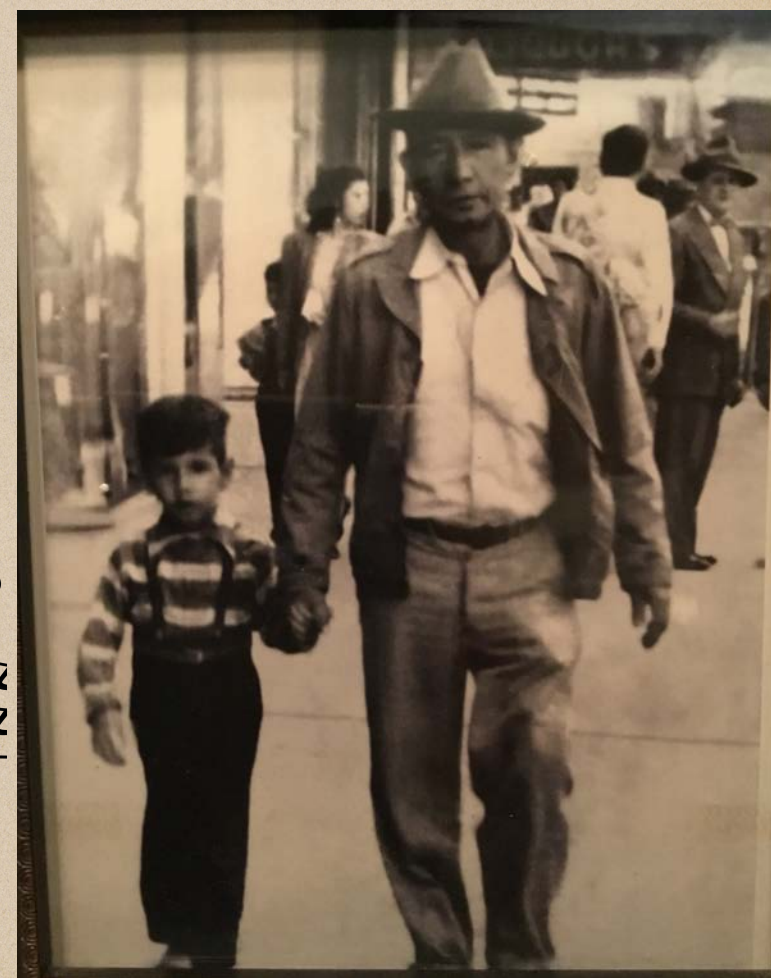




Joe Charles Arsuaga
Phi Beta Mu Alpha
Texas Bandmasters Hall of Fame
Inductee 2019



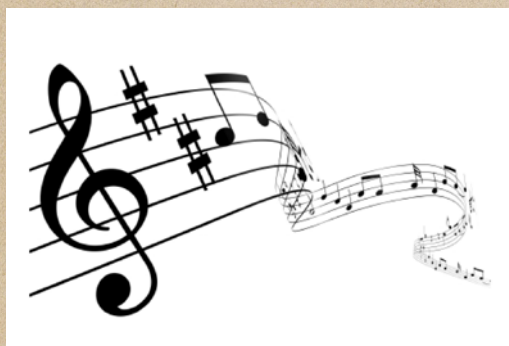
As a Roy Miller High School
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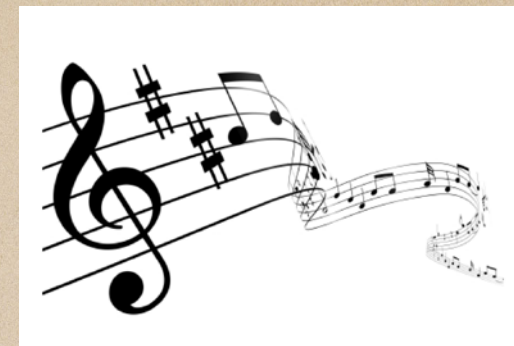
With my dad, Antonio G. Arsuaga walking
in downtown Corpus Christi, Texas



Our Wedding Day



Our Children Terri,
Annela and Charles



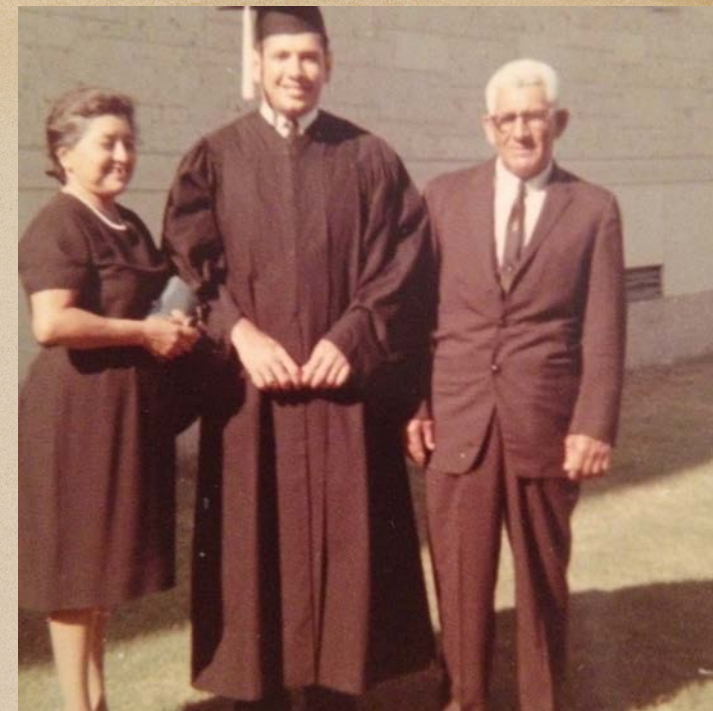
Our Grandchildren Joshua,
Chris, Jenna, Matthew and Luke



With my sisters, Mary, Susie,
and nieces Linda, Irma, Diana,
and nephew Emilio Jr.



With my brother in law, Jesse
Gonzalez, my loving sister Eva,
and nephew and nieces



With my father and mother in law



With Delia and her parents,
Mr. and Mrs. Fred
Quintanilla Sr.

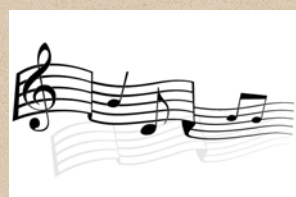


With my brothers Mike, Tony
and brother in law, Emilio Sr.

My Early Years



My sister Mary,
a senior in the Buc Band 1946,
the one who started it all for me



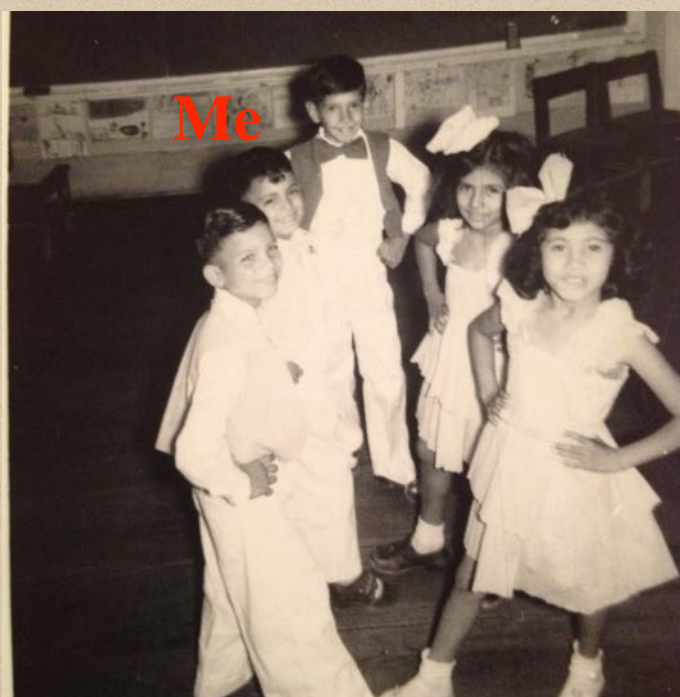
FOUR YEARS OLD—Joe Charles Arsuaga, son of Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Arsuaga, 1805 Lipan, will celebrate his fourth birthday with a party Sunday. He is the grandson of Ismael Salinas, Sr., of



