

Tahoka Lady Bulldogs
BI-DISTRICT CHAMPS
 vs. Alpine in
AREA PLAYOFFS
 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14 at
 Monahans High School Gym

*Good Luck
 in the
 playoffs!*

New Home Leopards
DISTRICT CHAMPIONS
 vs. Ropes in
BI-DISTRICT PLAYOFFS
 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18 at
 Rip Griffin Center, Lubbock



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 Valentines!*

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 grandchildren on pages 5-8*

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SURROUNDED - New Home's Brittany Kieth (22) is surrounded by a pack of Panthers as she puts the ball up in Tuesday night's bi-district game against Whitharral. The Lady Panthers dashed the Lady Leopards' hopes for continuing in the playoff run, but the New Home girls had a fine 8-2 district record, claiming the runnerup spot in district. (LCN PHOTO by Vondell Elliott)

**Lady Bulldogs Eye Area,
 Leopards Set For Bi-District**

Tahoka girls and New Home boys basketball teams are still in the playoffs this week, with the Lady Bulldogs advancing to Area this Friday, and the Leopards still waiting to take on Ropes in Bi-District action Tuesday, Feb. 18 at Rip Griffin Center in Lubbock. That game begins at 7 p.m.

The Lady Bulldogs will travel to Monahans for the Area match with Alpine Friday night, with the game set to start at 8 p.m. in the Monahans High School gym. Tahoka will be the home team, and ticket prices are \$3 and \$2. Tahoka fans traveling to the game should figure on about a 2-1/2 hour drive.

New Home's Lady Leopards were pounded 66-12 by Whitharral in bi-district action Tuesday night to finish their playoff hunt. The Ladies ended their season as district runnerup with an 8-2 record.

O'Donnell and Wilson boys basketball teams were eliminated from the playoffs in games last week, ending the season for both teams who were playing off three-way ties for second place in their respective districts.

Patton Springs beat Wilson 73-56 despite 19 points by the Mustangs' David Yowell, the game's top scorer. Valdez scored 15 and Talkmitt 11 for Wilson, which ended its season at 13-14, 6-5 in district.

O'Donnell lost to Petersburg 52-42 to end the Eagles' season.

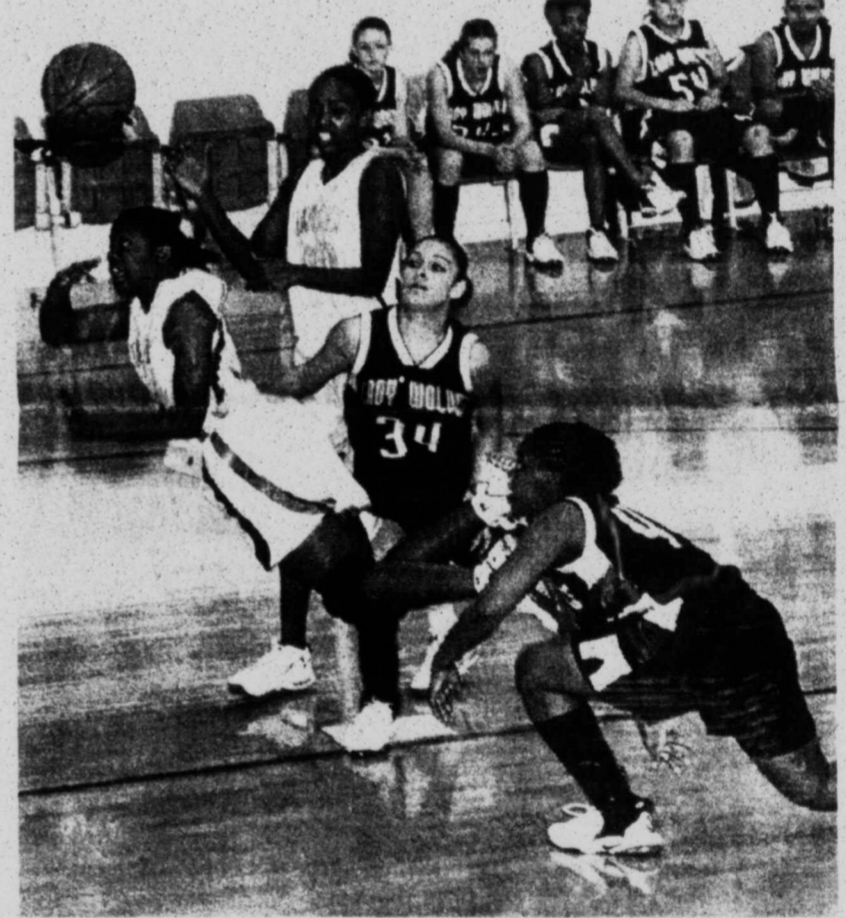
Tahoka's Lady Bulldogs opened with a fast 8-point lead in Monday night's Bi-District win over Colorado City, and easily maintained their advantage through the closing buzzer to claim the bi-district trophy with a 54-28 win. Coach Steve Fancher's team (24-6) will take on Alpine (13-8) in the hunt for a berth in the state playoffs.

After their opening bid of 8

points, the Lady Bulldogs allowed Colorado City only two field goals in the entire first half, gaining an impressive 31-8 lead at the half. Players from the bench saw some action during the third and fourth quarters of play, as the Lady Bulldogs scored 23 points to Colorado City's 20 in the second half. Damesha Harris and Marissa Chapa led their team with 13

points apiece, and Angie Curtis also hit the boards for double figures, scoring 10 for the Lady Bulldogs.

Tahoka boys ended their season Tuesday night in regular season play, defeating New Deal 70-64. Four Bulldogs scored in double figures in the final game, including Ty Gardner with 18, B.J. Andrews 14, Kellen Flowers 12, and Warren Baker 11.



UP FOR GRABS - Tahoka's Kammie Williams takes a flying leap between two Colorado City players for the ball in Monday night's Bi-District win for the Lady Bulldogs. Behind Kammie is Angie Curtis, who tossed in 10 points in the 54-28 victory. The Ladies advance to Area this Friday, taking on Alpine at 8 p.m. at Monahans High School gym. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

WOODWORK by Dalton

IT'S VALENTINE SEASON again, and the big day is Friday. I was considering this the other day and thinking about those great valentine boxes of candy and how I no longer can eat such things, except maybe one a day. And that's no fun since I really would enjoy eating about 137 pieces, like when I was a lot younger.

I considered the shape of the valentine candy boxes, and the traditional shape of hearts on valentine cards, and I wondered where anyone ever came up with a shape like that, and sold the general public on the idea that hearts are shaped like valentines.

Just to make sure I was right, I looked up a picture of a heart in the encyclopedia. My doctor friends know this, but it's time everybody else realized that there is no resemblance between the shapes of a valentine and the human heart. (I could find no pictures of animal hearts or inhuman hearts like Saddam Hussein's).

The human heart appears to be a big glob of veins and tubes with a couple of sausages sticking up at the top. No point at the bottom like a valentine heart, or mounds at the top sort of like a well-known country singer.

If you sent someone a valentine with a picture of a real heart on it, and a verse saying "Here is my heart, longing for you" or whatever, that person probably wouldn't get it...or maybe they'd just send it back.

Last year I went into detail about the origins of the Valentine Day observance, with its tie-in to the feast of Iupercalia and how the ancient Romans took out after all the women on Feb. 14 and whopped them with whips made of goatskins so they would be fertile and produce lots of little Romans. If you missed it and want to know more, come by the *News* office and we'll hunt up a copy.

I remember that the poet Ogden Nash, who was even cornier than I am, wrote a poem about a bookkeeper named Mr. Ballentine, who never got a valentine.

"All I ever get is affidavits," he lamented. "Affidavit, affidavit, affidavit into the Valley of Death rode the 500," he said (At least that's the way I remember it). Nash even had the nerve to add: "I don't know who was king before David, but Solomon was the king affidavit."

**Plans Underway
 For County's
 Centennial Event**

Plans for Lynn County's 100th Anniversary Celebration have begun, with a group of citizens meeting last week in the courthouse basement to begin planning for the event. Saturday, June 21, 2003 was chosen as the date for the Centennial Celebration, and chairmen for several activities were named.

Anyone desiring to help plan the event is encouraged to attend the next meeting, slated for 5 p.m. Thursday, March 6 in the courthouse basement, or to contact any chairmen.

Susan Tipton and Amy Preston were named co-chairmen of the Centennial Committee, and several others were named chairpersons of various subcommittees, including: Steve Huskey, for a community church service; Glo Hays, Beth Huffaker and Regina Crutcher, fund raisers to pay for the event; Bill Schoemann, sports activities; Nancy Guilliams, contests and county quilt; Jay Dee House, treasurer and bands; Pam Miller, food; and Loretta Tekell, publicity.

"We welcome anyone who wants to help plan this county celebration, and ask that you contact any chairmen to offer suggestions or help with different tasks, or come to any of the meetings," said co-chairman Susan Tipton.

**Happy
 Valentine's
 Day**

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Feb. 5	56	28	Trace
Feb. 6	43	27	
Feb. 7	36	24	
Feb. 8	48	22	
Feb. 9	60	22	
Feb. 10	62	24	
Feb. 11	67	24	
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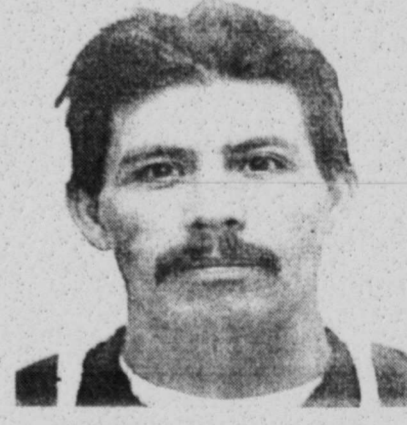
**Filing Period
 Opens Monday
 For Elections**

The first day to file for a place on the ballot for area city and school elections is Monday, Feb. 17. Candidates may file for candidacy at respective city and school offices until March 19.

Elections will be held May 3, with early voting conducted April 16-29. For those who have not yet registered to vote but desire to vote in the May 3 election, the deadline for registering at the Lynn County Voter Registrar's Office is April 3, according to the official election calendar.

**Mexican National
 Still Not Located**

Lynn County sheriff's officers this week continued to look for a Welch Mexican National who has been missing since Jan. 1 and possibly could be in Lynn County. The missing man, Alejandro Franco Gomez, 35, had been working at a gin in Welch, and was last seen with two co-workers as they were returning from Lubbock. The co-workers told officers they let Gomez out at a convenience store in O'Donnell after an argument.



ALEJANDRO FRANCO GÓMEZ arrested three persons for driving while intoxicated, including two female drivers.

Gomez' brother-in-law reported him missing to Dawson County officers after Gomez failed to pick up his final paycheck at the gin.

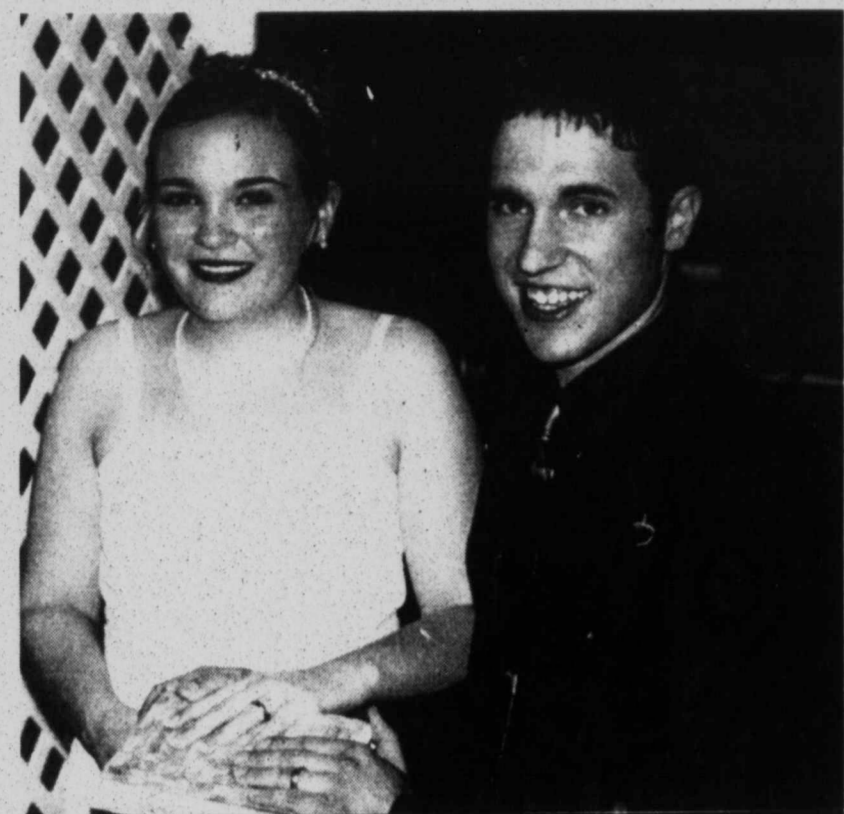
Lynn County Deputy Abraham Vega said the search by air and horseback has been concentrated in southern Lynn County and in Dawson County. Vega and a Dawson County officer went to Uvalde last week to talk with persons who last saw Gomez.

Gomez is described as 5-8, 130 pounds with black hair, brown eyes and a mustache. Anyone with information about where he may be is asked to call Lynn or Dawson County sheriff's offices.

During the week Tahoka Police Dept. talked with one person in regard to a family assault incident, and

Among eight persons jailed during the last week was one man charged with manslaughter/criminally negligent homicide in connection with the deaths of a Lubbock couple in a vehicle accident just north of Tahoka a few weeks ago. Also jailed were three persons charged with minor in possession of an alcoholic beverage, two for DWI first offense, and one for DWI third offense or more, plus speeding and driving while license suspended, and one person for disregarding stop sign and driving on the wrong side of the road in a construction zone.

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MR. and MRS. JOHNATHAN WAYNE SMITH (nee CALLIE LYNN McKay)

McKay, Smith United In Marriage

Callie Lynn McKay of Tahoka and Johnathan Wayne Smith of Brenham were united in marriage at 4 p.m. Monday, Dec. 30, 2002 in Trinity Baptist Church in Pleasanton. Charles Woodward of Pleasanton officiated the double ring ceremony.

Parents of the bride are Stephen and Dana McKay of Tahoka. She is the granddaughter of Ray and Karen Young and Dan and Patsy McKay, all of Odessa. The groom is the son

of Billy and Eva Odom of Brenham and Allan and Beverly Smith of Pleasanton. His grandparents are Frances Smith of Pleasanton and Theodore Chervenka of Brenham.

The couple will reside in Canyon.

The bride and groom both attend West Texas A&M University in Canyon, where he is a Music Education major and she is majoring in Nursing.

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—William Shakespeare, Julius Caesar

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South Plains College Sets Senior Sneak Preview On Feb. 14

About 700 area high school seniors are expected to sample college life firsthand Feb. 14 during South Plains College's annual Senior Sneak Preview on the Levelland campus. Activities are scheduled 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

"It's a great opportunity for students to explore South Plains College's program options, tour the campus, look at housing and meet their future professors and classmates," said Kimbra Quinn, director of new student relations at SPC. "We hope this will be an informative as well as fun experience for them." Students have been invited from a 22-county radius on the South Plains and from as far away as Oklahoma.

A session titled Just for Parents will provide them with information on admissions, housing, tuition and fees, financial aid, transfer to a university and many other aspects of their children's lives in college.

Senior Sneak Preview kicks off with registration at 9 a.m. in Texan Dome and will include an SPC Expo of student clubs and organizations, opening assembly at 9:30 a.m., information sessions, tours of instructional areas and Just for Parents session at 10 a.m., campus tours at 11 a.m., open house in the Physical Education Building at 11:15 a.m. and a picnic lunch at 12:30 p.m. in the PE Building. The SPC Touring Ensemble and the cast of Thursday Nite

Live, SPC's monthly televised musical variety show, will provide entertainment during the day.

SPC's program areas to be showcased are Agricultural Sciences, Allied Health, Behavioral Sciences, Business Administration, Communications, Computer Information, Creative Arts, Fine Arts, Industrial Technology, Mathematics and Engineering, Physical Education, Professional Services, Sciences, Social Sciences, Teacher Education and Undecided/Career Exploration.

Parking will be in the lot south of the SPC Track Stadium.

Students needing more information can talk with their high school counselor, contact the SPC New Student Relations Office at 806-894-9611, ext. 2113 or see SPC's website at www.southplainscollege.edu.

Energy Assistance Program Available

South Plains Community Action Association, Inc. (SPCAA) has received funding from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to operate the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) through Dec. 2003.

The primary intent of this program is to enable SPCAA to respond to energy needs affecting low-income households. Priority will be given to eligible households containing one or more persons age 60 or above, a handicapped individual and families with children under the age of six.

The basic philosophy of energy self-sufficiency will be the central theme in the CEAP. The program is designed to offer flexibility to allow for creative implementation and innovation. Service delivery not only entails utility payments on behalf of the client, but also a system that addresses the underlying contributing causes of energy induced hardship.

For additional information on the program, contact Sara Alvarado or Odi Sastre at SPCAA, 1629 Ave. J in Tahoka or call 998-4521 from 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday.

The taste for emotion may become a dangerous taste.
—Sydney Smith

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KYNDRA SELMON

Selmon To Perform In All-State Band

Kyndra Selmon, a clarinetist with the Tahoka High School Band, will perform Saturday, Feb. 16 with the ATSSB All-State Band in San Antonio. She was one of 240 students selected from among 1300 who auditioned for all-state honors.

More than 7,000 high school band students from across Texas auditioned in 20 different regions for a place in their respective all-region bands. The top chairs in each region advanced to one of the five area auditions held this past weekend across the state for all-state honors.

The Association of Texas Small School Bands All-State Bands will meet in rehearsals in the historic Scottish Rite Auditorium in downtown San Antonio, Feb. 12-15 and will present a concert beginning at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday at that site.

Selmon, daughter of Wendi Curry of Tahoka, plays clarinet in the THS band under the direction of Carroll Rhodes. This is her second time to perform as member of the ATSSB All-State Band.

She is also involved in Student Council, track, National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and volleyball, and is active at First Baptist Church of Tahoka.

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Clerk Named Vital Statistics Registrar Here

Lynn County Clerk Susan Tipton was appointed by Lynn County Commissioners Monday as the new registrar for vital statistics in Lynn County. Previously, vital statistics records (births and deaths) went through Lynn County Justice of Peace Terri Walker's office before being filed by the county clerk in county records, but the commissioners' appointment moves the entire process to the clerk's office.

