



## Wild Horse Prairie Days schedule

**Sunday, May 30**  
John Wallace Memorial Calf Roping, Haskell Arena  
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**Friday, June 4**  
Vendors All Day  
Cowboy Swap Meet All Day  
Western Art Show All Day  
Barbecue Cook-off  
Ranch Cutting Horse 9 a.m.  
Rodeo Parade 5 p.m.  
Chuck Wagon meal 5-7 p.m.  
Ranch Rodeo 7 p.m.  
Western Dance 9:30 p.m.  
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**Saturday, June 5**  
Vendors All Day  
Cowboy Swap Meet All Day  
Western Art Show All Day  
Barbecue Cook-off  
Ranch Horse Competition 7:30 a.m.  
Children's Rodeo with Pokey with Clown 1:30 p.m.  
Chuck Wagon meal 5-7 p.m.  
Ranch Rodeo 7 p.m.  
Western Dance 9:30 p.m.  
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**Sunday, June 6**  
Cowboy Church Service with Jeff Gore Pavilion 10 a.m.  
WTBRA Barrel Race

## Calendar

### Early deadline

Deadline for news and advertising for the Thurs., June 3 edition of the Haskell Free Press will be Thurs., May 27 at 5 p.m. The Free Press office will be closed Mon., May 31 for Memorial Day.

### PC Pre-K

Paint Creek ISD is accepting applications for Pre-Kindergarten students. To qualify for the program, children must be 4 years of age before Sept. 1 and meet eligibility requirements. Contact Paint Creek ISD at 940-864-2471 for more information.

### Memorial roping

The John Wallace Memorial Calf Roping will be held May 30 at the Haskell arena.

### Rodeo parade

Haskell's Wild Horse Prairie Days parade will be held Fri., June 4 at 5 p.m. Those interested in participating should contact Loutina White at 864-3507. Prizes will be awarded.

### All night party

The Haskell County All Night Party will be held Fri., May 28 from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. at the Civic Center in Haskell. Students who attended high school or college in the 2003-04 school year are invited. Freshmen should bring \$2 and one package of store bought cookies; sophomores should bring \$2 and a bag of chips; juniors should bring \$2 and a 2 liter soft drink or a 6-pack of bottled water. Seniors are admitted free.

### Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical & Genealogical Society will meet Mon., June 7 in Haskell City Hall at 7 p.m.

### Memorial Day service

The Rule Chamber of Commerce will hold a Memorial Day service at the Rule Cemetery Mon., May 31 at 7 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs.

### Summer food program

Haskell CISD will sponsor the Summer Food Service program. Meals will be served at Haskell Elementary School Cafeteria located at 306 S. Ave. G from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mon. through Fri. beginning June 7 and ending July 30. Those ages 1 through 18 years of age will eat for free. Adults may eat for \$2.50. All are welcome.

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## Congratulations graduates!

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## 75 students graduate in Haskell County

In graduation exercises this month, a total of seventy-five high school seniors will receive diplomas from the four Haskell County School systems: a decrease of twenty-one from last year.

### Haskell

Thirty-nine seniors will graduate during the school's commencement exercises, Fri., May 28, at 8:00 p.m., at Indian Stadium. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held Sat., May 29 at 10:00 a.m.

Those graduating are: William Baxter, Reyes Benavides, Brittany Bird, Kyle Bryan, Chase Cockerell, Philip Collins, Colin Dunnam, Joseph Felty, Vanessa Gallegos, Osiel Garcia, Drew Garison.

Consuelo Gonzalez, Ross Hairgrove, Lynzie Harlan, Bradley Harris, Holton Hernandez, Kris Isbell, Sean Jeanes, Amanda Johnson, Scott Kennedy, Melody Kennedy, Jacqueline Kilgore, Debbi Long, Rosemary Martinez, Hannah Maxey.

Homero Payan, Dax Puschel, Tracy Richardson, Gina Rodriguez, J. R. Rodriguez, Brittany Rutkowski, John Soto, Samantha Steele, Otis Thomas, Corina Trevina, Derrick Tribbey, Meagan Wallace, Chris Washburn and William Wyrick.

The valedictorian is Brittany Rutkowski, daughter of John and Glenda Gayle Rutkowski.

Salutatorian is Ross Hairgrove, son of Dr. Tom and Peggy Hairgrove.  
**Paint Creek**

Eight seniors received diplomas in the Paint Creek High School auditorium, at 8:00 p.m., Fri., May 21.

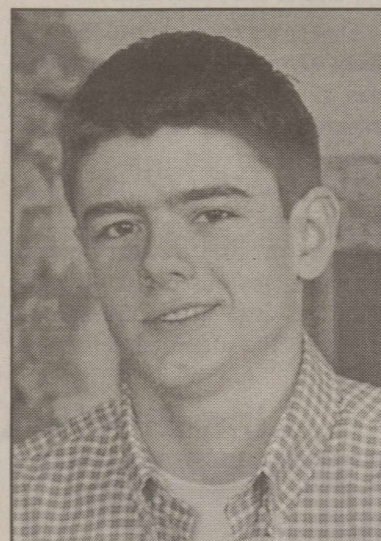
Baccalaureate was held at 6:00 p.m., Sun., May 16, at Paint Creek Baptist Church.

Graduates are: Courtney Buerger, Kasey Duniven, Bonnie Emert, Amy Huggins, Jesse Medford, Brian Scifres, A. J. Shaw and Jody Smith.

Valedictorian is Courtney Buerger, daughter of Kenny and



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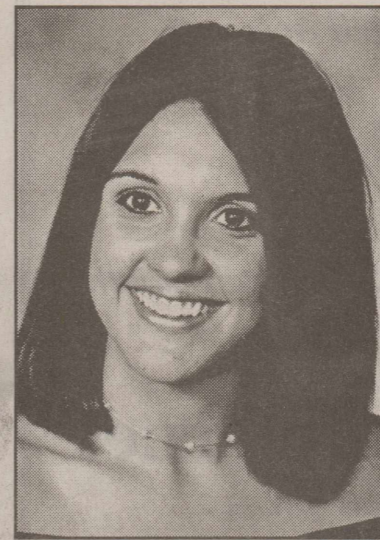
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ROCHESTER



M'LYNN LEHRMANN  
VALEDICTORIAN  
RULE



KRISTIN HERTEL  
SALUTATORIAN  
RULE

Gina Buerger.

Salutatorian is Bonnie Emert, daughter of Randy and Susan Emert.  
**Rochester**

Twelve seniors will receive diplomas Fri., May 28, at Simmons Auditorium at 8:00 p.m.

A baccalaureate service was held Sun., May 16 at Rochester First Baptist Church.

Graduates are Haley Brown,

Daniel Earle, Jeremy Garcia, Felicia Hernandez, Hayley Herode, Mark McGhee, Tina Pittman, Gilbert Saucedo, Andy Seballos, Ashley Self, Christopher Taylor and Amy Turner.

Valedictorian is Amy Turner,

daughter of Cole and Susan Turner. Salutatorian is Hayley Herode, daughter of Glenna Hamilton and Darryl Herode.

Sixteen seniors received diplomas from Rule High School, Fri., May 21 at 8:00 p.m. at the High School Auditorium.

A baccalaureate service was held Sun., May 16 at the school auditorium.

Graduates are Kinsey Brown, Misty Davis, Abby Dudensing, Jessica Ferrall, Brittany Griffin,

Forrest Hatley, Kristin Hertel, Jonathan Hisey, Kyle Kittley, M'Lynn Lehrmann, Breanna Marquis, Vanessa Perez, Matthew Pierce, Eberardo Puebla, Calvin Sorley and Ricky Truelsen.

The valedictorian is M'Lynn Lehrmann, daughter of Steven and Karen Lehrmann.

The salutatorian is Kristin Hertel, daughter of Mike and Cheryl Hertel.

## Graduation edition appears this week

Appearing in this edition of the *Haskell Free Press* is our annual graduation section.

Our thanks to Annie Horton at Paint Creek School, Sandra Fry at Rochester School and Bobby Robinson at Rule School for their help in providing the seniors' pictures from their schools for use in this

traditional edition featuring this year's Haskell County seniors.

Thanks to all the students and parents who helped provide photos of the Haskell seniors.

Our special thanks to all the advertisers who make this section complete and this edition possible.

## Reception to honor Tom Ryan June 4

World renowned Western artist, Tom Ryan of Midland, who will serve as this year's Grand Marshal of the Wild Horse Prairie Days Ranch Rodeo, will be honored at a reception, Fri., June 4 at 3:00 p.m., at the First National Bank.

Ryan's work is featured at the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City, and at leading galleries and museums throughout the Southwest. It has also been featured in numerous publications devoted to western life and culture, as well as Time and Life magazines.

Among other awards, Ryan received the Lifetime Achievement Award in 1996 from the National Cowboy Hall of Fame and Western

Heritage Center during ceremonies for the Prix de West Invitational Exhibition.

Ryan, who is the father of Kitsey Drinnon of Haskell, moved to Texas in 1967 to be closer to the 6666 Ranch in Guthrie, where he found abundant material for painting subjects that he could see and feel and know from an intimate perspective, and be closer to the Cowboy Artists of America art shows in Oklahoma City.

Visiting with the artist at the local reception on June 4, will be cowboys from the 6666 Ranch, which was the scene for much of Ryan's extensive Western art.

The public is invited to attend.

## All-night party for students to be held Friday night

Haskell County parents are proud to announce that the Haskell County All Night Party 2004 will be Fri., May 28, from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. at the Civic Center in Haskell. This is an alcohol free and drug free activity to help keep kids safe on graduation night. The party will consist of inflatable outdoor games,

a dance, indoor games and prizes. Generous businesses, individuals and clubs in the Haskell County and Abilene area make this event possible.

High school students attending school for the year 2003-2004 (freshman-senior) or college students are invited to attend. Students are

asked to bring \$2.00 and a donation of food to get in the door. Juniors should bring a 2 liter soft drink or a 6-pack of bottled water. Sophomores are asked to bring a bag of chips. Freshman are asked to bring 1 package of store brought cookies. Seniors are admitted free and are not asked to bring a donation.



**KP'S RESTAURANT DESTROYED**—At about 2:40 Friday morning, Haskell Volunteer Fire Department members responded to a fire that destroyed KP's Mesquite Grill, located at 900 S. Ave. E. The fire was out about 3:45 a.m., but firemen stayed at the scene until about 5:00 a.m. trying to determine the cause. Haskell Fire Chief Bill Steele reported Monday morning that the cause was still undetermined.

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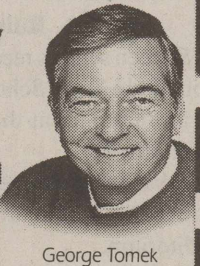
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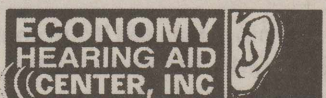
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## Obituaries

### Opal McCray Beaty



OPAL MCCRAY BEATY

Funeral services for Opal McCray Beaty, 91, of Haskell were held Mon., May 17 at First Baptist Church in Shamrock. Burial was in Shamrock Cemetery.

Mrs. Beaty died Sat., May 15 at her residence.

Born Nov. 16, 1912 near Odell in Wilbarger, she was the oldest child of A. L. and Cretia Sammons McCray. She attended school at

Center in the Twitty Community and moved to Shamrock to board with a lady, graduating from Shamrock High School in 1931. She trusted Jesus Christ in the late 1920s and was baptized in Cole Creek south of Shamrock. She met George Beaty at a church Christmas party in Twitty. They were married Dec. 10, 1933 in Gageby. They lived on a farm near Twitty and moved to Shamrock in 1938. She had been a member of First Baptist Church of Shamrock since 1938. She was a member of the Eastern Star, Rebekah Lodge and WMU of First Baptist Church. She taught beginners in Sunday school for many years. She was a member of the Home Demonstration Club.

She went to work in the school cafeteria in Shamrock in 1950; a cafeteria that prepared meals for the entire school at that time. She retired in 1978 after 27 years of service. She was Supervisor of Cafeterias for many years. She moved to Haskell to be near her family, but hoped to return to Shamrock one day. She missed her old friends very much, but kept the people of Haskell entertained

with delightful stories of days gone by. She was preceded in death by her husband, George, Sept. 24, 1983 just prior to their 50th wedding anniversary; her parents; one brother, Wiley McCray; one sister, Ada M. Braxton; and one grandson, Adam Lee Cole.

She was lovingly cared for by Ruth Jimenez, Eloisa Soto and Mary Mendoza. Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Dewayne and Claudia Beaty of Longview; one daughter and son-in-law, Donna and Ford Cole of Haskell; four grandchildren, D'Anna Beaty of Longview, David and Rosie Beaty of Waco, Kerre and Jason Starcl of Bryan and Loren Cole of Abilene; two great grandchildren, Houston and Caroline Beaty of Waco; one sister, Betty Baird of Goodnight; numerous cousins and a host of friends.

Memorials may be made to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, P.O. Box 1890, Amarillo, Texas 79105-9985.

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### Lina Emelie Leonie Teichelmann Schonerstedt



LEONIE SCHONERSTEDT

Services celebrating the life of Lina Emelie Leonie Teichelmann Schonerstedt, 94, of Sagerton were held Sat., May 22 at Faith Lutheran Church in Sagerton with Pastor

Deborah Nissen officiating. Burial was in Old Glory Cemetery in Old Glory under the direction of McCauley-Robinson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Schonerstedt died Thurs., May 20.

