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March school calendar published this week

The Friona ISD school activity calendar for March is included in this issue of the Star. We suggest you clip it out and stick it on your refrigerator or tuck it away in your knitting basket to have it handy to keep up with school events scheduled in March.

The calendar is coordinated and published monthly in the Friona Star by the administration office and staff of the four FISD campuses.

Ex-student centennial committee meeting set for March 3

Friona Ex-Student Centennial Celebration committee invites anyone interested in helping host this important event to please contact Wendy Carthel (806-265-5712) or Sharon White (806-265-3874).

"We are still in the planning stages and are very interested in ideas and support from the entire community," said Mrs. Carthel. The committee will consist of representatives from the school system as well as interested community members.

There will be a meeting to start the planning stages Tuesday, March 3, at 7 p.m. at the Friona Public Library. Everyone is invited to attend.

World Day of Prayer luncheon

The community is invited to participate in a prayer luncheon at the Methodist Church Friday, March 6, from 12-1 p.m. to celebrate World Day of Prayer. Lunch will be furnished by the Methodist Church. Pastors and lay people from the community will present a short program.

Martin reunion with farm worker and family featured in LA Times

(The following story and accompanying photos are reprinted from the Sunday, February 22, Los Angeles Times. The story was written by LA Times staff writer Hector Becerra and photos are by Michael Robinson Chavez.)

Clarence and Wynona Martin recently visited the home of Samuel Perez in Pacoima, California, where they were surprised by television cameras and staff from the Los Angeles Times. Mr. Perez was employed by the Martins here in Friona in the late 50s. He went on to a long career with GM and raised 11 children, all of whom now have college degrees. Mr. Perez credits the Martins for helping him become a citizen and be successful. It is a nice, warm story. We know you will enjoy it.)

Samuel Perez never spent a single day on American soil as an illegal immigrant, thanks to Clarence Martin.

More than 50 years ago Perez entered this country as a teenager on a federal program that allowed him to work as a bracero, a field worker, at Martin's cotton farm in Texas.

In the narrative of the Perez family, Martin is a legend, in large part because of the opportunity the burly farmer with a Texas drawl gave the Mexican teen: In 1957 Martin told Perez he was going to get him a green card.

Just one month later, a lawyer Martin hired gave Perez the news: "You can go anywhere now," he said.

By 1959, Perez had used that opportunity to land a job at a General Motors

A ticket to America: 'sta bueno



Clarence Martin helped Samuel Perez, right, gain his U.S. citizenship more than 50 years ago. The two men and their families were united in Pacoima for the first time in a half-century.

plant in Van Nuys; he worked there 34 years, while doing gardening on the side. He put all 11 of his children through college. And he told them about Martin.

In the family lore, Martin "was like Santa Claus. 'Is he

real or not?' " said Omar Perez, 30, a sales manager for a dental manufacturing company.

More than a half century after the farmer and the fieldworker parted ways, one of the Perez children found the Texan who had given his

father a ticket to America.

And a few weeks ago, the two men and their families reunited in Pacoima with a hero's welcome for Martin.

Perez led his former boss and his wife to the living room where 12 university di-

plomas -- one of them a post-graduate -- hang on the wall next to a framed painting of the Virgin of Guadalupe. Perez's 10-gallon hat hung on a coatrack, and some of his 14 grandchildren walked shyly up to shake hands with

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Eleven Chieftain band members qualify for state

Forty-three Chieftain band members traveled to West Texas A&M University in Canyon Saturday, February 7, for the Region I UIL Instrumental Solo/Ensemble contest. Students had their choice of graded music literature to perform with Class III (easiest), Class II (medium difficulty), and Class I (most difficult).

Students who performed a Class I solo or in a Class I ensemble and received a First Division automatically qualified for the State UIL Solo/Ensemble contest in San Marcos in June. Of the 43 students from Friona High School who competed in the Class I competition, 11 made a First Division in at least one event to qualify for state.

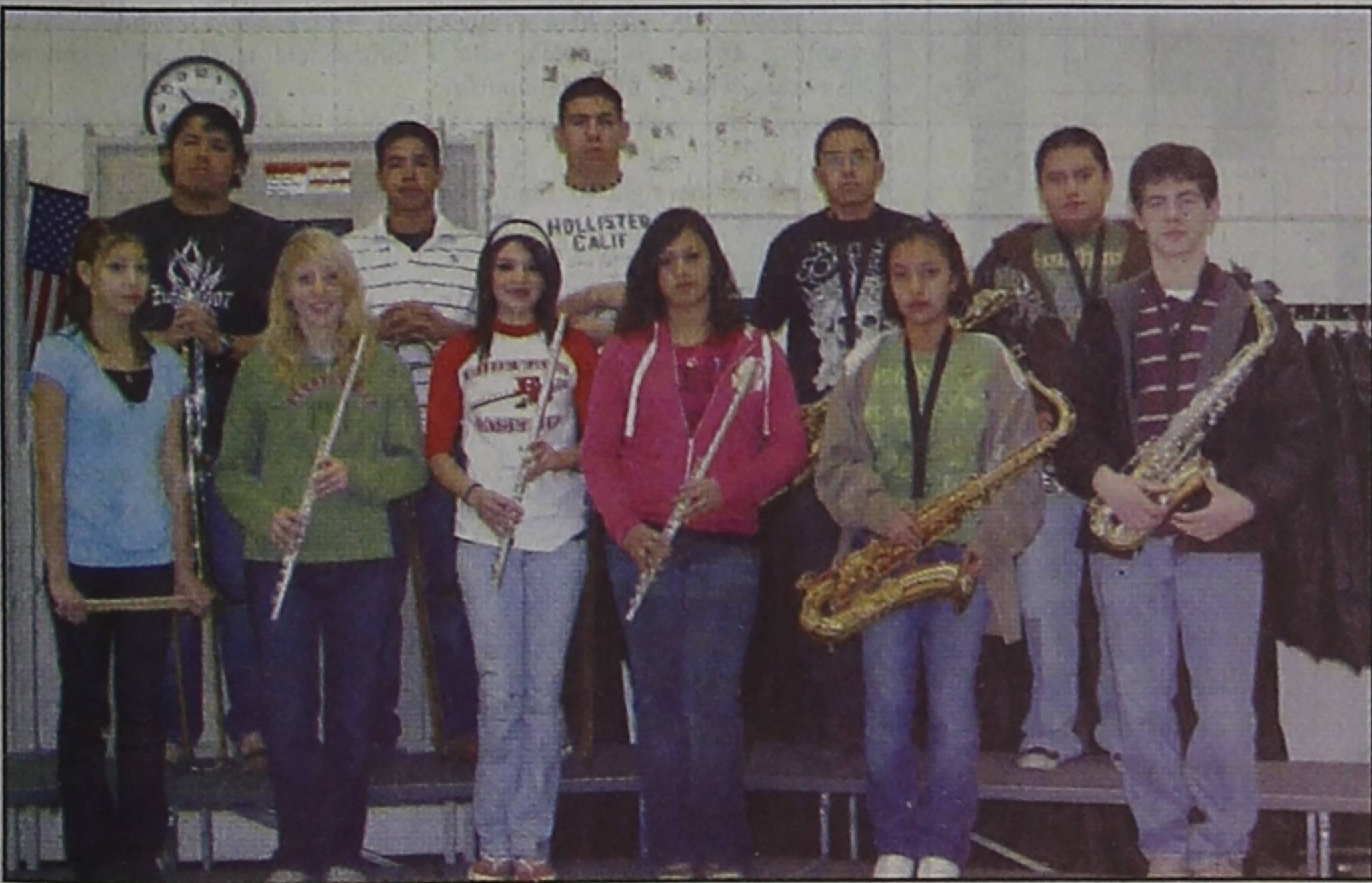
Students receiving a First Division or Superior and qualifying for state are: Katie Osborn, Yesenia Rojas, Karina Trevino, flute trio; Adrian Garcia, Sylvestre Huerta, Angelica Nicolas, Kenny Newhouse, saxophone quartet; Rolando Castanon, Justin

Dominguez, Bryan Flores, trombone trio; Kenny Newhouse, alto saxophone solo; and Krystal Rios, snare drum solo.

Students receiving a Second Division or Excellent in an event are: Gabriel Senibalo, Maria Calvillo, Alondra Chavarria, Catalina Ortega, Cristina Silva, Tommy Carranza, Gabriela Rivera, Heather Sandoval, Alba Soltero, Elda Castanon.

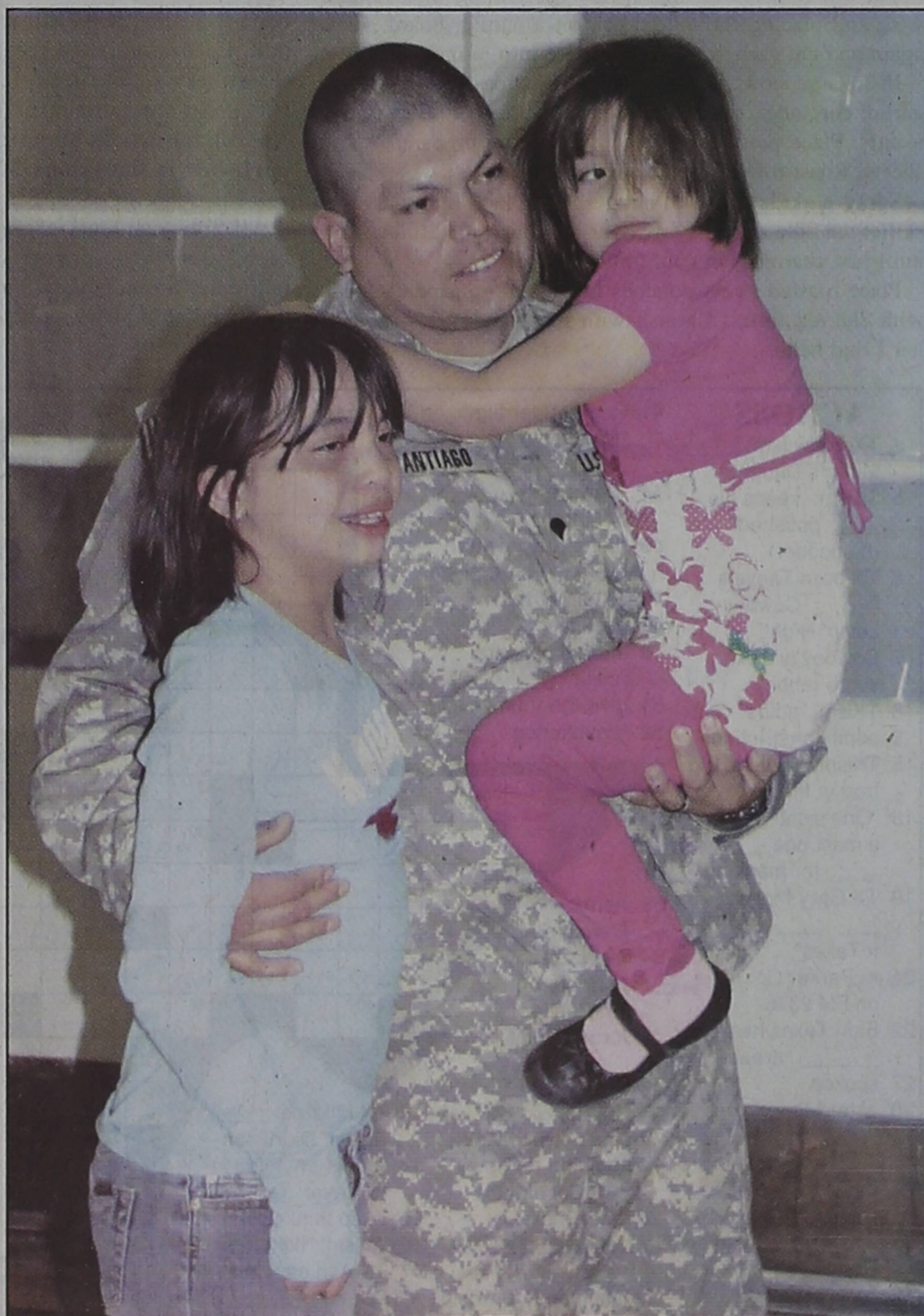
Also, Miguel Soto, Crystal Trevino, Vanessa Vital, Jeremy Alaniz, Shayla Parker, Adrian Quintana, Patrick Rios, Desiree Sandoval, Ester Sarabia, Elizabeth Trevino, Josh Duenes, Shawn Jordan, Raul Licerio, Jesus Sarabia, Angelica Gallagher, Dakota Hernandez, Andres Herrera, Christian Rangel, Oscar Reyes, Luis Prieto, and Jordan Kelley.

"I am not only proud of the students who qualified for state, but of all who participated, as I know they have become better musicians through their efforts," said band director Ron McWilliams.



ron carr photo

Chieftain band state qualifiers, back, l-r, Bryan Flores, Rolando Castanon, Justin Dominguez, Adrian Garcia, Sylvestre Huerta; front, l-r, Krystal Rios, Katie Osborn, Karina Trevino, Yesenia Rojas, Angelica Nicolas, Kenny Newhouse. (More band photos on page 8.)

