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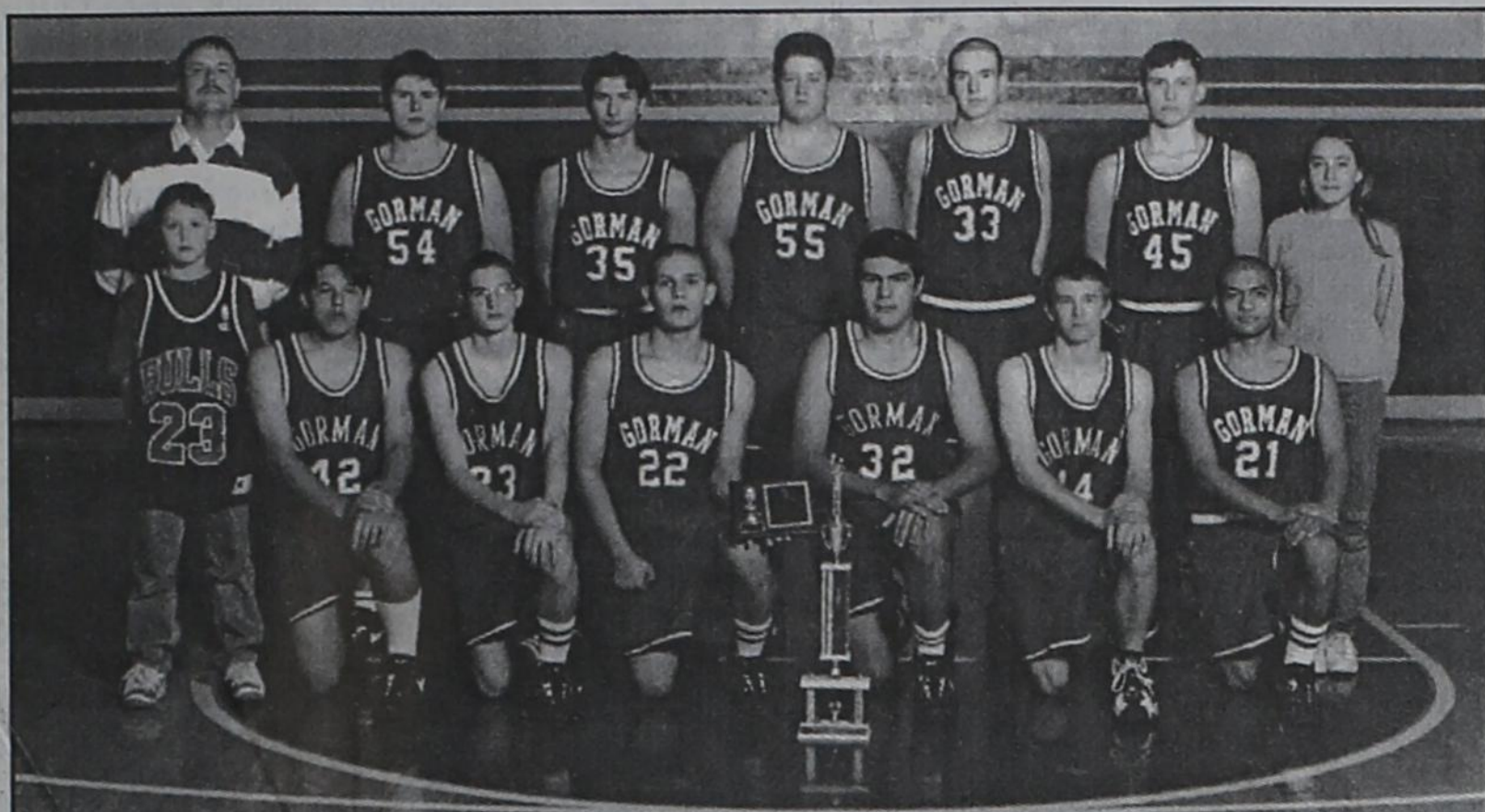
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Panthers Varsity Basketball Team



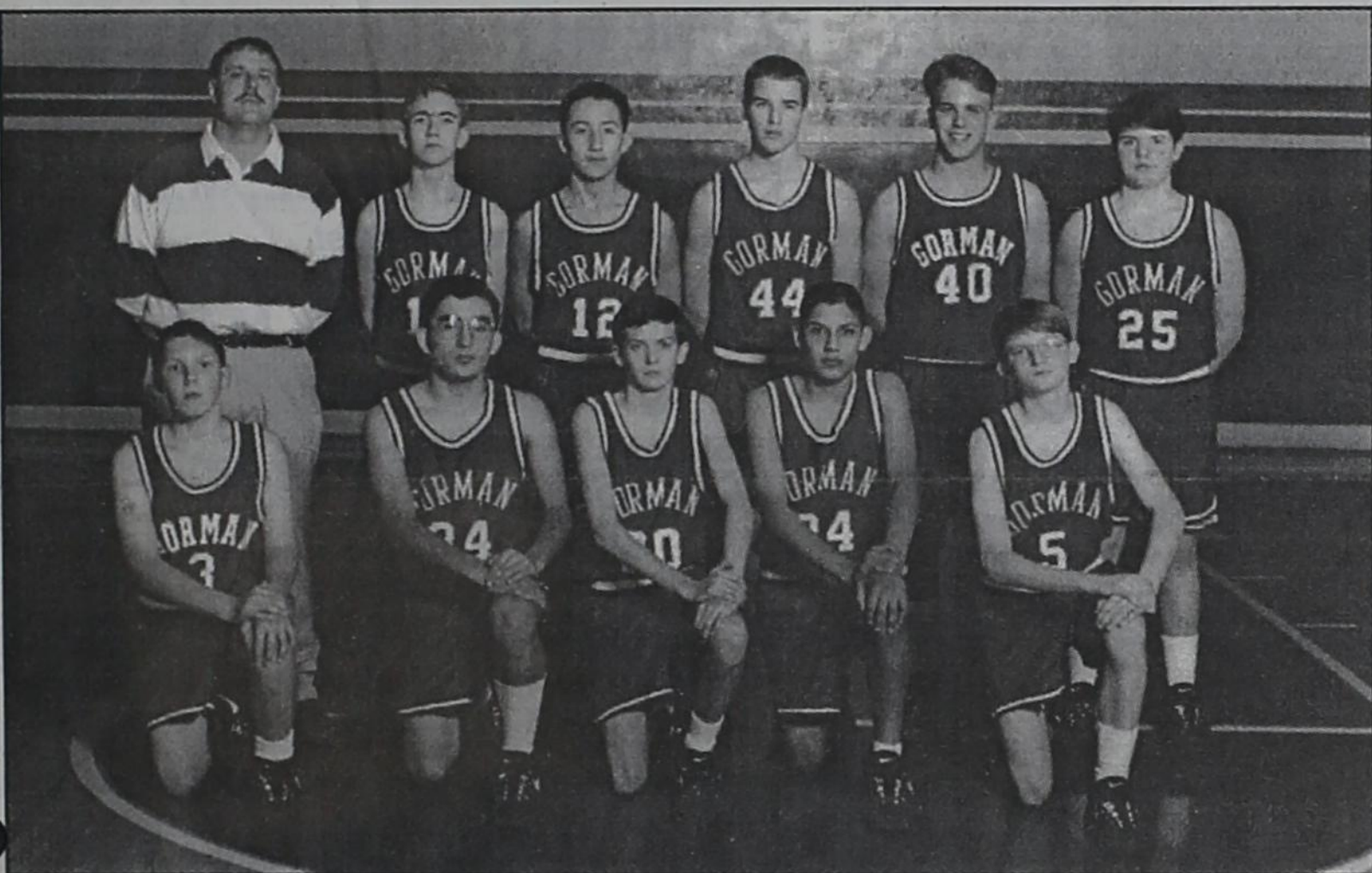
VARSIPTANTHERS -- The Varsity Panthers Basketball Team consists of Jamie Gilder, Isreal Rodriquez, Chris Carlton, Jason Posey, William Hagood, Jason Perez, Justin Burseson, Margarito Sanchez, Alex Morales, Robert Seaton and Adan Rodriquez. Managers are Seth Harley and Madelyn Wilkins. Coach is Darin Harley.