At a Summer
JH Concert



Drum Major Northside
Corpus Christi, Texas



Square Dance Leader in the 1st Grade



Alto sax player
Northside JH

My High School Senior Year 1960-1961



With my future wife,
Delia I. Quintanilla



Student conductor at Roy
Miller High School



Roy Miller High
School Drum Major



With my future wife,
Delia I. Quintanilla, on a
band trip

Harlandale Junior High Band Years 1966-1970



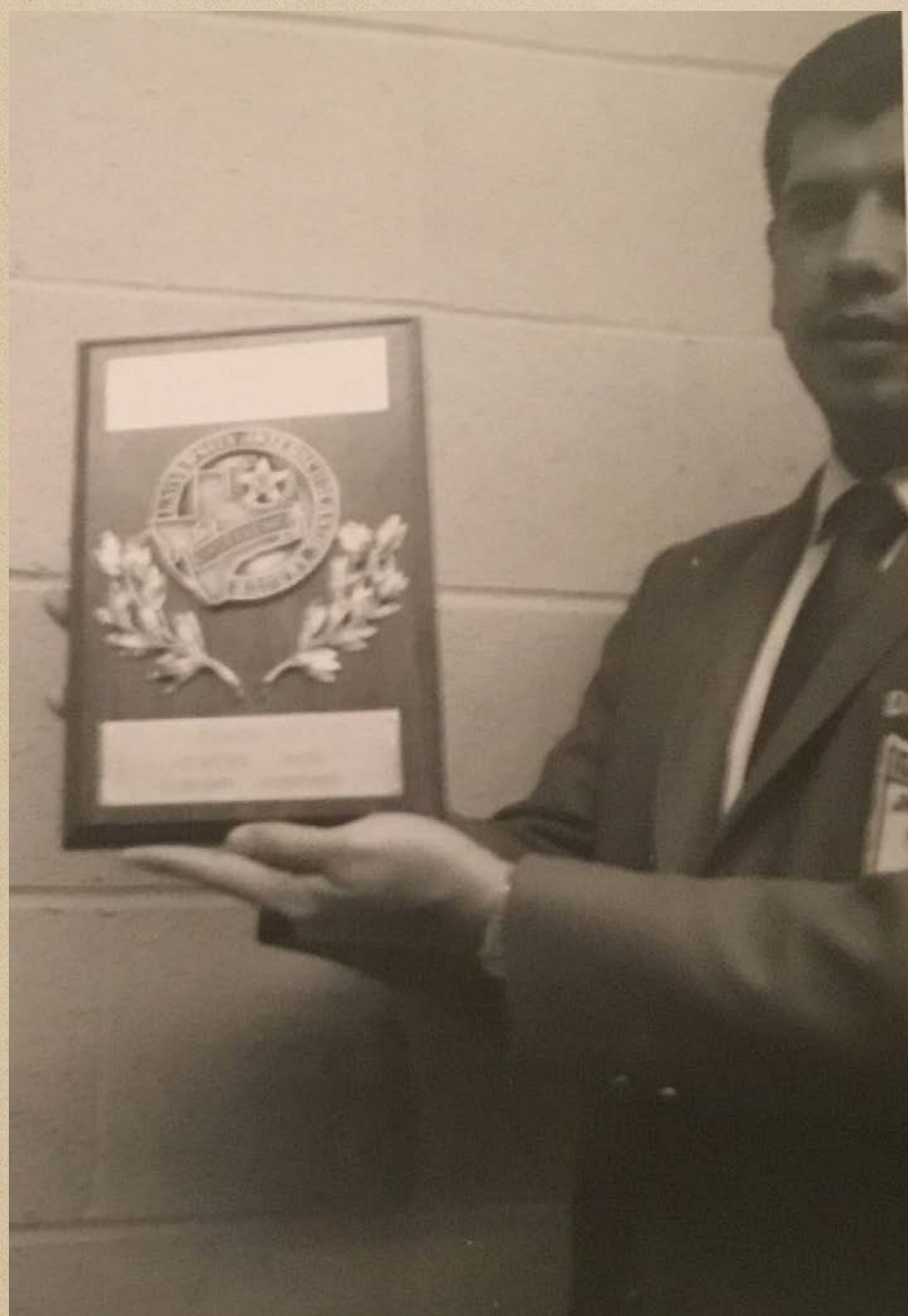
Junior High Band Spring Concert
with Mr. John Treanor, Honorary
Assistant Band Director and
Andrea Saucedo May 1968



A symbolic painting of my tenure with
the Harlandale Junior High Band
presented to me by Band Parent/Artist
Beverly Wise



Playing Dixieland music
alongside my students during the
Spring Concert 1968



Harlandale Junior High first
UIL Sweepstakes trophy 1968



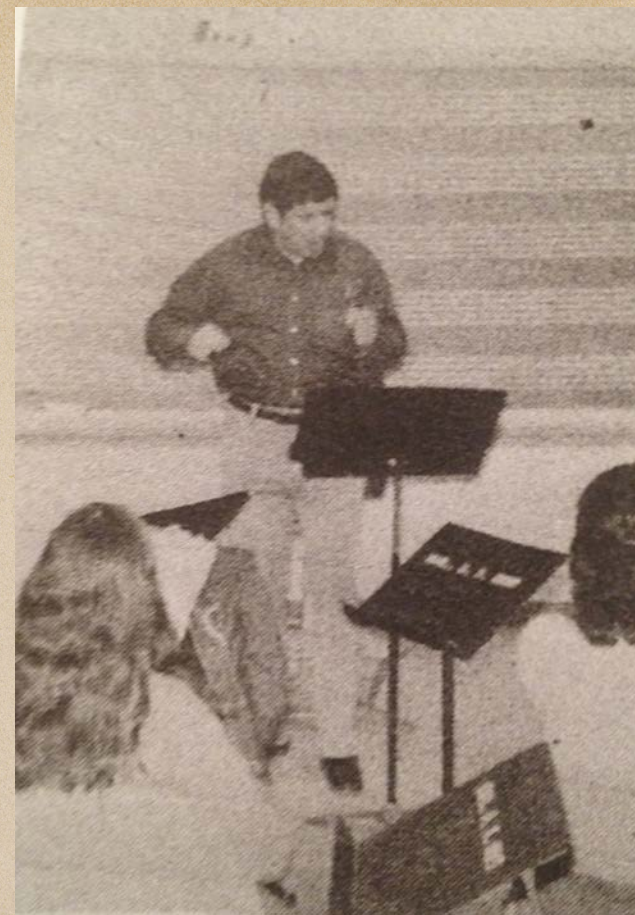
Harlandale High School 1969 Band Years 1974



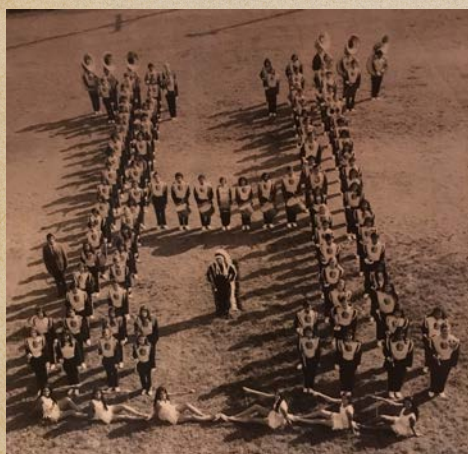
Band Inspection prior
to UIL Marching
Contest



Harlandale Million Dollar Band Infamous Six Flags Over Texas
Band Festival Performance during Battle of Flowers, 1974



Rehearsing,
Reed's, "La Fiesta
Mexicana"



Harlandale High
School Band 1973



Harlandale High School ROTC Band



Rehearsing
Kalinnikov's "Finale
to Symphony #1 in g
minor"



Waiting for the National Anthem signal from the announcer



Sam Flores, Harlandale Principal and I with our First UIL Sweepstakes Trophy Spring 1974



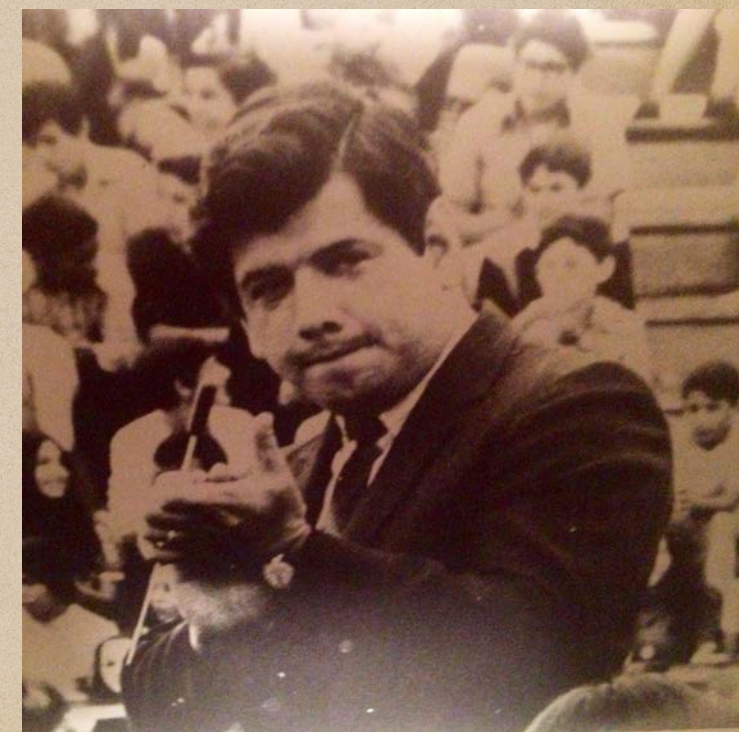
Band presents me with a gift for my newborn son, September 16, 1969



Harlandale band students celebrating my birthday



Drum Major Earla Wise Picton and Fern Digges McGee, Asst. Drum Major



Supporting the HHS Indians football team



Earla Wise Picton, Drum Major,
now a retired band director



Former students at a get together



With my former student Jose
Segovia now a retired
band director/administrator



Former student, Mike Bryant, now
a retired band director

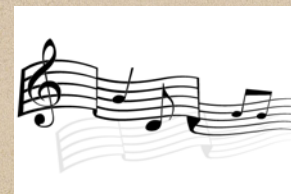


Former student, Billy Newman,
now a retired band director



Judging UIL bands with one of
my former Harlandale students,
Victor Alvarado, band director

Harlandale "Million Dollar Band" students
are overjoyed with receiving their first
Sweepstakes Trophy in over 20 years,
Spring 1974



Robstown High School Band Years 1974-1977





Robstown HS students rehearsing
for UIL ensemble contest



Band, twirlers, drill team combine for a
half-time show.



