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Calendar

Early deadlines for June 1st edition

Deadline for the June 1 edition of the Haskell Free Press is Thurs., May 25. The Free Press office will be closed Mon., May 29 to observe Memorial Day holiday.

Social Security rep to visit June 1

A representative from the Social Security Administration will be in Haskell at the old City Hall annex, 305 N. 1st, Thurs., June 1 at 9:30 a.m.

Calf roping set Sun., May 28

The third annual John Wallace Memorial Calf Roping will be held Sun., May 28 at 5 p.m. at the Haskell County Arena. 3 head for \$250. Top 12 qualify for short round. Tod Slone saddle to winner of the average. \$500 match roping for two ropers drawn from the short round to rope a 6 head match for \$500 added money. Limited to 50 entries. For more information call Carl Hopkins 940-849-3257 or Fred Hernandez 940-864-2493.

Play Day to be held Sat., May 27

Haskell Horse Club will hold a play day Sat., May 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Old Glory musical to be held Saturday

The Old Glory Musical will be held Sat., May 27 at the Community Center in Old Glory. The best little concession stand in Texas will open at 5:00 and the music will start at 5:30 p.m. No admission is charged. Donations are accepted to help defray expenses. A door prize will be given during the musical. For more information call 940-989-2925 or 989-2833.

Summer food program

Haskell CISD will sponsor the Summer Food Service program. Meals will be served at Haskell Elementary School Cafeteria from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday from May 30 through July 21. Anyone age 18 and under is invited to come eat.

Trap shoot

The Bill Womack Memorial trap shoot will be held Sun., May 28 beginning at 3:30 p.m. at the Haskell Trap Club, located 1 1/4 miles north of the courthouse on the east side of Hwy. 277. Clay targets will be shot. Bring a buddy or hunting friend. Events include 5 across, monkey buddy, sudden death and Annie Oakley and will be 5 shots for \$1. Contact W. E. Wooten for more information at 864-3696.

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105 seniors graduate in Haskell County

For the 105 seniors in the Class of 2000 graduating from the four Haskell County Schools, it is an exciting time of endings and beginnings, as they leave behind their public school days, ready for the new days ahead.

HASKELL

Forty-eight Haskell seniors will receive diplomas during the school's commencement exercises to be held at 8:00 p.m., Friday, May 26, at Indian Stadium.

Those graduating from Haskell

High School are: Brandon Acosta, Chris Alexander, Roy Alvarez, Fe Anguiano, Amy Barrera, Brittany Bartley, Eric Burbach, Jason Clark, Celeste Clem, Amber Cooper, Mitchell Cox, Chris Crosson, Craig Cunningham, Dawson Druessedow, Cole Earles, Kristi Escobedo, Evan Everett.

James Gonzales, Jesse Guzman, Tara Hamilton, Kim Hammes, Margret Hannan, Reena Harris, Nick Hild, John Mark Hodgins, Andy Hudspeth, Jason Isbell, Heath

Livingston, Christina Markunas, Meg McManamon, Kevin McSmith, Hilee Mulligan, Micah New.

Kevin Patton, Mitchel Payne, Kira Poteet, Casey Riley, Tanisha Riley, Misty Rodela, Josh Stocks, Justin Teague, Jodi Thigpen, Jessica Thompson, Jason Trammell, Brent Watson, Emily Wheat, Freddie Williams, Dusty Yates.

Valedictorian of the class is Mitchell Cox, son of Bill and

Susan Cox. Salutatorian is Kevin Patton, son of Ken and Judy Patton. High ranking girl is Brittany Bartley, daughter of Michael and Debra Bartley.

PAINT CREEK

Nineteen Paint Creek graduates will be receiving their diplomas at commencement exercises Friday, May 26, at the school's H. P. Morrison Auditorium at 8:00 p.m. A baccalaureate service was held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, May 21, at the

Paint Creek Baptist Church.

Paint Creek graduates are: Dusty Barnett, Julie Carroll, Sean Dancer, Jacki Davis, Candace Everhart, Brandy Gardner, Travis Garison, Wes Harrison, Heather Hobbs, Stefanie Isbell, Ashley Medford, Melinda Muehlstein, Ryan Mueller, Selina Salinas, Jason Shaw, Bridgett Silvas, Delinda Strickland, April Terrell, Jerry Williams.

Valedictorian is Heather Hobbs, daughter of Chris Hobbs and Tammy Hobbs. Salutatorian is Delinda Strickland, daughter of Linda Burke and Jerry Strickland.

ROCHESTER

Nineteen Rochester seniors received diplomas during the commencement exercises held Friday, May 19, at 8:00 p.m., in the Simmons Auditorium. Baccalaureate service was held Sunday, May 14.

Graduating were Erick Aguilera, Lex Baker, James Bass, Nathan Buerkle, Cody Ray Byrd, Janet Byrd, Aaron Caldwell, Cary Ann Cox, Eddie Freeby, Joey Garcia, Manuel Gonzales, Amanda Hernandez, Cody Joshua, Stacy Leija, Elena Reyes, Ricky Ruiz, Sandra Ruiz, McKenna Smith, Casey Williams.

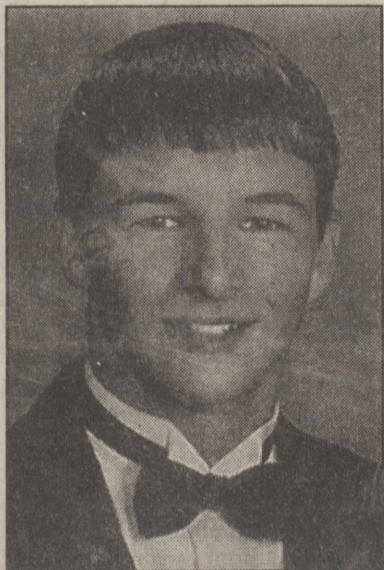
Valedictorian of the class was Janet Byrd, daughter of Clifford and Karen Byrd. Salutatorian was Nathan Buerkle, son of Edward and Sherry Buerkle.

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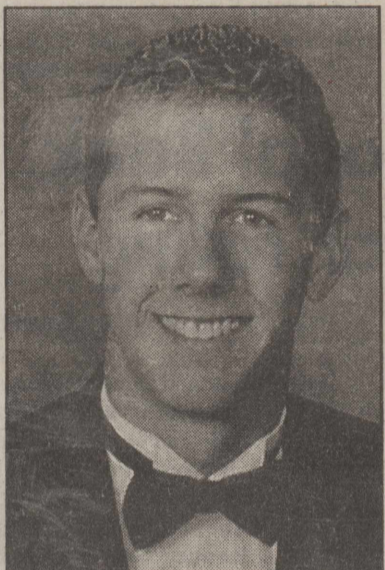
Nineteen seniors will be receiving diplomas from Rule High School during commencement exercises to be held Friday, May 26, at 8:00 p.m. in the school auditorium. Baccalaureate service was held for them Sunday, May 21, in the school auditorium.

Those graduating are: Maria Aguinaga, Nathaniel Arter, Mike Casey, Amy Elkin, Jody Harvey, Jeremy Hertel, Grant Hisey, Mandi Hunt, Stephen Kitley, Brian Lehrmann, Kara Pierce, Allen Puebla, Tiffany Ramirez, Gena Robinson, Yolanda Rodriguez, Joe Sotelo, Michelle Stegemoeller, Cody Tibbets, Latisha Trussell.

Valedictorian of the class is Grant Hisey, son of Don and Trish Hisey. Salutatorian is Brian Lehrmann, son of Steve and Karen Lehrmann.



MITCHELL COX
VALEDICTORIAN
HASKELL



KEVIN PATTON
SALUTATORIAN
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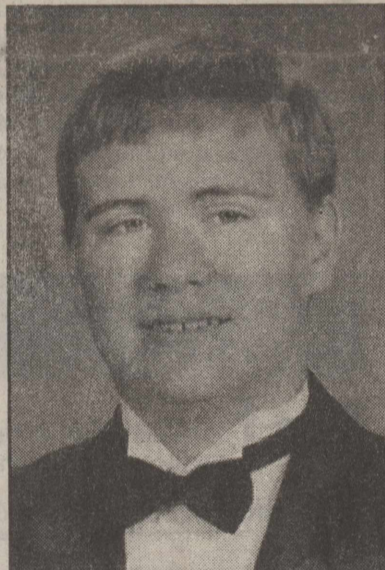
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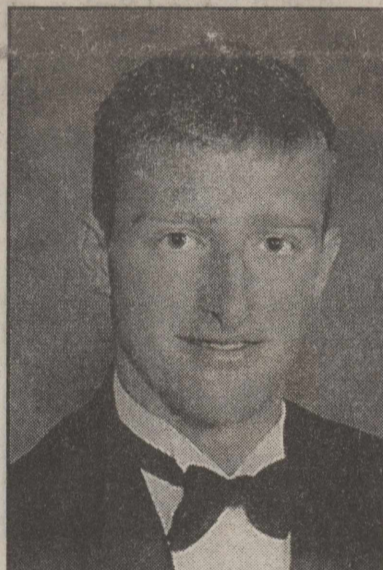
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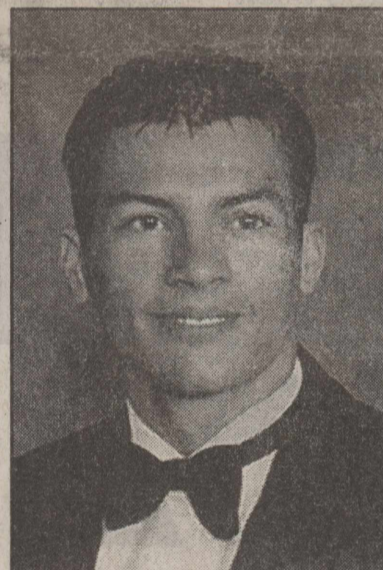
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GRANT HISEY
VALEDICTORIAN
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BRIAN LEHRMANN
SALUTATORIAN
RULE

New rules to help boll weevil eradication program

For eradication to be successful, Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation personnel must know the location of all cotton being grown in active zones.

The Texas Department of Agriculture recently adopted rules designed to enhance the process of making that information available to the foundation.

Under the rules, which clarify the language contained in the Agriculture Code, all commercial

cotton producers in active zones must report all information about commercial cotton, noncommercial cotton, and all cotton grown for ornamental, research or any other purposes.

The reporting may be accomplished in two ways.

First, producers may certify their acreage at their local Farm Service Agency by the final reporting date set by FSA for their area.

If producers choose not to certify their acreage through FSA, they must report the acreage to the foundation on a form available through the foundation's district offices. The deadline for reporting the acreage this way is the same as the final FSA reporting date.

Patches of ornamental cotton, volunteer growth, or any other unreported cotton, can be breeding grounds for boll weevils and need to be monitored in the same way as commercial fields—treating them should infestations appear.

Although foundation personnel are always on the lookout for a field that inadvertently may have not been reported, diligent reporting by growers will ensure accurate monitoring of weevil activity and will help save effort and money.

More information may be obtained by calling foundation headquarters at (915) 672-2800. The text of the rules may be obtained from the Secretary of State's Web site: <http://www.sos.tx.us/texreg/archiv/e/April282000/ADOPTED/4.AGRI CULTURE.html#379>.

ECP applications now being accepted

Applications for the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) are being accepted from May 15 through June 15, 2000 because of the continuing drought. The program is for cleaning silt out of ponds, installing livestock pipeline and troughs and digging livestock wells to provide water for grazing of range, pasture, or forage by livestock.

To sign up for one of these practices, contact the Farm Service

Agency (FSA). The FSA will make producer and program eligibility determinations. The NRCS will make needs determinations and certify performance on applications for which an AD-862 referral is received. Upon request by producers, NRCS will provide technical assistance for emergency practices even if a referral is not issued.

Brown to compete in national track event this weekend

Ethan Brown, a 1999 graduate of Haskell High School, will compete for the McMurry University Indians in the Division III track and field meet, to be held May 27-28, at North Central Illinois University in Naperville, Illinois.

Brown qualified in the sprint relay, and only missed

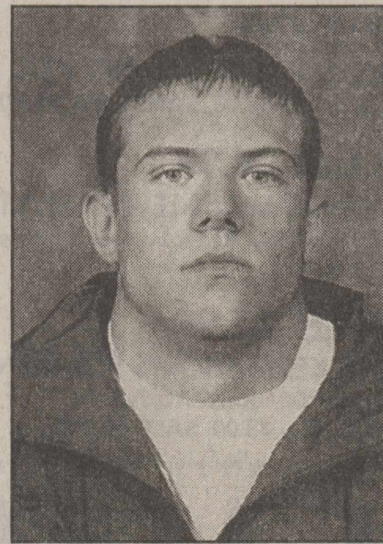
qualifying in the 100 and 200 meters by .03 seconds.

Competing in the 400 meters throughout the season, he won conference with a time of 49.3 seconds. At the conference competition, held April 21-22, at McMurry University, the sprint relay team easily won with a time of 41.25. The McMurry Indians won the conference with 220 points.

Currently, McMurry's sprint relay is ranked 3rd in the nation among Division III schools.

Brown was named to the All-Conference sprint relay team and All-Conference in the 400 meters. He also ran the 200 at conference, placing 4th, and anchored the 1600 meter relay that placed 2nd. He was awarded Newcomer of the Year by a vote of all the conference team coaches.

Brown is the son of Jim and Karen Pope of Haskell and Paul Brown of Abilene. He is the grandson of J. L. and Martha Toliver and Dorothy Brown of Haskell.



ETHAN BROWN

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Getting a good night's sleep

As we age, the quest for sweet dreams can become a real nightmare.

Complaints of sleep difficulties are common among older individuals. Typical symptoms for individuals over age 65 include problems falling asleep and maintaining sleep, early-morning awakening and excessive daytime sleepiness.

A variety of reasons keep seniors from getting enough rest.

They include medical illnesses, medication, psychiatric disorders, social changes and poor sleep habits.

Primary sleep disorders are also more common in older adults than in younger persons. Restless leg syndrome and periodic limb movement disorder can disrupt sleep and sleep apnea can lead to daytime sleepiness.

These sleepless nights do add up. Loss of sleep can lead to falls and accidents. Sleep-disordered breathing can have serious cardiovascular, pulmonary and central nervous system effects. And, there is strong association between sleep apnea and hypertension.

A refreshing sleep requires both sufficient total sleep time, usually eight hours, as well as sleep that is in sync with the individual's circadian rhythm. The circadian rhythm is an internal clock that promotes a daily cycle of nighttime sleep and daytime alertness.

If you are chasing a good night's rest, try these strategies to help you sleep better:

- Gradually cut down on caffeine until you've "decaffeinated" yourself.

- Avoid eating a heavy meal or drinking alcohol right before bedtime. A full stomach can give you heartburn, which can disrupt sleep and alcohol can affect deep sleep, allowing you to be awakened throughout the night more easily.

- Make exercise a part of your daily routine, but plan relaxing nighttime activities before bedtime.

- Set the stage for sleep. Identify factors that include the sleep-wake cycle including excessive light, uncomfortable room temperatures and ringing telephones. Eliminate as many interruptions as you can.

- Don't use your bedroom as an office/lounge—paying bills and watching TV are nonresting activities. Bedrooms should be a haven purely used for relaxing.

- If you're in bed, but toss and turn and can't sleep a wink, go into another room and read a book for a while or listen to some music. When you start feeling drowsy, head back to bed.

- Soak feet or legs in a warm bath to provide relief from restless leg syndrome.

If the problem persists, take action. Have a clinical evaluation performed by an informed primary care physician or geriatric specialist.

Like the Irish proverb says, "The beginning of health is sleep."

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Obituaries

Kenneth L. Strickland

Graveside services for Kenneth L. Strickland, 85, of Lake Stamford were held Thurs., May 18 at Rochester Cemetery with Kathryn Byrd officiating. Services were under the direction of Smith Funeral Home.

Mr. Strickland died Mon., May 15 at his home. Born Jan. 14, 1915 in Rochester, he was the son of W. L. and Katie Strickland. He was retired from the pest control business he owned. He had lived in Haskell County most of his life. Serving in the U. S. Navy in World War II, he was a member of the VFW, the Ameri-

can Legion, Disabled American Veterans and the National Rifle Association. He was a member of the Foursquare Church.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Richard Douglas and Bobby Kenneth.

Survivors include two daughters, Patricia Louise Nichelson of Lubbock, and Betty Enola Lake of Rogers, Ark.; one brother, Wm. Woody Strickland of Abilene; 6 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. PD. NOTICE

Clara Gary

Funeral services for Clara Gary, 94, of Haskell were held Fri., May 19 at First United Methodist Church in Haskell with Dr. Troy Culpepper officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Gary died Wed., May 17 at a local care home. Born Sept. 10, 1905 in Church Hill, Tenn., she was the widow of Cecil G. Gary. She was a homemaker and a member of the Methodist Church in Haskell.

She was preceded in death by four sisters and one brother.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Dela and Don Nafus of Dallas; one son and daughter-in-law, Charles E. and Jean Gary of Haskell; two grandchildren, Brenda Nafus and Gene Gary Nafus; three great grandchildren, Christopher Gary Nafus, Jaclyn Nafus and Delisa Killion. PD. NOTICE

Communicating with your doctor about trying alternative therapies

Have you ever thought about trying an alternative therapy?

If so, your physician is the best source for information on treatments not traditionally associated with Western medicine.

The physicians of Texas Medical Association want you to feel healthy and want you to communicate with your doctor about all possible forms of therapy

for your illness.

"I find that 70 to 80 percent of things I see in family practice are stress-induced. I use a lot of 'mind/body' therapy, such as relaxation exercises and meditation, guided imagery, hypnosis, yoga and also the 'power of prayer' - support groups such as a patient's church or synagogue," says Dr. Donald Counts, an Austin family practitioner. "Being a Western-trained physician, I use traditional medicine as my first line of therapy and I use non-traditional medicine also, depending on what's been diagnosed."

Dr. Counts stresses that communicating with your doctor is vital. You may learn about new forms of therapy from your doctor through your discussions, or you may mention to him things you've researched.

"Communication is key. An open dialog is important. Patients need to communicate with their doctors about what kinds of alternative practices they may be using and those they may have heard about and want to try," says Dr. Counts. "I have a lot of patients who bring me information from the Internet and I let them know what might work and those that should be approached with caution."

He adds that if patient and physician are not on the same belief structure, a dialog might not go as smoothly as if they were. If a

patient has heard about a form of alternative therapy and is adamant about trying it, this may need to be discussed over the course of a few visits before the two come to an agreement on an appropriate choice of therapy.

Staying healthy should be a partnership between you and your doctor. Find a physician you feel comfortable discussing your case with in all areas, including the possibility of an alternative form of therapy.

TMA recently voted to develop programming to inform and educate its physician members on the pros and cons of the rapidly expanding field of alternative/complementary practices.

Texas Medical Association is a professional organization of more than 36,000 physician and medical student members. It is located in Austin and has 118 component county medical societies around the state. The Association represents 85 percent of the doctors of medicine licensed and residing in Texas. TMA's key objective is to improve the health of all Texans.

Women need calcium

Calcium is essential to help women prevent weak bones as they age, but most women don't get all the calcium they need from their diet. If you don't get the recommended daily intake of 1,000 to 1,500 milligrams of calcium daily from your diet, you should consider taking supplements to keep your bones strong.

There are many kinds of calcium supplements available. Doctors at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas say you should consider your needs when choosing a supplement. The most common kind of calcium supplement is calcium carbonate. This kind of calcium can be highly concentrated, so you can get all you need in one dose. However, this kind of supplement may not be absorbed completely by some older people if they take it on an empty stomach. It's best to take this kind of supplement with a meal.

Another kind of calcium supplement is calcium citrate. This kind of calcium is absorbed more easily and you don't have to take it with meals. But it isn't very concentrated, so you have to take twice as many tablets each day to reach the recommended daily allowance of calcium. Because of this, calcium citrate can be expensive.

Other supplements include calcium phosphate, lactate and gluconate, but these aren't very popular. They either aren't easily absorbed or they require multiple doses. Even if you're taking supplements, don't forget about getting calcium from your diet. Look for low-fat dairy products, like skim milk, fat-free cheeses and fat-free yogurt.

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Progressive Study Club installs officers

Progressive Study Club officers for the 2000-2001 club year were installed during a program on Women of Substance: Leaders of Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow, held May 11, at the Haskell National Bank Community Room.

Following the welcome by club president, Frances Lane, and the invocation given by Mattie Felker English, a "Gala Buffet" was

served, hosted by members of the yearbook and social committees. Hostesses were: Marjorie Huss, Oleta Cornelius, Judy Patterson, Thula Perry, Julia Harrell, Kathryn Schonerstedt Linda Lane-Blaise, Mattie English and Joyce Howard.

Guest speaker Janoma Stephens of Knox City, a past-president of Texas Federation of Women's Clubs Mesquite District, and state

chairman of GFWC International Affairs Dept., was introduced by Oleta Cornelius.

Installing the new officers, Stephens presented each one a gold and enamel General Federation of Women's Clubs pin.

Installed for the new club year were: Judy Patterson, president; Eva Dunnam, 1st vice-president; Dorothy Hartsfield, 2nd vice-

president; Mary Kaigler, recording secretary; Shirley Reed, corresponding secretary; Doris Reeves-Jordan, treasurer.

Erna Liles is the club historian and Frances Lane will serve as a member of the executive board.

A gift from the club was presented to Janoma Stephens by Marjorie Huss.

Frances Lane was presented flowers by her daughter, Linda Lane-Blaise, in appreciation of her two year term as club president.

In a brief address before adjournment of the club until September, new president, Judy Patterson, spoke of the state convention in Beaumont she recently attended with Mesquite District president, Mary Kaigler.

Births

Our little cowboy has arrived. Proud parents Bart and Tammy Parham, along with sisters Tabitha and Andrea welcomes Billy Crow Jarrett Parham. He was born May 11 at 1:21 p.m. at Abilene Regional Medical Center. Billy was 19 inches long and weighed 6 lbs., 7 oz.

Maternal grandparents are Harley and Opal Langford of Haskell and the late Bill Letterman. Paternal grandparents are B. J. and Melba Parham of Vera.

12 oz. and was 21 inches long.

The four proud uncles are Trey Rogers and Austin Nanny of Haskell, A. J. and Richie Rogers of Rule. Aunt is Paige Rogers of Rule.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Flint Nanny of Haskell and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rogers, Jr. of Rule.

Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Carl W. Myers of Haskell and Mr. and Mrs. Vern Foreman of Odessa. Great great grandmothers are Lillian Myers of Haskell and Lois Redwine of Odessa.

Amber Rogers is proud to announce the birth of her baby boy. Trey Zander arrived at 1:45 p.m. April 18 at Graham Regional Medical Center. He weighed 7 lbs.,

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Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Howard and Virginia Reding and James and Dora Reding of Seymour met Jane Reding of Austin on Sunday for lunch and visiting.

Lewis and Joyce Thomas were in Lubbock Saturday to see their granddaughter, Kaylee Scheffel, in her dance recital, Garden of Life, at Monterey High School

Auditorium. They enjoyed lunch with Debbie and Rickey Scheffel and later in the afternoon they watched grandson, Todd Scheffel, play baseball.

Secure children correctly in safety seats

by Lou Gilly
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Imagine your child is in the safety seat and the vehicle is turned upside down. Will your child be held securely and snugly in that safety seat? All too often, well-intentioned parents do not secure their child in the safety seat correctly and if involved in a sudden stop or crash, the child's safety is at risk. There are three key points to check when securing your child:

1. Select and use a safety seat that is appropriate for the age and weight of the child. (Read the manufacturer's guidelines.)
2. Secure the safety seat in the vehicle according to the safety seat and vehicle manufacturer's directions. (Children under the age of one face the rear. All children 12 and under, ride in the rear seat.) The seat should not move around. It should be very tightly secured to the vehicle seat with the safety belt.
3. Secure the child in the safety seat with the shoulder straps, crotch straps and leg straps. A five-point harness safety seat offers five points of restraint vs. three points of restraint offered by some safety seats. The harness clip should be placed at underarm level. (Carefully follow manufacturer's directions.)

Exercise can help with weight loss

by Lou Gilly
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

People often try to make healthy changes by cutting dietary fat. However, if you're overweight, you will benefit more from cutting calories and increasing exercise.

4. Common mistakes parents make are:
 1. The safety seat may not be securely fastened to the vehicle with the safety belt.
 2. The safety belt may not lock and hold the safety seat in position.
 3. A locking clip is needed.
 4. The shoulder straps are not in the correct slot for the position of the child.
 5. The harness clip is not in the correct position or even used.
 6. The child is facing forward when he or she should be facing the rear.
 7. The child is too young or too small to ride in a safety belt.
 8. There is no safety restraint used.

USDA administrator Floyd Horn says research found that dietary changes don't have much of an effect on cholesterol level. In a recent study, lean and overweight men switched to low fat diets. Cholesterol in the overweight men dropped less than half that of the lean men.

Horn says it's more important for overweight people to lose weight than change the fat in their diets.

People are generally considered overweight if their Body Mass Index is between 25 to 30. That's equivalent to a 5-foot, 8-inch person weighing between 165 to 195 pounds.

FCE Club meets May 17

Haskell County FCE Council met at the Extension Office May 17. Eight members were present.

Council treasurer Joetta Burnett gave an update on cookbook sales. A donation is being sent to help with the all night party after graduation.

A 4-H Scholarship will be presented at graduation Friday night.

TAFCE Chairman Jane Smith reminded club members about the Cultural Arts Meeting in Childress June 20.

Eight 4-H members and one leader are planning to attend "Teen Leader Lab" and several junior 4-H'ers have registered for 4-H camp this summer.

The Weinert Club served Coke floats and assorted nuts.

No meeting will be held in June.

Hospital

Admissions
Grace Aycock, Haskell
Hope Josselot, Haskell
Merritt Overton, Haskell
Leo Hengstenburg, Haskell

Dismissals
Clois Thomas, Sylvia Roberts

Over Mother's Day weekend Mr. and Mrs. Arvil McFadden had their children Scarlet Saabi and daughter Brittany and son Nathan of Tyler and Brandon and Stephanie McFadden of Lubbock. They all attended church at the Assembly of God and had lunch before the children left for home.

On Sunday afternoon Arvil and Mary Ann McFadden visited with her mother, Faye Wheeler and an aunt, Ethyl Fagan, in Anson.

The Greater Independent Baptist Church will be having a Spiritual Feast May 31, June 2 and 3. Speakers will be Elder Hodge, Revival Center, Haskell; Rev. Dever, West Bethel, Rule; Elder Session, Bethel COGIC, Stamford. The theme will be "When God Whispers Your Name." Rev. Bobby Wade is the pastor of Greater Independent Baptist Church. The Spiritual Feast is sponsored by the Mission Friends; president is M. L. Yeldell.

Margaret Tatum and grandchildren Aubree and Caden and Joyce Hawkins went to Early Saturday evening for Joyce's grandson's, Steven Cockerell, graduation. They spent the night and came home Sunday afternoon. Steven is the son of Phillip and Floradean Cockerell.

Vernay Burson is home after being in the hospital in Lubbock.

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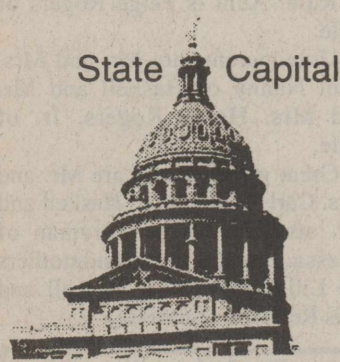


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OPINION



State Capital

HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN - Texas students, for the seventh year in a row, set a record high passing rate on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test, Commissioner of Education Jim Nelson announced May 17.

Statewide, it was the students' best performance in the 10-year history of the exam.

Preliminary results show that 80 percent of all students tested in third through 10th grade passed the English version of the TAAS this spring, compared to 78 percent last year.

This latest passing rate is 27 points higher than the 1994 passing rate for all students. That year, 53 percent of the students passed all tests taken.

This spring, 1,882,991 students in third through eighth and 10th grades took either the English or Spanish version of the TAAS test, compared to 1,847,199 in 1999.

Gun Lock Program Debuts
Gov. George W. Bush on May 12 announced Project ChildSafe, a five-year, \$5 million program to provide free child-safety locks and firearm-safety information to Texas parents.

Funded through a grant from the governor's criminal justice division, the program will provide parents with instruction and child-safety locks for handguns.

