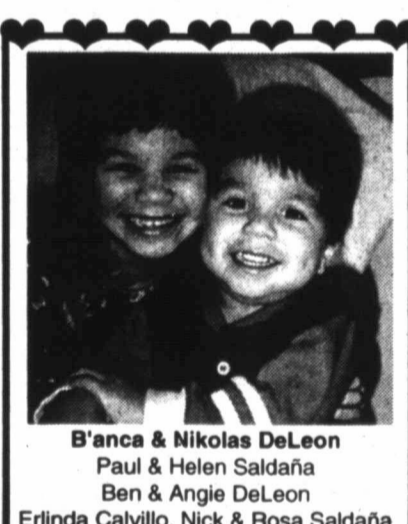
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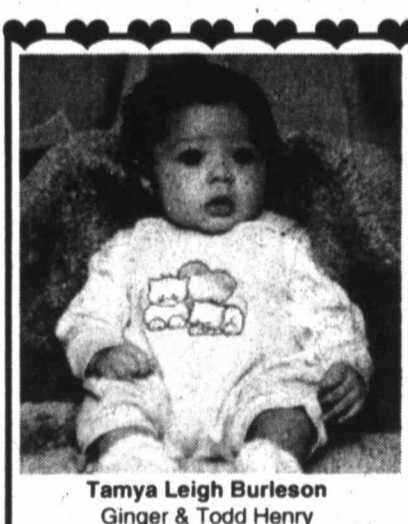
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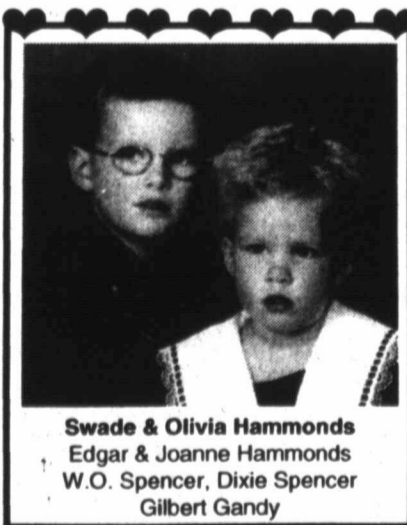
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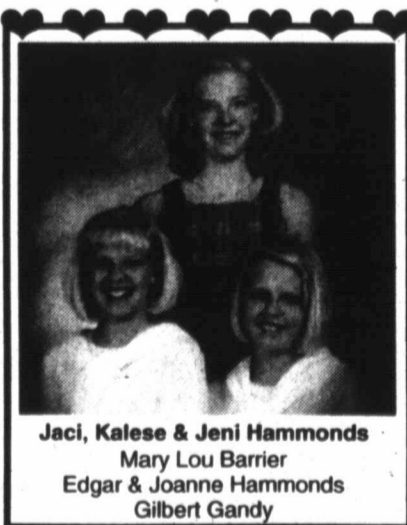
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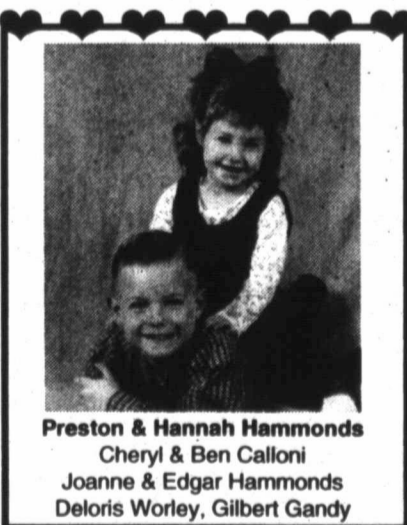
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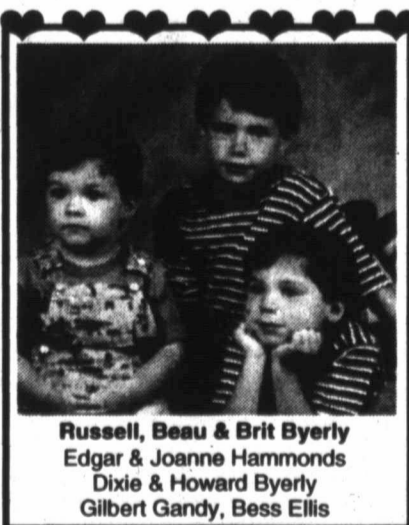
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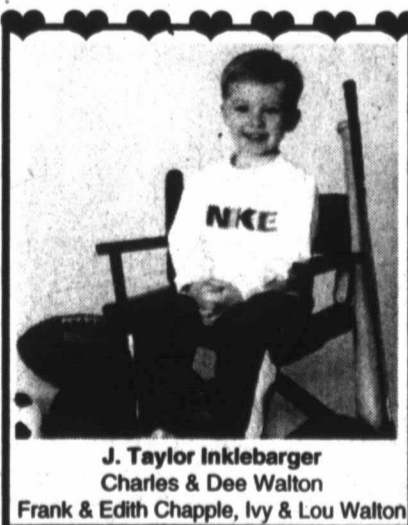
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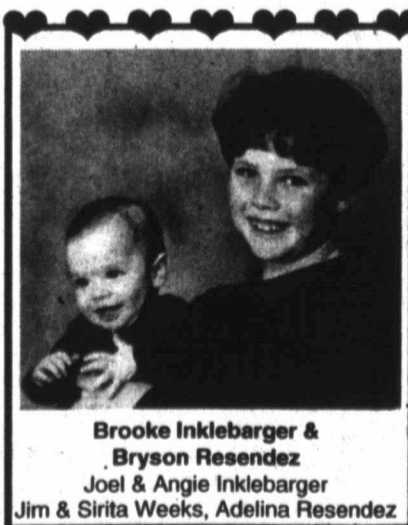
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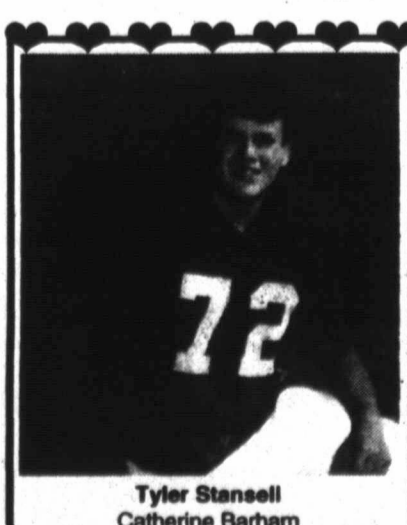
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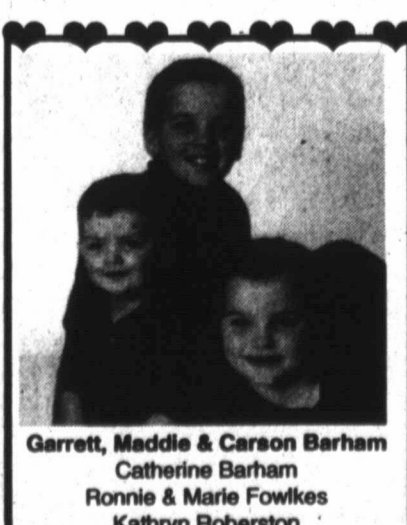
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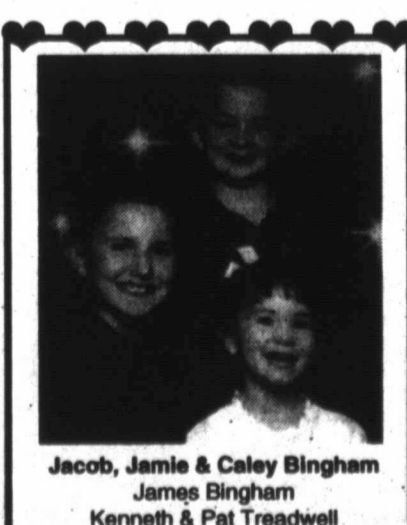
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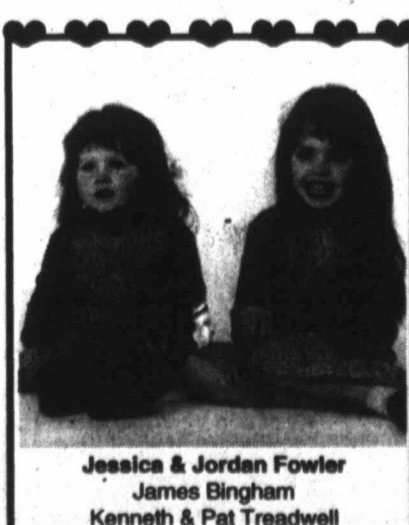
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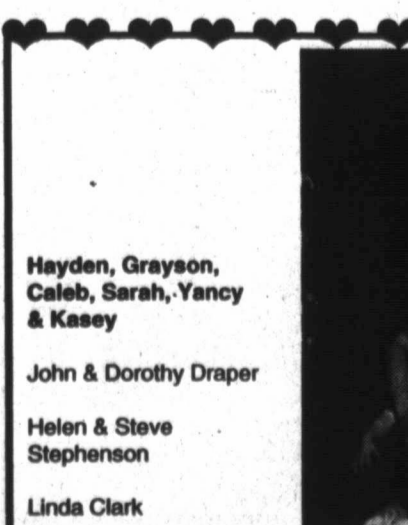
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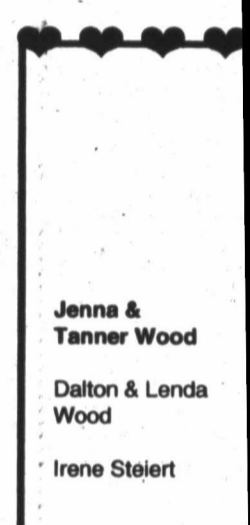
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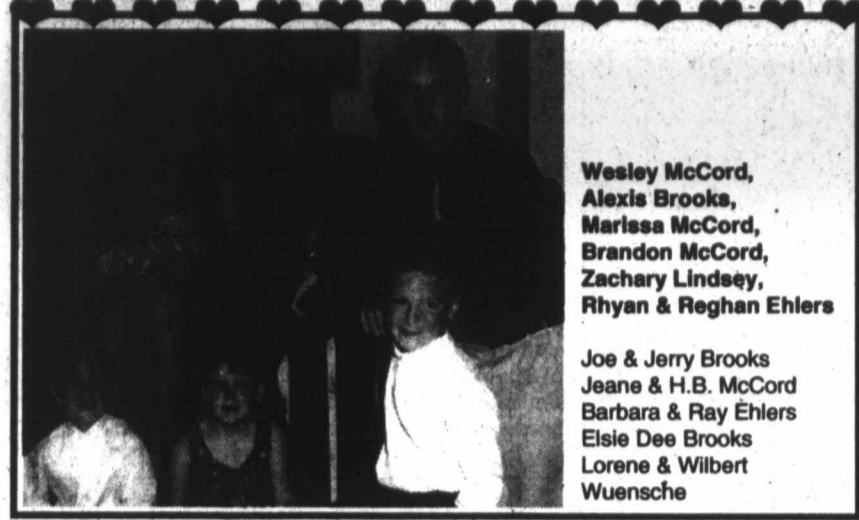