The Band poses for their group portrait.

Robstown HS Band that
went to Mexico City

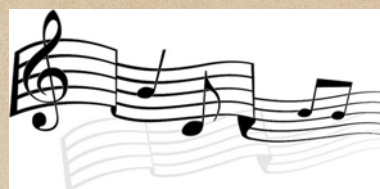


During Christmas the band went carolling.



Cindy Lopez, head twirler; Elda Alaniz; Dalia Favela; Drum Major Hermelinda Chagoya; Lydia Peña; Brenda Silguero; and Norma Alaniz.

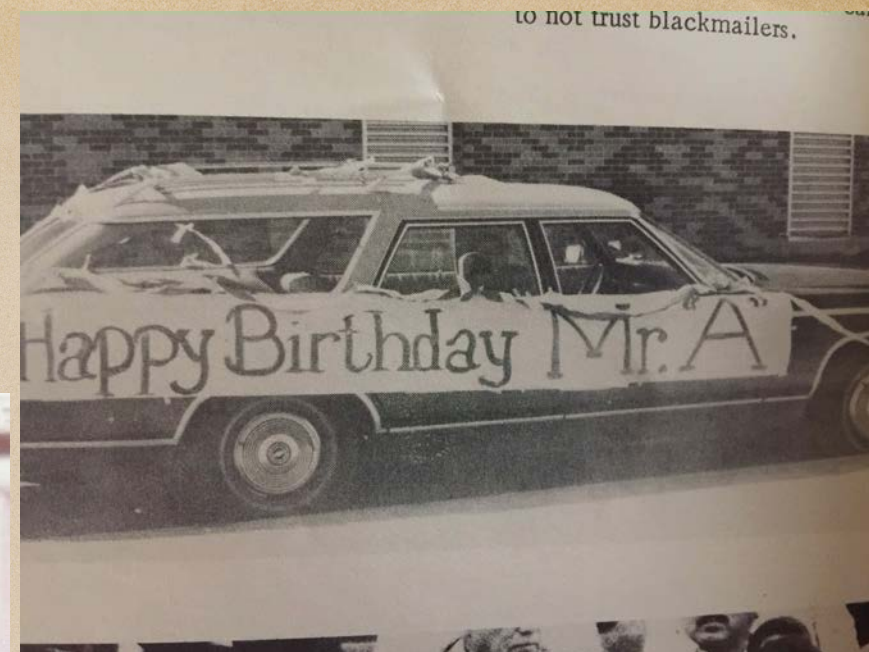
Robstown Band Military Officers



Robstown High School Band students coming back from a band trip



The Big Red Band at UIL contest

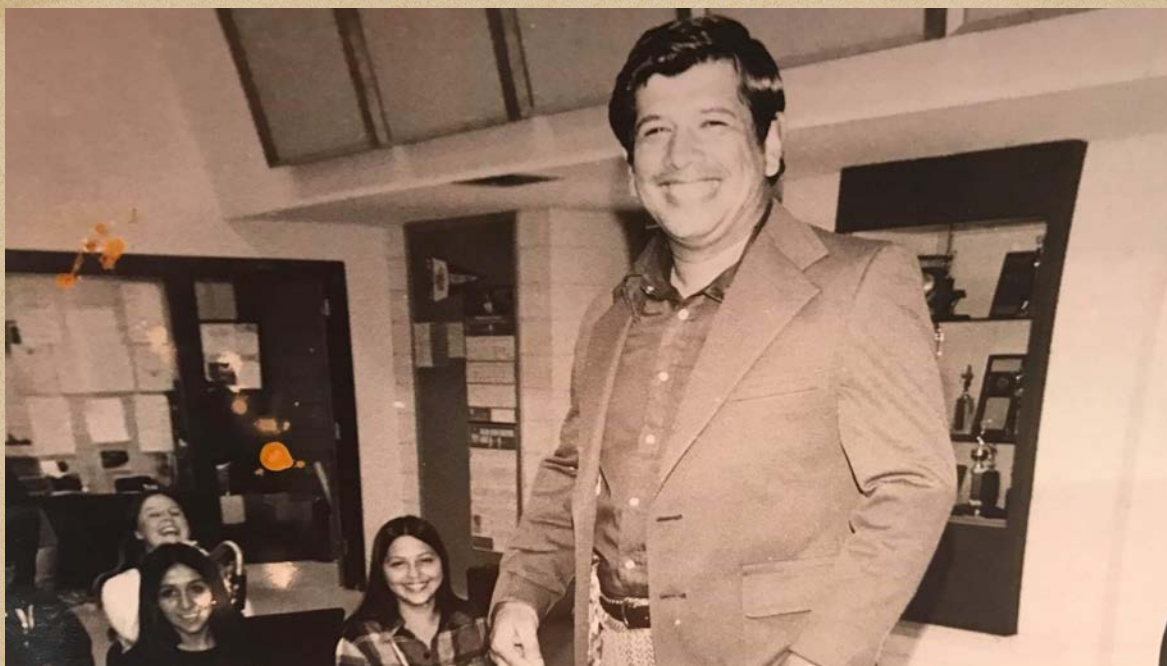


Birthday surprise from the Big Red Band



11 Senior Band Members "showing off" the
Band Jackets.

Jan. 1977



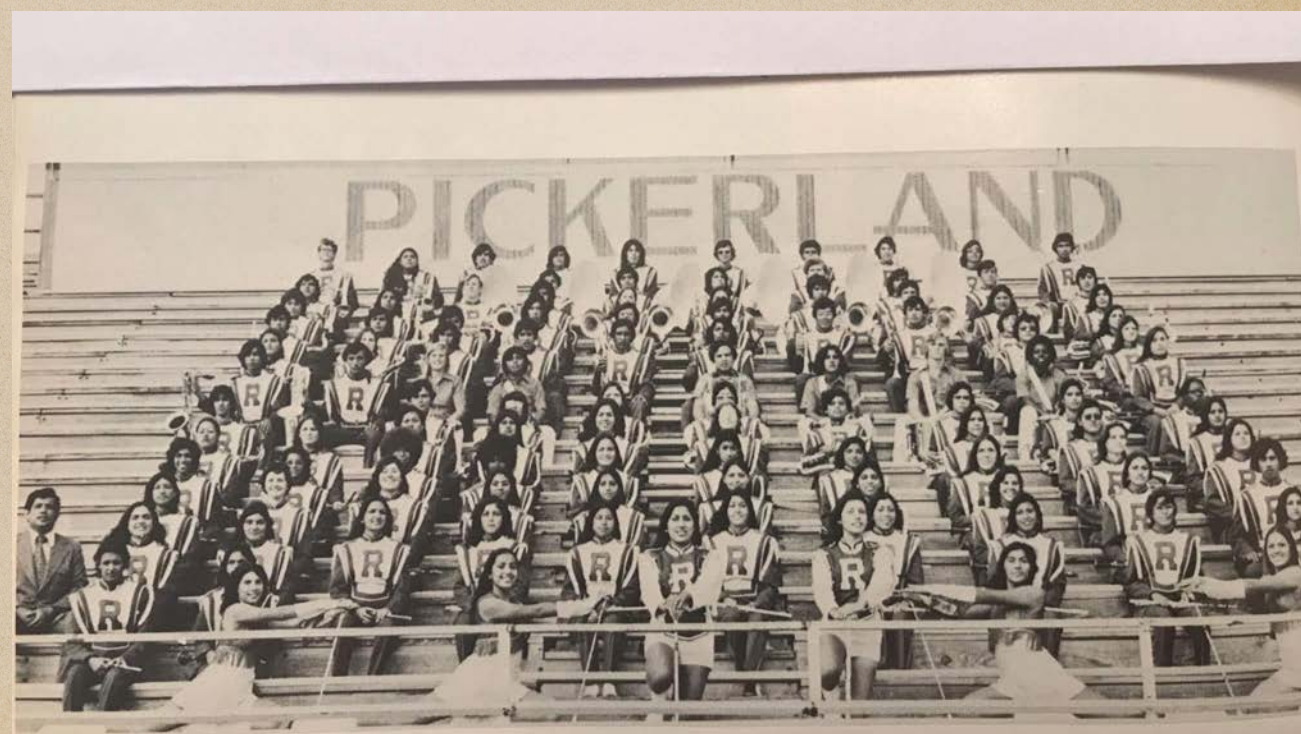
A gotcha moment during rehearsal



Performing a skit with the Principal,
E. C. Lerma, during a pep rally.
1991 Hall of Famer, Oziel Hernandez, on far right



UIL marching contest drill



Robstown High "Big Red Band"

Concert Band Performs For Varied Audiences



Concert Band does one of its numbers at West Oso.