Sheriffs and police chiefs across the state will be notified during the next few weeks about Project ChildSafe and will receive kits to distribute in their communities.

Panel Considers Inmate Care
It costs a lot less to place a terminally ill Texas prison inmate in a nursing home than to keep him or her under special care in a penitentiary, prison officials said last week.

The Texas Criminal Justice Policy Council, quoting a Legislative Budget Board estimate, said the annual state cost for "special-needs offenders" who require 24-hour skilled nursing care is about \$34,000 in prison versus \$7,000 for nursing facility care outside prison.

The council recommended that the Texas Legislature:

- Adopt a computerized system to assess candidates for special-needs parole;
- Broaden the definition of terminally ill to include inmates diagnosed as up to 12 months from death; and
- Consider expanding the num-

ber of nursing homes eligible to receive paroled offenders.

Other Highlights
• Texas has moved from worst to fifth-worst in the nation in the release of toxic industrial chemicals, according to new figures released by the Environmental Protection Agency. Over the last 10 years, Texas led the nation by cutting its total toxic industrial chemical releases by 47 percent.

• Thirty Texas Department of Health employees were sent home Friday after three kinds of hazardous mold were found in laboratories where HIV, rabies and measles tests are conducted. The molds can cause allergic reactions, asthma, bronchitis, skin rashes, sinus problems and nosebleeds. Air-quality tests are being conducted to determine the extent of the problem.

• Over its 90-year history, the Texas A&M bonfire has evolved from a trash pile into a "complex and dangerous structure ... built without adequate physical or engineering controls," the Texas Board of Professional Engineers said last week. Twelve students died when the 55-foot-tall timber structure collapsed on them last November. If the bonfire meets the definition of a "public work," it will be subject to fines for safety and construction violations, the board said.

• San Antonio car dealer Red McCombs gave the University of Texas College of Business Administration \$50 million last week. It was the biggest single donation in the 117-year history of the university. Upon announcement of the gift, the board of regents authorized the renaming of the business school the Red McCombs School of Business.

• The Texas Lottery Commission last week voted to add four more numbers to the Texas Lotto drawing. Beginning in July, 54 balls will be bouncing around in the chamber, instead of 50, and jackpots will be bigger but harder to win. Commissioners said Lotto ticket sales are down 28 percent and the change to 54 balls was needed because most players wait for the jackpot to reach \$20 million before they buy tickets.

• The Texas Water Development Board reported reservoirs across the state were at 75 percent capacity in April and the National Weather Service has predicted Texas will see drought conditions worsen this summer.



From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

As we stop in our routines of "business as usual" Monday, May 29, to remember those who have given their youth and their lives in service of their country during the country's past wars, there is no way we can adequately express the gratitude we feel for their sacrifices. We can only listen to the re-telling of their stories of heartbreak and loneliness in being away from loved ones and home, their fear and valor during combat and their constant rendezvous with death.

One of the stories shared by Grady G. Newsom of Rochester, who was a T/Sgt. in the 600th Squadron of the 398th Bomb Group during WWII, is an account of Christmas Day, 1944, in the European Theater of Operation in England. It was printed in the 398th Bomb Group's *Remembrances* book, and is printed here in part.

"As we sit down to this Christmas dinner, so far from our home, our hearts and spirits go out to those whom we love. We are proud to be serving those loved ones and our flag in this fight to live our lives in a free world. We are also conscious of those who have gone before and we pledge ourselves that they will not have perished in vain.

A successful Christmas to each and every one of you and a victorious New Year!"

To be sure, it was an all out effort on the part of the cooks and

bakers as they turned out their 1944 Christmas dinner at Station 131.

Complete with an eight page printed menu, in color yet!

Everyone on the base was looking forward to this day...and the super dinner of roast young turkey, sage and celery dressing, giblet gravy, cranberry sauce, whipped potatoes, buttered asparagus, mixed salad, oranges, pumpkin pie, apples, hard candy, hot rolls, butter, jam and coffee. Wow!

Just hearing about this meal was a Christmas present in itself.

But somebody forgot to tell Bomber Command. They scheduled a mission for Dec. 24.

The eighth and ninth Air Force had been generally grounded for 10 days or more as the weather had been gosh awful both in England and on the Continent. And the Germans were on a counter offensive and making dramatic inroads in their drive to retake territory lost during the Allied offensive since D-Day in June. These were the days of Bastogne, Malmedy, and Bagnen.

This would be a true maximum of effort and the 398th would contribute with all four squadrons going after a variety of targets in the Rhine River area of Coblenz. The Eighth would send up 2,000 aircraft this day, much to the delight of the hard-pressed ground troops holding the line in what was to become known as the Battle of the Bulge.

The bombing results on the targets were described in the report as "good," although two B-17's crashed on take off in the early morning mist, and two crew members were killed.

So, it was not a happy Christmas Eve start for the 398th, and Christmas Day would not be a whole lot better. The mission problems spilled over as the capricious English weather played Scrooge for the air crews.

Scrambling home after more than seven hours in the air, all planes were diverted to fields indicating better visibility than Station 131, which was socked in.

With no chance to return home on the 24th, crews were made (more or less) welcome at the host bases. The next day, Christmas Day, the 398th crews had a snack and then waited near their planes for the call to return home. That call finally came late in the afternoon, long after Christmas Dinner time, but at least in time for turkey sandwiches.

The words inscribed on the 398th Memorial at Nuthampstead, England express our thanks and remembrance of all the ones who served and those who died in our wars, whatever part of the US Military forces they served in.

"Their wings of silver touched the passing clouds, made soft white trails across the azure blue. But not for them this life we share on earth; they sacrificed that gift for me and you."

Letters to the editor

Dear Editor:
The Noah Project - North would like to say "Thank you" to all of the Haskell County residents that so generously donated food for the Haskell Post Office employees to give to us for our clients, the victims of domestic violence that come to us for help! The amount of food that we received was wonderful. It will feed a lot of people.

Again, thank you Haskell County residents and the Haskell Post Office for your support! We could not exist without all of you helping us. You truly make a difference in the lives of a lot of others.

Sincerely yours,
Donna Sue Anders
Service Area Director

Dear Editor:

The week of May 8-12 was designated as Teacher Appreciation Week. In an effort to include community members and merchants in our efforts to show our appreciation for the teachers of Haskell CISD, merchants were asked to donate "anything" as a gift certificate that was drawn by teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week. In support of the merchants' efforts, Haskell CISD agreed to match the donations made. Teachers had "great fun" drawing for the terrific prizes provided by town merchants and Haskell CISD.

We would like to thank the following merchants for their participation in the success of the May, 2000 Teacher Appreciation Week.

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From Out of the Past

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10 Years Ago
May 24, 1990

Mike Cook, Keith Solomon, Philip Josselet and Ricky Bird caught 61 catfish, ranging in weight between 2 and 25 pounds while fishing at the Krooked River Ranch.

Larressa LeFevre, a 5-7 forward from Rule, has signed a letter of intent to play basketball at McMurry University. LeFevre, daughter of Larry and Susan LeFevre, averaged 28 points and 12 rebounds per game.

Robert R. Meeks, a sophomore nursing major at West Texas State University, has been named to the Dean's List for the 1990 spring semester.

20 Years Ago
May 22, 1980

Vicki Bledsoe, a 1979 graduate of Haskell High School, is a student at Miss Wade's Fashion Merchandise College located in the Dallas Apparel Mart. She is the daughter of Faye Bledsoe of Haskell.

Haskell Elementary School students Charles Hicks, Joe Camacho and Rodney Johnson were awarded trophies as high-point winners at the Haskell-Knox Consortium Track Meet held at O'Brien.

Johnny L. Baitz of Sagerton was named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Abilene Christian University with a 3.81 GPA out of a possible 4.00.

30 Years Ago
May 21, 1970

Keith Chapman of Haskell has been named a Squadron 9 commander in Texas A&M University's Corps of Cadets. Chapman is a 1967 graduate of Haskell High School.

Charles Clark and Willard Threet of Sagerton presented the program at the noon luncheon session of Lions Club held at Felker's Restaurant dining room. Clark and Threet showed colorful slides of their hunting trip to Alaska last summer.

The Missionary Society of the First Christian Church met in the home of Mrs. George W. Fours. Mrs. C. O. Holt lead the group in prayer and Virginia Pittman lead the singing.

40 Years Ago
May 26, 1960

James G. Vaughter, a freshman at Harvard College, has been elected member of the Crimson Key Society, one of the major service organizations at the college.

Gail Williams of Haskell is among 64 University of Texas College of Fine Arts seniors to receive bachelor's degrees on June 4.

Mrs. W. V. Felker, Mrs. R. A. Lane, Mrs. Elma Guest, Mrs. Opal Dotson and Mrs. Veta Furrh attended the American Fashion Association market in Dallas.

Five graduates from Haskell county will receive degrees at Hardin-Simmons University on May 30. Receiving degrees are Emilee Griffith, Alton Wayne (Bud) Montgomery, Ruby Nell Pogue, Cleatus Woodrow Drinnon and Wanda Sue Rhoads.

50 Years Ago
May 25, 1950

Pat Harrison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Harrison of Haskell, has been named to represent Haskell in the princess show at the first annual Wheat Harvest Festival in Wichita Falls. Harrison is a junior at North Texas State College in Denton.

Mrs. Hubert Wilson of Rochester and Mrs. Stella Josselet of Haskell have each won a Motorola table-model radio from Gobles Dairyland.

Mrs. F. E. (Pete) Frierson and little sons, Ronnie and Richard, are spending several weeks in Van Nuys, Calif. visiting in the home of Mrs. Frierson's mother, Mrs. E. L. Matthews.

90 Years Ago
May 28, 1910

The contractors have started work on the new jail to be erected on the southeast corner of the square. It will be a three story brick building and several months will be required for completion.

The school term has closed at Rule and Miss Eula Poole has returned to her home here.

Lewis Ellis has sold The Hub to Mr. Carr of Gainesville, who will take charge of the business the first of the month.

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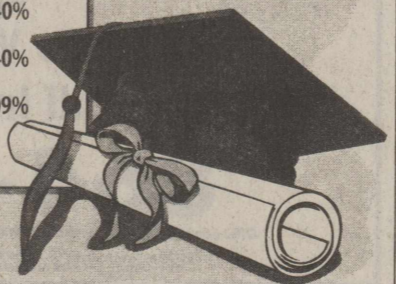
Keeping an Eye on Texas

More Texas students are graduating

The number of students graduating from high school in Texas has been on the rise for the past five years. The 1998-99 school year saw 30,000 more graduating seniors than the 1994-95 school year.

School year	Texas high school graduates	percent change from prev. year
1998-99	203,353	3.10%
1997-98	197,186	8.40%
1996-97	181,840	5.40%
1995-96	171,983	0.09%
1994-95	170,406	

SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (www.window.state.tx.us), and the Texas Education Agency.



Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 1,312 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., May 20, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

Good run young pairs; springer cattle 5-15 higher. Stocker cattle steady to 3 higher; feeder cattle steady.

Jerseys, Longhorns, Holsteins, out cattle and goons \$5-30/100# less than figures quoted.

Cows: fat, .34-.39; cutters, .35-.43; canners, .25-.32.
Bulls: bologna, .43-.50; feeder, .65-.75; utility .38-.45.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.20-1.45; 300-400 lbs., 1.05-1.25; 400-500 lbs., .92-1.10; 500-600 lbs., .88-1.00; 600-700 lbs., .82-.92; 700-800 lbs., .78-.85; 800-up lbs., .65-.81.

Heifers: medium and large

frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.10-1.25; 300-400 lbs., .95-1.15; 400-500 lbs., .90-1.00; 500-600 lbs., .85-.92; 600-up lbs., .68-.82.

Bred Heifers: medium frame, 525-675.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 550-670; aged or small, 525-650.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 675-875; aged or small, 600-750.

Cattle market remains strong

by Brandon Anderson
Haskell Co. Extension Agent
Strong beef demand, cheap grain and a small calf crop will continue to be the keys to the current rise in the beef market.

Extension beef economist Ernie Davis predicts high prices will continue into 2001, with feeder

cattle prices remaining in the mid-80's per hundred weight. Continued strong demand for beef and declining feeder cattle supplies will support prices.

However, he says prices will be sensitive to forage and crop developments this spring. Davis says a strong economy and continued high consumer

confidence helps to support beef prices.

Extension beef cattle specialist Larry Boleman says ranchers should enjoy the high prices. But they should not be lax in management practices. He suggests using some of that extra money on repairs or to purchase something that is needed.

Water resources are limited

by Lou Gilly
Haskell Co. Extension Agent
Water is cheap, plentiful and readily available for most of us. But will it always be that way? What would you do without it? Extension agricultural engineer Bruce Lesikar says that's a jolting thought for most Texans.

The Extension Service is leading an educational campaign called, "What Would You Do Without It?" Lesikar says most

Texans don't realize the resource is limited. The demand for water has already exceeded the supply in some Texas cities and resulted in numerous legal battles.

In the Texas Community Futures Forum, water was identified as a critical issue in 209 of the state's 254 counties. The campaign includes practical information on the sources of water and water conservation. Lesikar

says Texans must begin to conserve by making every drop count. Water Month is April 15-May 15.

For further information on what you can do to save water, contact your Haskell County Extension Agents, Brandon Anderson or Lou Gilly at the Haskell County Extension Office (940) 864-2658 or 864-2546 or go by the office at 101 South Ave. D in Haskell.

Is your home really clean?

Your home may not be as clean as you think it is.

Would you rather eat off your kitchen counter or your bathroom sink? According to Arizona scientists you'd be better off in your bathroom. The kitchen is the dirtiest room in the house. That's probably because we think of the bathroom as dirty, so we're much more likely to clean and sanitize it. Meanwhile, the kitchen is full of things bacteria love—food and moisture. The tools we use for cleaning are part of the problem. Bacteria thrive in sponges, so when we clean, we're just spreading the bacteria around.

The good news is that with proper cleaning, you can cut down on the spread of bacteria. When you clean, you should think about the places you touch most often, such as faucet handles, cabinet handles and the refrigerator door handle. Use a cleaning solution containing bleach to kill the bacteria and disinfect your sponge in the microwave or by using bleach.

Doctors at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas say it's especially important to clean and disinfect items that you've used when preparing raw meat. Cutting boards are particularly good

breeding grounds for bacteria. Never use the same board for cooked meat that you used to prepare the raw meat. Use a board that can be washed in the dishwasher instead of using a wooden board.

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Gasoline not best solution for insects

by Brandon Anderson
Haskell Co. Extension Agent
Bees, wasps and fire ants are more noticeable around Texas homes this time of year. However, some folks have the wrong idea when it comes to treating these annoying pests.

Entomologist Mike Merchant says pouring gasoline over wasp nests and on ant hills is an ineffective form of pest control. Merchant says gasoline fumes can

make their way through underground insect nests and come up in unexpected places.

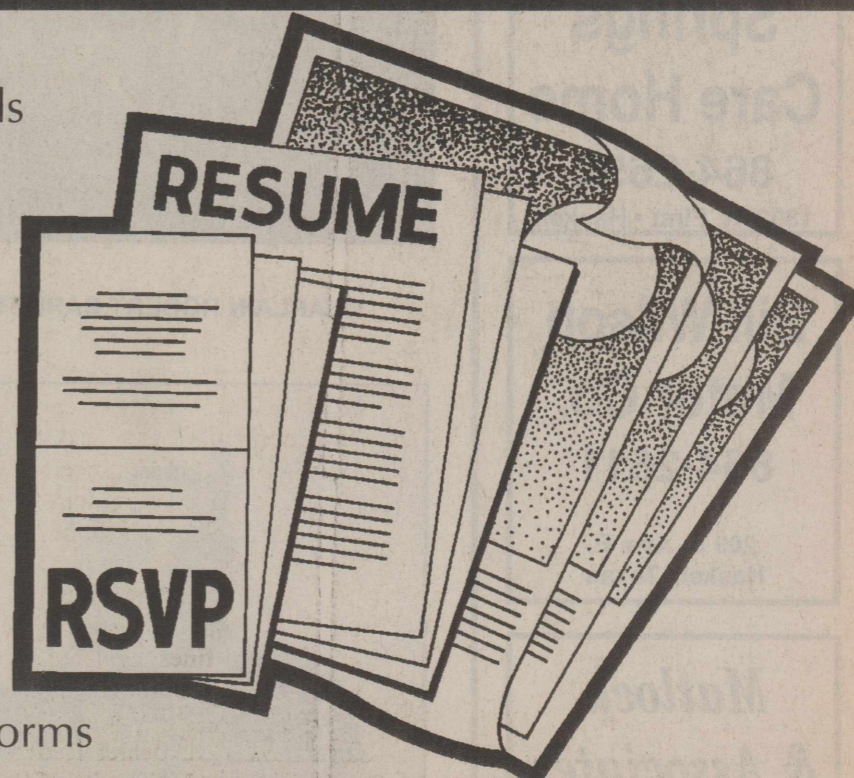
Gasoline has also been found to contaminate the environment. The United States Environmental Protection Agency says that gasoline evaporates more slowly in the soil and can pose a long-term contamination problem, director of Environmental Health for the city of Plano Brian Collins says gasoline is a pollutant for soil,

groundwater and storm water. People who pour gasoline into the soil can be cited and fined.

Merchant adds that pesticides are safer than gasoline because they are designed to break down faster and do not pose long-term contamination problems. The Extension Service says underground wasp and bee nests should be left along by homeowners and are best treated by a pest control professional.

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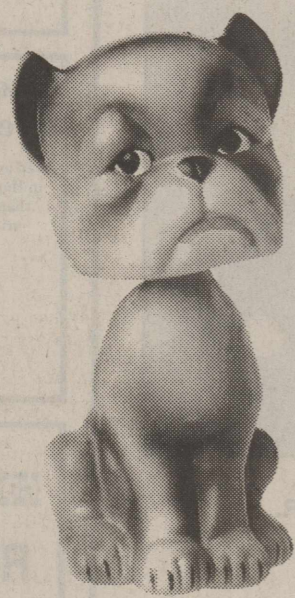
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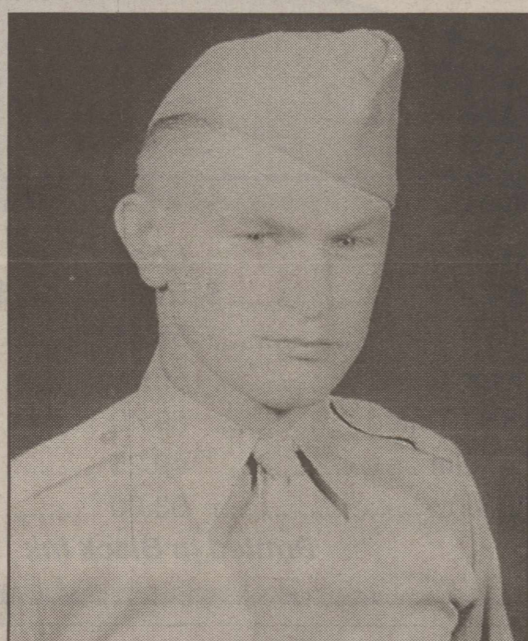
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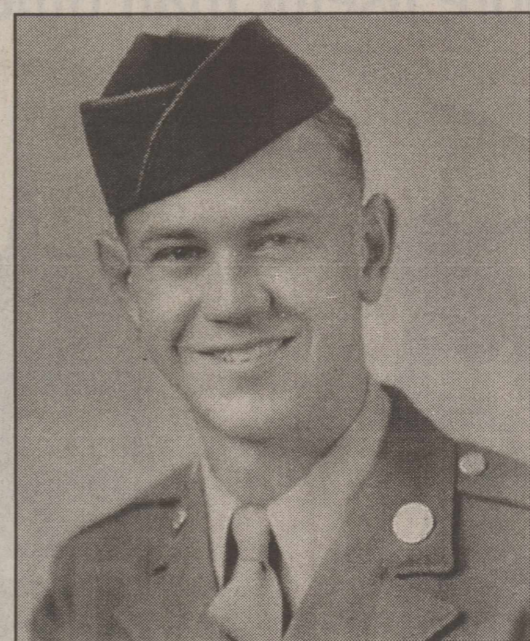
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Men's hesitancy to visit doctor can mean more trips later

Guys who think they're too "macho" to seek medical help could end up making more trips to the doctor's office in the long run.

"A man who waits to see a physician until his problem has become more severe might need medical attention for a longer period of time," said Dr. Jeffrey Steinbauer, director of Baylor College of Medicine's family medicine clinic in Houston.

Left untreated, high blood pressure, high cholesterol and diabetes can lead to complications that require hospitalization and/or repeated visits to a physician to monitor the health problem closely. Such chronic problems are usually detected early in men who see their physician for regular checkups or minor illnesses.

"If the patient comes to the doctor routinely, the physician has a chance to recommend standard tests for men in a particular age group, such as a rectal exam for prostate cancer or screening for colon cancer," said Steinbauer, associate professor of family and community medicine. "This also gives the doctor a chance to learn more about the patient's family history and other health risks."

But a number of men still seem reluctant to go to the doctor. Less than 30 percent of patients seen at family-medicine clinics in the United States are male.

Some of Steinbauer's male patients blame their jobs. "They think they're too busy to take time off for a doctor's appointment," he said.

Many women are more open to seeking medical care, especially those who become pregnant and get used to regularly-scheduled doctor's appointments, Steinbauer said. "Men don't have a similar experience in their lives that acquaints them with the health-care system in early adulthood."

Women are also more likely to be the parent who brings a sick child to the doctor, so they're more familiar with the doctor's office, Steinbauer said.

Dr. James Bray, a psychologist in Baylor's Department of Family and Community Medicine, attributes the absence of men in doctors' offices to social conditioning.

"Men used to be taught to tough things out and not seek help unless they're hurt really bad," Bray said. "Fortunately, this has been changing as we learn more about health risks and family histories, but there are still plenty of men out there who were raised under the old school of thought."

Fear of the unknown can also deter some men from seeking

medical advice. "They think that if they don't know about a health problem, it won't impact them," Bray said.

Spouses and significant others can help stop this pattern of behavior by educating men about the benefits of routine physical exams and early detection of health problems and by encouraging them to call a physician when they're sick.

Men aren't the only ones who will benefit, Bray said. "Boys can learn a lot from the example set by their father."

Paying attention can save a child's life

Often, it is merely the eyes and ears of one person that can save a child. It's better to err on the side of caution when there is a suspicion that a child is being abused, says Dr. Donna Persaud, assistant professor of pediatrics at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

"It's in the child's best interest for people to notice them," she says.

Persaud offers a brief list of indicators that might signal a child is in an abusive home:

- A child who is overly withdrawn or exhibits excessive or public sexual behavior
 - Bruises around the ears and in the recesses of the neck could indicate physical abuse.
 - Abused children may hit other children or hurt animals.
- If neighbors hear the sounds of abuse and witness excessive and harsh punishment being meted out, they should heed their senses and report the situation. Persaud urges every adult to become a critical observer.

For asthmatics, pets can be a risky business

For many asthmatics, sharing a home with a pet can be risky business.

"Pet owners with asthma tend to have more attacks because many also have pet-related allergies," said Dr. Benjamin Interiano, a pulmonologist and associate professor of medicine at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

While dogs and cats are the main culprits, any animal with fur or feathers, including gerbils, rabbits and birds, can aggravate asthma. When pets are kept inside the home, it is impossible to avoid contact with their hair, dander and various contaminants emitted from the urine and feces into the air.

"If a person is allergic to a pet, the best thing for them to do is remove the pet from the home," Interiano said. "If that's not possible, the animal should be kept outside the asthma sufferer's living

space, including bedrooms and family rooms."

If parting with the pet is not an option, the owner should at least take steps to lower the risk of triggering an asthma attack. Interiano suggests:

- keeping the pet outdoors as much as possible;
- bathing the animal once a week to reduce the number of allergens it emits;
- cleaning litter boxes, cages and the pet's bedding regularly;
- placing plastic covers over

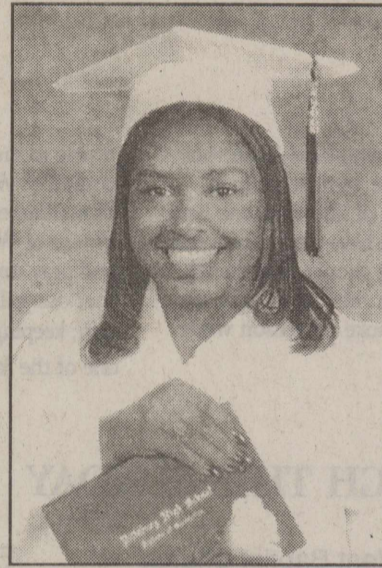
fabrics, furniture, pillows and mattresses.

To minimize exposure to allergens, assign these chores to non-allergic family and friends.

"The most important thing to remember with any allergy is to avoid the source," Interiano said. "Controlling the allergy will help control the asthma."

Continuous exposure to an allergen can make asthma more severe and persistent and can even result in irreversible damage to the respiratory system.

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Smoking costs money

by Lou Gilly
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Smoking takes money. But few young smokers are likely to be aware of the cumulative costs of smoking over the long run. Most smokers begin to smoke during their teen-age years and it becomes a daily expense.
Smoking generates a lot of

expense. The following example shows how much money is spent on smoking over 40 years by a teen who starts smoking at age 18. This example assumes 40 years of smoking, 1, 2, or 3 packs a day at a constant cost of \$1.75 per package of cigarettes. In reality, the cost of smoking is subject to price increases over 40 years, but price inflation is not considered in the example. Smoking will require out of pocket expenses ranging from \$25,480 to over \$76,400 over 40 years.

The table also shows what happens when amounts equivalent to the weekly cost of smoking 1, 2 and 3 packs a day is deposited into savings each week. The examples show the impact of daily compound interest at Annual Percentage Rates of 5.0%, 5.8% and 6.0%. The impact of taxes on accrued earnings is not shown,

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Friday, June 2
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trying to save a burning house, the person who couldn't swim but managed to save a child before drowning, etc. The list is endless. Let us go to our House of Worship, give thanks for their heroic deeds and pray that no war must ever again be fought, so that our gallant service people will not have died in vain; keeping in mind that our choice of worship is one of the freedoms they fought for.

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- East Side Baptist Church**
David Page, pastor
Sun. 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
- Christian Church**
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Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
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East Hwy 380, Haskell
- Trinity Lutheran Church**
Gary Bruns, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
- Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
- First United Methodist Church**
Shane Brue, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- First Assembly of God**
Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- St. George Catholic Church**
Father Michael Melcher
Sat. Mass 7:15 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell
- Church of Christ**
Brett Anderson, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- First Presbyterian Church**
Luther S. Hollowell, II, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Trinity Baptist Church**
Rev. Kenneth Blair
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.
401 S. Ave. D, Haskell
- Hopewell Baptist Church**
John Lewis, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

Greater Independent Baptist Church

- Bobby Ray Wade, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
- New Covenant Foursquare**
Kevin and Sharon Fletcher, pastors
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell
- Mission Revival Center**
Rev. William Hodge
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.
1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell
- First Baptist Church**
Kevin Hall, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
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Ed Buerkle, pastor
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Rev. Clarence Walker
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Hwy 6, Rochester
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Dolan Brinson, pastor
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SAGERTON

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Tommy Wilson, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
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- Faith Lutheran Church**
Stan Leaf, pastor
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RULE

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Scott Hensley, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1001 Union Ave., Rule
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John Greeson, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule
- First United Methodist Church**
Shane Brue, pastor
Sun. Morn. Worship 9 a.m.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
1000 Union Ave., Rule
- New Life Baptist Mission**
Jesus Herrera
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Elm Street/Hwy 380 E, Rule
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Vergil Smith, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
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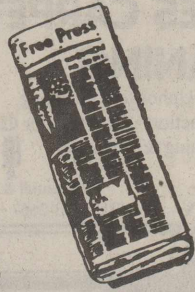
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Eat healthier with kitchen makeover

Simply rethinking how you shop and store groceries could help your family eat healthier, say nutritionists with Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

"Expecting busy family members to stop and peel a carrot or remember apples stashed in the crisper is unrealistic," said Becky Gorham, a research dietitian with Baylor's USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center. "The snacks that are usually eaten are quick, easy-to-find and easy-to-eat."