Lady Panthers Varsity Basketball Team



VARSIETY LADY PANTHERS -- The Varsity Lady Panthers Basketball Team consist of Marlena Guthery, Mary Campbell, Paty Rodriguez, Jennifer Shackelford, Samantha Stephens, Jodi Norris, Kaycee Gilmore, Sabrina Glasson and Keri Scitem. Managers are Allison Treadway and Brianna Rhoten. Coaches are Coach Bill Roark and Coach Danny Pruitt.

Panthers Jr. Varsity Basketball Team



JUNIOR VARSITY PANTHERS -- The Junior Varsity Panthers Basketball Team consists of Robert Lewis, Eric Madera, Leslie Wood, Chris Schorling, William Curb, Chris Fox, Francisco Madera, Levi Roberts, Adrian Torres, and James Hogan. Coach is Darin Harley.

Lady Panthers JV Basketball Team



JUNIOR VARSITY LADY PANTHERS -- The Junior Varsity Lady Panthers Basketball Team consist of Pam Osborne, Alma Sanchez, Melissa Tarver, Shawn McCauley, Samantha Goode, Sarah Reeves, Belinda Snider, Ashley Rich. Coach is Bill Roark.

Billy Graham Film Slated For February 21 & 23

Gorman First Baptist Church will be presenting the Billy Graham film, "THE HOMECOMING" on Friday, February 21st at 7:00 p.m. and on Sunday, February 23rd at 6:00 p.m.

Jordy Rembrandt is a big-city tough guy with an attitude and a history of

bad decisions. When he's sent to a small town high school to complete his senior year, he discovers "fitting in" takes on a whole new meaning.

Faced with peer pressure and wanting to be accepted, Jordy makes more wrong decisions and it isn't until he's faced with the love of Christ that he begins to understand the meaning of true acceptance.

We would like to invite everyone to join us for this special film.

Craig Rhoton, Pastor

Gorman ISD Trustee Election Set For May 3rd

Gorman ISD Trustee Election will be held on May 3rd in the High School Library.

The three year terms of Windell Treadway and Catherin Eaves will expire.

Candidates who wish to file for these positions may do so from February 17th thru March 19th in the Superintendent's Office.

Gorman ISD Offers Gifted Education

Gorman ISD offers a program for students with above potential in academic and creative-productive thinking skills areas in grades K-12. This gifted education program is designed to challenge students to accelerate above and beyond the regular school curriculum.

We believe that each student is gifted and talented in his own individual way; however, only a very small number will be placed in this program.

Anyone wishing to nominate a student believed to be an intellectually or creatively gifted learner is encouraged to come by either the Maxfield Elementary or the High School Office and complete a nomination form. Each student nominated, after parental approval, will go through a screening procedure which requires special testing.

These nominations should be in the school office by February 28th.

Chamber to Select Community Service Award Recipient

The Chamber of Commerce would like to ask the community for their recommendations as we choose the 1997 Community Service Award recipient. If you have a recommendation this year, pick up an award recommendation sheet from area businesses and fill it out or write the name, include the reasons why you think this person should receive the award, and please sign it. No consideration will be given to those turned in that are not signed. Please give your information to Gene Foster at Foster Floral or mail it to the Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 266, Gorman, Tx. 76454, no later than March 10th.

Thanks for your help.

KEEPING UP WITH FRIENDS
Visiting recently with Mrs. Opal Holliday were Mrs. Willie Mae Cozart and Mrs. Evelyn West of Eastland.

SCHOOL MENU

Week of February 24th thru 28th
BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Cereal, toast, jelly, juice and milk.

TUESDAY — Cheese toast, hashbrowns, juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Egg, toast, juice, jelly and milk.

THURSDAY — Rice, toast, jelly, juice and milk.

FRIDAY — Sausage, biscuits, gravy, juice and milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY — BBQ bun, pork-n-beans, peaches, cookies and milk.

TUESDAY — Ham, blackeyed peas, fried okra, combread, applecrisp and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Bean burrito with chili and cheese, salad, crackers, orange, cookies and milk.

THURSDAY — Chicken nuggets, cream potatoes, green beans, gravy, hot rolls, cake and milk.