In other business, commissioners approved a request by County Tax Assessor/Collector Sherry Pearce for remodeling of her office counter area, at a cost of \$1500. Commissioners also moved that the County Extension Agent salary be supplemented with one-half of the former agent's (Elizabeth Jones, who resigned) salary until a new agent is hired. Bryan Reynolds currently is the only extension agent in Lynn County.

County Clerk Tipton received permission from the court to apply to the U.S. Department of Justice for permission to consolidate the May 3 election into four voting boxes to be located in New Home, Wilson, O'Donnell and Tahoka.

Commissioners also gave approval to J.T. Miller, Commissioner of Precinct 4, to search for a trailer to purchase for his precinct.

Commissioners held an emergency meeting at 11 a.m. after the regular 10 o'clock meeting, to approve monthly bills.

All four commissioners were present for the meetings, with Miller presiding in the absence of County Judge H.G. Franklin, who was absent due to an injury.

Tahoka School Menu

Feb. 17-21 Breakfast

Monday: Cinnamon Roll, Fruit Juice, Milk.

Tuesday: Blueberry Muffins, Pineapple Juice, Milk.

Wednesday: Sausage & Pancake Sticks, Fruit Juice, Milk.

Thursday: Cereal, Graham Crackers, Orange Juice, Milk.

Friday: Student Holiday.

Lunch

Monday: Steak Fingers, Gravy, Cream Potatoes, Pineapple Chunks, Hot Rolls, Milk.

Tuesday: Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Lettuce, Tomato, Chips, Peaches, Milk, Milk.

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

Thursday: Hamburger or Cheeseburger, Lettuce, Onion, Pickles, French Fries, Apricot Cobbler, Milk.

Friday: Student Holiday.

Wilson School Menu

Feb. 17-21 Breakfast

Monday: Breakfast Pizza, Juice, Milk.

Tuesday: Scrambled Egg, Hash Browns, Toast, Juice, Milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast Pocket, Juice, Milk.

Thursday: Sausage & Egg Burrito, Juice, Milk.

Friday: Donut, Juice, Milk.

Lunch

Monday: Corn Dog, Tator Tots, Fruit, Milk.

Tuesday: Cheeseburger, Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Onion, Fruit, Milk.

Wednesday: Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Rolls, Fruit, Milk.

Thursday: Frito Pie, Beans, Fruit, Milk.

Friday: Baked Potato, Ham, Cheese, Butter, Sour Cream, Bacon Bits, Salad, Fruit, Milk.



The hermit crab's home is an empty sea snail shell. When the crab grows too big for the shell, it hunts for a larger one.



In the 19th century, students at Cambridge University, England, were not permitted to keep a dog in their rooms. Lord Byron, the famed poet, complied with the rule—he kept a bear instead.

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For more informat gram, contact STUCO Scott or any Student Co

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Wednesday: Sub Sand Spears, Carrot Sticks, C coli, Apples, Orange C Milk.

Thursday: Pizza Dipp matato, Carrot, Cucumbe

Friday: Hamburger o Lettuce, Tomato, Pickl Cookie, Milk.

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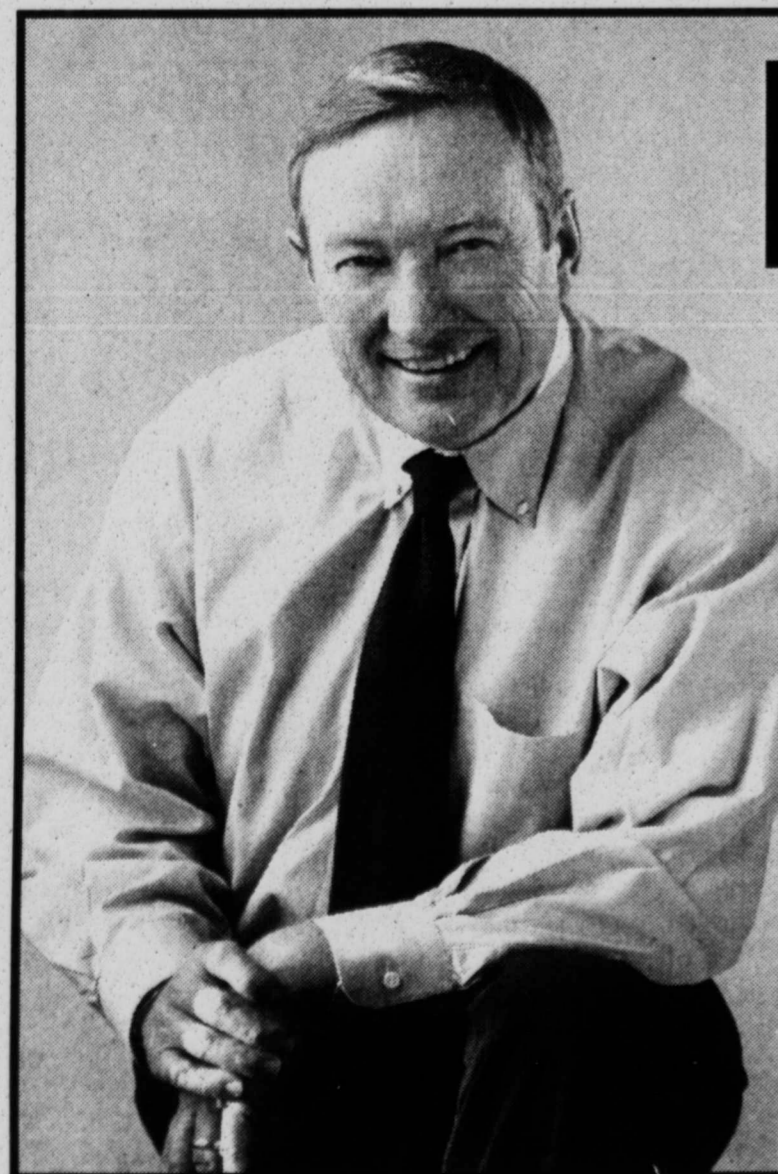
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The NEW HOME News
by Karon Durham
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There will be a Red Ribbon Bake Sale on Thursday, Feb. 13 during lunch breaks. Students are reminded that your items are needed to sell so that we have funds for the round table spring meeting. Your help would also be appreciated.

There will be a school holiday on Friday, Feb. 14. Classes will resume on a regular schedule on Monday, Feb. 17.

New Home schools are once again participating in Pasta for Pennies, sponsored by the Student Council in association with Olive Garden Italian Restaurants and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The program takes place Feb. 10-28 with students encouraged to collect spare change to support the Society's mission to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease, and myeloma and to improve the quality of life for patients and their families.

At the conclusion of the program, the top class in each school will receive a catered spaghetti luncheon courtesy of the Olive Garden. Schools will also be eligible for gift certificates to be used towards the purchase of school supplies and other educational materials.

Children may donate pennies or spare change — any monetary donation would be appreciated. Checks can be made payable to The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

For more information on the program, contact STUCO sponsor Marsha Scott or any Student Council member.

Items on the school calendar: Feb. 8-16—San Antonio Stock Show; Feb. 10-28—Pasta For Pennies Campaign; Feb. 15—Dental Health Fair at the Science Spectrum 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Children under 12 are admitted free and offered a free dental screening; Feb. 17-23—San Angelo Stock Show.

New Home School Menu

Feb. 17-21
Breakfast

- Monday:** Cinnamon Roll, Milk.
 - Tuesday:** Waffles w/Syrup, Milk.
 - Wednesday:** Biscuit & Sausage, Milk.
 - Thursday:** Blueberry Muffins, Milk.
 - Friday:** Rice Krispie Bars, Milk.
- Lunch**
- Monday:** Fried Burrito, Lettuce, Tomato, Carrots, Cucumber, Spanish Rice, Pineapple Slice, Milk.
 - Tuesday:** Stuffed Potato, Green Beans, Broccoli w/Cheese, Jello w/Topping, Hot Rolls, Milk.
 - Wednesday:** Sub Sandwich Bar, Pickle Spears, Carrot Sticks, Cauliflower/Broccoli, Apples, Orange Circles, Juice Bar, Milk.
 - Thursday:** Pizza Dippers, Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot, Cucumber, Peaches, Milk.
 - Friday:** Hamburger or Cheeseburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, French Fries, Cookie, Milk.

Dreams are the touchstones of our characters.
— Henry David Thoreau.

Who's Who

at
Lynn County Schools



Cassie Martin
Tahoka 5th Grade Teacher

This is Mrs. Martin's first year with TISD. She and her husband, Jeff, have two children, Kyler and Stormee.

"There are many things about Tahoka ISD that make me proud to be a part of it. The administration, the school board, the staff and most importantly, the students. On the elementary campus, it is so comforting to know that the staff is like one big family. We work well together and are a support system for each other," she added.

Lane Hyde
Tahoka ISD
Teacher/Coach

This is Coach Hyde's first year with Tahoka ISD. He and his wife, Becky, have two daughters, Catherine and Peyton.

"The best thing about Tahoka ISD is the people. The teacher are friendly, the kids are polite and fun and the coaching staff is great. It's great to be a Bulldog!" he added.

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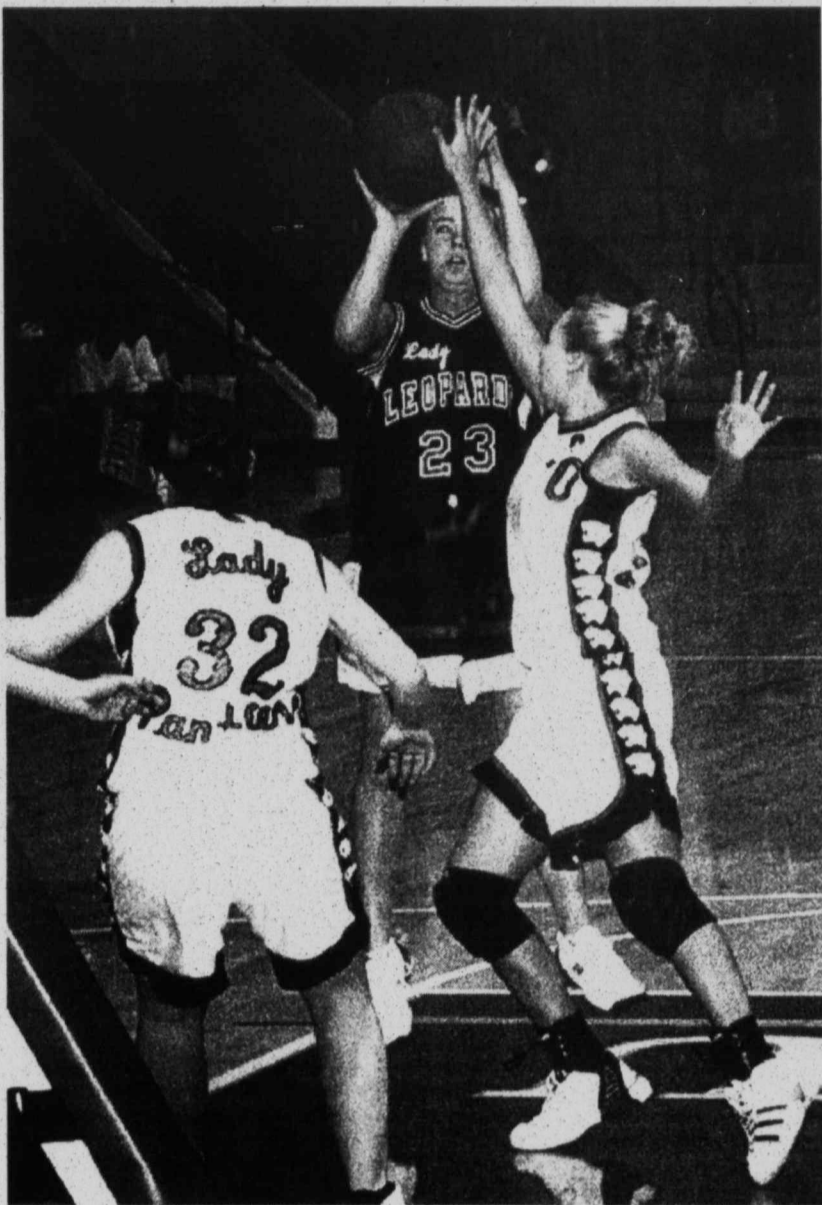
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IN HER FACE — A Whitharral player blocks a shot attempt by New Home's Brooke Kieth (23) in bi-district action Tuesday night in Lubbock. The Lady Leopards lost 66-12 to end their season.

(LCN PHOTO by Vondell Elliott)

ENMU Offering Scholarships

Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, N.M. is offering new "Recruiter Scholarships" based on students' ACT or SAT scores.

The scholarships, most of which can be renewed for up to eight semesters if a student maintains a specified grade point average (GPA), range from \$300 to \$2,000 per year.

These scholarships, which can be offered by ENMU recruiters, are in addition to any Starter and Lottery Scholarships which pay for New Mexico students' tuition if they maintain a 2.5 GPA in high school and at ENMU. Students within 135 miles of the Texas border can attend Eastern for in-state tuition. Out-of-state students may also qualify for the Recruiter Scholarships.

Students who receive the \$300 scholarships (\$150 per semester) for a 20 or 21 ACT (950-99) score must maintain a 2.5 grade point average to have them renewed for a second semester. Students with an ACT score of 22 (1030) or higher must main-

tain a 3.25 GPA, and may renew their scholarships for up to eight semesters.

The value of the scholarships per year are: 20-21 (950-990), \$300; 22-23 (1030-1070), \$500; 24-25 (1110-1140), \$800; 26-27 (1180-1120), \$1,000; 28-29 (1260-1300), \$1,200; and 30+ (1340), \$2,000.

For more information, call Eastern's Admissions Office at 1-800-FOR-ENMU.

Madeline Hegi Teaches Children Life's Lessons, Value Of Prayer

by JUANELL JONES

For a tiny lady, she packs a lot of love.

Madeline Hegi, long-time resident of Tahoka, may come in a diminutive package, but she has deep reservoirs of love and compassion when it comes to children — and she shares it generously with not only her own family but with the "family of Tahoka Elementary" where she has offered the KCs program for the past 19 years.

KCs, short for "Kids for Christ," meets every other Wednesday after school at the home of Mrs. Hegi for a one-hour session for any fifth and sixth grade children who desire to come. "Meets" sounds pretty tame, but the reality is hordes of 11- and 12-year-old children arriving by car, by church van, by bicycle, and in some cases, pounding the pavement with their feet as they run breathlessly to arrive in Mrs. Hegi's back yard in time for the fresh home-baked refreshments that are served on the patio table.

Cries of "Hi, Madeline!" and "We're here, Madeline!" can be heard as the children rush to embrace this woman who gives smiles and hugs as easily as taking a breath, welcoming the boys and girls of all races, and all church (and un-churched) backgrounds, to her home to learn a lesson about Christian values, love, and especially about prayer.

The usual crowd is anywhere from 25 to 35 children, but there have been times when 60-70 boys and girls come to KCs — just to see what all



Madeline Hegi

the excitement is about. After a few minutes of free time to allow the children time to sign in on a notebook kept on the patio, a few shots of basketball at the hoop at the back of the drive, and time to gobble up home-made cinnamon rolls and pink slushy punch or hot chocolate, the children know what's coming next: the trip to Madeline's basement where lessons, and prayers, are heard.

They all line up on the driveway, listening to this soft-spoken woman who is well past the age of many of their own grandparents, telling them what today's lesson will be about and waiting patiently for everyone to get quiet. They all know that no one goes down into the basement until everyone is quiet — and that includes the trip down the stairs and while finding seats on the sofas and chairs lin-

ing the room, or on the carpeted floor at Madeline's feet.

She sits on the corner of a low coffee table with a well-thumbed Bible in her lap, and every face in the room is turned expectantly towards her.

"Okay, who wants to go to Heaven?" she asks, and all hands shoot immediately towards the ceiling.

"Okay, who knows how to get there?" she adds, as most hands flutter up, somewhat hesitantly.

And so begins her lesson, which segues from loving God, to self esteem, to peer pressure, to choices and life-long consequences, to how our words can hurt others, to praying for others — especially for those they may not necessarily like, and for those who are sad or lonely.

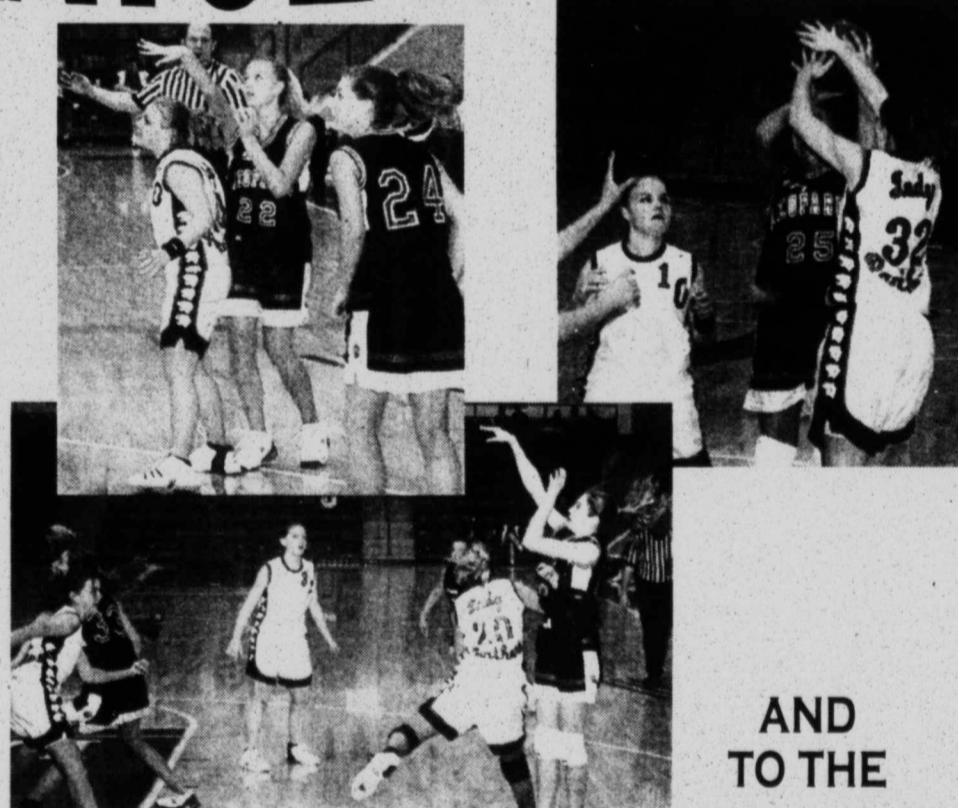
"Have you been praying for someone you don't care for?" she asks expectantly, obviously having referred to this subject in past lessons. "Find something good about that person, and pray for them," she instructs.