To help improve your family's diet, Gorham offers these "kitchen makeover" tips:

Easy does it: Bulk purchases might cost less per pound, but individual portions are more attractive to the "eat-it-now" crowd. Stock the refrigerator with "grab-and-go" plastic pint bottles of flavored low-fat milk and water, boxes of 100% calcium-fortified juice, easy-to-eat "tubes" of yogurt, cubed cheese, low-fat string cheese

and snack bags of mini carrots. Pack pantry shelves with mini boxes of raisins. Re-portion packages of whole-wheat crackers and trail mix into easy-to-grab snack bags.

For faster, healthier family meals, stock no-fuss "salad in a bag" salads, individually frozen poultry pieces and plenty of canned and frozen vegetables. Also, consider grilling extra chicken to slice and freeze for quick chicken quesadillas, barbecue chicken sandwiches or to add to soup.

Create attention-grabbing snacks: Place a bowl of tempting easy-to-eat fresh fruit on the kitchen counter. Snip washed grapes into snack-size portions. Keep pre-cut fruit, ready-to-eat vegetables and a small bowl of low-fat dip on the most visible shelf in the refrigerator.

Make small healthy changes: Switch to 100% fruit juice, 100% whole-grain bread and ready-to-eat

cereals, soft or liquid margarine and low-fat milk and dairy products. Add nuts, seeds or fruit to salads. Select more fish, poultry and leaner cuts of meat. Incorporate vegetarian entrees, stir-fries or other dishes that feature vegetables and grains into your menu planning.

Downsize treats: Super-size bags of snack foods are no nutritional bargain. Help your family practice restraint by downsizing the packages you buy. Also, consider limiting the variety of snack foods to reduce temptation.

Consider advertising: Post "ads" on the front of the refrigerator and inside the pantry door to let your family know what healthy foods are in the house. Don't be afraid to be flashy and creative. You might even entice the kids to help design signs and "promotions."

Try a marketing campaign: Place a chart on the front of the refrigerator and encourage family members to track their progress

toward eating two servings of fruit, three servings of vegetables, at least one serving of whole grains and three or more servings of dairy foods or other high-calcium food each day. Mark progress with stickers and establish a reward system.

"For many families, healthier eating starts when the healthy choice is the most obvious, convenient and tempting one," Gorham said.

Landowners responsible for abandoned wells

by Lou Gilly and Brandon Anderson
Haskell Co. Extension Agents
Clean, clear water makes it possible for us to enjoy the food we eat, the conveniences we have and the pleasures of everyday life. Protecting this vital resource is the responsibility of all Texans.

Extension agricultural engineer Bruce Lesikar says there are more than 150,000 abandoned water wells in our state. A functioning water well brings groundwater to the surface. This poses a considerable danger to people, wildlife and the environment.

Landowners are responsible for plugging their abandoned wells. Some may be able to do the job themselves, but in some cases, it is required that a professional do the job. Landowners who plan to do the work themselves must first contact the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.



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Cost calculator available to mutual fund consumers

by Lou Gilly
Haskell Co. Extension Agent
The newest way to compare mutual fund costs is to use a new Internet-based tool developed by the Securities and Exchange Commission. This new tool helps investors compare the costs of mutual funds and assess their impact. By knowing the costs, consumers can choose mutual funds whose returns won't be so heavily impacted by yearly expenses.

Consumers have often wondered if they are better off buying no-load funds with yearly expenses of funds with front-end sales charges that have low yearly expenses. Research by the SEC suggests that most mutual fund investors don't know the costs associated with their investments.

A 1996 survey by the SEC and the Comptroller of the Currency found that less than 20 percent of fund investors could estimate the expenses for their largest mutual fund. And fewer than one in six fund investors knew that higher expenses lead to lower returns. SEC Chairman Arthur Levitt says, "Each and every investor should know what he or she is paying for a mutual fund—plainly, simply and in dollars and cents. Only when investors know what they're paying can they shop for a fund that best matches their investment objectives."

Even a one percent difference in mutual fund costs adds up over time. Now it's possible to make a

comparison by using the free mutual fund "Cost Calculator" available at the SEC Website, <http://www.sec.gov>. An investor using the "Cost Calculator" would discover, for example, that \$10,000 invested in a no-load mutual fund that returns 8 percent a year with a one percent annual fee will be worth \$38,122 after 20 years. Another fund with the same annual return but a two percent annual fee will be worth just \$31,117, or \$7,005 less than the fund whose annual fees are one percent.

"A one percent difference can have a huge impact," said Nancy Granovsky, CFP and Extension family economics specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "In fact, the longer you own a fund with lower charges, the greater impact it will have on your return," she said. The Investment Company Institute indicates that the average ownership cost of a stock fund was 2.11 percent of an individual's investment in 1997, compared to an 0.89 percent average ownership cost for a no-load fund.

In addition to annual fees, consumers should also consider a number of other factors in selecting a mutual fund:

- investment time horizon—the

number of years needed to reach an investment goal

- fund objectives and type of holdings—the type and mix of investments the fund trades (stocks, bonds and other securities)

- risk—how risky the fund is
- track record of the fund's portfolio manager

- track record of fund performance over time

- how well the fund's objectives and investor's objectives coincide
- other investment costs associated with the fund
- services offered by the mutual fund company

Another tool available on the Internet is the Financial Facts Tool Kit, also located on the SEC Website (<http://www.sec.gov/consumer/toolkit.htm>).

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Take the plunge

One of the hottest trends for seniors is "all wet." Water-based exercise is a great way for older people to experience the benefits of working out without the impact associated with activities such as jogging or tennis.

Sports medicine experts at Baylor College of Medicine say the water provides a safe, effective medium for conditioning and toning. The types of exercise range from swimming and aerobics to strength and flexibility training.

Whether the goal is to improve your health or simply add some activity to your life, the pool is a great place to start.

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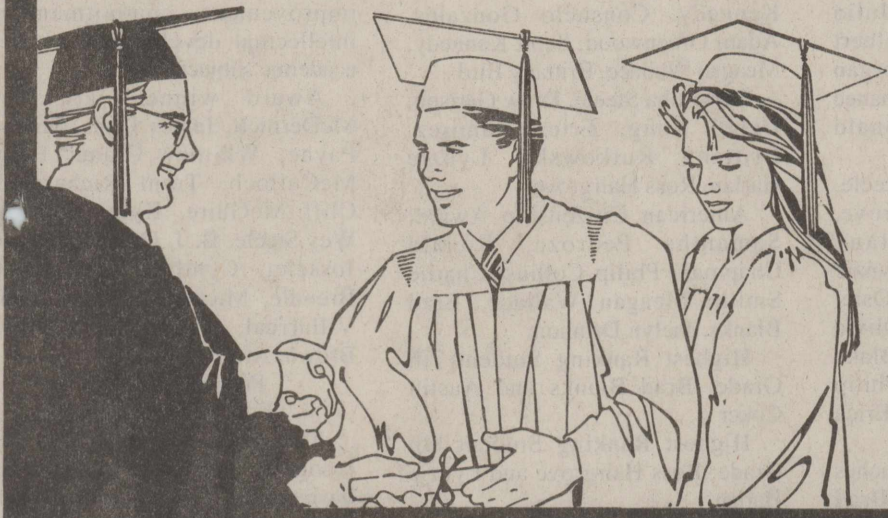
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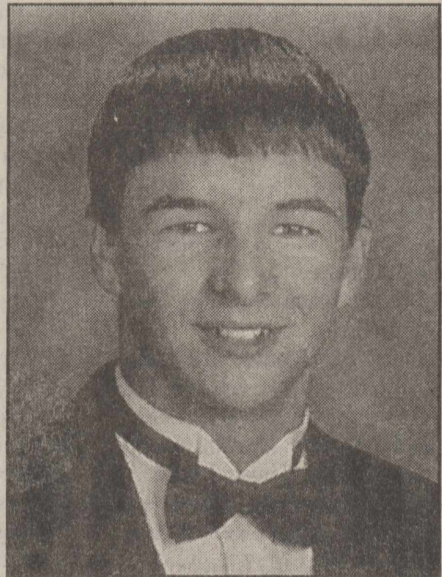
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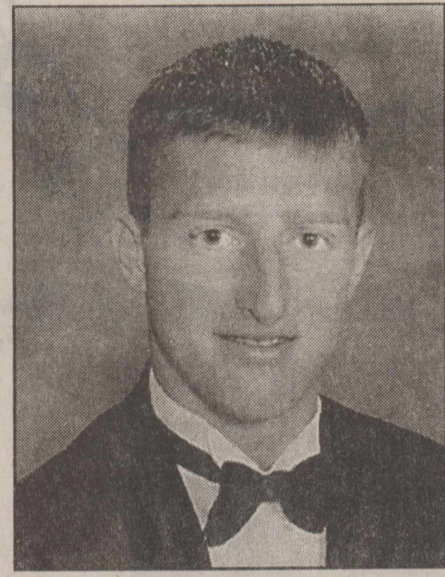
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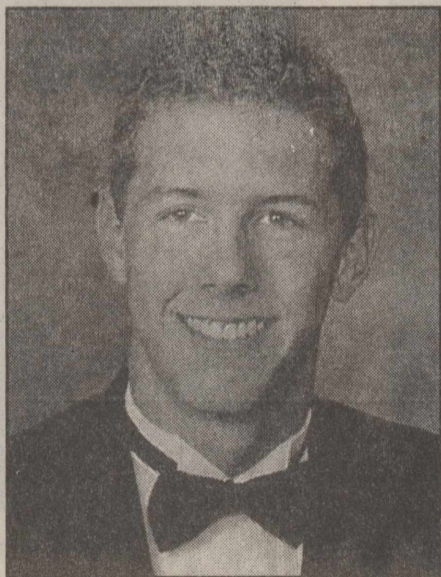


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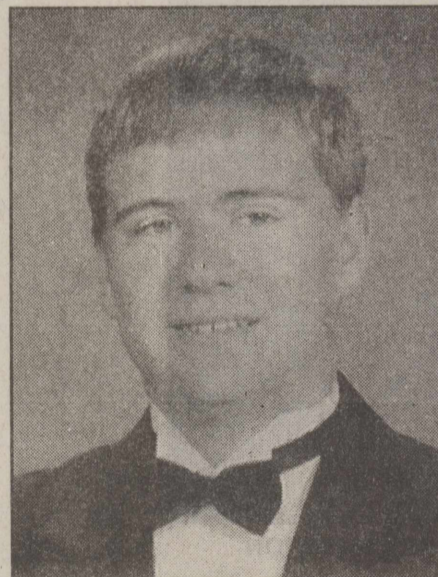
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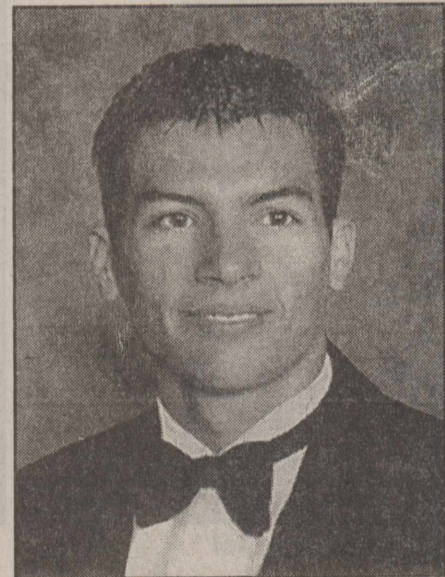
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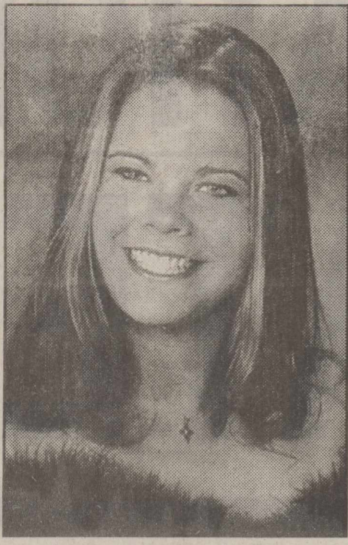


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The Twelfth Annual Secondary Awards Program was held Thurs., May 11, in the Secondary Auditorium.

Student Council members assisted with the junior high awards and the National Honor Society students helped with the high school awards. Awards were given in the following areas:

**Junior High
7 & 8 Grades**

Perfect attendance: Ronald Chapman, Philip Collins, Joseph Felty, J. R. Rodriguez, Saphron Roysdon, Julio Solano-Guerra and Nate Webb.

The American Legion School Award is given to one eighth grade girl and one eighth grade boy who have been selected by the teachers. These students have displayed the qualities of honor, courage, scholarship, leadership and service.

American Legion Award: Lynzie Harlan and Ross Hairgrove

Science 7: Monica Buerger and Brad Blanks

Science II: Lynzie Harlan and Brittany Rutkowski

Health 7: Eden Thomas and Whitney Wallace

Reading Multilingualists 7: Jaclyn Drinnon and Joshua Tidrow

English 8: Lynzie Harlan and Ross Hairgrove

Reading Multilingualists 8: Corina Trevino and Krystle Kluth

Life Skills and Management: Brad Blanks and Monica Buerger

Band 7: Monica Buerger and Susie Skinner

Band 8: Drew Garison and Lynzie Harlan

American History: Drew Garison and Ross Hairgrove

Texas History: Austin Coker and Brad Blanks

English 7: Austin Coker and Monica Buerger

Math 7: Eden Thomas and Austin Coker

Math 8: Lynzie Harlan and Brittany Rutkowski

Computer 8: Brittany Rutkowski and Lynzie Harlan

Reading 7: Samantha Pedroza and Cushena Dever

Reading 8: Blake Goss and Jacqueline Kilgore

Junior High UIL

7th Grade: Brad Blanks, Tara McCarty, Nate Webb, Whitney Wallace, Monica Buerger, Susie Skinner, Eden Thomas, Charlie

Smith, Jaclyn Drinnon, Nick Crosson, Josh Tidrow, Julio Salano, Ramon Cuellar, Albert Palacios, Alexis Reed, Morgan Acosta, Samantha Pedroza, Shanee Mays, Aaron New, Ronald Chapman

8th Grade: Samantha Steele, Debbi Long, Ross Hairgrove, Drew Garison, Brittany Rutkowski, Brittany Bird, Lynzie Harlan, Meagan Wallace, Osiel Garcia, Derrick Tribbey, Olivia Messenger, Otis Thomas, Blake Goss, Adam Greenwood, Philip Collins, Tracy Richardson, Erica Ramirez

Texas Math & Science Coaches Association - 7th Grade: Brad Blanks, Tara McCarty, Nate Webb

8th Grade: Samantha Steele, Debbi Long, Ross Hairgrove, Drew Garison, Brittany Rutkowski, Brittany Bird, Lynzie Harlan, Meagan Wallace

TAAS Recognition - 7th Grade: Eden Thomas, Adria Stephens, Alexis Reed, Austin Coker

8th Grade: Drew Garison and Debbi Long

President's Award for Educational Improvement

The President's Award for Educational Improvement is to recognize students that show outstanding educational growth, improvement, commitment or intellectual development in their academic subjects.

Students recognized are Kris Isbell, Joseph Felty, Osiel Garcia, Shanee Mays, Morgan Acosta, Charlie Smith, Derrick Tribbey and Saphron Roysdon.

President's Award for Educational Excellence

The purpose of this award is to recognize and honor students who have achieved high academic goals by their hard work and dedication to learning. Students receiving this award must have a 90 or above average for the entire school year.

Receiving this award were Samantha Pedroza, Adria Stephens, Tara McCarty, Albert Palacios, Julio Solano-Guerra, Susie Skinner, Ronald Chapman, Brianna Wheatley.

Josh Tidrow, Nick Crosson, Jaclyn Drinnon, Whitney Wallace, Calina Kendall, Alexis Reed, Debra McNeil, Austin Coker, Brad Blanks.

Tracy Richardson, Melody Kennedy, Consuelo Gonzales, Adam Greenwood, Scott Kennedy, Meagan Wallace, Brittany Bird.

American Citizenship Award: Samantha Steele, Drew Garison, Debbi Long, Erica Ramirez, Brittany Rutkowski, Lynzie Harlan, Ross Hairgrove.

First Year Honor Students received black t-shirts. 7th Grade: Brad Blanks, Austin Coker, Debra McNeil, Monica Buerger, Eden Thomas, Alexis Reed, Calina Kendall, Whitney Wallace, Jaclyn Drinnon.

8th Grade: Erica Ramirez and Tracy Richardson.

Second Year Honor Students received gold t-shirts. 8th Grade: Drew Garison, Brittany Rutkowski, Lynzie Harlan, Ross Hairgrove, Debbi Long, Meagan Wallace, Brittany Bird, Samantha Steele, Scott Kennedy, Adam Greenwood, Melody Kennedy, Consuelo Gonzales.

High School Grades 9-12

Perfect Attendance: Tyrone Billington, Ross Bullinger, Craig Cunningham, Kristin Cypert, Evan Everett, Leon Goudeau, Andy Hudspeth, Meg McManamon, Travis Poteet, Jessica Rieger, John Roy Rivera, Roxanna Rivera, Eric Sanchez, Wes Steele, Justin Teague, Brent Watson, Josh Webb.

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President's Award for Educational Improvement

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Award winners are Lori McDermott, James Jeans, Mitchel Payne, Whitney Crane, Heath McCulloch, Trent Richardson, Cliff McGuire, Kyle Michaels, Wes Steele, B. J. Opshal, Jennifer Josselet, Cynthia Soto, Heath Brendle, Michael Lindsey, April Villarreal, Trisha Horan, Eric Brown, Arturo Arebalos.

President's Award for Educational Excellence

The purpose of this award is to recognize and honor students who have achieved high academic goals by their hard work and dedication to learning. Students receiving this award must have a 90 or above for the entire school year and be recommended.

Students receiving this award were Mandy Adams, Melvin Garcia, Kristen Rodela, Omar Payan, Jill Watson, Andy Martinez, Eddie Loyd, Crystal Milburn, Katie McKnight, Whitney Hise.

Christi Sorrells, Zack Coker, Brittany Lindsey, Wade Cothron, Angel Pena, Ross Bullinger, Wendy Proctor, T. J. Yates, Taylor Seelke, Angela Brown.

Jillian Thomas, Josh Webb, Morgan Cox, Leslie Grand, Chase Seelke, Keli Jo McCarty, Ryan Burgess, Leon Goudeau, Sydney Bruggeman, Jacklyn Escobedo.

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Ross Pittman, Patricia Fuentes.

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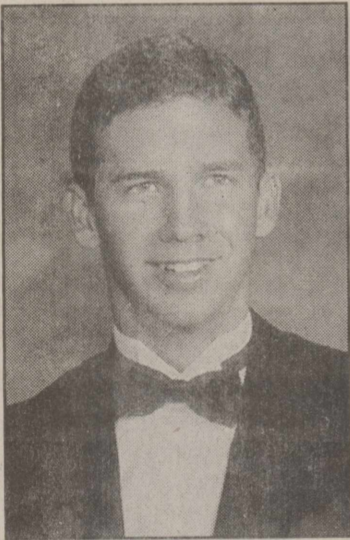
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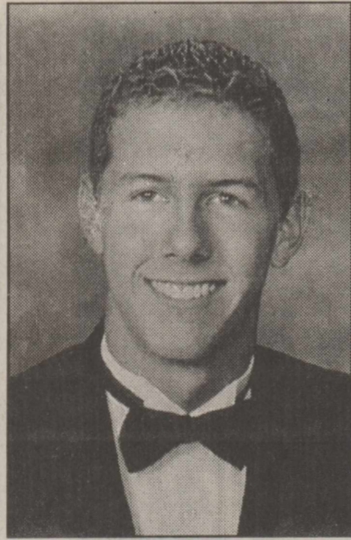
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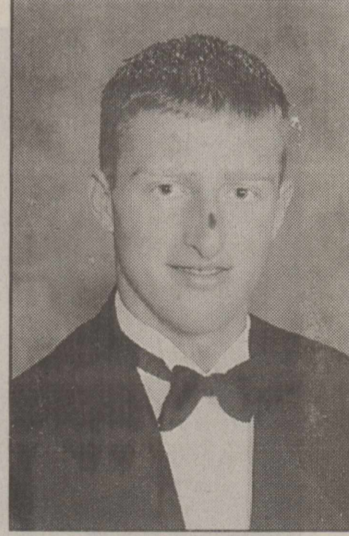
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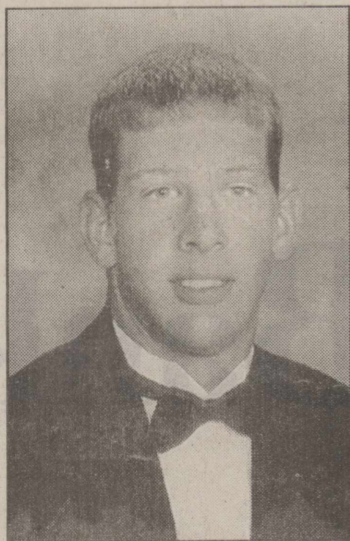
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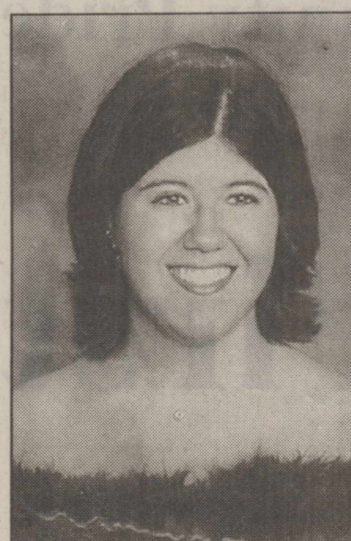
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Emily Wheat, Micah New, Andy Hudspeth, Jodi Thigpen, Brent Watson, Hilee Mulligan, Brittany Bartley.

Jason Trammell, Meg McManamon, Craig Cunningham, Mitchell Cox, Kevin McSmith, Kevin Patton, Dusty Yates.

American Citizenship Award: Angel Pena, Tabitha Coker, Taylor Seelke, Kristin Cypert, Keisha Woodard, Meg McManamon, Bergen Peiser, Deshea Plemister, Kevin Patton, Katy McDaniel, Leon Goudeau.

Awards Classes

Personal & Family Development: Jacklyn Escobedo and Keli Jo McCarty

U. S. History: Katy McDaniel and Kyle Hunt

Life Skills: Cynthia Abila and Larissa Kloog

Apparel: Sheena Wolsch and Chris Crosson

Food Science & Nutrition: Jennifer Eubank and Amy Pedroza Barrera

Parenting & Child Development: Stevie Silvas and Tanya Hernandez

BCIS I: Sydney Brueggeman and Jacklyn Escobedo

BCIS II: Dan Fouts and Tom Fouts

Business & Independent Study: Brittany Bartley

Economics: Kevin Patton and Mitchell Cox

Art I: Candice McFadden and Brent Watson

Spanish I: Roxanna Rivera and Nathan Long

Spanish II: Jimmy Huff and Dan Fouts

Biology I: Jacklyn Escobedo and Leon Goudeau

English IV: Andy Hudspeth and Brandon Acosta

English II: Katy McDaniel and Tiffany Lindsey

Integrated Physics & Chemistry: Katy McDaniel and Nathan Long

Chemistry: Jimmy Huff and Dan Fouts

Geometry: Jacklyn Escobedo and Sydney Brueggeman

Algebra II: Jessica Rieger and Bergen Peiser

Math Models: Tara Hamilton and Misti Wheat

Pre-Calculus: Dan Fouts and Jimmy Huff

Algebra I: Leon Goudeau and Keli McCarty

Calculus: Kevin Patton

Physics: Dusty Yates

Algebra I-B: Jenny Goudeau and Christina Sammons

English III: Jimmy Huff and Tom Fouts

English I: Ryan Burgess and Jacklyn Escobedo

Criminal Justice: Brandon Acosta and Chris Alexander

FFA Pals: Dusty Yates and Cynthia Soto

Wildlife Management: Andy Hudspeth and Christina Markunas

Horticulture: Chris Alexander and Eric Brown

DCP: Jason Clark and Amber Cooper

Speech Communication: Reena Harris and Jennifer Bryan

Oral Interpretation: Jimmy Huff and Deshea Plemister

Ag/Speech: Morgan Cox and Keli Jo McCarty

World History & Geography: Jimmy Huff and Tom Fouts

Band I: Jacklyn Escobedo and Sydney Brueggeman

Band II: Bergen Peiser and Nathan Long

Band III: Kristi Christian and Amanda Perry

Band IV: Kevin McSmith and Meg McManamon

Music History: Andy Hudspeth and Misti Wheat

Food Technology: Brittany Bartley and Kristi Christian

Advanced Animal Science: Levi Terry and Brent Watson

Ag Metal Fabrication: Justin Teague and John Mark Hodgin

Ag Speech: Ryan Burgess and Leslie Grand

Anatomy & Physiology: Brittany Bartley and Jodi Thigpen

English 4 Concurrent: Kevin Patton and Mitchell Cox

Journalism: Kristin Cypert and Bergen Peiser

Yearbook I: Hilee Mulligan and Emily Wheat

Yearbook II: Misti Wheat and Michael Lindsey

UIL Scholar Award

Mitchell Cox, Kevin Patton, Kevin McSmith, Jason Trammell, Brittany Bartley

Xerox Award

Each year a student is nominated by the history teacher to receive the Xerox Award. This year's award goes to Jimmy Huff.

Bausch & Lomb Award

The Bausch & Lomb Award is given to a junior who has excelled in the sciences. This year's recipient is Jimmy Huff.

The Academic Challenge Team consisted of Mitchell Cox, Kevin Patton, Kevin McSmith and Jimmy Huff.

The U. S. Army Scholar/Athlete is Kevin Patton.

New inductees into the Quill & Scroll are senior Jodi Thigpen; juniors Megan Bird and Heather Steele; and sophomores Kristin Cypert, Jennifer Smith, Bergen Peiser and Sheena Wolsch.

2-year members of the Quill & Scroll are seniors Meg McManamon, Hilee Mulligan, Jessica Thompson and Emily Wheat; juniors Patti Fuentes and Cynthia Soto.

ILPC Winners

Senior Jason Isbell won 1st place for his editorial cartoon depicting the three minute class break and back packs.

Sophomore Kyle Hunt won 2nd place in sports action photo with a basketball candid of Osiel Garcia going up for a layup.

Senior Michael Lindsey earned three awards. A 3rd place in general news photo for a skit picture of Katie Thompson and band director Michael Copeland. Kristin Cypert wrote the caption.

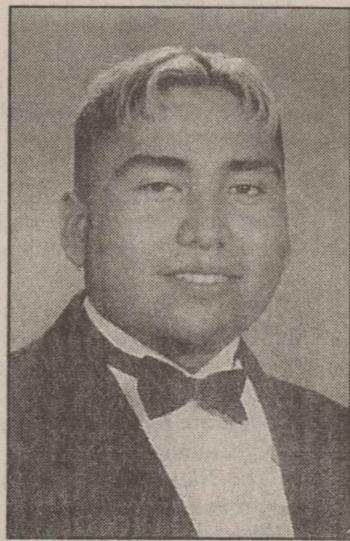
Lindsey also earned two honorable mentions - one for his sports column about the potential success of the St. Louis Rams and a second award for sports action story which was an interpretative piece about varsity football prior to the opening of district play.

In editorial writing, sophomore Kristin Cypert won an honorable mention for her school prayer "wave" editorial.

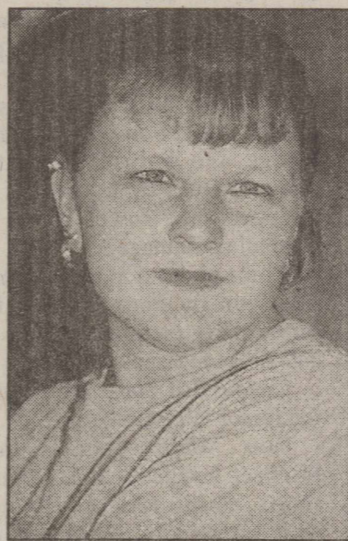
Junior Jennifer Eubank earned an honorable mention for a feature story about Jimmy Huff's trip to Haiti.