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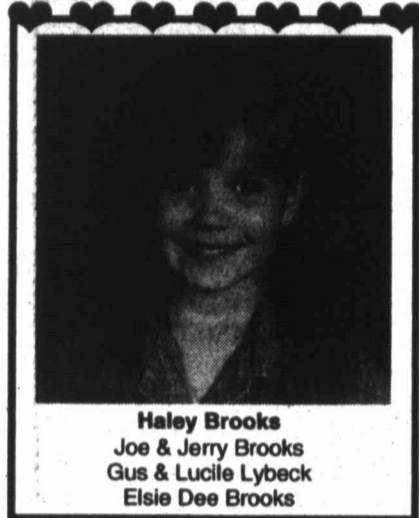
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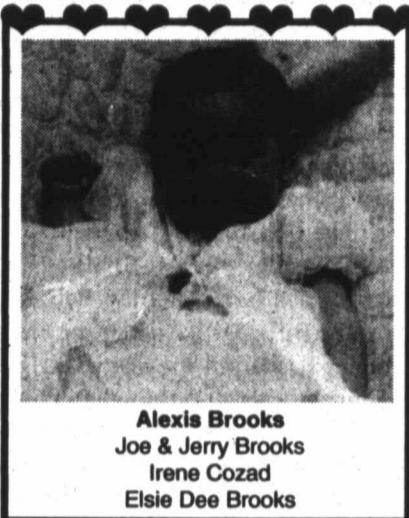


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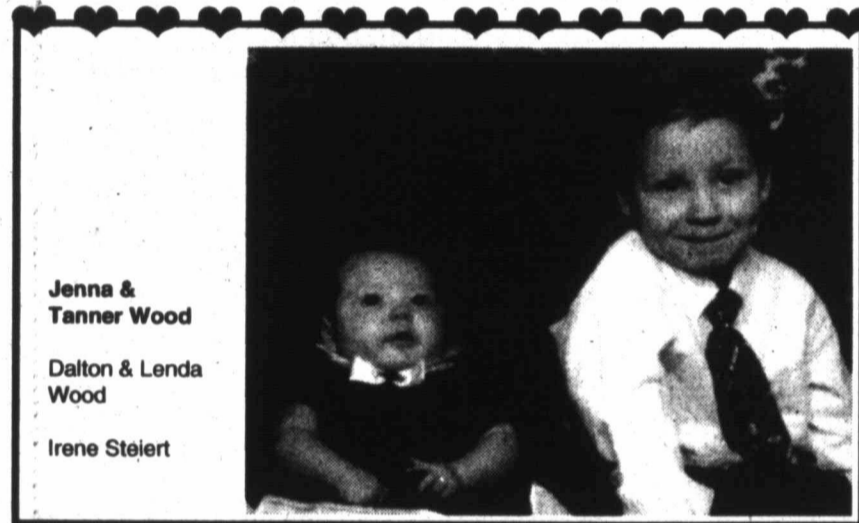
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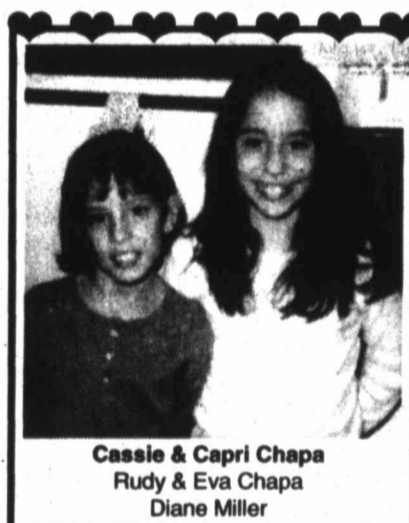
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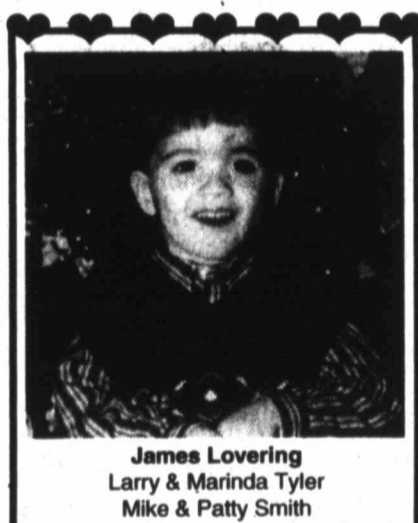
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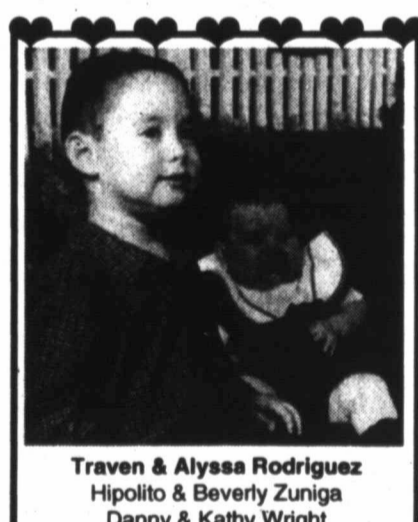