Robstown stage band



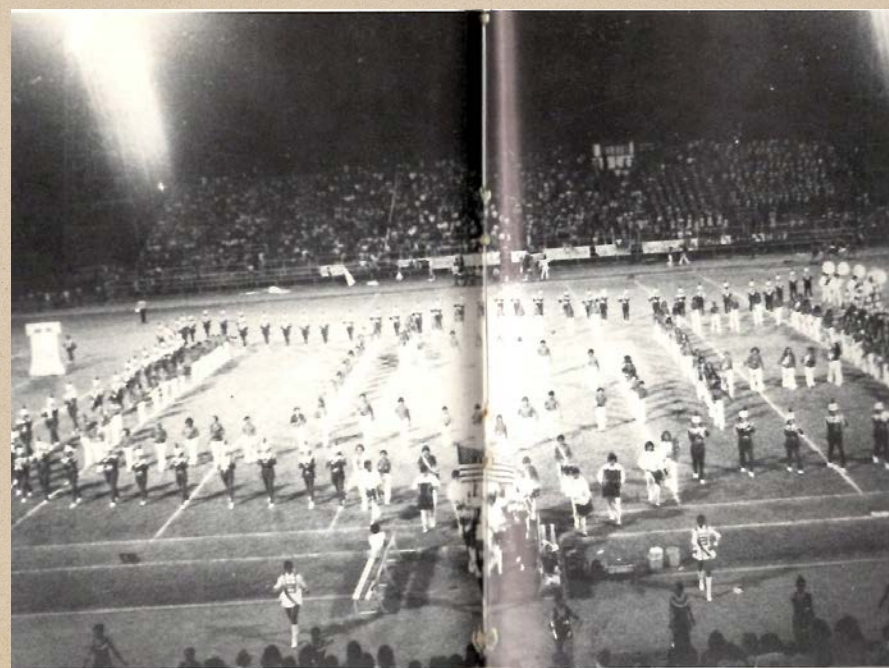
Scott Elliff, performing with the stage band



Robstown drum majors practice for tryouts



Maleen Whitley, left, instructs four Robstown students in baton work during the Twirling and Drum Major Camp at Texas A&I University in Kingsville. The four RHS twirlers are Cindy Lopez, Dalia Favela, Norma Alaniz, and Lydia Peña.



Emblem of unity drill

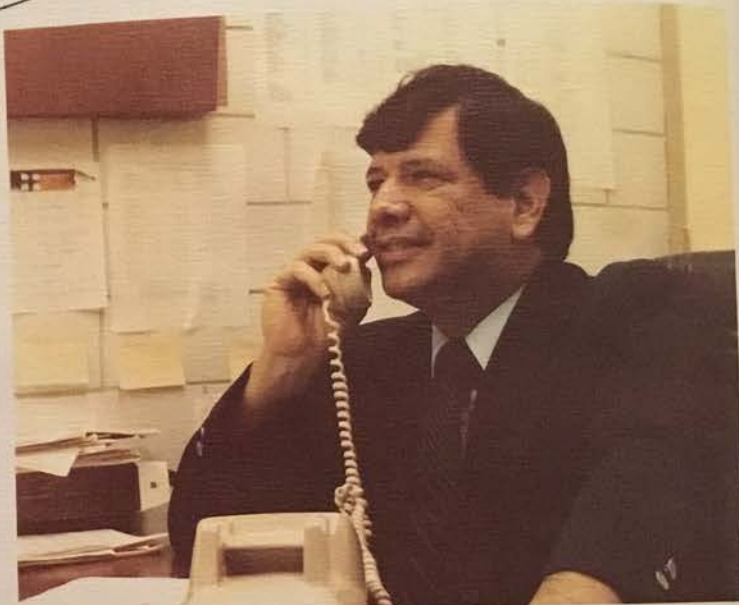
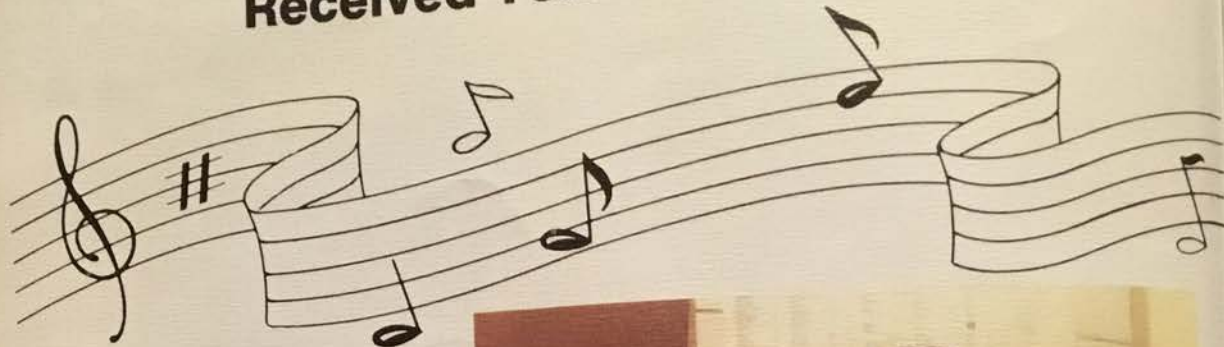


The band adds to the spirit during the pep rallies.

Falfurrias High School Band Years 1978-1986 and 1997-2000



Mr. Charles Arsuaga Received Yearbook Dedication



This year the annual staff would like to recognize a fine and dedicated faculty member. His leadership capabilities have brought many awards and recognition to dear Old Fal. High.

Mr. Arsuaga took the Fightin' Jersey Band to State Marching Contest for three years. His musical talents enabled his band to place twice

in the top five. Last year, he took the band to Florida where they captured the title of the Orange Blossom Festival Parade Champions.

This fine band director has earned the respect of many students and individuals throughout the South Texas area. His great qualities have been embeded in the hearts of many.



The "El Azahar" Yearbook
dedication in 1985



Fighting Jersey Band at State Marching
Contest Preliminaries
Fall 1983



Marching off the field to "On The Road
Again"



Albert Byington Jr. playing solo to "Tiger
of San Pedro" in Hebbronville, Texas



Ricky Ruiz, playing a solo with stage band



Mr. Arsuaga's daughter, Annella, is brought up on stage to draw the winner of a prize give away during the spring concert.



With the greatest coworkers a director could have, the "Dream Team,"
Left, J. Cadena, and
right, E. Cortez



Marching Band received first place in Florida.

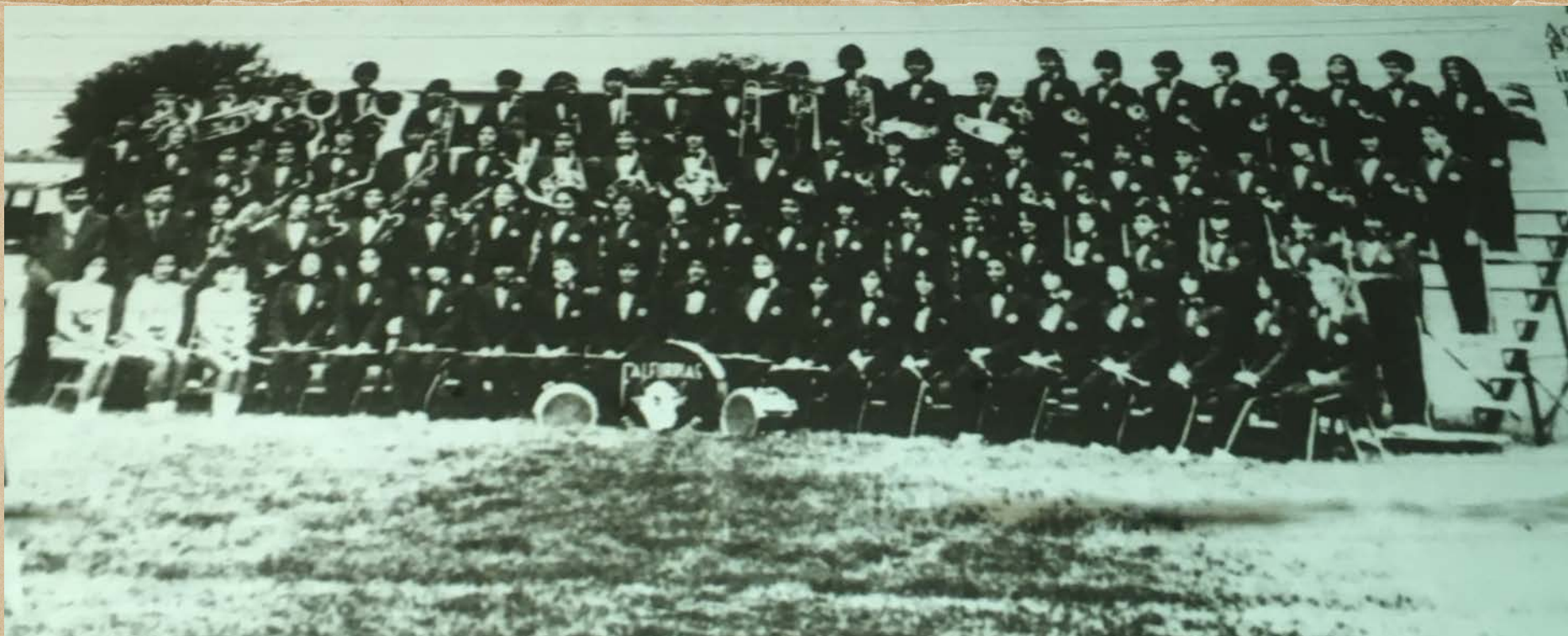


At the Spring Concert, the Seniors sang the traditional Alma Mater. The empty chair with the clarinet symbolizes the late Anna Melinda Trevino, to whom the concert was dedicated.