FRIDAY — Pizza, salad, corn, crackers, pears and milk.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

NOTICE!!! - We the **City Commission**, thought it would be in order to inform the **Citizens of Gorman** that in a short time a city ordinance will be placed in effect. This ordinance will pertain to the **control of free roaming dogs**. After passage of this ordinance it will be necessary that all **dogs and cats within the city be vaccinated for rabies, dogs will be kept in a pen or confined or restrained in some manner. No Longer Will Dogs We Allowed To Roam Freely Within The City.** We thought this notice would help prepare everyone to start making arrangements for the control of their animals. If you have questions please contact the **City Office**. *Thank You For Your Full Cooperation.*

ATTENTION CALLS OF 1947 - Also, anyone That was classified as being in this Class regardless of whether you graduated with us or not. This is our 50th anniversary - We plan to celebrate with a Get-together in conjunction with our school homecoming. Please contact me so I can fill you in on all the details. Mary Jo Wheeler Wood - 817-734-2074 or write P. O. Box 188 - Gorman, Texas 76454.

55 ALIVE Classroom Instruction Course will be held at Senior Citizens Center on February 24 -25 - 8:00 a.m. Call 817-734-2966 to Register.

Charlie Garrett Memorial Library - Is Open Monday - Wednesday - Thursday and Friday from 3 - 5 p.m. and Tuesdays from 3 to 5:30 p.m. **ATTENTION PreSchoolers:** Storytime At Library will resume on Jan. 7th at 10 a.m.

Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. If you would like to make a donation in memory of or In Honor of someone, please send to Rt. 3 Box 121A, or Security State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454.

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT WILL BE MARCH 19TH FROM 9 - 12 NOON.

Robert L. Thiebaud Laid To Rest Saturday

Robert Lynn Thiebaud, 45, of Dublin, died Thursday, February 13, 1997 at his residence.

Services were at 2:00 p.m. Saturday at Harrell Memorial Chapel with Chaplain Monte Stewart officiating. Burial was in Round Grove Cemetery, Erath Co., Texas.

Mr. Thiebaud was born in Dublin on December 4, 1951 to Amos Bryan and Johnnie Belle Thiebaud. He married Ruby Harris on May 29, 1993 in Stephenville. He was a Rancher and lived most of his life in Dublin. He was a member of Edna Hill Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Ruby; one daughter, Mandy Starr Thiebaud of Hico; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Thiebaud of Dublin; three brothers, Jody Thiebaud of Mineral Wells, Ricky Thiebaud of Houston, and Monte Thiebaud of Dublin; one sister, Cathy Everton of Gorman.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Rebecca Thiebaud and one brother, John L. Thiebaud.

Pallbearers were Don Jones, Clark Chapman, Harlan Apple, Vaughn Strickland, Jerry Pettijohn, Gary Richardson, Mike Henry - Alternate and Lamar Kent - Alternate.

Memorials can be sent to Community Hospice of Dublin or Round Grove Cemetery in Erath County.

GHS SPRING BREAK - MARCH 10-14

Vera "Babe" Brown Laid To Rest Wednesday

Vera "Babe" Brown, 93 died Monday Feb. 17th. Services were Wednesday 19th at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Tom Satterwhite officiating. He was buried in Johnson Memorial Cemetery in Munday.

Mrs. Brown was born in Desdemona and lived in Munday for 44 years before returning to De Leon in 1965. She was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church. She married Atlas Augustus Brown in 1921, who preceded her in death.

Survivors include two brothers, M.B. Koonce of Desdemona and W.D. Koonce of Dallas.

Georgia Kimball Melton Services Held Friday

Georgia Kimball Melton, 81, of Burleson and formerly of Gorman, died Feb. 12th in a Ft. Worth hospital.

Services were Feb. 14th in the Gorman First Baptist Church with Rev. Craig Rhoton officiating. Burial was in the Gorman Cemetery. Mrs. Melton was born in Waco and was a homemaker. She was a Baptist and was the widow of George Britt Melton, whom she married in 1935.

Survivors include one daughter, Jean Stuard of Burleson; one brother, Jim Kimball of China Springs; three grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren.

THANK YOU

Our sincere "Thanks" to Bill and Helen Collum, Dwight and Patty Dold, Joe and Brenda Bush, Mary Riggs, Melinda Walker, Debbie Roe, Bethel Clark, Tiffany Shirley, Ronsen Childers, Neldon and Billie Shipman and Johnny Roe for helping in making our "Desdemona Valentine Dinner"

Defensive Driving Course Offered

Cisco Junior College will offer a Defensive Driving Course on Monday and Wednesday, March 2 and 5 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Cisco campus. The class will meet in room 3 of Schaefer Hall. Fee for the course is \$25. Fee must be paid no later than 3:00 p.m. on the first day of class. Students must attend both nights of class. Cisco Junior College is an agency of the National Safety Council-TEA License #763. For more information contact Charlotte Nix Speegle at (817) 442-2567, extension 121.

City of Gorman General Election Deadline Mar. 19

February 17, 1997 will be the first day to apply for a place on the ballot for the May 3, 1997 City General Election. Commissioner terms that will be up for election or re-election are Commissioner Place #1 - Becky Laminack and Commissioner Place #3 - Robert Ervin. The deadline for filing for a place on the ballot will be March 19, 1997. Filing may be done during regular office hours only.

Computer Courses Offered at Cisco Junior College

The continuing education division of Cisco Junior College will offer a series of computer courses at the Cisco campus beginning in March. Each course will consist of 6 hours of specialized training. Windows '95 will meet Tuesday and Thursday, March 4 and 6, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

a Big Success! Also to those 3 servers in those red bow ties and cummerbunds-Joseph Bush, Lane Shirley and Chris Fox. "A Great Job!"

Gary and Shirley Shirley

Cotton Growers' Meeting Slated

A boll weevil eradication information session will be held in Comanche on Tuesday February 25th at 10:00 a.m. in the Housing Authority Meeting Room 404 East Cedar (North side of Comanche off Hwy 16).

The agenda includes electing a committee member for the Zone Steering Committee, as well as a wrap up discussion for the 1996 program, and an update for the 1997 schedule.

Program personnel will also discuss what growers can do to ensure a successful and efficient season.

The Rolling Plains Zone encompasses approximately 700,000 acres of cotton and includes the following counties and portions of counties: Knox, Baylor, Stonewall, Haskell, Throckmorton, Young, Scurry, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Stephens, Palo Pinto, Mitchell, Nolan, Taylor, Callahan, Eastland, Brown, Comanche and Erath.



Microsoft Word/Windows-Beginning will meet Tuesday and Thursday, March 18 and 20, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Excel/Windows-Beginning will meet Tuesday and Thursday, April 15 and 17, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. The \$38 cost for each course includes instructional materials. All classes will meet in room 32 of the Technical/Vocational I building. Each class is limited to fifteen students. Early registration is encouraged. For more information or to register, contact Charlotte Nix Speegle at (817) 442-2567. Registration is on a first come first serve basis and is complete only upon receipt of registration form and fee. Cisco Junior College is an equal opportunity educator/employer.