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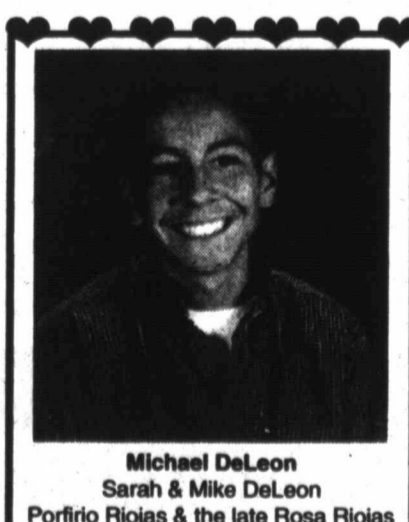
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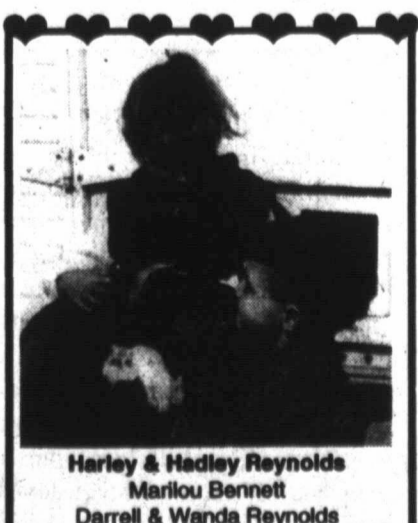
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HATS OFF - Jan. 24 was "Hats Off to Mrs. Henderson" day at Wilson Elementary as students in Debra Timmons' kindergarten class helped Clarissa Henderson (center) celebrate her 85th birthday. Mrs. Henderson works at the school library as a member of the Greenthumb Program.

Pages From The Past ...

by Vondell Elliott

The following excerpts were taken from past issues of The Lynn County News.

Dan "Hoss" Blocker Is Becoming Legend Here

(By The Printer)

Dan Blocker came home to O'Donnell the last day of the rodeo, that night stood in the middle of the arena choking back tears, and told the overflow crowd his affection for his home town and friends.

Obviously Saturday, July 10, was a big day for Bobby Dan, the "Hoss" Cartwright of "Bonanza", the most highly rated actor in the cast of the most highly rated TV program on the air today.

Still humble, unspoiled by notoriety, the big old overgrown Lynn county boy spilled out praise for those at home who had inspired him. The crowd loved it, and their presence was a tribute to old Bobby Dan.

Earlier, he had ridden through the streets of his home town in the parade and before and after the show he met old friends at the home of his cousin, J.D. Stewart, who operates Blocker Grocery in partnership with Mrs. Shack (Mary) Blocker, Dan's mother, who now lives in DeKalb, Bowie county, from whence the Blockers came to Lynn county.

At the Stewart home, he reminisced with "Fuzzy" Moore, Hal Singleton III, Roy Gibson from Denver City, John Saleh, and others, and all the employees from the store including several Latin American friends.

With a heart as big as all outdoors, Dan paid all his expenses, picked up the entertainment tab, and his presence enabled O'Donnell Rodeo Association to make its annual show a financial success.

In the parade, "Big'n", as a lot of people called him as a kid, rode

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John Ellis' white horse, a fitting arrangement for two reasons.

First: John is O'Donnell's Chevrolet dealer, and "Bonanza" is sponsored by Chevrolet.

Second, John Ellis taught Dan to ride. Away back yonder, Shack bought his 200-pound 10-year-old horse and saddle, Mr. Ellis first adjusted the saddle to fit Dan and then threw the saddle in a barrel of water to set it. Dan nearly cried, for he thought John had ruined his saddle.

Around O'Donnell and over this entire area, in fact, Dan Blocker (Hoss Cartwright) is becoming quite a legendary character.

Born in Bowie county December 10, 1929, the nearly 300-pound six-foot-four TV star is reputed to have weighed 14 pounds at birth, the largest baby ever born in the county, weighed 105 pounds when he entered school and 200 pounds at age 12.

Moving to O'Donnell, where his late father established Blocker Grocery, Dan attended school, played football on occasion a year or two in high school. He next attended Texas Military Institute at San Antonio, then Hardin-Simmons one semester.

At Sul Ross State, he played football, majored in drama and English, received B.A. and M.A. degrees. Incidentally, he is now working toward his Ph.D. at UCLA. He served in the Korean war with the 45th Division, married an Oklahoma girl in 1952, taught a year at Sonora and one at Carlsbad, N.M.

He had played summer stock, went to California and made more playing a part in one "Gunsmoke" episode than he had in a month of teaching, and finally landed in "Bonanza." He and wife have four children, live in Northridge, Calif.

As a young kid, the "Big'n" was known for extraordinary strength. At 10 he worked with grown men on a grain truck.

Although good natured and liked by most, his boyhood pastime was fighting. Dan took on all comers, some 18 to 20 years old, when he was 12. Once, they roped off the street in O'Donnell Saturday night and "Big'n" was pitted against the town toughs. Finally, fighting fizzled out for lack of competition.

One day in the store, though, Robert Harvick and Dan had a disagreement. Robert swung at Dan, the latter dodged and knocked a pile of canned goods all over the place.

Elvin Ray Moore says Dan used to sprawl out on the sidewalk in front of Ben Moore's insurance office and he and other kids would broad-jump, landing in Dan's stomach to toughen him up.

"Fuzzy" says he's seen Dan at about 10 carry a 100-pound sack of flour under each arm from the store out to a customer's truck.

We're told Ervin Sumrow once hired Dan to pull bolls, but Dan came near breaking him the first day. "Big'n" pulled only 50 pounds of cotton but ate \$2.00 worth of grub.

"My dad used to say," Dan chuckles, "that I was the onliest man in Texas that wears a No. 14-plus shoe and a size 3 hat. He also said that I was too big to ride and too little to hitch to a wagon — no good for a damned thing."

We know Dan was exaggerating on this, though, because no one has ever been found with a head big enough to wear Dan's hat. Belying appearances, that big head is pretty full of brains. We're personally certain that Shack took great pride in his one and only son. Mr. Blocker lived to see his "pride and joy" reach stardom, and he and Mrs. Blocker were living near Dan in California when Shack passed away in 1962.

Dan's first acting was at Sul Ross, where he was dubbed for a part in "Arsenic and Old Lace" because "someone was needed strong enough to carry the bodies off the stage."

He turned down a pro-football contract for summer stock in Boston.

He does not especially like to ride, is too heavy for a quarter horse, and rides a Morgan on Bonanza. He says, "It's the only horse on TV with fallen arches."

Dan Blocker does not have to act his part on Bonanza — he just acts naturally.

Levin Davis, Odessa public relations man and brother of Deen Davis of O'Donnell's First National Bank, was responsible for getting Blocker from the airport in that city to O'Donnell for the show. Deputy U.S. Marshal Jack Graves of El Paso and Jim Blair, an old Korean war buddy, accompanied him.

The whole show at O'Donnell was something of a tribute to John Ellis, too. He's been head of the Roping Club and Rodeo Association for 26 years, and this one pleased him the most because happy, jovial Dan Blocker came home to help put it over.

- July 23, 1965

Police Auxiliary Is Set Up Here

Tahoka Civil Defense, working in cooperation with City of Tahoka's Police Department, has set up a Police Auxiliary to be prepared to meet any and all emergencies that might arise in the city or county, E.L. Short announces.

Also, Auxiliary members will ride with police on night patrol of the town and render other assistance where needed. Twenty-two men have agreed to work with police in this capacity.

Monthly meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month to get latest information on possible emergency needs and duties of the Civil Defense.

For emergency purposes, the following Police Auxiliary members have been assigned:

Traffic, north zone, (North of US 380): Ronald Kellum, captain, Kenneth Stewart, Billy Miller, Elbert Roberts, Sam Carter, Ike Carter, John Draper.

Traffic, south zone (South of US 380): W.A. Nichols, captain, Otis Hillhouse, Earl Grider, J.D. Davis, E.B. Gaitner, Gill Rivera, Binie White, Milton Reynolds.

Looting: Joe Raindl, Charles Oliver, Tommy Chandler, Jackie Henry, Earl Burris, Clifton Clark.

Patrol: Gerald Byrd, Leonard Dunn.

Hospital: Milton Uzzle, W.H. Eudy, Bob Connolly, Buck Martin.

- July 2, 1965

Mysterious Light Is Sighted Here

Jim Sessums was one of those who saw the mysterious flash of light last Sunday night.