The empty chair symbolizes the late Anna Melinda Trevino, clarinetist and twirler to whom the concert was dedicated



Giving final instructions with drum major, Martiza Garza at UIL marching contest



Fighting Jersey Band Photo
at UIL Marching Contest



First Division Performance at
UIL Marching Contest



Carrying First Division
Trophy at Marching Contest

Band getting in step with practice sessions

(Facts staff photos)



KEEPING IN STEP - Freshmen members of the Fallurrias High School marching band are prepared for joining their older colleagues on the field at the high school Monday morning. Pictured are section leader Leticia Gonzales and freshmen Melinda Yencin, Bonnie Garcia, Rosemary Garza and Noemi Cuntu.



GETTING IN SHAPE - Members of the Fallurrias High School marching band polish their marching skills in anticipation of the coming football season's halftime shows. The band began preliminary workouts Friday.



ADVICE FROM A VETERAN - Section leader Rosa Pena teaches the basics of marching Monday to freshmen Hector Ramirez, Douglas Vandine and Joe Almaraz, all of the Fallurrias High School marching band. Workouts began Friday at the high school practice fields.

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Practice drills to begin

Division 1 ratings

**Marching Band
going to state**

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**Brooks public
schools out
early Friday**

Brooks County public schools will be dismissed at p.m. Friday, according to superintendent Alberto Byington.

The early dismissal is due to the Jersey football game at Laredo Friday night, Byington said.

There are 77 members in the Jersey Band this year. Playing flutes are Alesia Anzalda, Nora Castellano, Cindy Cavazos, Jody Costley, Debbie Cuevas, Louella Garcia, Sara Garcia, Norma Guerra, Diana Longoria, Patty Morales, Carmelia Perez, Eliza Pena, Maria Romo, Diana Sarmiento, Lisa Trevino, Diana Vasquez, Melinda Venecia and Cynthia Villarreal.

In the clarinet section the members are Melissa Cadena, Zaida Casbajal, Bernice Flores, Estella Garcia, Martiza Garza, Corina Gonzalez, Ana Lisa Guerra, Veronica Gutierrez, Elizabeth Hernandez, Edna Lopez, Melissa Olivarez, Maggie Pulido, Anna Romo, Nora Ruiz, John Trevino, Ana Lisa Villarreal and Irene Benavides.

Members of the alto sax section are Cindy Cantu, Amador Carbajal, Orlando Castillo, Joel Garza, Sandra Martinez, Hector Ramirez, Ricky Ruiz, and Celina Trevino.

Michael Broadwater plays the baritone sax.

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Bass players are Arnold Baker and Arnulfo Guerra.

The members of the percussion section are Joe Al-

(See Band, Page 10)



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Fightin' Jersey Band shines in 4-A lineup

The Falfurrias High School Fightin' Jersey marching band was ranked among the top five bands in 4-A districts following competition in Austin Monday.

The local band, along with The Calallen High School Band represented Region 14 in the competition. There were 22 bands from throughout the state entered in the 4-A competition.

The Fightin' Jersey band's first performance was at 11:15 a.m. which resulted in their selection by University Interscholastic League (UIL) judges to be among the finalists.

The final performance at

Burger Field was at 8 p.m. Monday night. It resulted in the selection of the band as the fifth ranked among the top performers of the 22 4-A bands.

The top band selected was Georgetown with 160 members, second was Fredericksburg with 181 members, Kerrville High School with 160 members was third, in fourth place was DeSoto High School of South Dallas with 160 members.

Fifth ranked Falfurrias with 77 members in the marching band was the smallest band in the competition.

The UIL of Texas is...

recognized as one of the top organizations of its kind in the nation conducting all types of scholastic and sports events throughout the state, according to Falfurrias High School principal Alonzo Lopez.

Being among the top five bands in the state means that our band is among the top five in the nation," Lopez commented.

"Some of these schools we competed against are going up to 5-A. We are going down to 3-A, yet we are competing with the best. The band did very well," Lopez said.

The convoy of vehicles going to Austin left at

Jersey Band In Sweepstakes At Regional Concert

The Falfurrias Fightin' Jersey Band won "Sweepstakes Honors" at the UIL Region XIV Band Concert and Sight-Reading Contest. The Jersey Band has had a very successful year thus far, starting with being chosen fourth in State 3A Concert Band Competition by the Texas Music Educators Association last August.

In November, the Jersey Marching Band received a First Division in UIL Marching Band competition followed by the individual band students earning 74 first division medals in their UIL Solos Ensembles competition in March.

And last week, the Band received a First Division in Sight-Reading while participating at Del Mar College during the UIL Region XIV Band Concert and Sight-Reading competition.

Band directors Charles Arsuaga, Ernesto Cortez, and Joe Cadena are extremely proud of all the students and would like to express their sincere gratitude to all the parents for their untiring support and patience which they have displayed throughout the year.

There were countless of hours of rehearsals and countless hours on trips to and from the band hall for the parents — "we thank you for your understanding."

"We also would like to thank the community and all concerned and involved for the very warm reception which awaited us on our return from our recent competition. To a lot of our students, as well as one band director, Mr. Arsuaga, it was a beautiful experience to see all the parents, as well as friends of our band participating in the reception, especially because of the late hour. We are most grateful to live in and to have the opportunity to represent you — Falfurrias — in all our endeavors. Thank you again — The 1979-80 Falfurrias Fightin' Jersey Band and their Directors."



Marching band wins a 'first'

By Dave Garlits

The 1984 marching season is over for the Fightin' Jersey band. Falfurrias attended its annual contest last month in Robstown. The band performed a first division show.

The program began with a march entitled "Espana" followed by a slow paced ballad, "Hello Again," which featured a trumpet solo by senior Jess Lopez.

The band played a medley of the "William Tell Overture," "Orpheus" and the French song, "Can-Can" which featured the rifle girls doing the dance.

The F.H.S. band marched off the field to "On the Road Again" played by the percussion section.

This first division and the only straight ones given in class 3-A enabled the F.H.S. band to advance to Regionals in Alice along with the Hebronville marching band.

At regionals, the Jersey band received a second division. The seniors of the band received their fourth first division in marching. "We want Sweepstakes again," claimed Senior John Trevino. The band is directed by Charles Arsuaga, assisted by Ernesto Cortez and Joe Cadena.



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The Jersey band is under the direction of Charles Arsuaga. He is assisted by Joe Cadena and Ernesto Cortez.

There are 27 members in the Jersey Band this year. Playing flutes are Alessia Annalsda, Nora Castellano, Cindy Cavazos, Jody Castley, Debbie Cuevas, Louella Garcia, Sara Garcia, Norma Guerra, Diana Longoria, Patty Morales, Carmelia Perez, Eliza Pena, Maria Romo, Diana Sarmiento, Lisa Trevino, Diana Vasquez, Melinda Venecia and Cynthia Villarreal.

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Invitation to Six Flags

Band Boosters launch drive

At a meeting of the officers of the Falfurrias High School Band Booster Club Thursday projects to raise \$12,000 to send the band to Six Flags Over Texas were launched.

The 100-Member FHS band has been invited to compete in the Six Flags band competition to be held in May at Arlington.

The Band Booster officers scheduled a menu and cake sale Saturday as the initial fund-raising event.

It will be held in front of City Foods, H.E.B. and Winn's.

A jacket sale is being conducted by members of the band.

The jackets, which may be purchased in several colors, will be \$15 for windbreakers, \$24.30 for kasha-lined jackets and \$30.80 for pile-lined models.

Businesses which purchase the jackets have the option of using their business name on the jackets if they wish.

Also scheduled is a carne guisada dinner April 4 from 4 to 8:30 p.m. at the high school cafeteria. The meal will be prepared by Booster parents and served by members of the band.

The Band Boosters will sell balloons for the Brooks County Youth Booster Show parade which will be held on March 14 and will have a balloon booth at the Youth-Booster Show both days of the show, March 13 and 14.

A candy sale will also be conducted.

In their discussion of the proposed trip, which has been authorized by the school administration, Band Booster officers took note of the limited amount of time that remains to raise the \$12,000 needed to send the band to Six Flags and said the fund-raising efforts will require the support of the entire community.

Mrs. Harley Broadwater, who was recently elected president of the Band Boosters, resigned because of the pressure of her obligations to her business.

(See Band, Page 6)



BAND STUDENTS SHOW APPRECIATION TO PARENTS
refreshments were served to Band Boosters at meeting

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Fightin' Jersey Band participates in Austin halftime ceremony

Fightin' Jersey Band

Members of the Falfurrias Jersey Band participated in Austin last weekend in a halftime show. The purpose was in conjunction with honoring baritone and bass players all over Texas.