Good Samaritan

There is bad news and good. We headed home yesterday morning from a Chinese Christmas Party with Sister Sarah Spalding and family in Sidney Texas, bound for the Pecandorosa in South Austin. It was cold and drizzly when we started out, but the road didn't look bad as we breezed through Comanche and headed for Lampasas. Then, the drizzle turned to big snowflakes and we began to see more snow on the ground and ice on the trees as the miles clicked by. The world around us looked like the winter wonderland scenes on your Christmas cards, really rare for central Texas. Priddy was a deserted village with just a few pickups at the one cafe we passed heading south where the weather was predicted warmer and dryer. With almost no cars but ours on Hwy 16, I slowed down to 45 MPH. We began to see more snow hitting the windshield and covering the road. We were just a few miles from the intersection with US 183 which would take us into Goldthwaite, then on to Lampasas and Austin when without warning the Buick Park Avenue Hillbilly started skidding on a patch of ice, turned broadside across the northbound lane, seemed to increase speed careening over the shoulder into a culvert and up the other side, taking out three sections of a cattle fence, racing ahead about a hundred feet through a cow pasture, up and over a rise and into a caliche pit, coming to rest finally, wheels down, in 3 feet of water, about 15 feet from the "shore."

Now, the good news: We were seat belted and made the wild ride about 700 yards from the road into the tank without a broken bone, bruise or scratch. The murky water began to rise inside the care, but stopped just below seat level. We calmed down, wiped the frost off the window, and saw the first passing car stop on the highway. The driver was climbing over the fence and walking toward us. We switched on the car and found our electrical system working, rolled down the right window about 2 inches and shouted through the snowfall, "Thanks for stopping. We are the Clarks from Austin. What's your name?" Mark Watson (son of Kay Watson of Gorman, we later learned), are you alright? Is anyone

hurt? he shouted. "We're okay," we said. "You stay right there, don't try to get out, I'll get some help and get you out of there," Mark said. Then he went back to the road and started flagging people to stop. A pickup stopped, the driver talked to Mark and then came down to the pond. That was Billy Fred Daniels of Mullin, the rancher who owned the land we were on. He had been putting out feed for his stock when he noticed part of his fence was down and a car was partly submerged in his caliche pit. "Sit tight," Billy Fred said. "We called the sheriff's office and they'll be here soon. We will get you out of there." "Wonderful, wonderful," we said. "Is there any chance we might slide into deeper water?" "No, that's as deep as it gets, right where you are," he said. "Praise the Lord," we shouted back. Billy Fred backed his pickup down into the water to within about 4 feet of our back door. We pushed open the door, stretched full length from the back seat over the water to the tail gate, and were helped into the pickup bed and onto terra firma. We walked through the downed section of fence and to the patrol car of Chief Deputy Sam Bell of the Mills County Sheriff's Department. Sam engineered the rescue operation and drove us back to his office. His dispatcher, Sharron Leach, made phone calls for us to a dry goods store, restaurant, motel and bus station. Sam got Mark Major's wrecker from Majro Automotive in Goldthwaite to come pull our car out of the tank and

tow it to his shop. We gave a full report on our accident report to a Texas Highway Patrolman, and then called it in to our insurance company. Mills Co. Sheriff Darwin Odum drove us out to Bob and Ann Carey's Hereford Motel where we checked in to wait for a bus to Austin. Ann said "No charge for the room, you'll just be here about 4 hours," but we insisted on paying. We watched a Loretta Young-Jeff Bridges love story on the telly while Ann dried our soaked clothes in her dryer.

Back at the motel office to wait for the bus to Austin, Mary Jane and Ann were chattering like old friends about families and other things while I petted Ann's toy poodle and picked up a Brownwood Bulletin, issue of 12-26-96. I read an AP story bylined Matt Truell about a book written 100 years ago by a minister named Charles Sheldon. The article said that a multitude of copies of the book had been sold worldwide—not a religious book but more of a novel "with a simple message that transcends religion—that people should be good to each other and make faith a part of their everyday life."

The book is titled "In His Steps," with a later version by Sheldon's great grandson, Charles Sheldon, titled "What Would Jesus Do?"

And I thought... That string of Good Samaritans we met today must have read the book.

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HERITAGE MANOR NEWS

By Nancy Hendricks

A NOTE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Hello everyone,
Thank God for the wonderful rain, I believe everyone feels better since we have had a good rain. A lot of people in the community are having the flu and some are recuperating, unfortunately I did not escape it.

Please help us make welcome Maggie Snider who will be joining our family Sat. Feb. 15th. Maggie is a long time resident of Gorman and we are sure looking forward to her joining us. Please come by and say hello to her.

Take care all of you and may God Bless.

Dean Christian McNeill

The next birthday party will be Thursday Feb. 27 at 2:00 p.m. Honorees are Annie Hale, Ora Mae Atchison, Ollie Halcomb and Patty Whitehorn. There will be entertainment and refreshments. Guests are welcome.

Some of Mary Williams guests were Fred and Mary M. Mullen of Melrose, NM. Maxine Frasier of De Leon, Juanita Files, Howard Hagood, Durwood Webb, Estelle Erwin, Anna Rush, Nancy Hendricks, Ruth Bryant, Fay Huff, Jessie Woosley, Mayvis Lasater, Tommye Haile and Geraldine Wright.

Abundant Life Church Returns

Residents were so happy to have the Abundant Life Church come on Saturday. They were Rev. John and Charlotte Howard, Tara Howard, Lana Howard, Lacy Howard, K'Ann Howard, Trey Howard and Jeff Leverton. Residents were S.D. Gilmore, Effie Mae Brown, Skinnie Lewis, Ava Rodgers, Jack and Mildred Bellows, Veno Hale, Dorothy Beaty, Irene Heathington, Ora Mae Atchison, Inez Rogers, Patty Whitehorn, Ollie Halcomb, Rubye Jones, Frank Skiles, Ruby Nowlin and Varona Taylor. Guests were Rev. T.D. Whitehorn, Nancy Hendricks and Carol Schmidt.

Some of Jack and Mildred Bellows guests were Tommy and Jean Brightwell of Hurst, Willodene Ormsby of Stephenville, Odie Brightwell, April Walton, Brenda Walton, Darrell and Pat Graham.