He had gone outside the house at about 9:00 p.m. when suddenly there was a bright flash apparently to the north, although he was not looking in that direction at the time. The flash had dissipated by the time Jim could turn around to look to the north.

A Lamesa lady traveling north of Tahoka toward Lubbock Sunday night also reported to the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal that she saw the light.

There has been a rash of reports of strange lights Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday nights. A few people in the Southwest have even "seen" flat saucer-like objects. There has been a wide variety of reports about what the lights have looked like, but that there have been flashes of some kind is almost certain.

Air Force authorities maintain the flashes, which usually are at their peak this time of year, are stars or planets, or at the most meteors.

However, no one has reported seeing little green men from Mars on the craft they reportedly sighted. Since we have just recently taken pictures of Mars, scientists seem almost certain there is no life there, let alone little green creatures who have invented spacecraft to invade Earth.

- Aug. 6, 1965

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Police Experience Leads Tahoka Ex To Bosnia, International Police Force

by JUANELL JONES

It's a long way from Texas — in more ways than the thousands of miles of Atlantic Ocean separating North America from the ex-communist Republic of Bosnia in Europe. But for the past six months — and the next six as well — former Tahokan Scott Isbell calls Bosnia home.

A far cry from his home in Brownfield, where his wife Sarita and children reside, Isbell now shares quarters in a three-story house in Dobojo (pronounced Dough-boy) with two other Americans and a man from Holland. All are part of the United Nations International Police Task Force (IPTF) stationed throughout Bosnia.

He recently came home for two weeks for a surprise visit with his family, including his parents, Jerry and Janie Isbell of Tahoka — and he brought his friend and Bosnian interpreter, Darko Petrovic, with him to the flat plains of Texas. They visited with the Isbell clan, and Scott introduced Darko to the All-American sport of watching the Super Bowl game on television. Last Tuesday, Darko and Scott were to have boarded a plane for the 10-hour trip across the ocean to return to their duties in Bosnia.

It is not a military service, although Isbell did a tour of duty with the Air Force from August 1988 to December 1991, following his graduation from Tahoka High School in 1986. The job in Bosnia is a result of Isbell's experience with various law enforcement forces in Lynn and Terry counties, and an opportunity to see a little more of the world, learn new cultures, gain new experiences, and, he admits, to earn a hefty salary.

Isbell did stints with Sheriff's departments in Lynn and Terry County, as well as nearly seven years with city police departments in Friona and Brownfield, of which the most recent was a five-year stint with the Brownfield PD. He applied for the position in Bosnia with a company called Dyncorp, which contracts with the state department to hire applicants for the IPTF. When he first applied, he fell just short of meeting the requirements of at least eight years experience in full-time law enforcement, because reserve time and mili-

tary service did not count towards the requirements. He was called back for a second application when the requirements were lowered to five years experience, and was accepted into the program.

Following a physical and psychological evaluation in Dallas, Isbell accompanied 20 other Americans on the overseas mission, flying from Dallas to Frankfurt and Munich before arriving in Sarajevo. Upon arrival at the IPTF station in Sarajevo, Isbell says the first thing all applicants must do is to pass a written and verbal English test, no matter what nationality, because all of the Bosnian interpreters translate to English. Following a week of orientation training, during which members were briefed on security measures in Bosnia, they were dispatched to dif-

ferent training units. Isbell was sent first to the city of Madritsa, population about 30,000, and now serves in Dobojo, a city of approximately 100,000 people located two-and-a-half hours north of Sarajevo.

As part of the United Nations effort, the IPTF members include not only Americans (approximately 200 members in the American contingent) but police officers from a wide range of other nationalities. Isbell's six-member training unit in Dobojo includes a man from Denmark, who is the head of the unit, two Americans, and men from Spain, Austria

and Ireland. Many of the men, like Isbell, have families back home, and now regard their team members as a sort of family unit.

"This is your family for the next year," Isbell says of the IPTF units. "We do as much as possible together. Of course, there are personality clashes but for the most part we get along. We're all in the same boat, missing our families, so we are family to each other — we spend a lot of time together," he explained.

Another man with whom Isbell spends a great deal of time is their Bosnian interpreter, and Isbell discovered he and the young Bosnian, Darko, hit it off immediately. They have since become good friends, and in fact Isbell considers Darko's family his "family away from home," visiting Darko and his sister and parents at their home in nearby Madritsa.

"They are like my second family — I go there and eat supper and visit," Isbell says with a smile, adding, "And his mother speaks English, so that gives Darko a break from having to translate everything that's said. And you know, all mothers are the same — they just worry about their kids."

Darko said he learned the English language mostly by himself by watching American movies with subtitles, after having two years of English in school. "I watched and learned English from the movies, teaching myself," he said with a smile, although his mother, a teacher, also speaks English. His father is a mechanical engineer.

The family was displaced during the war, moving away from their home to a safer area. Darko had little to say about the war, saying only, "It wasn't nice. I had to move from the town where I was born to another town where there was no war. We couldn't come back to our home after ... we had to move to another home," he said.

Isbell explained, saying that certain areas were given over during the war, and that if Darko and his family had returned to their home immediately after the war, they would probably have been killed.

Darko said that all young men must serve nine months in the Bosnian military when they reach the age of 18, and that his service came after the war. He has served as an interpreter both for the military and, for the last year, for the United Nations. In his early twenties, the young man has an engaging smile and seems to easily understand the English language — even the Texas version.

"I'm teaching Darko Texan," Isbell said with a grin and a sideways look at his Bosnian friend. "In the

beginning, it was hard for him to understand Texan, but I'm teaching him. We really hit it off, and truthfully, I could not do my job without him ... all I can say in his language is hello, and goodbye, and a few other basics."

The men find their own living accommodations, although IPTF assists by providing rental information, including lists of which people are best to rent from as well as lists of from whom not to seek rentals.

Isbell's unit works with the local police force in Dobojo, to train the police units to work with the community. Their job is to advise and monitor, he says.

"Instead of police for the state, our goal is to make the police for the community. This is an ex-communist state. We're trying to get the police to take the first step in relating to the community — giving programs to schools, talking to business owners about security, trying to bridge the gap between the people and the police. The police have been seen as the enemy — that's something they want to change," Isbell explained.

The joint venture came about as a result of the peace treaty signed in Dayton, Ohio after the war in Bosnia, he explained. "A part of the treaty was that the United Nations would help train the Bosnian police," Isbell said.

Crime, he says, is different there than the United States. There are no problems with gangs, drive-by shootings, and very few burglaries. He says there are many traffic-related incidents, and problems with thefts, relating many times to people who fled from their homes and returned to find someone else living there, damaging or taking their belongings before the former owners could reclaim their homes.

"The kids don't wear the baggy jeans or flash the gang signs like they do here — unless they see it in an American movie and you see one kid trying to do it, and they just get laughed at," Isbell said.

There have been a few burglaries in recent months, Isbell said, which are practically unheard of. But, money for the locals is becoming a problem, with teachers and doctors on strike, and the local police force has not been paid for five or six months.

"Truthfully, if I hadn't been paid for six months, I probably wouldn't show up to work, but these guys show up every day. They really are good people — they just don't have the programs in place like we do here," he explained.

Isbell has served six months of this 12-month contract with the IPTF, and returned to Bosnia this week for the remaining six months. He says he may consider extending his contract for another six months, although he has not yet decided.

"The hardest part is that I miss my family — when I left, my baby girl wasn't even talking, and now when I come back she's a motor-mouth. My oldest daughter wants me home for her senior year in high school, and I don't want to miss that," Isbell said.

He says he talks to his family twice a week by phone, calling Sundays and Wednesdays, but he misses seeing his wife, Sarita, and daughters Micha, 15, Kaytlin, 6, and Mackenzi, 2.

"I'll come back in May, or they will fly down to see me," Isbell said, adding that his oldest daughter, Micha, may stay with him for the summer and they could visit the coast, and see places such as Austria and Germany.

"Oh, by the way, there's no air conditioning in any of the homes there," he said with a grin to his daughter, explaining that summer temperatures in Bosnia get close to the 100-degree mark, much as temperatures here. That got her attention, but the trip still remains an option.