"I want more than anything, from this day on for the rest of your lives — pray! Prayer is the greatest gift, the greatest power that you can have, and we don't use it enough for other people," she says. "And I'm not talking about praying for new things, a new TV or something like that, am I? We must pray according to His will, or His reason," she adds.

She closes the session by having the children repeat two Bible verses which deal with the day's lessons, and asking for concerns and prayer (See KCs, page 4)

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requests. Then all heads are bowed and all eyes are closed - with the exception of Mrs. Hegi, who keeps a close watch on her charges as she prays aloud, asking God's blessings on each and seeking guidance for every heart. A chorus of Amens follow her voice as the prayer closes.

"Aren't we going to be careful about what we say?" she asks, as they rise. "Yes ma'am!" is the response.

"Aren't we going to be careful about what we do?" is the followup. "Yes ma'am!" the children say as they begin gathering around her, waiting for their goodbye hugs.

One group of about seven boys form a small circle, standing with heads bowed and arms over each other's shoulders, and have their own prayer time. These young voices can be heard praying for our President, our nation, our community and others.

"They're my prayer warriors," Madeline says with a teary smile. "I'm so proud of them for having the courage and for wanting to pray - we have such wonderful children here!"

Without fail, no child leaves the basement without a hug or touch on the arm from this woman who expects them to live righteously and to harbor good thoughts about themselves and others.

She's been expecting the same of other children who are now grown, back to those who were her first group of KCs back in 1984. At the end of each year, before the children move on to the world of junior high and high school, Madeline has each child write a letter to God, telling what KCs means to them and promising how they will strive to act and telling God their desires and hopes. She makes a copy of each letter, placing it in a file, and when the child graduates from high school, or perhaps gets married, or as in a recent case, at a baby shower for one young woman expecting her first child, Madeline gives the letter back to them.

"I call them Dear God letters, and they are so precious to me. One young man later told me, 'I framed mine and kept it at the head of my bed for years to remind me of what I had promised God,'" she said with tears in her eyes. "That's just - oh, I can't tell you what that means to me," she said.

She won't, however, accept any praise on her behalf. "This is all God, not me - I'm not doing anything," she insists, negating the fact that she has impacted the lives of hundreds of children over the years through offering KCs at her home.

James Baker, principal at Tahoka Elementary, visited a KCs session once, and says he was very impressed with not only this woman who is

brave enough to have so many children in her home, many of whom she has never met, but also impressed with how respectful the children are to Mrs. Hegi.

"I couldn't imagine that somebody would do that - I'm thankful that somebody cares enough to open her home up to these kids," said Baker. "She tells them right up front that they are free to choose whether to come to KCs or not and makes it clear that she is not promoting any church dogma, but that she is here to listen to their problems and to help them find answers in the Bible. I sat in on the lesson, and these kids are so respectful and so interested in what she has to say," he added.

Madeline moved to Tahoka in 1935, as the young bride of Pete Hegi. She taught home economics for three years and then quit for ten years when their children, John and Fred, were born. She returned to teaching when their children were in school, teaching a total of 29 years in Tahoka. During that time, she was named Teacher of the Year in 1964, and she helped plan and decorate the home ec cottage that is still in use at the south edge of the school campus. When she retired, the Tahoka High School FHA Chapter voted to change their name to the Madeline Hegi FHA Chapter, a name which still holds today.

"I quit teaching the first time to be a mother, and I quit teaching the second time to be a grandmother," Mrs. Hegi recalls fondly, showing that her life has long been centered around the lives of children.

She and Pete were married almost 55 years before Pete died in 1990. She has been a member of the Phebe K. Warner Club of Tahoka for 68 years.

"I had been a full member of Phebe K. Warner Club for 66 years when I asked them to let me become an associate member - this was a couple of years ago," Mrs. Hegi says. "They let me continue to be a member, without doing the work of providing refreshments and working on programs. I just told them I felt that I needed to give my energies for children and not adults, and they were so gracious," she added.

Her own children, long grown up



REVERENT - Kids for Christ (KCs) meets twice monthly at the home of Madeline Hegi of Tahoka, where they learn about prayer, self esteem, courage, compassion and other life lessons. Here, the children bow their heads in prayer. (LCN PHOTO)

with grown children of their own, worry that their mother is overworking herself, that the bi-weekly KC's group is too much for her at her age.

"I just tell them, don't ever make me give up KCs while I'm still able," she says fiercely.

For her, loving children is a life-long habit, of which her own advancing age has no significant impact. From the excited faces of the children at KCs, perhaps her age has made it even better. These children love her as an extended member of their own family - an extra grandmother, if you will.

It doesn't get any better than that.

On this Valentine's Day of 2003, Madeline Hegi may not get a card from the hundreds of lives she has touched - but it's a pretty sure thing she is remembered with fondness and the remembrance of a smile and a hug, and a special place in their prayers.



HUGS AND REFRESHMENTS - Madeline Hegi gives a hug to one young girl as she serves hot chocolate, punch, and freshly baked cinnamon rolls to the fifth and sixth grade children who come to KCs at her home. (LCN PHOTO)

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Early Monday morning, however, Lonnie Williams of the Draw community came to the News office making enquiry as to where the owner of the purse might be found, stating that had had found a purse containing \$26.00 in money and a driver's license bearing the name of B. M. James. He left the purse at the News office, refusing to accept a reward, and the purse was delivered to Mr. James the same morning, Gilmer Aycock volunteering to take it to him.

Probably most men would have done just as Mr. Williams did, but we fear that there are far too many who would not have done so. At any rate, if Diogenes were here with his lantern seeking for an honest man, he would know exactly where to go to find one.