Visiting Leotis Meadows were Jimmy Meadows of Friendswood and Evette Meadows of De Leon.

On Sunday morning Bro. Brent Lasater of First Baptist Church came and taught the Sunday School lesson for Ollie Halcomb, Effie Mae Brown, S.D. Gilmore and Veno Hale.

Annie Dennis New Resident

Heritage Manor is happy to announce Mrs. Annie Dennis, widow of Rev. Marion Dennis has come to make her home here.

She is a retired housewife and a member of the Methodist Church. Her children are Billy Joe Dennis and Ruby Lee Kinser of Gorman, Ray Dennis of Midland and Mary Ruth Arnett of Lubbock. There are several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

All of her children have been recent visitors. Jess Hallmark's guests were Veri Hallmark of Brownwood and Irene Hallmark.

Residents were happy to have First and Second grade G.A.'s of First Baptist Church come on Wednesday evening. They delivered pretty valentines and visited with everyone.

Leaders were Paula Lewis and Tiffany Troutman. G.A.'s were Tecia Jones, Clarissa Glasson, Meagan Lewis, Brianna Putman, Kristi Landa, Krystal Fry, Kaci Seaton, Brittany Rainey, Kari Bond, Crystal Thackerson, Kayla Fischer and Brittany Shirley.

David and Denna Halcomb visited Ollie Halcomb.

Pat Hagood and Sue Ann Tarver came and had bingo for S.D. Gilmore, Effie Mae Brown, Cynthia Earles, Ora Mae Atchison, Veno Hale, Inez Rogers, Ollie Halcomb, Frank Skiles, (guest M.L. Skiles) Varona Taylor, Rubye Jones, Irene Heathington and Iola Johnson.

Visiting Effie Mae Brown and S.D. Gilmore were Mary Ficklen of Desdemona, Louise Hollywood, April Walton, Alpha Mae Andry, Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville, Howard and Pat Hagood.

Some of Irene Heathington's guests were Jim Seale and Cassie Freeman of Brownwood, Ken and Betty Sue Heathington of Eastland, Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville, Johnnie B. Griffith of Eastland, Odean Savage, David and Lanita Freeman, Nancy Hendricks, Howard and Pat Hagood.

Some of Annie and Veno Hale's guests were Jimmy Little, Johnnie B. Griffith, Naoma Morrow, Nancy Hendricks, Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson and April Walton.

On Sunday at 2:30 those coming from the Kokomo Baptists Church were Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Joe and Glynda Bond, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Hope Joiner, Naoma Morrow, Jimmy Little, Nancy Hendricks, and Johnnie B. Griffith. Guests were Pat Graham and Rev. T.

D. Whitehorn. Residents were Patty Whitehorn, Mildred Bellows, Veno Hale, Ruby Vandergriff, Ava Rodgers, Aletha K. Yarborough, Ollie Halcomb, Inez Rogers, Effie Mae Brown and S.D. Gilmore.

Visiting Lavenia Blair were Olivia Lavera, April Walton, Leon Wilson, Nancy Hendricks and Brenda Walton. Visiting Skinnie Lewis were Eloise Lewis, Jim and Karen Burleson, Philip, Donna, Robert and Sarah Lewis of Desdemona, Howard and Pat Hagood, S.D. Gilmore and April Walton.

The residents sure appreciated the magazines Sylvia Buchanan sent.

On Monday morning Ina Scitern had arts and crafts, making valentines. Those helping were Cynthia Earles, Veno Hale, Ollie Halcomb, Ora Mae Atchison and Inez Rogers.

Some of Cynthia Earles guests were Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Wilson of Stephenville, Chris Funderburk of De Leon, Kaye Cunningham, Melissa Lewis, Jessie Woosley, Fay Huff, Mayvis Lasater, Enice Love, Ruth Bryant, Nancy Hendricks, Heather McGlothlin, Charla Davis, Ashley Maupin, Rachel Thomas, Sonya Burgess, Rachel Mayfield, Catie Davis and Jamie Maupin.

Ora Mae Atchison enjoys birthday at ZJ's

On Sunday Ora Mae Atchison enjoyed a birthday dinner at ZJ's with Jessie and Ruby Atchison, Yvonne Atchison of Ft. Worth, Chesley, Royce, Evelyn, Kacy Gartman, Tiffany Nowlin of Kamay, Chesley Atchison, Edie Nichols of Stephenville, Ronnie Nowlin of Ft. Worth, Dick and Gala Troutman.

Some of Volita Richardson's guests were Anna Rush, Estelle Erwin, Jo Etheredge, Mayvis Lasater, Ruth Bryant and Nancy Hendricks.

On Tuesday morning Ina Scitern had bingo for Cynthia Earl, Ava Rodgers, S.D. Gilmore, Effie Mae Brown, Inez Rogers, Veno Hale, Mildred and Jack Bellows, Iola Johnson, Patty Whitehorn, Irene Heathington, Frank Skiles, Sibyl Urban and guests M.L. Skiles.

Visiting Georgia Whitlock and Sylvia Hodges were April Walton, Jackie Whitlock and Dianthia Dennis of Desdemona, Brenda Walton and Rosetta Carlton.

Brenda Walton, Leona Wilson, April Walton visited Ola Walker.

Visiting Frank Skiles were M.L. Skiles, Ron and Nina Siles, Clarence and Leona Wilson.

On Thursday Ina Scitern had bingo for Frank Skiles, Mildred Bellows, Ruby Jones, Veno Hale, Ora Mae Atchison, Varona Taylor, S.D. Gilmore, Effie Mae Brown, Inez Rogers and Ollie Halcomb.

THE GORMAN PROGRESS

Free Income Tax Assistance Sites Open Soon

Dallas-Free tax help is available to most Texas (or list area or city here) residents beginning on Feb. 25, 1997. That is when more than 300 Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) sites located throughout (city/county) open for another tax season.

VITA/TCE offers free tax help to people who cannot afford a paid tax preparer. Both programs also give free tax help to disadvantaged people and to those who can not speak the English language. TCE generally offers free tax help to people over age 60.

According to IRS District Director Bobby Scott, more than 70,000 North Texans took advantage of VITA/TCE last year. He said anyone planning to get help from VITA/TCE volunteers need to bring the following information with them: all income information, including forms W-2 and 1099; social security cards or Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers for all dependents; and any other useful documents and forms. Those items could include: lists, receipts, bills or statements of medical, taxes, home mortgage interest, contributions and miscellaneous expenses and a copy of last year's tax return.