In the meantime, Isbell's family was getting in as much visiting as possible during his two-week surprise trip home, with many of the extended family getting together to visit before Isbell returned to a place which, to them now, is much more than a place seen on world maps in a country across the ocean (5,764 miles from home, as the crow flies). For now, Bosnia is a much more important place — it's home for their loved one.



INTERNATIONAL POLICE TASK FORCE — Tahoka ex Scott Isbell (third from left) is a long way from home, working for a year with the United Nations International Police Task Force in Bosnia. He is shown here with other members of the IPTF, Alex from Spain, Darko Petrovic of Bosnia (who serves as the group's interpreter, and who accompanied Isbell home to Texas recently for a visit with Isbell's family), and Adam of Spain. The IPTF is a multi-national UN task force which monitors and advises the Bosnian police forces, training the local Bosnians to bring new programs to bridge the gap between the police and the community.

Bulldog Baseball Starts Saturday

The Tahoka High School baseball season is set to start up this weekend with a 11 a.m. scrimmage at Plains on Saturday. The regular season will begin next weekend when the Dogs host Lamesa in a 7 p.m. matchup on Friday, Feb. 23 and then host a doubleheader against Shallowater starting at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24.

The Bulldogs have a strong team coming back from last year with eight of nine starters returning. Pitching duties will be scattered among several players including senior Michael Garcia, juniors Martin Garza and Blandon Hancock and sophomore

Brandon McCord. The infield will be controlled by juniors Stephen Solorzano and Matthew Benavidez, both returning starters from last year's squad. Derrick Barrientez and Matt Wells will round out an experienced defense in the outfield.

The team will be coached by Brent John, assisted by Scott Lucas. "The Dogs look forward to competing in a new district this year with the likes of the Idalou Wildcats and the New Deal Lions," said Coach John. "A demanding pre-district schedule should toughen up the Bulldogs for district play."

Tahoka Bulldogs 2001 Baseball Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Sat.	Feb. 17	Plains (Scrimmage)	There	11:00
Fri.	Feb. 23	Lamesa	Here	7:00
Sat.	Feb. 24	Shallowater +	Here	1:00
Tue.	Feb. 27	Coahoma	There	5:00
Th-Sat	Mar. 1-3	Ralls Tournament	There	TBA
Tue.	Mar. 6	Coahoma	Here	5:00
Th-Sat	Mar. 15-17	Frenship JV Tournament	Wolfforth	TBA
Tue.	Mar. 20	Lamesa	There	4:00
Fri.	Mar. 23	New Deal*	There	5:00
Tue.	Mar. 27	Reagan County	Midland	6:30
Fri.	Mar. 30	Idalou*	Here	5:00
Tue.	Apr. 3	Ralls*	There	5:00
Fri.	Apr. 6	Post*	Here	5:00
Tue.	Apr. 10	New Deal*	Here	5:00
Fri.	Apr. 13	Estacado JV	There	12:00
Tue.	Apr. 17	Idalou*	There	5:00
Fri.	Apr. 20	Ralls*	Here	5:00
Tue.	Apr. 24	Post*	There	5:00

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NEW AT THE LIBRARY Code To Zero

by Ken Follett
A man wakes to find himself lying on the ground in a railway station. He does not remember how he got there. He has forgotten where he lives. He cannot even remember his own name...

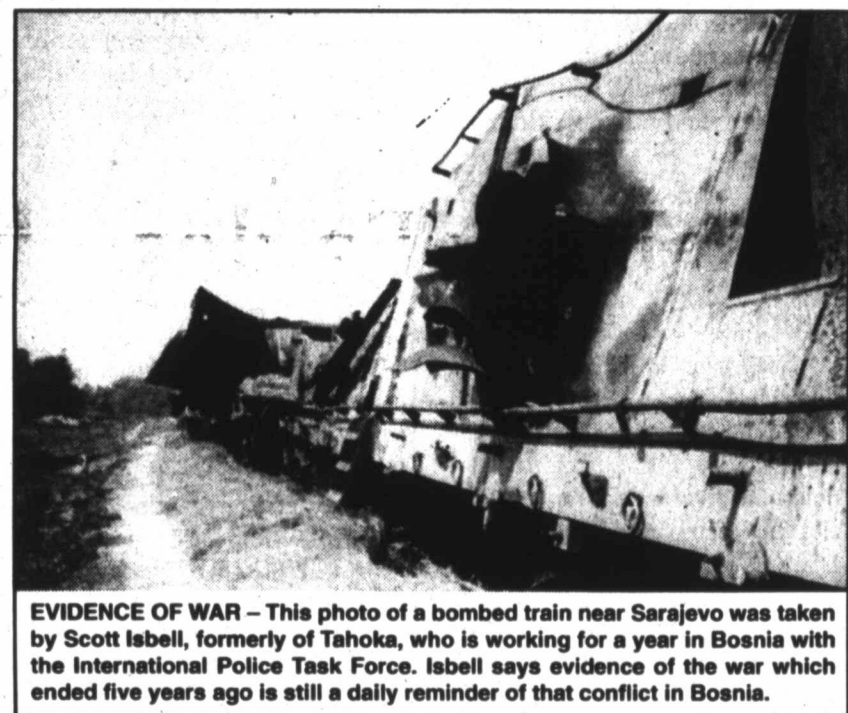
So begins *Code To Zero*, Ken Follett's explosive tale of intrigue, espionage, and conspiracy. It's January 1958 — a dark hour in the Cold War, and the early dawn of the space race. At Cape Canaveral, a countdown has begun. On launch pad 26B sits Explorer I, America's best hope to match the Soviet Sputnik and regain the lead in the contest for the skies above.

Caught in this mighty struggle between the superpowers are four old friends from Harvard. Bound together by the past and separated by war, each knows that Explorer's failure to be anything less than a triumphant success would have disastrous consequences for

the United States. And as Luke Lucas starts to unravel the mystery of his amnesia and relearn the story of his life, his desperate search leads him back to his Harvard friends: to his wife, to his best friend, to the woman he once loved more than life itself ... and to the realization that his fate is tied to the rocket that stands ready at the Cape.

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Tracks can be used to guess at dinosaur speed and it's estimated that speeds ranged between 20 and 40 miles per hour.



EVIDENCE OF WAR — This photo of a bombed train near Sarajevo was taken by Scott Isbell, formerly of Tahoka, who is working for a year in Bosnia with the International Police Task Force. Isbell says evidence of the war which ended five years ago is still a daily reminder of that conflict in Bosnia.

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Wilson IS Appoints
Wilson Independent School District combined elementary and High School board action last week approved the appointment of Princi Wilson I.S.D. Princi grades pre-K through 5th grade. The action came following her contract action came following of High School Jolley in recent weeks of trustees acting in the district of Superintendent. In addition, the Supt. Jones' reappointment resulted in the school nurse position school English position school year. Lower student enrollment due to economic downturn and devaluation of property values, and proper part in the board's part in the board's Jones told The News. "In 1997, Wilson students than now have one more per we did then," Jones dropped \$22 million, and we can't get money — we're already \$1.50 tax rate and where else to go." The superintendent board of trustees has

TOP STUDENTS were recently named. Pictured with them Vann Stewart.

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Wilson ISD Drops HS Principal Position, Appoints Twilla Rex As K-12 Principal

Wilson Independent School District combined the jobs of Elementary and High School Principals in board action last week, naming Elementary Principal Twilla Rex as Wilson I.S.D. Principal to oversee grades pre-K through 12, and extending her contract to two years. The action came following the resignation of High School Principal William Jolley in recent weeks, with the board of trustees acting on the recommendation of Superintendent Mike Jones.

In addition, the board approved Supt. Jones' recommendation to invoke the Reduction in Force policy, resulting in the elimination of the school nurse position and one high school English position for the next school year.

Lower student enrollment, financial decline due to the lower enrollment and devaluation in property values, and property taxes already set at the maximum levels all played a part in the board's decisions, Supt. Jones told *The News*.

"In 1997, Wilson ISD had 56 more students than now, and we actually have one more person on staff than we did then," Jones said. "We dropped \$22 million in property values, and we can't generate any more money - we're already maxed out at \$1.50 tax rate and there is just nowhere else to go."

The superintendent said he and the board of trustees hated to reduce staff

at the school, but were trying to make the fewest amount of changes to keep the district in good fiscal condition.