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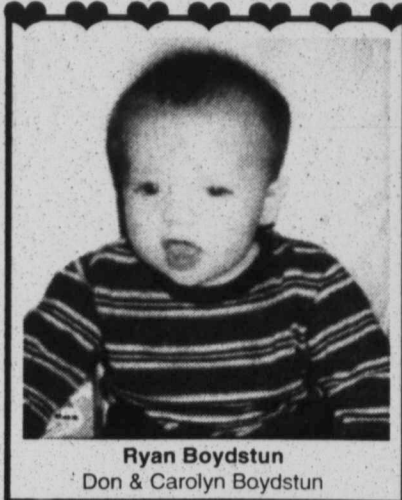
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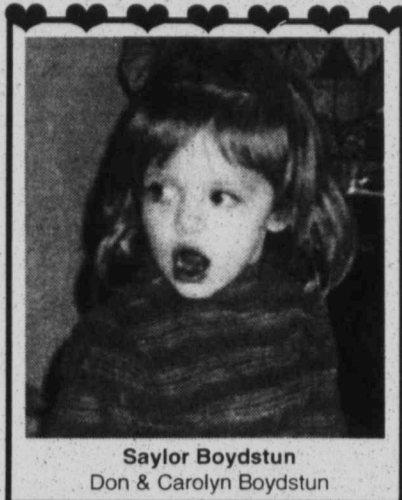
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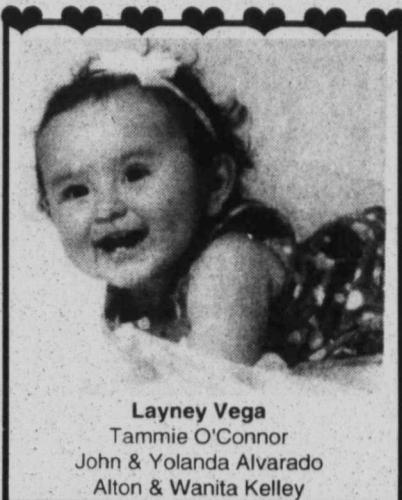
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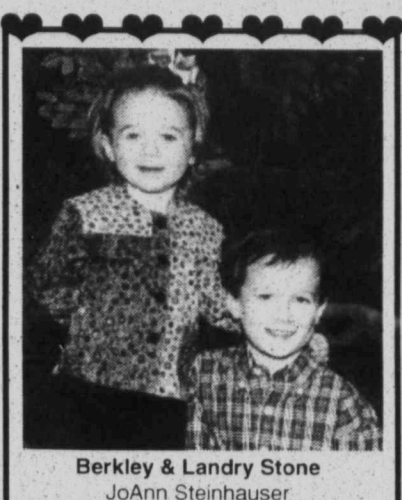
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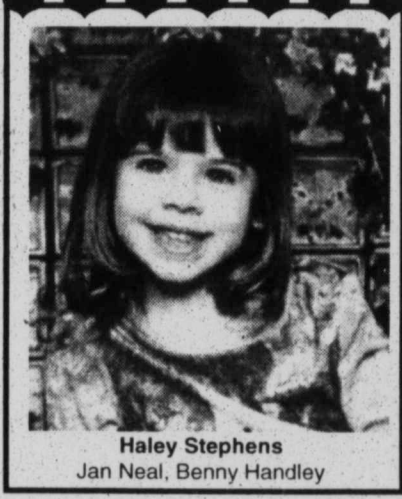
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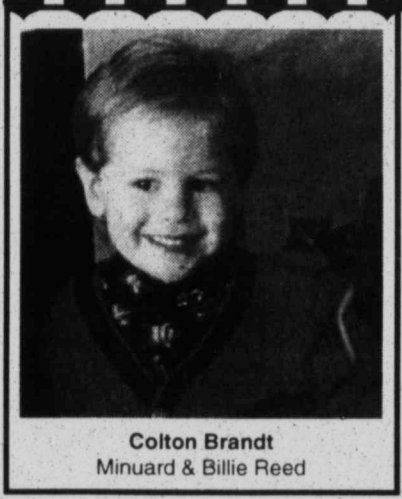
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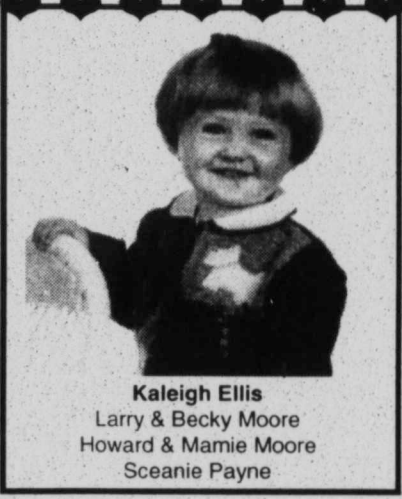
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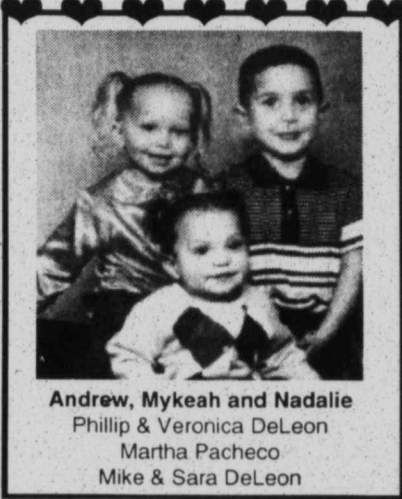
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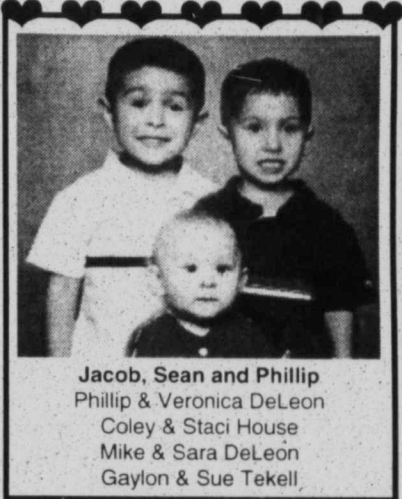
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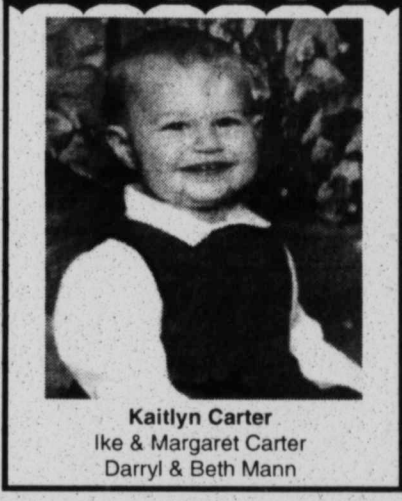
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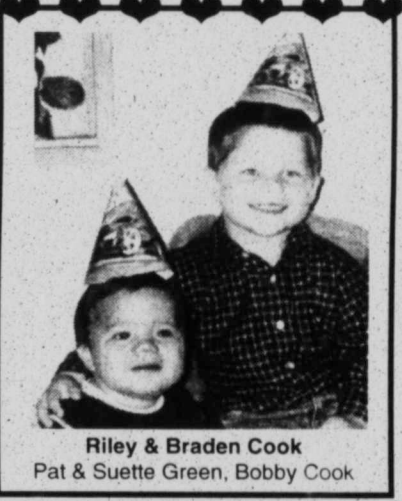
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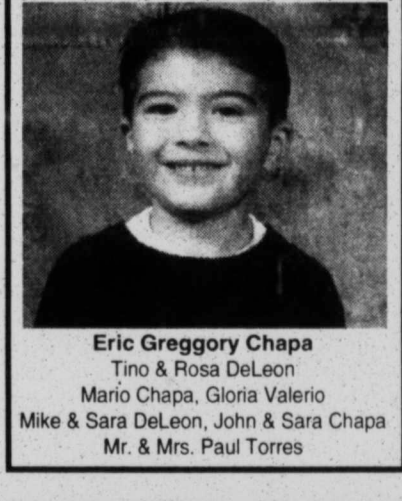
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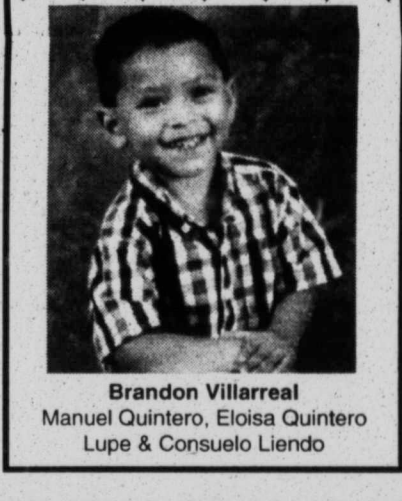
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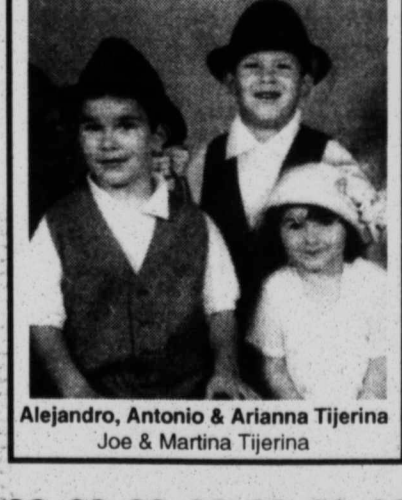
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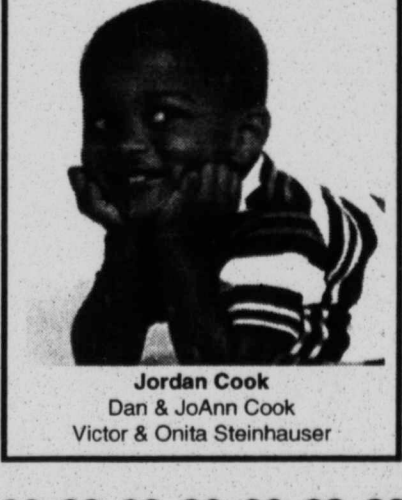
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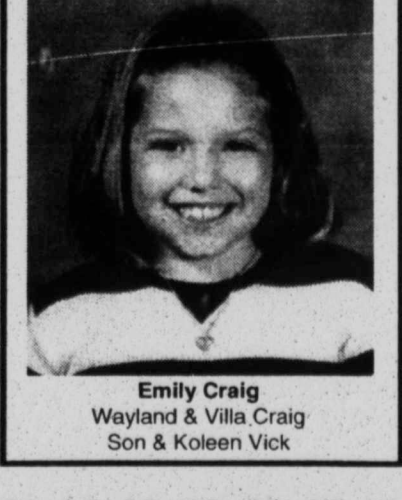
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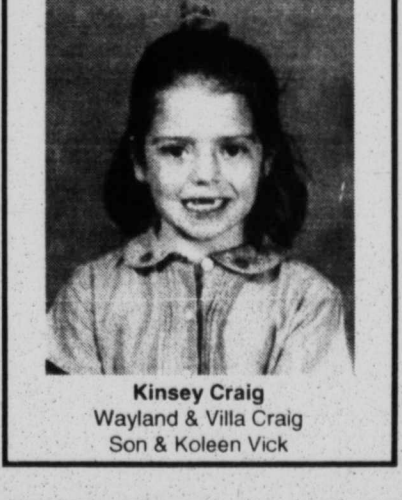
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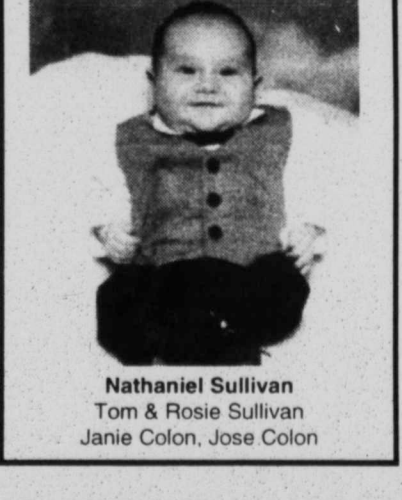
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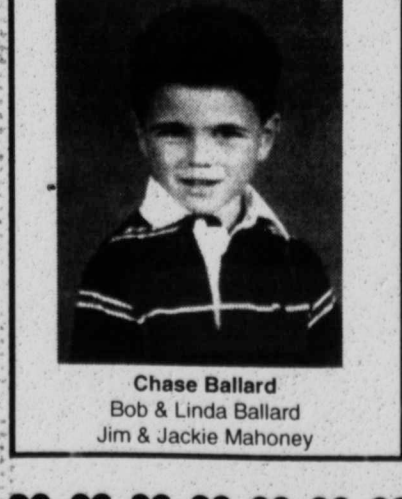
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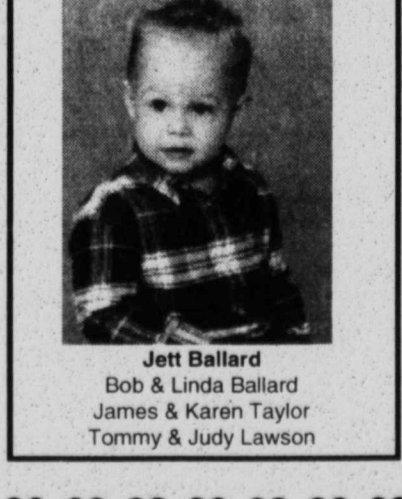
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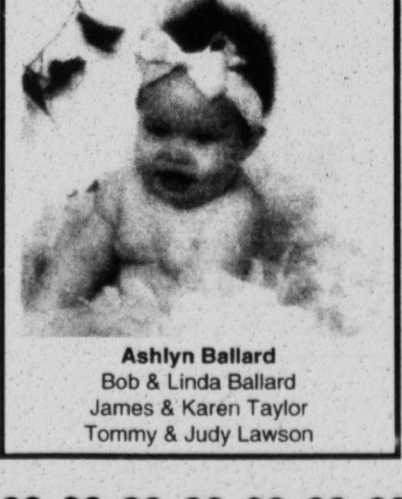
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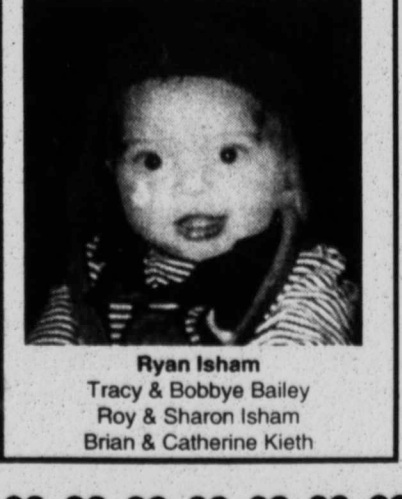
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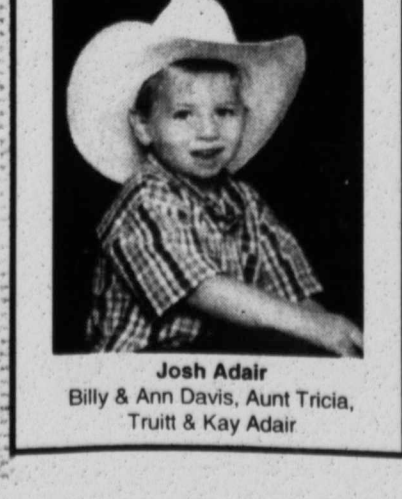
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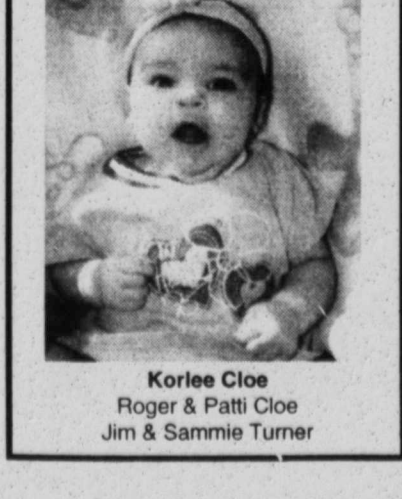
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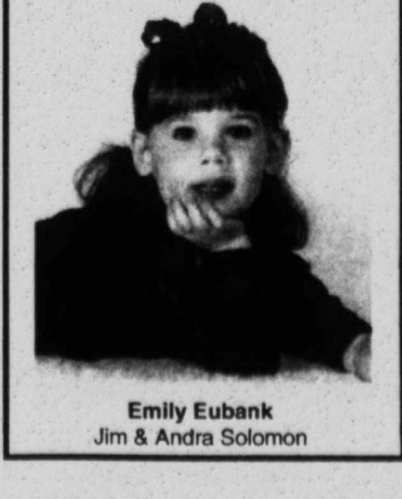
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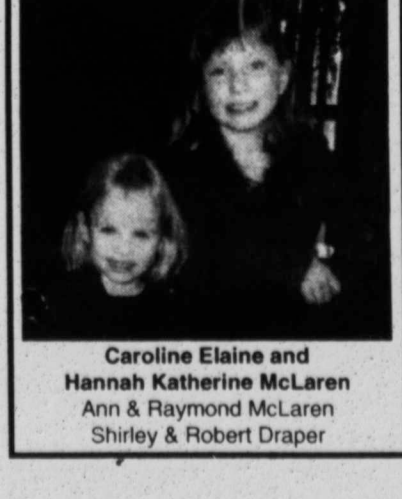
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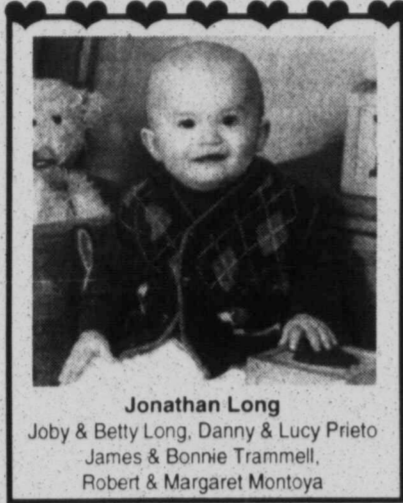
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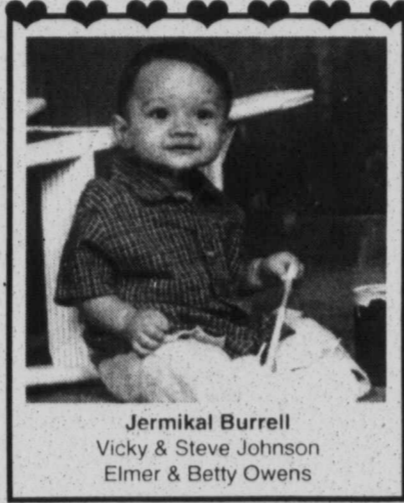
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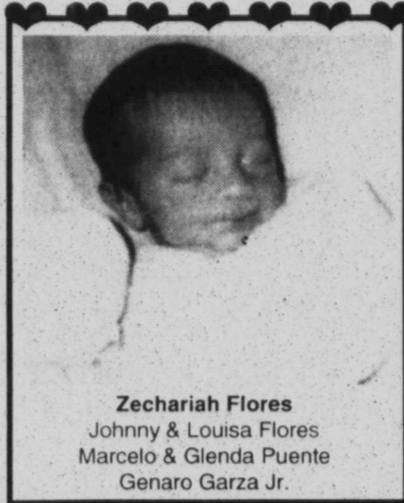
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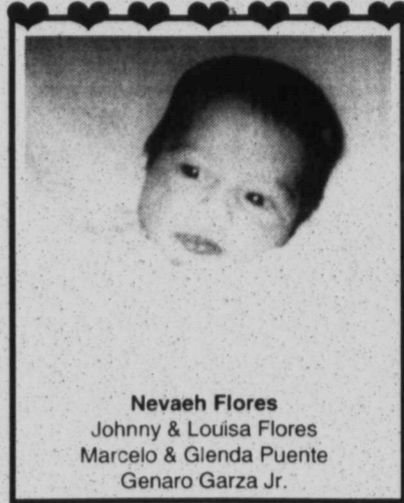
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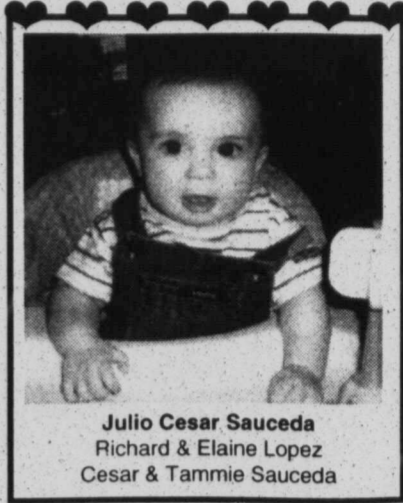
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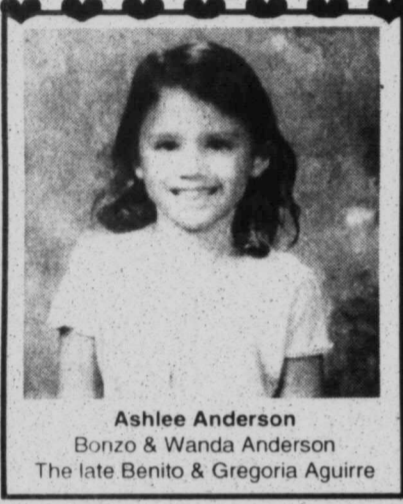
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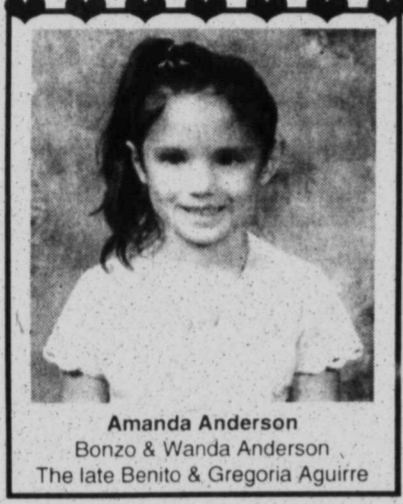
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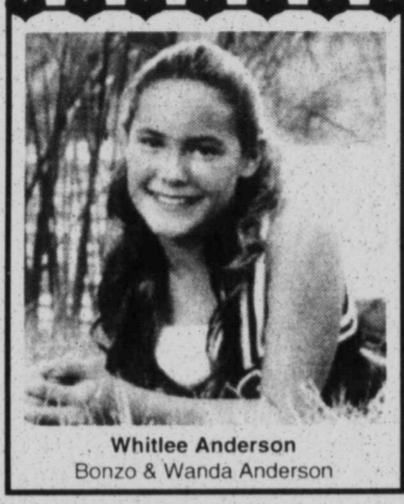
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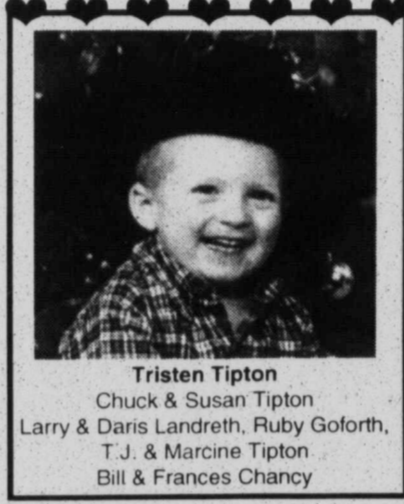
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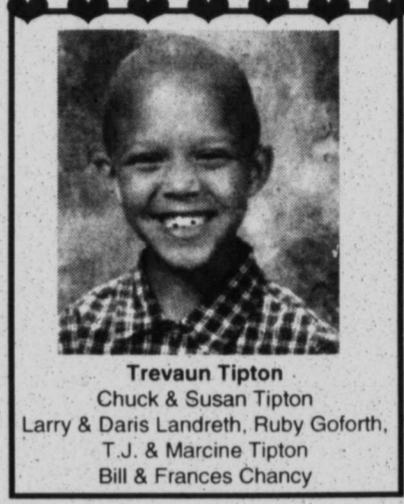
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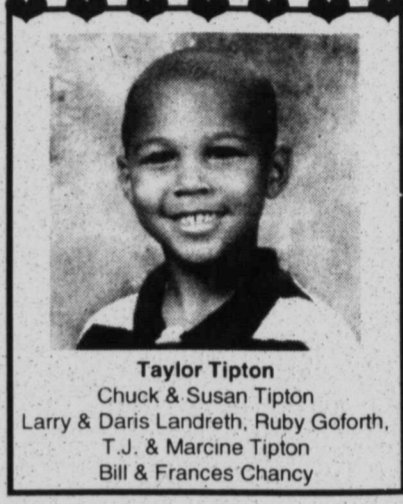
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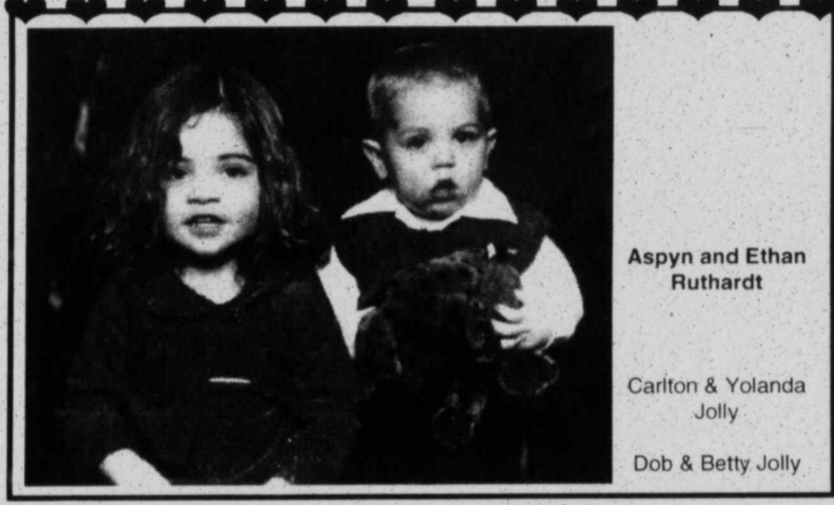
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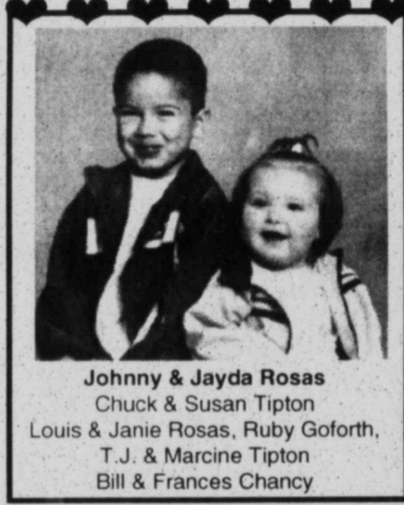
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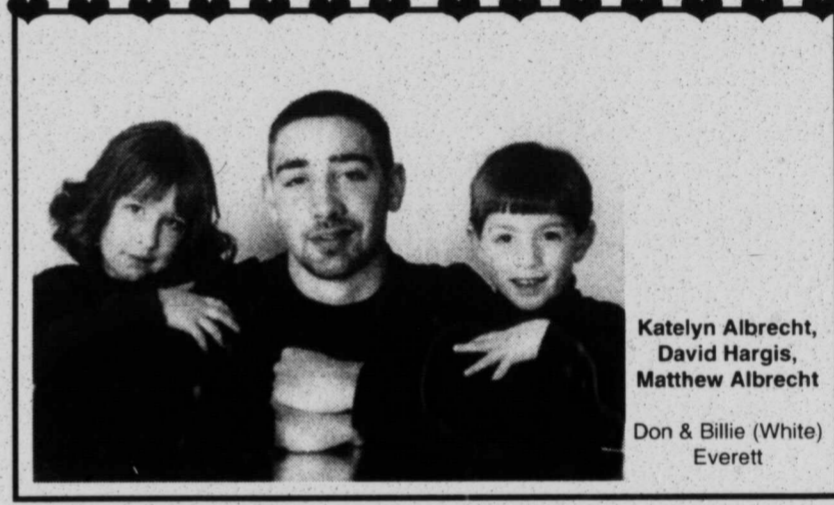