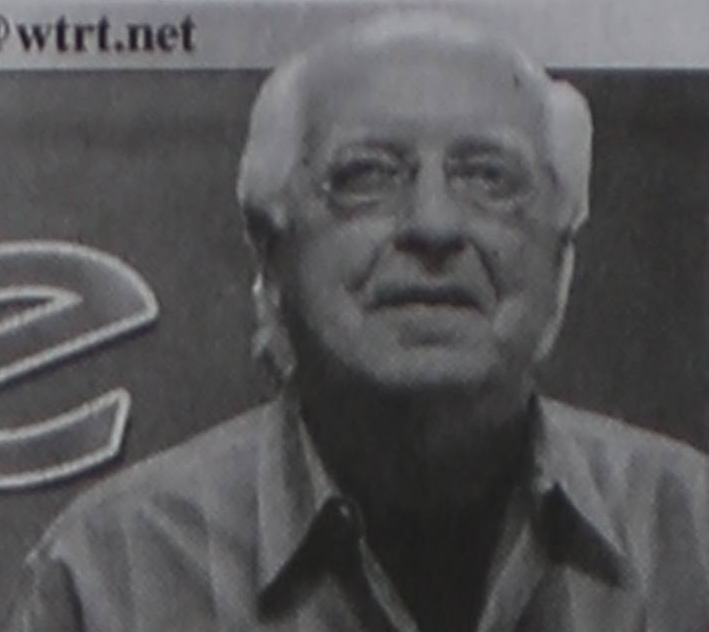


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Friona 4th grader Caitlin Santiago and her 4-year-old sister Syria were surprised by the arrival of their dad, Army Spc. Juan Santiago, during a school assembly in the gym Wednesday. He has been serving in Iraq since June, 2008, and with the help of his wife Kelly and school staff, surprised his daughters. Santiago is home on a 2-week leave before returning to Iraq. He is a 1997 graduate of Friona High School.

Out Here

By Ron Carr



if you've got it flaunt it

I'm trying to figure out how to write a column about gay pride.

Maybe that's not such a good idea. Any topic that includes a gay community discussion is guaranteed to offend a portion of the population.

Last week I caught a TV news report about some firemen in California who were ordered to participate in a gay pride parade. I'm sure you have seen TV news video of a gay pride parade with the folks in various forms of dress and undress strutting along the streets of San Francisco. I'll not try to describe it further.

The four firemen who drove the firetruck in the parade are now suing the city (I think) for \$1 million each. They claim they suffered hoots and catcalls and other assorted embarrassments along the parade route and

have continuing emotional trauma over it all. The firemen were apparently straight.

This is not about the firemen though. It sounds like a frivolous lawsuit by a few macho rednecks. What I don't get is the philosophy behind a gay pride parade. When I worked for Braniff Airlines years ago they had an advertising slogan that went "If you've got it, flaunt it." Flaunting is mostly a negative characteristic.

So why is it necessary, and more important what does it accomplish, for the gay community to organize a parade to flaunt their sexual preference? I don't understand it. If you do, drop me an email and explain it to me.

You don't see any heterosexual parades. In fact, if you tried to organize a heterosexual pride parade it would be considered discrimination

against the gay community. Flaunting by the straight community is not acceptable.

I accept the gay community. Always have. It is not for me but neither is marriage I reckon. I tried that a few times. Over the years I have had gay friends. In my travel agency career I had a few gay employees.

Gay folks are a part of the overall human community. Yet cruise lines offer gay-only cruises. Disney World in Florida hosts gay weeks at their amusement park. You've seen the reports about straight families who have unknowingly planned their Disney vacations during gay week. If Disney planned a straight-only week, imagine the backlash.

If being gay is okay and accepted then why is it necessary to plan gay-only events, to the exclusion of straight folks. Could it be that neither is comfortable around the other for extended periods of time?

There does not seem to be a simple answer to the gay community, same-sex marriage issue. In California the folks voted against allowing same-sex marriages, which prompted some hateful actions by the gay community, the same group that itself suffers from hate crimes on occasion.

If any segment of the population wants to organize, get a permit, and hold a parade, so be it. For now this is still America. If the gay community says it wants to be equal in society, I don't think flaunting it in a semi-naked parade is going to get them much heterosexual support. The gay community might consider hiring a marketing and public relations consultant.

This is probably a good place to stop writing about the topic. A final word to those who feel being gay is a choice and who work to convert gays over to being straight.

It's not and you can't.

Sweet potatoes drizzled with lime

BY RON CARR

This recipe won in the 'sides' category in a recent nationwide sweet potato recipe contest. It was submitted by Candace McMenamin of Lexington, South Carolina.

In my vast cooking experience, which consists of reading the directions on a Swanson chicken pot pie box, I haven't come across drizzling with charred limes. Also you will need some rosemary sprigs (sounds like a girl I had a crush on once).

Sweet potatoes are versatile and healthy. Enjoy!

Rosemary-roasted Sweet Potatoes with Charred Lime Drizzle

Yield: 6 servings
Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook: 50 minutes

3 sweet potatoes (approx 1 1/2 lbs) unpeeled
1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
1 tbsp finely chopped fresh rosemary
2 cloves garlic minced
1/2 tsp ground coriander
1 tsp sea salt
1/8 tsp ground cayenne pepper
2 limes cut in half
Garnish: rosemary sprigs

Preheat oven to 375. Lightly spray two 15x12 inch rimmed baking sheets with cooking spray; set aside.

Cut sweet potatoes into spears by halving them lengthwise and placing flat side down on a cutting board. Halve again and cut each wedge lengthwise into 1/4-inch slices.

In a large bowl combine sweet potatoes, oil, rosemary, garlic, coriander, sea salt, and cayenne pepper. Toss to coat evenly. Place potatoes in a single layer on prepared baking sheets. Roast for 45 minutes until tender.

Spray a skillet with cooking spray. Place lime halves in skillet cut side down. Cook over high heat for 2 minutes or until just charred. Let cool to the touch.

Place roasted sweet potatoes in a serving dish and drizzle with charred limes. Garnish with rosemary sprigs (and tell her I said hello).

Local blood drive council formed

The Coffee Memorial Blood Center has formed local blood drive councils around the Panhandle area in an effort to increase donations.

Coffee Memorial employees R. C. Quiett, donor recruiter, and Andy Tiner, community relations liaison, hosted a meeting in Friona Thursday, February 19, at Hardin's Steakhouse. Council members attending were Bessie Holt, John Gurley, Andy Montana, Teena Hughs, and Ron Carr.

The Amarillo blood center serves 30 counties and 32 medical facilities in the high plains region. The need for blood averages 135 units per day, 675 per week, or approximately 35,000 units per year. Mr. Tiner said, "There are not many new places to go in the region to expand the blood drive efforts. We need to draw more from our existing mobile blood drives."

Statistics from previous Friona blood drives show a drop in donations from a high of 34 units in 2006, to about 25 units per visit in 2008. The December 18, 2008, blood drive collected only 17 units. The blood center has scheduled four drives per year in Friona but plan to increase to five visits in 2009.

The next blood drive will be Tuesday, March 19, from 2-7 p.m. at the Calvary Baptist Church fellowship hall. Each donor will receive a t-shirt. Other drives are tentatively set for June 11, September 24, and December 3. An appointment is not required to donate blood. Additional details about each blood drive date will be published in the Friona Star as received. The minimum age for donating is 17.

All area residents are asked to consider becoming a blood donor to support Coffee Memorial's efforts to maintain an adequate supply of blood. More donor info available at www.thegiftoflife.org.

ACROSS

- 1 TX Sissy film: "Miner's Daughter"
- 5 TXism: "keeps his polished" (do gooder)
- 6 TX-born Tanya's "Cowboy-Lovin' Night"
- 7 Cowboy or Texan score (abbr.)
- 8 TXism: "adios"
- 9 pupil constrictions
- 15 TXism: "he's the big frog in the"
- 16 "One small step for a man, one for mankind"
- 19 TX Gary Morris' "is All It Takes"
- 21 in Parker Co. on FM 2376
- 22 East Texas has areas
- 27 spoken
- 28 actor Marlon of "The Chase" with TX Martha Hyer
- 29 paper: "Plainview Daily"
- 30 Mav Serbian player Curcic ('92-'93)
- 32 TX Dale Evans hubby (init.)
- 33 TX Buddy Holly hit (2 wds.)
- 36 TX-born concert pianist Sammaroff
- 37 Gulf sport: deep fishing
- 38 TX-based "Imports"
- 39 dirtiest

DOWN

- 41 Rod Steiger film: "No Way to"
- 44 "Beware the of March"
- 45 "Lone Star" written by Fehrenbach
- 46 TX or NV town
- 47 peculiar
- 48 stuffed peppers: "chile"
- 51 give the thumbs up to
- 52 "double dog ya"
- 53 Astro Oswalt stat.
- 54 this Lazenby perfected the Dr. Pepper formula (init.)
- 1 George H. was shot down in WWII bombing raid over Chi Jima
- 2 horse morsel
- 3 Van TX
- 4 TXism for "equipped" (3 wds.)
- 8 TX Lois Chiles aided James in "Moonraker"
- 9 a TX lotto win? (2 wds.)
- 10 TXism: "dance with who brung"
- 11 TXism: "mortgage the hoof" (cattle)
- 12 extreme hunger

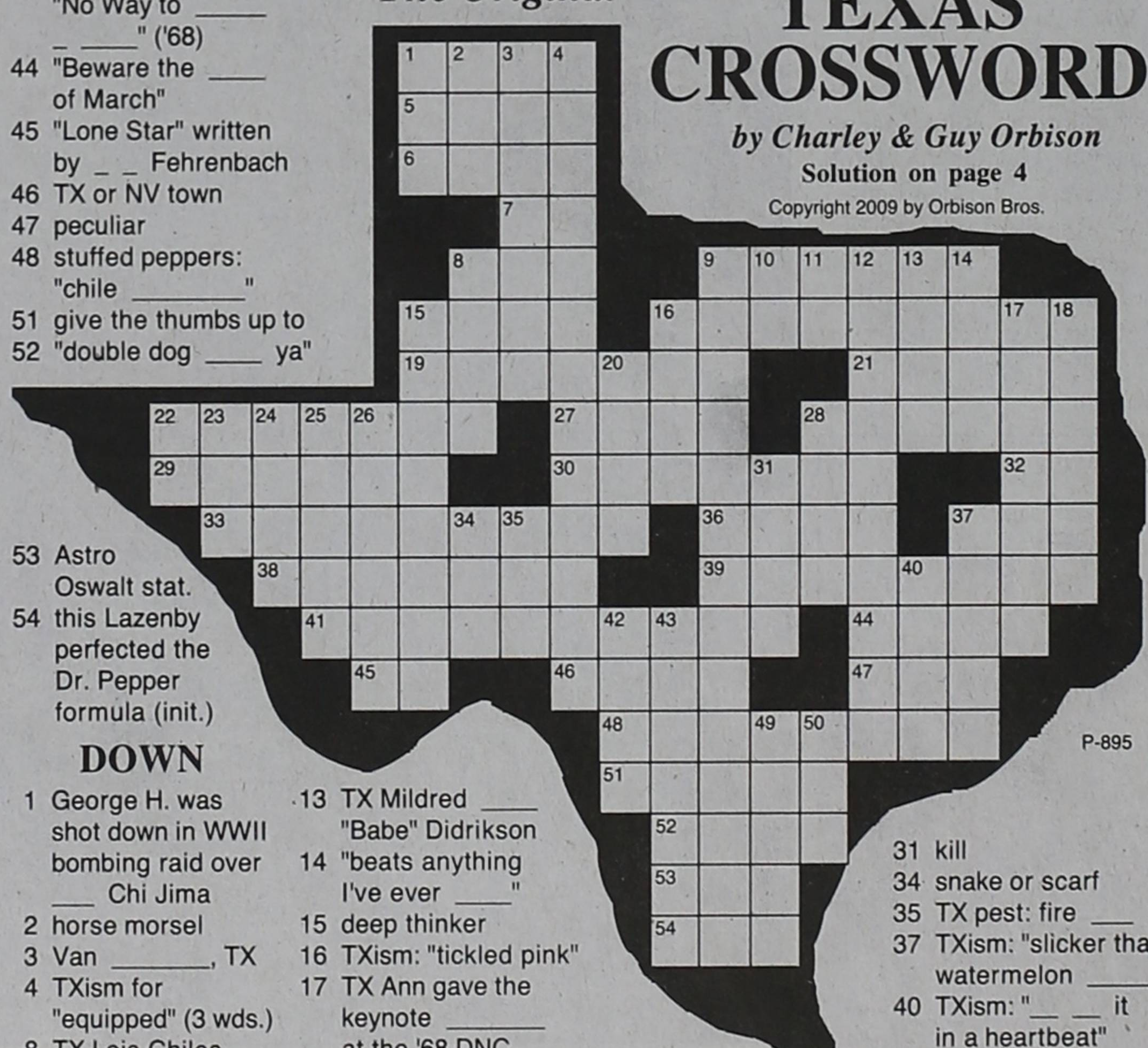
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TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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- 13 TX Mildred "Babe" Didrikson "beats anything I've ever"
- 15 deep thinker
- 16 TXism: "tickled pink"
- 17 TX Ann gave the keynote at the '68 DNC
- 18 unskilled (2 wds.)
- 20 "she's just of sunshine"
- 22 Holden of "The Wild Bunch" with TX L.Q. Jones (init.)
- 23 this Myers designed the TX capitol (init.)
- 31 kill
- 34 snake or scarf
- 35 TX pest: fire
- 37 TXism: "slicker than watermelon"
- 40 TXism: "it in a heartbeat"
- 42 this Thomas was 1st TX woman to be in U.S. Congress
- 43 George H. is "statesman"
- 49 this corp. bought TX LTV aircraft divisions in '92
- 50 female sheep

Mark Your Calendar

February 28

Monthly Angelfood Ministry orders
Pickup 10-11:30 a.m. at
First Baptist Church

March 1

St. Teresa's Mexican dinner
11 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Parish hall

March 5

Parks & Wildlife Deer Season meeting
7 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church

March 5-6

Friona Relays Track Meet
Junior high-Friday; JV Varsity-Saturday
Volunteers to help conduct the meet are needed.
Contact Coach Rex Cumpton at 250-3862 or
Coach Carrie Arias at 250-8800.

March 8

Daylight Savings Time begins

March 9

Regular meeting of Friona City Council - 6 p.m.
in Council Chambers on Main Street

March 10

Chamber of Commerce Banquet
at the Community Center

March 12

Ag in the Classroom at the Community Center
sponsored by Farm Bureau for 4th graders

March 19

Blood drive 2-7 p.m. at
Calvary Baptist Church

May 9

Local election day for
School Board & City Council

July 18

4th Annual Cheeseburger Festival & Cook-Off

August 8

6th Annual Chamber of Commerce
Golf Tournament-Call for details-250-3491

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Town Talk II

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Did we have a winter? Doesn't seem like it. Temps this week have been in the 70s. The bad news is we haven't had any moisture either. Generally by this time we have had a couple of snowfalls. Our countryside here in the Parmer County would need to get all wet so you folks keep on prayin'!