Born March 16, 1910 in Haskell County, she was the daughter of the late August and Augusta Unnasch Teichelmann. She married Fred William Schonerstedt Aug. 23, 1934. He preceded her in death May 24, 1989. She was a homemaker, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and great great grandmother. She was a member of Faith Lutheran Church and served on the Altar Guild. She enjoyed gardening, quilting and playing dominoes.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Albert, August Jr., Werner, Fred and Johnny; sisters, Minnie, Clara, Olga, Louise and Mamie.

Survivors include one daughter, Shirley Rhoads and husband, Eugene of Rule; two sons, Lawrence Schonerstedt and wife, Mary of Haskell and Glen Schonerstedt and wife, Pam of Levelland; one brother, Herbert Teichelmann and wife, Doris of Old Glory; three sisters, Ida Dinse of Elgin, Okla., Ella Baumbach of Taylor and Corene Lowack of Sagerton; ten grandchildren; 21 great grandchildren; three great great grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Pallbearers were grandsons, Leonard Rhoads, Mike Rhoads, Russell Schonerstedt, Randy Schonerstedt, Kraig Schonerstedt, Jason Briles and Jonathan Kittley.

Memorials may be made to Faith Lutheran Church in Sagerton or Hendrick Hospice of Abilene.

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### Paul Dean Dick

Graveside services for Paul Dean Dick, 78, of Haskell were held Mon., May 10 at Willow Cemetery in Haskell with Dean and Patsy Quade and Stan Leaf officiating. Services were under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mr. Dick died Sat., May 8 in a Haskell hospital.

Born Aug. 9, 1925 in Hanford, California, he was the son of L. D. (Lovell) and Pearl Patten Dick. He married Pauline Neinst Dick Sept. 24, 1948 in Rule. He was a butcher for thirty years, owner of Dick's Supermarket for

seven years and worked for Modern Way Food Store prior to that. He served in the United States Coast Guard during World War II for three years. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Haskell. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, playing dominoes and drinking coffee.

Survivors include his wife, Pauline Neinst Dick of Haskell; and one daughter and son-in-law, Paulette and Jerry Goodman of Abilene.

Memorials may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church in Haskell or the Salvation Army.

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### Guadalupe Pedroza Fuentes

Funeral services for Guadalupe Pedroza Fuentes, 71, of Haskell were held Mon., May 24 at St. George Catholic Church in Haskell with Father George Roney officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home. Rosary was held at the church Sun., May 23 at 7 p.m.

Mr. Fuentes died Sat., May 22 at his residence.

Born June 5, 1932 in Palestina, Mexico, he was the son of Pete and Lucia Pedroza Fuentes. He married Leonicia Avila Jan. 1, 1956 in New Mexico. He was a farmer and member of St. George Catholic Church. He

has lived in the community all of his life.

Survivors include his wife, Leonicia Fuentes of Haskell; son, Johnny Fuentes and wife, Nelda of Haskell; daughters, Mary Silvas and husband, Lee, Delia Mendoza, and Gloria Munoz and husband, Moses, all of Haskell; brothers, Cecil Fuentes of Gene Autrey, Okla. and Rudy Fuentes of Haskell; sisters, Ester Fuentes and Elida Benavidez, both of Haskell and Lola Granada of Homestead, Florida; 11 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

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## Beef seminar set June 15

by Brandon Anderson  
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

A beef bull seminar will be held at the R.A. Brown Ranch near Throckmorton Tues., June 15. "Getting an Edge—Bull Selection for Today's Market" will be the theme of the event. The seminar will begin with registration at 8:00 a.m. and the program starts at 8:30 a.m. Registration for the event is free and a meal will be provided.

Those planning to attend must R.S.V.P. by June 11 to (940) 864-3496.

The program will consist of an "Update on Animal Health Issues" by Dr. Arnoldo Gutierrez, Veterinary Medical Officer with U.S.D.A.; "Blending Cowboy Logic with Modern Science—Selecting the Right Bull for Your Cow, Your Country and Your Market" by Donnell Brown, R.A. Brown Ranch and Dr. Ron Gill, Extension Livestock Specialist; "Why is a Breeding Soundness Evaluation Necessary" by Dr. Steve Wikse, Beef Cattle Extension Veterinarian Texas A & M; Got Trich? An Overview of Trichomoniasis" by Dr. Tom Hairgrove, Haskell Vet Clinic; "Diseases Effecting Reproduction" by Dr. Glenn Rogers, Pfizer Animal Health; "Economic Impact of Reproductive Diseases" by Stan Bevers, Extension Economist; and "Keeping Diseases Out of Your Herd, Biosecurity" by Dr. Steve Wikse, Beef Cattle Extension Veterinarian Texas A & M.

Sponsors for the event are R.A. Brown Ranch, Pfizer Animal Health, Texas Cooperative Extension and the Haskell Veterinary Clinic. This program will be worth three C.E.U.'s for your Texas Beef Quality Producer requirements.

The R.A. Brown Ranch is located 4 miles west of Throckmorton on Highway 380. Follow the signs to the ranch headquarters which are one mile north of the highway.

## Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 792 head of cattle at its sale on Mon., May 24, according to Gary Tate, reporter. 55 sellers and 31 buyers were present.

Packers \$2 to \$7 lower. Stockers steady to \$4 higher. Feeders \$1 to \$4 higher.

Cows: fat, .43-.48; cutters, .45-.53; canners, .30-.39.

Bulls: bologna, .55-.67; feeders, .82-.95; utility, .45-.53.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.30-1.70; 300-400 lbs., 1.20-1.38; 400-500 lbs., 1.15-1.30; 500-600 lbs., 1.07-1.20; 600-700 lbs., 1.03-1.15; 700-800 lbs., .90-1.08; 800-up lbs., .85-.98.

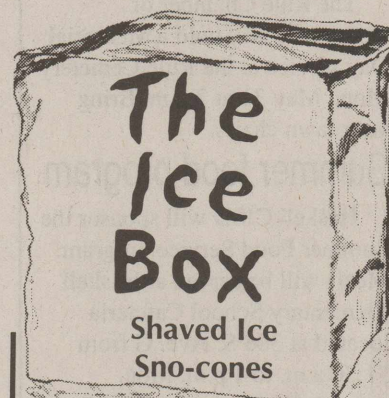
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# Study Club names officers

For their last meeting of the current club year, members of the Haskell Progressive Study Club met Thurs., May 13 at the Haskell National Bank Community Room for a salad buffet.

Hostesses for the event were Social and Yearbook Committee members, Dorothy Hartsfield, Evelyn Cobb, Jeannie Richards, Mary Kaigler, Linda Lane-Bloise, Joe Ann Thane, Billie McKeever, Judy Foster and Jill Druessedow.

During the Federation meeting, presided by club president, Julia Harrell, a Federation Counselor's Report was given by Nancy Toliver, 2002-04 president of the Mesquite District of the Texas Federation of

Women's Clubs, telling of the recent TFWC Convention in Fort Worth.

In a business meeting, plans were formulated and adopted for a Community Improvement Project to include participating in the city's project to clean up the park and the creek area. As the first event in the project, a "pizza in the park" lunch was planned for Thurs., May 20, honoring and thanking the Haskell students who have cleaned up, repaired and repainted equipment in the park through their community service work.

Using the theme of "Follow Your Star," Mesquite District past-

president, Mary Kaigler installed the following club officers for the 2004-05 season: Julia Harrell, president; Oleta Cornelius, 1st vice-president; Kathryn Schonerstedt, 2nd vice-president; Jeannie Richards, recording secretary; Joe Ann Thane, corresponding secretary; Bettie Wainscott, treasurer; Evelyn Cobb, historian; Frances Lane, Federation counselor; and Franciene Johnson, parliamentary advisor. Johnson was also installed and introduced as Mesquite District 1st vice-president.

A surprise guest at the meeting was former club member, Sandy Forehand of Floydada.



**PIZZA IN THE PARK**—Haskell High School students, l-r, Juan Mota, Richard Saxton and Alex Jackson, display the cake they and their fellow students received at the pizza lunch given for them by the Progressive Study Club in appreciation of their community service work at the city park to clean up, repair and repaint playground equipment, the bridge and restrooms. Behind them are, Haskell CISD employee, Mark Crosson, and Progressive Study Club members, Lynn Dodson, Julia Harrell and Franciene Johnson.

## Pizza party in the park honors student workers

Thurs., May 20, the Haskell Progressive Study Club hosted a pizza lunch in the park for several Haskell High School students in appreciation of their effort to clean up, repair and repaint playground equipment, the bridge, picnic tables and restrooms at the city park. The young men have been working through a Title Four Community Service grant involving the participation of the Haskell students, city employees and members of the Progressive Study Club.

Approximately 40 persons, including Haskell CISD officials, city employees and study club members, met at the pavilion to enjoy pizza, sodas and cake with the students, and

thank them for their work at the park during this last school term.

Following a welcome by club president, Julia Harrell, all of those attending joined hands in a wide circle for a prayer of thanks led by James Raughton.

After the meal the students thanked each member of the club for the lunch in their honor.

The event was one of the community improvement projects planned by the Progressive Study Club to encourage and assist the city's ongoing efforts to clean up and beautify the city park and creek area. Among the club's other projects planned during the summer is a day

to paint trash barrels for easy accessibility in the playground and ball park area.

## Quilter's Guild to hold show June 4-6 in Abilene

The 10th annual Stars Over Abilene Regional Quilt Show will be held at the Abilene Civic Center, June 4-6, sponsored by the Abilene Quilters Guild, Friends of the Library and Frontier Texas!

Featured at the show will be quilt displays, demonstrations, quilt related vendors, door prizes and a show quilt drawing.

The Abilene Quilters Guild was organized in 1982, and the membership of over 100 includes quilters from Abilene and area towns. Guild members contribute to the community by participating in preparing quilted items for the Abilene Day Nursery, The House that Kerry Built and the Quilt Auction for the West Texas Rehabilitation; and supporting the Food Bank with cash

and groceries, as well as contributions to other nonprofit organizations. Monthly Guild meetings are held on each second Monday at the Wylie United Methodist Church. Visitors are welcome to attend any meeting.

During the last ten years, more than 10,000 visitors have come to the show, not only to view the quilts, but also to purchase fabrics, and to discover new and well-loved patterns and gadgets, as well as other assorted items from vendors from various parts of the country. Demonstrations are offered at no cost.

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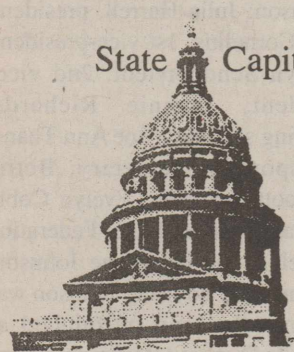
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## HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox

### Legislators fail to make grade on school finance

AUSTIN—The special legislative session on school finance ended early last week with no action taken and two schools of thought on when lawmakers will get back to their desks: Soon or later this summer.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and Speaker Tom Craddick set up two working groups to hash out the issue of how to pay more money, more fairly, to schools and at the same time cut taxes. One of the groups will ponder the former while the other group tries to come up with a plan for the latter.

If the Legislature approves something by August, there's still time to get any constitutional amendments dealing with school finance or taxes onto the ballot (including slot machines, which still seem to be on the table.)

### State worker turnover high...

Cuts in state employee benefits made during the last regular session of the Legislature have come home to roost with a high turnover rate that has cost taxpayers as much as \$267 million, the State Auditor's Office has reported.

Turnover among state workers reached 17.4 percent in 2003, the audit report said.

"Pushed to the financial breaking point, state employees are taking their skills to other employers," Texas Public Employees Association executive director Gary Anderson said.

Anderson urged the state to find a way to give state employees a 3.5 percent raise in September. And when the Legislature meets in regular session in January, he said the association will be asking for a 4.5 percent pay hike for each year of the biennium.

### Numbers not kind to Perry, either...

Gov. Rick Perry got some bad news last week with the release of

the spring Texas Poll. The poll showed his approval rating had dropped to only 37 percent, the lowest any governor has had in more than a decade.

Speaker Craddick's report card was even worse: Only 25 percent of those polled by Scripps-Howard thought he was doing a good job for the people of Texas.

The poll also indicated Texans are not pleased with the Legislature, which got a 23 percent approval rating.

Each party spun the numbers to its benefit. The Democrats said Perry and his colleagues had failed Texas schoolchildren, schools and taxpayers.

The governor's office countered that Perry doesn't make his decisions based on polls, and that the choices he has faced have not been easy ones.

The numbers that count, of course, will be the 2006 election returns.

### Regular session math problem...

When lawmakers come to Austin next January for the 79th regular session, one of several math problems they will be facing is how to add 20 percent to 80 percent and come up with 100 percent liability insurance coverage for Texas drivers.

While school finance debate continued, the Senate's Infrastructure, Development and Security Committee heard testimony on the ongoing problem of uninsured motorists in Texas.

Eighty percent of Texas drivers comply with the law, but 20 percent still don't have the required minimum coverage. That doesn't mean much to the average Texan until an uninsured driver hits his car and he finds out that his insurance company has to pay for the repairs.

The state currently has authority to begin some form of insurance verification program, but the Department of Public Safety said at the hearing that more legislation is needed to give the law teeth.