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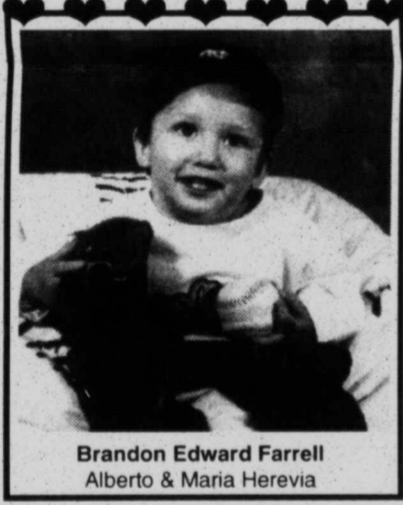
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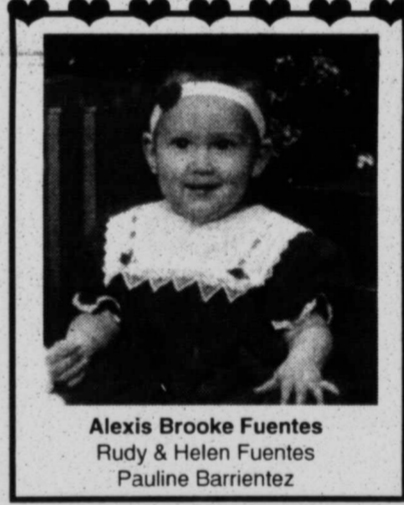
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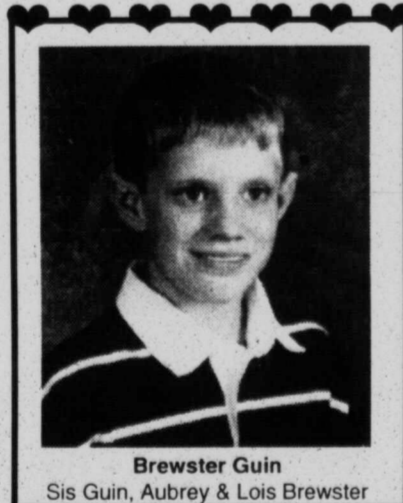
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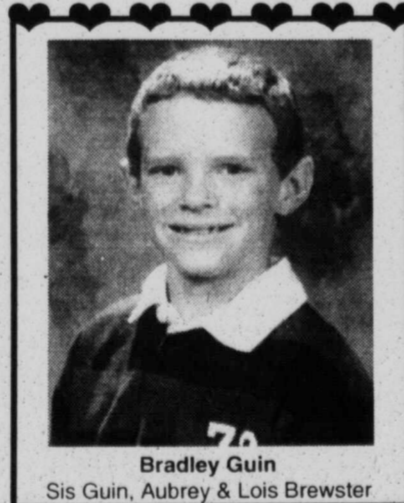
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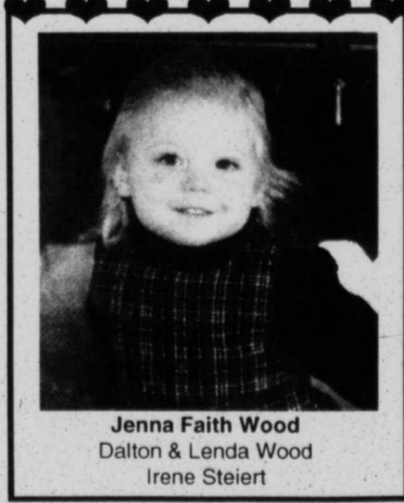
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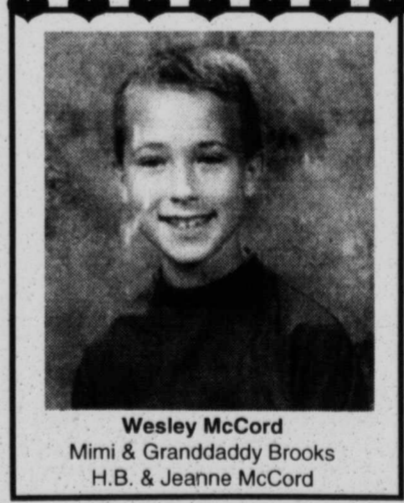
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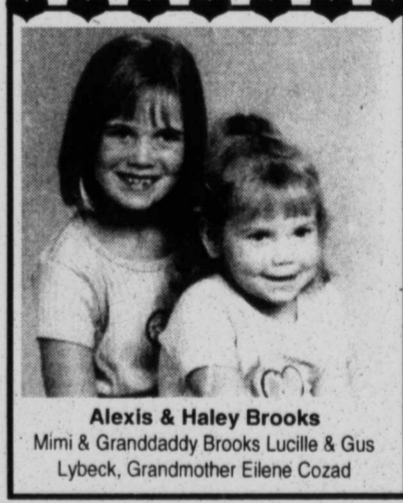
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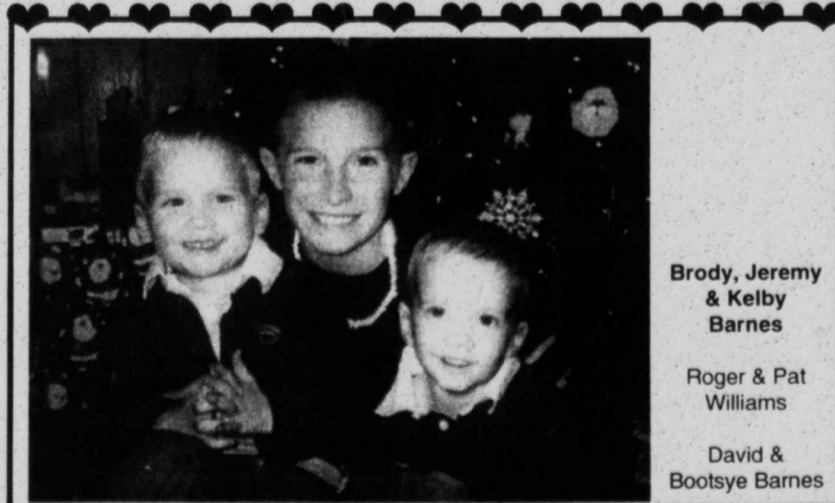
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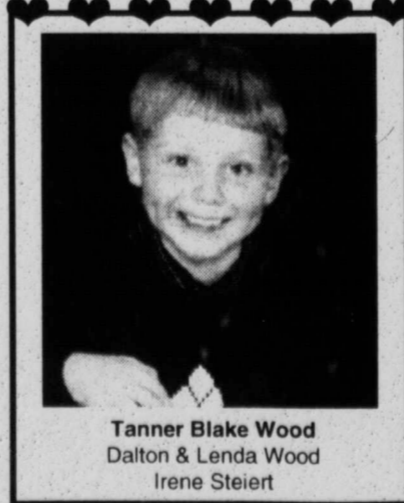
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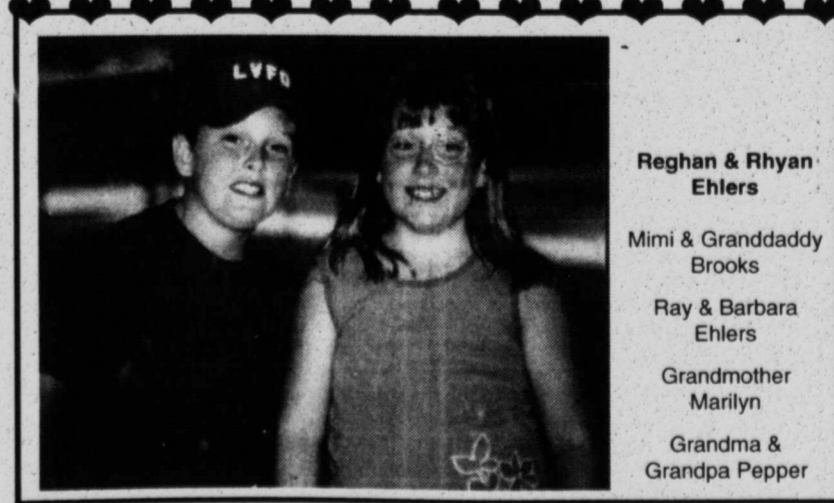
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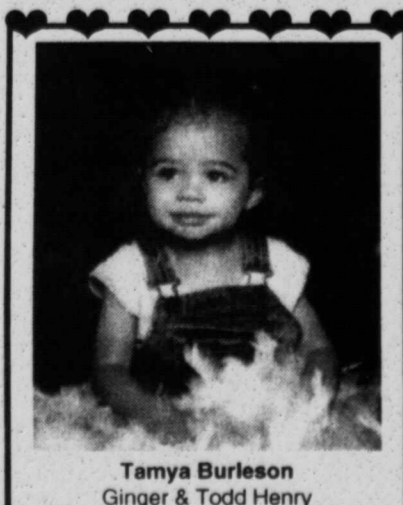
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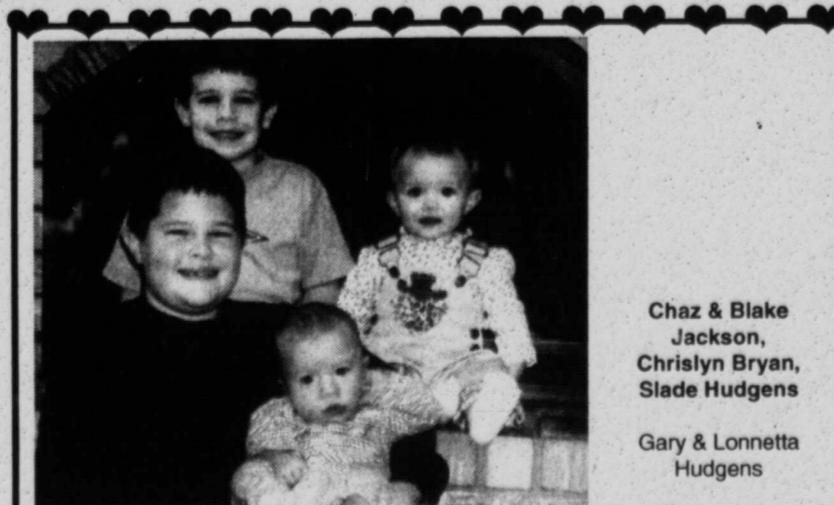
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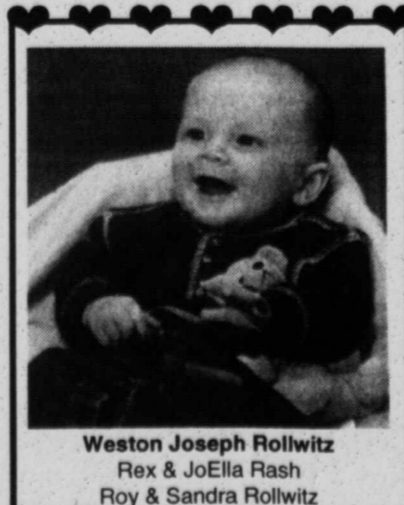
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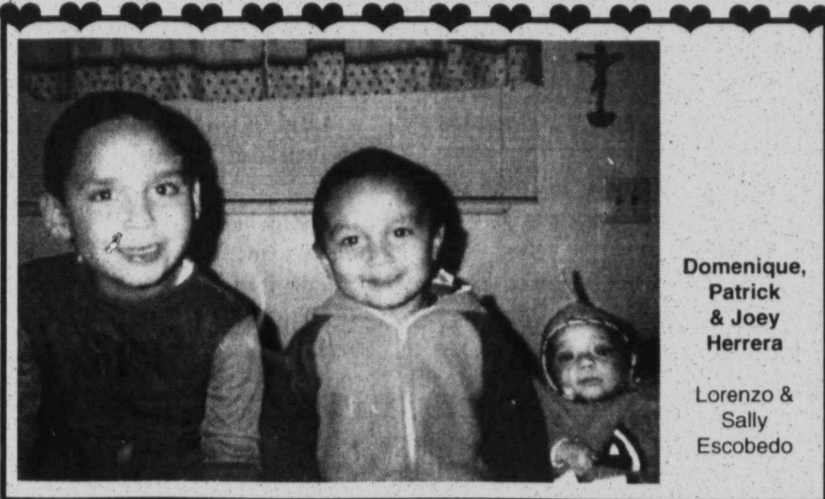
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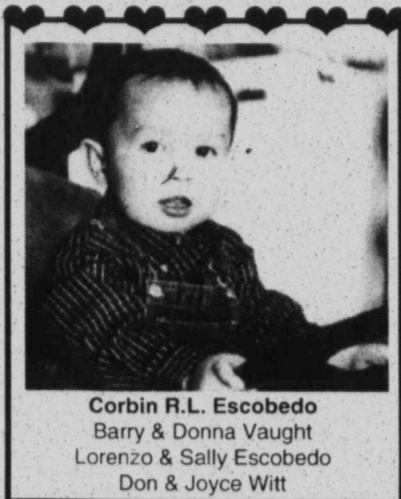
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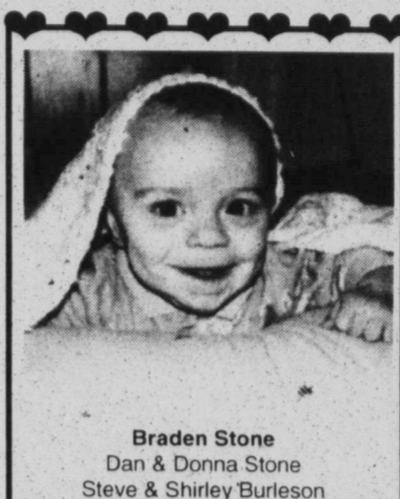
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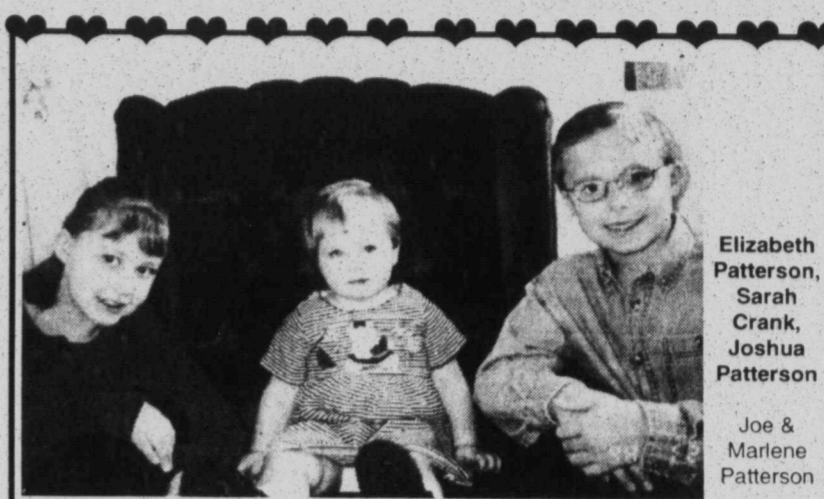
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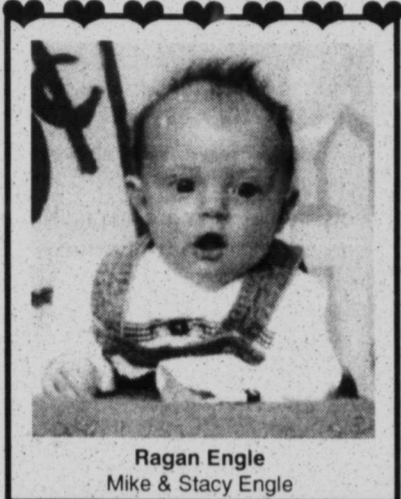
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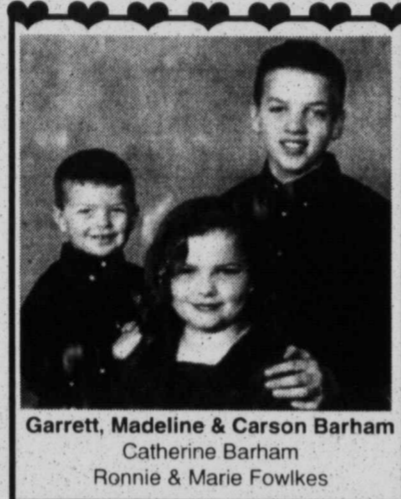
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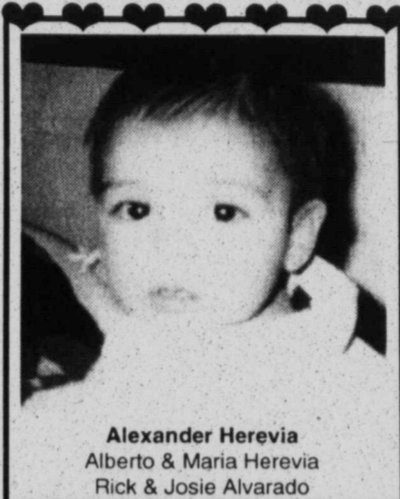
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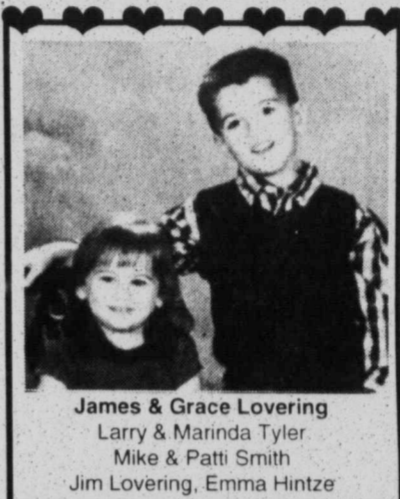
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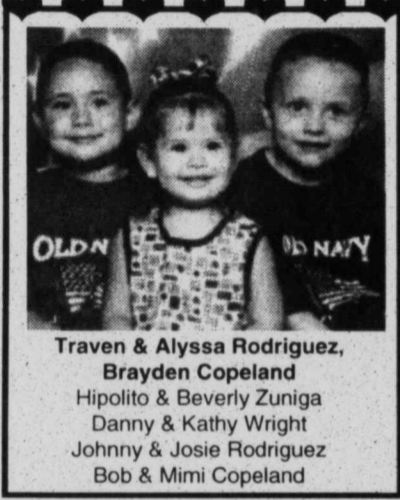
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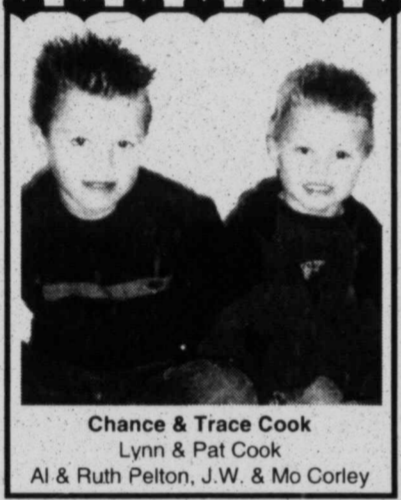
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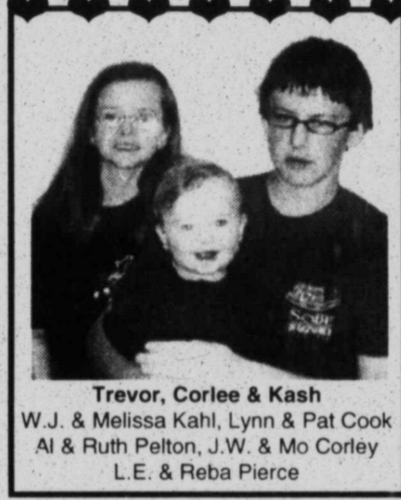
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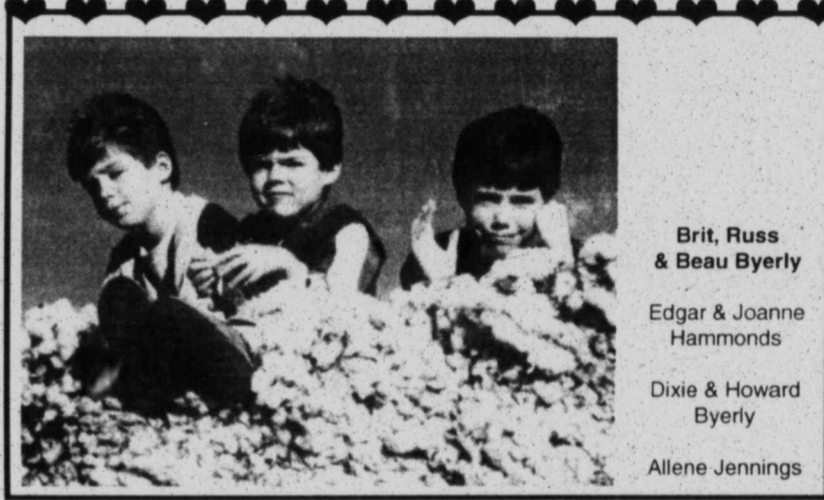
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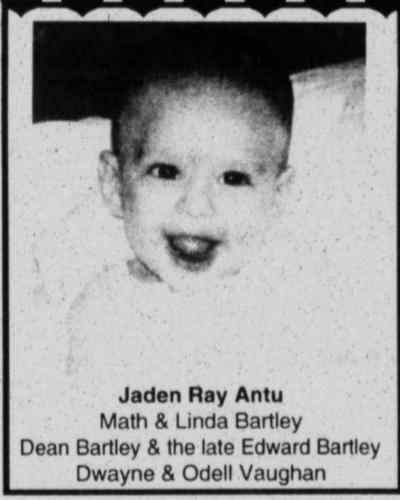
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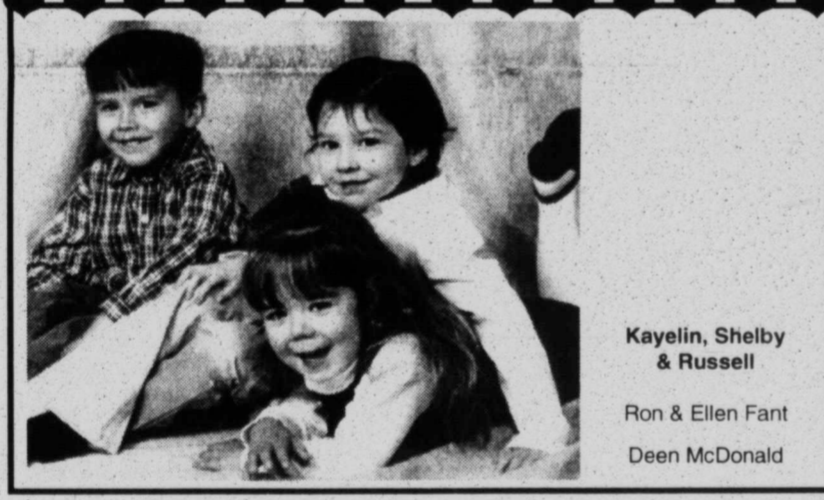
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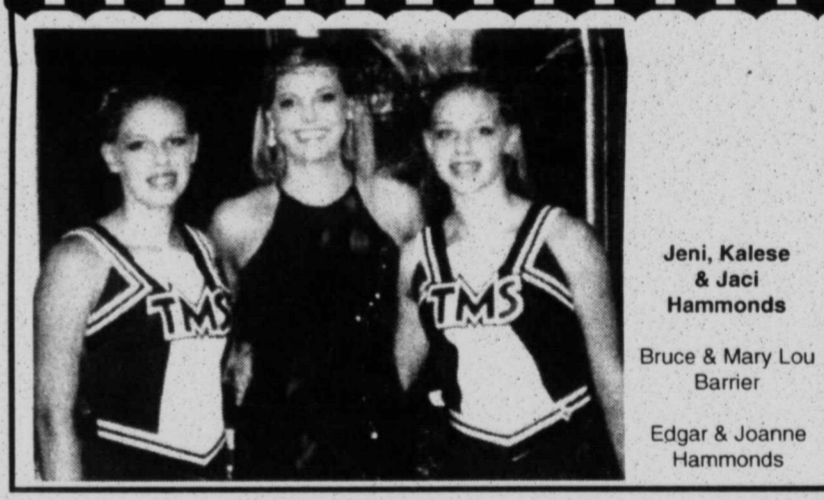
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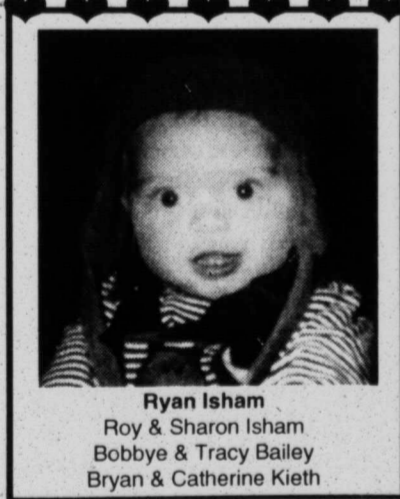
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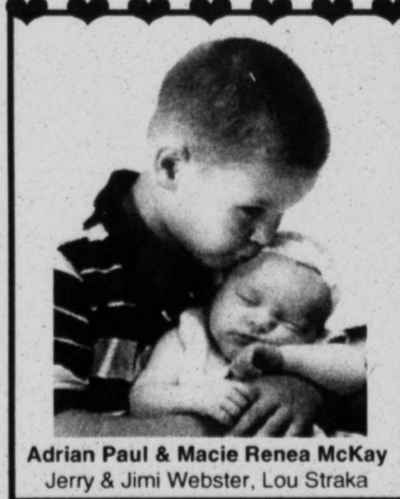
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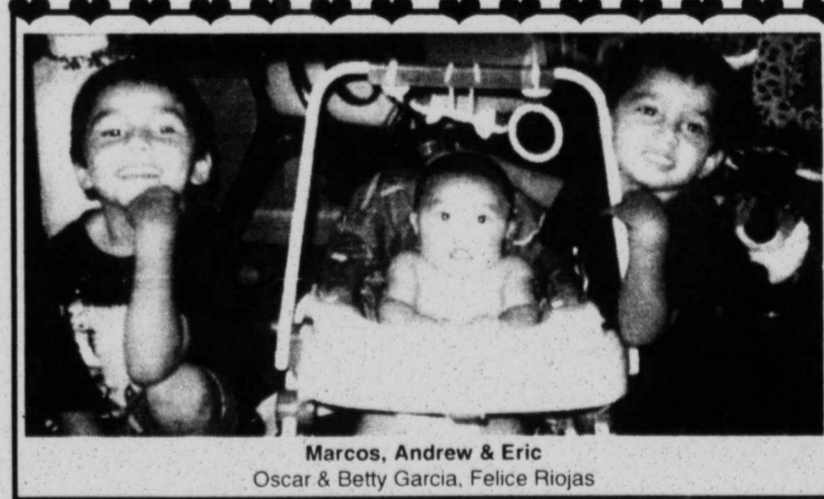
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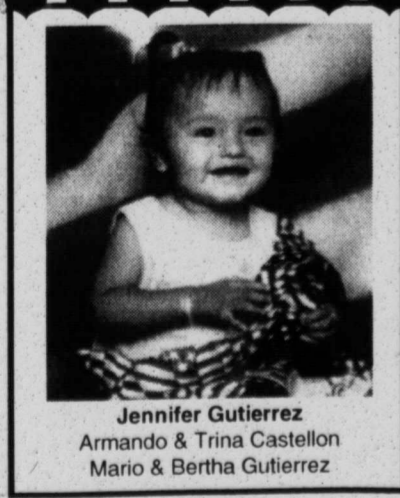
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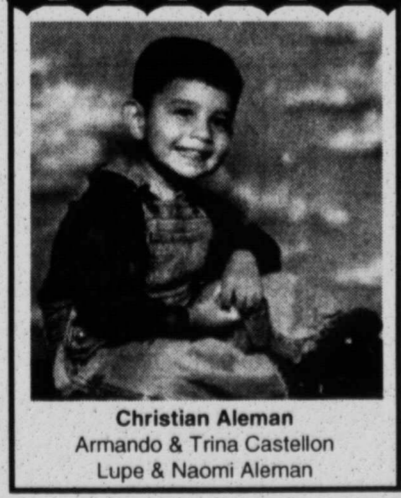
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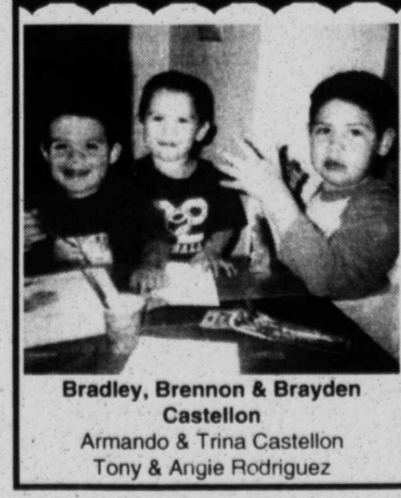
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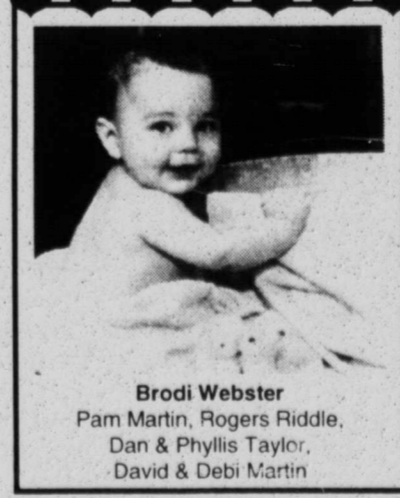
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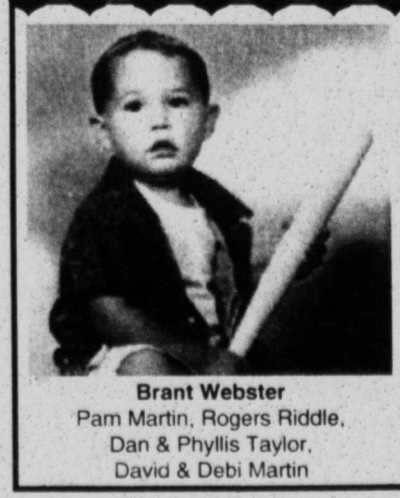
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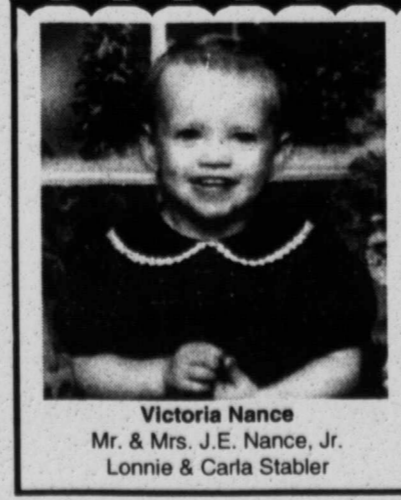
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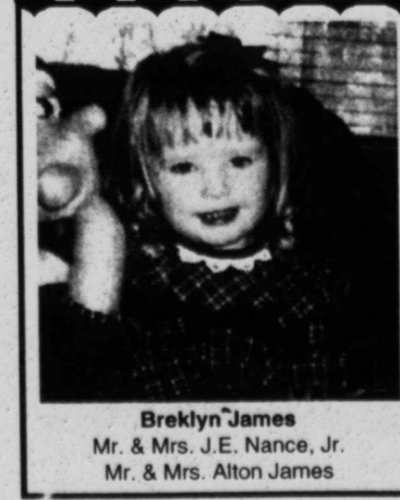
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Gary & Ellen Grabau, Bob & Shirley Trees, James & Katie Fiedler