In Eastland County, VITA and TCE sites are located at: Gorman Senior Citizen Center, Main Street, Wednesdays, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. and Eastland Centennial Memorial Library 210 S. Lamar Street, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:30-8:30 p.m.

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Some of Ruby Nowlin's guests were Fred and Ruth O'Mera of Newman, Ga, Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville, John and Chris Funderburk of De Leon, Ima Lee Burleson, Nancy Hendricks and Ruth Bryant.

Some of Ava Rodgers guests were Rev. and Mrs. Clarence, Hope Joiner, Johnnie B. Griffith, Jimmy Little, Nancy Hendricks, Ruth Bryant, Naoma Morrow, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Joe and Glynda Bond from Kokomo Baptist Church, Ima Brown, Jana Grice, Mayvis Lasater, David and Lonita Freeman, Pat and Howard Hagood, April Walton and Willo Rice.

The residents appreciate the bingo gifts Mr. E.C. Bramlett of Stephenville sent.

Some of Ina Mae Tarrance's guests were Johnnie B. Griffith of Eastland, Rev. Clarence and Leon Wilson of Stephenville, Naoma Morrow, Nancy Hendricks, Mayvis Lasater and April Walton.

Everyone sure appreciated all the valentines left in their valentine mail boxes. It was fun for everyone.

Visiting Velta Trout were Johnnie B. Griffith of Eastland, April Walton, Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Wilson of Stephenville, and Mildred Spugle of Cisco.

On Monday Ina Scitern had bingo for Cynthia Earls, Veno Hale, Ora Mae Atchison, Ava Rodgers, S.D. Gilmore, Effie Mae Brown, Inez Rogers, Irene Heathington, Patty Whitehorn, Ollie Halcomb, Frank Skiles, Varona Taylor, Ola Walker and guest M.L. Skiles.

Some of Letha K. Yarborough's guests were Woodrow and Helen Browning, Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson, April Walton, Arthur Ray and Dorothy Yarborough of Stephenville, and Jean Smith of Irving.

On Tuesday at 2:30 those coming for the Sing-A-Long were Zelta Jordan, Nancy Hendricks, Willo Rice, Ethel Weaver, Nina Joiner and Alpha Mae Andry. Residents were Patty Whitehorn, Jack and Mildred Bellows, Sibyl Urban, Veno Hale, Ava Rodgers, S.D. Gilmore, Effie Mae Brown, Ora Mae Atchison, Inez Rogers, Varona Taylor, Dorothy Beaty, Ollie Halcomb, Leatha Yarborough.

Some of Lois Cartwright's guests were Cecil and Ann Funderburg of Eastland, Dale, Debby, Jason and James Hogan.

Visiting Patty Whitehorn were Rev. TD Whitehorn, Marie Cook Ina Reynolds of Carbon, Dr. Mike and Marsha Whitehorn of Abilene, Rev. Clarence Wilson of Stephenville.

On Wednesday morning Willo Rice of First Merriman Baptist Church came and had chapel for Velta Trout, Irene Heathington, Ora Mae Atchison, Ollie Halcomb, Veno Hale, Ola Walker, S.D. Gilmore, Effie Mae Brown and guest Mildred Speegle.

Mrs. Waldene Jones of Dublin visited her brother Eulon Perry.

Mrs. Mary Ficklen of Desdemona came and read "Thurber Texas" by John S. Sprat Jr. She served cake and cookies. Those present were Ora Mae Atchison, Cynthia Earles, Iola Johnson, S.D. Gilmore, Effie Mae Brown, Inez Rogers, Varona Taylor and Veno Hale.

Sharla Perez Seeking Sponsors for Pre-Teen Contest

Sharla Perez has been accepted as a candidate in the 1997 Miss Texas National Pre-Teen Program. The State

Program will be held at the Holiday Inn and Waco Convention Center in Waco on March 14-16.

Sharla is securing sponsors to help with the expenses connected with the event. Any individual, group or business may sponsor a candidate.

Sharla will appreciate any support she can get from anyone interested in making it possible for her to enter the event. Call (817) 639-2310 (Mike Perez)

Food/Textile 4-H

A 4-H Food and Textile Tour is being planned for Eastland County 4-Hers to Texas Tech. University and Lubbock area on June 18-19. 4-Hers and parents wishing to participate should reserve the dates of June 18-19.

Youth Project Show Results

The 1997 Youth Project Show was held on Friday, February 7, in conjunction with the Eastland County Stock Show. The results are as follows:

Pre-4Hers	
Displays & Collections.....	Amanda Watts, Cisco Club 1st place
Original Paintings.....	Amanda Watts, Cisco Club 1st place
Miscellaneous-Snowflakes.....	Amanda Watts, Cisco Club 1st place
Drawings.....	Amanda Watts Cisco Club 1st place
Processes & Procedures.....	Sidnee Martinez, Olden Club 1st place
Cake - "Plum" Delicious Cake.....	Kayla Vestal, Carbon Club 1st place
Junior Division	
Original Fiber Art.....	Jamie Bledsoe, Carbon Club 1st place
Non-Original Fiber Art.....	Jamie Bledsoe, Carbon Club 1st & 2nd place
Clothing.....	Whitney Baxter, Cisco Club 1st place
Clothing.....	Candace Ross, Olden Club 2nd place
Clothing.....	Bridger Bush, Rising Star Club 3rd place
Clothing Accessories.....	Candace Ross, Olden Club 1st place
Clothing Accessories.....	Melissa Morton, Cisco Club 2nd place
Processes and Procedures.....	Derrick Adams, Gorman Club 1st place
Woodworking.....	Jeremy Baxter, Cisco Club 1st place
Woodworking.....	Richard Bledsoe Carbon Club 2nd place
Woodworking.....	Frederick Morton, Cisco Club 3rd place
Drawings.....	Whitney Baxter, Cisco Club 1st & 2nd place
Non-Original Clay & Glass.....	Melissa Morton, Cisco Club 1st place
Non-Original Clay & Glass.....	Frederick Morton, Cisco Club 2nd place
Displays & Collections.....	Russell Jay, Gorman Club 1st place & Grand Champion
Displays & Collections.....	Jared Blair, Olden Club 2nd place
Displays & Collections.....	Meagan Reynolds, Olden Club 3rd place
Misc. Quilt Rachel Thomason, Eastland Club 1st place & Res. Grand Champ.	
Cake.....	Dustin Dove, Carbon Club 1st place & Res. Grand Champ.
Cake.....	Bridger Bush, Rising Star club 2nd place
Cake.....	Candace Ross, Olden Club 3rd place
Cookies.....	Candace Ross, Olden Club 1st place
Cookies.....	Bridger Bush, Rising Star Club 2nd place
Cookies.....	Rachel Thomason, Eastland club 3rd place
Cookies.....	Meagan Reynolds, Olden club participant's ribbon
Cookies.....	Justin King Olden Club participant's ribbon
Candy.....	Kristen Dove Carbon club 1st & 2nd place
Candy.....	Colton Vestal Carbon club 3rd place
Candy.....	Reed Vestal, Carbon club participant's ribbon
Bread.....	Jamie Bledsoe Carbon club 1st place
Bread.....	Candace Ross Olden club 1st place & Grand Champ
Bread.....	Chad Walker, Eastland club 2nd place
Senior Division	
Wildlife Science.....	Jessica Keith Olden club 1st place & Grand Champion
Needlecraft.....	Jolene Brown, Cisco club 1st place
Disp. & Collect. Steffanie Hernandez Cisco club, 1st place & Res. Grand Champ.	
Misc.....	Jolene Brown Cisco club 1st place
Cake.....	Racheal Bush Rising Star club 1st place and Grand Champ.
Cookies.....	Racheal Bush Rising Star club 1st place and Res. Grand Champ.