## COPD death increasing

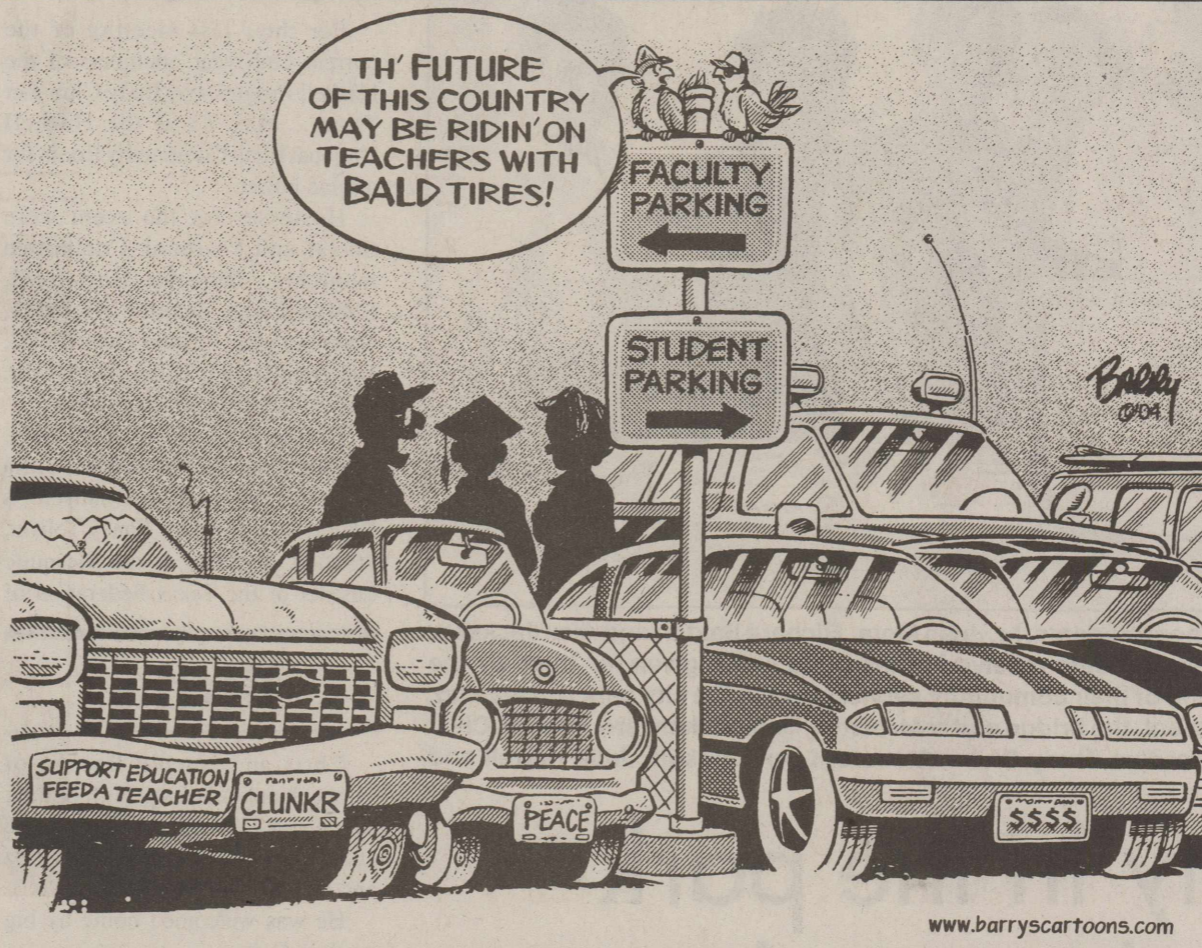
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) is the only leading cause of death that is increasing, but many patients are not treated until this disease has reached an irreversible state.

"The burden of COPD is often underestimated because it is not usually recognized and diagnosed until it's clinically apparent and advanced," says Dr. Yolanda Mageto, assistant professor of internal

medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

Characterized by the presence of airflow obstruction including chronic bronchitis and emphysema, COPD affects 21.7 million Americans and is the fourth-leading cause of death.

Symptoms include shortness of breath, cough, and other breathing-related problems. Smoking cessation is the single most effective intervention to reduce the risk of developing COPD and stopping its progression, Dr. Mageto says. Other preventative measures include reduction of total exposure to tobacco smoke, occupation dusts and chemicals, and indoor, outdoor air pollutants.



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## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

### 10 Years Ago May 26, 1994

The United States Air Force honored Jason L. Sicore, grandson of Lucille Adams of Weinert, for his exhibit at the 45th International Science and Engineering Fair.

Recipients of the Progressive Study Club's Leadership award were Anna Rieger and Vanessa Miller.

Junior High students Jason Briles and Marci Elmore and high school students Kelly Nanny and Robert Huff received the American Legion Citizenship award. Amy Cunningham was recognized as the American Legion Auxiliary Bluebonnet State Delegate.

Robert Huff and Teresa Diaz received the U. S. Army Scholar Athlete award from SSG Hudson.

Jeanett L. Randle LeDay, daughter of Ruthie Randle of Haskell and the late Martin Randle Sr., was recognized in honor of Nurse's Week and past Teacher's Week.

### 20 Years Ago May 24, 1984

Rosemary Brown was selected as the Outstanding Young Homemaker of the Year by the Haskell Young Homemakers Chapter.

Traci Renee Fry of Rochester was accepted to the Texas Tech University "Shake Hands with your Future" program for gifted and talented students.

Overall winner in the bike decorating contest sponsored by the Haskell VFD Auxiliary was Tommy Butler. Jonathon Lefevre and Marsha Moore were first place winners.

Matt Frierson, nine-year-old grandson of Pete and Jimmie Frierson, won a belt buckle in rodeos in Oklahoma and a saddle as high point boy in all age groups competing in ribbon roping, poles and tie-down roping at a rodeo in Rosebud-Lott.

Terri Lynn Strickland of Haskell, son of Nathan and Sue Patterson of Haskell and James and June Strickland of Brownsfield, received his Bachelor of Business degree from

### Baylor University at Waco. 30 Years Ago May 23, 1974

Robbie Peiser of Paint Creek was named winner of the DeKalb Agricultural Accomplishment Award.

Joe Ronald Cannon of Rule received an M. D. degree from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

Sagerton was the top winner in the Area IV Texas Community Improvement Program to compete for the State title.

Kyle Wilfong, David Parker, Tommy Watson and Adam Sanchez were chosen to represent Haskell at the 1974 session of Texas American Legion Boys State.

Kevin O'Keefe and Bobby Howard of Haskell received the Lone Star Farmer degrees.

### 40 Years Ago May 28, 1964

Jesse Priest and Waymon McBroom were declared co-holders of the title of "Jaycee of the Month" in Haskell for their exemplary work in staging the successful Jaycee-sponsored Rice Springs Roundup and rodeo.

Paula Sanders' mare Dolly beat the odds by giving birth to twins. The odds against twin births in horses is about 10,000 to one. Sanders is the niece of Haskell County Agent Frank Martin.

Louisa Herren of Haskell was chosen as Sweetheart of Chi Omicron, social club on the campus of McMurry College.

Van P. Morrison, principal of Paint Creek Rural Elementary School and junior high school teacher, was chosen to attend the annual National Science Foundation summer institute in chemistry at Southwestern (Oklahoma) State College.

Linda Davis received an award for homemaking accomplishment, and Lee Roy Jones was a citizenship award recipient at Weinert High School's commencement exercises.

### 50 Years Ago May 27, 1954

Truett Reeves of Haskell, serving in Japan, received his promotion to Corporal with the Army Forces.

Jack L. Akins of Haskell received a bachelor's degree in biology at North Texas State College.

Fourteen members of the Rogers-Cox Post of American Legion were presented certificates denoting a quarter-century membership. They were J. W. Brown, Erban Harris, H. C. King, J. W. McFarlin, George Neely, John P. Payne, Wallace H. Cox Sr., Hardin Cofield, D. H. Persons, Steve Sloan, Porter Sadler, Dennis P. Ratliff, Frank B. Reynolds and Chas. M. Conner.

Laura Snow, kindergarten teacher of Haskell school, was chosen as teacher of the week. Snow has directed high school band, taught public school music three years and was fourth grade instructor five years. She began her teaching career as high school band director at the Valley View School, Iowa Park.

George Wilburn Rhoads of Haskell received a degree of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture at Texas A&I College.

### 100 Years Ago May 28, 1904

Elder C. N. Williams and Dulin Fields went to Seymour to attend the District Convention of the Christian Church. Fields visited friends there several days before returning home.

In the ball game last Saturday between Haskell and Rule the score was 21 to 19 in favor of Haskell. Haskell will play the Aspermont Sluggers.

Assessor Brown says the renditions this year show a very large increase in hogs over last year and that is good news. It means plenty of bacon and lard next winter.

T. L. Atchison, one of our enterprising farmers was in town and says things are coming along tip-top and that all crops up were looking as good as he had ever seen.

## From the AG

By Greg Abbott

### Protecting Our Children

All too often, we hear of crimes against children that remind us of the challenges we face in protecting them. While we can not shield them from every conceivable threat, there are some key ways to reduce the risk of harm.

For example, families deserve to know their neighborhoods are free of parole violators who have already harmed children and could easily do so again. I was alarmed last August to learn that almost 200 paroled child sex offenders were unaccounted for in Texas, free to surface in places frequented by children. I formed the Fugitive Unit as part of my Criminal Investigation Division to track down these offenders and put them back behind bars.

So far, my office has arrested more than 70 child predators. One parolee was found watching children on a busy playground. Another was nabbed after he joined a San Antonio health club with an attached child care facility. As long as these fugitives are on the loose, similar frightening scenarios are possible. We will not rest until these sex offenders are in custody again, no longer posing a threat to Texas children.

Kids also face increasing risk from Internet predators. Investigators in my office's Cyber Crimes Unit continuously patrol Internet chat rooms to intercept these predators to catch them before they sexually abuse a child. Just last month, a guilty verdict was handed down against a child predator and former computer engineer who attempted to arrange a sexual encounter with what he thought was a 13-year-old girl he met online. To date, more than 40 people have been arrested and jailed by the Cyber Crimes Unit. Most have been indicted and await trial. My staff also accepts complaints and works with local, state and federal authorities to investigate and prosecute crimes involving online child pornography.

Beyond protecting children's physical safety, there are other tangible ways to support a child's well-being. Child support, for example, helps parents pay for basic necessities like food and shelter. Research shows that children who receive regular child support also make better grades in school, are more likely to finish high school and attend college, have fewer behavior problems at school, and are more likely to see their fathers. Last year, my office's Child Support Division collected \$1.5 billion in child support that benefitted more than 600,000 Texas children. The division also works with schools to educate students about the responsibilities that come with parenting, and collaborates with organizations that help fathers stay involved in their children's lives.

To be sure, the job of protecting and supporting kids rests primarily with parents. But the rest of us will be measured to a large extent by how well we support them in this endeavor. We must continue to rise to this challenge.

To find out more about how the Office of the Attorney General helps children, visit our Web site at [www.oag.state.tx.us](http://www.oag.state.tx.us). To apply for child support services, you can also call the Child Support Division at 1-800-252-8014.

Information on this and other topics is available on the Attorney General's Web site at [www.oag.state.tx.us](http://www.oag.state.tx.us).

## Correction

A reception for artist Tom Ryan will be held Fri., June 4 at 3 p.m. at the First National Bank. Incorrect information about the location of the reception appeared in the May 20 edition of the *Haskell Free Press*.

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Olivia Shane Hilliard, daughter of Jason and Heidi Hilliard of Fort Worth, has a great grandmother, Sena Mae Murray. Murray's name was omitted in the birth announcement appearing in the May 6 edition of the *Haskell Free Press*.

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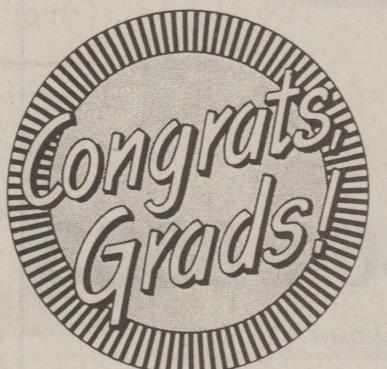
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## Garden checklist for May

by Brandon Anderson  
Haskell Co. Extension Agent  
•It is not too late to sow directly into the soil seeds of sunflower, zinnia, morning glory, portulaca, marigold, cosmos, periwinkles and gourds. Achimenes, cannas, dahlias and other summer-flowering bulbs can also be planted in May.  
•Allow foliage of spring-flowering bulbs to mature and yellow before removing.  
•Pinch back the terminal growth on newly planted annual and


perennial plants. This will result in shorter, more compact, well branched plants with more flowers.  
•Time to plant caladium tubers, impatiens, coleus, begonias and pentas in shady areas.  
•Replace or replenish mulch materials in flower beds and shrub borders to conserve moisture and reduce weed growth.  
•Make cuttings of your favorite chrysanthemums and root them in a mixture of sand and peat moss. Cover cutting box with plastic and place in shaded area for five or six days to prevent wilting.  
•Prune climbing roses as they complete their spring bloom season. Remove dead or weak wood as needed.  
•Take a critical look at your landscape while at the height of summer development. Make notes of how you think it can be better arranged, plants that need replacement, overgrown plants that need to be removed, and possible

activity areas that can be enjoyed by family members.  
•Check for insects and diseases. Destroy badly infested plants. Spider mites can be especially troublesome at this time. Select a chemical or organic control, or use insecticidal soap.  
•During the summer, soil moisture becomes extremely important and essential for good plant production. Because continual watering is oftentimes costly and time consuming, it pays to conserve the moisture around plants. This is best done by mulching. A good mulch will retain valuable moisture needed for plant growth, and improve overall gardening success. Mulches are usually applied 2 to 6 inches deep, depending on the material used. In general, the coarser the material, the deeper the mulch. For example, a 2-inch layer of cottonseed hulls will have about the same mulching effect as 6 inches of oat straw or 4 inches of coastal Bermuda hay.