For all you loyal folks that had a problem with our news-rack at the East Allsup's we apologize for the frustration. The rack stopped taking quarters. The two quarters would stick and not go all the way down so many of you couldn't get your Star. Fortunately it did return your money. It did work with dimes but not everyone knew that. We put a different rack there this week. It is newer and should work fine now.

Those wooden storage buildings for sale on west Highway 60 come in a bunch of sizes and styles and you can pay monthly payments to own one. Nice looking buildings built by Mennonites so their brochures say. I was told the family is out of Perryton.

Beginning March 1 the Calvary Baptist Church will rebroadcast its Sunday Services at 3 p.m. each Sunday on WT Services Channel 76.

Happy birthday to twins Hollis and Alex Gurley. They were 19 on Wednesday, February 25. Both are freshmen at Texas Tech and parents John and Kathryn Gurley made the trip to Lubbock to celebrate.

I was invited to a lunch meeting last week with the Coffee Memorial Blood Center folks. They are attempting to increase donations around the Panhandle and are forming local councils

to assist. Attending were myself, Bessie Holt, Andy Montana, Teena Hughs, and John Gurley. The next drive is Tuesday March 19 from 2-7 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church. There is a number you can call for an appointment but donors do not have to have appointments. Drop-in and drop a pint next time.

Unless the golf and green fee revenue at Friona Country Club increases pretty soon the future of the club could be in doubt. The city declined to take over the course and it has been struggling in recent months. Old time members say the younger generation hasn't picked up the slack. The course is in good shape for now and has an excellent reputation around the area. Not sure what the golf course's future holds but we hope members and local golfers will support the play at the club.

Pork chops, potato salad, corn, pickled okra, and hot rolls filled the senior tummies Monday. Nice crowd again. Bob Naylor's attempt at a joke was thwarted when Gary Johnson shouted out the punchline before Bob got through telling the joke. Some days the whole senior lunch period is a joke. It was said that Deloris Bailey is now in the hospital in Pampa. She is battling the effects of a recent stroke and we need to keep Deloris in our thoughts and prayers. She is a really nice lady whose life has been difficult since the 1995 tornado.

Here's the shortest sports story written in the Panhandle this week: The Chiefs lost to Bushland 24-0 in five innings Monday. Track season starts next week with the Friona Relays March 5-6. Golf is underway with boys and girls matches at Friona

Country Club this week. No baseball at Bovina high school this season. Coach Hector Guevara said not enough boys were interested in playing so the baseball program was canceled for now.

Talked to Bovina's famous son Ben McCain this week. He and brother Butch have completed what he said was a "really B movie" called Killer Tumbleweeds. There is even a website www.killertumbleweeds.com. The movie will be shown in this area one day only at the Allen Theater in Clovis on April 4. Parts of the movie were filmed in Bovina. More later. Mark your movie calendar.

The Bridal Registry we publish every week is growing fast. Sylvia Ingram has about eight gift tables at her store. Same at Ivy Cottage and BiWize. Lots of our local young people getting married in the near future. Take a look at the bridal registry and select a gift from one of the local shops. Happy married life to all.

Nice story in this week's Star about Clarence Martin and his former hired hand Samuel Perez. Samuel was 20 when he went to work for Clarence, who was only 24 himself. Clarence farmed his grandfather's land northwest of town back in the day. It was later the site of West Plains Feedyard (now TexZona). More than 50 years later the two men still share their success. Their story was told in last Sunday's Los Angeles Times and is reprinted in this week's Star.

Spring break is March 16-20. Daylight Savings Time starts March 8 (spring forward an hour). The Chamber of Commerce banquet is Tuesday March 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the

community center. Don't forget to buy your tickets in advance, \$15 each. My oldest daughter Candee came to visit last week-

end and hooked me up with my own facebook thing. Guess I'll soon find out if I have any friends. Keep your cal-

endar and your facebook pages updated and your life on track. If you find work be sure to write. Until then!

DAR meeting in Hereford

The business meeting of the Los Ciboleros Chapter of the DAR was held Thursday, February 12, 2009 in the Blue Room at the Senior Citizens in Hereford. Regent Linda Knowles called the meeting to order. Charlotte Clark led the Chaplains prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Margaret Bell led the Preamble to the Constitution. Patricia Clark led the American's Creed.

Charlotte Clark introduced George West and his wife, Judy. George & Judy live in Amarillo and George is President of the Panhandle Plains Chapter of Amarillo of the Sons of the American Revolution. He has also been Chapter Secretary at the Chapter level. He has held offices of District Vice President, State Historian, State Staff Secretary, State President-Elect, and

State President at the State level.

At the National level, George is currently a National Trustee and Committee Member. He is also a member of the SAR Color Guard at all three levels, and has participated as such at all three levels. Their purpose is to perpetuate our ancestry. Mr. West wore his full color guard dress of a wool coat, gold buttons and linen pants. He wore his hat and explained the purpose of the many folds of the hat. He looked like he stepped out of the pages of a History book and gave a very inspiring talk about the purpose of the society and many of its members include U.S. Senators, Congress members and Presidents including both of the past president Bushes.

The history of the organization was very interesting. Texas

has 49 State Chapters and George has visited 38 of them. The SAR dates back to 1876 and later became the National Society it is today.

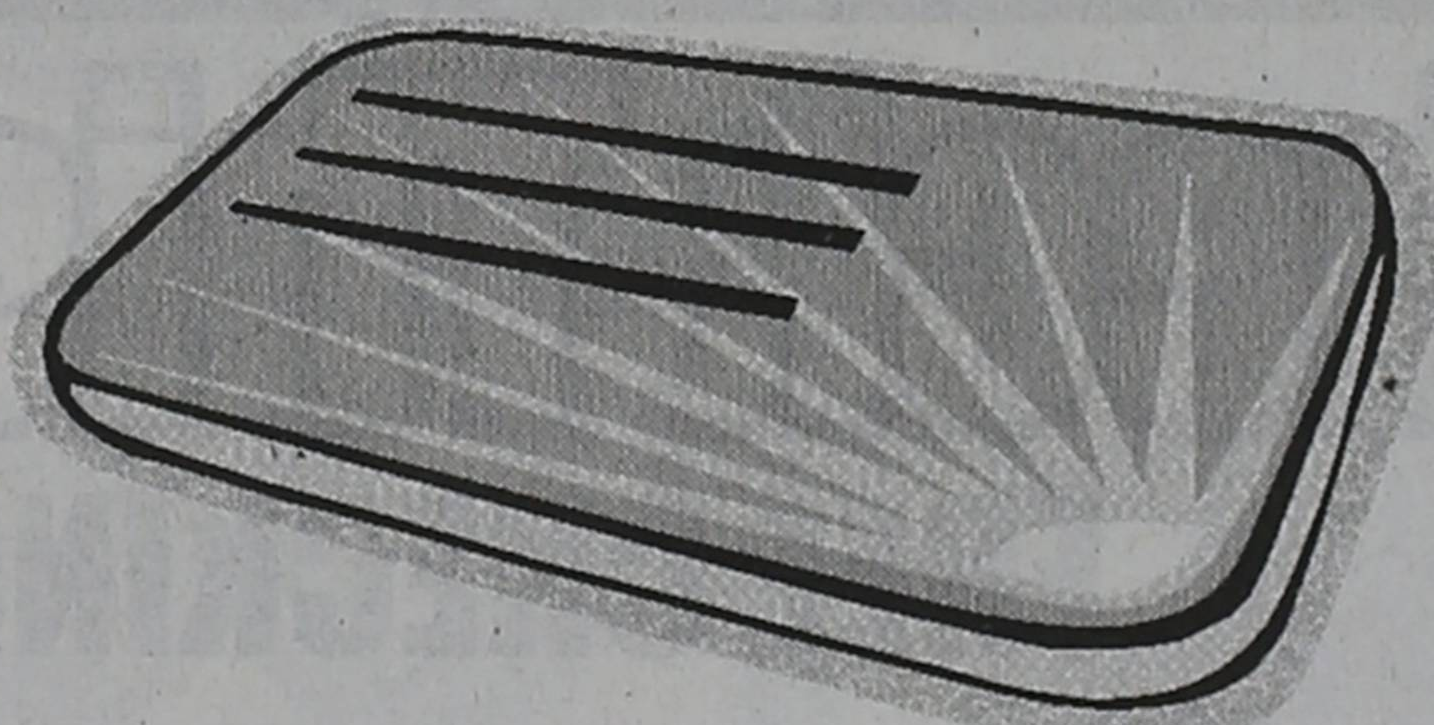
Charlotte Clark asked to dispense with the General Presidents message and the National Defense Report. Regent Knowles agreed. Minutes of the last meeting were read and a correction was made to state that Marlene Watson was appointed as Curator and Margaret Bell as Parliamentarian. Margaret Bell gave the treasure report.

The next meeting will be March 12, 2009 at the home of Marlene Watson. Refreshments were served to guests George and Judy West, Linda Knowles, Charlotte Clark, Margaret Bell, Betty Renner, Patricia Robinson, Marcella Brady and Sue Rector.



Linda Knowles, regent; Judy West, George T. West, National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution; and Charlotte Clark, vice regent.

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February 29 - March 7, 2009

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Feb. 29-Lonnie Ellis, Doreen Duran Stone

Mar. 1-Clydie Black, Joe Osborn, Jean Terry, Lance Outland, Jesse Mendoza, Jr., Jeff Curtis

Mar. 2-John Burns, Baylee Duke, Beth Alexander, Billy Wayne Sisson, Rhonda Wilson Rebber

Mar. 3-Melanie Bynum Bums, Christie Brinkman, Jay Don Reeve, Philip Weatherly, Billy Seiver, Charles Mercer, Cassie Flores, Brenda Riddle, Peter Malouf, Caden Hanes

Mar. 4-Jeremiah Johnson, Lynnis Clark, Misty Renner, Boyd Stokes, Aaron King, Lucy Mae Stokes, Misty Frye, Danny Pollard

Mar. 5-Katie Jo Osborn, Luella Drake, Janet Baxter Labrue, Michael Mann, Linda Chesher, Chuck Sutter, Tony Duran, Jr., Daylen Gallman, Nathan Nunley, Campbell McFarland, Cassie Gonzales, Zachary Graves

Mar. 6-Pat Fleming, Reba Buske, Rainey Jo Beth Williams, Emma Dawn Hankins

Mar. 7-Teresa Wilcox, Steve Stephens, Rick Jennings, Frieda Dickson, Thomas Villalobos, Jeremy Roth, John Stephens, Sybil Hewitt, Betty Renner, Dub Ingram, Tina Sides, Charles Gilbreath



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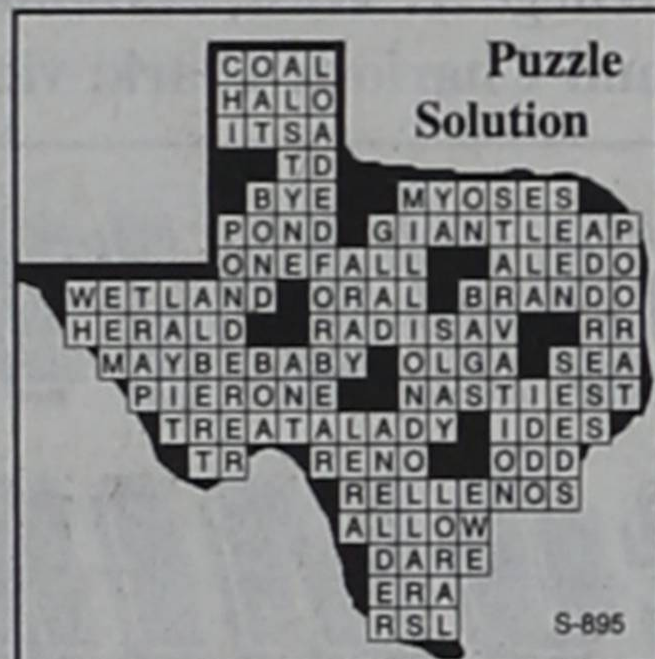
TDH immunization March schedules

Immunization clinics offering the vaccines that give protection against childhood diseases are scheduled for March 2009 in Friona and Bovina.

The clinic in Friona will be open Friday, March 6, and Friday, March 20, at 616 Euclid from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The clinic in Bovina will be open Monday, March 9 in the Bovina EMS Building, 109 S. 3rd, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

All clinic times are subject to change or cancellation due to weather conditions or scheduling conflicts.



Haile graduates from TAMU

Diplomas were awarded to 3,182 Texas A&M University graduates during fall commencement ceremonies.

Among the graduates was Marc Allan Haile of Friona, son of Patty and Homer Haile. Marc received a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics.

Jones on TWU Dean's honor list

Texas Women's University in Denton has released its Dean's List for the 2008 fall semester. Students that complete at least 12 graded credit hours and achieve the minimum grade point average as determined by their particular college or school are eligible for the Dean's List.

Allison Jones, daughter of Robert and Becky Jones, was named to the Dean's List. She is a Dietetics & Institutional Administration major.



courtesy photo

Friona Girl Scout Troop 5364 learned about Paraguay from Liz Page, a Paraguay native, as part of Girl Scout Thinking Day February 22. From left are Lorena Soto, Yodelli Castillo, Liz Page, Paulina Jaramillo, Nohemi Castillo, Josselyn Castillo, and Brenda Jaramillo.