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KOKOMO NEWS

By Zelda Jordan

What beautiful weather we are having. A little windy, but the sunshine is wonderful. I am very thankful for the good rain we received over the past two weeks. I received a total of 5.8 inches of rain at my house. The Lord blesses us just when we need it most.

Woodrow Browning, with his wife Helen at the piano, rendered the special music at the Sunday morning service at the Kokomo Baptist Church. Visitors were Tammy and Mike Perez, Chad and Charla.

Linda, Kenneth and William Whitley of De Leon visited with Zelda Jordan on Friday evening and they all enjoyed a Valentine Day's dinner at Underwoods in Brownwood.

Visitors with Mrs. Hope Joiner on Saturday were her grandson, David Joiner of Abilene and Sabrina Glasson of Gorman. Mrs. Joiner's sisters Amber Craddock and Jewel Huddleston of Comanche visited with her on Sunday afternoon.

Ted Snider, Danny and Belinda Snider, and Kay Snider visited with Hazel Snider on Wednesday. Wednesday was Belinda's birthday and her grandmother, Hazel, presented her with a birthday cake. A belated "Happy Birthday" to Belinda.

Mrs. Hazel Snider Celebrates 82nd Birthday

Mrs. Hazel Snider's 82nd birthday was Monday, Feb. 17th. During the

past several days she has been honored with several birthday dinners by her family.

On Saturday night, her granddaughter, Susan Wheat, of Ranger brought a birthday supper for Mrs. Snider. Others enjoying the celebration were Clay, McKinsey, Caitlin and Kyanne Wheat of Ranger, Ted and Charlotte Snider and Jamie and Stephanie Snider, Kael, Craig and Matthew of New Hope, Dwayne Snider of Stephenville, and La Von Snider of Brownwood.

On Sunday, Feb. 16th, Mrs. Snider was honored with a birthday dinner in her granddaughter's home, Kathy and Dale Collum, Scott and Matt at Huckabay. Others enjoying the dinner and celebration were La Von Snider of Brownwood, Gene and Kay Snider and Mike and Crystal Snider.

A granddaughter, Sheri Snider of Lubbock called on Monday morning to wish Mrs. Snider a Happy Birthday.

Dwayne and Connie Snider and Lisa of Stephenville, and Danny and Dianne Snider, Belinda and Sandra of Gorman had a birthday dinner with Mrs. Snider on Monday night. A grandson, Justin, of McMurry University of Abilene didn't get to be here on Monday night for the celebration, but was home during the weekend.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Gary and Tena Danley and family. Gary's mother passed away the first of

last week and her funeral was in Ft. Worth on Thursday. Tena is the granddaughter of Clifford and Lurline Nelson of Carbon. Tena's dad, Dr. Jimmy Nelson held the funerals service.

Jimmy and Verna Little met their daughter, Nelda Fails and Cody and Jarad at Weatherford on Friday night so Cody and Jarad could spend a few days with their grandparents. Monday and Tuesday were school holidays for Cody and Jarad. Ray Neal, Melissa and Emily Little of Eastland and James and Jill Little, Ashley and Breckley of Lake Leon also visited with Jimmy and Verna and Cody and Jarad. Jimmy and Verna took them back to Weatherford on Tuesday evening to meet Nelda.

Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Nancy Hendricks, Zelda Jordan, and Naoma Morrow attended the Cisco Baptist Association Evangelism Rally at the First Baptist Church in Breckenridge on Monday night.

Cody Fails Receives Student Achievement Award

Cody Dean Fails, a sophomore student at Arlington High School was recently awarded the Student Achievement Award. He was one of eight selected from 500 students at Arlington High. The Student Achievement Award is awarded to a student who consistently displays leadership, outstanding character, a desire to be the best they can be and pursuit of excellence. It is chosen by the Arlington High faculty and staff, and is one of their most prestigious awards.

Cody is also a member of the Arlington High School Men's Ensemble (choir) and is a 2nd degree Brown Belt

DESDEMONA NEWS

By Donnie Guthery

The First Baptist Church of Desdemona had an average attendance for the morning service on Sunday. Special music was presented by Carol Ragland. Other visitors were Corinne Buckley Waldon of Clyde and Rebecca Ragland of Ft. Worth. "Happy Birthday" was sung to those having birthdays this coming week.

Carol Ragland and her niece Rebecca Ragland of Ft. Worth visited the weekend with her parents, Elwood and Nell Ragland.

Guess what? Desdemona "Hogtown" Texas is very much alive! If you don't believe this, you should have attended the Valentine Buffett Supper on Friday, February 14 at the community center. The valentine decorations were beautiful and those who attended enjoyed a very delicious meal. Our appreciation goes out to Gary and Shirley (Shipman) Shirley and all of their helpers for a wonderful evening of good food and good music.

Tae Kwon Do.

Cody is the son of Nelda Little Fails of Arlington, and Timothy Fails of Rowlett. He has one brother, Jarad Fails of Arlington. His grandparents are Jimmy and Verna Lee Little of Kokomo and Talmadge and Louise Fails of Comanche. Inez Fails of Comanche is his great grandmother.