"This is not an indication that these folks weren't doing a good job, and that's what makes it all the more difficult," Jones said in regards to eliminating staff positions. "We are dealing with people's lives and livelihood, and nobody likes to make these kinds of decisions. But, we are fiscally responsible to the taxpayers, and something has to give somewhere," he added.

In other action in the board meetings held Feb. 8 (regular meeting) and Feb. 12 (a special meeting at which the staff positions of school nurse and high school English teacher were designated for the reduction in force), trustees authorized the superintendent to select the lowest bid estimates for repairs to the principal's house, and authorized submission of a TIF grant application for telecommunications funding, noting that Wilson ISD is eligible for up to \$50,000 in funding.

Trustees discussed the Alternative Education Placement policy, and studied reports concerning the district's financial status. Supt. Jones reported on the development of a Four Year Graduation Plan, which was aligned with the more rigorous Recommended Degree Plan from the state, for high school students. This plan, said Jones, would better prepare



PIPS PERFORM - Members of the Wilson PIPs performed at Lubbock Christian University on Saturday, Feb. 10. The group has been asked to perform at the 6-Man All Star basketball games this summer. Pictured with the PIPs are coaches Debra Timmons, Kelly, Kameron and Shelly Livingston, Emily Houchin and Carol Holder.

students for the more difficult TAAS II test and for study or work after graduation. The superintendent also reported on sample graduation policies being considered for future adoption and the status of the high school counselor.

Angelica Hernandez, daughter of

Margarita Hernandez, was presented as Elementary Student of the Month, and Aaron Bednarz, son of Dennis and Kathy Bednarz, was recognized as the Secondary Student of the Month. Mrs. Maxine Nolte, WISD Business Manager, was recognized as Employee of the Month.

have an election to fill un-expired terms.

Those interested in filing for either of these boards and councils may begin to pick up registration information on Tuesday, Feb. 20 at the respective offices. Sign-up registration will run from Feb. 20 to March 21, when all registration packets must be completed and returned. Those desiring a spot on the ballot must designate whether they are wanting to run for a full term or one of the un-expired terms.

The Wilson News

by Buster Abbe • 628-6368

Wilson Volunteer Fire Department Tip of the Week: Home owners should check the settings on the burner control of any heating unit to make sure that the unit is working properly and that the fire is burning a proper mix of fuel and oxygen. A flame that is properly set will have some yellow-orange color at the base of the flame but most of the flame should be bluish-white in color. An unusual or smoky odor or other different smell often times can indicate that the unit is not properly adjusted and that it should be serviced by someone who knows how to set the unit.

Wilson's school band director, Mr. Rathbun has re-scheduled the band concert that was scheduled for Thursday night (Feb. 15) at 7 p.m. to 2 p.m. on the 15th. A scheduling conflict with a meeting for seniors concerning financial aid caused the change.

Wilson senior students and members of their families are invited to attend a meeting Thursday night (tonight) with a representative from a group that aids and furnishes students with information on financial aid for college. For more information contact the high school office.

Several Wilson band students will be competing in the annual instrumental solo and ensemble contest to be held at Coronado High School in Lubbock on Saturday, Feb. 17. Wilson band director, Mr. Rathbun, has all the information as to scheduling and transportation. Competing students should already have all this information.

Monday is Presidents day, but Wilson students will not have the day off due to the end of the fourth six weeks and the fact that those Wilson students who are eligible to or required to take the TAAS exit level exams will be involved with these exams on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Exit level Writing will be on Tuesday, Exit level Math will be on Wednesday and Exit level Reading will be on Thursday. In addition to the Exit level tests, Wilson students in fourth and eight grades will be taking their TAAS Writing test.

Wilson students will have a holiday on Friday, Feb. 23. Wilson staff and faculty will be on campus for a staff comp. day that day.

Monday is Presidents day so most financial institutions and government offices will be closed. Wilson State Bank, the Wilson Insurance Agency, Wilson City offices, and the Wilson Post Office have all indicated they will be closed for the holiday. Most other businesses have indicated that they will be open for business as usual.

Election time is just around the cor-

Wilson School Menu

Feb. 19-23 Breakfast
Monday: Donut, Juice, Milk.
Tuesday: French Toast Sticks, Juice, Milk.
Wednesday: Donuts, Juice, Milk.
Thursday: Breakfast Burrito, Juice, Milk.
Friday: No School.
Lunch
Monday: Chili Dogs, Fries, Fruit, Milk.
Tuesday: Lasagna, Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread, Fruit (HS-Salad Bar), Milk.
Wednesday: Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Milk.
Thursday: Turkey, Dressing, Corn, Cranberries, Bread, Milk.
Friday: No School.

Bicyclist To Ride To Tahoka For Fundraising Effort

Zack Castillo, a student at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, will ride his bicycle from Lubbock to Tahoka next Tuesday to raise funds for the Children's Miracle Network (CMN), officials reported this week. Castillo will arrive in Tahoka at approximately 10 p.m., where he is scheduled to stay the night at the First United Methodist Church, where volunteers will provide a meal for the young man. Area residents are invited to come by and visit with Castillo shortly after his arrival.

Donations for Children's Miracle Network will be accepted from 8:30 a.m. until 12 noon the next day, Wednesday, Feb. 21, at the Lynn County Treasurer's Office at the County Courthouse. Raffle tickets will also be sold during that time period for \$5 each, for a chance to win a 2001 Dodge Neon which will be displayed at the courthouse. All proceeds benefit Children's Miracle Network, according to a spokesperson.

CMN will also sponsor a radiothon in conjunction with KLLL from Feb. 21-24, with raffle tickets available at South Plains Mall in Lubbock.

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TOP STUDENTS - Angelica Hernandez and Aaron Bednarz (center) were recently named Students of the Month for February at Wilson ISD. Pictured with them are Superintendent Mike Jones and board member Vann Stewart.

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NEW SEATING AREA - Patrons at the recent Lynn County Livestock Show enjoyed the new seating area located on the west end of the show barn next to the concession stand. The bleachers were moved to the east end of the barn so that concession stand customers would have a more convenient place to eat. The banners on the wall represent donors who have contributed significantly to the event over the years. (LCN PHOTO)

Emergency Farm Loan Applications Being Accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by a severe ice storm that occurred Dec. 12-Jan. 15 are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Tahoka, FSA Ag Credit Manager Curtis Barlow said recently.

Lynn County is one of 28 counties recently named by former President Bill Clinton as eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the ice storm. Barlow said farmers may be eligible

for loans of up to 80 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Barlow said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will

have to figure in proceeds from this program in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until Sept. 20, 2001, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season," Barlow said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who are U.S. citizens and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizens hold a majority interest.

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IRS Tax Tip... Thousands Still Missing Last Year's Refund Check

by IRS Media Relations Office

Tens of thousands of taxpayers still haven't received tax refund checks from last year worth millions of dollars. The IRS wants to get these refund checks back to where they belong.

An annual review by the IRS last fall showed more than 90,000 taxpayers had not received tax refund checks worth \$67.4 million. The average per-check amount was \$734.

If you think the IRS may still have your refund check, call the toll-free assistance line at 1-800-829-1040.

There are many reasons why refund checks might not reach taxpayers. Most frequently, people move and the tax refunds come back to the IRS. For example, college students might file a return while at school and move before the refund arrives.