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Parmer County Girl Scouts held a Thinking Day cake event. They brought cakes from different countries they have been studying. They also participated in a Thinking Day ceremony and celebrated Girl Guides around the world. Shown, l-r, are Desiree Aragon, Paulina Jaramillo, Desteni Aragon, Briana Alvarado, Cassie Gonzales, Vanessa Ortiz, Alexis Prather, Cerana Urias, Brenda Jaramillo, and Rebecca Schlenker.



Sheriff's Report

The following is reported weekly by Parmer County Sheriff Randy Geries office:

February 20, 2009, Rowdy Smith, 19, of Farwell, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office for theft by check, pending County Court.

February 21, 2009, Jose Baca, 43, of Clovis, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, pending Grand Jury.

February 22, 2009, William Banister, 44, of Portales, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office for violation of community supervision (DWI 3rd or more), pending District Court.

February 22, 2009, Marcos Rodriguez, 55, of Friona, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol for public intoxication, fined \$250.00.

February 22, 2009, Jaime Hernandez, 23, of Friona, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol for public intoxication, fined \$250.00.

February 22, 2009, Genaro Gonzales, 30, of Friona, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol for driving while intoxicated (1st) with an open container, pending County Court.

February 23, 2009, Deborah Lewis, 46, of Portales, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office for theft by check, pending County Court.

February 23, 2009, Anna Zacharias, 41, of Farwell, was arrested by the Farwell Police Department for driving while intoxicated, pending County Court.

February 23, 2009, Claude Miller II, 58, of Bovina, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office for possession of child pornography, pending Grand Jury.

February 23, 2009, Tonkeurime Hamilton, 30, of Clovis, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol on an outstanding Ector County warrant (assault), pending transport.

On February 10, 2009, in 287th District Court, with Judge Gordon Green presiding:

— Heath R. Sneed, 34, of Fort Sumner, charged with a Class B misdemeanor, DWI (reduced from DWI, with child passenger), was sentenced to six months in Parmer County Jail, suspended for one year; \$470 court costs; \$1,500 fine; and \$400 attorney fees.

— Juan Marcos Cruz, 30, of Friona, charged with a Class B misdemeanor, evading arrest (reduced from evading arrest with a vehicle), was sentenced to 120 days in Parmer County Jail; \$320 court costs; \$500 fine; and \$400 restitution.

— Drusilla Michelle Faudoa, 26, of Bovina, charged with a Class A misdemeanor, theft of property more than \$500 and less than \$1,500, (reduced from theft of property more than \$1,500 and less than \$20,000), had adjudication of guilt deferred and placed on community supervision for one year; \$320 court costs; \$200 fine; and \$1,000 restitution.

— John Calvin Rice, 19, of Roswell, charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, was sentenced to 18 months in a state jail facility, probated for three years; \$320 court costs; \$1,000 fine; \$400 attorney fees; and \$228 restitution.

DPS troopers busy along I-40

Department of Public Safety troopers were busy with a couple of drug busts and a fatal accident over the weekend.

February 20 troopers working patrol in Carson County near Conway stopped a Chrysler passenger car at 9:36 p.m. for speeding. Troopers observed criminal activity signs from the driver, Helen Johnson and passenger Reginald Johnson, both of Detroit. They were traveling from Phoenix to Detroit.

The troopers were given consent to search the vehicle. They found 24 pounds of marijuana valued at \$7,800 and 2,000 grams of cocaine valued at \$146,000. The drugs were located in the trunk of the vehicle. Both driver and passenger were arrested.

The same day, at 12:08 p.m., troopers working the same area near Conway stopped a Chevrolet van for speeding. The driver, Barry Dillard, 38, was traveling from Montebello, California to Greensboro, North Carolina. A search of the vehicle revealed 415 pounds of marijuana valued at \$134,875 located inside two refrigerators in the rear cargo area of the van. He was arrested and booked into the Carson County jail.

On February 22 at 1:43 p.m., Melodie Owen, 57, of Amarillo was killed in a crash on I-40 one mile west of Vega. She was the driver of a 2009 Chevrolet Impala traveling east on I-40. The vehicle veered off the roadway and struck an overpass pillar. Owen was pronounced dead at the scene by Oldham County Justice of the Peace Judy Ward.

On Tuesday, February 23, troopers made an 8:22 a.m. stop near McLean on a Dodge pickup for speeding and an equipment violation. The driver, Dustin Basalla, 28, and passenger Steve Bassala, 59, of Knoxville, Tennessee, were traveling from California back to Tennessee.

Troopers were given consent to search the vehicle. A DPS K9 unit was deployed and alerted to the presence of a controlled substance in the vehicle. The search found 42 pounds of high grade hydroponic marijuana valued at \$147,000 hidden in the rear wheel wells of the pickup. The driver and passenger were arrested and booked into the Gray County jail.



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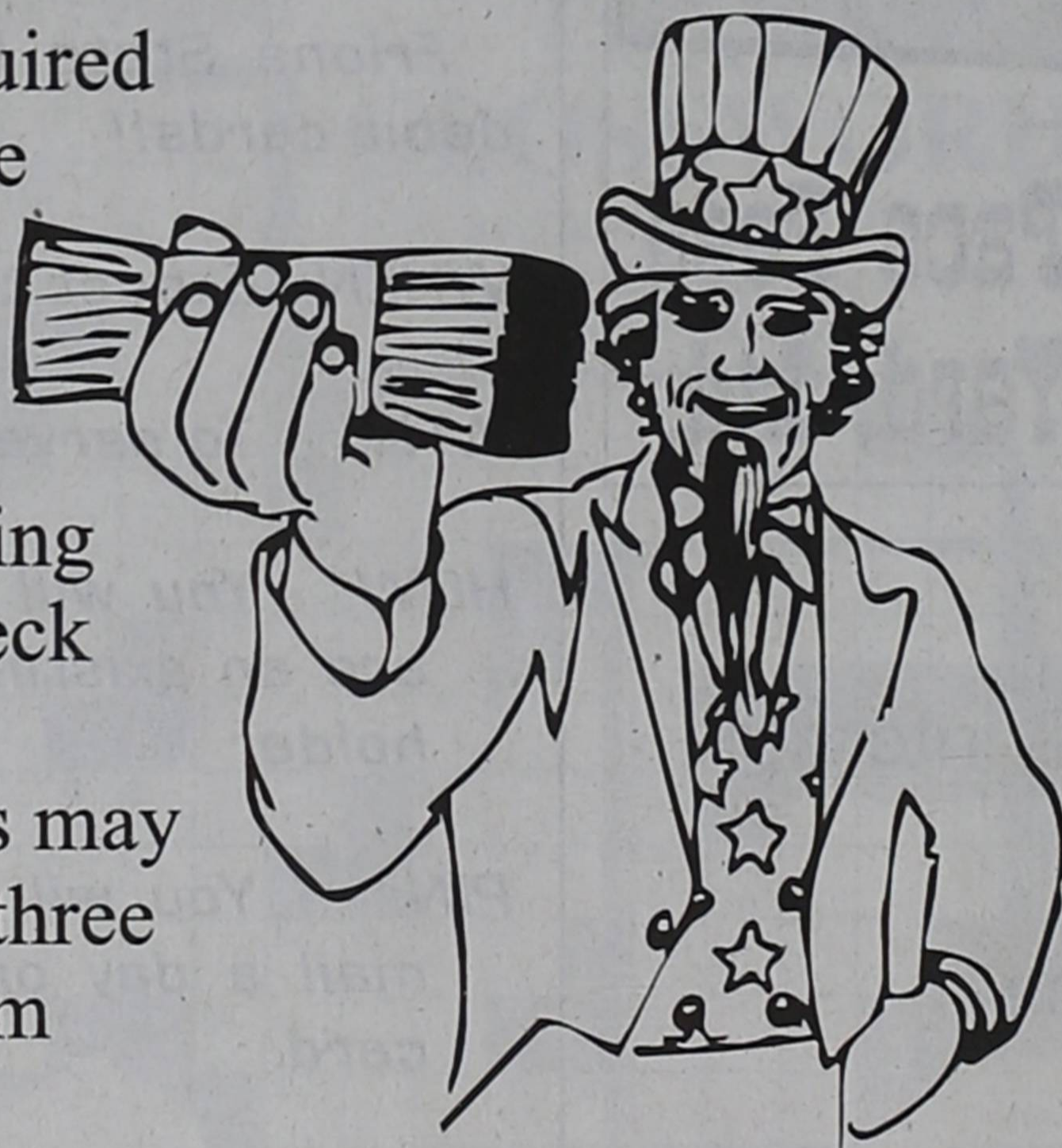
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Mar. 3	Boys Ranch JV	JV Only	Here
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Mar. 10	Seagraves	Varsity Only	Here
Mar. 12-14	Bushland Tournament	Varsity Only	There
Mar. 21	*Floydada*	Varsity & JV	There
Mar. 24	Boys Ranch	Varsity	Here
Mar. 28	*Tulia*	Varsity	There
Mar. 31	*Childress*	Varsity & JV	Here

District Games

Head Coach: Styler Haddock

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Meza invited to sports tournament in Australia

Friona, high school senior Maria Meza has been invited to participate in the 21st annual Down Under Sports Tournament in Australia this summer.

Maria is a track athlete at FHS and competes in the discus, which will be her event in the Australia tournament. Maria and her family are seeking sponsors to assist with the trip expense of \$4,000. Donations in any amount will be appreciated.

All donors will be entered in a drawing for a trip for two to Australia and Hawaii. Checks should be payable to International Sports Specialists Inc (ISSI) and mailed to Maria Meza, 709 Pierce, Friona, Tx. 79035. You can also call Maria at either 806-250-3129 or 806-346-4066.



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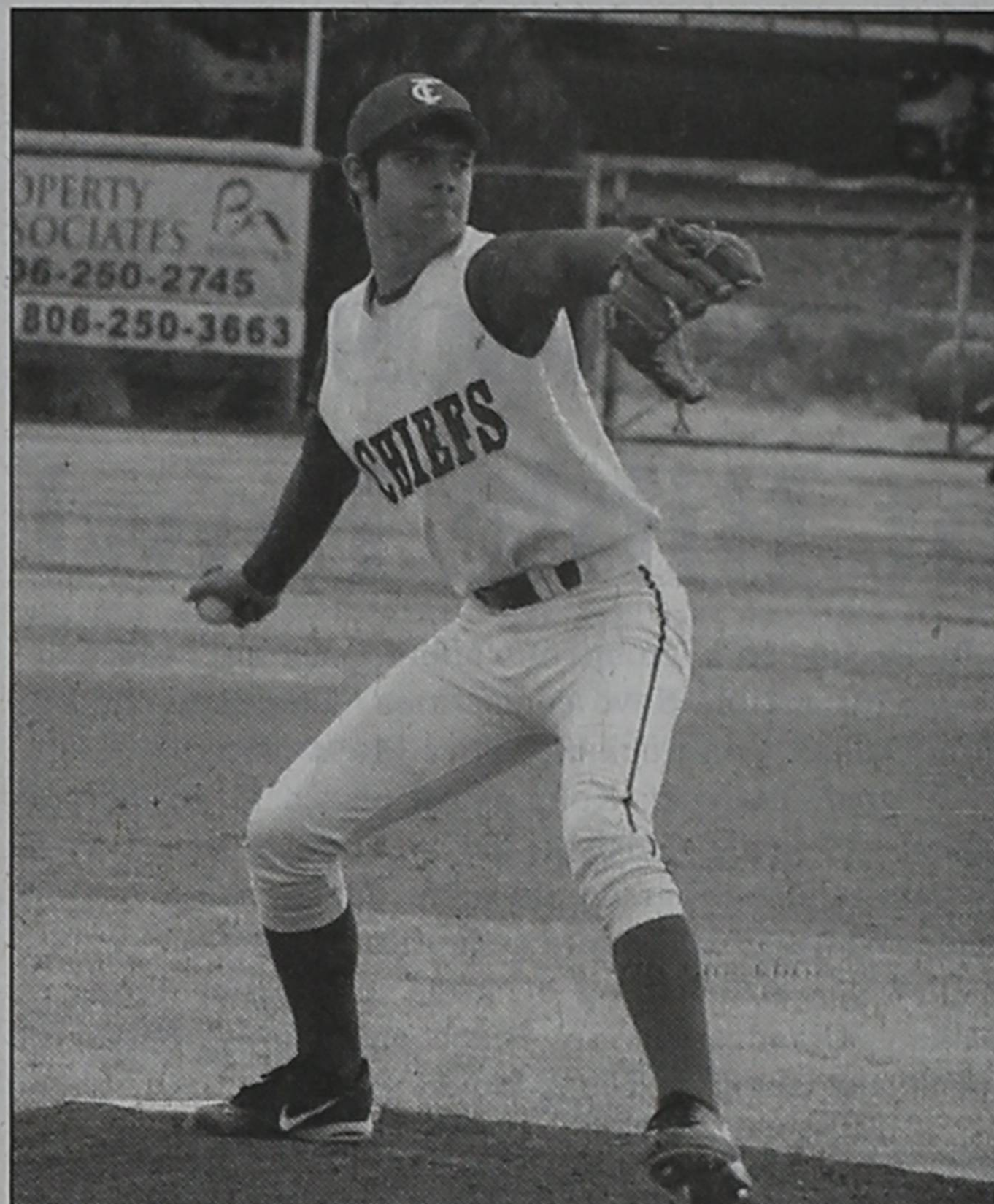
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Vega powerlift results

The Chiefs and Squaws participated in the Vega Powerlift meet. The girls won 1st and the boys placed 2nd. Results are:

1st place: Victor Guerrero, Clayton Smiley, Jesus Sanchez, Estibali Hernandez, Tori Abeyta; 2nd place, Hilario Hernandez, Noe Saenz; 3rd place, Sergio Mendez, Duncan Welch, Serafin Vasquez.



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Chieftain pitcher Kirby Frye gets set to deliver against Bushland. The Falcons beat the Chiefs 24-0 in the regular season opener.