Nelda and Jarad Fails attended the Award Breakfast.

Corinne (Buckley)Waldon of Clyde visited the weekend with relatives in this area.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to the family of Granville Shipman, 80, of BigSprings who passed away this past week. Survivors include three brothers, Eldon Shipman o Marshall, Neldon Shipman of Desdemona, Lindon Shipman of Gorman, Two sis-

ters, Maudene Appel of Lamesa, Lavona Sharp of Desdemona.

Desdemona monthly musical will be on Sat. Feb. 22nd at the Community center. All area musicians and guests are welcome to attend. Concession stand will open early with sandwiches, drinks and homemade pies.

Nell Ragland recently had eye surgery but is reported to be doing "great."

Jr. and Nell Moore of Ft. Worth visited the past weekend with her mother, Benton Echols. They enjoyed the Valentine supper.

Lee Martin is in the ICU at the De Leon Hospital following a heart attack. Our get well wishes goes out to Lee.

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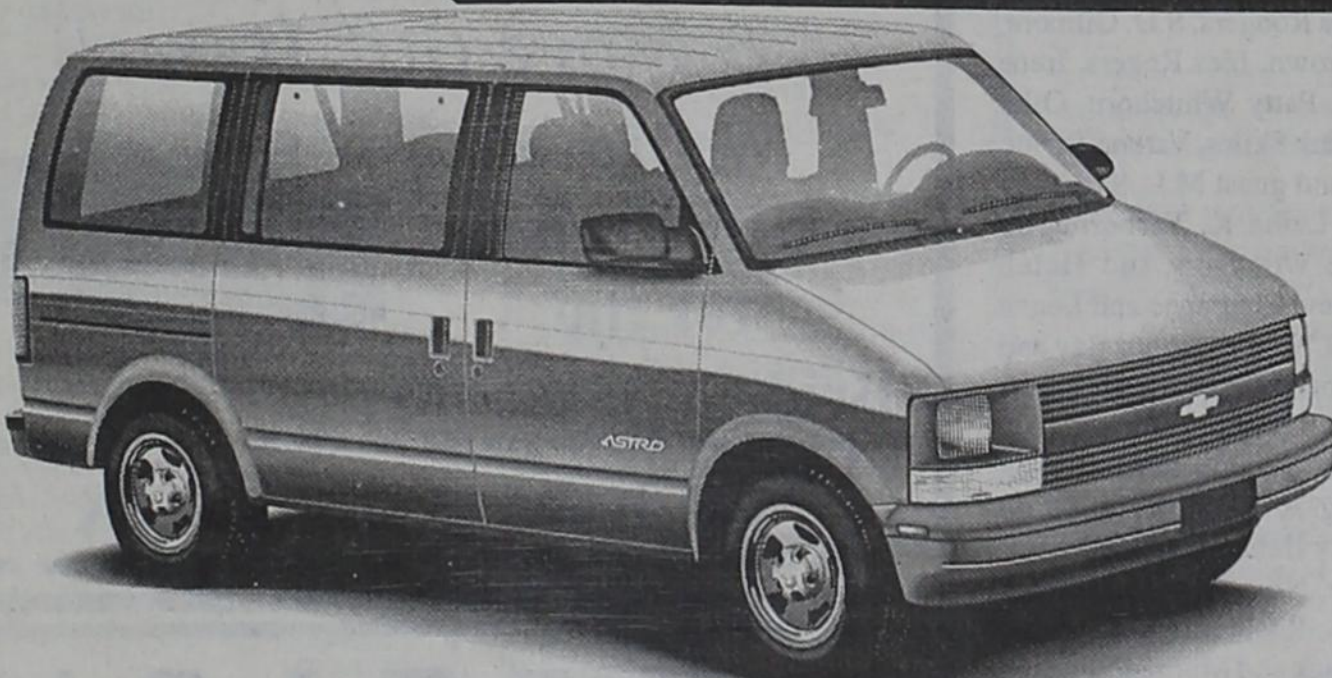
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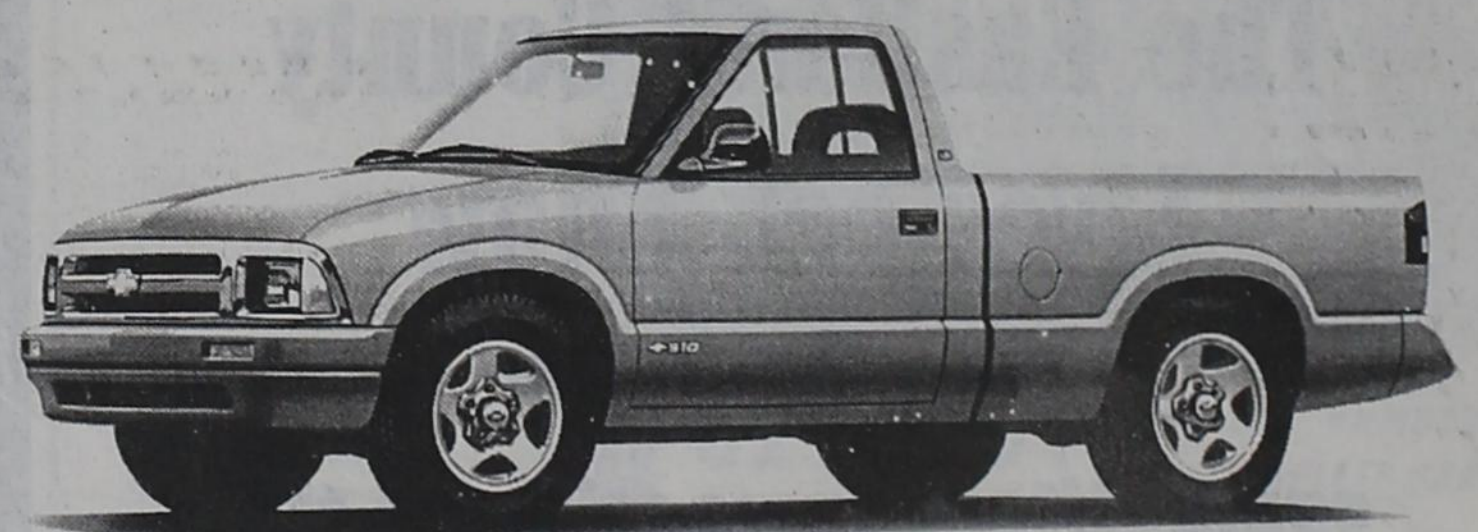
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