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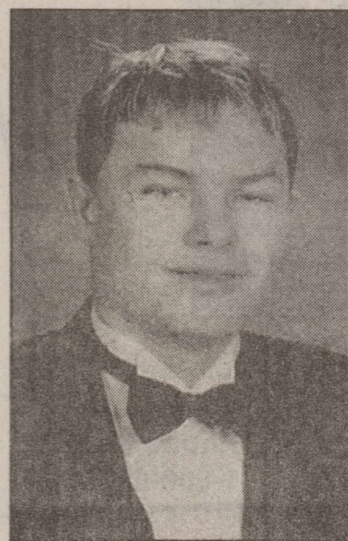
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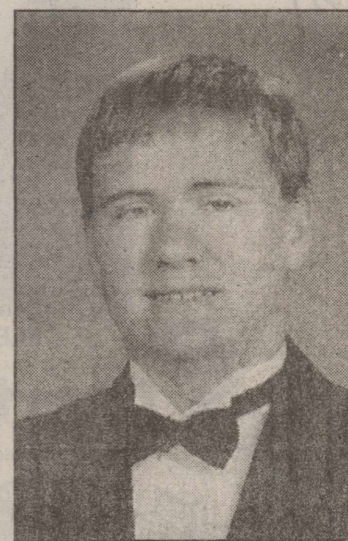
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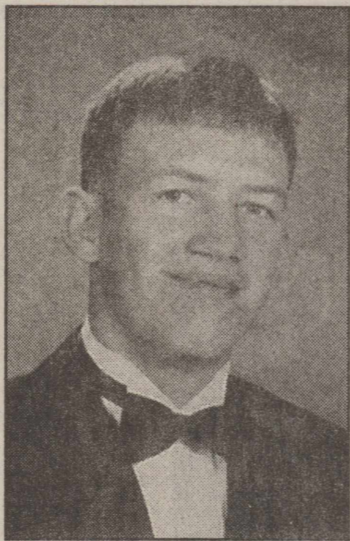
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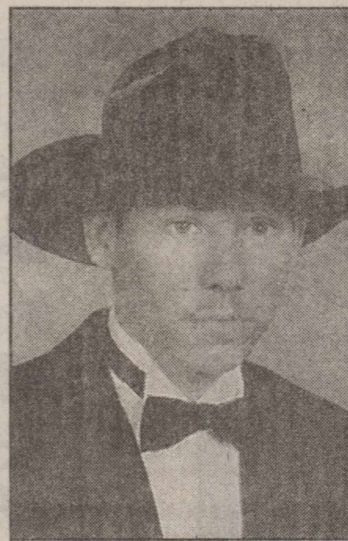
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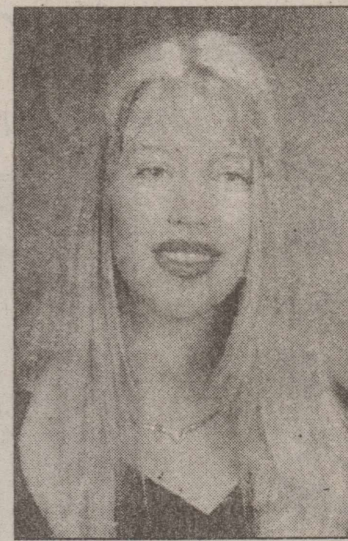
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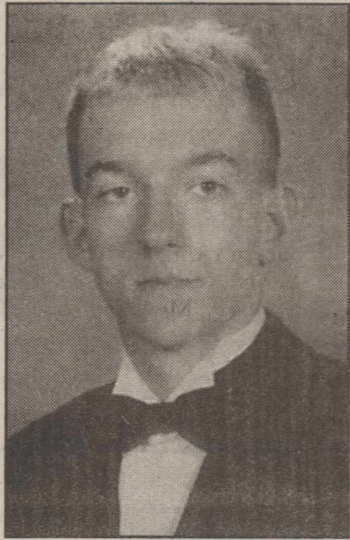
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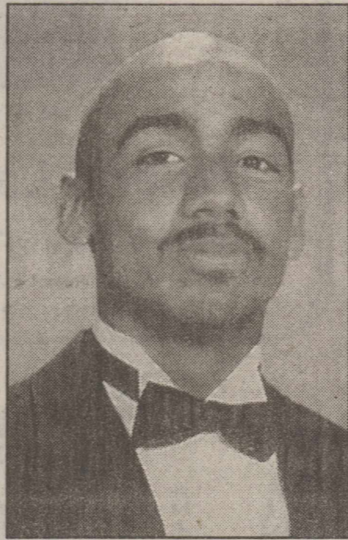
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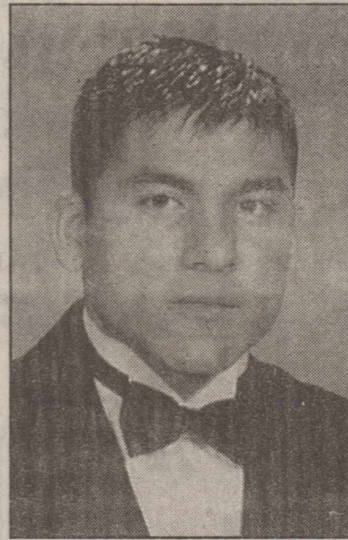
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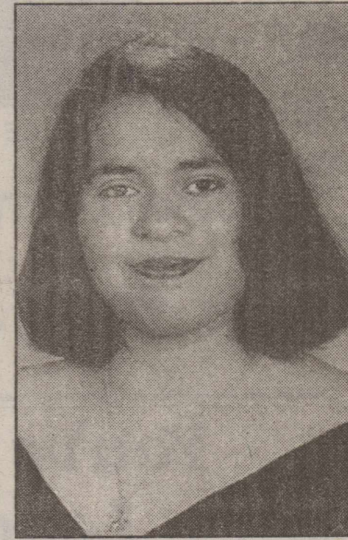
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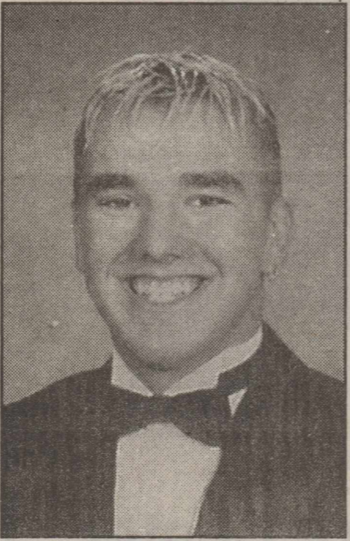
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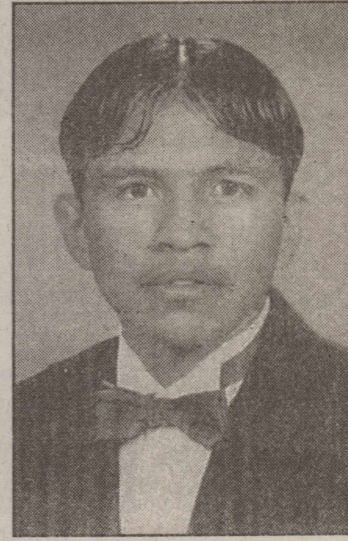
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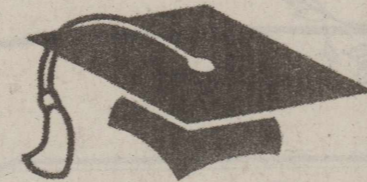
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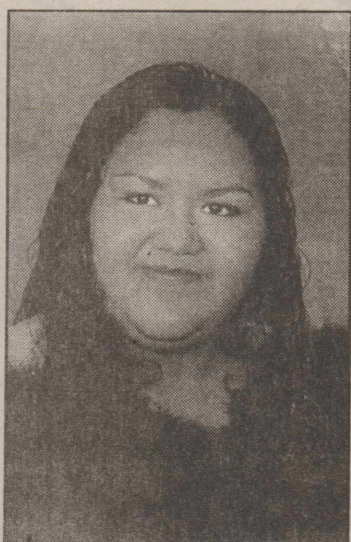


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Awards

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 Junior Cynthia Soto's photo of April Villarreal helping her PAL paint a pumpkin won honorable mention in the feature photo category.

THSP Winners
 Emily Wheat won 3rd for a black and white photo of Mrs. B. giving a pink slip to an underclassman and also won 2nd for a black and white feature photo of a bonfire.

3rd place black and white sports photo was won by Stephanie Hodge and Patti Fuentes for a photo of Billy Bible with his head wrapped in a towel at the first football scrimmage.

Color photo honorable mention was won by Patti Fuentes for a senior party picture of Kerre Cole and Amanda Rapp.

Layout 3rd place Patti Fuentes for Junior High basketball.

War Whoop sports editor Michael Lindsey and Chieftain sports editor Jessica Thompson won 3rd place in the Sports copy for the boys cross country story.

Thompson also won an honorable mention for the varsity boys track story and a 3rd for best overall sports section.

Division pages: 3rd place to Hilee Mulligan and Cynthia Soto for fine arts pages.

Layout: Honorable mention to Kevin Patton for organization division pages.

Kevin Patton also won 3rd in the Best Overall section organizations.

The Chieftain competed in the small school category of 1A-3A schools.

The American Legion School Award is given to one senior girl and one senior boy who have been selected by the teachers. These students have displayed the qualities of honor, courage, scholarship, leadership and service. The American Legion Award winners are Meg McManamon and Craig Cunningham.

The National Merit Scholar is Kevin Patton.

The TAAS Academic Recognition recipients are Jessica

Rieger, Katie Thompson, Nathan Long and Tiffany Lindsey.

The Music Region 2 All-Academic Band was formed to recognize the top senior band members who maintained a grade average of a 90 or above during their four years of high school. Music Region 2 represents the area from San Angelo to Childress and from Coahoma to Mineral Wells. Members with a 95 or above receive "First Chair" honors. The top receive "Student Conductor" honors. Among the 38 members of the 1999-2000 band, Haskell has two. Both students have received "First Chair" honors. They are Meg McManamon and Kevin McSmith.

Recipients of the American Musical Foundation Band Honors are nominated by the band director as an outstanding band student in the class. The criterion is based on outstanding musical talent, dedication and service. Directors are allowed to nominate three students from each grade level. 1999-2000 honors go to: Freshmen: Sydney Brueggeman, Jacklyn Escobedo and Jill Watson.

Sophomores: Kristin Cypert, Ernest Palacios and Nathan Long.

Juniors: Kristi Christian, Trisha Horan and Amanda Perry.

Seniors: Brandon Acosta, Christina Markunas, Meg McManamon and Kevin McSmith.

Highest Ranking Student 9th Grade: Jacklyn Escobedo and Sydney Brueggeman

Highest Ranking Student 10th Grade: Katy McDaniel and Jessica Rieger

Highest Ranking Student 11th Grade: Jimmy Huff and Dan Fouts

Highest Ranking Student 12th Grade: Dusty Yates and Kevin Patton

First year honor students receive a black t-shirt. 9th Grade: Whitney Hise, Eddie Loyd, Andy Martinez, Jill Watson, Kristen Rodela, Melvin Garcia, Mandy Adams.

10th Grade: Mathew Eubank, Jennifer Ivie, Ashley Escobedo, Jenny Goudeau.

11th Grade: Misti Wheat, Jennifer Eubank, Jennifer Bryan, Tabitha Coker, Dustin Threet, Troy Caraway, Coy Hise, Keisha Woodard, John Roy Rivera.

12th Grade: Jason Isbell and

Casey Riley.

Second year honor students received a gold t-shirt. 10th Grade: Sheena Wolsch, Roxanna Rivera, Bryce Hudgens, Justin Tidrow, Ernest Palacios, Trac Mathis, Brandon Early, Nikki Wallace, Loren Cole, Candice McFadden, Kyle Hunt.

11th Grade: Dustin Hannsz, Priscilla Ortiz, Paige Hagadone.

12th Grade: Josh Stocks, Andy Hudspeth, Misty Rodela, Chris Crosson, Brandon Acosta, Amy Pedroza Barrera, Tara Hamilton.

Third year honor students received a black windbreaker. 9th Grade: Jacklyn Escobedo, Sydney Brueggeman, Jillian Thomas, Taylor Seelke, Leslie Grand, Ross Bullinger, Morgan Cox, Angela Brown, Chase Seelke, Josh Webb, Keli McCarty, Brittany Lindsey, Wendy Proctor, T. J. Yates, Ryan Burgess, Leon Goudeau, Angel Pena, Zack Coker, Wade Cothron.

10th Grade: Zac McGuire, Travis Poteet, Tyrone Billington, Adam Diaz.

11th Grade: Amanda Perry and Patricia Fuentes.

12th Grade: Emily Wheat, Dawson Drucesedow, Kira Poteet.

Fourth year honor students receive a gray windbreaker. 10th Grade: Jessica Rieger, Bergen Peiser, Katy McDaniel, Katie Thompson, Nathan Long, Melissa Buerger, Jennifer Smith, Kristin Cypert, Tiffany Lindsey, Jessica Miller, Kevin Wallace.

11th Grade: Levi Terry and Heather Steele.

12th Grade: Evan Everett, Reena Harris, Micah New, Justin Teague.


Fifth year honor students receive a blanket. 11th Grade: Dan Fouts, Tom Fouts, Jimmy Huff, Jeff Blanks, Megan Bird, Jason Langford, Deshea Pheister, Kristi Christian.

12th Grade: Dusty Yates.

Sixth year honor students receive a watch. 12th Grade: Mitchell Cox, Kevin McSmith, Jason Trammell, Craig Cunningham, Kevin Patton, Hilee Mulligan, Brent Watson, Jodi Thigpen, Jessica Thompson, Cole Earles, Meg McManamon, Brittany Bartley.

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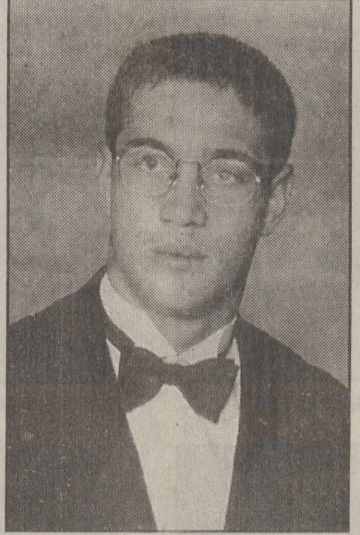
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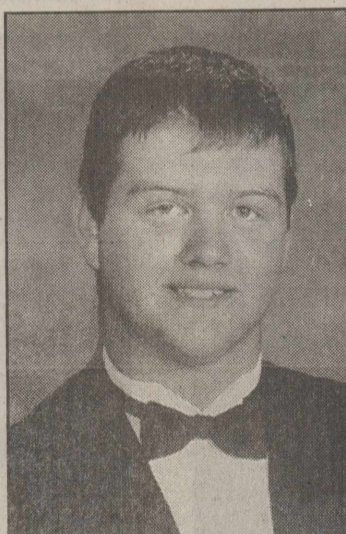
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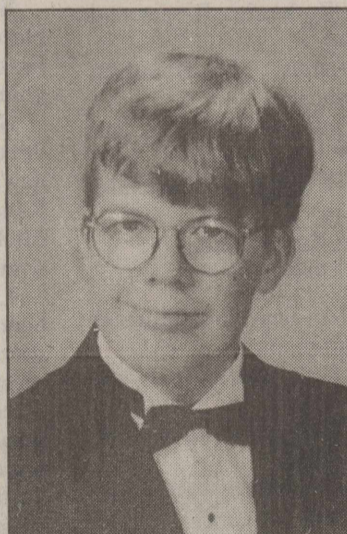


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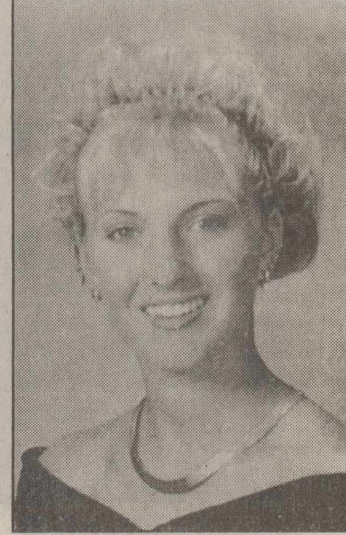


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Medicine cabinets need cleaning, too

When you embark on cleaning, go ahead and include the medicine cabinet on your list.

Spending a few minutes cleaning your medicine cabinet could make a big difference in your family's health and safety. A peek into most medicine cabinets might reveal outdated prescribed and over-the-counter medications and medications without proper child safety measures, said Lois Nash, M.S., R.Ph., director of Pharmacy Services at The Methodist Hospital in Houston. If Nash looked at your medicine cabinet she might also find that some medicine cabinet musts are missing.

But first things first. Nash recommends not even using your medicine cabinet for the storage of medicine if it's in your bathroom. She said the humidity and heat from the shower are poor conditions for storing medications.

Awards

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Craig Cunningham; vice president - Senior Hilee Mulligan; secretary - Senior Meg McManamon; reporter - Senior Brittany Bartley; projects chairman - Junior Paige Hagadone.

Senior Class Rep - Evan Everett

Junior Class Reps - Tom Fouts, Dan Fouts and Deshea Phemister

Sophomore Class Reps - Bergen Peiser, Katie Thompson and Dain Walker

Freshman Class Reps - Morgan Cox, Zack Coker and Jillian Thomas.

1999-2000 NHS Members

Seniors: Craig Cunningham, president; Meg McManamon, vice president; Brittany Bartley, secretary; Hilee Mulligan, reporter; Kevin McSmith, chaplain; Mitchell Cox, Micah New, Kevin Patton, Jodi Thigpen and Dusty Yates.

Juniors: Megan Bird, Jeff Blanks, Kristi Christian, Dan Fouts, Tom Fouts, Jimmy Huff, Deshea Phemister.

A better place for your medications is a storage area in the kitchen or bedroom, up high and out of reach from children and secured with a child safety latch.

Once your "cabinet" is established, Nash recommends sifting through the medications and throwing away all prescriptions not in use and expired prescription and over-the-counter drugs.

"You really shouldn't be keeping any prescription medications around that you are not currently taking," Nash said. "And you also should keep all medications in the original packages because of important information on the labels."

Nash also recommends that you make a list of all the medications, including herbal remedies, that you are currently taking.

Put one of these lists where you store your medicine and more importantly, carry one in your wallet so emergency medical personnel can easily determine what medications you are taking. Some drugs, Nash said, can be harmful if they interact with others.

If you have any questions about the medications you are taking, you should not hesitate to ask your pharmacist or call The Methodist Hospital Drug Information Center at 713-790-4190.

Stocking Your Medicine Cabinet

•Ipecac: This is used in situations when a child needs to expel a poison. Always call poison control (1-800-764-7661) before using. You could do more harm by giving ipecac, so check first.

•Aspirin, ibuprofen and acetaminophen: These should be handy for pain and fever relief.

•Cortisone cream: The anti-itch cream is good to have around for relief of insect bites.

•Antibiotic cream: Good for treating scrapes, cuts and scratches.

•Decongestants and antihistamines: These medications are good to have for allergy relief and colds.

•Antacids: For an upset stomach.

TxDOT, Coca-Cola contribute to All Night Party

Haskell High School is once again receiving assistance from the Texas Department of Transportation for their graduation activities. Called Project Celebration, TxDOT is providing 28 high schools in the Abilene district a \$350 mini-grant each for Project Celebration 2000.

Brenda Mitchell, Abilene district traffic safety coordinator, said she is pleased that TxDOT continues to support graduation activities.

"As prom night and graduation are milestones in a young person's life, it is important that we do our part in proving students a safe and sober occasion that they can treasure for a life time," Mitchell said.

In addition to the grant, Mitchell visited each high school and presented the Project Celebration chairperson key chains for each of the graduates who attend their high school event. These mementos bear the slogan, *Celebrate - Sober*. T-shirts displaying the same slogan were also donated as door prizes.

These graduation souvenirs are designed to be a reminder to the students to remain drug and alcohol-free around prom and graduation time, Mitchell said.

"The initiation of "zero tolerance" laws in our state, coupled with enhanced penalties for age law violations, signal a new era in Texas for targeting illegal underage drinking. Experience has shown that too many young innocent lives have already been lost or severely impaired in our

state due to illegal underage drinking and drinking and driving.

"We know the temptation seniors face this time of year as we've all been there ourselves," she added. "That's why we think it is so important to help finance prom and graduation all-night parties and to offer small tokens as reminders of the importance of remaining sober while making memories that will last a lifetime."

For the past several years TxDOT has made grants available through its Traffic Operations division to support Project Celebration. The money is divided between the state's 25 districts that then determine the amount of each grant based on the number of high schools participating in their individual district.

Transportation officials report that this program is one of TxDOT's most popular and well-received projects offered throughout the state.

Project Celebration was originally developed to assist rural schools with their celebrations and began in 1984 with only two schools. In 1989, the first year the department provided mini-grants to rural schools, they had 59 recipients. The program proved so successful, it was expanded to include all high schools. More than 600 schools are expected to participate this year effecting 133,000 seniors.

These mini-grants are not intended to fully fund a Project Celebration event, Mitchell said, but to provide seed money for

schools to start and support alcohol and drug-free parties for high school students. The funds are to be used to cover expenses such as printing, materials, postage, supplies, room rentals and the like.

Also contributed to the Haskell County All Night Party was a check in the amount of \$250.00 from the Coca Cola Company.

The check was presented by Sammie Bitner of Modern Way Food Store to art students Brittany Bartley, Emily Wheat and Hilee Mulligan.

In appreciation for the check, the three students and art teacher, Pam Thigpen, put together a "senior salute" for the Coca Cola display at Modern Way.

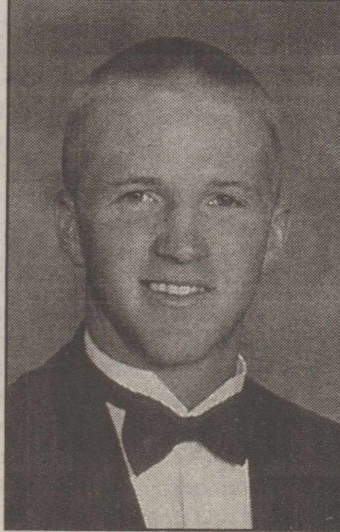


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Students in the News

Two students from Haskell received degrees during South Plains College's 42nd annual commencement exercises Fri., May 12 in Texan Dome.

Recipient of the Associate in Arts Degree is Sharon Jimenez and recipient of the Associate in Applied Science Degree is Sherita Tidrow, Computer Information Systems.

"We extend our sincerest congratulations to these graduates, for they have achieved a significant milestone in their lives," said Dr.

Gary McDaniel, SPC president. "They have been an important part of SPC and we hope that the college will continue to have a positive impact on their lives."

A Haskell student at Angelo State University was among 450 students to receive degrees during the Spring commencement at the university.

Jerry Kole Sanders received a Masters of Business Administration, with a major in Management.

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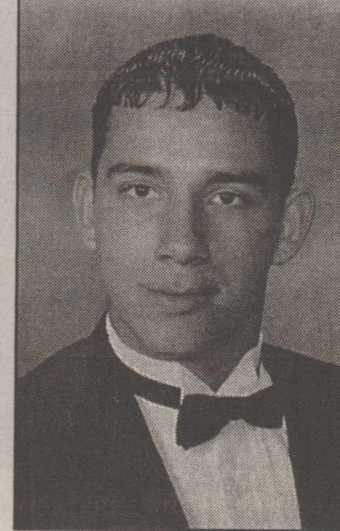



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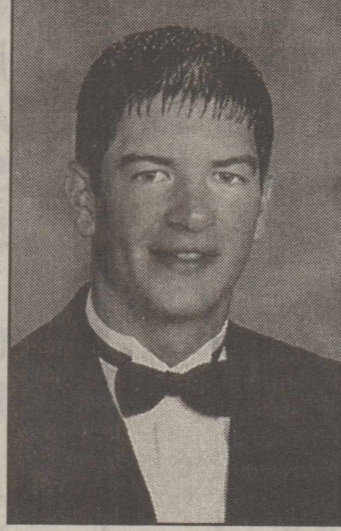



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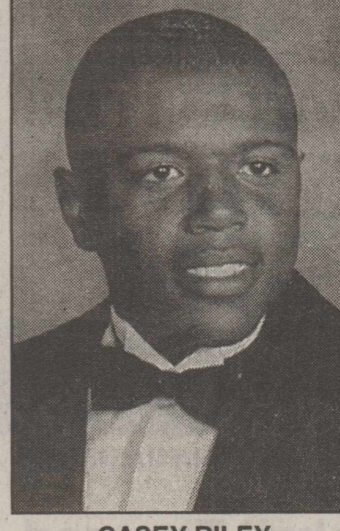



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Swimming pool safety, maintenance urged

One of the hottest destinations during the warm weather months is the cool waters of a swimming pool, whether in a public park, at a hotel or motel, at an apartment complex or in a back yard. But along with the fun and sun comes the potential for injuries and death.

Heeding safety precautions and attending to pool or hot tub maintenance can be a lifesaver, according to the Texas Department of Health (TDH).

"It takes constant vigilance and care to operate a safe, sanitary pool," said Jim Soper, chief of TDH's Recreational Sanitation Branch. "Several layers of protection are needed around any pool, including such things as proper fencing and self-closing gates with a latch, pool or door alarms, covers and most importantly, adults who are watching the children."

In 1997, 344 submersion

incidents in natural bodies of water and 207 submersion incidents in pools, were reported by the TDH Injury Prevention and Control and the Bureau of Vital Statistics. These included 282 deaths in natural bodies of water and 64 deaths in pools. Children under age 7 had more than half the submersion injuries (or 61 percent), and a third of the submersion deaths in swimming pools.

"Swimming pools--public and private--are generally safer for recreation than are natural bodies of water," said Charles Branton, director of the TDH Product Safety Division. "In particular, no one, especially children, should jump or dive into natural bodies of water without knowing the depth. Children should be taught to check the depth and look for any rocks, tree limbs or other objects that may cause injuries."

Among safety recommendations,

whether at a public pool or one at home, are:

*Be sure all children are supervised in any swimming pool, hot tub or spa no matter how shallow the water. In large groups, appoint a designated watcher.

*Be sure the pool is completely fenced and has a self-closing, self-latching gate with latches out of the reach of children. Keep tables and chairs away from the pool fence to prevent children from climbing into the pool area.

*Check to see that rescue equipment such as a pole, rope or life preserver is near a pool.

*Teach children to swim but do not consider your young children drown-proof just because they have had lessons. Don't use flotation devices as a substitute for supervision. And teach children to keep pool water out of their mouths.

*Teach children to steer upward after making a shallow diving entry. And don't let children jump or dive into the shallow end of the pool. Be sure the water is at least 6 feet deep and preferably deeper when diving from the pool deck.

*Do not let children play with any pool drain or sit on a drain in a wading pool or hot tub.

*Pin up long hair, cover it with a cap and keep it away from drains.

*Drinking alcohol around a pool, hot tub or spa could lead to drowning.

*Learn CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation). Seconds count in an emergency.

Around family pools:

*Be sure all doors and windows leading to the pool area are closed securely to prevent young children from getting to the pool.

*Never use a pool with the pool cover partially in place where children can be trapped. Remove it completely.

*Remove steps to above-ground pools when not in use.

*Know where the cut-off switch for the pump is so you can turn it off in an emergency.

*Have professional check your pool, spa or hot tub regularly to make sure it is in good, safe, working condition. Be sure drain covers are in place and not cracked or missing.

"Remember, a child can drown in the time it takes to answer a phone and in as little as 2 inches of water," Soper said.

Children's summer health and safety important

Summer means an increase in pesky insects that sting and bite, and children are especially vulnerable to the discomfort caused by the insects. But, there are some simple ways to take the sting out of the situation.

Dr. Milton Nirken, an emergency-room physician at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston, says, "To help prevent mosquito bites, dress your child in long-sleeved shirts and long pants. Remove containers or objects in your yard that may collect stagnant water, and ensure that window and door screens are intact and fastened."

Repellents can keep mosquitoes away, especially in the early morning and late evening. Use caution with repellents containing DEET. Never apply a repellent on infants or on your child's face or hands. Wash it off immediately once your child comes indoors.

To treat bites, dab with rubbing alcohol or witch hazel and apply an antibiotic or cortisone cream to reduce swelling. Encourage

children to avoid scratching the bites. This can lead to an infection.

With all the different activities children are involved in during the summer, they are likely subjects for infectious diseases.

Dr. Armando Correa, an infectious disease specialist says hand washing is the best way to reduce the spread of infection.

Using warm running water, show your child how to wet his or her hands and apply enough soap to create a lather.

They need to rub their hands together for 10 seconds, making sure to wash between the fingers, under fingernails, the back of the hands and wrists. Singing a song can help your child remember how long to wash. Rinse thoroughly and dry with a clean towel.

Instruct your child to wash before and after meals; after using the rest room; after playing with a pet or being outdoors; and after sneezing or coughing--especially when sick.