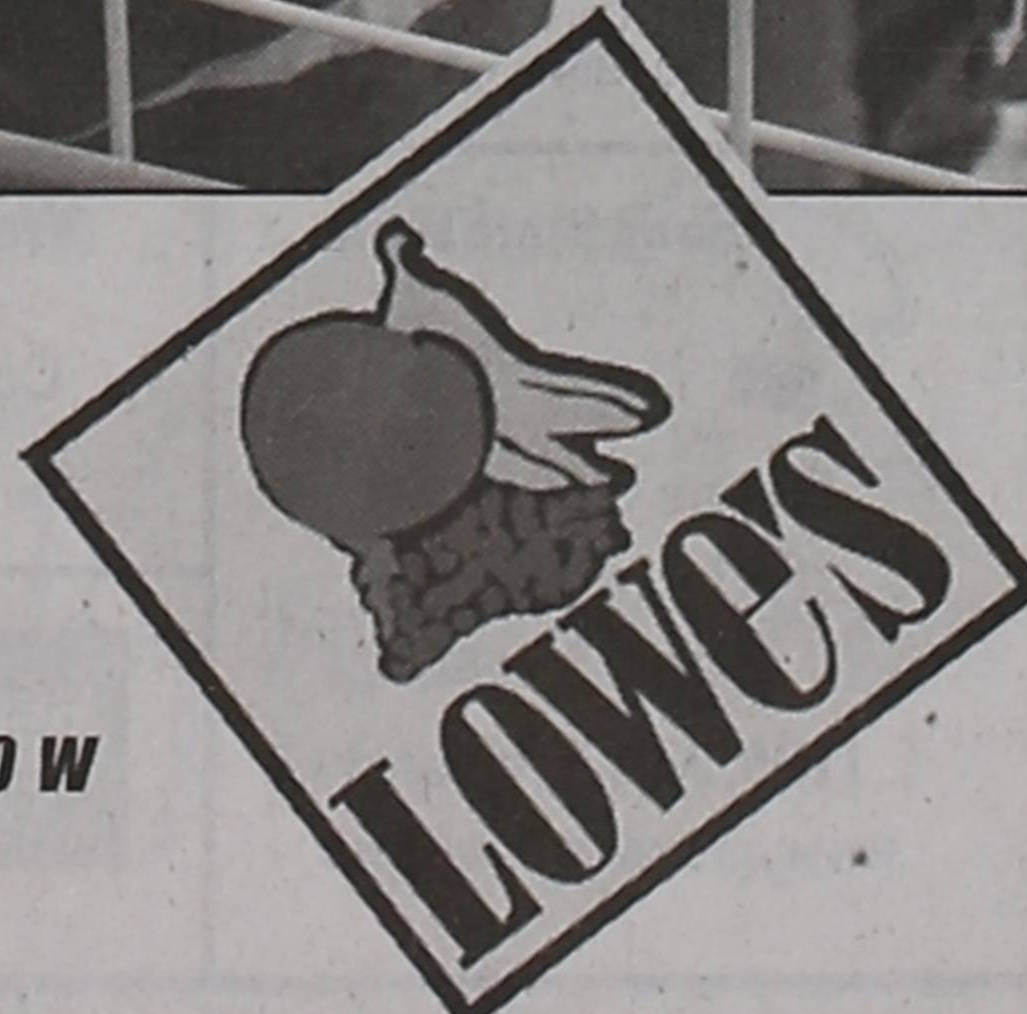
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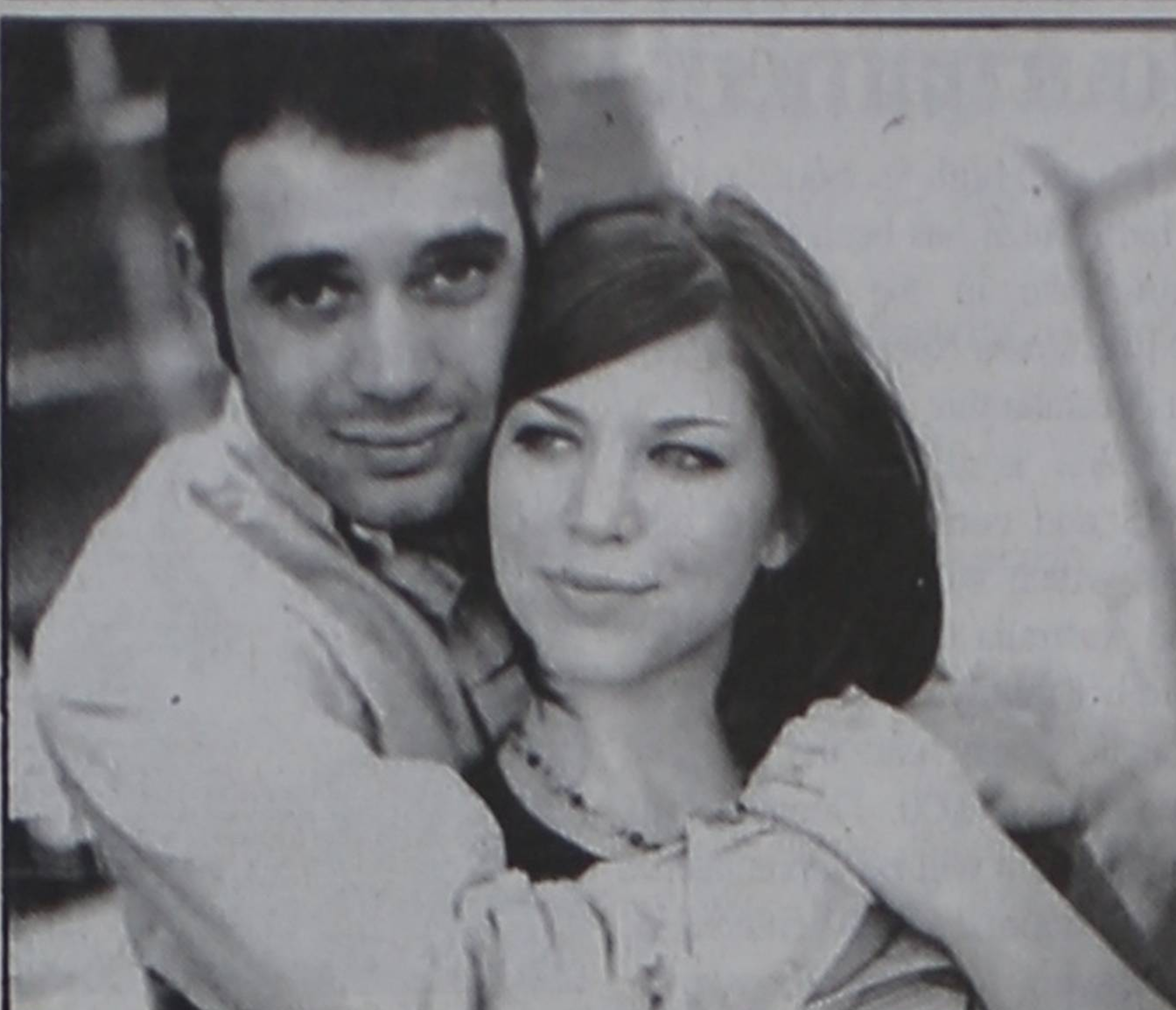


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Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Butman of Lubbock, Texas, along with Mr. and Mrs. Wade Meeks of the Rhea Community, are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Kristin Butman and Casey Meeks.

The bride-elect is a 2005 Friona High School graduate and is employed by The Eye Sight in Hobbs, New Mexico.

The future groom is a Farwell High School graduate and also a 2007 graduate of Texas Tech with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He is employed with Xcel Energy.

The couple will be married on May 30, 2009, at the Windmill Museum in Lubbock.

Floyd kids win at Bible Bowl

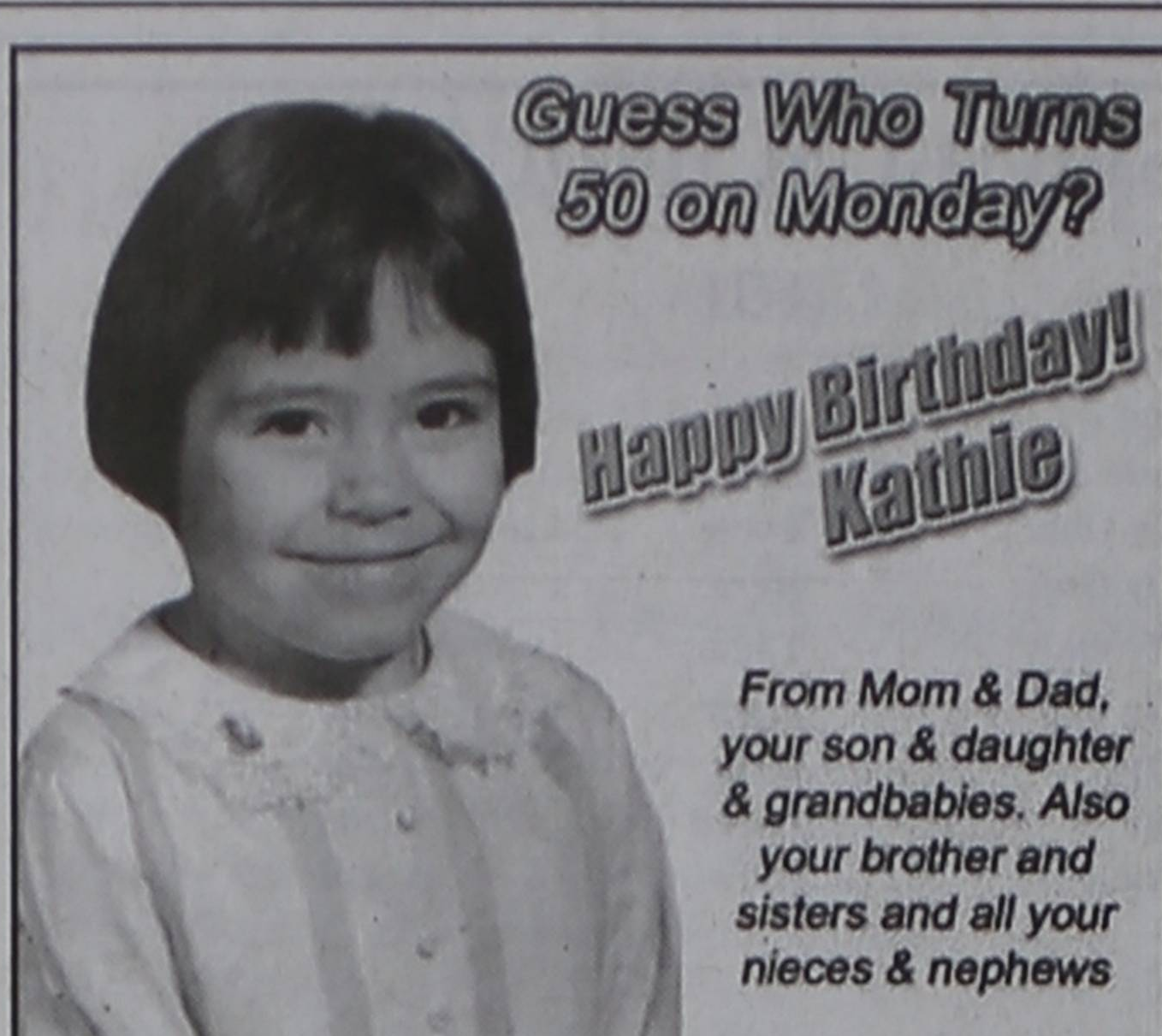
In December a group of children met in Panhandle, Texas, for a Bible Bowl competition. The Floyd children from Dalhart won trophies. Jaylee Floyd placed 3rd in the 4th-5th grade division; Kolin Floyd placed 2nd in the pre-school -1st grade division; and Wes Floyd placed 1st in the pre-school-1st grade division. Jaylee is in the 5th grade, Wes is in kindergarten, and Kolin is 4-years-old.

They are the children of Jason and Leslee Floyd of Dalhart. Grandparents are Butch and Martha Barker of Friona and Gerald and Jana Floyd of Canyon.



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The Floyd children, l-r, Wes, Jaylee, and Kolin proudly display their Bible Bowl trophies. Their parents are Jason and Leslee Floyd of Dalhart, formerly of Friona.



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Think about this

Life's Detours

T. LEON TALLEY, Minister, Sixth Street Church of Christ

Another reason why the long way was best for Israel was that the people of Israel needed the discipline of the desert. It was needed to prepare them for the pleasures of the promised land. This unorganized mob of former slaves had to be transformed into an army of disciplined warriors. The only way to accomplish this goal was for God to take them around by the wilderness.

There are no short cuts in life. Faith is often produced through the pain and challenge of daily living. Life often forces us to face hardships. That's a part of reality. Sooner or later your life will suffer a shattering blow. Your own little world may seem to fall to pieces. You'll be tense, uptight. You will be sure that you can't take another hour. We need to understand that God will not alter the laws of nature in order for us to have an easy time.

We must realize that God is shaping us here so that we can live with Him in Eternity. If we walk under God's leadership and direction, the way of the wilderness will be a way of peace, protection and preparation. Under God's direction our pathway will lead to victory.

OBITUARY

Veda Nadine "Wendy" Stanberry

Veda Nadine "Wendy" Stanberry, 55, of Bovina, died Tuesday, February 17, 2009 in Lubbock. Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 21, 2009 at the First Baptist Church of Bovina with Reverend Brian Mullins, Pastor, officiating. Burial followed in the Bovina Cemetery by Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Mrs. Stanberry was born June 15, 1953 in Chowchilla, California to Olen Deward and Elizabeth Stella Fenske Thornton. She married Loy Dean Stanberry on December 25, 1968 in Bovina. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church of Bovina.