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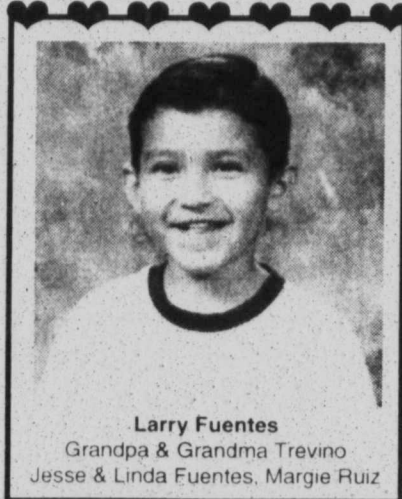


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Grandparents brag on their Valentines!



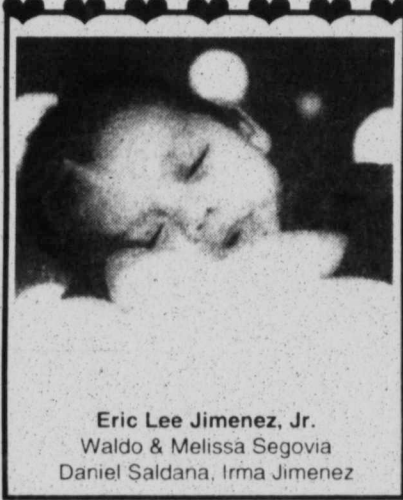
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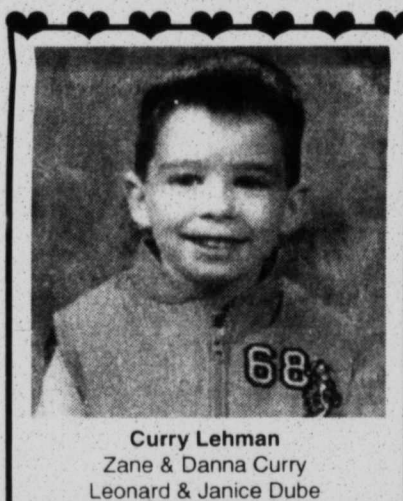
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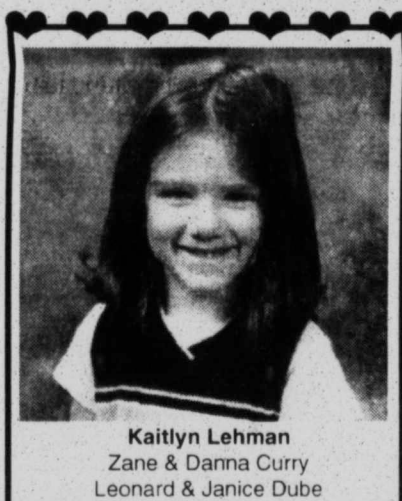
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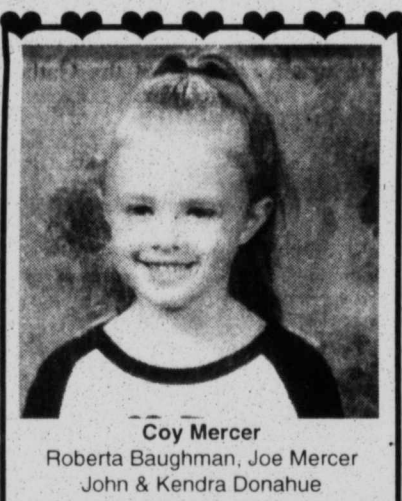
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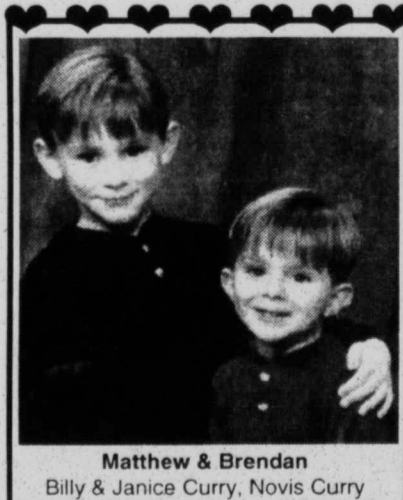
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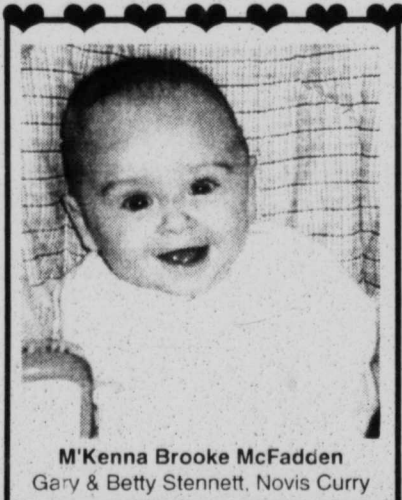
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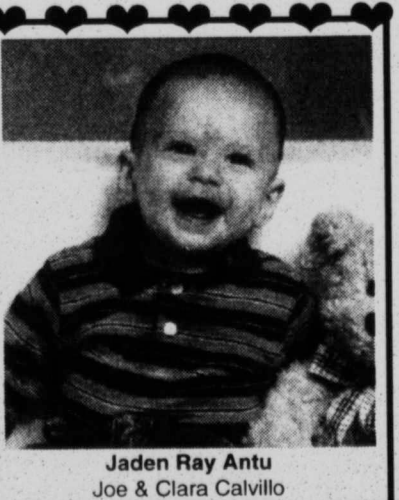
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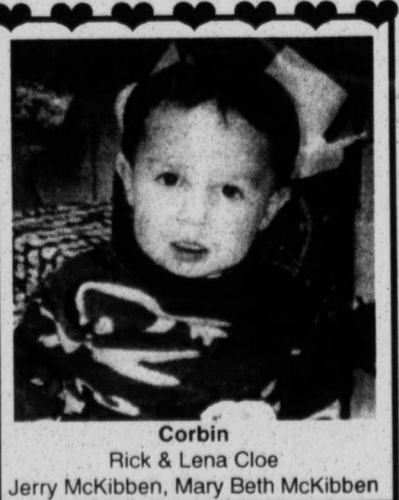
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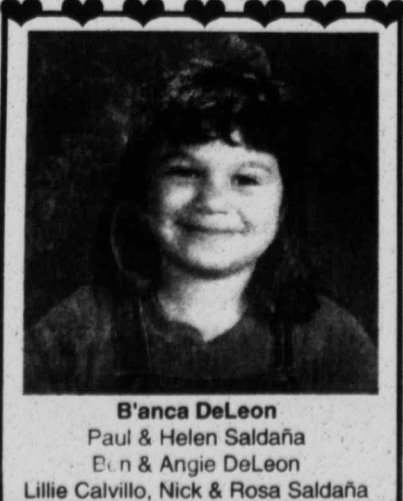
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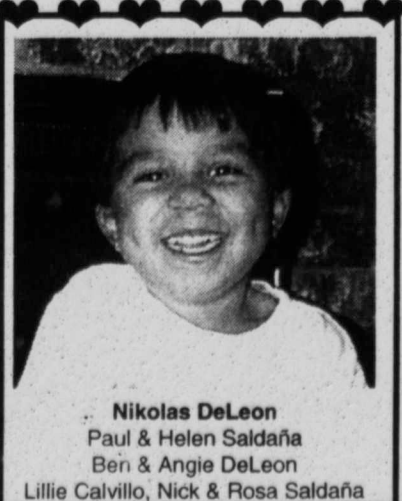
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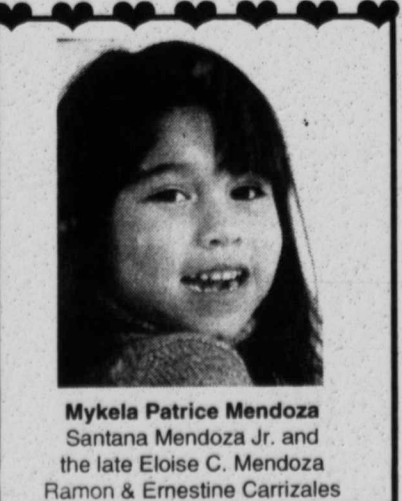
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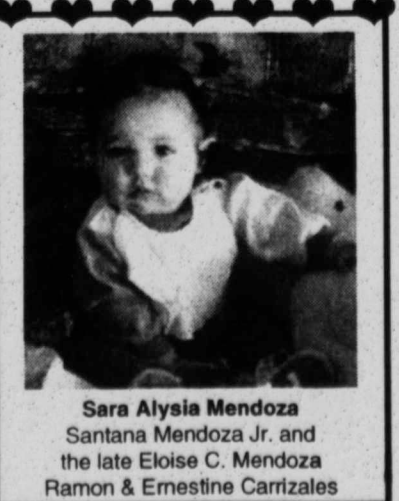
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Ramon & Ernestine Carrizales



Sara Alysia Mendoza
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FROM THE JAN. 17, 1936 ISSUE:

Mammoth's Tooth Is SOME Tooth!