The car has been serviced, the

bags are packed and traveling with the kids is going to be fun--you hope.

Surviving the summer road trip can be a challenge.

Arguing, complaining and frustration can be kept at a minimum with some planning and preparation.

Whenever possible, involve your children in the pre-trip planning, such as where to go, what to bring and where to stop along the way. With your children, prepare travel kits containing an assortment of favorite items, along with a new toy, book or tape.

Dress children in comfortable clothes and bring along their bed pillow and a light blanket. Ensure car seats and seat belts are used correctly and that they are used at all times.

Also, bring along a first-aid kit, healthy snacks, drinks, moist towelettes and small trash bags. Plan frequent stops at roadside picnic areas or points of interest.

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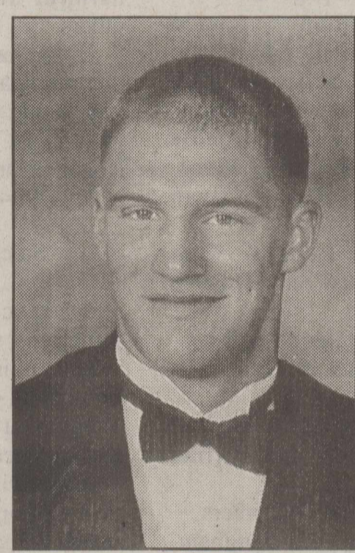
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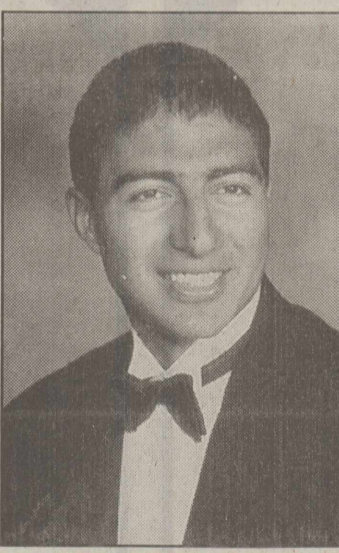


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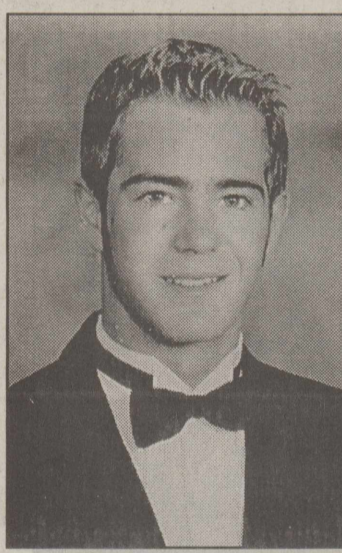
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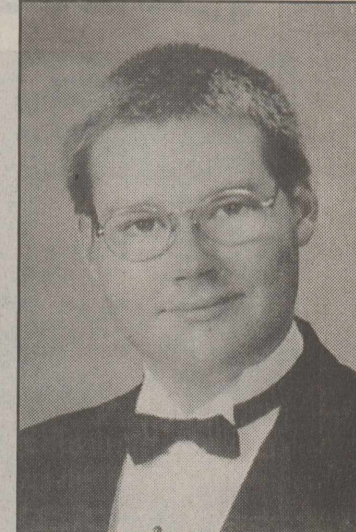
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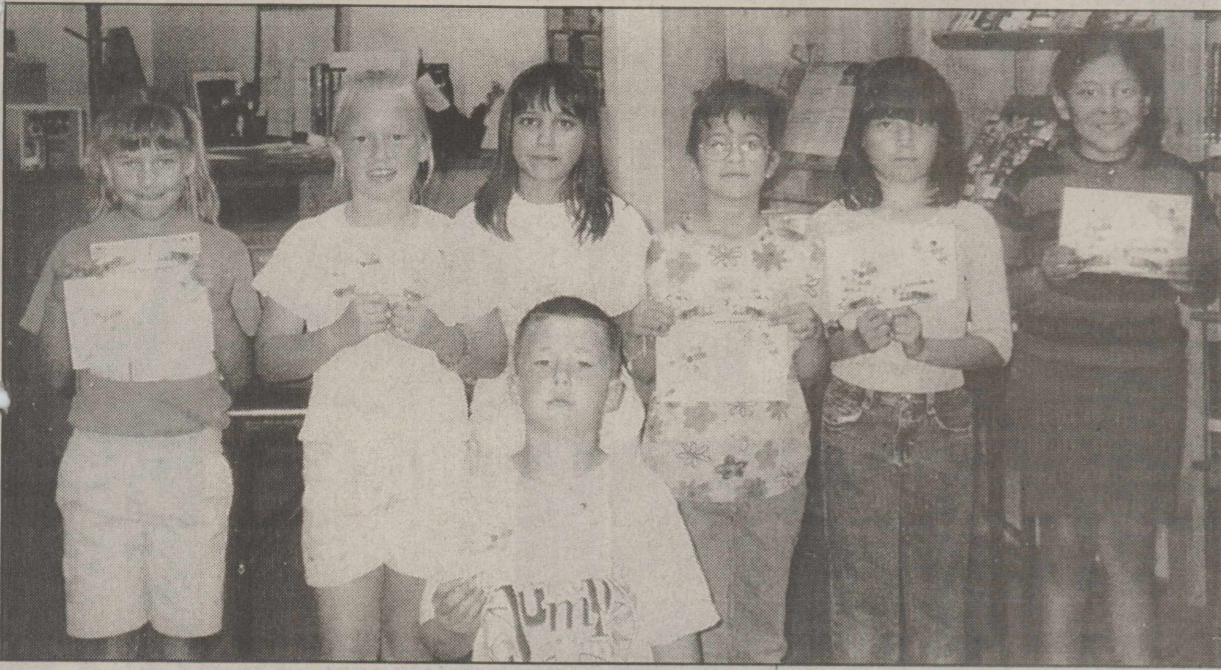
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SECOND GRADERS—Rule students receiving awards for reading or hearing read the twenty books in the Mockingbird Reading Program were: back row, l-r, Kate Rowan, Kayce Wilcox, Samantha Benavides, Rebecca Hensley, Sabrina Navarrete and Sonja Camacho. Kneeling is Joseph Turner. Their teacher is Ellen Jenkins. After the awards were given everyone had lemonade and chocolate chip cookies in the cafeteria.



KINDERGARTEN AWARDS—Rule students who received the Mockingbird Award are: back l-r, Ty Roads, Patrick Starr, Jordan Ottaway, Norma Camacho, Lilia Puebla, Cole Rutherford and Chanler Robertson. Kneeling are: Clay Morrow, Elizabeth Camacho, Dillon Cooper, Kymbre Kupatt, Andrew Walker and Breanna Cleveland. Their teacher is Cheryl Robinson.



READING AWARDS—First grade students at Rule Elementary receiving awards in the Mockingbird reading program were: back row, l-r, Shalisse Vanderbilt, Allison Petty, Stephanie Threet, T. J. Roberts, Wesley Anderson, Shelby Starr, Aaron Long and Brittany Roberts. Kneeling l-r, are Cade Brown, Elizabeth Benavides, Rodney Johnson, Joshua Perez, Donna Thomas and Jenny Dudensing. Their teacher is Ellen Rieger.

Green Thumb

By Gladys O'Neal

I want to make your gardening chores easier. You are going to laugh while you learn and love every minute of our time together.

I hope you will enjoy the fruits of your labor all year long.

To discourage insects and disease, spray your lawn with a mixture of 1 cup baby shampoo, 1 cup chewing tobacco juice and 1 cup antiseptic mouthwash in your 20 gallon hose end sprayer, filling the balance of the jar with warm water.

Water between 5:00 and 9:00 a.m.

A tight healthy turf helps

prevent weeds from getting started.

Mow in the evening around 7:00 p.m. when it is more comfortable for both you and your lawn. Mow on a Thursday, so you have the whole weekend to enjoy the great outdoors.

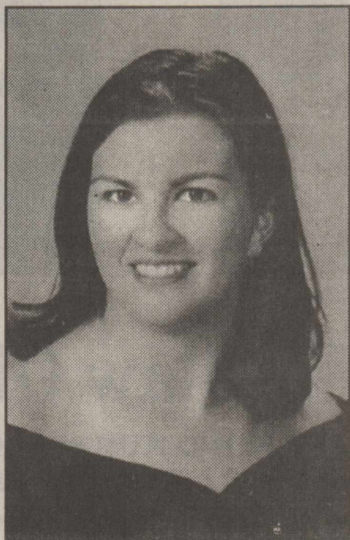
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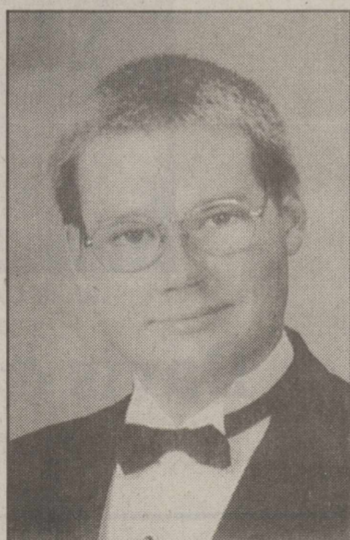
For a snack tonic, use 1 can beer and 1 cup liquid dish soap or baby shampoo, filling the balance of the sprayer jar with ammonia. If you run out, then crack open another beer. For your lawn, of course!

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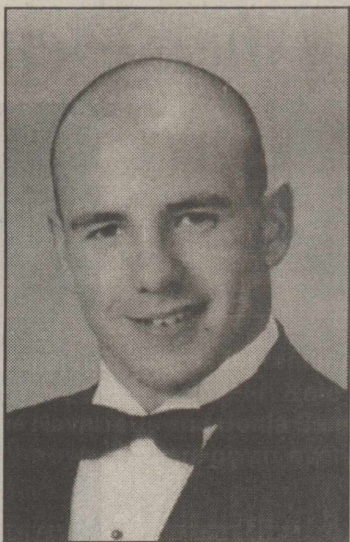
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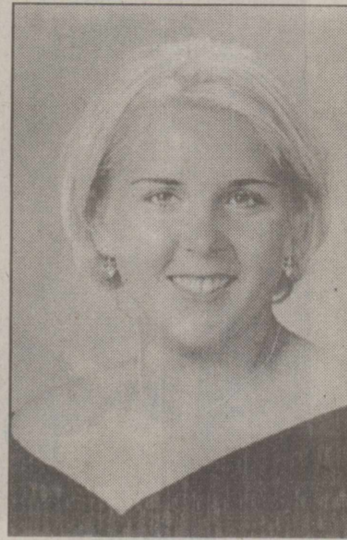


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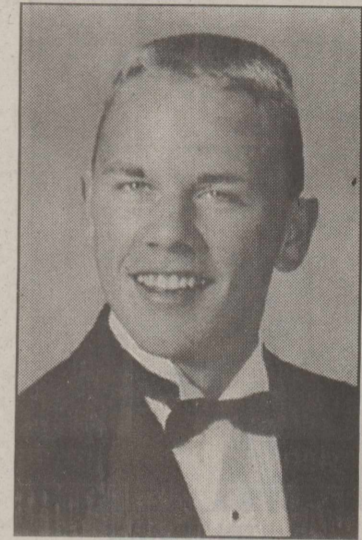
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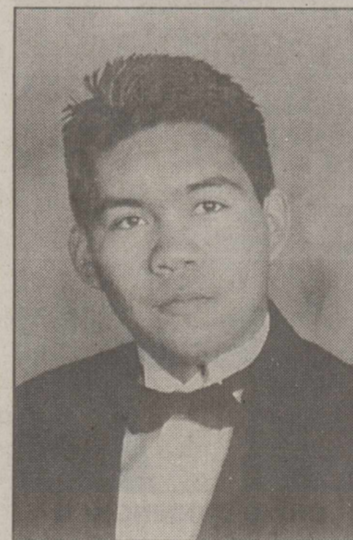


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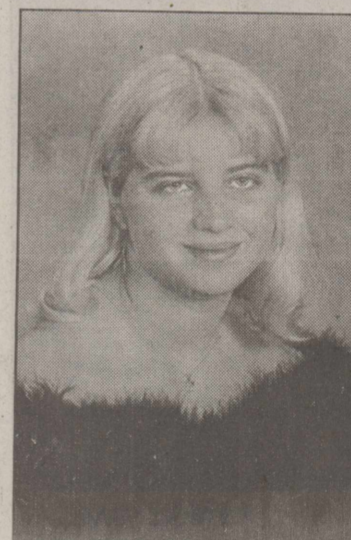
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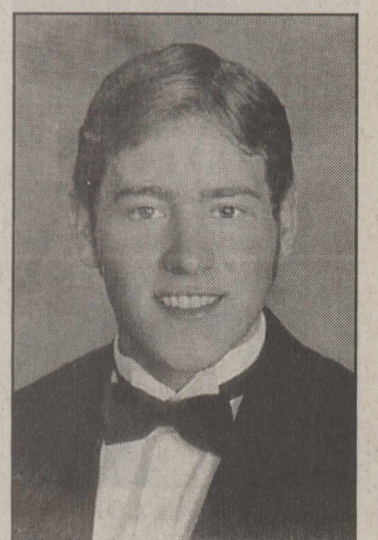
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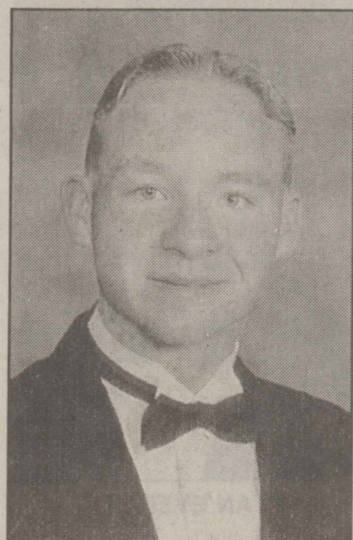
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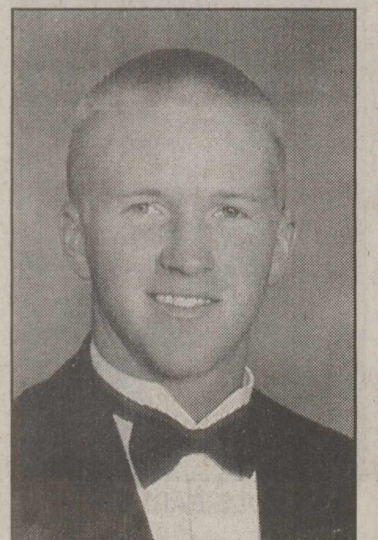
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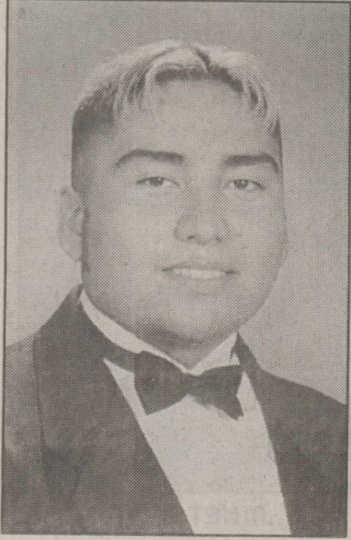
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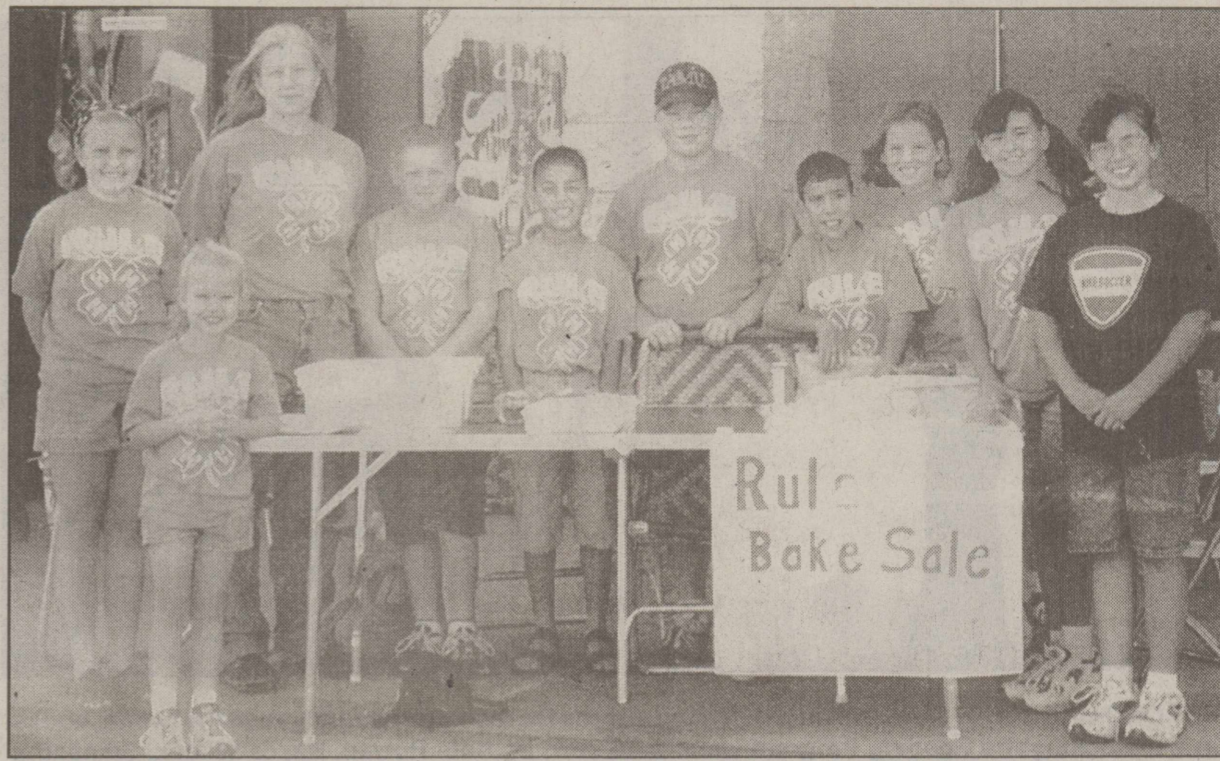
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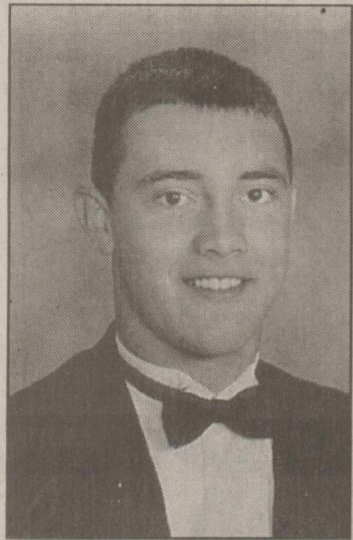


4-H VISITS—Members of the Rule 4-H Club recently visited Radio Station KRVP in Haskell for a tour led by owners Ken and Nelda Lane.

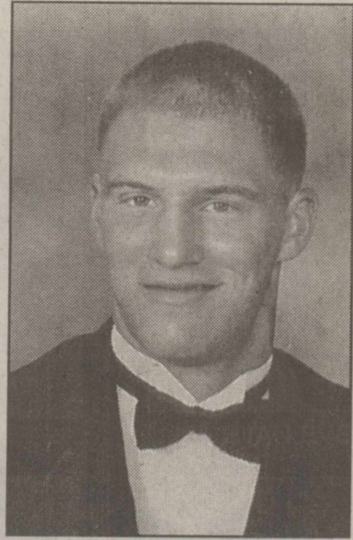


BAKE SALE—4-H Club members and helpers pictured at the Bake Sale held at Wal-Mart are I-r, Kortney Kupatt, Kymbre Kupatt, Abby Dudensing, Kyle Simpson, Austin Flores, Emery Dudensing, Cory Flores, Cassidy Cooper, Kendra Scheets and Kyna Scheets. Other 4-H members helping but not pictured, were: Kelsie Miller, Mackenzie Miller, Holly Wolsch, Miranda Robertson, Laci Standefer and Molly Dudensing.

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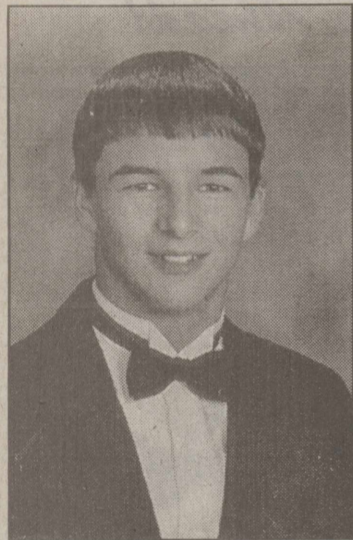


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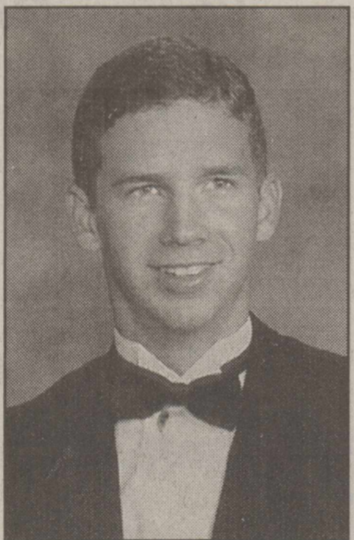
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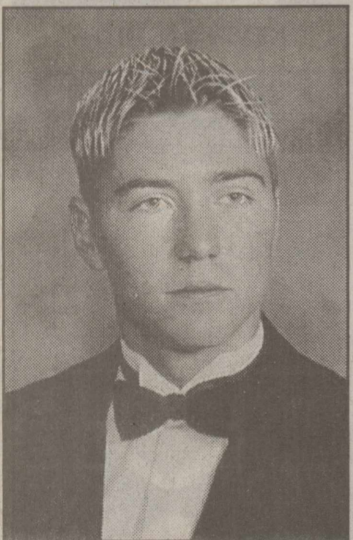
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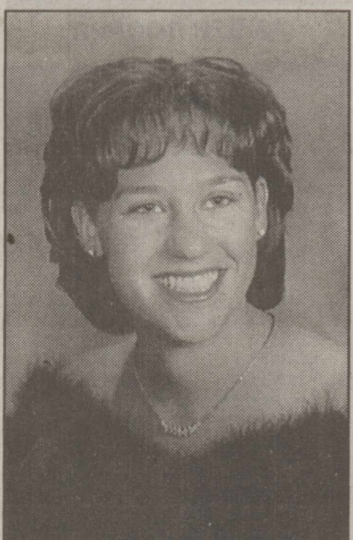
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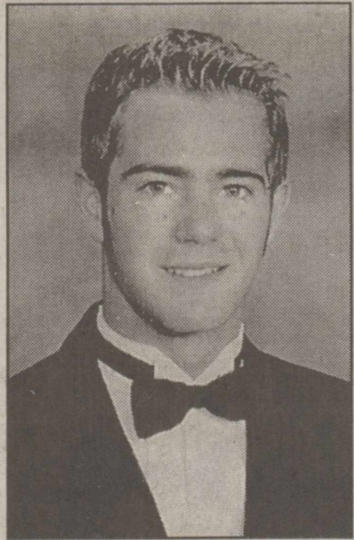
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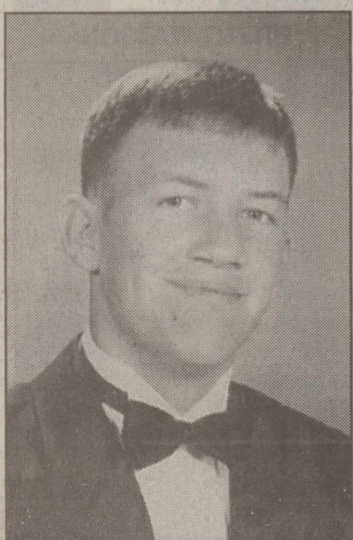
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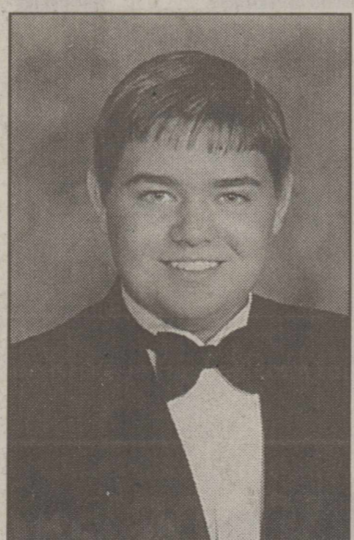
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Suicide is third and fourth leading cause of death for ages 15-24

For young males and females in Texas, suicide is the third and fourth leading cause of death, respectively, among the 15-24 year age group. Accidents, homicides and malignant neoplasms account for more deaths among females; accidents and homicides account for more deaths among males.

Depression is a common illness among young people. It is diagnosed by a trained professional after establishing that the person has been experiencing minimum of symptoms for a period of time. Depression can be positively treated with prescribed drugs and therapy.

What Factors Can Lead to Suicide in Young People?

Generally speaking, the factors that cause a person to be vulnerable to thinking and committing suicide are common for people of all races, genders and ages. However, there are some factors that are more powerful for specific groups of people. Please consider the following factors when working with a young person who is thinking of committing suicide.

1. The years of 15 - 24 are a period of physical, emotional and psychological change.

Males and females in this age group are:

- learning new social roles,
- identifying "who they are" as a young adult,
- developing deeper intimate relationships with others, and
- making decisions about their future work and life.

2. Events in their family are often beyond their control but effect the young person's life significantly. Events such as death of a loved one, parental divorce, moving and changing schools and friends, change of friendship networks, or loss of a job or close relationship can be the final straw for the vulnerable youth.

3. Abuse of drugs or alcohol or other risk-related behavior can cause a youth to be vulnerable to committing suicide. According to one government report, 13 percent of individuals who committed suicide in 1985 were abusing alcohol at the time.

4. A family history of suicide is considered a risk factor for young people. Biological relatives of a suicidal person are six times more likely to attempt or succeed in committing suicide.

5. The experience of sexual and physical abuse is linked with being vulnerable to committing suicide.

Symptoms of Depression

Feelings of being helpless and unable to change the present situation.

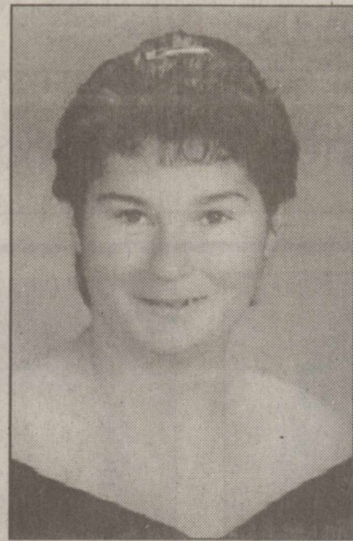
Feeling that he/she is worthless and ineffective in dealing with life.

Feeling that his/her life is hopeless and that life, in general, is hopeless.

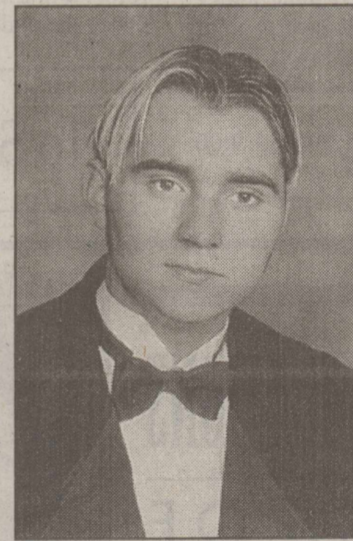
Disturbances in basic living:

- can't sleep or else sleeps all the time
- can't eat or else eats frequently or too much
- no energy to get up and perform daily functions or, noticeable physical restlessness
- poor concentration or difficulty making decisions
- loss of pleasure or interest in activities, nearly every day

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Secrets of personal financial management

by Lou Gilly
Haskell Co. Extension Agent
In their book, "Mind Over Money," Wayne Nance and Edward Charlesworth treat financial management of the total person. Our financial actions are driven by our total person. To take control of our finances, we start by getting a clear picture of how we respond to our financial world. We each have strengths in some areas and may be dangerously out of control in other areas of our financial world.

Nance and Charlesworth encourage us to take a close look at six parts of our financial lifestyle to help us discover our financial self. A brief view of these six parts of our financial lifestyle may help you see ourselves and our finances differently.