Survivors include her husband, Loy Dean Stanberry of Bovina; three daughters, Michelle Gonzales and husband Martin of Friona, Jamie McNeely and husband Scott of Bovina, and Melanie Bustos and husband John Paul of Canyon; one son, Travis Stanberry of Bovina; three sisters, Linda Christoffersen and husband Chris of Chowchilla, California, Brenda Heacock and husband Bill of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Eva Blase and husband Rick of Richmond, Texas; three brothers, Jerry Thornton and wife Sandy of Raleigh, North Carolina, Paul Thornton and wife Sheila of Hobbs, New Mexico, and Alvin Thornton and wife Susan of Richmond, Texas; and five grandchildren, Alex and Krystin Gonzales, Ashleigh and Emma McNeely, and Orianna Bustos.



Veda Nadine Stanberry

The Self

BY REV. BUCK MALONE, Congregational Church

I wonder if this is true - it seems to be so as I get older: The nature of all people is selfish; no one loves another person more than they love himself or herself. To me, that seems a little strong, and I wonder if it's not true. The more I observe, the more I think it's true.

Even in those times when I give (when I offer help, or when I love), at the core is the feeling and the reality that I got something from those times. Don't get me wrong it's not bad to do things for others, even if it makes one feel good. But there is a flip-side, an almost sinister side. Doing things for others to avoid feeling bad. Doing things for others to not feel guilty. Doing things for others to appease or amend not being seen as less than expected. And doing things for others so that an old passive action of avoidance will come how magically be purified, made whole, and clean, simply by buttering-up the person next time. Sorry, I don't think that works too well.

My guess is that the number one way humans relate is in a selfish way. "What do I really get out of it?" is the question we all have at the base of most, if not all, thoughts and actions. Is this bad? No. It's normal. But sometimes it's insane.

The most insane thoughts I've had are those that revolve around thinking that I know what another person is thinking, what another person wants, and what another person needs. The big question is: What assumptions have I made, and how many were correct? My response for myself is, "Almost none have come true, and even worse none have ever come true in the way I thought!" Makes me want to pause when I assume.

I've noticed that reaction turns into over-reaction nearly every time I assume. As we get to Lent and on to Eastertide, may we become aware and drop those things that keep us from being selfless, those thoughts and actions we automatically assume are true, which turn out to do the most harm.

If it is chocolate that keeps you from being aware, then let it go, but I am more aware that it's not just chocolate that I need to "give up for Lent". Yes, there are tangible items to give up, but less tangible and more dangerous are a whole boatload of assumptions.

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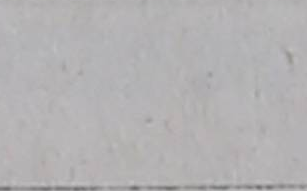
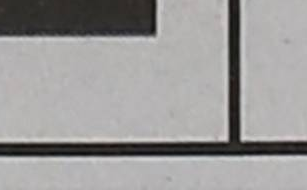
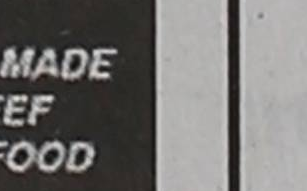
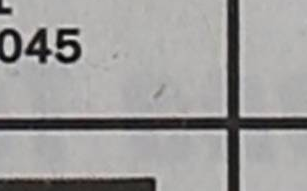
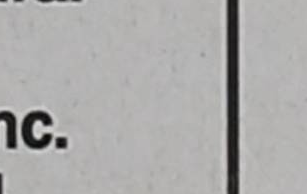
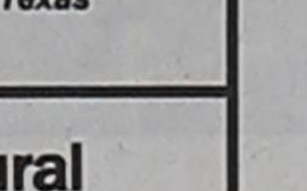
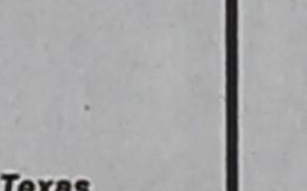
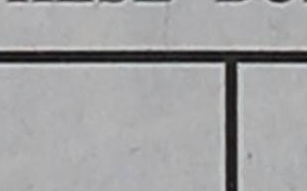
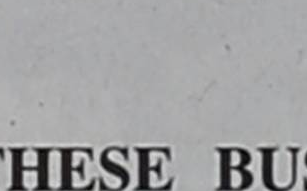
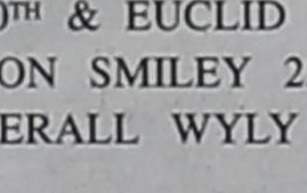
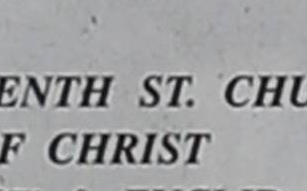
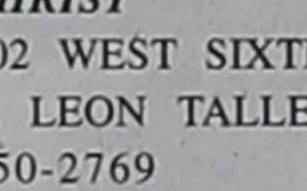
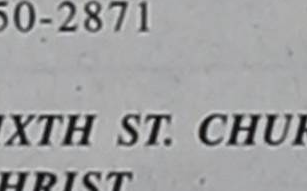
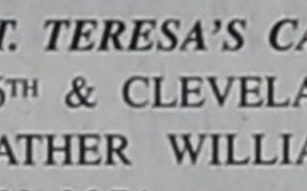
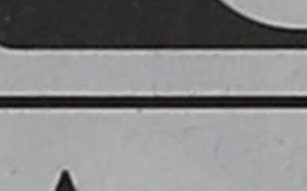
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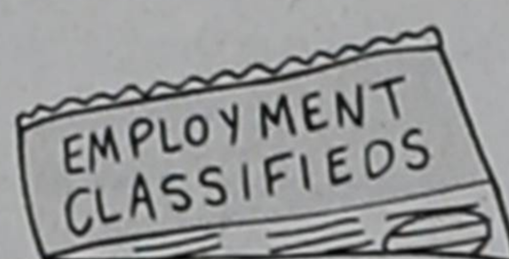
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Brass quintet, front, l-r, Shawn Jordan, Josh Duenes; back, l-r, Jesus Sarabia, Justin Dominguez, Raul Licerio.



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Senior clarinet quartet, l-r, Heather Sandoval, Gabriels Rivera, Alba Soltero. Not pictured Tommy Carranza.



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Percussionists, back, l-r, Miguel Soto, Luis Prieto, Patrick Rios; front, Krystal Rios, Elizabeth Trevino, Ester Sarabia.



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Flutes, l-r, Karina Trevino, Yesenia Rojas, Katie Osborn.



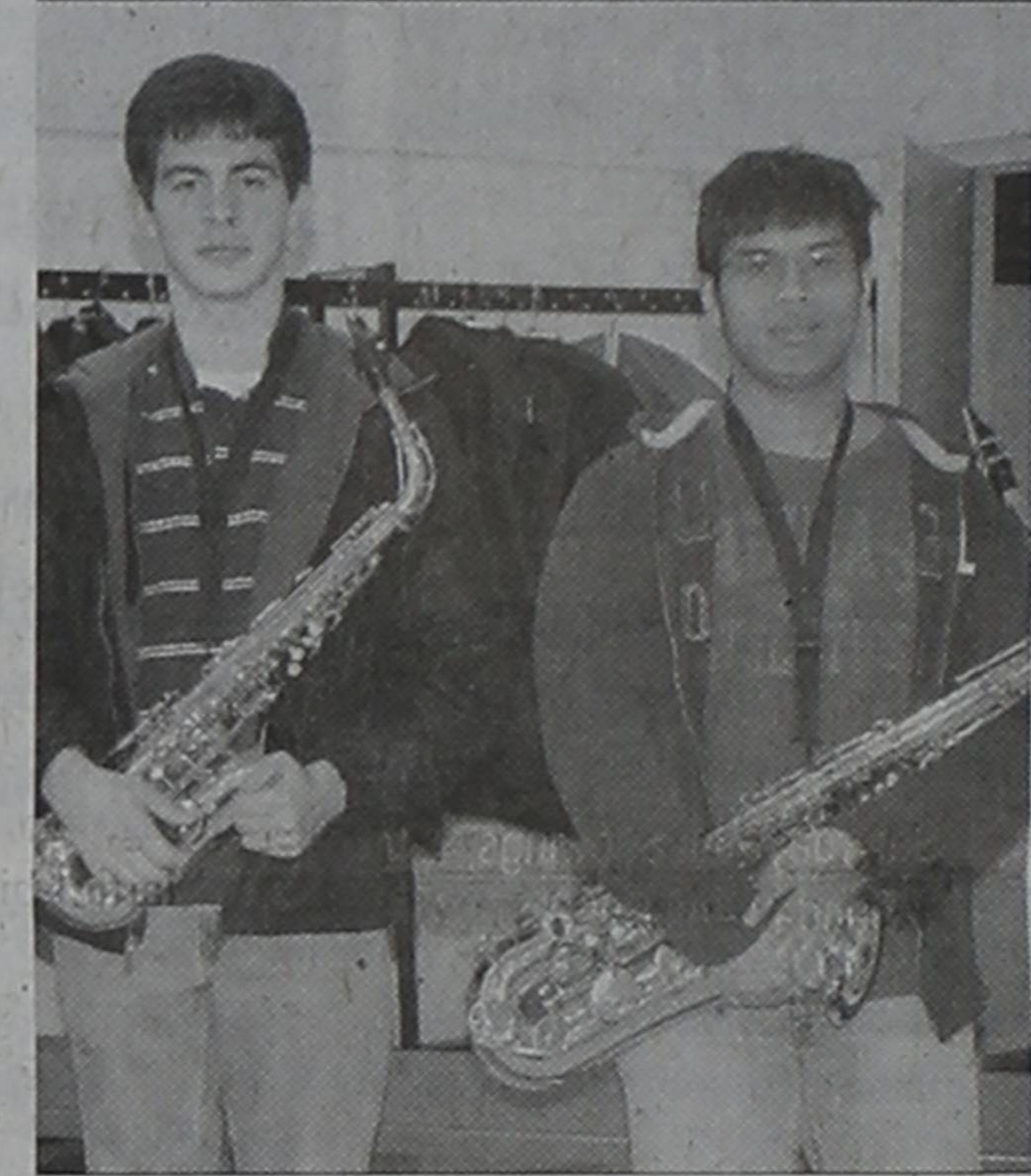
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Trombone trio, l-r, Bryan Flores, Justin Dominguez, Rolando Castanon.



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Junior sextet, front, l-r, Jesus Sarabia, Shawn Jordan, Josh Duenes, back, l-r, Bryan Flores, Oscar Reyes, Jordan Kelley.



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Soloists Kenny Newhouse, left, and Gabriel Senibalo.



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Saxophone quartet, l-r, Adrian Garcia, Sylvestre Huerta, Angelica Nicolas, Kenny Newhouse.



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Freshman and sophomore quartet, front, l-r, Cristina Silva, Alondra Chavarria, Catalina Ortega, Maria Calvillo; back, l-r, Miguel Soto, Elda Castanon. Not pictured Crystal Trevino.



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Brass sextet, front, l-r, Rolando Castanon, Andres Herrera, Christian Rangel, back, l-r, Dakota Hernandez, Angelica Gallagher, Alex Torres.



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Woodwind choir, front, l-r, Cristina Silva, Catalina Ortega, Jeremy Alaniz, Desiree Trevino, Shayla Parker; middle, l-r, Alondra Chavarria, Elizabeth Trevino, Krystal Rios, Ester Sarabia; back, l-r, Adrian Garcia, Adrian Quintana, Sylvestre Huerta, Angelica Nicolas, Patrick Rios.

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Martin reunion featured in LA Times

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"I think Uncle Sammy must be very happy, because out of all my 11 children, I never asked for welfare. My sons and daughters are very productive. I'm very lucky, Clarence."

In the mid-1950s, Samuel Perez was working for Pepsi Co. in his hometown of Morelia in the state of Michoacan. One day when he was 19, a man gave him an application for contract labor in the U.S. On a lark, he applied. At a center in the Mexican state of Guanajuato, American farmers inspected his calloused hands.

"They weren't just going to hire any lazy bum," he recalled.

He took a train to the border before ending up in Eagle

Pass, Texas, where he was sprayed with DDT and loaded into a cattle truck for the ride to Friona, Texas. Most of the town's residents, then numbering 1,700, were white.

As it is now, it was a cattle and agricultural hub in the vast northern stretch of the Texas panhandle. The town, recently designated the "Cheeseburger Capital of Texas," has about 3,800 residents now. Most are Latinos, whether native born or immigrants, legal or not.

When he got to Friona, Perez picked cotton for 30 days. When the work was done, he and a friend went to the theater, and when they returned, the camp was empty. He went to the local cotton gin office. A rancher hired him for a week and taught him to drive a tractor.

One day, the boss invited him to dinner. It was November, and the spread included a big turkey.

"No wonder these gringos are so big if they eat like this every day," Perez thought. He didn't know about Thanksgiving yet.

After a week, Perez returned to the cotton gin office. Martin walked in, looking for a bracero who could drive a tractor. The 24-year-old Martin was tall, with blue eyes, blue jeans, leather boots and a 10-gallon hat. A cowboy, thought Perez.

Martin ran his grandfather's ranch. With his wife, Wynona, Martin took Perez to the theater; he lent him a Chevy truck to go into town, especially on Sundays for church. Martin depended on Perez, who not only helped with the harvest but also irrigated the crops and helped lead other braceros. Almost every time Benito, a Mexican American worker with a peg-leg, got stuck in the mud, Martin said, Perez pulled him out.

Perez stayed in a trailer with a kitchenette and a heater -- essential in a town named for frio, the Spanish word for cold. Familiar songs wafted from a Mexican radio station.

Que lejos estoy del suelo donde he nacido. How far I am from the ground where I was born. Perez felt lonely.

Years before, the Mexican government had prohibited Texas from getting bracero workers because of the state's reputation for mistreating Mexicans. Perez said he occasionally would hear ethnic slurs when he went to town. But he barely understood English, he said.

He called Martin's wife Honey because that's what the farmer always called her. "No. 'Honey's' for me," Martin explained. They got by on hand signals and the few English words and Spanish words they both knew. " 'Sta bueno," Martin would say after a job well done.

The fieldworker got to know his young boss' three small children. Decades later, Perez told Martin about the lessons he had learned from him.