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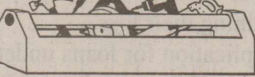
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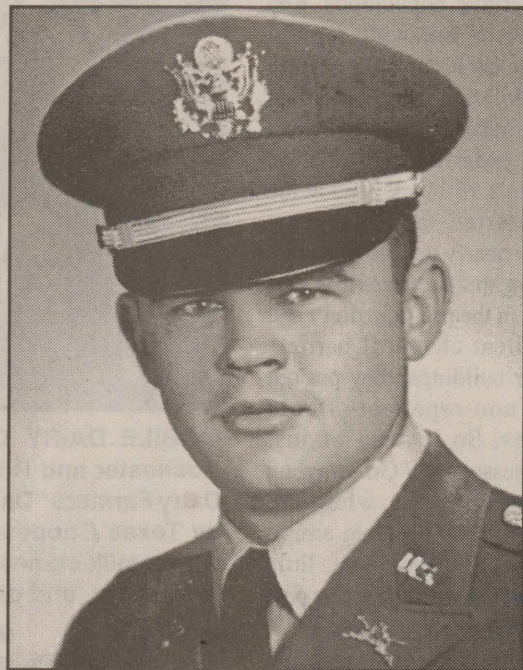
  
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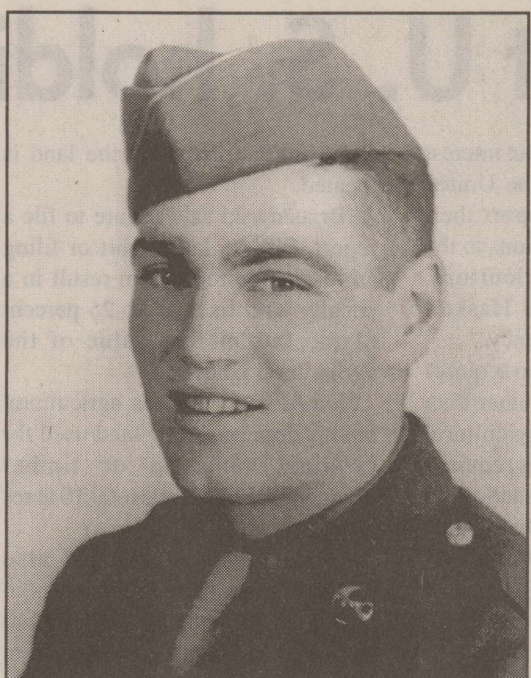
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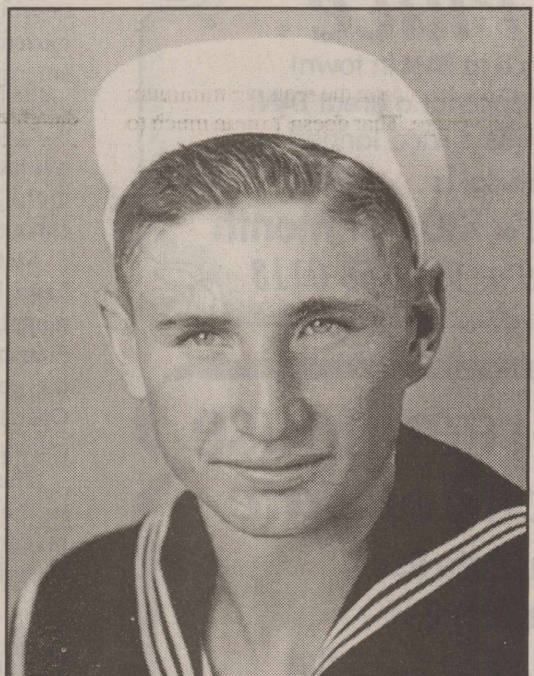
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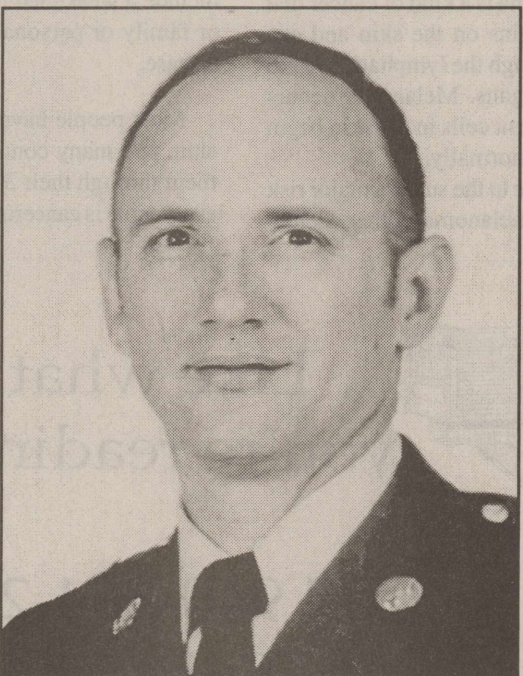
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# MEMORIAL DAY



# Everybody's Science

by Sandy Miller Hays, Agricultural Research Service

## Munchers on the March

Remember the old movie "The Tomato That Ate Cleveland"? (Come to think of it, maybe there never actually was a movie by that name, but everyone seems to think there was!)

Something similar is happening now—only it's New Orleans, not Cleveland, and it's termites, not tomatoes.

These are not your ordinary suburban termites. Instead, we're talking about Formosan subterranean termites, *Coptotermes formosanus*, a genuine scourge that's chewing its way not only through Louisiana, but at least 10 other states, with a price tag of about \$1 billion annually in control costs and damages. It's thought that this particular species got into the United States by stowing away on ships sailing back from the Pacific after World War II.

Why are Formosan termites so much more worrisome? For starters, their colonies are much larger—they contain about 10 times as many termites as your traditional subterranean termite colonies. Another important difference is that Formosan termites build more nests above ground, so they're able to avoid the traditional toxins that are placed into the soil for termite control. They attack live oak, ash trees and water-bound live bald cypress trees, and are

known to infest more than 50 living plant species.

A mature colony of Formosan termites can produce about 2,000 eggs a day, and can contain literally millions of termites. And unlike native termite species, which tend to feed on dead trees and processed wood, Formosans will eat anything that contains wood fiber, including homes, buildings and live trees—and they can penetrate plaster, plastic and asphalt to get to a new food source. Within the colony itself, the termite "queen" may live 15 or more years, and the worker and soldier termites may live three to five years.

Unfortunately, New Orleans—one of the crown jewels of American tourism—has become "ground zero" for these voracious invaders, and especially New Orleans' famous French Quarter. Many of the buildings in that part of the city have wood that's more than a century old, plus there's plenty of moisture in New Orleans—some 60 inches of precipitation every year. All this adds up to "heaven on earth" for the Formosan termites—so in New Orleans, a city known worldwide for fine dining, the featured item on the termites' menu is the city itself!

The good news is, scientists with the Agricultural Research Service are cooking up a little "something special" that should give these pests a permanent case of indigestion. In 1998, ARS scientists in New Orleans

and elsewhere teamed up with Louisiana State University's Agricultural Center (the LSU AgCenter) and others to create "Operation Full Stop," a coordinated program aimed at managing the Formosan termite populations. Key to this effort is areawide termite management, not just treating a house here and a building there, but going after the termites on a multi-block scale. The program started with treatments in a 15-block zone in the French Quarter, and has now expanded to nearly double that area.

One thing that's different is that participants in the program don't just apply repellent chemical barriers around their buildings; they put out baits or non-repellent liquid termiticides. So instead of just sending a message of "Go away, go away," the people who are participating in the program are, in essence, saying "Come here, little termite"—and then hitting the pest where it hurts.

One of the main dishes on the menu is a toxic bait matrix, developed by ARS entomologists Guadalupe Rojas and Juan Morales-Ramos and "taste-tested" by termites in the laboratory at ARS' Southern Regional Research Center in New Orleans. In the fall of 2002, Rojas and Morales-Ramos wound up a two-year areawide test of the bait matrix in a number of Mississippi neighborhoods. The scientists worked in cooperation with Ensystem, a Fayetteville, North Carolina-based company, and now Ensystem has an exclusive license from ARS to manufacture the bait matrix.

Other scientists have found that a number of substances are effective against termites as well as other pests, such as red fire ants, mosquitoes, ticks and cockroaches. One compound comes from essential oils in vetiver grass; another is a cottony mold called *Paecilomyces fumosoroseus*. The essential oils seem to affect the termites' neurotransmitters and stop their movements, while the termites who are exposed to the mold spread it to other termites in their colony. Do these work? Word is that the essential oils look promising, and in tests, the mold killed 100 percent of the exposed termites within a week.

So those Formosan termites may have had a good head start in munching their way through the French Quarter and other parts—but the good news is that, thanks to Operation Full Stop, science is now catching up with them.

The Agricultural Research Service is the chief in-house scientific research agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.



**MOBILE DAIRY CLASSROOM VISITS SCHOOLS**—Elementary students at Haskell, Paint Creek, Rochester and Rule had the opportunity to learn about Dairy Cattle and Milk, when the Southwest Dairy Farmers "Dairy Classroom" traveled to Haskell County, April 15-16. The program was sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension-Haskell County in an effort to educate elementary youth about where milk comes from. Mike Reeves and his cow "Pepper" talked about how milk is made, what it is used for, and did a live milking demonstration.

## Foreign investors must report U. S. holdings

Foreign investors with an interest in agricultural lands in the United States are required to report their holdings and any transactions to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, according to the of the Haskell County Farm Service Agency.

"Any foreign person who acquires or transfers any interest, other than a security interest, in agricultural land in the United States is required by law to report the transaction no later than 90 days after the date of the transaction," said Glenn R. Brzozowski, County Executive Director of the Haskell County Farm Service Agency.

Foreign investors must file Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) Reports with the Farm Service Agency

county office in which the land is located.

Brzozowski said failure to file a report, filing a late report or filing an inaccurate report can result in a penalty with fines up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the agricultural land.

For AFIDA purposes, agricultural land is defined as any land used for farming, ranching or timber production, if the tracts total 10 acres or more.

Disclosure reports are also required when there are changes in land use. For example, reports are required when land use changes from nonagricultural to agricultural or from agricultural to nonagricultural.

Brzozowski added, "Foreign investors must also file a report when

there is a change in the status of ownership such as owner changes from foreign to non-foreign, from non-foreign to foreign or from foreign to foreign."

When the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act was signed into law in 1978, the reporting requirement was adopted as part of the same legislation. Data gained from these disclosures is used in the preparation of periodic reports to the President and Congress concerning the effect of such holdings upon family farms and rural communities in the United States.

For more information regarding AFIDA and FSA programs, contact the Haskell County FSA office at 940-864-2617 or visit the USDA Web sites at <http://www.usda.gov>.

## FSA is accepting emergency loan applications for drought, wind

Applications for emergency farm loans for damages and losses caused by drought and high winds that occurred from Jan. 1, 2003 through Nov. 25, 2003 are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Haskell, FLM Larry P. McDaniel said recently.

Throckmorton County is one of two primary counties and Haskell and Young Counties are two of nine

counties in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses and damages caused by drought and high winds that occurred on Jan. 1, 2003 through Nov. 25, 2003.

Larry P. McDaniel said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100% of their actual losses or the

operating loan needed to continue the agricultural business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Larry P. McDaniel said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to consider proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Application for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until Dec. 28, 2004, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing, with possible delays into the new farming season," Larry P. McDaniel said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who meet U. S. citizenship requirements and to farming partnerships, corporations, or cooperatives in which U. S. citizenship requirements are met by individuals holding a majority interest.

The FSA office in Haskell is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

## Melanoma needs prompt action

Melanoma is a kind of cancer that usually begins on the skin and can spread through the lymphatic system to other organs. Melanoma occurs when pigment cells in the skin begin dividing abnormally.

Exposure to the sun is a major risk factor for melanoma. Other factors

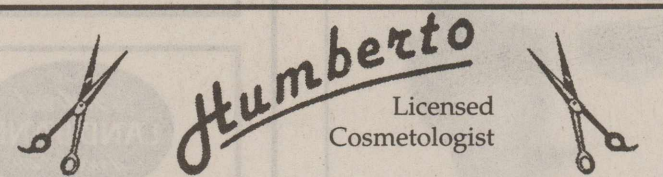
include a weakened immune system or family or personal history of the disease.

Most people have moles on their skin, and many continue to develop them through their 30s and 40s. Not every mole is cancerous, but all moles

bear watching. Moles that change color or shape, or that itch or bleed, as well as irregular moles, are the ones to be particularly concerned about.

Chances of treating melanoma are greater today than ever before if the disease is caught early. Diagnosis usually requires taking a biopsy (sample) of the affected area. Since melanoma spreads rapidly to other organs, the doctors also may biopsy nearby lymph nodes to check for signs of metastasis (spreading of the cancer).

If the cancer is confined to the skin, minor surgery and regular monitoring may be the only treatment required. However, waiting can result in the need for radical surgery. If other body systems are affected, chemotherapy, radiation and other methods may be needed to shrink resulting tumors.



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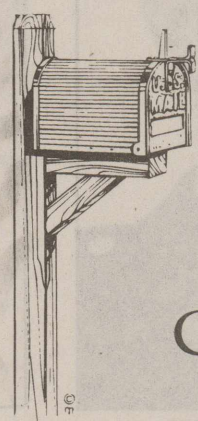
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# Haskell County 4-H Fashion Show competition results

by Jane Rowan

## Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Haskell County 4-H'ers have recently completed the annual Clothing and Textiles project with a variety of activities which teach basic clothing construction, grooming techniques, leadership skills and consumer education. Eighteen youth participated in the County 4-H Fashion Show April 17 with nine of these youth advancing to the district competition May 1 in Childress.