1. How you budget. You don't want to hear it...but how we plan, budget and use our available resources affects our ease in managing all other financial life. Do you have a written budget that covers fixed, flexible and emergency expenses? Too often we see only the fixed expenses and the gifts, taxes, insurance premiums and surprise medical or auto expenses make budgeting seem impossible. While challenging, making a budget work on paper can save you grief. Expecting expenses and planning for them can help you keep from spending money now you will need later.

2. Emotional spending. Budgets are the plan, but why don't they work when you try to put them into action? One key factor is emotional spending. Nance and Charlesworth remind us that from the moment of our birth we learn to evaluate ourselves by our own values and by the expectations of others. Emotional spending can be healthy and unhealthy. Unhealthy emotional spending involves trying to spend enough money and buy enough stuff to make us feel better about ourselves. Know the motive behind your emotion.

3. Retirement plans. Retirement is not a life event that just happens. It is a privilege to seriously plan for it if you really hope to accomplish it. How many

years do you have remaining until retirement? What assets have you accrued? What lifestyle do you want to have in retirement? Are you taking advantage of tax-saving retirement investment options available today? The earlier you start and the more regularly you invest, the easier it will be to achieve the retirement you dream to have.

4. Saving vs. spending: How do you control saving and spending? Too often we view saving as something to do after you have spent as much as you need to spend to have all that you want now. The key word is control. Do you allow your spending to control you, or do you control your spending so you can save? A valuable skill for controlling spending is the ability to distinguish between needs and wants. Financial planners recommend that you save a minimum of 5 percent and preferably 10 percent of your after-tax, take-home pay. Are you participating fully in your employer's retirement program? U. S. Department of Labor reports indicate that less than half, some 45 percent, of full-time Texas workers are covered by pensions, compared to 50 percent nationally.

5. Response to options: Some people start adult life with a lot of money and end up with little, others begin with little and end up with a lot. Regardless of our income, we have the responsibility and option to save, invest and plan for our financial future. Financial options come in the form of job choices, education choices and financial management choices. Some experts say that financial opportunities come a person's way approximately seven times in a lifetime. The challenge is to be prepared to take advantage of these opportunities. That involves having savings and being willing to act.

6. Needs and necessities: We usually focus most of our money on food, clothing, shelter and transportation. Today retirement planning, education, emergency funds and insurance are a financial necessity. How we meet basic

needs affects how much is left for these other critical needs. To size up your view of needs, consider how often you feel the need to buy the best of something or to pick up the tab because you need the respect or friendship of others. These needs can be replaced by feeling better about ourselves, because these needs can never truly be satisfied by spending money.

These six parts of your financial lifestyle tell you what is driving your financial total person. We typically are strong in some areas and less functional in others. Be honest with yourself, seek to learn more about ways to build on your strengths and move away from risk building practices.

Babysitter checklist

When compiling a checklist for the baby-sitter, here are some things to include, according to Dr. Teri Turner, a pediatrician at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston.

Start with your name, address (with the closest cross streets), home and cellular phone numbers and pager. Note the name, address and phone number where you can be reached.

In case of an emergency, list the name and phone number of a trusted neighbor or close relative, along with the emergency phone numbers for police, fire and poison control. Also include the name and phone number of your child's doctor and local hospital.

Other important information is the location of the fire extinguisher and first-aid kit, a list of your child's allergies and special dietary or medical information and details on your home security system.

Parents who are going out of town also might want to consider leaving a Permission to Authorize Emergency Medical Treatment note.

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Tips to beat summer heat

Those lazy days of summer also mean days of blistering heat. As the temperatures rise, so does the risk of heat stress.

Heat stress, which can lead to heat exhaustion, heart failure and strokes, is particularly dangerous for people 65 years of age and older.

Older citizens are more vulnerable than younger individuals because they do not adjust well to the heat, they perspire less, and they are more likely to have health problems that require medicines that work against the body's natural thermometer. A sudden or prolonged increase in temperatures can place a strain on the heart and blood vessels before the body can acclimate itself.

When the temperatures begin to creep up, take immediate action. The following tips can help you beat the heat:

- Keep cool. Air conditioning can be a lifesaver, especially if you have heart disease. If you don't have air conditioning, head to a cool shopping center, senior center, library, movie theater, or place of worship.
- Cool baths or showers can provide relief. Ice bags and wet towels are also helpful.
- Beware of dehydration; drink plenty of water even if you're not thirsty.
- Curtail physical activity during extremely hot weather. Activity adds to heart strain.

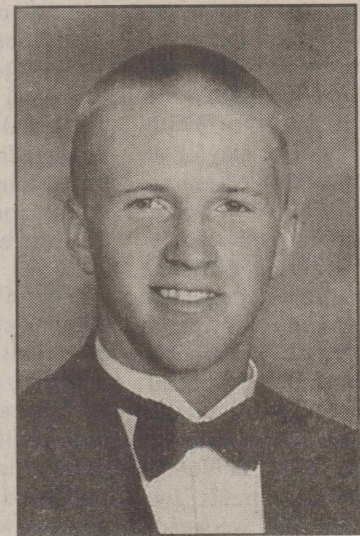
- Avoid heavy meals and alcohol. Alcohol acts as a diuretic, causing your body to lose water.
- Limit salt use.
- Wear loose fitting, lightweight clothing. Don't forget to wear a hat or carry an umbrella to protect your head and neck when you are

outdoors.

Take the heat seriously. Dizziness, rapid heartbeat, diarrhea, nausea, headache, chest pain, mental changes or breathing problems are warning signs that you should seek immediate medical attention.

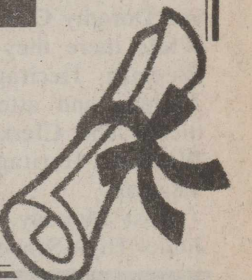
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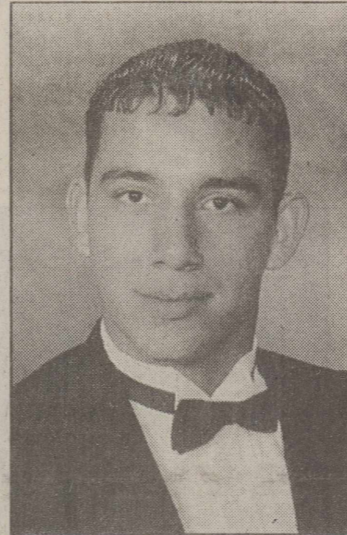


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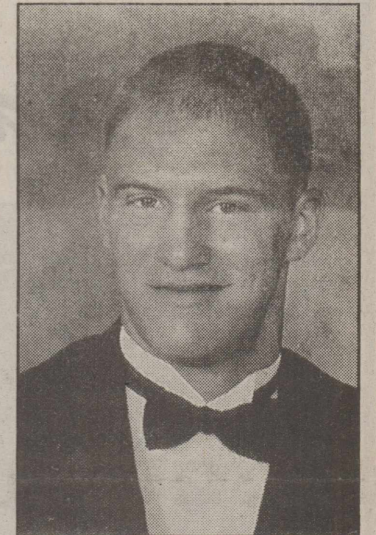
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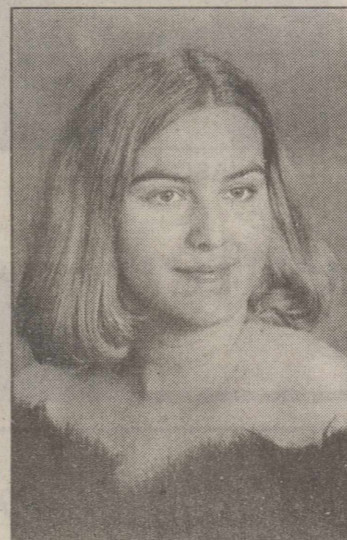
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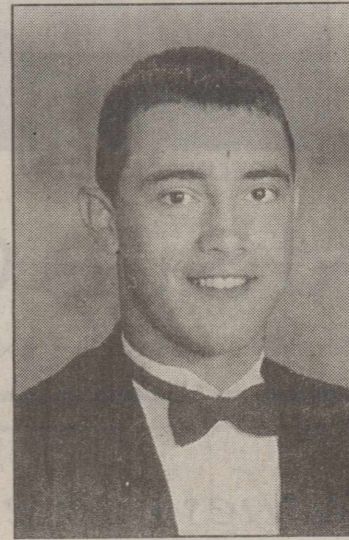
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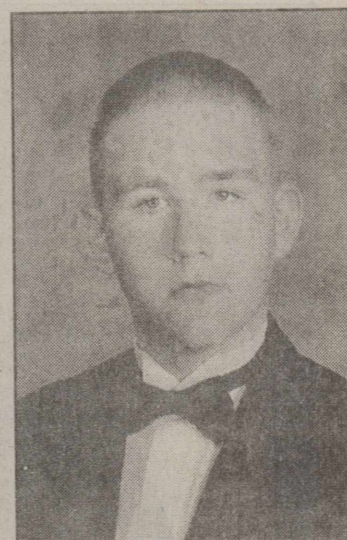
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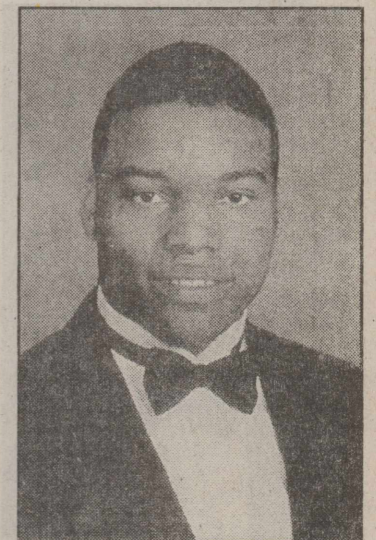
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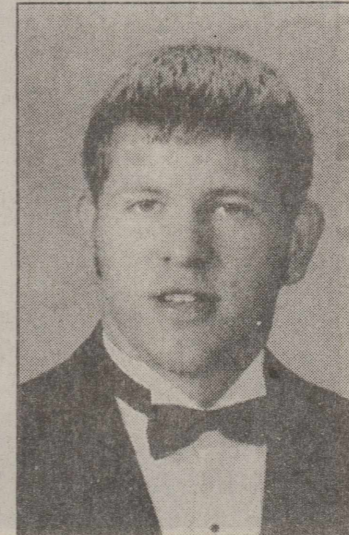
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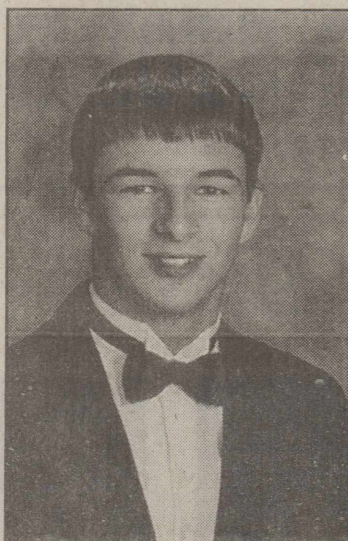


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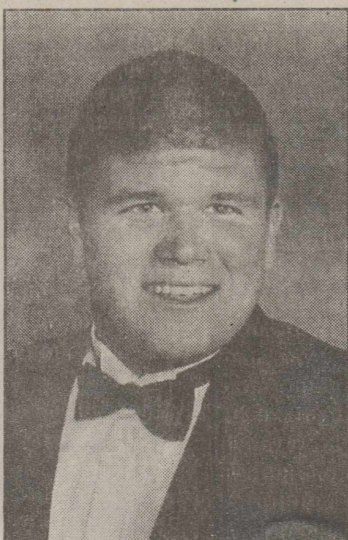


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Sagerton News

By Dorothy M. Clark

This will be the big weekend here in Sagerton as hundreds of ex-students of the Sagerton School come back for homecoming. We welcome them back and hope that their trip back to their hometown will be enjoyable.

Additional cleanup projects have been completed, among them the restoration of the "cement bin" at the old lumberyard. This room was repaired and is the only remaining reminder of the Higginbotham Lumber Co. The signals from the railroad crossing were installed as permanent fixtures of the park along with the Sagerton sign.

The Handbell Choir of Faith Lutheran Church will be playing at the morning worship Sunday morning with Ashley Nehring, soloist singing along and leading the congregation during a hymn. Doughnuts and coffee will be served at the Methodist Church prior to the homecoming dinner and meeting.

Don and Patsy Bivins of Valley View visited with her parents, Joe and Dorothy Clark, last weekend. While there they worked at the Western Heritage Classic in Abilene and attended activities there. The Clarks attended the Western Heritage Classic on Saturday.

Last Monday night, the Rule Junior High School Awards Night

was held at the school cafeteria. Following the ice cream and cookie supper the following awards were presented to Sagerton students. Tully Brown, participation in football, basketball, number sense and ready writing, 2nd place in UIL listening and 2nd place on the listening team.

Emery Dudensing, participation in football, basketball, maps, graphs and charts and 5th in UIL number sense, spelling team, 2nd in music memory, 4th in calculator application, 3rd in math and 3rd in the math team.

Joanna Lehrmann participated in basketball, 6th in UIL ready writing, 2nd in listening and 2nd on the listening team. She was selected mascot for the Jr. High pep squad for next year.

Seventh grade students recognized were Sara Hunt for participation in football (Yes, football), track and ready writing; Laci Standifer for participation in basketball, tennis and UIL 2nd place in impromptu speaking. Laci was the Jr. High mascot for this year and was elected cheerleader for next year.

Eighth grade students received the following awards and certificates: Kinsey Brown was recognized for participating in basketball, track, cross country and ready writing; Abby Dudensing participated in basketball, track and

tennis and in UIL won 3rd place on the spelling team, 2nd in calculator application, 1st on the calculator application team, 3rd on the math team, 4th in listening, 1st on the listening team and 3rd in dictionary skills team.

Kristin Hertel participated in cross country, basketball, track and was a Jr. High cheerleader. In UIL competition she placed 2nd on the calculator application team, 1st in number sense and 1st on the number sense team, 1st on the science team, 4th in math and 3rd on the math team, 2nd in dictionary skills and 3rd on the dictionary skills team.

Vanessa Perez participated in the pep squad; M'Lynn Lehrmann participated in cross country, basketball, track and was selected for the Leadership Award in sports. In UIL she placed 6th in calculator application team, 1st in number sense and 1st on the number sense team, 1st on the science team and 5th in District spelling.

We commend these students for a job well done at the Rule Jr. High and are proud to call them citizens of Sagerton. We trust that we got all of the awards mentioned and apologize if we missed any of them.

The Friendship Club met for its regular monthly dinner at Faith Lutheran Church on Thursday. The Happy Birthday song was sung for

Mary Neinast who celebrated her birthday, Friday, May 19. The Anniversary song was sung for Larry LeFevre who with Susan will be celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary May 30. Present for the fellowship together were Gladys and Herbert Vahlenkamp, Ev and Alvin Ulmer, Frances Clark, Ladain Anderson of Houston, Larry Lefevre, Melvin and Flo New, Mary Neinast, Delbert and Joyce LeFevre, J. B. and Dorothy Toney, Sarah Toney of Boling, Ed Fouts, Jack Tabor and Joe and Dorothy Clark.

After leaving the state track meet in Austin, Clancy and Helen Lehrmann drove to Houston where they visited with her aunt, Ella (Peachy) and Eugene Vanderworth.

The Rule High School awards banquet was held Thursday night, May 18, at the school cafeteria and auditorium. The program pictured a map of Texas with a star spotting Rule, city of Champions. And indeed it is just that as we found out during the program. The football team was District, Bi-District, Area/Regional and Quarterfinals champs. Coach Page announced that this was the first time in Rule football history that a team had advanced to the semi-finals. Boys' basketball advanced to Bi-District championship and girls' basketball won District championship.

The boys' track team were District and Area champs, regional qualifiers and State qualifiers with Grant Hisey winning 2nd in the 3200, Jody Harvey, winning 4th in the 300 hurdles and the 1600 relay team of Jody Harvey, Josh Smith, Grant Hisey and Brian Lehrmann placing 3rd. The overall track team placed 6th in the State Meet.

The FFA Dairy Judging team qualified for the State competition with Michelle Stegemoeller on the team.

In academics the UIL one act play won the Zone competition, District co-champs and qualified for the area competition. Jeremy Hertel was on the State qualifying team in TCEA Computer Programming and the Rule team were District Champs in UIL Academics. Kami Baitz placed 5th in State in Computer Applications.

Keith Rowan gave the Ag department report as he mentioned that Rule won the Agriculture Sweepstakes Award for the first time ever. This award is given to a chapter from a five county area. The Rule FFA is made up of 42 students, of which 32 are involved in livestock projects. Rowan announced that \$26,593.00 had been awarded to the students in premiums during the sale of their animals. Michelle Stegemoeller, president of the Rule chapter, presented Mr. Long, superintendent,

an honorary membership certificate in the FFA for his support during the years. The dairy cattle judging team from Rule was awarded a State Association Certificate.

Sagerton students who received special awards at the program were: Kami Baitz for computer application, spelling vocabulary team, one act play, annual staff and FFA; Jeremy Hertel for computer science, number sense, basketball and football.

Mandi Hunt for journalism, one act play, annual staff and FFA; Yolanda Rodriguez for basketball; Brian Lehrmann for current issues and events, football, basketball, track and FFA.

Brady Standifer for one act play, golf, football, basketball, FFA and annual staff; Michelle Stegemoeller for basketball, track and FFA.

Brady Standifer received the FFA Greenhand Award; Michelle Stegemoeller received the Lady Cats Pride Award; Brian Lehrmann received the basketball Offensive Player of the Year award and was a member of the track team that received the Bobcat Award.

The following students received plaques for being outstanding students in the following: Jeremy Hertel for computer and math; Kami Baitz for computer and foreign language to a non-Spanish speaking student and Mandi Hunt for Most Spirited.

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Tips to cut your monthly telephone bill

Your family's effort to reduce the monthly telephone bill can have a positive impact on your wallet when you find a service that complements the household's calling needs. To pinpoint the lowest long distance rates, you will want to look beyond advertisements.

Hidden costs? Rate restrictions? There are very important questions to consider when choosing a long distance service.

Look for Hidden Costs
 • Make sure you are not required to pay a monthly fee or surcharge to receive a special low rate.

• Look to see if there is a minimum charge for each call. If every call has a 50-cent minimum, a two-minute call will cost you 50 cents. Also, be cautious of those "20 minutes for a dollar" plans, you could be paying a dollar for a one-minute call or a message you leave on an answering machine.

• Watch for climbing rates. If calls up to 20 minutes are a dollar, what is the rate after that? You may find that the rate increases dramatically.

Check Restrictions on Rates
 • Some rates only apply at certain times of the day or on certain days of the week. Know these times, so that you are not overcharged for a call made outside the specified time frame.

• Is the special deal available for all long distance calls? Some plans are limited to either out-of-state or in-state calls. It is necessary to find the rates for all the calls you anticipate to use and factor them in when choosing a plan.

• Verify if promotional rates are constant or an introductory offer. Then, find out when the special plan will end and what the rates will be after the promotion.

Consider Pre-Paid Calling Cards
 • To stay within a budget, you can pre-pay your calling time at the first of the month by using a card. This way, you can regulate calls to agree with the fixed dollar amount paid.

• When you buy a pre-paid phone card from the store, you bought a telephone service not a product. The store doesn't control the quality of the service. You may want to buy an inexpensive card first to test out this calling method.

• Check out the rates for domestic and international calls included in the card's package. If you can not find the rate, call the phone card's customer service

number. Be aware that very low rates may indicate poor customer service.

• Find out if you are charged for calls that are not answered or busy.

• Inspect the expiration date. Most cards expire one year after its first use or are considered active until the allocated time is used.

• Is there a disclosure about surcharges, monthly fees or a rate-per-minute fee? Some cards add a surcharge to the first minute of use and others charge an activation fee for recharging cards.

Beware of Comparative Claims
 • Take a second look at ads that claim to be 50 percent lower than the basic rate. The "basic rate" can be the highest available, leaving you with no real savings.

Read the Small Print
 • Each long distance provider has its own deals and it is your responsibility to read the details from all the companies you are considering before you make your decision.

Monitor Your Monthly Bills
 • Pay attention to your bill to make sure you're being charged for what you signed up for. If you find a mistake or do not understand your bill, you should call your provider for an explanation.

Protect against tick-borne diseases

Some of the best features of warm weather months are camping, hiking, backpacking, enjoying picnics and time outdoors. Among the worst features are ticks, along with the diseases they may bring. A bite from an infected tick can cause illness such as Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever or ehrlichiosis.

"In Texas, the Lone Star tick is the one likely to carry disease," said Julie Rawlings of the Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Surveillance Division at Texas Department of Health. While many tick species prefer attaching to an animal and staying there, this variety, common throughout the south and central United States, readily feeds on human blood.

The most frequently diagnosed tick-borne problem in the country, Lyme disease is a bacterial infection that can cause skin, joint, heart and nervous system problems.

Beginning with flu-like symptoms such as fatigue, headache, fever, stiff neck and joint pain, if untreated with antibiotics, the disease may severely damage joints, the heart and the nervous system.

In Texas in the last eight years, 580 reports met the definition of Lyme disease, and about 1,100 other cases possibly were Lyme disease. "Fortunately, only about 1 to 2 percent of ticks carry the Lyme disease bacterium," Rawlings said.

Rocky Mountain spotted fever can be deadly if not treated quickly.

Symptoms resemble flu, with headaches, muscle aches and high fever along with a rash. Symptoms of ehrlichiosis also are flu-like. This disease can occasionally be fatal.

With a steady motion, gently pull the tick straight out. Do not crush the tick's body. Have patience; it may take time to remove the tick

properly.

A vaccine to protect against Lyme disease is available for people from ages 15 to 70.

"The best prevention for any of these diseases is to avoid ticks," Rawlings said. She advises keeping ticks off your pets--they also can get Lyme disease--and discouraging unwanted animals such as rats, mice and stray dogs and cats from coming into the home environment.

To protect yourself from ticks:
 *If you are in an area with ticks, check your body carefully for them every few hours. Small and easy to miss, they attach to any part of the body from head to toe.

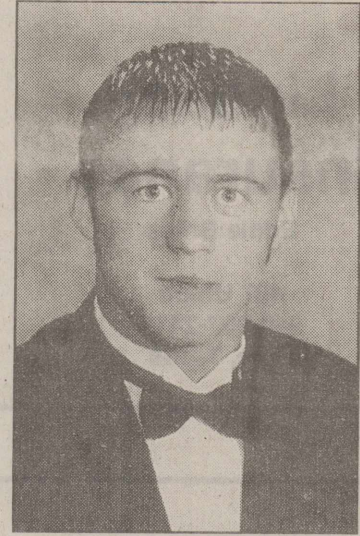
*Wear light-colored clothes so ticks can be easily seen. Protect as much of your skin as possible from tick bites. Wear hat, long-sleeved shirt and long pants tucked into boots or socks.

*Use insect repellent containing DEET or permethrin (be sure to follow package directions.)

Remove any tick on your skin right away. The best procedure is to remove the attached tick with tweezers, grasping it at the skin surface. If tweezers are not available, use a tissue to protect your fingers from possible exposure to the tick's body fluids.