"He said that he learned his family values watching me with my young family then, and that he learned his work ethic from me, 'cause I demanded that things get done right, and he did things right," Martin said.

Like Perez, Martin had started working when he was very young; at 7, he started driving a tractor on his grandfather's ranch.

"You did a good job, and that's all there is to it. You didn't just put in your time, you did your job," Martin told Perez in his syrupy drawl half a century later. "Some people risk going to prison to work, and some people risk going to prison to not work."

In 1956, Martin told Perez

about the opportunity to get a green card. The young bracero should go back home and collect the necessary papers, then go to Ciudad Juarez, just across the Texas border, Martin said.

A lawyer hired by Martin in El Paso gave Perez money for a hotel and food and handled the legal work. Within a month, Perez had a green card.

He returned to Friona to work for more than a year, then decided to go back home. Martin drove Perez to the bus depot. Martin told him he had a feeling he wasn't returning, and they wept.

The farmer would send letters to Perez in Mexico, but the former ranch hand felt guilty and didn't write back.

After about a year, Perez returned to the U.S., got a job with GM, bought a home in Pacoima. In 1966 he married. One of the couple's children, a son, worked for an L.A. councilman; during a visit to Texas, he asked about finding a man his father had told many stories about: Clarence Martin of

Friona, Texas.

He got a phone number, and a few years ago Martin and Perez spoke for the first time since they were at the bus depot. Wynona Martin sent a letter updating Perez about her family.

Signed: "Honey."

In mid-January, Martin called the Perez home and got one of his daughters. Martin and his wife were visiting L.A. and wondered if they could stop by.

The next day, the Martins were thanked and hugged. Martin laughed as Perez recalled how he once shot a skunk, cooked it and offered Martin some of the meat, which he declined. Perez asked his old boss whether he liked the mariachi music playing from a television.

" 'Sta bueno," Martin replied as he sipped from a sweating glass of iced tea.

One of Perez's daughters, Agar Perez, 40, told the Martins that her mother, Maria Elena, wanted her to translate a message.

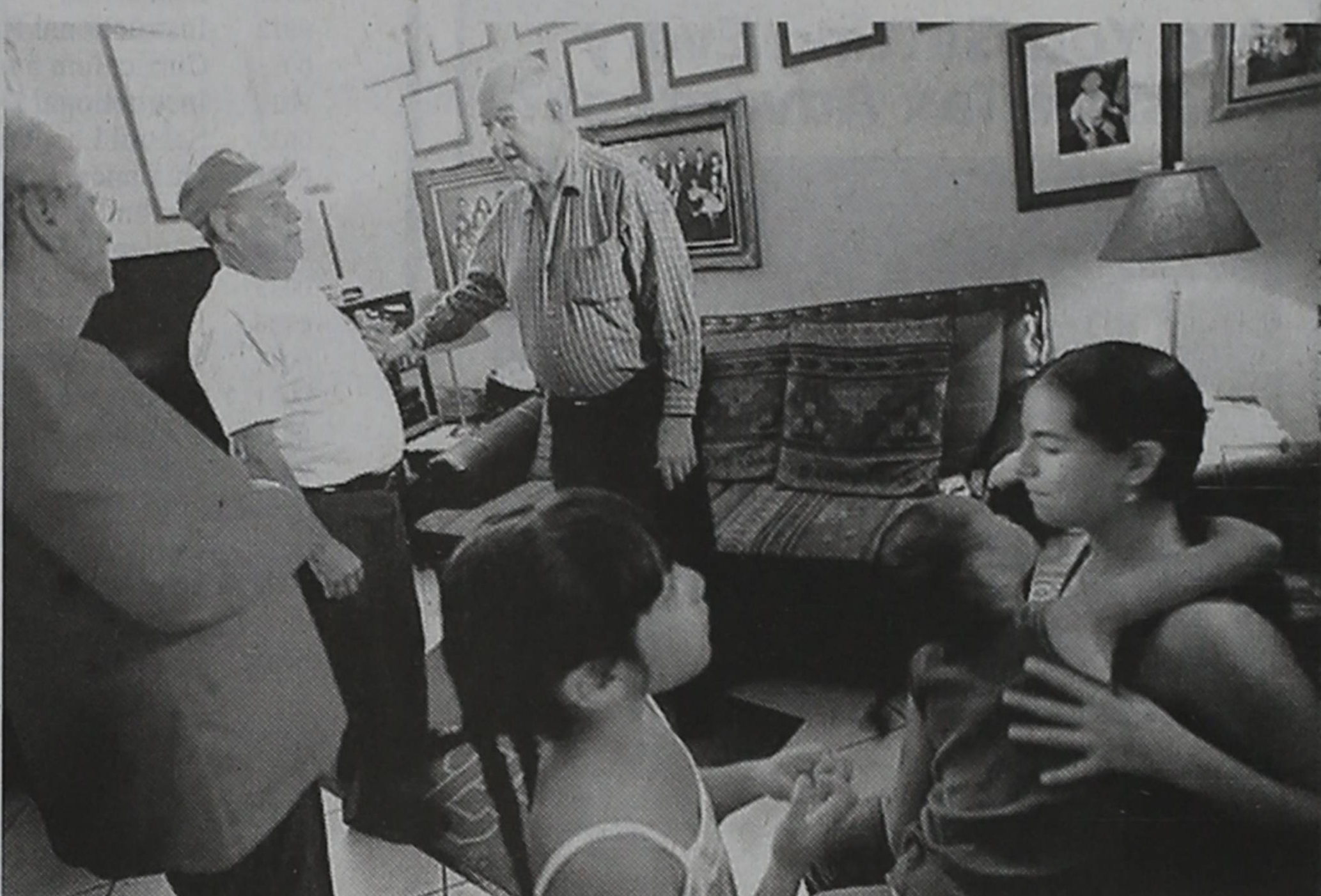
"My mom wants to thank you for everything you did for her husband. Now that you are here in our humble home, we want you to know all the work you did to help him was not in vain. By helping him become a resident, he put that to work helping us value school and now we all are college graduates."

Perez said he probably would never have stayed in America had Martin not gotten him a green card. No one ever really wants to leave home. Would he have crossed illegally? Probably not, Perez said. But he never had to contemplate that because of Clarence Martin.

"I worked hard," Perez told Martin, "but I had a good time, Clarence. I had a good time."

Before leaving, the Martins were asked if they would like to sit down for a dinner of enchiladas, Morelia-style.

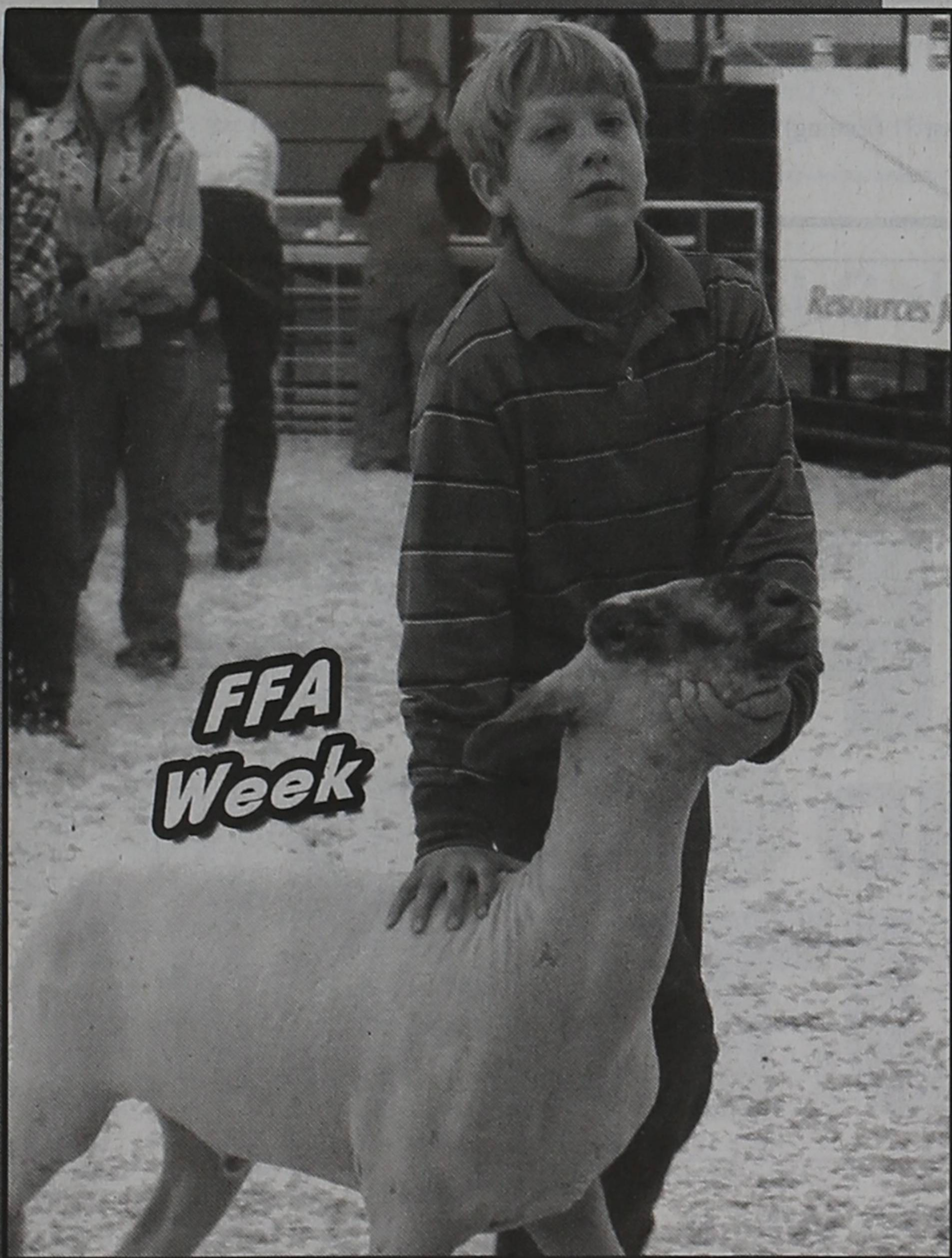
"I love food," Clarence Martin said in his booming drawl. "I don't discriminate against food either."



Samuel Perez, wearing cap, and Clarence Martin talk during their reunion after half a century. Martin's wife, Wynona, left, joined them, as did members of Perez's large family.