In addition to these competitive events, several of those participating in the project also attending a modeling clinic at the Robert Spence Modeling Agency in Lubbock April 24. Participating in the clinic were: Candace Brister, Brooke Bullinger, Toni Brown, Stephanie Threet, Molly Dudensing, Jenny Dudensing, Allison Petty, Kimberly Williams, Shawna Favor, Breanna Riggins and Kate Rowan.

Sat., April 17, the Rule 4-H club hosted the annual Haskell County 4-H Fashion Show, "Jazz Caf ", at the Rule School Auditorium. Judging of garments and contestant interviews began at 9:00 a.m.

followed by a style show for the public and judging results.

Laura Johnson served as Mistress of Ceremonies for the morning and Cheyene Favor read the commentaries for the eighteen 4-H'ers who modeled their entries on a stage decorated as a Jazz Caf .

Results of the judging were:  
 Junior Construction Casual: 1. Kate Rowan, O'Brien; 2. Andrea Anderson, Haskell; 3. Leah Tibbets, Rochester

Junior Construction Specialty: 1. Jenny Dudensing, Sagerton; 2. Brooke Bullinger, Haskell; 3. Ashley Williams, Haskell. Also participating in this category were Toni Brown of Rochester and Breanna Riggins of Rule.

Junior Buying Casual: 1. Stephanie Threet, Rule; 2. Kacey Strickland, Haskell

Junior Buying Dressy: 1. Kymbre Kupatt, Sagerton; 2. Paige Glover, Rochester

Junior Buying Specialty: 1. Allison Petty, Rule; 2. Kelsey Strickland, Haskell

Intermediate Construction Casual: 1. Molly Dudensing, Sagerton

Intermediate Construction Dressy: 1. Shawna Favor, Rule  
 Intermediate Buying Dressy: 1. Candace Brister, Haskell  
 Senior Construction Specialty: 1. Kimberly Williams, Rule

In addition to participant recognition, fifteen volunteer clothing project leaders were recognized with a small gift. Recognized were Debbie Brister, Charlene Brothers, Dora Brown, Renee Dudensing, Janet Earle, Melissa Glover, Kimla Kinney, Leslie Kupatt, Karleen Nowlin, Melba Parham, Julie Petty, Sharazan Riggins, Jane Smith, Tina Threet and Jonette Tibbets.

The Haskell County Extension Education Association provided a small gift for each fashion show participant and funds for a portion of the placing awards. The Haskell County 4-H and Youth Committee provided the remaining funds for awards and volunteer recognition gifts.

All first place winners in each category advanced to the District 4-H Fashion Show held May 1 in Childress. The district show involved twenty-four counties that make up the Rolling Plains Extension District. Texas Cooperative Extension. Cotton Awards were given to the first place best cotton garment in the construction and buying categories in each division. Theme of the District Show was "A Dream For Us."

The nine 4-H members representing Haskell County excelled in the competition with the following results:

Junior Construction Casual: First place, Kate Rowan

Cotton Award: First place, Kate Rowan

Junior Construction Specialty: First place, Jenny Dudensing

Junior Buying Casual: Second place, Stephanie Threet

Junior Buying Dressy: Second place, Kymbre Kupatt

Junior Buying Specialty: Fourth place, Allison Petty

Intermediate Construction Casual: First place, Molly Dudensing

Cotton Award: First place, Molly Dudensing

Intermediate Construction Dressy: Second place, Shawna Favor

Cotton Award: First place, Shawna Favor

Intermediate Buying Dressy: First place, Candace Brister

Senior Construction Specialty: Second place, Kimberly Williams

Four Haskell County Volunteer 4-H Clothing Project Leaders were selected to serve as judges for the district competition. These leaders were Debbie Brister of Haskell, Renee Dudensing of Sagerton, Sharazan Riggins of Rule and Charlene Brothers of O'Brien.

## FSA accepting loan applications

Applications for emergency farm loans for damages and losses caused by drought, high winds and excessive heat that occurred on Jan. 1, 2003 and continuing are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Haskell, FLM Larry P. McDaniel said recently.

Haskell County, one of eight designated primary counties,

Stonewall County and Throckmorton County are two of sixteen contiguous counties in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from damages and losses caused by drought, high winds and excessive heat that occurred on Jan. 1, 2003 and continuing.

Larry P. McDaniel said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100% of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agricultural business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Larry P. McDaniel said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to consider proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Application for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until Dec. 23, 2004, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing, with possible delays into the new farming season," Larry P. McDaniel said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who meet U. S. citizenship requirements and to farming partnerships, corporations, or cooperatives in which U. S. citizenship requirements are met by individuals holding a majority interest.

The FSA office in Haskell is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Does taking a daily vitamin make you healthier, or is it a waste of money?

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Some people, however, may need a little help. That includes people on a restricted diet who have cut out whole categories of food or who are eating a very low-calorie diet.

Vegetarians, dieters and people with food allergies might fit into that category. Other people who might need a daily multivitamin are people who have a chronic illness or who are recovering from illness or injury. Pregnant women are encouraged to take pre-natal vitamins.

What about those "stress vitamin" supplements you see in stores? Dr. Scott Grundy, director of the Center for Human Nutrition at UT Southwestern, says those vitamins are formulated for people dealing with physical stress, such as injury or surgery. These supplements are rich in B vitamins, which aid in energy metabolism to aid healing. These vitamins won't help you handle psychological or emotional stress.



DISTRICT 4-H FASHION SHOW—Participating in the show in Childress, May 1, were: l-r, Kate Rowan, Shawna Favor, Kymbre Kupatt, Molly Dudensing, Jenny Dudensing, Candace Brister, Allison Petty, Kimberly Williams and Stephanie Threet.



COUNTY 4-H FASHION SHOW—Participating in the show in Rule, April 17, were: l-r, Molly Dudensing, Kacey Strickland, Shawna Favor, Brooke Bullinger, Andrea Anderson, Candace Brister, Kelsey Strickland, Stephanie Threet, Kimberly Williams, Jenny Dudensing, Breanna Riggins, Allison Petty, Kate Rowan, Kymbre Kupatt, Paige Glover and Toni Brown. Also participating, not pictured, Leah Tibbets and Ashley Williams.

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# Texas children may be at risk for heart disease

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Almost 40 percent of children in Texas are considered overweight or obese, significantly increasing their risk for type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, stroke—even cardiovascular disease. The number of overweight adolescents has tripled over the past two decades, up to 15 percent. And an overweight child has a 75 percent

chance of growing up to be an overweight adult.

Type 2 diabetes, once considered an adult disease linked to obesity, is being diagnosed in our children in unprecedented numbers—most likely a direct result of eating too much and not exercising enough. In fact, type 2 diabetes can promote the development of heart disease at younger ages.

Although smoking is still the

leading preventable cause of cardiovascular disease, obesity is quickly gaining on it. An estimated 300,000 deaths nationwide each year can be attributed to obesity. Child obesity has become an epidemic that is threatening the future of an entire generation of Texans. There are close to 6 million children living in Texas, and the prevalence of overweight and obese children in Texas is higher than the national average. If we don't

take action now, this generation of children may not outlive their parents.

For the vast majority of our children, there is a sensible solution—eat better and exercise more. As with many, if not most, of our lifetime habits, nutrition and exercise habits are developed in childhood. It sounds simple enough, but changing the nutrition and exercise habits of a generation is a unique and profound

challenge—one that requires coordinated efforts from parents, schools, elected officials and health care organizations.

Our school system can be an ideal environment for children to learn about the importance of nutritious eating. Children consume roughly 30 percent of their daily calories at school. But only two percent of children receive the daily recommended number of servings of fruits and vegetables, according to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Fortunately, this school year, the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) was named the administering state agency for the Child Nutrition Programs in public schools, and under the leadership of Commissioner Susan Combs, has implemented bold changes regarding The sale of certain junk foods and

foods of minimal nutritional value. sodas in elementary school vending machines and cafeterias is now prohibited, and access to junk foods in middle schools has been restricted.

Good nutrition, combined with regular physical activity, can combat the incidence of obesity. A recent study from the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, however, found that almost 62 percent of children do not participate in any organized physical activity during after-school hours. The American Council on Exercise has reported that 63 percent of children are no longer active by the time they reach high school.

We know that the most effective weapon in the fight against obesity is preventing poor health choices now instead of treating chronic illnesses later. Now let's act on that knowledge.

## FSA now accepting emergency loans

Applications for emergency farm loans for damages and losses caused by hail, high winds, lightning and a tornado, that occurred on March 4, 2004 are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Haskell, FLM Larry P. McDaniel said recently.

Haskell County, primary County, Stonewall County and Throckmorton County is two of seven contiguous counties in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman eligible for loans to cover

severe physical losses and damages caused by hail, high winds, lightning and a tornado, that occurred on March 4, 2004.

Larry P. McDaniel said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100% of their actual losses. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered a severe physical loss to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Larry P. McDaniel said.

Farmers covered by property insurance will have to consider insurance proceeds in determining their loss.

"Application for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until Dec. 30, 2004, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing, with possible delays into the new farming season," Larry P. McDaniel said.

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### This Week's Devotional Message:



#### THEY GAVE THEIR LIVES TO PRESERVE YOUR FREEDOM

We are inclined to take for granted the many forms of freedom which we enjoy in this country, perhaps because we have never been forced to live without them; and yet we must remind ourselves of the sacrifices that have been made in order to preserve them for us, by those who were called upon to give their lives in battle. Not only on

Memorial Day but throughout the year we should honor those brave heroes, and give our thanks to God for this wonderful free nation we have because of them. And since the list of our freedoms includes the right to worship God as we choose, the church of your choice is the best place to express your gratitude.

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607 S. 7th, Haskell
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Steve Beatty, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.  
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
  - Trinity Baptist Church**  
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Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.  
401 S. Ave. D, Haskell
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John Greeson, minister  
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Manuel Marin, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
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- Sweet Home Baptist Church**  
Bill Trice, pastor  
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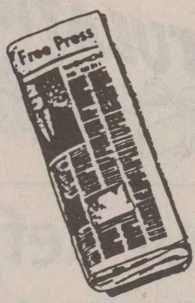
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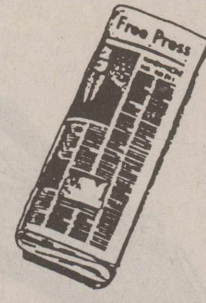
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## Sales tax shows increase

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn said recently that state sales tax revenue topped \$1.46 billion in April, up 26.4 percent compared to April 2003. April's 26.4 percent increase in state sales tax collections follows a 17.2 percent jump in March.

Strayhorn added that local governments will receive \$420.2 million in May sales tax allocations, up 10.3 percent compared to a year ago.

"Both the state and our local communities continue to benefit from my recommendation to the legislature to have a tax amnesty plan to bring in dollars owed by delinquent taxpayers," Strayhorn said.

The tax amnesty period from March 11-31 brought in about \$379 million in state taxes (including \$256.5 million in sales tax) and about \$59 million in unpaid local taxes, as businesses had the opportunity to pay delinquent taxes without facing penalty and interest. Sales tax revenues could be impacted by the tax amnesty for months to come, as the Comptroller's office continues to review amnesty filings and determine how the tax dollars must be distributed.

Strayhorn sent \$420.2 million in May sales tax allocations to cities,

counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, a 10.3 percent increase compared to May 2003. So far this calendar year, sales tax allocations to local governments are up 8.7 percent.

Comptroller Strayhorn sent May sales tax allocations of \$287.8 million to Texas cities, up 9.9 percent compared to May 2003. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax allocations are up 9 percent compared to the same period last year. Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$23.3 million, up 10.5 percent compared to one year ago. Calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 7.6 percent higher than last year.

Another \$10.7 million went to 82 special purpose taxing districts around the state, up 4.7 percent compared to last May. Nine local transit systems received \$98.3 million in sales tax allocations, up 12.2 percent compared to a year ago.

Haskell County had a 26.83 percent increase for May, 2004 of \$41,425.86 in comparison to \$32,661.37 for May 2003. 2004 payments to date of \$152,344.32 reflect a 20.61 percent increase over 2003 payments to date of \$126,305.84.

The City of Haskell had a 27.59 percent increase for May, 2004 of

\$37,361.51 in comparison to \$29,282.39 for May, 2003. 2004 payments to date of \$140,668.04 reflect a 21.26 percent increase over 2003 payments to date of \$116,003.56.

The City of O'Brien had a 30.79 percent decrease for May, 2004 of \$123.11 in comparison to \$177.90 for May, 2003. 2004 payments to date of \$562.62 reflect a 30.14 percent decrease over 2003 payments to date of \$805.43.

The City of Rochester had a 84.01 percent increase for May, 2004 of \$1,450.75 in comparison to \$788.37 for May, 2003. 2004 payments to date of \$3,507.24 reflect a 31.73 percent increase over 2003 payments to date of \$2,662.26.

The City of Rule had a 6.32 percent increase for May, 2004 of \$2,194.67 in comparison to \$2,064.18 for May, 2003. 2004 payments to date of \$6,810.52 reflect a 12.59 percent increase over 2003 payments to date of \$6,048.66.

The City of Weirter had a 15.12 percent decrease for May, 2004 of \$295.82 in comparison to \$348.53 for May, 2003. 2004 payments to date of \$795.90 reflect a 1.26 percent increase over 2003 payments to date of \$785.93.

## City Council report

At the Haskell City Council regular meeting held Mon., May 10, approval was given to a request from Linda Martinez, for a change of zoning at 807 North Ave. E, from residential to commercial for the purpose of selling plants and ceramics.