Baritone players attending

were Adan Lopez, Frank Slafford, and Kathy Duval. Bass players making the trip to Austin were Miguel Cantu, Charles Arsuaga, Robert Funk, and David Cantu.

Sponsors taking these students were Mr. Charles Arsuaga and Mr. Ernesto Cortez.

Leaving Friday

Band heading for Six Flags

Lately the FHS band has been selling different items from band jackets to carne guisada tickets.

All this work and effort has finally paid off for the students. They will be traveling to Dallas and performing at Six Flags over Texas.

"The reason for the trip is to improve ourselves for honor band competition," commented Kristina Byington, band member.

The band will leave Friday morning at 3:30 a.m. They will return Sunday morning.

"The trip is a combination of work and pleasure."

commented Byington. After competing the band will go off and enjoy themselves.

They will then enter the tape into honor band competition. This is a way for the band to find out what they are made of.

The band tries for honor band every other year. In 1978, the Fighting Jersey Band ranked fourth in the state. This has been a good year for us.

We received first division in the marching contest and second division in the concert contests. We commented another band member.

FHS Band members in state competition

By Karla Garza

This year the Falfurrias Fighting Jersey Band proudly announces the band students attending state competition.

The students are Elaine Bone performing a xylophone solo entitled "Santa Lucia" and Heather Edwards performed a tympani solo named "Beguine and Samba."

Performing a baritone solo is Baldo Cantu to the music of "Stars in a Velvet Sky."

To the song "My Regards" Albert Byington will perform with a tram-

pet solo. Tenor solo.

Melissa Garza solo entitled "B."

To the music "Tie" Donnie C.

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WHAT'S A PARADE WITHOUT TWIRLERS?
Halloween parade attracted thousands of onlookers.

FHS Band is invited to San Antonio fiesta

The Falfurrias High School Band has been invited to participate in the Battle of Flowers Band Festival April 22 in San Antonio's Alamo Stadium.

The Falfurrias band will be one of six bands featured at the festival as part of the King Antonio pageant.

Approximately 10,000 band members from bands around the San Antonio area will participate in the "Grand Finale" at the stadium.

According to Falfurrias High School band director

Charles Arsuaga, three of the six featured bands are from San Antonio and the other three are selected from among the best in the state. The Falfurrias band was (See Band, Page 10)



FHS Band receives first division rating

The Falfurrias High School Stage Band received a first division rating for its performance of "Caraval" at the University Interscholastic League Solo and Ensembles Contest re-

All of the Stage Band members will receive a special medium ensemble patch for the performance. According to band director Charles Arsuaga the following Stage Band members will receive patches:

Melissa Garza, Ricky Ruiz, Amador Carbajal, Orlando Castillo, Joe Almaraz, Leo Milo Cantu, Joe Escobar, Bobby Herrera, Marc Ramirez, George Rojas, Cesar Cantu, Gilbert Cavazos, Raudel Del Bosque, Peter Garza, Leticia Gonzalez, Artemio Lopez, Joe A. Pena, Jay Hernandez, Ricardo Cortez, Elaine Bone, Yvette Bodin and Nellie Lozano.

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Featuring The Best

Randy Minten leads band; first boy in three decades

By Lucy Calderon
After years of tradition of girls leading the Falfurrias High School Band, Randy Minten offers a change for the band. Randy Minten will lead the band as the drum major for 1980-81 and has already started his job

with every half-time performance. Randy tried out on a sequence of voice commands and signals this summer. He was faced with other members of the band who were trying out.

"I was proud to try out for the position and I feel that my job carries more responsibility than almost any job a student can face," commented Randy.

Randy prepared throughout his junior year at Victoria High School. He attended a one week camp in Houston where he learned his material.

He added, "I was looking for something to do in my senior year that would leave an impression and trying for Drum Major was just the thing."

The FHS Band changed their style of marching to a Corps style and this was another reason Randy tried out for the position.

"I feel that it is more appropriate and more effective to use a Drum Major to lead a band in a Military Corps March," Randy added.

The last Drum Major to lead the band was in 1960. Alvar Pena led the Jersey Band in his Senior year.

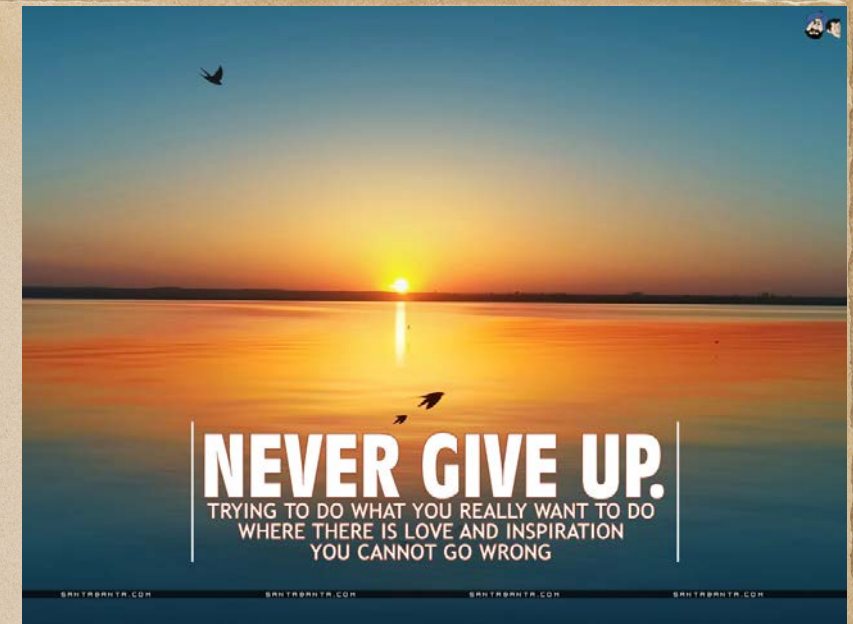
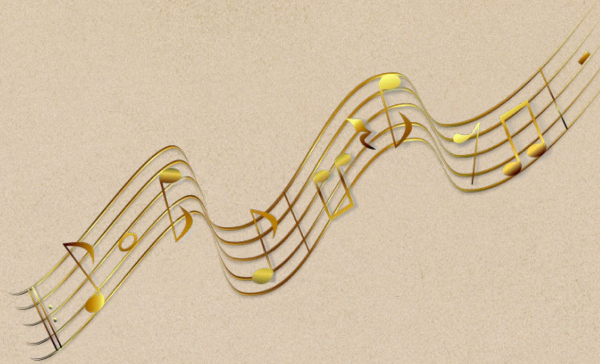
"I am honored to be the best band in Texas and I am proud to represent the student body through the band," concluded Randy.



Drum Major Randy Minten leads the Fightin' Jersey Band through the 1980-81 year.

*We see things not as they are,
but as we are.*

- H. M. Tomlinson



Proof that one person can make difference

By Marcelo Silva

Some persons are great influences in the lives of others. Such was the case with the late Verne K. Elam on the life of Joe Charles Arsuaga.

Elam was the band director at Northside Junior High in Corpus Christi, where Arsuaga was a student. "I was a drum major for him and later on also in high school. He inspired me to be a band director. If it had not been for Elam I would have probably dropped out," Arsuaga, reflecting on his past, said last week.

Arsuaga went on to educate himself, continuing to work towards advanced degrees. Monday, Aug. 11, he began work as the new principal at Robstown High School. He had been one of the finalists in a recent search for a superintendent for the



Charles Arsuaga

Robstown Independent School District.

For eight years he had been Director of Music for the Brooks (See Arsuaga, P. 8)

Arsuaga

County Independent School District and Band Director for the Falfurrias High School Band.

The Brooks ISD board of trustees accepted Arsuaga's resignation Wednesday, Aug. 6. Superintendent Alberto Byington said Arsuaga had been a great asset to the school district in the eight years he had been here.

Arsuaga's last day with his students, those in the summer band program, was Friday, Aug. 8.

He came to Falfurrias on Aug. 1, 1978 from Cunningham Junior High in Corpus Christi where he was band director. In addition to his band director's duties there, he also started the fourth, fifth and sixth grade instrumental band program at Chula Vista Fine Arts Academy in Corpus Christi.

From 1974 to 1977 Arsuaga had

been Director of Bands for the Robstown ISD. He had moved to Robstown from the Harlandale ISD in San Antonio where he had been junior high band director for three years and high school band director for five years.

Harlandale was his first job. He went there in Aug., 1966 after graduating from the University of Texas at Austin.

Through the years he continued to educate himself. He received his masters with a mid-management certificate in 1978 from Corpus Christi State University. The Texas Education Agency granted him a superintendent's certificate after he completed requirements for it in the spring of 1985, also from CCSU.

During his stay in Falfurrias, Arsuaga took the Fightin' Jersey Band to state five times and placed in the top five four times, both in marching and concert, in 4A and 3A. In 1984 he took the band to a marching and concert contest in Florida. The band won sweepstakes five years out of the eight Arsuaga was the director.