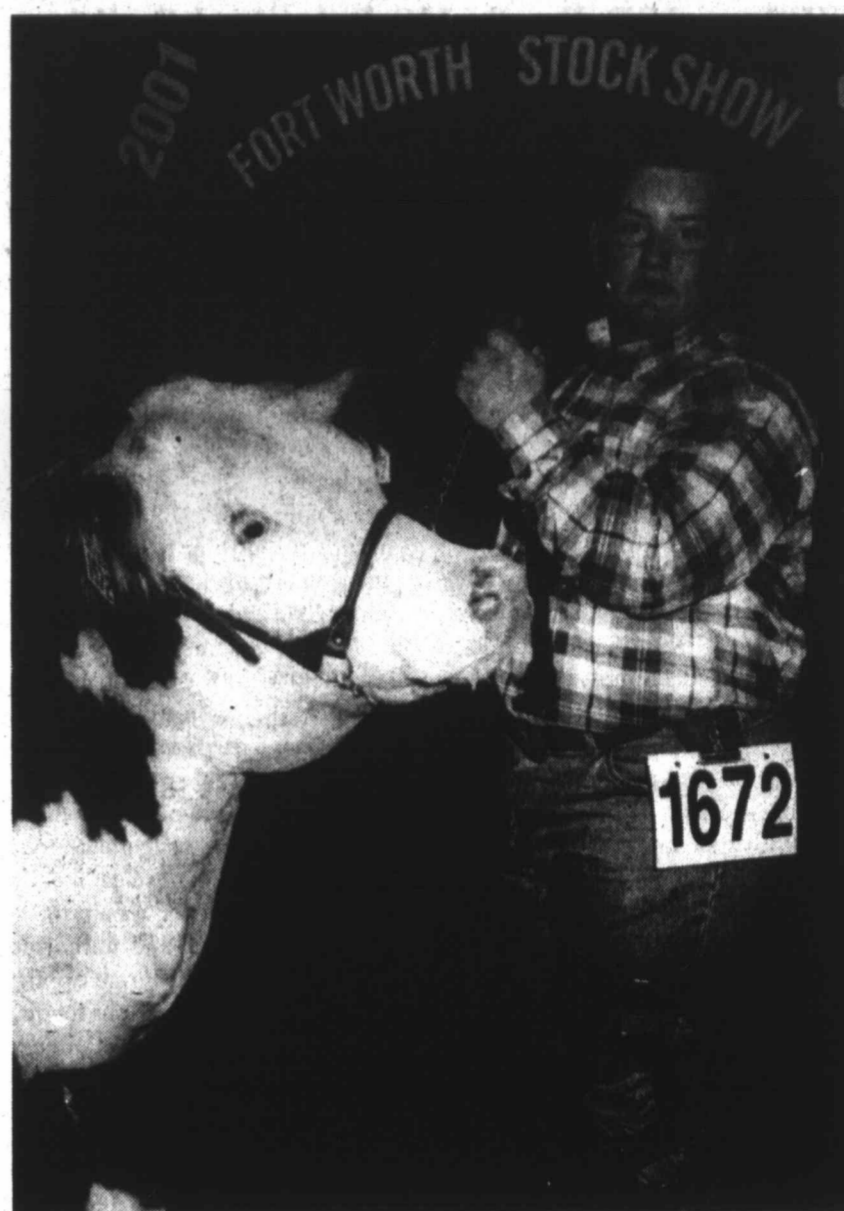
Other undelivered refunds can occur because taxpayers provide an incorrect address when they mail their return. Taxpayers should take extra care when providing a return address. Often, numbers are transposed or information is incomplete.

A death or marriage may also result in a returned check. Estate executors should explore whether a refund check might be involved. Newly married taxpayers are urged to notify the IRS promptly if there is a change of name or address.

What if you don't realize you have a refund? The IRS will keep the information on file and forward the full amount to the taxpayer as soon as a valid address is known. For many taxpayers owed refunds, the money will be forwarded automatically the next time a tax return is filed. There is no statute of limitations for claiming these refunds.

There is an easy way to ensure your refund won't be lost. Choosing to have a tax refund deposited directly to a bank account is the best way to guard against loss or theft. Nearly 30 million taxpayers elected to use the direct deposit option during the 2000 filing season, up from 23.5 million the year before.

Filing a change of address card with the post office is not enough to guarantee delivery of a refund check. Taxpayers who have moved since filing their last tax return are urged to file a Form 8822, "Change of Address," with the IRS. The form can be obtained by calling 1-800-829-3676 or by downloading it from the IRS web site at www.irs.gov.



FIRST AT FORT WORTH - Lynn County 4-H member Cody Tomlinson is shown here with the Polled Hereford he exhibited to a first place finish at the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show in Fort Worth on Feb. 1.

Energas Sets Meetings To Discuss Ag Issues, Natural Gas Prices

Four Community Agricultural Services meetings have been scheduled by Energas AG Services in four area cities, designed to give farmers and other interested persons the opportunity to visit with company representatives about the new Energas contracts and the future of natural gas prices.

The meetings will be held: Monday, Feb. 19 in Plainview, 113 W. 8th Street; Wednesday, Feb. 21 in Brownfield at the VFW, Cedar and E. Webb Lamesa Hwy; Thursday, Feb. 22 in Hereford at the Annex Building, 511 N. 25 Mile Ave.; and Monday, Feb. 26 in Muleshoe at the Bailey County Coliseum, 2206 W. American Blvd.

"Energas AG Services wants to make sure farmers are making decisions based on accurate information," said Kelley Grimes, General Manager of Energas AG Services. "There is a great deal of misinformation in

the field right now and many farmers are understandably confused and concerned. We are very concerned about how high energy prices will affect our irrigation customers this upcoming season. All of us are in a unique situation and we at Energas feel we must all work together to find solutions that are good for everyone concerned," he added.

All Energas AG Services customers are urged to attend these important meetings, Grimes said, adding "We also strongly encourage anyone involved in the irrigation business who may have an interest in high energy prices to attend."

For more information, contact Grimes in Lubbock at 806-798-4477.

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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF NORA C. AUTRY CAUSE #2001-2658, Lynn County, Texas
Notice to all persons is hereby given that the original letters of INDEPENDENT EXECUTRIX upon the estate of NORA C. AUTRY, deceased, was issued to the undersigned on the 12th day of February, 2001, in the proceeding indicated below my signature hereto, which is still pending, and that I now hold such letter. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered, the county below named, are hereby required to present the same to me respectively, at the address below given, before suit upon same are barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time required by law. Karen Jones, 602 West 10th St., Post, Texas 79356 may be notified in care of her Attorney Preston Poole, 211 W. Main, P.O. Box 296, Post, Texas 79356.
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Bids will be accepted until 5 p.m. Friday, March 2, 2001.
The City reserves the right to reject/accept any/all bids. 6-4tc

INVITATION TO BIDDERS
Sealed proposals addressed to Mr. Jimmy Parker, Superintendent, Tahoka Independent School District, P.O. Box 1230, Tahoka, Texas, 79373, hereinafter called "Owner" for: **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS** for **TAHOKA L.S.D.**
Tahoka Independent School District, Tahoka, Texas, in accordance with plans, specifications and contract documents which were prepared and may be obtained from the Architect, will be received in the office of the Superintendent, until 3:00 p.m., Thursday, March 8, 2001, and then publicly opened and read aloud in the Superintendent's Office. Any bid received after the 3:00 p.m. closing time will be returned unopened. Bids shall be enclosed in a sealed opaque envelope addressed to the Owner and shall be identified with the Project Name, the Bidder's name and address and the designated portion of the Work for which the Bid is submitted.
Bids will be received for the General Construction, floor coverings, acoustical ceilings, lighting, and all normal heating, ventilating, air conditioning, plumbing and electrical requirements.
In case of ambiguity or lack of clarity in stating prices on the Proposal, the Owner reserves the right to adopt prices written in words or to reject the Proposal. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any and all formalities.
A five percent (5%) Bid Bond, Certified Check or Cashier's Check must accompany each Proposal, which exceeds \$25,000. No Bidder may withdraw his bid within thirty (30) days after the actual date of opening thereof.
The bid package including Plans, Specifications and related documents may be examined and acquired from the school and the office of the Architect, MBA Architects, Inc., 6777 Camp Bowie Blvd. Suite 223, Fort Worth, Texas 76116, (800) 763-5046. Plans may be examined without charge at the Architect's office, and may be procured from the Architect upon deposit of \$150.00 per set which is refundable upon the return of the plans and specifications in good condition. No refund on contract documents and plans returned later than ten (10) days after the award of the contract will be obligatory.
A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the Site on Thursday, March 1, 2001 at 3:00 p.m. Bidders will be given the opportunity to ask questions regarding the proposed project. Attendance at this Pre-Bid Conference is a prerequisite for bidding the Project. At the Owner's discretion, this requirement may be waived. 7-2tc

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THE UNDEFEATED — The New Home Leopards junior high basketball team was named District Champions following an undefeated season. Pictured are (back) Eddie Alvarado, T.J. Johnston, Cody Kieth, Jacob Tyler, Travis Thornhill, Harvey Silva, Evan Clem, Coach Shawn Harrison, (middle) Aaron Villereal, Jordan Dorsett, Matt Miller, Matthew Hymes, (front) Chris Simpson, Blaine Paul, Tyler McAllister, Leo Torres, Ryan Wied, and Chantry Thornhill.