The two bids received for the cleaning of Rice Springs Creek were opened, with the lowest at \$162,950.00 and the highest at \$262,500.00. No decision was reached; it was tabled until the next meeting.

City Administrator Sam Watson reported that Big Country Electric will install at their cost, new lights and poles at the rodeo grounds area before the Wild Horse Prairie Days Ranch Rodeo.

He also reported that the Texas Department of Transportation is proceeding with bids and demolition of the highway route through the city.

At the Mon., May 24 regular meeting of the Council, a canvass of the May 15 election was held, and the oath of office was administered to Mayor Ken Lane and council members, Jerry Stocks and Dan Hoover.

Councilwoman Sue Medford was elected Mayor Pro Tem by members of the council.

Reaching no decision after discussion on possible action concerning bids received for the cleaning of Rice Springs Creek, the matter was again tabled until a later date.

### Model airplanes to fly June 5

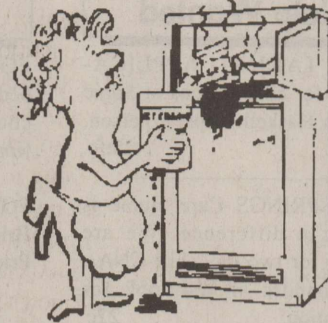
The Texas Chiefs Model Airplane Club announces their annual Open House Fly In will be Sat., June 5 at their flying field 3 miles east of Haskell. Several types of radio control models will be on display and be flown.

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The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these procedures if you have a concern about:

- the market or special appraised value placed on your property
- the unequal appraisal of your property
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- the ownership or property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affected you.

**Informal Review:** Taxpayers are encouraged to make an appointment with an appraiser to discuss their property value. This may be done by calling (940) 864-3805. They should bring information to substantiate why they feel that their property value is incorrect. The appraiser will discuss their property and may recommend an adjustment to the Appraisal Review Board. If the taxpayer is satisfied with the adjustment, he does not have to appear before the ARB.

**Review by the Appraisal Review Board:** If you can't resolve your problem informally with the appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB). The ARB is an independent board of citizens that review problems with appraisals and other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date, and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening, Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD will use to uphold their determination. The CAD may ask you for a copy of the evidence you plan to present. The hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. The CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at 604 North First, Haskell, Texas.

Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked

about your case before the ARB hears it.

**Review by the District Court:** After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision you have the right to appeal to district court. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you receive the ARB's order.

**Tax Payment:** If you appeal and your case is pending, you must pay the lesser of the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

**More information:** You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at Haskell County Appraisal District 604 North First • P.O. Box 467 Haskell, Texas 79521 (940) 864-3805

You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division, P. O. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

### Deadline for filing protests with the ARB\* Usual deadline

On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the appraisal review board approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

### Special deadlines

For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1). The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

\*The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday.

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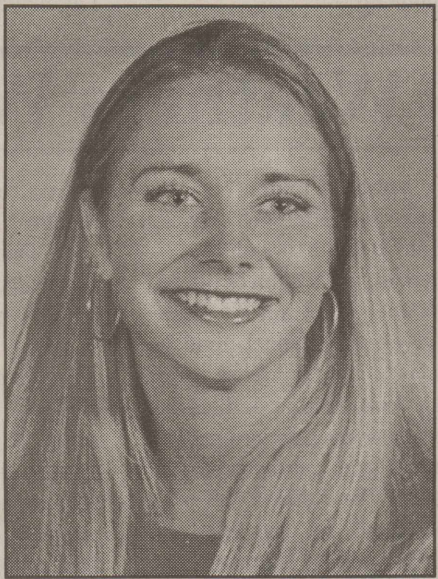
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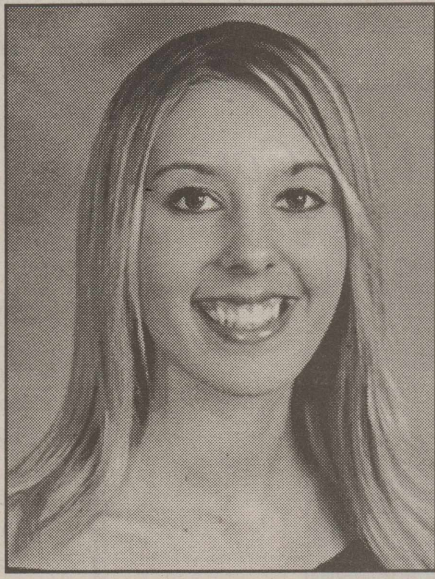




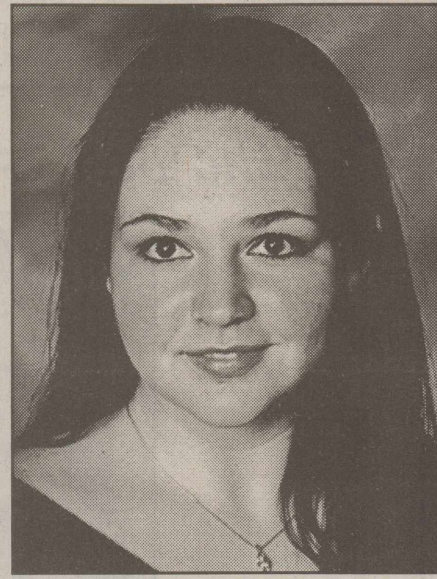
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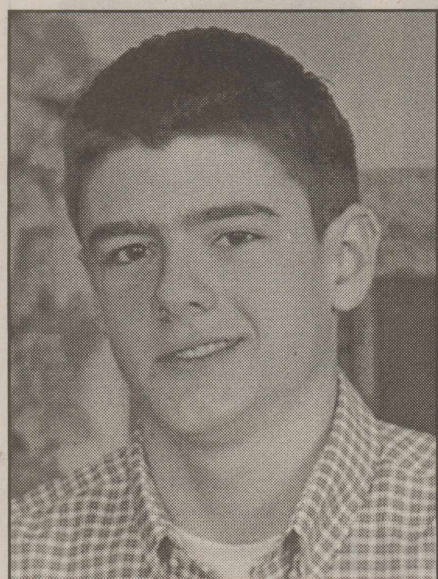


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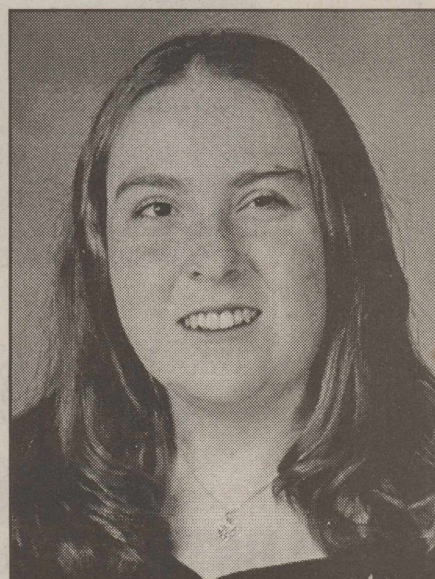


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# Haskell students recognized during awards program

The Haskell Schools sixteenth annual scholastic achievement awards program was held Tues., May 4. Many students were recognized for outstanding accomplishments. Members of the Student Council and National Honor Society assisted with the program.

High school students receiving awards included:

Sarah Alvarez, Morgan Acosta, Greg Andrada, Ryan Ashley, Chambray Bartley, Laura Baxter, William Baxter, Mallen Baugh, Reyes Benavides, and Amber Bingham;

Brittany Bird, Shannon Bird, Brad Blanks, Matthew Brown, Kyle Bryan, Monica Buerger, Tiffany Campbell, Sessilia Castorena, Ronald Chapman and Miguel Chavez;

Roxanne Chavez, Chase Cockerell, Austin Coker, Philip Collins, Ramon Cuellar, Ryan Davis,

Cushena Dever, Jaclyn Drinnon, Jon Dulaney and Josh Dunfee;

Jerrica Escobedo, Joseph Felty, Shayla Felty, Ashley Foster, Kory Foster, Gary Frierson, Vanessa Gallegos, Sarah Garcia and Drew Garison;

Chelo Gonzalez, Ray Graciano, Stephanie Grand, Ross Hairgrove, Lynzie Harlan, Bradlee Harris, Holton Hernandez, Erin Hise, Caleb Hudgens and Kris Isbell;

Sean Jeanes, Amanda Johnson, Calina Kendall, Melody Kennedy, Scott Kennedy, Jacqueline Kilgore, Josh Kimmel, Andrew Long and Debbi Long;

Jackie Lopez, James Markey, Kristen Martinez, Rosemary Martinez, Diana Mauricio, Hannah Maxey, Brandon McClatchey, L. J. McCulloch, Shayna McKague and Mollie McKnight;

Aaron New, Kerri Newton,

Lindsay Pannell, Mike Payne, Samantha Pedroza, Dax Pueschel, Alexis Reed, Tracy Richardson and Sydney Roberson;

Gina Rodriguez, J. R. Rodriguez, Saphron Roysdon, Brittany Rutkowski, Cameron Short, Jeffrey Silba, Andrew Silvas, Susie Skinner, Charlie Smith and Julio Solano;

Jeremy Sorrells, Samantha Steele, Maggie Teague, Eden Thomas, Otis Thomas, Callie Thomasson, Josh Tidrow, Kayla Tidrow and Kellye Tidrow.

Corina Trevino, Derrick Tribbey, Robbyn Tribbey, Meagan Wallace, Whitney Wallace, Chris Washburn, Jared Webb, Brianna Wheatley and Michael Wright.

Junior High students receiving award included:

A. J. Alvarez, Alexis Chavez, Ashton Rutkowski, Barrett Thomasson, Brittany Garison, Chelsea Bullard, Claire Isbell, Kimie Hutchinson, Lacey Peiser, Laura Garcia and Meredith Harvey;

Moses Munoz, Paige Adams, Vanessa Glass, Veronica Session, Paige Wheatley, Lannie Coleman, Luke Terry, Faith Silvas, Colton Young and Derek Agraz;

Lauren Newton, Candace Brister, Weston Rutkowski, Kristen Caparoon, Cody Wyrick, Hanna Wallace, Haley Chavez, Ashley Belcher, Megan Bailey, Maegan Baugh and Hope Reid;

Shelby Morrow, D.J. McCulloch, Jody Langford, Edward Benavides, Mollie Agraz, Brandon Wilson, Shalea Session, Mali Torres, Lacy Layman and Sam Bitner.

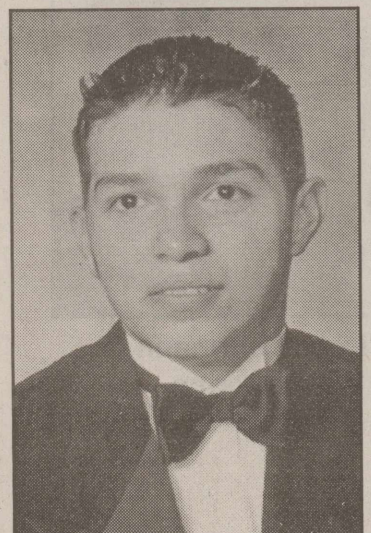
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Q: Once a funnel cloud becomes a tornado, how fast can it move?  
A: On average, tornadoes move at speeds about 20 miles per hour, although some have been clocked at 60 to 70 miles per hour, Hammer adds. "But the winds inside the tornado are much higher—some have been measured at almost 300 miles per hour, which is why they cause destruction and death. On average, the United States has far more tornadoes than any other country in the world. In any given year, there are about 100,000 thunderstorms in the U.S., and these produce about 1,000 tornadoes a year. Some of these travel just a few hundred yards on the ground, while others have been known to travel 100 miles or more. The average tornado will travel about 3.5 miles. According to the National Weather Service, about 50 to 100 people are killed each year by tornadoes in the U.S."