In 1979 Arsuaga started the

piano lab for all fifth graders at Falfurrias Elementary School. Every fifth grader takes the class. "It helps not only musically but academically as well. They learn motor skills. They use their left hand and their right hand. They learn to audio discriminate. It helps everywhere but it also helps us in the band program because they already have basic music skills," Arsuaga said.

The teachers of the piano lab have been Mrs. Esmeralda Cortez, John Gillis and Leona Hill. Their aide has been Mrs. Martha Smith.

Before coming to Falfurrias Arsuaga had been similarly successful in the band programs at Robstown and Harlandale, both bands earning consecutive first division ratings under him.

The highlight of his career in Falfurrias was the dedication of the 1985 high school yearbook to him, Arsuaga said. "He has earned the respect of many students and individuals throughout the South Texas area. His great qualities have been embedded in the hearts of many," the dedication in the "El Azahar" states.

Football

entertain the Santa Rosa Bulldogs. The remainder of the Cowboys pre-district clashes include on Sept. 12 at Benavides, Sept. 19 host Orange Grove, Sept. 26 here against Laredo

Memories of stay in Falfurrias will long be cherished

Editor, the Facts;

One would think that teachers could never find themselves at a loss for words, especially band directors who are constantly trying to find terms to help them convey musical ideas to their students. Nevertheless, as I sit here trying to find the right words to express my feelings towards all the band students, parents, administrators, friends and foes who have touched my life in the eight years spent as director of the "Fighting Jersey Band," I've come to realize that words can never express my feelings and thoughts adequately.

My previous experience as director of bands was derived from taking band programs that were weak fundamentally and developing them into strong award-winning organizations. This was not the case in Falfurrias for the Jersey Band had a long history of sweepstakes bands. My challenge with the Jersey Band was to take them further into the musical playoffs and compete with them at the state level. This, of course, they did very well, placing in the top five in the state (4A and 3A) in both marching and concert.

Last Friday, Aug. 8, I laid to rest my marching shoes and the 100 or so problems that go with the position of Director of Music. Now I must wear a dressy shirt and tie (instead of my worn-out guayaberas) and tackle the 5,000-plus problems that come with the position of principal anywhere. It is a tremendous challenge which I wholeheartedly accept.

As I bring this part (band director) of my life to an end, many

beautiful memories will, no doubt, help me face the future in my new career as principal. Hopefully, some day down the line I will be looking back at my new endeavor and end up with as many beautiful memories as the cherished ones I am taking from here.

To all administrators, parents, supporters and boosters of our instrumental music program, especially Mr. Alberto Byington, Mr. Adan Gonzalez, Mr. Al Lopez, Mr. Dan Yzaguirre, Mr. George Hise, Mr. Guadalupe Almendarez, "Poncho" Mireles, Mr. Luz Regalado, Mr. Medoro Rodriguez and Mrs. Martha Smith, my most sincere thanks for your untiring support of our program.

To all the students in the past who gave of their time and effort in order to establish state level award-winning bands goes my respect for your total patience and dedication to our band program.

To the present members of the Fighting Jersey Band, including my own children, Charles and Terri, give Mr. Joe Cadena and Miss Janice Eddleman your 1000 percent cooperation and total effort. Mr. Cadena and Miss Eddleman are truly dedicated to you as individuals and to our community's "Fightin' Jersey Band." Your are off to a good start in the Summer Band Program. Keep up the good work and Go For It.

Also, learn to communicate with your directors and more important, with your parents. Keep you parents informed and seek their assistance and guidance whenever possible. Ask them to support you in all of your

school activities and you will soon see how much more your experience will mean to you.

To Mr. Cadena, Mr. Ernesto Cortez, Mrs. Smith and Miss Eddleman, what can I say except that we had some great times working together with some real fine young people. Thanks for the memories.

Family expresses thanks

Editor, the Facts;

The family of Oscar Javier Garcia would like to thank all the people in our hometown for the love and moral support they gave us during our time of sadness and sorrow. It was so beautiful to us to see that we were still loved even though we left Falfurrias 20 years ago.

Love and kindness such as the one that was demonstrated to us will never be forgotten. In a way it is sad that we had to see each other under such sad circumstances.

We would like to thank Father Tom for giving such a beautiful eulogy; Casimiro Naranjo and Gonzalo Rivera for assisting at the Mass and at the graveside services. I would also like to thank the Catholic men and women for all the

Starting over again after fire

Editor, the Facts;

We would like to thank all of the individuals, groups and organizations for all the help you've given us following our recent loss of our material things in a fire. Thank you for your prayers and donations. They have helped us get started again.

Well, as the saying goes, "Old band directors never die, they just decrescendo away."

Sincerely,
Charles Arsuaga

Editor's note: Charles Arsuaga this week became the principal at Robstown High School.

food that was prepared for us; Mrs. Tomasita Figueroa and daughter Adriana for opening their lovely home for us; all the people who sent flowers and Mass offerings; the Sheriff's Department who met us on the outskirts of town and escorted us into town; and the whole town in general who wept and prayed with us.

Once again, from the bottom of all our hearts, we thank you, the people of Falfurrias.

Sincerely,
Margarita, Seline and Danny Garcia

Mr. and Mrs. Enrique Barrera Sr.
Mr. and Mrs. Enrique Barrera Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Saenz
Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Garcia
Miss Marla Avalos

Each of you receives a special thought. There are too many individuals to mention in this note, but not so many that we will forget. May the Lord Jesus Christ richly bless and multiply to you your donations and kindness.

The Vela Family,
Leonel, Albesa, Betito and Esteban

Administrative Years 1986-1997



PREMONT SUPERINTENDENT—Premont Independent School District board members in a special meeting on July 31 unanimously approved Charles Arsuaga as the new Superintendent of Schools. Arsuaga, of Falfurrias, who has been with the district for the past seven years, had previously served as interim superintendent and had also served as a principal at the elementary, junior high and high schools in Premont. Arsuaga's hiring came after the resignation of Robert F. Alfaro who resigned on July 29 after having been in Premont for only 15 months.



Commendation Letter
from TEA,
October 28, 1986



Texas Education Agency

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(512) 463-9734

October 28, 1986

Mr. Charles Arsuaga, Principal
Robstown High School
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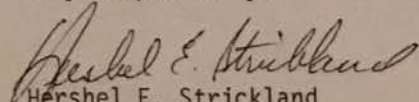
Dear Mr. Arsuaga:

I appreciate your assistance and support during our accreditation visit at Robstown High School.

Your identification of student needs and your aggressive planning towards meeting those needs is commendable. Keep up the good work!

If I can be of further service, please call me at (512) 463-9672.

Very respectfully,


Hershel E. Strickland
Education Specialist
Division of Accreditation

HES:dmb

cc: Dr. Amancio Cantu, Superintendent
Robstown Independent School District

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Commendation Letter from
Superintendent of
Banquete Schools,
Otis W. Burroughs
November 12, 1987

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Mr. Charles Arsuaga
Junior High Principal
Banquete I.S.D.

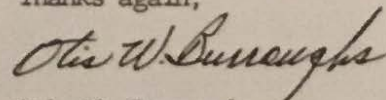
Dear Mr. Arsuaga:

The Board of Education has requested that I write to you to thank you for the effort you made to attain a high percent of attendance on your campus.

The Board recognizes that your effort required a lot of time in working with students on absences and in following up with your awards system.

The high percent of attendance indicates that you were successful.

Thanks again,



Otis W. Burroughs
Superintendent

OWB/lbh

Clinician Years 1970- Present

To: jcarsuaga@yahoo.com

WONDERFUL, GREAT NEWS AND THANKS TO GOD THAT EVERYTHING WAS IN ORDER. I WORRY LIKE MAD ABOUT THIS STUFF BECAUSE I WANT TO GO BEFORE ANY OF YOU GUYS, MY DEAR FRIENDS -- SO DON'T PULL STUFF AGAIN.

CHARLIE, I, AM, HAVE ALWAYS BEEN VERY PROUD OF YOU, AS A MUSICIAN, A FAMILY MAN, AND MY FRIEND. WE'VE GONE THROUGH SOME GREAT TIMES AS WELL AS SOME BITTER BAD TIMES.

I BRAG ABOUT WHEN I HEAR BAND DIRECTORS SAY THAT YOU DID A GREAT CLINIC FOR THEIR BAND, AND I HEAR THIS ALL OF THE TIME. I'M SO VERY PROUD OF YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED SO VERY MUCH IN A LIFE TIME, AND YOU CONTINUE TO DO SO.

ON A SERIOUS NOTE, FORGIVE ME IF I EVER DID OR SAID ANYTHING THAT OFFENDED YOU -- I DON'T WANT TO GO BEFORE I APOLOGIZE.

YOU ARE A MAJOR PART OF MY LIFE--MORE THEN YOU REALIZE.

I WILL SEE YOU AT TBA. LOVE TO THE FAMILY. HOW IS RENE DOING?

Eddie ,
EGTENOR@AOL.COM

Email sent to me by my mentor,
and dear friend, Eddie Galvan, on
July 22, 2003



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Region XIV Band Directors Hall of Fame

The Region XIV Band Directors Hall of Fame was created by the Region XIV members of the Texas Music Educators Association in order to recognize retired band directors who have devoted their lives to the advancement and development of bands in the South Texas area, namely Region XIV. Their dedication to the students of South Texas helped set very high standards for bands throughout the state. These directors not only served their students, but also their communities, colleagues, and professional organizations in a variety of ways.