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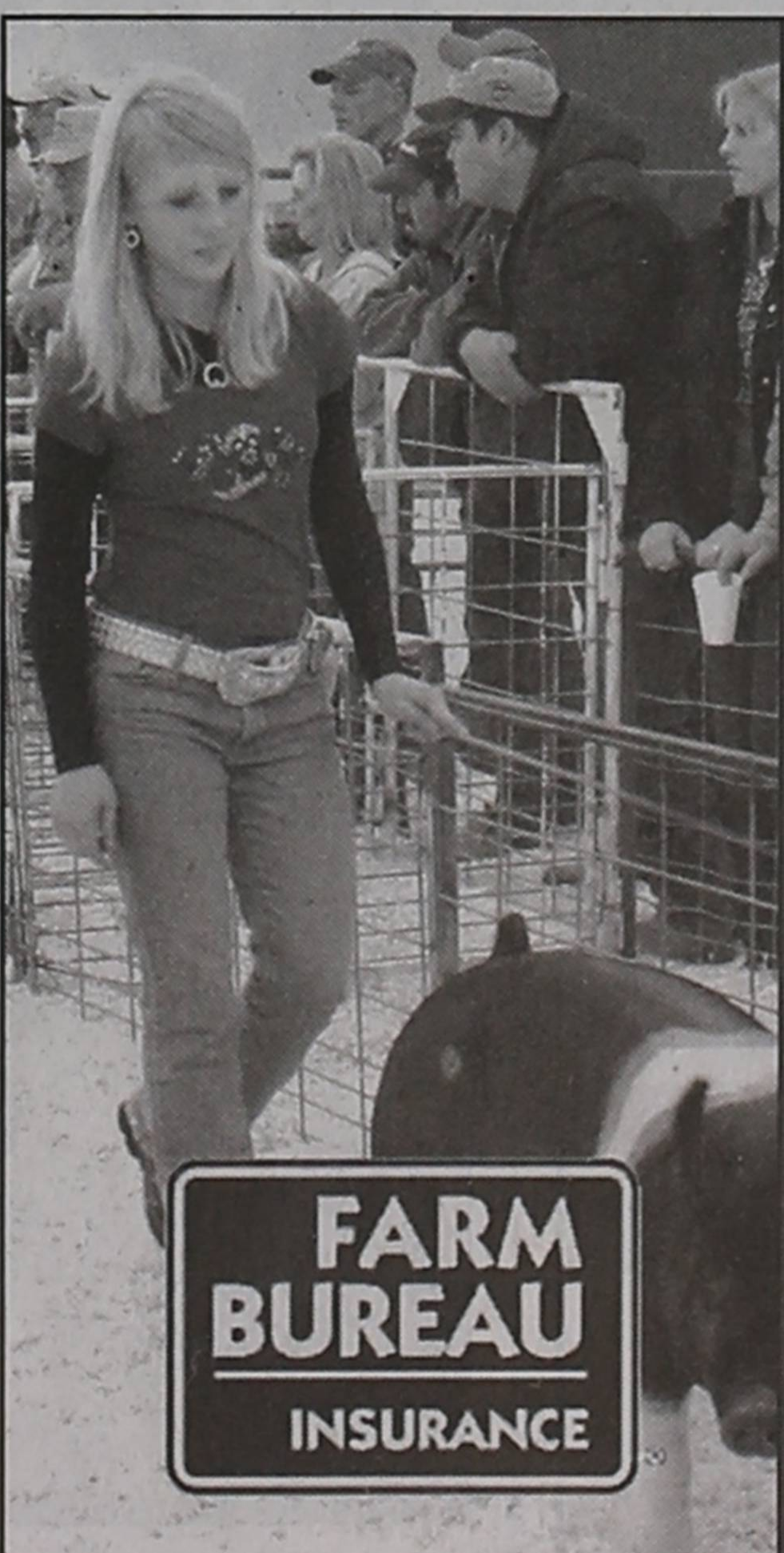
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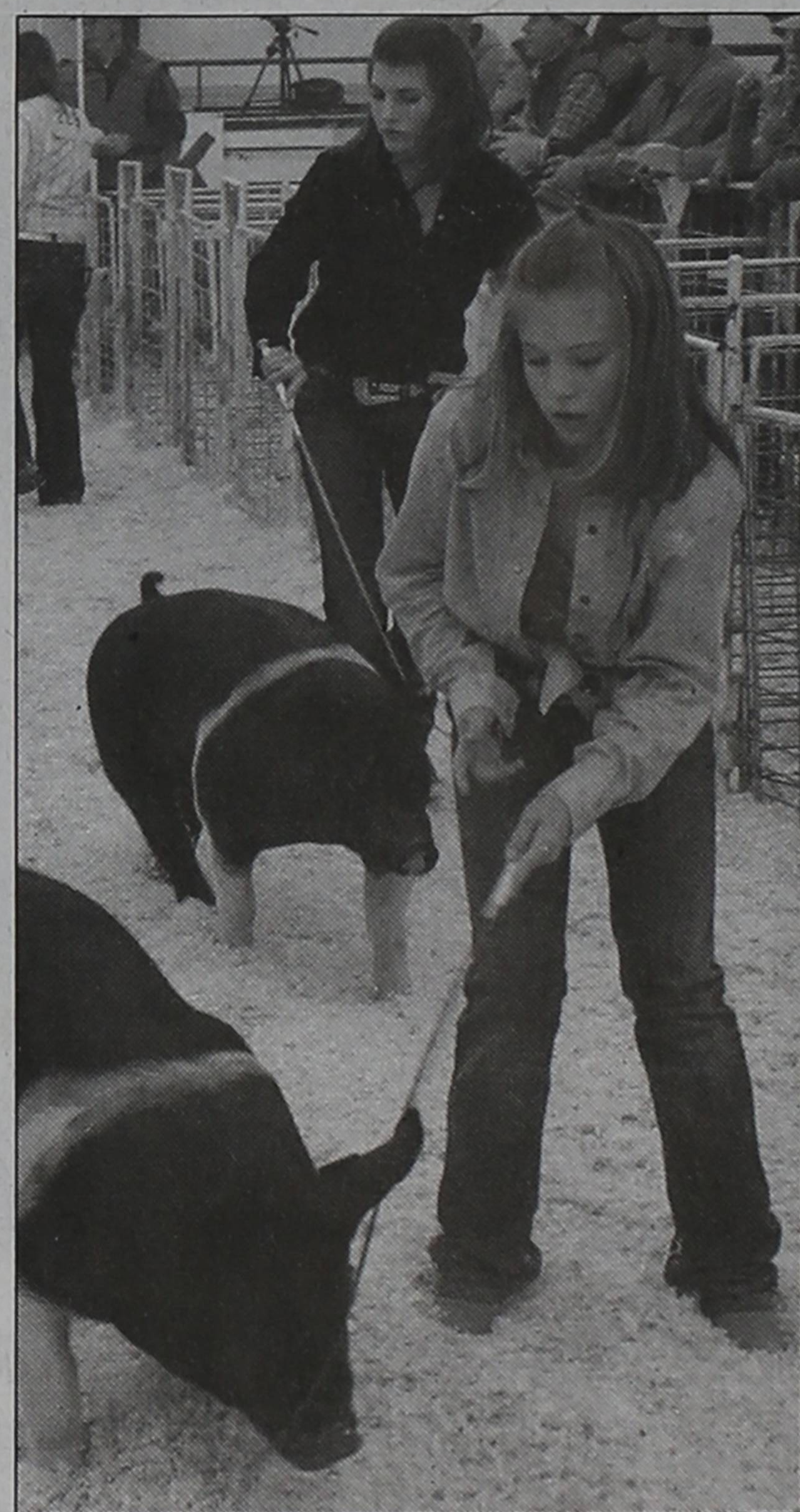
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Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:			
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 2,710,544	\$ 319,950	\$ 3,030,494
5800 State Program Revenues	8,481,685	217,688	8,699,373
5900 Federal Program Revenues	-	2,193,380	2,193,380
5020 Total Revenues	11,192,229	2,731,018	13,923,247
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
0011 Instruction	5,776,776	1,390,625	7,167,401
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	79,734	7,465	87,199
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	-	3,952	3,952
0021 Instructional Leadership	73,078	150,306	223,384
0023 School Leadership	518,984	4,362	523,346
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	167,686	300,695	468,381
0033 Health Services	82,568	41,037	123,605
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	313,342	54,908	368,250
0035 Food Services	16,555	775,463	792,018
0036 Extracurricular Activities	446,138	-	446,138
0041 General Administration	415,364	3,499	418,863
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	989,917	12,082	1,001,999
0053 Data Processing Services	315,100	31,446	346,546
0061 Community Services	-	2,890	2,890
Debt Service:			
0071 Debt Service - Principal on Long Term Debt	85,420	5,010	90,430
0072 Debt Service - Interest on Long Term Debt	26,542	-	26,542
Capital Outlay:			
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	522,988	-	522,988
Intergovernmental:			
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	165,082	-	165,082
6030 Total Expenditures	9,995,274	2,783,740	12,779,014
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	1,196,955	(52,722)	1,144,233
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
7915 Transfers In	-	69,847	69,847
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(69,847)	-	(69,847)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(69,847)	69,847	-
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	1,127,108	17,125	1,144,233
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	3,811,419	485,836	4,297,255
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 4,938,527	\$ 502,961	\$ 5,441,488

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Dr. Ted Sanders was honored by his alma mater, Wayland Baptist University, with the Distinguished Alumni Award as part of the annual homecoming celebration. Dr. Sanders is a native and was inducted into the Friona School Hall of Fame as a Distinguished Graduate. He is a 1964 graduate of Wayland and is widely experienced as an educator. He has been a classroom teacher, chief state officer in Nevada, and Ohio; United States Deputy Secretary of Education; a university president; and most recently served for five years as

Kylie Boy

Officials for the 2009 Miss Teen Texas International Pageant are proud to announce that Kylie Boy Canyon, Texas, has been named "Miss Teen Texas International." Kylie is the daughter of former Friona resident Carol and Byron Boy. She will represent greater Randall County in the 2009 Miss Teen Texas International Pageant in San Antonio on March 22, 2009. She will be competing for \$15,000 in cash and prizes, the chance to proceed to the Miss Teen International competition in July 2009.

The Miss Teen International Pageant system recognizes young women for their ambition, accomplishments, and desire to make a difference in their communities. Throughout the year the new Miss Randall County will only compete for the crown but she will be available to make appearances, attend special events, and assist in civic and non-profit projects. For information

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-OAP Dress Rehearsal Public Performance at 2:00

-Senior Steak Dinner at JH Cafeteria 11:00-1:30

Dr. Sanders top alum at Wayland Baptist

Dr. Ted Sanders was honored by his alma mater, Wayland Baptist University, with the Distinguished Alumni award as part of the centennial homecoming chapel.

Dr. Sanders is a Friona native and was also inducted into the Friona High School Hall of Distinguished Graduates recently. He is a 1964 graduate of Wayland and is widely experienced as an educator. He has been a classroom teacher; chief state school officer in Nevada, Illinois, and Ohio; United States Deputy Secretary of Education; a university president; and most recently, he served for five years as



Dr. Ted Sanders

president of the Education Commission of the States.

The Friona native earned a master's degree in teaching mathematics from Washing-

ton State University and a Doctor of Education and a Doctor of Education degree from the University of Nevada at Reno.

Dr. Sanders is married to the former Beverly McSwain of Plainview. They have four children and eight grandchildren. They presently make their home in Plainview, Angel Fire, N.M., and Chicago.

At Wayland, Dr. and Mrs. Sanders recently contributed a bronze sculpture which is displayed at the Mabee Learning Resources Center. They have also helped endow two scholarships and have made other financial contributions to Wayland through the years.

Kylie Boyd is Miss Teen Randall County

Officials for the Miss Teen Texas International Pageant are proud to announce that Kylie Boyd of Canyon, Texas, has been named "Miss Teen Randall County International 2009". Kylie is the daughter of former Friona residents Carol and Byron Boyd.

She will represent the greater Randall County area in the 2009 Miss Teen Texas International Pageant in San Antonio on March 22, 2009. She will be competing for over \$15,000 in cash and prizes and the chance to proceed to the Miss Teen International competition in July 2009.

The Miss Teen International Pageant system recognizes young women for their ambition, accomplishments, and desire to make a difference in their communities. Throughout her year the new Miss Teen Randall County will not only compete for the state crown but she will also be available to make appearances, attend special presentations, and assist with civic and non-profit oriented projects.

For information about



Kylie Boyd

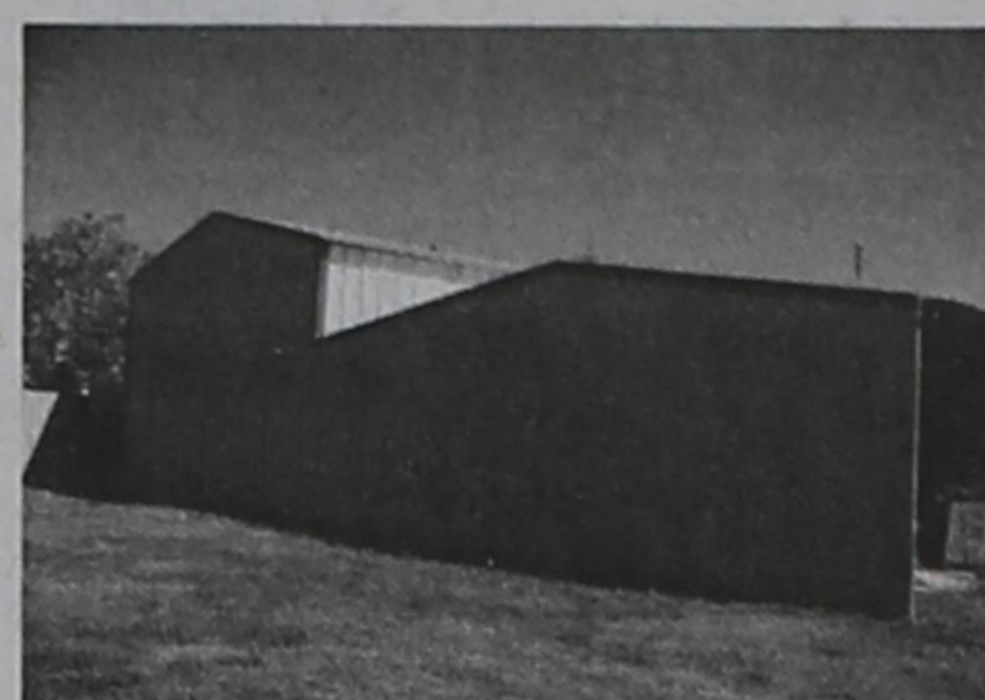
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Friona School Calendar for March 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 -Girls Golf at Tulia -Var. Baseball at Boys Ranch (T) 4:00	3 -JV Baseball vs. Boys Ranch (H) 4:00 -HS TAKS Exit Retest -TAKS Writing 4 th , 7 th Grades -TAKS Reading 3 rd , 5 th , 8 th , 9 th Grades -10 th ELA, 11 th ELA	4 -HS TAKS Exit Retest -Boys Golf at Tulia -Jostens at 2:00 HS Cafeteria	5 -HS TAKS Exit Retest -Var. only Baseball Ralls tournament -JH Track Meet at Friona -Elementary Progress Reports	6 -HS TAKS Exit Retest -Var. only Baseball Ralls tournament -HS Track Meet at Friona -HS Tennis at Levelland	7 -Var. only Baseball Ralls tournament -HS Tennis at Levelland
8	9 -HS Lifeskills State -Var. Tennis vs. Farwell -Girls Golf at Farwell	10 -HS Lifeskills State -Herff Jones Rings 9:30, 1:00 -Boys Golf at Farwell -Var. Baseball vs. Seagraves (H) 4:30	11 -HS Cheerleader Tryouts -UIL Journalism Workshop -JH Progress Reports	12 -HS Spring Photos -OAP Festival at Tulia -Var. Baseball at Bushland Tourney -Elem. Open House 6:30-7:30 -Texas Round - Up ECE-1 st JH Cafeteria 6:00-7:00	13 -Var. Baseball at Bushland Tourney -HS Character Ed. Assmb 9:30 -HS Track Tulia -Character Ed. Video Program at JH Auditorium (A.M. & P.M.)	14 -Var. Baseball at Bushland Tourney
15	16 No School Spring Break -UIL CX State at Austin	17 No School Spring Break -UIL CX State at Austin	18 No School Spring Break	19 No School Spring Break	20 No School Spring Break -OAP Festival at Vernon	21 -OAP Festival at Vernon -Baseball at Floydada Var. 12:00 & JV to follow
22 -OAP Dress Rehearsal Public Performance at 2:00	23 -OAP District Rehearsal at Tulia 3:20 -HS Open House at 6:30	24 -OAP District at Tulia 1:00 -Girls Golf at Olton -Var. Baseball vs. Boys Ranch (H) 4:00	25 -HS UIL Acad. at Floydada -Boys Golf at Olton -JH Lifetouch Spring Portraits -Elementary Parent Conference -Primary No School -ECE - 1 st Parent Conference Day	26 -HS UIL Acad. at Floydada	27 -Sudan Track -HS Tennis at Levelland	28 -Var. Baseball at Tulia 12:00
29 -Senior Steak Dinner at JH Cafeteria 11:00-1:30	30 -Boys Golf at Floydada (District) -Girls Golf at Dimmitt (District) -St. Teresa Sr. Banquet at 6:00	31 -Baseball vs. Childress (H) Var. at 5:00 JV to follow -Elementary Group Pictures				

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