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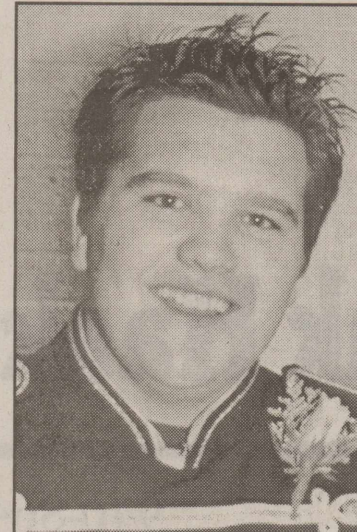
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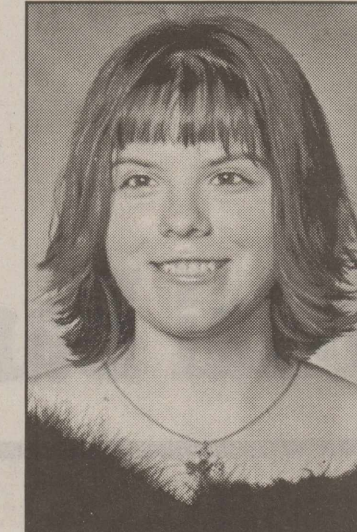
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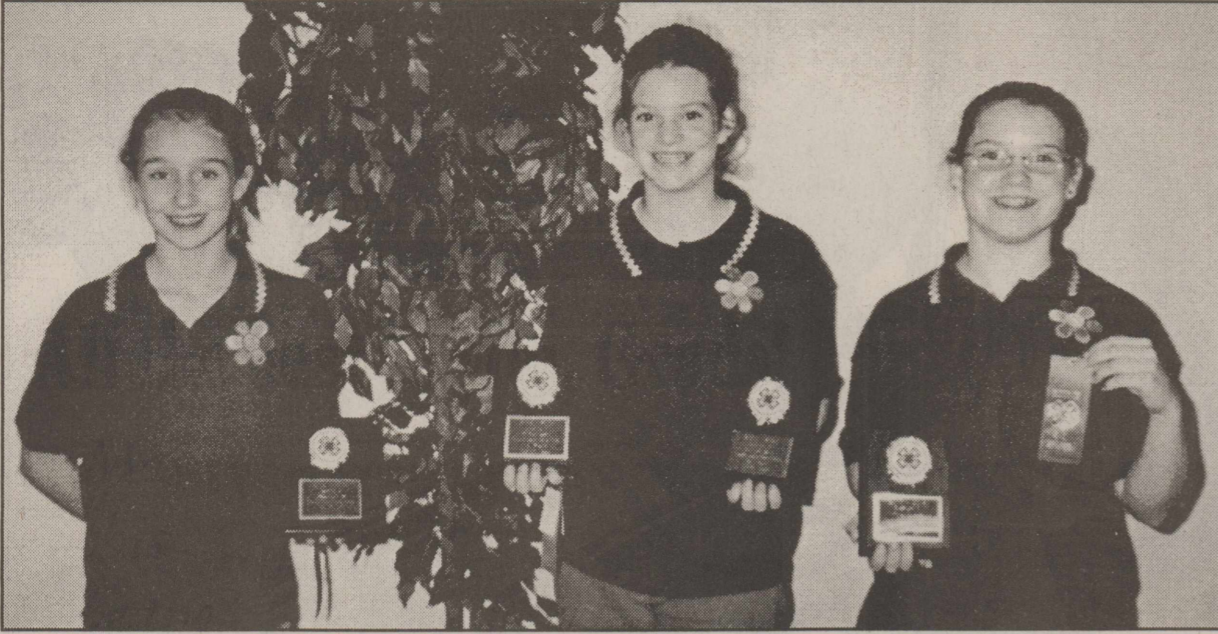
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DISTRICT 4-H CONSUMER JUDGING CONTEST—Haskell County girls participating in the contest in Vernon, April 16, were: l-r, Aubrey Bassett, Jordan Burson and Brooke Bullinger.

## 4-H'ers take first place honors in Consumer Decision making contest

by Jane Rowan  
**Haskell Co. Extension Agent**  
 Decisions must be made every day of one's life. The most satisfying decisions are those made with a thorough knowledge of all possible facts about a situation or product. Learning skills to sharpen decision making can result in lifelong benefits. The 4-H Consumer Decision Making project includes a fun judging event which enables 4-H'ers to learn more about making choices in the marketplace and in personal affairs. Contestants are provided an opportunity to make decisions based

on knowledge through comparisons of alternatives. Contestants are also required to give oral reasons for making the decisions. Approximately 100 youth from the Rolling Plains District 3 competed in the District 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest held April 14 at the Wilbarger Auditorium in Vernon. Twenty-four counties are included in the Rolling Plains Extension District. Taking first place honors in the Junior Division of the district contest was a team from Haskell County

comprised of Brooke Bullinger, Jordan Burson and Aubrey Bassett. Jordan Burson was also named High Point Individual in the contest. This group of young ladies were rookies to this competition but hard work paid off for them. Only senior 4-H members advance to the state competition in this contest but this team will be ready to defend their title in the contest again next spring.

## Headache? Might be a migraine

If headaches consistently stop you from working or enjoying life, you may suffer from migraine—the most common neurological disorder in the developed world.

Migraine affects an estimated 28 million Americans—more than diabetes, asthma and epilepsy combined—and it is believed that more than half of them remain undiagnosed.

"If you are having more than two or three headaches a week, or if your headaches cause disability more than three days in a month, those are chronically recurring headaches," says Dr. Graybeal, assistant professor of neurology at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. "Regardless of how those headaches have been diagnosed in the past, 75 percent to 85 percent of them are actually migraine, and not tension or sinus headaches."

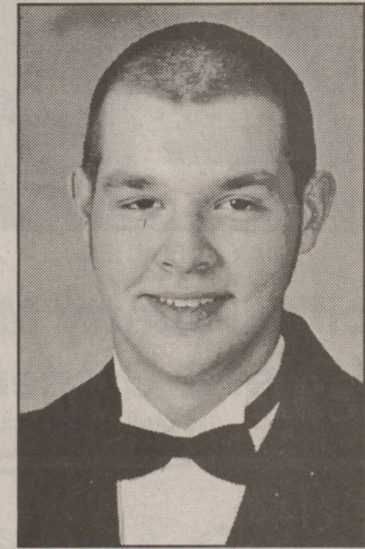
Migraine is a debilitating condition marked by intense, throbbing pain on one side of the head that becomes worse with movement and often involves nausea, vomiting and extreme sensitivity to light and sound. One attack can last

several hours to several days.

Fifteen percent of migraine sufferers experience neurological disturbances called auras before the pain begins. Symptoms include vision problems, ringing in the ears,

difficulty speaking, disorientation and numbness or tingling. There is no cure for migraine, but there are prescription drugs that can significantly reduce the frequency and severity of attacks.

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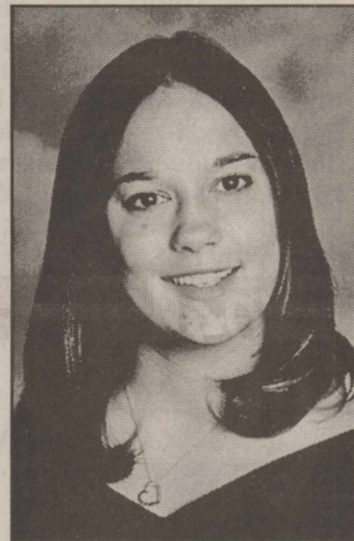
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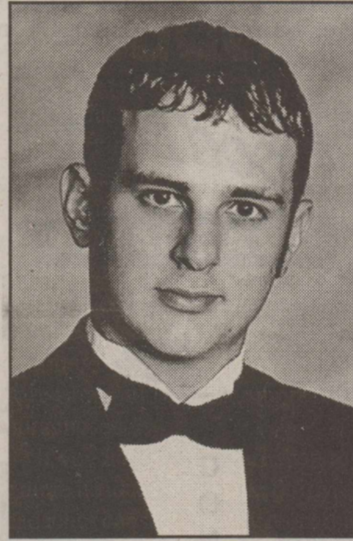
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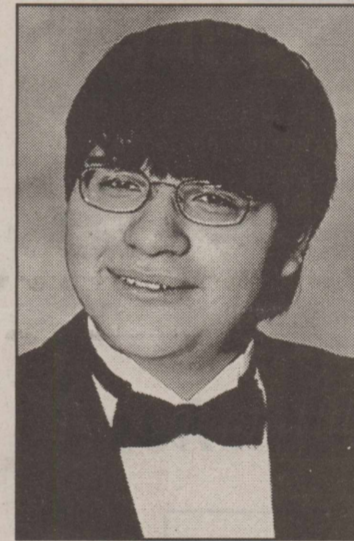
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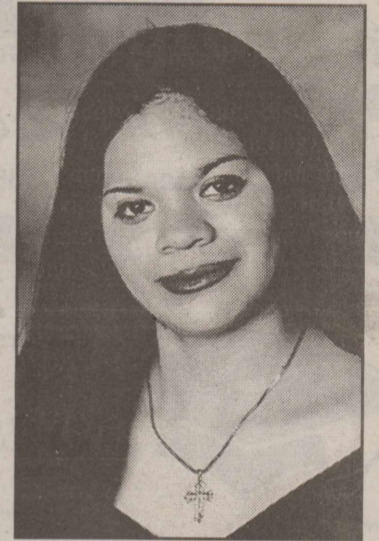
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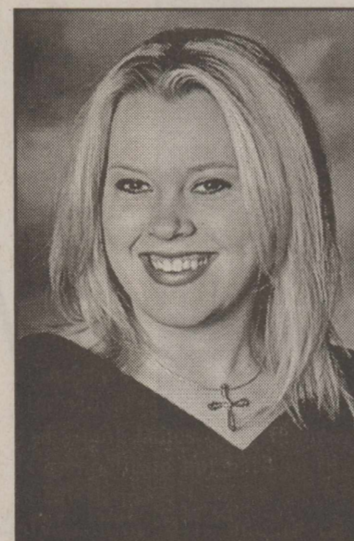
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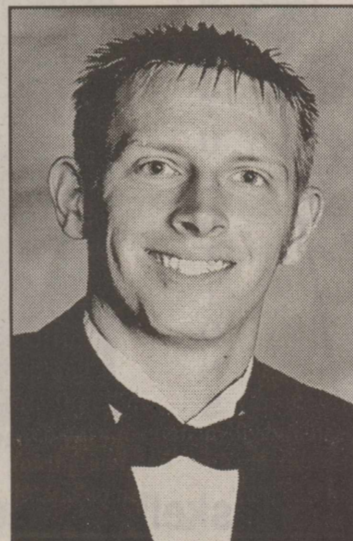
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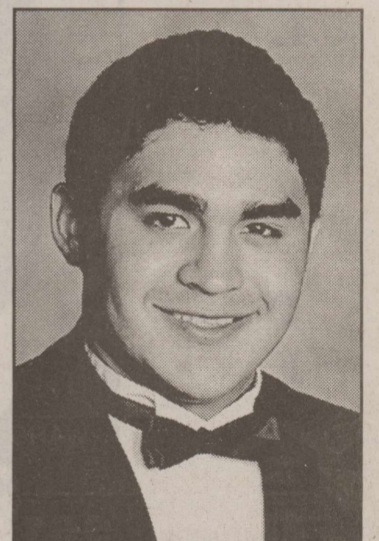
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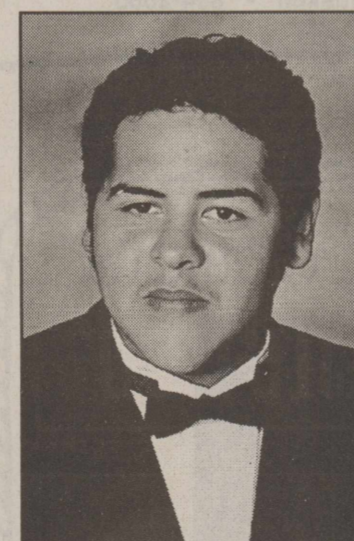
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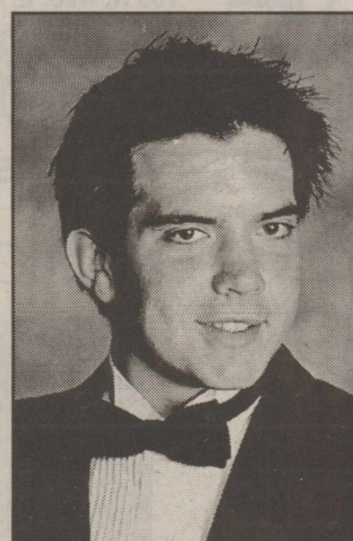
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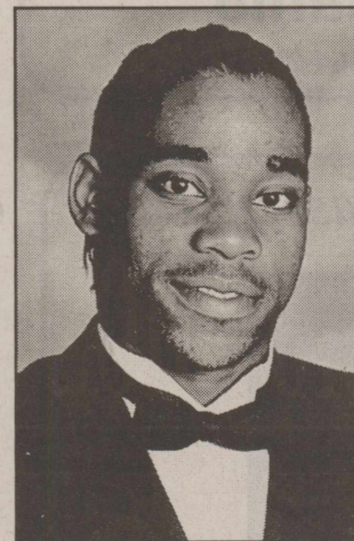
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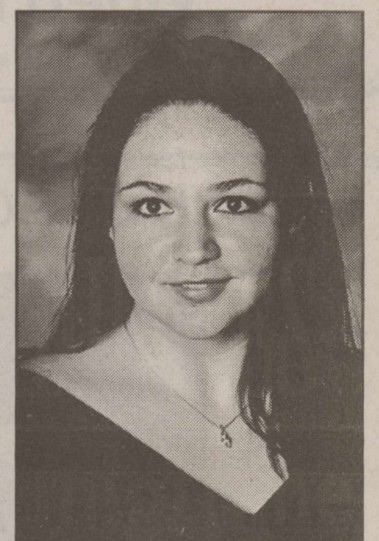
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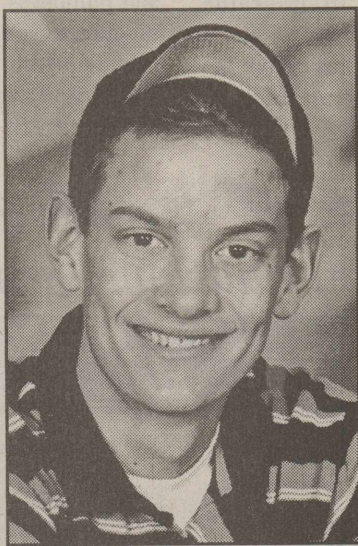
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**'Reading Cafe'  
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Haskell Elementary School's first grade classes of Marijane Cunningham and Susan LeFevre were hosts at a 'Reading Cafe' Wed., May 12, set up at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Their special guests were parents, grandparents and friends, who were invited to join them at their Reading Cafe for delicious desserts and some "super duper reading."

As each guest arrived at the 'Cafe,' a student escorted them to a table, took their order from a menu featuring a choice of cookies, cupcakes or brownies, and lemonade. On delivering their order, the student 'waiter' asked if the guest would like to hear them read a story from the book they had with them. Sitting together, the student and guest shared a quiet time of reading, listening and fellowship.