L. D. Gildersleeve brought to The News office one day last week the tooth from a prehistoric Mammoth which he unearthed a few years ago. The molar is so large that some people who have seen it hardly believe it really is a tooth.

One can imagine the immensity of the animal that carried it, when we tell you the tooth is one foot long, eight inches wide, and weighs 13½ pounds.

The mammoth is a species of elephant that roamed this country many thousand years ago. Fossil bones are found in gravel beds and old boggy lands. Though this tooth came from South Texas, remains of both the mammoth and the mastodon have been found in Lynn county. In fact the largest mastodon tusk ever found in the world was found in Moor's Draw, and is now in Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C. The tusk originally was 17 feet long. The mastodon is also a species of prehistoric elephant.

Mr. Gildersleeve says he also dug up other Mammoth bones at the time he took out the tooth, but they were retained by his aid in the undertaking.

If some one will furnish a show window, the News' paleontology editor will furnish a display of fossil teeth of prehistoric animals that once roamed this country.

Where's Your Refund? Find Out Online At IRS Website

With the peak period for tax refunds approaching this month, the Internal Revenue Service encourages people to try a new Internet-based service that provides a quick, easy and safe way to check the status of their refund. The service is called "Where's My Refund?" and it's available on the IRS Web site - www.irs.gov.

This is the first tax-filing season that the 99 million taxpayers who get refunds can use a Web-based service to check on their refunds. Through Feb. 5, more than a million taxpayers have already used the service, an average of 50,000 a day. Those numbers will grow because mid-February marks the peak period for issuing refunds.

"There's no better way to check on your refund than visiting IRS.gov," Acting IRS Commissioner Bob Wenzel said. "Using IRS.gov gets you the information you need whenever you want it."

Taxpayers using the IRS.gov feature also help free up IRS toll-free help numbers to deal with other tax questions. Checking on refunds ranks as the most frequent question the IRS gets through its phone system.

"With 'Where's My Refund?' taxpayers get the information they need quickly, efficiently and safely," Wenzel said. "It's a landmark development for tax administration as we continue to modernize our systems to give America's taxpayers the type of services they deserve."

Simple online instructions guide taxpayers through a process that

checks the status of their refund after they provide identifying information shown on their tax return. Once the information is processed, results can include one of several responses, including:

- That a return was received and is in processing;
- The mailing date or direct deposit date of the taxpayer's refund; or
- Whether a refund has been returned to the IRS because it could not be delivered.

The results also include links to customized information that is based on the taxpayer's specific situation. The links guide taxpayers through the next steps needed to resolve any issues that may be affecting their refund.

The "Where's My Refund?" service meets stringent IRS security and privacy certifications. Taxpayers enter identifying information that includes their Social Security Number, filing status and the exact amount of their refund, using both dollars and cents.

The information must be entered exactly as it appears on the tax return filed with the IRS, especially the expected refund amount. The exact information verifies that the person is authorized to access that account and avoids an unsuccessful response.

Taxpayers without Web access can get refund information by calling the automated refund service at 1-800-829-4477 or by using the new IRS refund hotline at 1-800-829-1954.

Cotton News



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Mixed Messages On Disaster Aid This Week

Friday, February 7, 2003
By Shawn Wade
From cautious optimism to genuine concern is a good description of the swing in attitudes regarding disaster assistance gaining final approval as part of the FY03 Omnibus Appropriations bill currently under consideration.

Whether or not such an extreme change in attitude is warranted is still unclear. What is becoming clear, however, is that the perception of backpedaling and political posturing by the Bush Administration is gaining many new believers in farm country.

Fueling the change in attitudes was the release of the Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) earlier this week. The SAP outlines the Bush Administration's stance on issues included in the FY03 Omnibus spending measure.

Of primary concern was the apparent reversal in the Bush Administration's willingness to accept an across the board cut in discretionary spending levels to pay for the addition of drought assistance, and several other items, in the Senate package.

The SAP indicates that the Administration will only support drought assistance if it is offset within existing agriculture funding. This new stance is clearly different from the statements issued by the Administration on the Senate drought package immediately after they helped push the spending measure through that body.

Secretary Ann Veneman said shortly after the Senate vote that the drought assistance included in the bill appeared to meet the Administration's criteria for spending offsets.

Prior to this latest curveball, the drought assistance package was already gaining additional scrutiny from members of the House of Representatives who felt that the Senate approach didn't go far enough in targeting assistance to individuals that had losses.

What Does It All Mean?

The progress of the spending bill over the weekend will probably set the stage for whether or not drought assistance remains part of the Omnibus legislation. The unwelcome alternative would be that it is stripped from the final bill and gets moved to another legislative vehicle, possibly delaying action for months.

Still, many observers feel that this is a remote possibility and that drought assistance will be part of the final FY03 Omnibus spending bill.

Of primary concern now is shoring up support for drought assistance as part of the Omnibus bill and encouraging individual members of the Conference Committee and Congress to resist a "robbing Peter to pay Paul" strategy.

Key to making that argument is explaining the differences between the price support mechanisms included in the Farm Bill (and the cost estimates associated with them) and the physical losses being addressed by the drought assistance package.

Of the many possible alternatives to the Senate payment proposal are payments that are based on a percentage of paid 2001 or 2002 crop insurance indemnities for producers that experienced losses. Using the crop insurance-based payment method could help target payments and still maintain a relatively quick delivery of payments.

So far no alternative package has emerged as a clear challenger to the Senate version, but talks are continuing.

Efforts from PCG and others are centered on continuing to push for the maximum amount of assistance and continuing the ongoing effort to educate and shore up support for a package.

Questions, Anyone?

Get answers about federal government programs, benefits, and services from the Federal Consumer Information Center. Just call toll-free 1-800-FED-INFO (that's 1-800-333-4638) Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern Time or visit www.pueblo.gsa.gov/call.

U.S. General Services Administration

IN CONTROL - M City player closes in dogs as they clinch

All Sports Planned For

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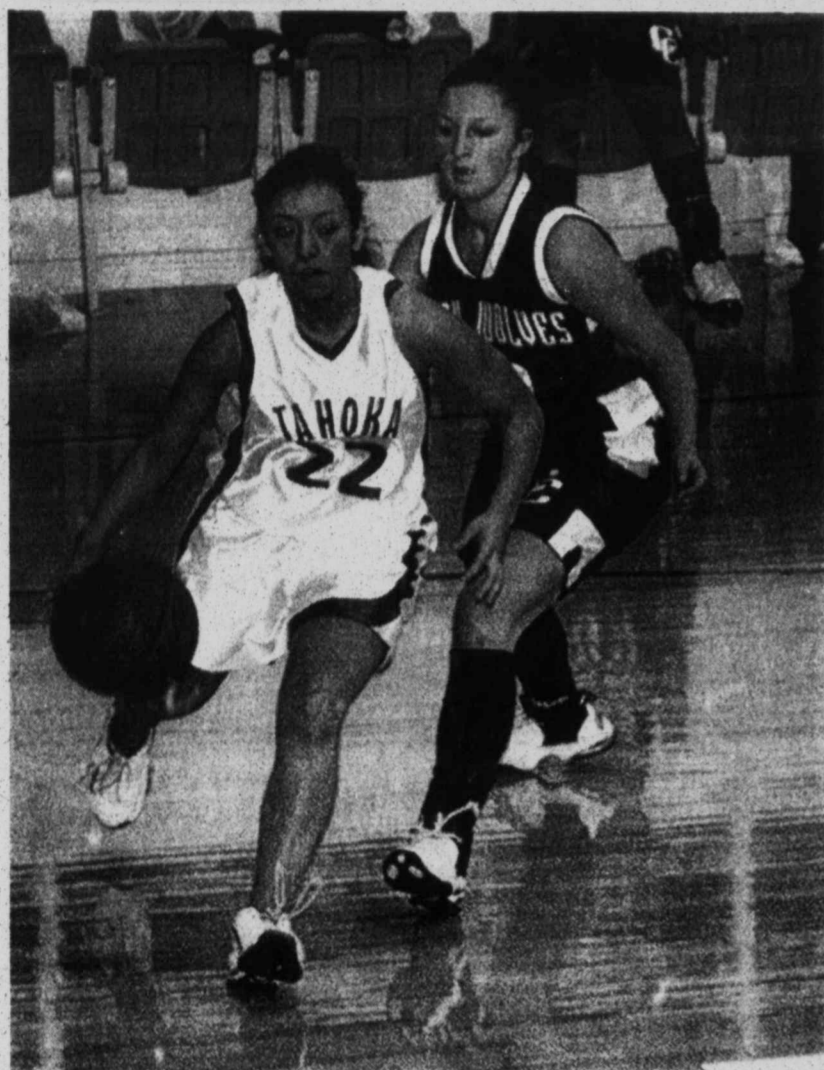
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IN CONTROL - Marissa Chapa takes control of the ball as a Colorado City player closes in. Chapa scored 13 points for the Tahoka Lady Bulldogs as they clinched the Bi-District title Monday night.

(LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

All Sports Reunion Planned For July

Tahoka's All Sports Reunion will be held this year on July 19 at T-Bar Country Club. Golf for men and women will be offered at 10 a.m. with an evening meal planned for 7:30 p.m.

The reunion, which is held every three years, is open to all Bulldog exes and their spouses as well as former teachers and coaches from Tahoka High School. Jake Jacobs will be in attendance at this year's reunion.

Those planning to attend the reunion are asked to RSVP to Joe Brooks at 806-561-4152 or Jimmy Williams at 806-327-5264 as soon as possible so that organizers may plan for food, etc.

Tahoka School News

Powerlifting by Meghan Saldana

The Bulldog Powerlifting team had their first meet at Sundown, Feb. 1. J.C. Garza and Josh Schwartz were the only medalists, finishing third and fourth, respectively.

JV Basketball by Jeanine Wilson

The JV Bulldogs lost to Roosevelt 42-51 on Jan. 28, and Patrick Dotson was their lead scorer with 11 points.

The guys were victorious Jan. 31 against Post 48-35. On Feb. 4 they lost to Shallowater 28-52. Colby Gardner was the lead scorer in both games.

They lost 40-66 to Idalou Feb. 7, and Gardner was the lead scorer with 12 points.

Lynnwood Happenings

Lynnwood Assisted Living Center
Betty Ehlers, Activity Director

We are back into our regular routine since Christmas. We want to thank everyone who came to see us, brought us things for Christmas, and helped us decorate.

We are happy to have Lucille Smith as a new resident. Our residents do enjoy having visitors so anytime you can, please come to see them.

We want to thank Jean Dorman for the pecans she brought us and also for bringing an electric mini-chopper. We sure enjoy using the pecans in our cookies.

We have been busy making Valentine centerpieces for our tables. We are also looking forward to our Valentine supper for the residents on the 13th.

Happy Valentine's Day to all.

Lions To Meet Feb. 25

The Tahoka Lions Club will meet at noon on Tuesday, Feb. 25 at the Senior Citizen Center in Tahoka. Members and guests may either bring their lunch or take part in the meal offered by the Center, which is \$4 for persons under 60 and \$3.50 for senior citizens.

All members are urged to attend the meeting as new officers will be elected. Anyone wishing to join Lions Club is also invited to attend.

Jerry Isham Sr.

Services for Jerry Ray Isham Sr., 57, of Houma, Louisiana, were held at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 10, at Chauvin Funeral Home Chapel in Houma.

Burial was in Garden of Memories Cemetery in Gray, Louisiana.

He died Friday, Feb. 7, 2003. He was a native of Tahoka and was a U.S. Army veteran, receiving a Purple Heart in the Vietnam War. He was a lock and dam operator for the U.S. Army Corps for 15 years.

Survivors include his wife, Juanita Armstrong Isham of Houma; two sons, Jerry Isham Jr. of Belle Chase, La., and Kevin Boudloche of Meridan, Miss.; two daughters, Kim I. Detro of Thibodaux, La., and Donna B. Prosperie of New Orleans, La.; a brother, Roy D. Isham of Wilson; three sisters, Tommie Jean Nicolay of Woodland, Wash., Nancy Blake of Watkins Glen, N.Y., and Linda Lee of Shallowater; and seven grandchildren.



MABEL MCGINTY
Mabel McGinty

Services for Mabel Eunice McGinty, 93, of Tahoka were held at 2:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10, in the Tahoka Church of Christ with her family officiating.

Burial was in Tahoka Cemetery under the direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

She died Saturday, Feb. 8, 2003.

She was born May 18, 1909, in Florence and moved to Lynn County in 1917. She married Fred McGinty on June 7, 1932, in Lovington, N.M. He died Oct. 30, 1982. She was a homemaker and a school teacher in the Wells community. She was the manager of the Chamber of Commerce and was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include three daughters, Patsy Fred Thomas of White Oak, Mariana Long of Abilene and Montie Ruth McGinty of Evergreen, Colo.; 10 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

Sebastian Pena

Services for Sebastian Pena Sr., 75, of Post were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, at Holy Cross Catholic Church with Timothy Judd officiating.

Burial was in Terrace Cemetery.

He died Saturday, Feb. 8, 2003.

He was born Oct. 5, 1927, in Gonzales County. He married Lucia Cazares on Dec. 18, 1950, in Tahoka. He was a member of the Catholic Church. He farmed for many years in the Post area.

A son, Noel Pena, died in January 1994.

Survivors include his wife; four sons, Sebastian Jr. of Amarillo, Alfredo and Steve, both of Post, and Mario of Lubbock; five daughters, Helen Flores and Margie Booker, both of Amarillo, and Lucy Gonzales, Isabel Samore and Tina Garcia, all of Lubbock; three brothers, Joe of Gonzales, Adam of Post and Tony of Grassland; six sisters, Cynthia Martinez, Anita DeLeon, Teresa Pena and Angie Garza, all of Post, and Lucia Rodela and Eva Reyna, both of Gonzales; 29 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Every day birds eat half their own weight in food, so the phrase "eats like a bird" is hardly accurate.

Sybil Jordan

Services for Sybil Lee Jordan, 87, of Weatherford, formerly of Lamesa, will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14 at First Baptist Church in Lamesa with the Rev. Nathan McBride, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in O'Donnell Cemetery.

She died Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2003 in Weatherford.

She was born Feb. 11, 1916, in Anona. She graduated from O'Donnell High School. She worked in the ship yards in California during World War II. She farmed in Dawson and Lynn County, and was a 30-year member of First Baptist Church in Lamesa. She was a member of Lamesa Garden Club.

Survivors include two sons, Ronny Jay Jordan of Weatherford and Billy Wayne Jordan of Wolforth; a daughter, Kay Cattle of Wayne, Neb.; eight grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to First Baptist Church Youth Mission Fund.

Helen Peek

Services for Helen Lee Peek, 86, of Tahoka were held at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 10, at New Home First Baptist Church with the Rev. Jarrell Rial officiating.

Burial was in Resthaven Cemetery under the direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

She died Friday, Feb. 7, 2003.

She was born Nov. 17, 1916 in Wellington. She was a life-long resident of New Home. She married Garland Peek on Feb. 23, 1934 in Lubbock. She was a homemaker and a Methodist.

She was preceded in death by four grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Jimmy Peek of New Home; four daughters, Bernice Brassfield of Lubbock, Wynelle Fletcher and Joann Kieth, both of New Home, and Melody Miller of Plainview; 16 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch or a favorite charity.

Senior Citizens MENU

Feb. 17-21

Monday: Closed for President's Day.
Tuesday: Beef Stroganoff, Rice, Spinach, Biscuit, Banana Pudding.
Wednesday: Tacos, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad/1000 Island Dressing, Cornbread, Fruit Salad, Snickerdoodles.
Thursday: Chicken Strips, New Potatoes in Sauce, Broccoli, Pickles, Hot Roll, Brownies.
Friday: Pepper Steak, Noodles, Peas, Wheat Roll, Oranges & Bananas.

Lodge 1041 NEWS

Leighton Knox, the District Deputy for District 94, made his official visit on Feb. 4, with 13 members and eight guests present. All enjoyed a supper provided by the following: Leighton and Joan Knox—brisket, banana pudding, and ice; Paulyne Eaker—deviled eggs and pickled okra; Brian Durham—ribs; Steve and Rose Huskey—pinto beans; Troy and Lee Moore—salad; Robert and Kitty Woodfin—cherry cobbler; Pete and Mary Dean Stricklin—chips, homemade bread and butter pickles; and Frank and Pat Eaker—potato salad, rolls and tea.

Those having birthdays in February are: Charles Wood, David Bray, J.E. Carroll and John Fabricatore. Members celebrating birthdays in January included Gene Ingle, Cliff Thomas, and Herman Reid.

On Jan. 27, five members met to study, and enjoyed ham and cheese sandwiches, hot chocolate and great fellowship.

The next study night will be Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. We will have a E.A. Degree on Feb. 25 at 7:30 p.m.

Questions and Answers of the Day

Romans 15:1-4, Matthew 4:4, John 13:15-17 and 34-35, John 14: 16-17, Matthew 23:23, Mark 12:31, Luke 4:18, Matthew 19:26

Question: Do you have questions or prayers that you would like to share?

Answer: I don't pretend to have all the answers, and I don't pretend to know what it is to be perfect for myself, but I know who does have all the answers and I know who is perfect ... **It is God in Jesus name.** What I have to offer you is love and prayer, for only by way of God are we eased, comforted, helped, or blessed with answers to questions that man does not possess. I would feel blessed and privileged if you sent your prayer requests to me. You can put your name and address if you want me to write back. If you want to be anonymous, just leave off your name and address. If you don't want to say what the prayer request is about, just say you have an unspoken request. God knows you and what concerns you. Feel free to write anytime. I will pray over and/or respond to what you write. If I say I love you, and then don't bear your burdens, then I am not truthfully loving you. If you just want to study God's word or want to send me something you believe will be a blessing, I will embrace that easily. I'm looking forward to your response. Just send any correspondence to the address below.