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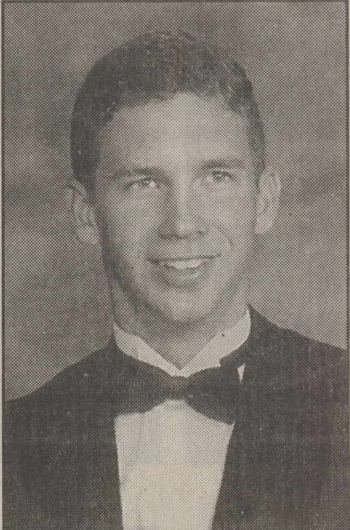
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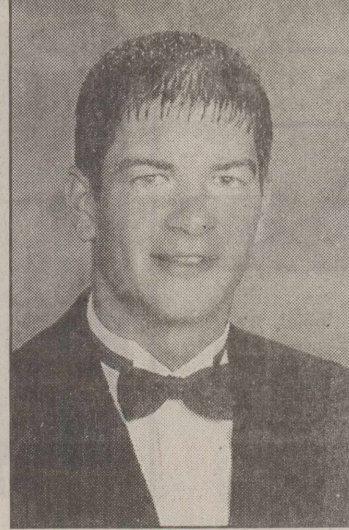
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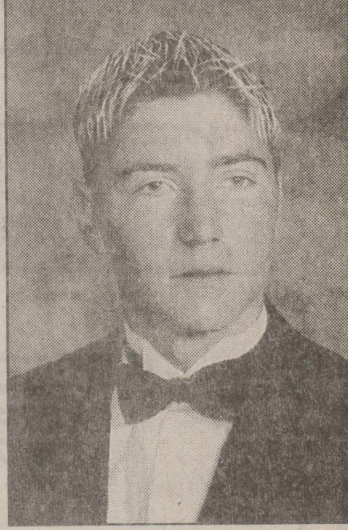
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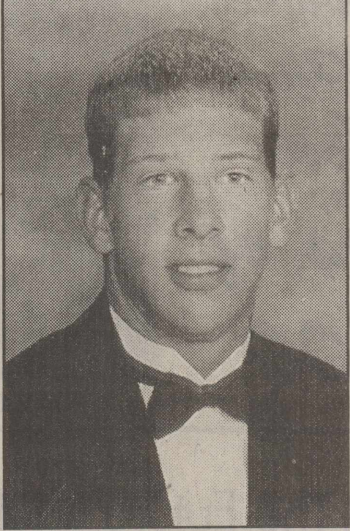
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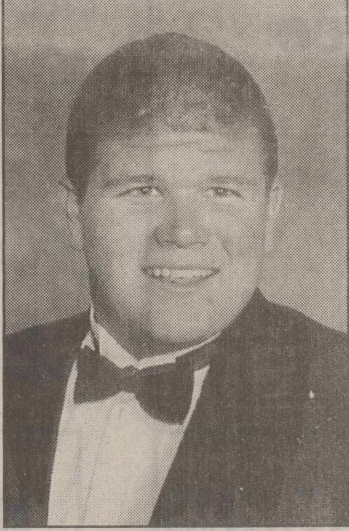
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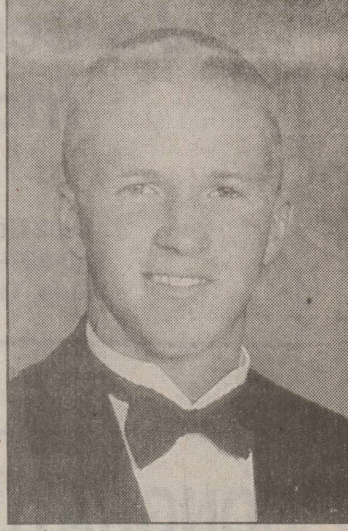
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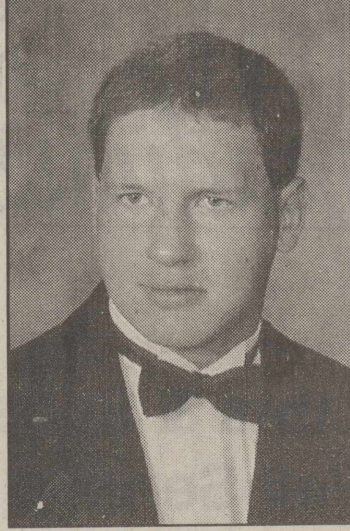
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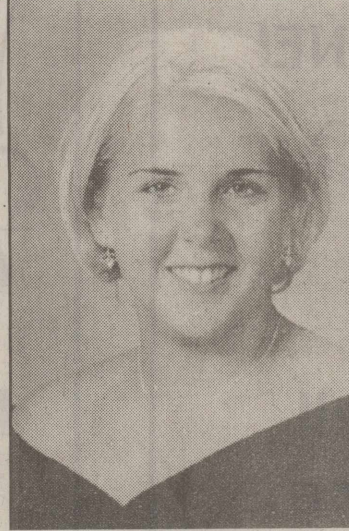
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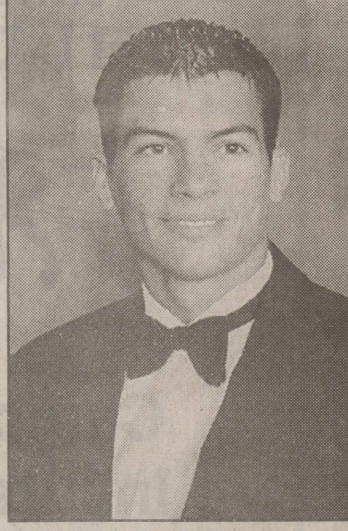
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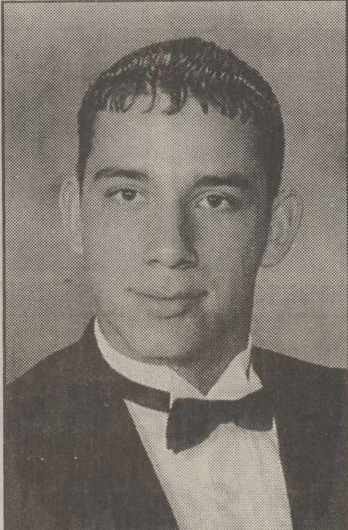
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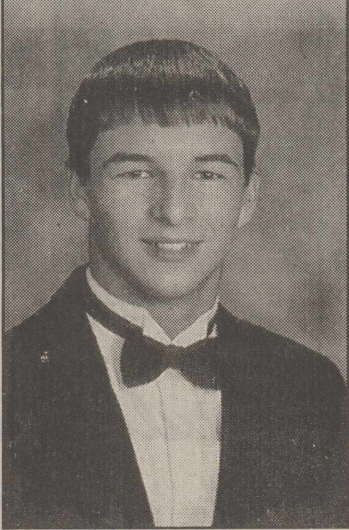
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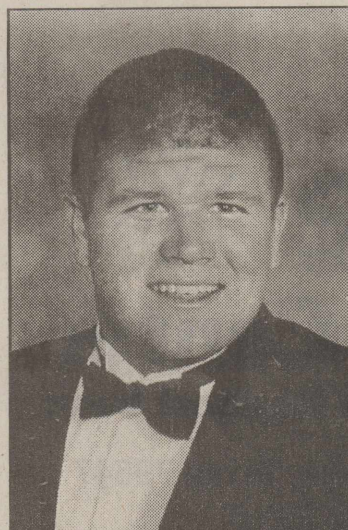
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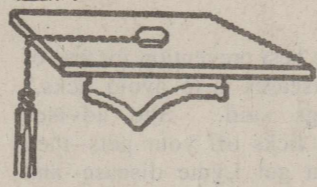
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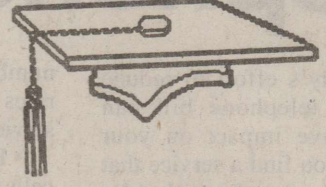
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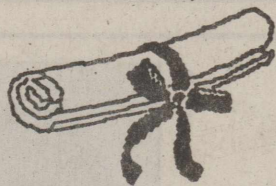
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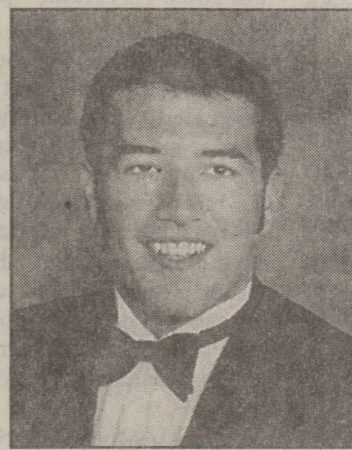
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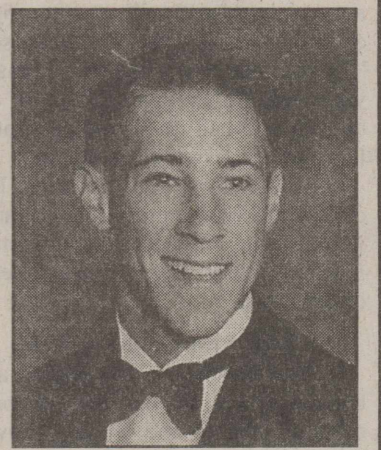
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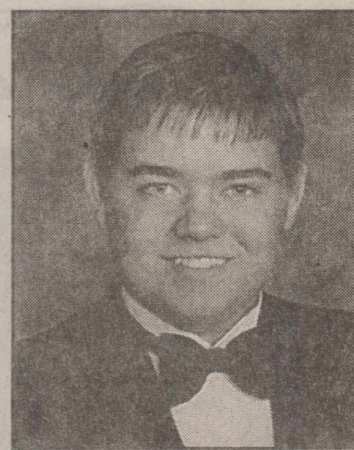
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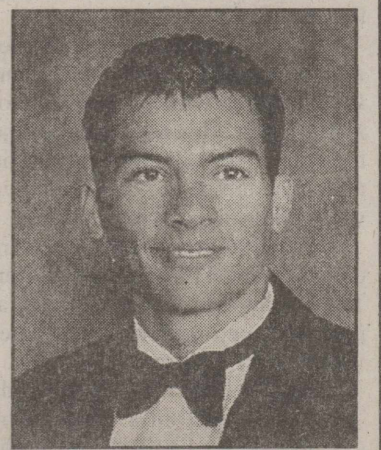
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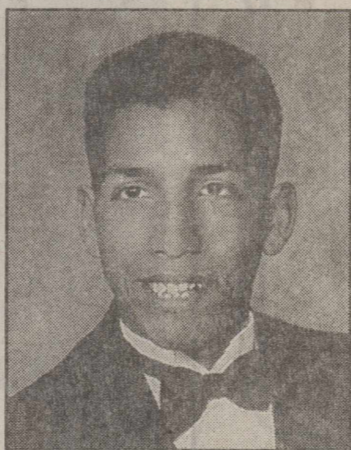
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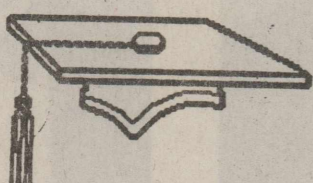


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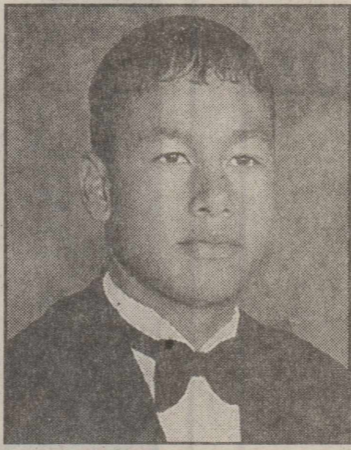
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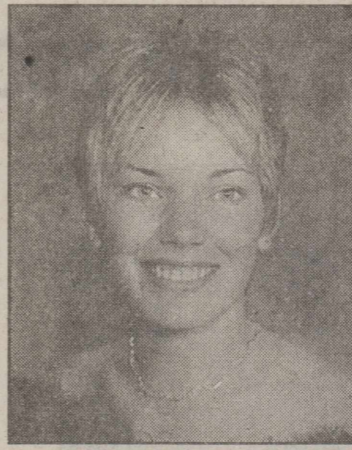
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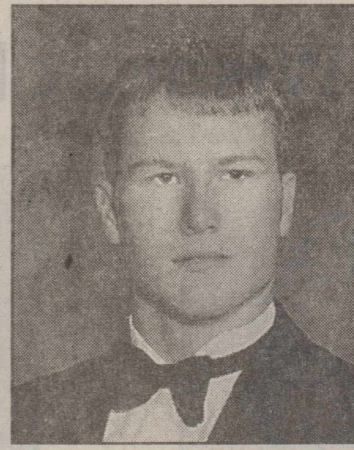
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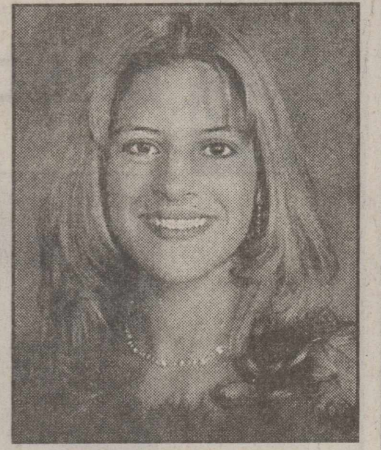
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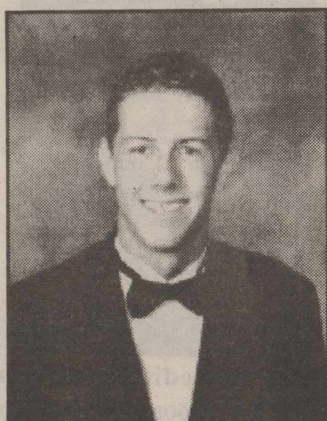
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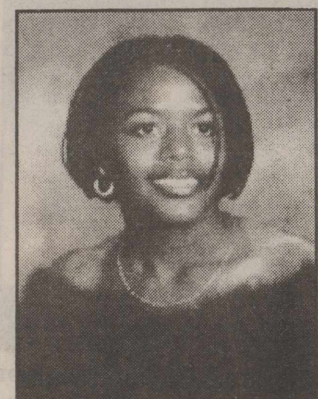
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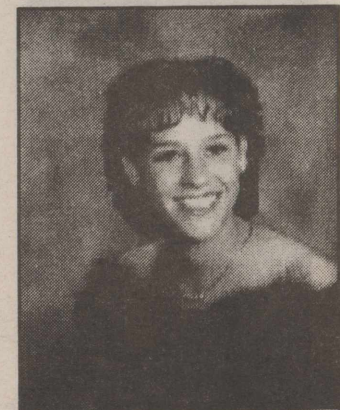
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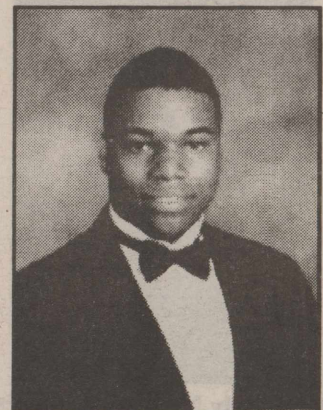
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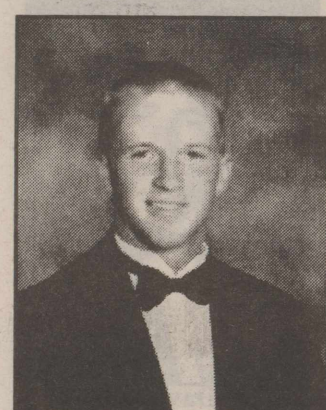
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Jodi Erin Thigpen
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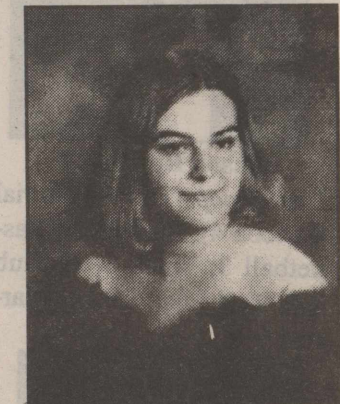
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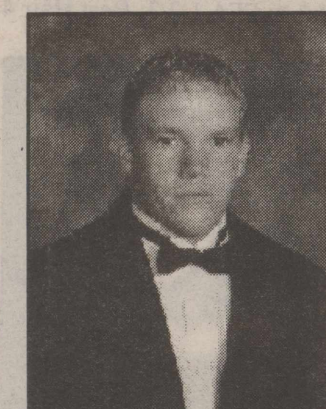
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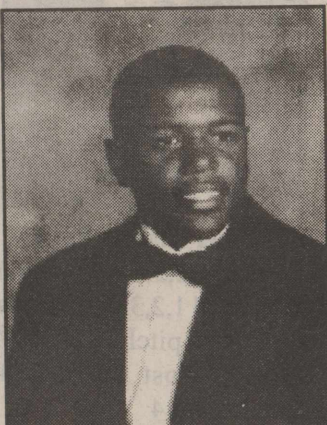
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 Basketball 2,3,4 (honorable mention 4); Track 1,2; Softball 2,3,4 (2nd Team All-District 4); H-Club 1,2,3,4; FFA 4; FHA 1,2,3; Most Daring 4



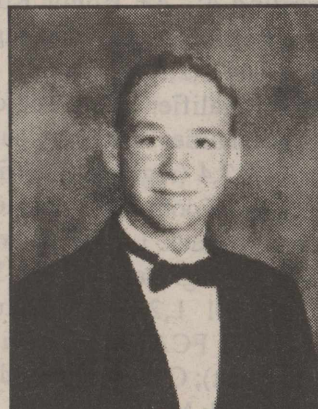
Sarah Emily Wheat
 (transfer from Paint Creek) Yearbook 1,2,3,4; Quill & Scroll 2,3,4; Cheerleader 1,2; Basketball 1,2; Track 1; Softball 2,3; FHA 1,2; Most Likely to be the Life of the Party 4



Andrew Thomas Hudspeth
 Football 2,3,4; (All District Honorable Mention); Baseball 1,2,3,4 (2nd Team All District Left Field); H-Club 2,3,4; FFA 1,2,3,4; Best Eyes 4



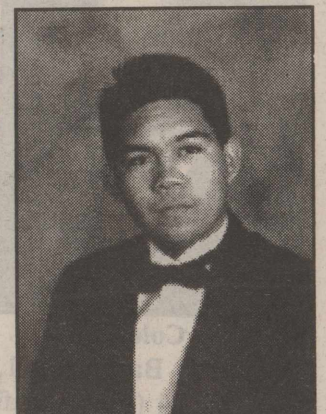
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 (transfer from Stamford) AB Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3 (sweepstakes 1,3); Football 1,2,3,4 (honorable mention 2; all-district punter 4); Basketball 1,2,3,4 (all-district 2,3,4; All Big Country Player of the Week 4; 1st team All Big Country 4); Track 1,2,4 (district champion 4; regional champion triple jump 4; 3rd place state triple jump 4); Baseball 1; Best Smile 4



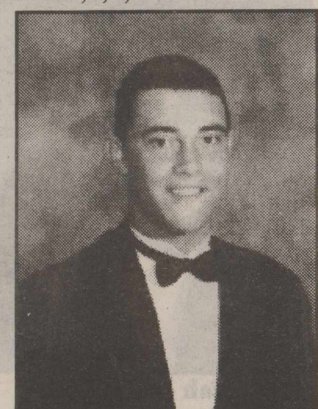
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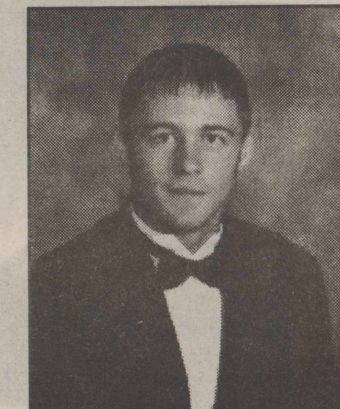
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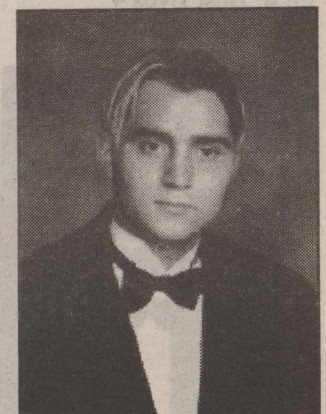
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Jason Wayne Trammell
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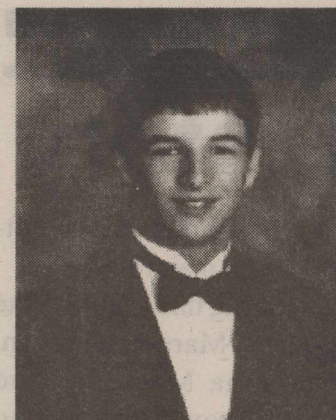
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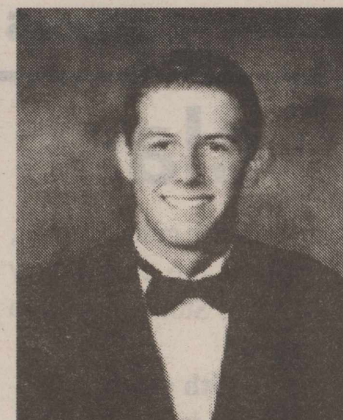
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All glory comes from daring to begin.

Desire is the key to motivation, but it's the determination and commitment to an unrelenting pursuit of your goal—that will enable you to attain the success you seek.



Mitchell Cox
Valedictorian



Kevin Patton
Salutatorian



Brittany Bartley
Highest Ranking Girl

Cox, Patton, Bartley top in class of 2000

Mitchell Cox was named valedictorian, and Kevin Patton had the second highest average for salutatorian honors.

Brittany Bartley was named highest ranking girl.

Both Cox and Patton plan to attend college at Texas A & M University.

Bartley plans to attend Texas Tech University.

Cox will deliver the valedictory address at graduation exercises at 8 p.m. on May 27 at Indian Stadium.

Seniors in the county will be the guests of honor at the All Night Party from 10 p.m.-5 a.m. at the civic center.

LEADERS OF THE MILLENNIUM CLASS OF 2000

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top row Meg McManamon, Christina Markunas, Emily Wheat, Jodi Thigpen, Reena Harris, Hilee Mulligan, Brittany Bartley, Margret Hannan, Fe Anguiano, Misty Rodela, Jessica Thompson, Kristi Escobedo, Tiffany (Loving) Stiewert, Tara Hamilton, Amy (Pedroza) Barrera, Celeste (Garcia) Clem, Kira Poteet, Kim Hammes, Tanisha Riley third row Jason Clark, Heath Livingston, Freddie Williams, Dusty Yates, Andy Hudspeth, Justin Teague, Brandon Acosta, Cole Earles, Casey Riley, John Mark Hodgin, Dawson Druessedow, Craig Cunningham second row Josh Stocks, Eric Brown, Justin Early, Nick Hild, Chris Crosson, Mitchel Payne, Brent Watson, Kevin Patton, Kevin McSmith, Micah New, Jason Trammell bottom row Chris Alexander, Martin Silvas, James Gonzales, Roy Alvarez, Evan Everett, Mitchell Cox and Jason Isbell. Not pictured Amber Cooper.

Leaders in the making: a class history

by Meg McManamon
Hilee Mulligan
Jodi Thigpen
Emily Wheat

As the class of 2000 started their first day of kindergarten in 1988, 73 anxious little faces crowded through the colored doors. Of these, only 30 will be graduating from Haskell High School. Originally an Aspermont Hornet, Hilee Mulligan set aside her stinger to become the first transfer to the class.

Although many friends have moved through the years, others have come to join them. Almost 13 years later, 48 anxious adult faces are standing at a new door, one that will allow them to take on the world.

After an exciting first year of school, the class of 2000 was ready to come back and learn to read in the first grade.

1st grade

Mrs. Gannaway was one of their first grade teachers who later became their high school counselor. Celeste Garcia was the

only class member to move during first grade, but Emily Wheat, Heath Livingston, Martin Silvas and Fe Anguiano came to join the group between kindergarten and the end of the first grade year.

One of the most memorable events from that year was the exciting game, "Heads up, 7 up".

2nd grade

During second grade the class discovered their singing talents, or lack of, when they presented a patriotic musical.

Although three of the second grade teachers have since left those classrooms, Mrs. Griffith will retire from teaching as the class of 2000 graduates.

Mrs. Thigpen met the group again in eighth grade computer class and in high school as an art teacher and class sponsor. Jesse Guzman was the only one to leave.

3rd grade

When third grade rolled around, they were ready to try out their motor skills on the annual Safety City Trip.

Unfortunately, Heath Livingston had his license temporarily revoked when he ran into the officer, and Craig Cunningham had trouble figuring out the purpose of brakes. Their three teachers were Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Christian and Mrs. Toliver, who began her teaching career with the class of 2000.

When the Weinert school closed in 1990, Dusty Yates dropped his dog bone and picked up his tomahawk to join the Indian tribe.

The class of 2000 also survived a tornado in the spring of 1991. The damaging twister took out the football stadium, many trees and damaged local homes and buildings.

4th grade

During the fourth grade, favorite pastimes were playing football, forming cheerleading and twirling squads on the play ground and listening to New Kids on the Block.

The class had Mrs. Trammell for the second time in their elementary years. She and Mrs. Everett,

another fourth grade teacher, are still at the elementary while Mrs. Stone moved to Stamford.

5th grade

Fifth grade was an interesting time. Everyone was always in the hall either crying or getting in trouble. The girls were the worst. They were constantly arguing over something.

Tattle-telling and note writing seemed to be a favorite pastime. Mrs. Foster has since retired, while Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Yates still work at Haskell. Although no one left, Nick Hild and Jesse Guzman began their tribal dance.

6th grade

As the class of 2000 entered the sixth grade, they were excited to be the oldest on campus. They were also eager to learn to play different instruments in the first year of band with Mr. Copeland, the school's new band director.

Mrs. Coffman read *Little House on the Prairie* as the group listened with full attention, reading as many pages on their own in order

to gain balloons for the lift-off was a major project.

During this year, Celeste Garcia, Margret Hannan, Christina Markunas and Eric Brown moved to Haskell, and Emily Wheat decided to become a Paint Creek Pirate.

7th grade

As seventh graders, the class was thrilled to walk on a new campus. However, it did not take long for them to realize where they belonged, so they just stayed on the north end of the school and became professional wall ball players. Their first year of athletics was an unforgettable experience.

The class quickly became experts at everything from learning to put football pads on, to losing their modesty in the locker room. Chris Alexander was the only one to leave.

8th grade

Being the oldest in junior high, today's seniors prided themselves at being able to beat the little seventh graders across the street at lunch.

See History p.2

Class of 2000: MOST WANTED!

by Hilee Mulligan
reporter

What was the Crime?

- Who was class favorite for four years?
- Who named the plants in Coach Foster's room?
- Who was a star during 5th quarter in the band Accidents Happen?
- Who is known for the phrase "chaa"?
- Who attended Army boot camp this past summer?
- Who lives in their JUD FEST shirt?
- Who was an underage driver that had an encounter with a shed and a tree?
- Who was throwing tacks out the window in Mrs. Foster's room?
- Who eats Hershey kisses and drinks Squirt?
- Who earned a nickname by ordering food after a junior high football game?
- Who was late to school every day in elementary?
- Who is "Tyson"?
- Who stayed in d-hall for sneezing in Mr. Coleman's class?
- Who could compete with Evil Kenevil because of their numerous wrecks?
- Who has been the victim of a hit and run?

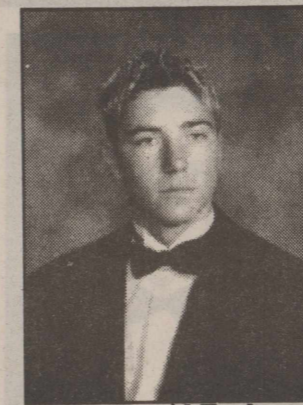
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| A. James Gonzales | E. Jason Trammell | I. Kevin McSmith | L. John Mark Hodgkin |
| B. Jessica Thompson | F. Brittany Bartley | J. Dawson Druessedow | M. Mitchell Cox |
| C. Brent Watson | G. Jodi Thigpen | and Chris Crosson | N. Hilee Mulligan |
| D. Emily Wheat | H. Reena Harris | K. Cole Earles | O. Christina Markunas |

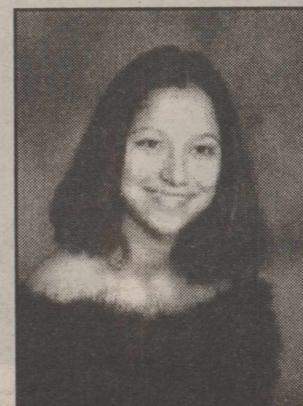
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"The past is my heritage,
the present my responsibility,
the future my challenge."

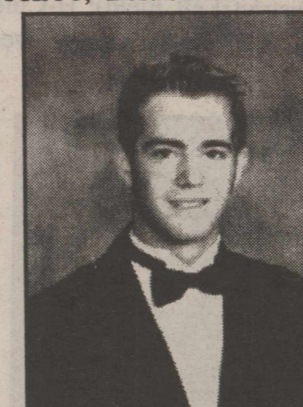
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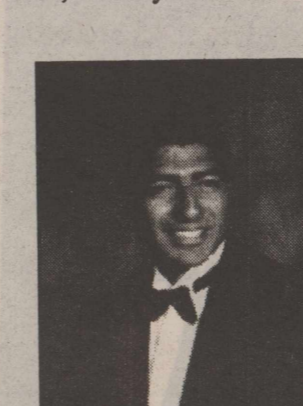
Cole David Earles
Honor Student 1,2,3,4; Football 2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; H-Club 2,3,4; FFA 1,2,3; Best Hair 4



Kristi Michelle Escobedo
Band 1,2; Cheerleader 1; Basketball 1; Track 1; Softball 1; FHA 1; Best Smile 4

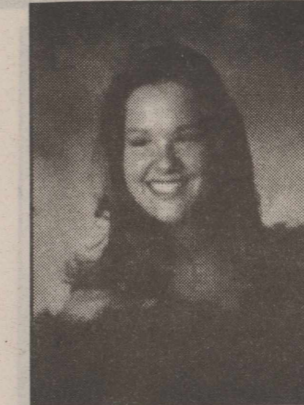


Evan Cole Everett
Football 1; Basketball 1,2; Track 1,2,3,4 (state qualifier 4); FFA 1,2,3,4; Student Council 4; Best Eyes 4



James Thomas Gonzalez
Most Daring 4

Jesse Guzman



Kimberly Nichole Hammes
Honor Student 3; *War Whoop* 3,4; Band 1,2,3; UIL 3; One-Act Play 2,3; Cheerleader 4; Track 1; FFA 2,3,4 (Creed District 3); FFA PALs 4; Best Hair 4



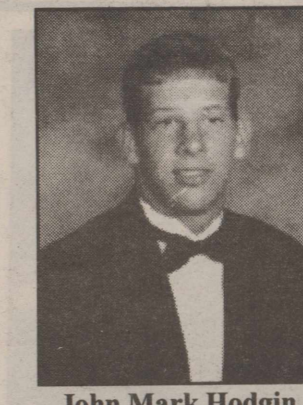
Margret Hannan
Journalism 2,3,4; CSO 1,2; Most Laid Back 4



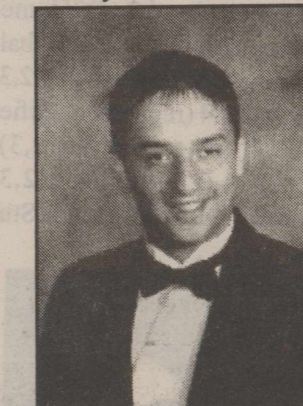
Tara Nicole Hamilton
Basketball 1; Softball 1; FFA 1,4; FHA 1; FCA 1; Best Eyes 4



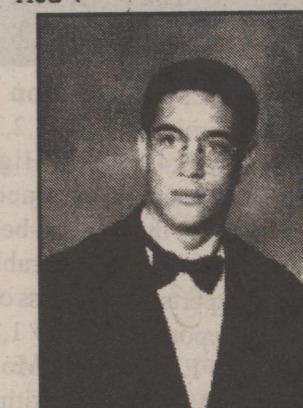
Reena Kathryn Harris
Band 1,2,3,4; Twirler 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2; Track 1,2; FFA 3,4 (vice president); Class favorite 4; Best Dressed



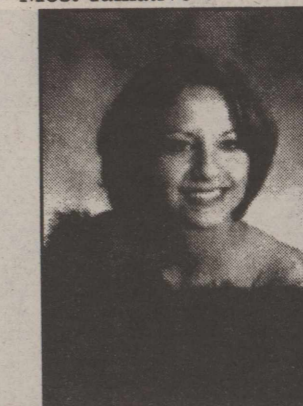
John Mark Hodgkin
Football 1,2,3,4 (Academic All State 4); Basketball 1; Baseball 1,2; H-Club 3,4; FFA 1,2,3,4; PALs 4; Life of the Party 4



Jason Ray Isbell
War Whoop 4 (ILPC Editorial Cartoon 4); Football 4; Basketball 3; Track 3; H-Club 3,4; Most Likely to Get Married 4

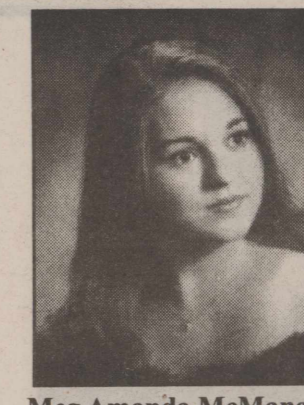


Heath Lee Livingston
Most Talkative 4

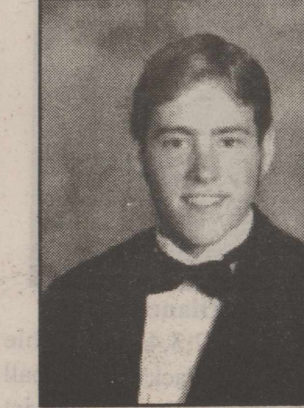


Christina Marie Markunas
A Honor Roll 3; Band 1,2,3,4 (drum major 4); *War Whoop* 3,4; FHA 1; Most Outgoing 4