2011-2012

*Region XIV Band Director Hall of Fame
Honorees.*

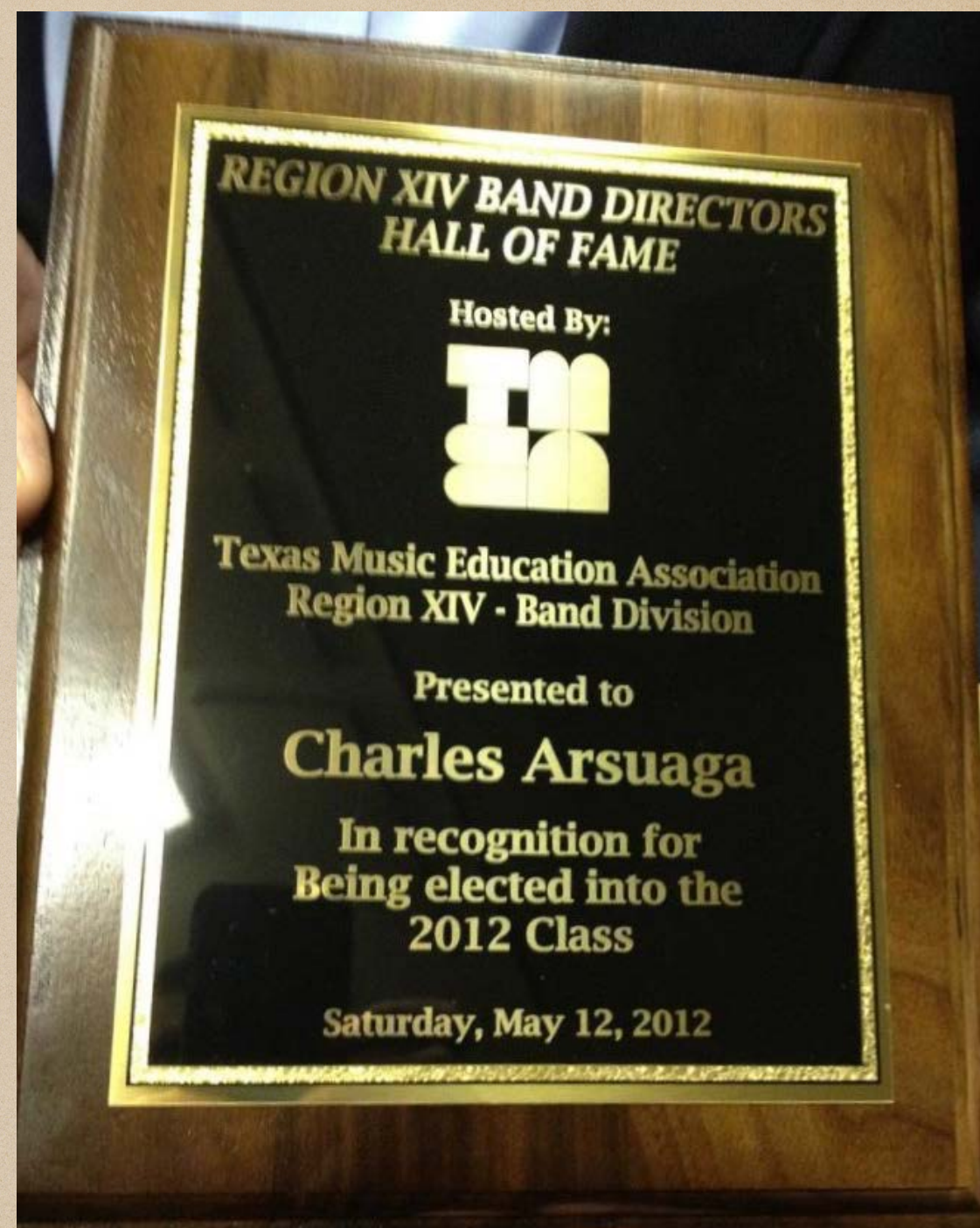
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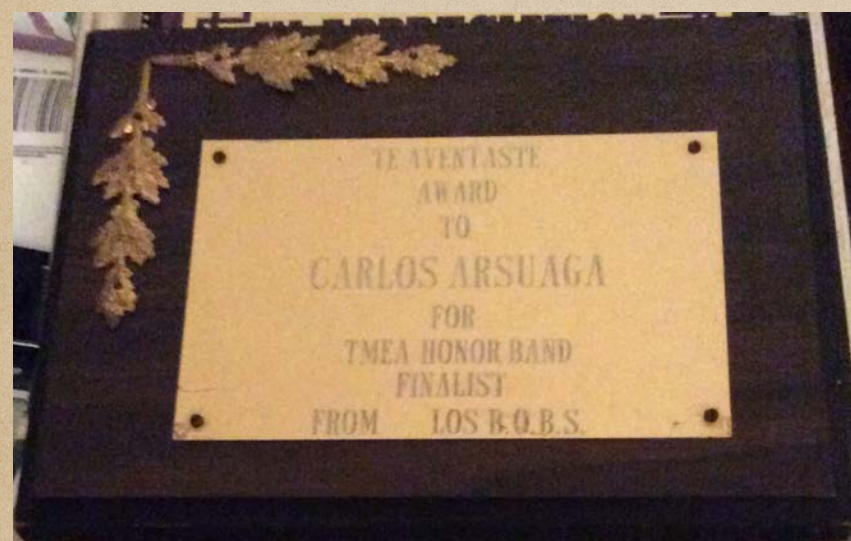
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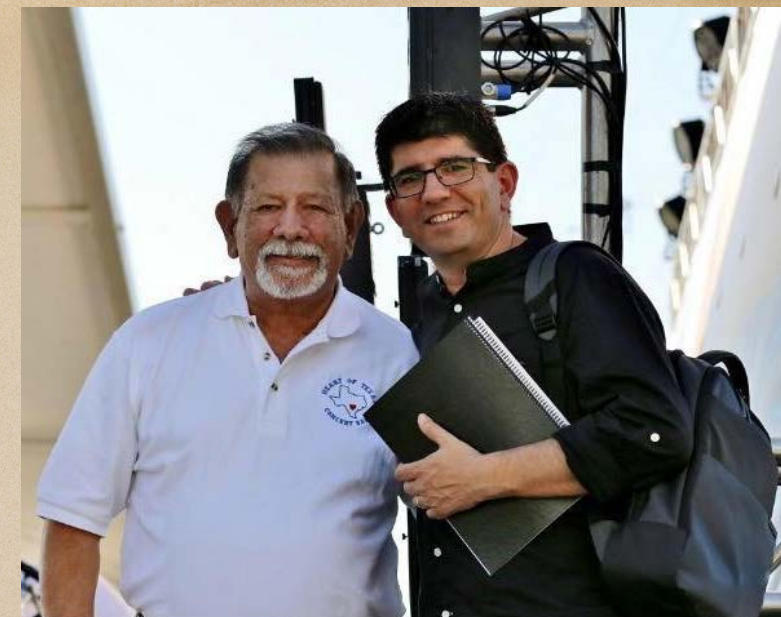
Dr. Joseph Bellamah







L to R: Mike Olson, Associate Director,
guest composer, Carlos Pellicer,
Mr. & Mrs. Arsuaga,
Dr. Mark Rogers, Director



With Spanish band composer,
Carlos Pellicer
at San Pedro Creek Park
May 5, 2018

Heart of Texas Concert Band Guest Conductor



Mr. Arsuaga with family members
after the concert on May 6, 2018



Mr. Arsuaga with
former students





Commenting on the style of the
Paso Doble, "Lanjaron,"
by Fernando Penella,
prior to its performance





Directing the Heart of Texas Concert Band
at San Pedro Creek Park, May 5, 2018



Wife and I with the Pellicer Family at the
dinner given by the Heart of Texas Band



Going over the music with
Spanish band composer, Carlos Pellicer



Carlos and I with my former student,
retired music teacher, Robin Bernhard



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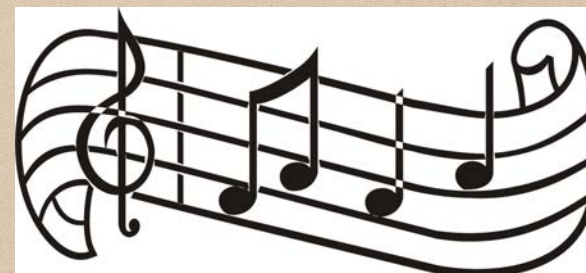
Sunday, May 6th, 2018
3PM
McAllister Auditorium
San Antonio, TX

Lanjarón

paso doble

By Fernando Penella

CONDUCTED BY
CHARLES ARSUAGA



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Celebrating 50th Wedding Anniversary
with Mariachi Celestial
and dear friends, Ernesto and Esmeralda Cortez
November 24, 2018





50 blissful years-before and after photos



With former student and Godson, Jesse Perez



Official photo of our
50th Wedding Anniversary

Thank you for all the
beautiful and meaningful
memories that we made
together throughout my
career!