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Farm Bureau, Thriftway Participate In Food Check-Out Day

It takes only 39 days for the average American to earn enough money to pay for his or her family's entire food supply for the entire calendar year, according to the Lynn-Garza County Farm Bureau. By this counting method, Feb. 6 was celebrated symbolically across the state as Food Check-Out Day.

Because of this efficiency, the typical American is left with nearly 90 percent of his or her disposable salary to spend on goods and services other than food.

"Food Check-Out Day is a time to be thankful for the great availability and affordability of food in our nation," explained Milton Edwards, president of the Lynn-Garza County Farm Bureau. "One way to demonstrate this gratitude is to share food with those in need."

On Feb. 6, the Lynn-Garza County Farm Bureau partnered with Thriftway of Tahoka to donate much needed food items to the Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center, a local charity that serves nutritious meals at low or no cost to the elderly and home bound of Lynn County.



FOOD CHECK-OUT DAY - On Feb. 6, Lynn County Farm Bureau, along with Thriftway of Tahoka, participated in Food Check-Out Day, donating food to a local charity, the Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center. Pictured from left are Angie Gutierrez and Nancy Guilliams of the Senior Citizens Center and Milton Edwards, president of Lynn County Farm Bureau. (LCN PHOTO)

SWCD Taking Orders For Windbreak Trees

Officials at the Lynn County Soil and Water Conservation District have set Feb. 27 as the first day of sales for conservation windbreak seedlings. Landowners in Lynn County are encouraged to purchase the one-year-old seedlings before preferred stock is sold out.

Each year thousands of regionally adapted seedlings are grown from seed at the Texas Forest Service West Texas Nursery in Lubbock. The Agency's primary objective is to produce and sell quality seedlings at a price landowners can afford, allowing them to plant large quantities of trees for windbreaks.

Windbreaks are trees and shrubs systematically planted adjacent to field, homesteads, or feedlots as a barrier to reduce or redirect the wind. They create permanent, natural protection and habitat for wildlife, reduce erosion and increase land value and aesthetics.

Windbreak trees available this year include Afghanistan Pines, Pinon Pines, and Italian Stone Pines. These trees sell for \$2 each or \$55 for a box of 30 trees. Hardwood trees available include Amur Honey-suckle, Desert Willow, Green Ash, Hackberry, Lacebark Elm, Nanking Cherry, Russian Olive, Sand Plum, and Red Oak. These trees sell for \$1 each or \$30 for a bundle of 50 trees. One gallon containers of Viatex shrubs (or a small tree if pruned) and Texas Sage shrubs will be available this year. They are \$7 and \$7.50, respectively.

Larger trees will be available in March. Included are Afghanistan Pines, available in two and five gallon; Slash Pines in five gallon; Live Oak in two and five gallon; Bur Oak in two gallon; Red Oak in two gallon; and Lacebark Elm in two and five gallon. These trees will sell for \$7 for the two gallon size and \$15 per five gallon tree.

Wildlife packets for habitat establishment are also available from the SWCD. Each of the four wildlife packets contain 100 bare root trees and shrubs which cater specifically to the habitat needs of quail and pheasant, deer, turkey or squirrel.

For more information go by the local SWCD office or call Helen Saldana at 806-998-4507 ext. 101.

Licensed Private Applicator Training Scheduled Feb. 25

According to John Farris, Dawson County Extension Agent, producers will have the opportunity to complete training to meet one of the requirements for obtaining a private applicator license at a program scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 25, at 1 p.m. The program will be presented at the Dawson County Community Building, located at South 8th Street and Houston Ave. in Lamesa.

To become a licensed private applicator, a producer must attend a Texas Cooperative Extension training program, make a passing score on the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) private applicator examination, and submit an application to TDA along with a \$50 fee. The TDA Private Applicator License is valid for five years.

In addition to the Extension training program, Texas Department of Agriculture personnel will offer testing at this location beginning at 4 p.m. on Feb. 25.

Producers holding TDA private applicator certificates dated prior to Jan. 10, 1989 may continue to buy and use restricted-use and state-limited-use pesticides at this time, but cannot supervise employees with this certificate.

The private applicator training program is available to those persons not previously certified and to those previously certified who will be supervising the application of restricted and/or state-limited-use pesticides and who wish to obtain a TDA private applicator license.

Persons planning to attend the training session and take the TDA test, need to pre-register at the Dawson County Extension office in Lamesa 806-872-3444 and obtain a copy of "Using Pesticides-Private Applicator Manual" from the county Extension office for review and study prior to attending the training session. The cost of this manual is \$20, and the Extension office is located in the basement of the Dawson County Courthouse.

Officials say that there must be a minimum of six (6) persons registered before the course will be offered.

Pesticide Handler Training Scheduled

Employers are required to provide training to their employees as pesticide handlers if that employee mixes, loads, applies, or performs other tasks that bring them into contact with pesticides.

To assist employers with this task, the Texas Cooperative Extension has scheduled a Pesticide Handler Training for employees to be held Tuesday, Feb. 25, at 10 a.m. in the Dawson County Community Building at South 8th and Houston Ave. in Lamesa.

After taking the one-hour course, participants receive new EPA certificates, effective for five years, verifying that the trainee received both Worker Protection Standard (WPS) and Right-to-Know (RTK) training, that they can present to employers.

Producers possessing a private applicator license will receive one Continuing Education Unit (CEU) in Laws and Regulations for participation in this program.

For more information on this program, contact the Dawson County Extension office at 806-872-3444.



RUN, DINKY, RUN - Sandwiched between two Lady Wolves, Taboka's Damesha (Dinky) Harris dribbles down court, possibly to score one of her 13 points for the lady Bulldogs, who won the Bi-District match with Colorado City. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

Farm Bill's Proposed Rule For EQIP Available To Public

The proposed rule for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) has been released for public comment. The 2002 Farm Bill reauthorized and amended the program, which is administered by the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

"The Farm Bill represents an unprecedented investment in conservation on America's working lands, providing a \$1.1 billion increase in conservation over ten years, which is an 80 percent increase," according to Dr. Larry D. Butler, NRCS state conservationist for Texas. "In addition, the Farm Bill offers voluntary solutions for complying with the Endangered Species Act, Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, and other regulations. EQIP, one of the largest programs in the Farm Bill, is designed to help producers meet the significant environmental regulation they face," Butler said.

EQIP is a voluntary conservation program that promotes environmental quality and assists producers to meet local, state and federal regulations. Funds will help farmers and ranchers install conservation practices that protect natural resources by reducing soil erosion, improving water use efficiencies, and protecting grazing land.

Through the rule making process, NRCS has streamlined program administration and addressed several primary statutory changes in the proposed rule, including:

- Up to 90 percent cost share for limited resource and beginning farmers and ranchers.
- A total payment limitation of \$450,000 per qualified individual or entity for all fiscal year 2002-2007 EQIP contracts.
- Providing livestock producers with cost share assistance for waste

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 - *From a Buick 8* by Stephen King
- The library, located inside the Life Enrichment Center, 1717 Main Street, is open Mondays and Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (closed 12:30-1:30 p.m. for lunch); Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2-7 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

storage facilities regardless of size, but must develop and implement a comprehensive nutrient management plan.

• Allocating 60 percent of EQIP funds towards livestock related practices.

The proposed fiscal year 2004 agriculture budget includes \$850 million for EQIP to install conservation measures such as erosion control and water quality enhancement, \$51 million for Ground and Surface Water Conservation and \$8 million for water conservation and water quality enhancements in the Klamath Basin of California and Oregon.

"In Texas, farmers and ranchers are proud of their environmental stewardship and conservation on working lands," Butler said. "Since 1997 more than 6.5 million acres have been enrolled in the EQIP program in Texas. There is a strong commitment for conservation among private landowners to improve the environment and protect our natural resources."

Additional information on EQIP and other conservation programs is on the Web at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/farmbill/2002/products.html>.

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Notice is hereby given regular February 24, 2003 Lynn County, Texas, as the time fixed by law for the Articles 2544 to 2550, including corporation, association and/or selected as County an application a permanent surplus of said bank, at the date of County, on or before 9:00 a.m. Commissioners' Court certified check for not less than \$100,000 as a term of the go if said bank, association it will enter into the bond. Said application, so required by the laws of Lynn County, at 9:00 a.m. with the Laws of the State Given under my hand

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Real Estate

HOUSE FOR SALE: 2 BR, 1 Bath, on 1-3/4 lot. Fenced yard, 1-car garage, new siding & new metal roof. 2313 N. 3rd in Tahoka. Call 915-661-9687. 4-4tc

HOUSE FOR SALE: 3 bedroom, 2 bath, den, dining, formal living room, double garage, central heat and air. On large lot. 1919 N. 6th. Call Jerry Brown at 998-5060 for appointment. 47-tfc

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FOR SALE: Fun Cart go-cart, 5hp motor, big wheels, \$650. Call 561-5161. 7-tfc

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FOR SALE: 410 shotgun, like new, white serger sewing machine, like new, treadmill, automatic hospital bed. Call 561-4071. 7-ttc

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Notice

LEGAL NOTICE PEGASUS RURAL BROADBAND, LLC

We are a prospective applicant under the Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee Program being administered by the Rural Utilities Service (RUS), United States Department of Agriculture. We are required, as a prospective applicant, to announce our intent to provide broadband services (200 kilobits upstream and downstream) in the State of Texas in the following communities:

Abernathy, Albany, Anson, Baird, Ballinger, Bangs, Bellville, Bertram, Boerne, Bowie, Breckenridge, Brownfield, Brownwood, Buchanan Dam, Buffalo, Burnet, Caldwell, Cameron, Carthage, Castroville, Center, Cisco, Clyde, Coleman, Columbus, Comfort, Crockett, Cuero, Denver City, Devine, Eagle Lake, Early, Eastland, Edna, Fairfield, Flatonia, Giddings, Goliad, Gonzales, Graham, Granite Shoals, Grapeland, Groveton, Hale Center, Hallettsville, Haskell, Hearne, Henderson, Henrietta, Hillsboro, Hondo, Horseshoe Bay, Hubbard, Jacksboro, Jacksonville, Jourdan, Karnes City, Kenedy, Kingsland, La Grange, LaCoste, Lake Brownwood, Lakehills, Lamesa, Lampasas, Littlefield, Llano, Lorenzo, Lovelady, Lytle, Madisonville, Marble Falls, Marlin, Meadowlakes, Meridian, Mexia, Natalia, New Summerfield, Palacios, Pleasanton, Port Lavaca, Post, Poteet, Ralls, Ranger, Refugio, Rockdale, Roscoe, Rosebud, Rusk, Schulenburg, Seagraves, Sealy, Seminole, Shiner, Stamford, Sweetwater, Tahoka, Teague, Trinity, Wallis, Weimar, Whitney, Winters, Woodsboro, Yoakum, Yorktown.

Incumbent broadband service providers have **30 days** from the date of this Legal Notice to inform RUS if they are currently providing broadband service in these areas or if they have a commitment to provide service in these areas. Incumbent broadband service providers should submit to RUS, on a form prescribed by RUS, the number of residential customers receiving broadband service in the proposed service area, the rates of data transmission, and the cost of each level of service or proof of commitment to provide service in the proposed service area. A map should also be provided showing the boundaries of your service area in relation to the communities above.

A Legal Notice Response Form can be obtained from RUS' website at www.usda.gov/rus/telecom.



Notice

NOTICE: I would like to help out the elderly in Tahoka for a few hours on weekdays. Call 998-5213. 7-1tp



Card of Thanks

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Rabies Clinic Set Here Feb. 15
Tahoka and area residents may bring their pets to be vaccinated against rabies at a Rabies Clinic to be held Saturday, Feb. 15 behind Tahoka City Hall, from 1:30-3:00 p.m. Dr. Larry Mills, DVM of Post, will provide rabies shots at a cost of \$7, and other shots will be available. Pets should be vaccinated annually for rabies.
City officials strongly encourage that local pets be vaccinated against rabies, in order to protect the citizens of the area. While there have been no reports of rabid animals, there have been lots of sightings of skunks and silver foxes in this area, which can carry rabies.

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PUBLICATION NOTIFICATION FOR SELECTING BIDS FOR COUNTY AUDITOR
Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners' Court of Lynn County, Texas will be accepting bids from any auditing firm or Certified Public Accountant, not later than February 24, 2003 at 9:00 A.M.
Must include charges and prospective beginning date and presentation date of completed audit. More information is available in County Treasurer's office at 806-561-4055.
Please submit your bid to Lynn County Judge's Office at P.O. Box 1167, Tahoka, Texas 79373.
/s/ H. G. Franklin
Lynn County Judge,
Lynn County, Texas
6-2tc

NOTICE OF ACCEPTING BIDS
The City of Tahoka is now accepting bids for cemetery grounds maintenance for 2003. For specifications, contact City Administrator Jerry Webster at Tahoka City Hall, 1612 Lockwood, P.O. Box 300, Tahoka, TX 79373, phone (806) 561-4211.
Bids will be accepted until 5 p.m. March 3, 2003.
The City reserves the right to reject or accept any or all bids. 6-3tc

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SELECTION OF COUNTY DEPOSITORY FOR LYNN COUNTY, TEXAS
Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners' Court of Lynn County, Texas will, at its regular February 24, 2003 meeting, select a County Depository of and for the public funds of Lynn County, Texas, as well as its departments of said County, for and until sixty (60) days after the time fixed by law for the selection of a Depository, all in accordance with the provisions of Articles 2544 to 2550, inclusive of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas. Any Banking corporation, association or individual banker of Lynn County, Texas desiring to be designated and/or selected as such depository shall make and deliver to the County Judge of Lynn County an application applying for such funds, stating the amount of paid up capital stock and permanent surplus of said bank, together with a statement showing the financial condition of said bank, at the date of application, which shall be delivered to the County Judge of Lynn County, on or before 9:00 a.m. on the 24th day of the regular February 24, 2003 meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Lynn County, Texas. Said application shall also be accompanied by a certified check for not less than one-half of one percent of Lynn County's revenue for the year 2002 as a term of the good faith on the part of said bank, corporation, or individual banker, that if said bank, association or individual banker if accepted and/or selected as County Depository it will enter into the bond and/or bonds provided therefore by law.
Said application, so filed with the County Judge of Lynn County, Texas and prepared as required by the laws of the State of Texas, will be considered by the Commissioners' Court of Lynn County, at 9:00 a.m. on February 24, 2003 and County Depository selected in accordance with the Laws of the State of Texas.
Given under my hand and seal of office this 30th day of January, 2003.
/s/ H. G. Franklin
Lynn County Judge,
Lynn County, Texas
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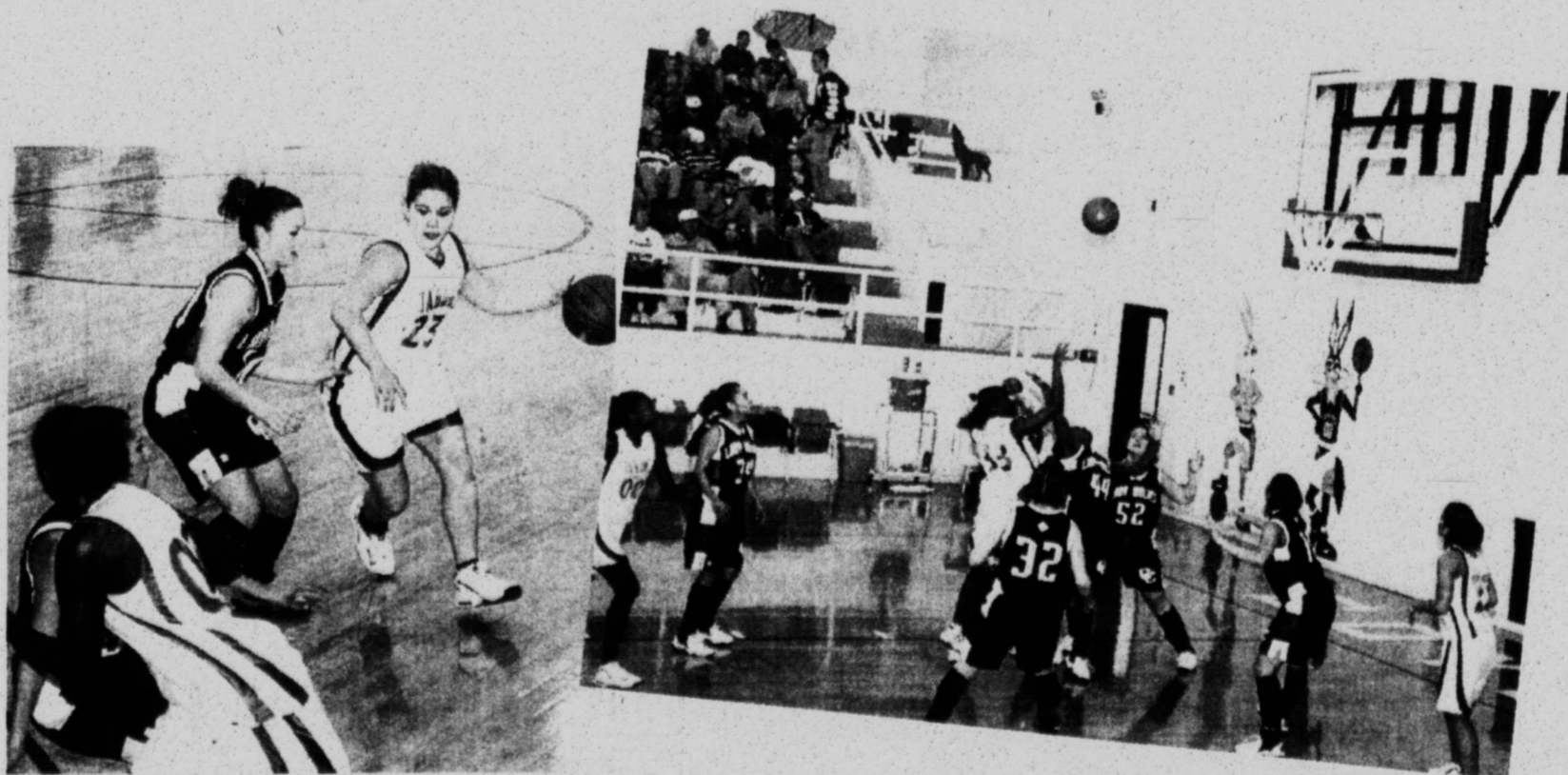


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