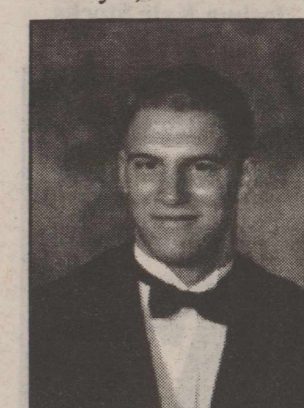
Christina Marie Markunas



Meg Amanda McManamon
NHS 3,4 (vice president 4); Quill & Scroll 3,4; Student Council 1,2,4 (secretary 4); Band 1,2,3,4 (drum major 3; band sweetheart 4); Class officer 1,2,3,4; FFA 2; FHA 1 (president 1); FCA 1,2,3,4 (president 4); Friendliest Girl 4

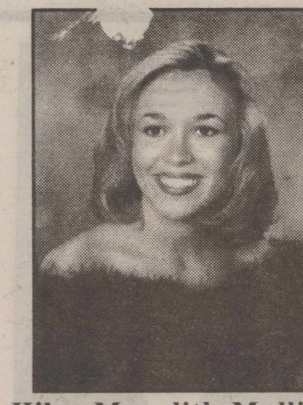


Kevin Tracy McSmith
NHS 3,4 (chaplain); UIL ready writing 4; A+ Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; Academic Challenge 4; Band 1,2,3,4 (chaplain 4; state qualifier 1,3,4; region band qualifier 3); Cross Country 1,2,3,4 (regional qualifier 1,2,3,4); Football 2,3; Basketball 1; Track 1,2,3,4; Tennis 1,2,3,4 (regional qualifier 3); Baseball 1,2,3,4; H-Club 1,2,3,4; FCA 1,2,3,4 (vice president); CSO 1,2; Friendliest Boy 4; Most Talented 4

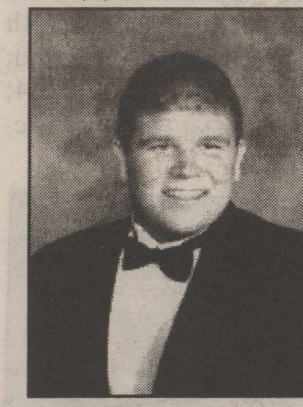


Micah Layne New
NHS 3,4; Band 1,2,3; Football 1,2,3,4 (all-district honorable mention); Basketball 1,2; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Track 2,3,4 (state qualifier 3); H-Club 3,4; Class favorite 4

Micah Layne New



Hilee Meredith Mulligan
NHS 3,4 (reporter 4); Student Council 1,3,4 (vice president 4); Band 1,2,3,4 (vice president 4); Feature twirler 1,2,3,4 (State UIL Division I solo); Who's Who in Baton Twirling 3,4; *War Whoop* 2; *Chieftain* 3,4 (Texas High School Press, third place-division pages); Quill & Scroll 3,4; Class officer 1,2,3,4; Golf 3; Class favorite 2, 3; Miss HHS 4; Homecoming Queen 4; Most Beautiful 4; FFA 1; A Honor Roll 1,2,3,4

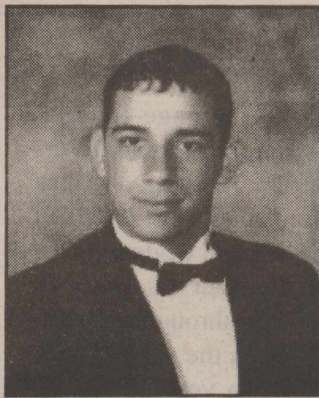


Mitchel Claude Payne
Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1; Baseball 1,2,3,4 (2nd team all-district pitcher 3); FFA 1,2,3,4; Most Spirited 4; Class Clown 4

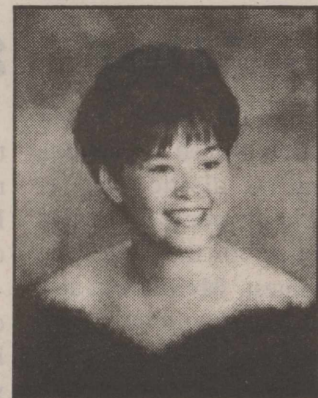


Kira Gwynette Poteet
A Honor Roll 2,3; Band 1,2,3 (drum major 3); UIL 1,3; *Chieftain* 3; Quill & Scroll 3; Class officer 2,4 (reporter 2; secretary 4); Cheerleader 1,4; FHA 1,2; FFA 1,3,4 (PALs 3; Creed 1,3,4 district and area; state radio 4); Most Dependable 4

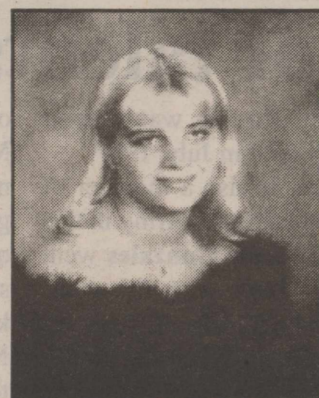
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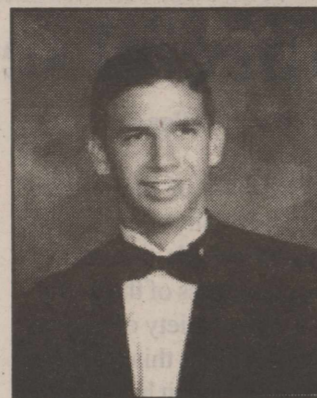
Brandon Bray Acosta
Honor Student 2,3; Band 1,2,3,4; Homemaking 3; FCA 1,2; Football 1,2,4; Basketball 1; Baseball 1,2; Track 1,2; H-Club 4; Ag 2,3; Best Dressed 4



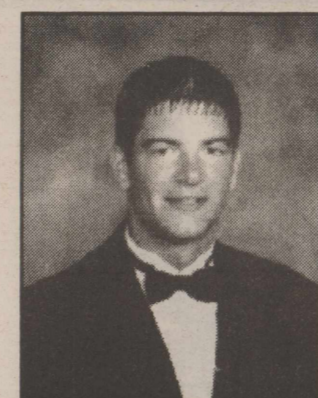
Brittany L'Shae Bartley
NHS 3,4 (secretary 4); Student Council 2,4 (reporter 4); Class officer 1,2,3,4; Cheerleader 1,2,3,4 (co-head 2,4); Basketball 1,2,3; Softball 2,3; Track 1; HGAA 1,2,3; FFA 1,2,3,4 (president 2,4; vice president 3); Class favorite 1; Miss Spirit 4; Most Talented 4



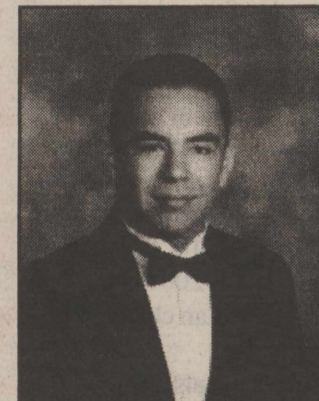
Amber Dawn Cooper
Most Bashful 4



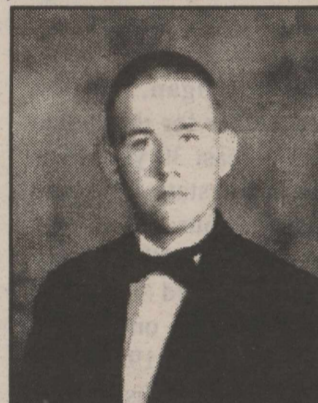
James Craig Cunningham
NHS 2,3,4 (junior representative 3; president 4); Student Council 1,2,3,4 (president 4); Band 1,2,3,4 (president 4); Band Beau 4; state solo and ensemble 1); Basketball 1,2,3,4 (basketball hero 4); Track 1,2,3,4; Class favorite 3; Mr. HHS 4; Most Dependable 4



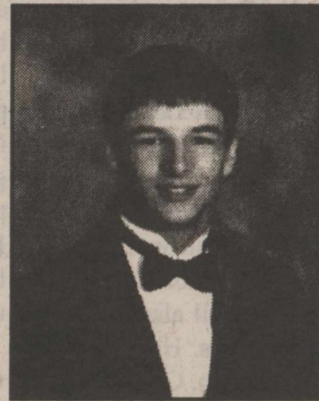
Dawson Duane Druesedow
Quill & Scroll 3; Football 1,2,3,4 (honorable mention defense all district 4); Basketball 4; Track 1,2,3,4; H-Club 3,4; FFA 1,2,3,4; Teacher's Pet 4



Christopher Thomas Alexander
Class Flirt 4



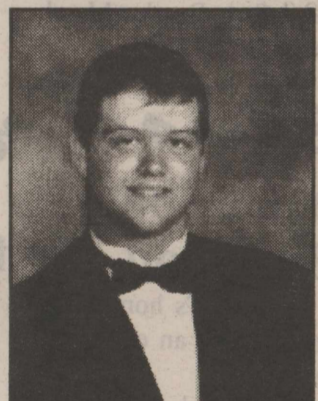
Eric Scott Burback
Baseball 2,3; FFA 2,3; Most Likely to Stay in Haskell 4



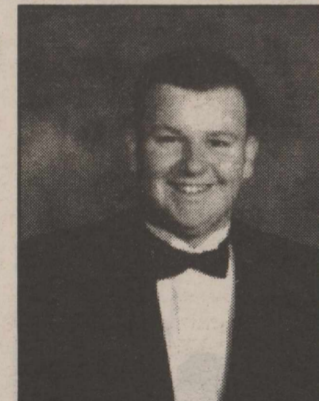
John Mitchell Cox
NHS 2,3,4; UIL science 2,3,4; UIL ready writing 4; Science Olympiad 1,2; A+ Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; Academic Challenge 4; Xerox Social Studies Award 3; One-Act Play 1,2,3,4 (All Star Cast, 1; Honorable Mention All Star Cast, 3); Band 1,2,3; Football 1,2; Basketball 1,2,3; Golf 1,2,3,4 (regional qualifier 1); Track 1,2,3,4; H-Club 1,2,3,4; CSO 1; Most Likely to be Famous 4



Fe Anguiano



Jason Daniel Clark
Football 3; Track 3; FFA 2,3,4



Christopher James Crosson
Honor Student 2; Band 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2,3; Track 1,2,3; Baseball 1; FFA 2,3,4; FHA 4; Class Flirt 4



Amy Jean (Pedroza) Barerra
Band 1,2; War Whoop 2



Celeste (Garcia) Clem

The world is round.
What may seem the end may also be the beginning.

A winner is someone who sets his goals, commits himself to those goals, and then pursues his goals with all the ability given him.

Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.

It's what you learn after you know it all that counts.

Culprits from p. 2
answers to *Most Wanted* are as follows:
1. E., 2. G., 3. I., 4. D., 5. A., 6. C., 7. J., 8. B., 9. K., 10. H., 11. N., 12. F., 13. O., 14. L., 15. M.



Kira Potet shows junior Patricia Fuentes how much she enjoyed Patty's service at the Catholic Church supper.

The most memorable evenings

by Hilee Mulligan
reporter

The class of 2000 was honored at the junior/senior banquet, Moonlight in your Eyes, by the juniors on April 15.

Students, parents, and sponsors transformed the civic center into a moonlit evening.

Plants, silver metallic floor sheeting, a moon, and starry gossamer trails led guests through the entryway gates.

A moon and star archway that reflected the water and starlit columns decorated the head of the room.

For the final junior/senior banquet of the 20th century, the class of 2000 turned the civic center into an Egyptian palace and tomb.

The Night in Egypt theme was enhanced by guests who sipped sparkling punch in the antechamber of a tomb.

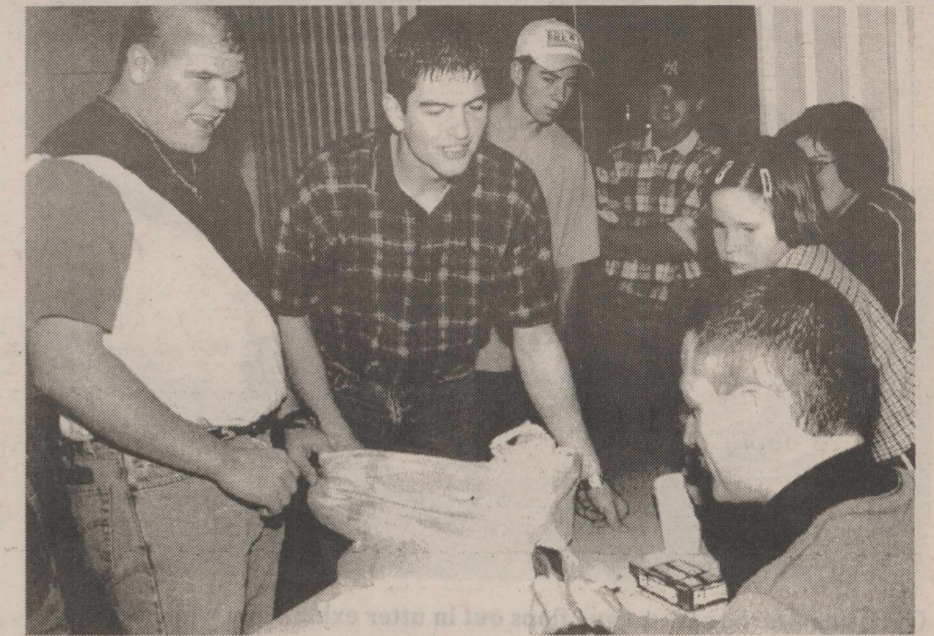
Featured in the walk-through were walls lined with Egyptian murals, a suspended ceiling and faux stone paving.

A golden sidewalk led to the throne of the pharaoh and queen, Brad and Julie Brunson, who were seated beneath a purple and gold, four column arch.

A grand entrance way, guarded by mummy Michael Copeland, a fountain flanked by two golden shinx, fluted columns, metallic palms, a reflecting pool, lighted pyramids and a 14-foot elaborate mask of King Tut.

Sixteen of this year's seniors were also a part of the '98 banquet.

As servers, they were required to wear top hats and gossamer cummerbunds. The theme for the banquet was Hollywood Nights.



Mitchel Payne, Dawson Druesedow, Cole Earles and Jason Trammell plead their scavenger hunt case to Judge John Foster and bailiff Lacy Peiser.

History from p. 1

From their unusual, first history teacher, Mr. Collins, they explored the relationship between history, baseball, paper fights and decorating Christmas trees.

Dawson Druesedow thought Granger would be fun for a change while Jason Clark, Kim Hammes and Josh Stocks moved in, increasing the number to 51.

The ninth grade, finally in high school, but still undersclassmen. Although they had the new freedom of leaving campus for lunch, few had the means to go very far. On any given weekday, heads of freshmen could be seen roaming to and from Allsup's for nutritional burritos, chips and tallsupps.

Andy Hudspeth joined them from Houston. Chris Alexander missed his Indian spirit and returned to Haskell while Casey and Tanisha Riley decided to become bulldogs in Stamford. Nick Hild visited many other schools, and

Eric Brown also decided to take a visit to Paint Creek.

As sophomores, the class participated in its first high school homecoming by decorating the north fence of the football field with styrofoam cups. Meanwhile, Dawson Druesedow quickly returned from Paint Creek, and Emily Wheat followed closely behind.

By their junior year they were on their third superintendent, principal and athletic director. Mrs. B's perfect second period angels were all sent to ACE for not finishing an assignment for once in their lives.

Maiden athletics became first period, and all the girls learned to get ready in about eight minutes. Amber Cooper and Jason Isbell decided to join the Haskell's class of 2000, and Nick Hild took his final move to the reservation.

Sadly, Amber Futch, who served as class officer every year and added enthusiasm to every task, had to

move to Muleshoe when her Dad was transferred.

Their senior year has been filled with excitement, but a few obstacles have come their way. They tried to have the bonfire before the first district game, but the wind was too powerful and made it unsafe. Then they tried to take group pictures one Sunday afternoon, but the weather toyed with the class's plans again.

The second six weeks was one that this class will never forget. While sitting in sixth period, the bells went off, and everyone thought it was a fire drill, but then the entire secondary campus' population was herded to the football stands.

Upon arrival, talk of a bomb threat waved throughout the stands, but students and teachers convinced themselves it was only practice. When Mrs. McKeever made the announcement that the matter was no joke, everyone was shipped by bus to the Baptist Church where only parents were allowed to pick up their children.

The bomb squad from Sheppard Air Force Base

came. Around 9 p.m., students could pick up vehicles and football practice started.

Student dress code has been an issue this year. Shorts could only be worn the first six weeks not exceeding two inches above the knee. However, the rule changed for the last six weeks and were acceptable at fingertip length. Then capri pants came in style and caused more commotion. It was decided that not only capri pants as well could only be worn if they had a hem for both male and female students.

During the last year of school, Haskell's class of 2000 was glad to welcome Casey and Tanisha Riley back to the tribe. Amy Pedroza and Tara Hamilton decided to graduate a year early and joined the senior class.

The class of 2000 has always strived for excellence due mainly to the expectations of others who constantly reminded them that one day they would be the leaders of the new millennium. Although the 21st century seemed to be a mil-

lion miles away to those small elementary students, it has arrived all too quickly. Through the years, this class has grown and changed in many ways, whether it was losing a favorite teacher or saying good-bye to a best friend. Despite their trials and tribulations, the class has remained a close-knit group.

Many members of the class have come and gone, but the relationships have grown, and the appreciation for caring friends has been earned. Members of the class of 2000 have overcome obstacles and have proven their leadership abilities in the classroom and on the athletics field.

Various members of the class have repeatedly placed in UIL events and received other honors for academic achievements. Being the class of the new millennium is a privilege that others will never experience.

The 48 seniors lucky enough to be a part of this group have done an outstanding job of making a name for themselves. The members of the class of 2000 are true leaders of the new millennium.



Christina Markunas' tongue flops out in utter exhaustion while her classmates Freddie Williams, Reena Harris, Emily Wheat and Hilee Mulligan sit silently with fatigue.



Seniors Brittany Bartley and Meg McManamon appear to be smiling for the camera when really they're amused by the thoughts of their stubborn classmates who rode astray.

Senior cyclists: Pedal for their lunch

by Jessica Thompson, Emily Wheat

After skipping a year of tradition, the class of 2000 was allowed to participate in an official bike day. Forty-two seniors rode a variety of bicycles--some two-wheelers had been outgrown many years ago.

Two senior girls decorated their bikes with balloons and streamers to help make the ride a little more colorful.

Three of the boys entertained the rest of the class when they took turns on a tandem bicycle. Only six seniors were unable to take part.

Ten minutes before regular lunch dismissal, the bike-

riding seniors excitedly climbed on their bikes and rode about 1.5 miles to the Lutheran Church.

There they were served hamburgers with all the trimmings, as well as various desserts.

After the feast, the stuffed seniors reluctantly mounted their bikes and started the journey back to school.

A few seniors took the lead, and little did they know that the road they took, which led almost to the airport, would be an unexpected distance of 3.5 miles.

Instead of the road back to school, it was the road around: around the gin, around the cotton warehouse, around the track and finally around the

school. Not all seniors who chose to take this particular route did it knowingly. They were led by a few of the class members that based their route on a statement from class sponsor, Jill Druessedow.

She told the class there was a dirt road that would take them straight to the church and straight back, but the seniors unfortunately chose the wrong road.

This blunder added to the distance of the church trip which now totaled an exhausting 5 miles.

Although those seniors did miss some extra class time, they were much more tired than their classmates who took the 1.7 mile road back, mak-

ing their trip only 3.2 miles. After this exhausting ride, the seniors then circled the school on the sidewalk, being careful not to get on highway 277, a restricted area.

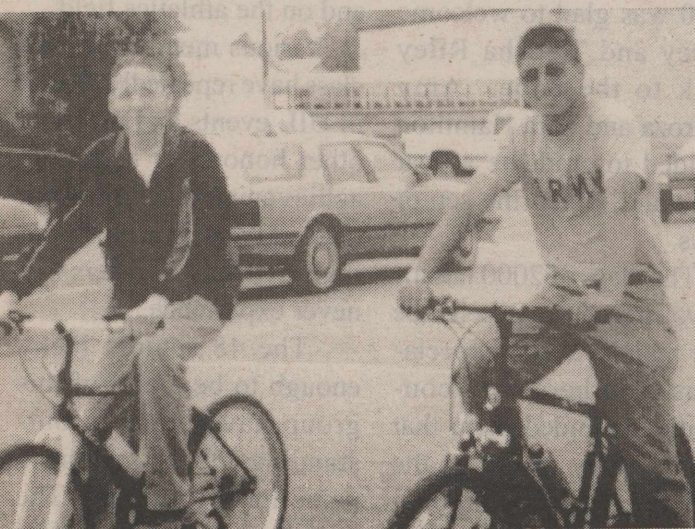
Avenue D and highway 380 were also prohibited and the class did a good job of staying off the forbidden roads.

Despite the few bicycle seats that would not stay up, tires that would not stay aired, and chains that would not stay on, the seniors enjoyed the day.

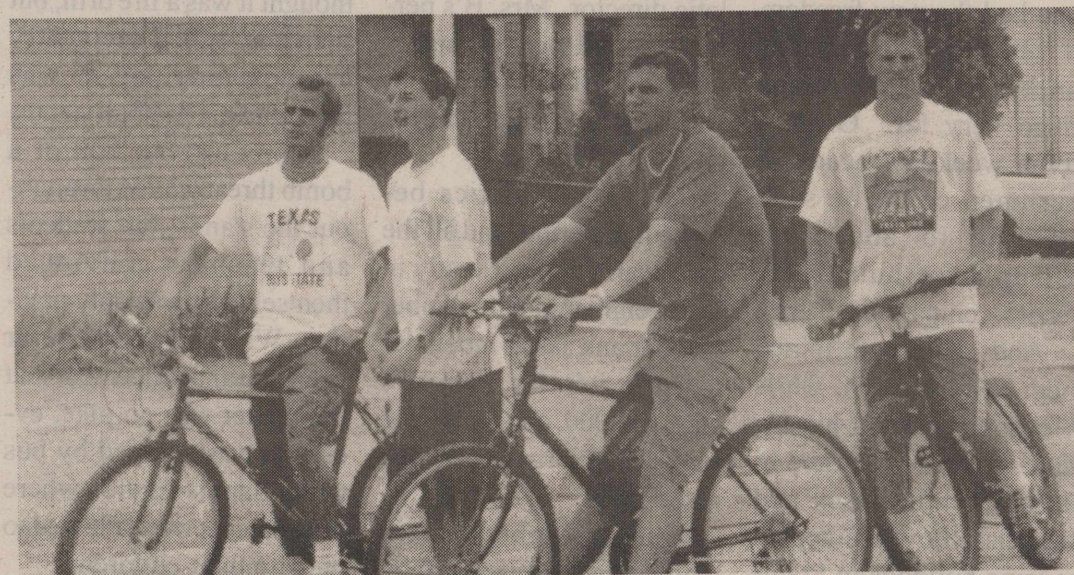
To succeed--do the best you can, where you are, with what you have.



"I was in such a hurry to get back to school that I didn't even realize that I lost Dusty!" says Justin Teague while Dawson Druessedow looks back for any signs of their missing friend.



Josh Stocks and James Gonzales try their best not to look exhausted after their 5-mile trek.



"I shouldn't have eaten that second cheeseburger at lunch," says Craig Cunningham as he and classmates Evan Everett, Mitchell Cox and Micah New pause in front of the Home Ec building to catch their breath after the long ride back from the Lutheran Church.

Special senior talents, honors, awards

By Hilee Mulligan reporter

The class of the millennium has many talents, honors and awards that reflect the uniqueness of the group. A wide variety of special qualities gives this class the reputation that it has earned.

Brittany Bartley is known for her involvement in livestock shows, 4-H and FFA. She has shown both pigs and steers for nine years total. Bartley's most recent achievements are the Reserve Breed Champion at San Angelo and Grand Champion for two consecutive years at Haskell's show. She has served as FFA president for two years and vice president for one, and 4-H president for one year and vice president for two.

Eagle Scout is the highest rank in the boy scout program and two of the seniors have achieved this honor. Craig Cunningham was inducted in July of 1999 after completing his service project, landscaping the Methodist Church. Kevin Patton built the benches that are around the walking track at the park for his

project. Patton was named Eagle Scout in July, 1997.

There is also a member of the United States Army in this class. James Gonzales went through boot camp this summer and will return for service immediately following graduation. Chris Alexander will soon be a marine. He will for to San Diego, Calif. for boot camp in July and will return after graduation for a ten-day leave in October. Alexander will then for back to California for Marine Combat Training for one month. A one month Legal Administration training school will then follow. Heath Hernandez will also be joining the marines. He also will go to San Diego, Cali. MCRO June 5 for boot camp. Hernandez will return August 25 for a ten-day leave and then leave to Ft. Lagune, NC. He is enlisted for four years.

Reena Harris, four year member of the Indian twirling line, will be McMurry University's feature twirler. She has qualifies for state UIL solo contest for three years. Harris has also led four twirling ensembles to State UIL. Many musical talents devel-

oped from this class. Kevin McSmith played saxophone making the district and regional bands many times, and qualifying for the State UIL solo contest. McSmith is also known for playing the guitar. Not only did he teach himself to play but also has formed a praise band. McSmith has also made the jazz band, the concert band and the praise band at Hannibal La Grange University in MO. In the praise band, which is called Praise Song, he will be lead guitarist and will play the saxophone for both bands. Jason Isbell has no musical training, but can skillfully play the guitar by ear.

Hilee Mulligan, the first feature twirler for the Indian band in at least 30 years, has qualified for state UIL solo contest for four years, won state and regional NBTA titles and represented Texas at America's Youth on Parade. She was also the 1999-2000 West Texas Junior Miss and the 1997 Wild Horse Prairie Days Queen. Mulligan will be the feature twirler for the Sam Houston State Bearkat Marching band.

Sports Challenge International sponsored a softball tournament in Hawaii. Misty Rodela played third baseman on the all Texan Dodger team.

Jodi Thigpen has made her claim to fame through golf. She has played in the state tournament for two years. Thigpen led the team both days at the regional meet in 1999 where she placed eighth in a field of fifty girls. Her most recent accomplishment was placing third at the District meet.

Haskell has its first male cheerleader from the Class of 2000. Freddie Williams was not only cheerleader in high school, but also in junior high. He brought a tremendous amount of spirit to the squad with his enthusiastic voice and gymnastic skills. Williams made the 2000-2001 McMurry University Indian cheerleading squad.

The individuals that make up the Class of 2000 have worked hard to reach their goals. They have not only represented themselves and the school while doing so, but also the entire community.

Class of 2000

Bonfire '99

Big wood, big fire, big success

This year's homecoming bonfire was an engineering feat. The city dug a pit at the training field for the wood collection. The seniors worked after schools and on weekends to build a mammoth bonfire: 75 feet long, 20 feet wide, 8 feet deep and 20 more feet above ground.

Over 30 telephone poles were teepeed around the bonfire. As a finishing touch the wood pile was crowned with a two-seater outhouse. The night of the bonfire, the seniors rode to the site on fire trucks, but a high wind prevented the firemen from lighting the wood pile.

A week later, the seniors tried again and met with success. At both gatherings of the bonfire, Bob Earles cooked a light supper for the seniors.

Because of a burn ban, without the county, city and fire department's blessing, the seniors would have not been able to host the bonfire. High winds seem to be a constant companion for the senior class this year.

Not only did the wind cancel the bonfire for a short time, but earlier it also canceled the outdoor senior pictures. Seniors, however, were able to take a group picture at the bonfire, and later they missed a few minutes of class for a picture at the football field.



Senior homecoming court Hilee Mulligan, Jodi Thigpen and Emily Wheat wonder if they can talk driver, Bill Perry, into taking them on the real drag.



Kim Hammes wonders how Celeste (Garcia) Clem gets her hair so soft.



Brittany Bartley, Craig Cunningham, Brent Watson, Reena Harris and Freddie Williams pass the wood to the real workers, Fe Anguiano and Kim Hammes. Senior filled an 8-foot pit and added 20 more feet above for the homecoming bonfire.