FROM THE MUSEUM FILES

(Editors Note: Stories of pioneers of Lynn County are available for perusal at the Tahoka Pioneer Museum. The following series is taken from museum files, reprinted with permission. The article is titled simply, "Aunt Gabby" with a handwritten note, "Aunt Tabby Doe — Draw Community" at the beginning. It is believed to have been written in 1968.)

Second part of "Aunt Gabby" series:

In the early days there were no graded roads, only trails through the prairie. Later the roads were graded and ran on the section lines — 90° turns in all the roads.

I remember the old morman car the D.W. Gagnats drove and the high seated Ford roadster of Karl Griffing's — you could buy a new Ford for \$500 to \$700. That of course was with no taxes. Today the hidden and ovate taxes are that much. People are living longer now — they have to, to pay their taxes.

Our government is the most effective collector known. You have to hand it to them or they'll come and get it.

Tahoka was a small town then — you know a small town is one where you never know what you've been

up to until the gossip gets back around to you, where a baby is never born unexpectedly.

Long years ago Mrs. Crie used to leave her horse in the south east part of town. One day the Tahoka pranksters slipped down and sheared the horse's tail. It's an odd looking horse with a sheared tail. A prominent Tahoka doctor was in on that prank. Mrs. Crie never could quite get used to cars — she accepted them with reservation. When she'd stop and have to crank her car, she'd call Beecher Sherrod and say, "Beech, kick her on the shin for me."

There is this story about Paul Howell. He was working in the back of a storage room and had started to the front of Belton Howell's service station when two big wharf rats ran out in front of him. One rat managed

to run up his pants leg and he turned a flip in the air and when he hit the floor he was out of those pants right there. He beat the rat with his trousers, then looked up and two ladies were just dying laughing at the free show.

In 1917 most everyone in Tahoka had the Mexican itch. They didn't want each other to know they had it so they would go to Slaton to get their "Hunt's Itch Cure." Dr. McCoy mixed up a batch of his own formula in a wash pot. Many Tahoka people would come at night with cups and buckets to get this medicine, and it cured them.

Soon after this the flu epidemic hit Tahoka. Homan Edwards was in school one day and the teacher asked who had contagious diseases at their house. Homan held up his hand and

Phebe K. Warner Club Seeking Sale Items

Phebe K. Warner Club members will be having a huge "Junque and Treasure" Sale to benefit the Lady Stewart and Maurice Bray Scholarship funds. The sale will be Friday and Saturday, March 2-3, in the Center for Housing and Community Development, located at 1400 Ave. K in Tahoka.

"Now is the time to clean out closets, garages, store houses, attics, basements, etc. and get rid of unused items," said club president Bettye Green. "You are invited to donate these items to the Phebe K. Warner Club to be sold."

Members welcome household items, furniture, appliances, clothes, games, bicycles, books, magazines, arts and crafts articles, tools, decorator pieces, etc. Please bring items to The Center on Thursday, March 1 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. For donors not able to bring in their items, call 998-4080 before March 1 to arrange for pick-up.

Proceeds from the sale will benefit the two scholarships that the club awards annually to a Tahoka High School senior boy and senior girl. Not only do these students receive a scholarship for their first year in college, but it is renewed each year that they remain in college and earn good grades. Most years the club awards over \$2,000 in scholarships to deserving boys and girls.

said, "We do and it's a new baby!"

Jake Leedy used to have a cafe on the west side of the Square. There was a great big old over-grown boy that used to frequent his cafe and he decided he would play a trick on him.

One day when this big fellow was in the cafe, Jake fell out in the floor like he had fainted. Ruby Wells was in there and said to this big man, "Pick him up and take him to the doctor's office." The big boy easily picked Jake up in his arms and started out with him. Jake slipped a piece of soap in his mouth and began to foam and bubble. He walled his eyes and moaned. The big over-grown boy got scared and dropped Jake on the sidewalk and broke his tail bone. Jake was in a bad shape for a long time. Many people who have heard this tale about Jake and his crazy stunt, had always believed Jake fell on his head.

Once Jake got a prescription for whiskey with directions to take one spoonful as needed. He got a big soup ladle and sat on the front steps on the bank. He would take a ladle full and look at his watch and say, "Take as needed," and took one after another until it was all gone.

Thirty-eight years ago in 1928, Maurice Small and Velta English eloped and were married in Lamesa. After getting married, they came back to Tahoka and the groom took his bride to her parents house and then went home to the Small's house for the night. Maurice has never told anyone what his trouble was.

(continued next week)

The Tahoka Pioneer Museum, located at 1600 Lockwood, is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays (phone 806-998-5339).

New Home School Menu

Feb. 19-23
Breakfast

Monday: Waffles w/Syrup, Milk.
Tuesday: Donut/ Yogurt, Milk.
Wednesday: Breakfast Pocket, Milk.
Thursday: Blueberry Muffins, Milk.
Friday: No School.

Lunch

Monday: Frito Pie, Lettuce, Tomato, Pinto Beans, Apple Cup, Cornbread, Milk.
Tuesday: Chicken Fried Steak, Whipped Potatoes, Corn, Carrots, Fruit Cup, Hot Roll, Milk.
Wednesday: Fried Burrito, Lettuce, Tomato, Celery, Carrot, Spanish Rice, Orange Half, Milk.
Thursday: Hamburger or Cheeseburger, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Onion, Cookie, Milk.
Friday: No School.

Memorials and donations made to the
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will benefit our local senior citizens center.



JUNIOR DIRECTORS — New Home High School students Katie Schoppa (left) and Keaton Askew (right) have been selected as members of the American Bank of Commerce Junior Board of Directors. They are pictured with Diana Melcher (middle), ABC Assistant Vice President and Junior Board of Directors Coordinator, at the bank's Lubbock location. Katie is the daughter of Linda and Harvey Schoppa and Keaton is the son of Carolyn and Eddie Askew.

Lynn County Sheriff Issues Appeal To Citizens In Fight Against Crime

Responding to the increasing number of people wanting to assist law enforcement officials and build a stronger partnership in the fight against crime, Sheriff Jake Diggs recently announced that Lynn County citizens are being invited to become Associate Members of the Sheriff's Association of Texas.

Membership appeals will go out statewide in the mail shortly. Individuals choosing to join the voluntary program can do so for as little as \$20. The funding provides critically important technical resources, training and legislative support on key criminal justice issues.

In addition, dues will be used to support crime prevention and awareness programs, promote public safety, fight drug abuse, provide additional training for sheriffs and their deputies, and provide scholarships for children of law enforcement officers.

Contributions are tax-deductible. "With government funding becoming increasingly difficult to secure, the Associate Membership drive has taken on greater importance than ever before," said Sheriff Diggs. "The funding is vital to helping us carry out our mission of making communities safer places to live, work and play."

Individuals not receiving a membership appeal or desiring more information may obtain it by contacting the Sheriff's Association of Texas at 1601 South IH-35, Austin, TX

78741 or www.txsheriffs.org.

Meanwhile, residents wishing to become Associate Members can also sign up for the program by contacting the local Sheriff's office.

The Associate Membership Program was begun to provide citizens with an opportunity to lend their support to more effective law enforcement and to better help local sheriffs protect the lives and property of citizens.

"As the need for building stronger public-private law enforcement partnerships in this country continues to escalate, programs such as this continue to grow in importance," said Sheriff Diggs. "I encourage everyone receiving a membership appeal to consider joining forces with us by becoming an Associate Member. It is a valuable investment in our future."

Founded in 1874, the Sheriff's Association of Texas is a non-profit professional and educational organization dedicated to the preservation of peace and the protection of the lives and property of the citizens of Texas. Headquarters are located in Austin and Steve M. Westbrook serves as Executive Director.

"The Sheriff's Association of Texas does not make solicitations by telephone. If you receive a phone call from someone who uses our name, please report it to your local Sheriff or County/District Attorney," said Diggs.

In parts of rural England it was once believed by some that after the mulberry tree had sprouted its leaves there would not be another frost that year.

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