During the three hour 'come and go' event, numbers of guests signed the registry of the Cafe, which was a joint project of the two first grade teachers and Reading Recovery teachers Patsy Blakley, Christi Gannaway and Martha Jarred.

The event was funded by a grant from the Haskell Educational Foundation, shared by the Elementary Reading Recovery Program and the First Grades.

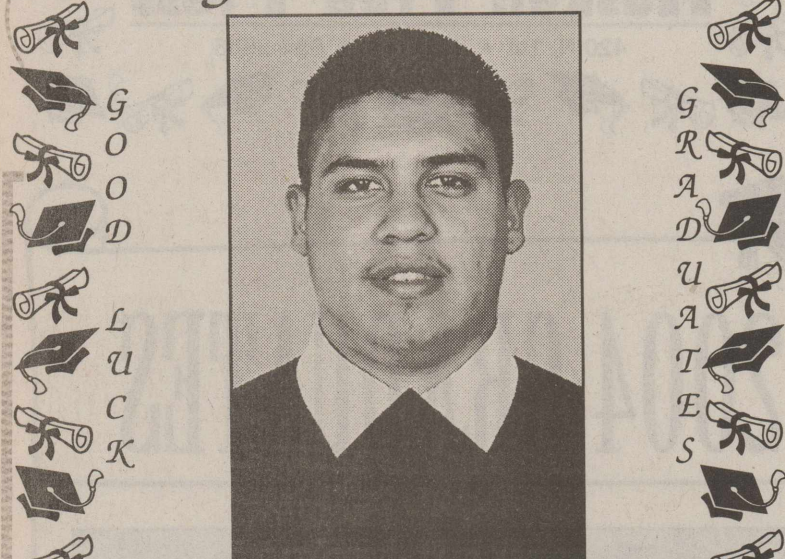


**HAPPY READER**—Haskell Elementary 1st grader, Richard Wilson, enjoys reading a good book to his mother, Mary Wilson, left, and his aunt, Wanda Wilson, at the First Grade Reading Cafe held at the Haskell National Bank Community Room for parents, grandparents and friends, Wed., May 12.



**AT THE READING CAFE**—Haskell Elementary first grade students of teachers Marijane Cunningham and Susan LeFevre, inviting their parents, grandparents and friends to a "Reading Cafe" for desserts and some "super-duper" reading, Wed., May 12, were: back row, l-r, Breezy Gibbs, Aaron Silvas, Alyssa Abila, Amie Munoz, Rhett Lampe, Justice Dever, Reed Lee, E. J. Martinez, Toby Castorena, Reagan Hadaway, Jacie Klose, Shawnee Hill, Kenzie Shelton and Richard Wilson. Middle row, Cheyenne Jouett, Riley Meinzer, Adrianna Roque, Nathan Reid, Abbi Alsbrook, Angelo Pena, Harley Foreman, Kayley Calhoun, Cierra Moore, Bradley Winterstein and Warren Flye. Bottom row, Crissy Bassett, Jonathan Pedroza, Hayley Holland, Harrison Jarred, Mary Williams, Dustin Wyrick, Kade Colley, Chase Stone, Cedar McIlwain and Mathew Frazier.

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**Student  
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Reena Harris of Haskell received a degree in Communication from McMurry University in Abilene during spring commencement ceremonies held Sat., May 8 in Radford Auditorium.

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DISTRICT 4-H CONTEST—Haskell County 4-H'ers participating in the District Fabric & Fashion Design Contest in Childress, May 1, were: l-r, Molly Dudensing, Allison Petty and Jenny Dudensing.

## Three 4-H'ers enter Fabric and Fashion Design contest

by Jane Rowan  
Haskell Co. Extension Agent  
Three Haskell County 4-H members participated in the District 4-H Fabric and Fashion Design contest May 1 in Childress. This

project gives 4-H members the opportunity to design their own fabric, fashion or accessory using their own creativity and skills. 4-H members and their placings in the event were: Allison Petty of

Rule, first place Jr. Apparel; Jenny Dudensing of Sagerton, second place Jr. Accessory; and Molly Dudensing of Sagerton, first place Int. Textile (fabric design).

## Surroundings, not computers affect eyes

What effects does computer use have on your eyes?

If you spend much of your day working on a computer, you may notice that your eyes feel tired at the end of the day. You may also have headaches and difficulty focusing. Is the computer ruining your eyes?

Doctors at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas say computer screens don't actually damage vision. It may be the way you're using the computer that's straining your eyes.

First, evaluate your workspace. Dr. Preston Blomquist, a UT Southwestern ophthalmologist, says that part of the problem is that while we've moved into the computer age, our workspaces quite often haven't. We're using computers on desks that weren't designed for computer use, and we have office lighting that doesn't necessarily work with computer screens.

To reduce eye fatigue, arrange your workspace properly. Your monitor should be centered in front of you, about one arm's length away. Keep your monitor screen and your glasses clean. Adjust font size, contrast and brightness until you find

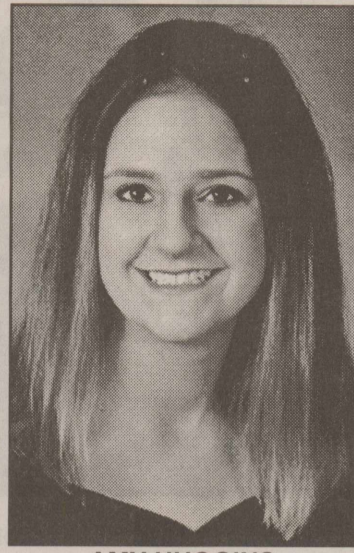
the setting that's most comfortable for you.

Take frequent breaks from your computer, even if it's just to stare out the window for a little while. Focusing on a different distance helps

you avoid eye strain. If taking these steps doesn't make your eyes feel better, schedule an eye exam. You may need vision correction or a new prescription, or there may be another problem.

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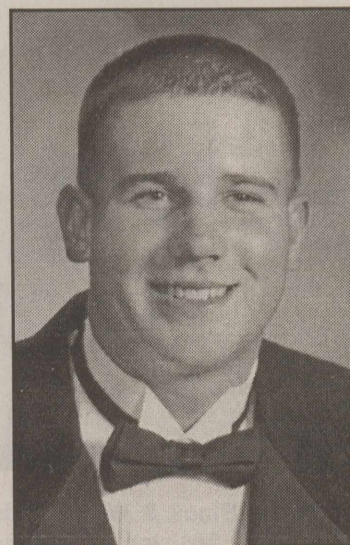
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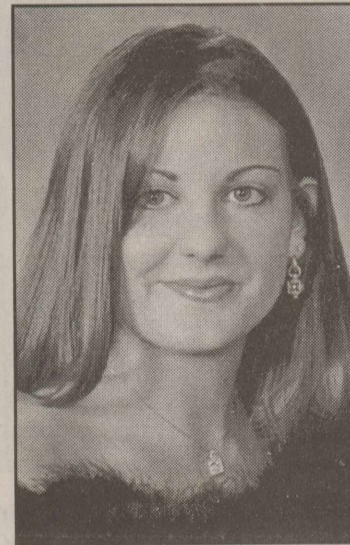
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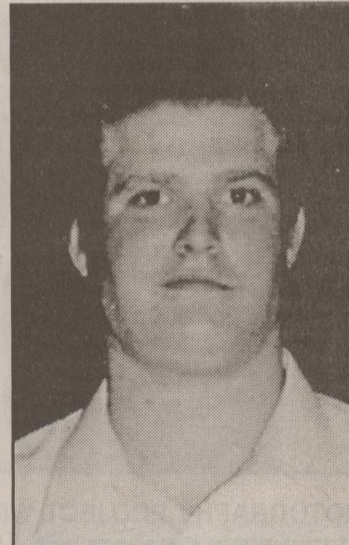
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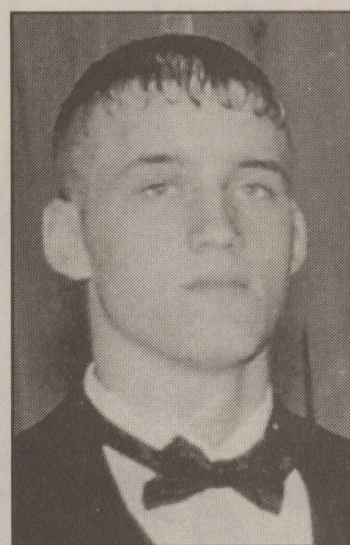
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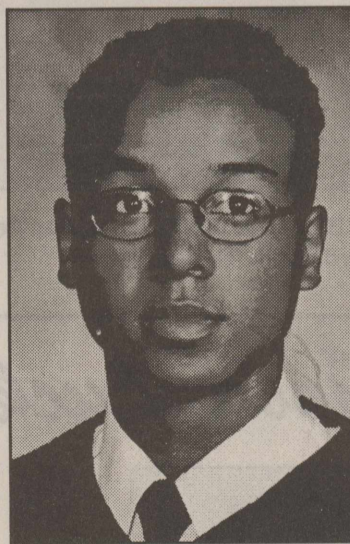
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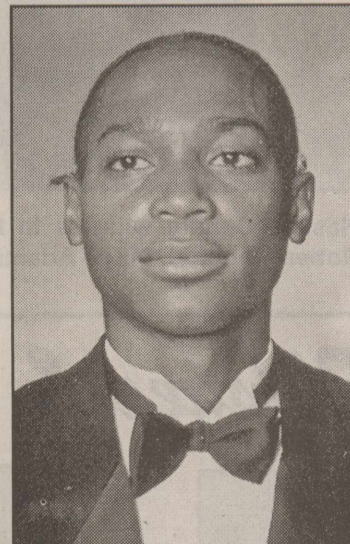
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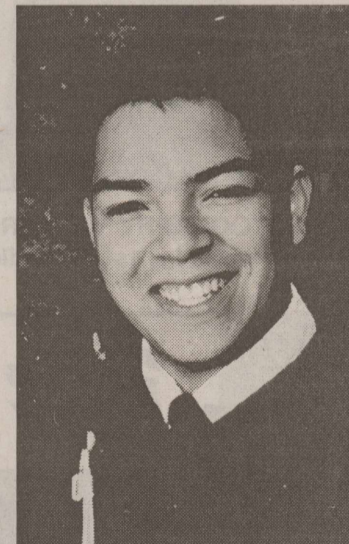
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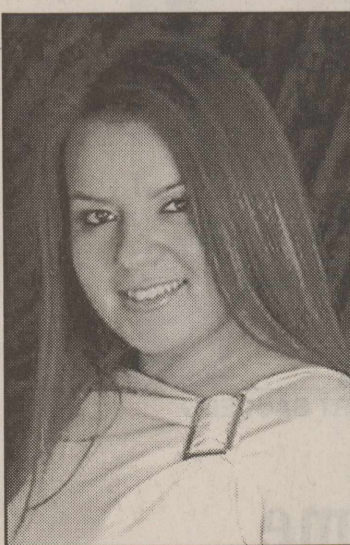
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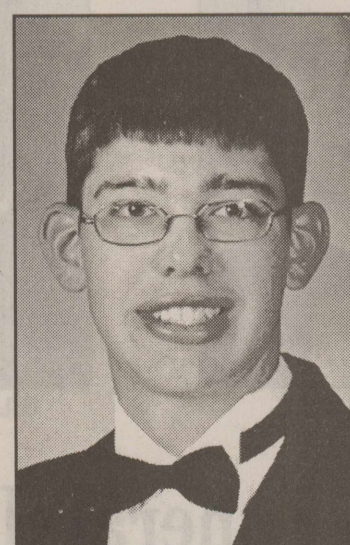
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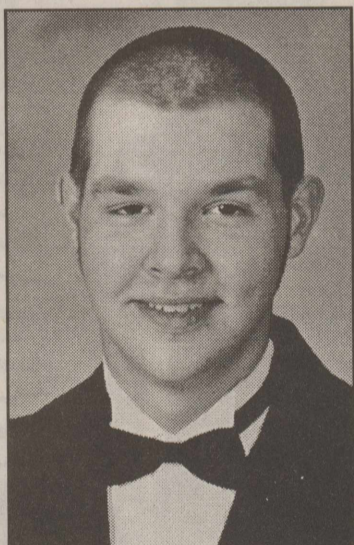
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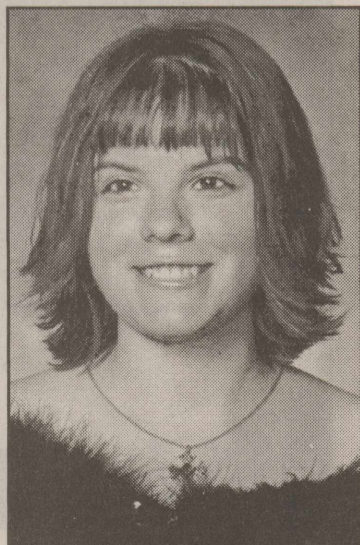


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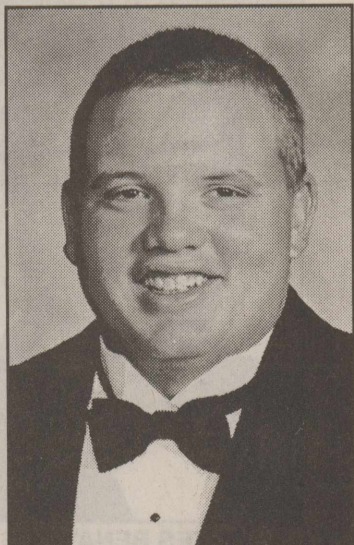
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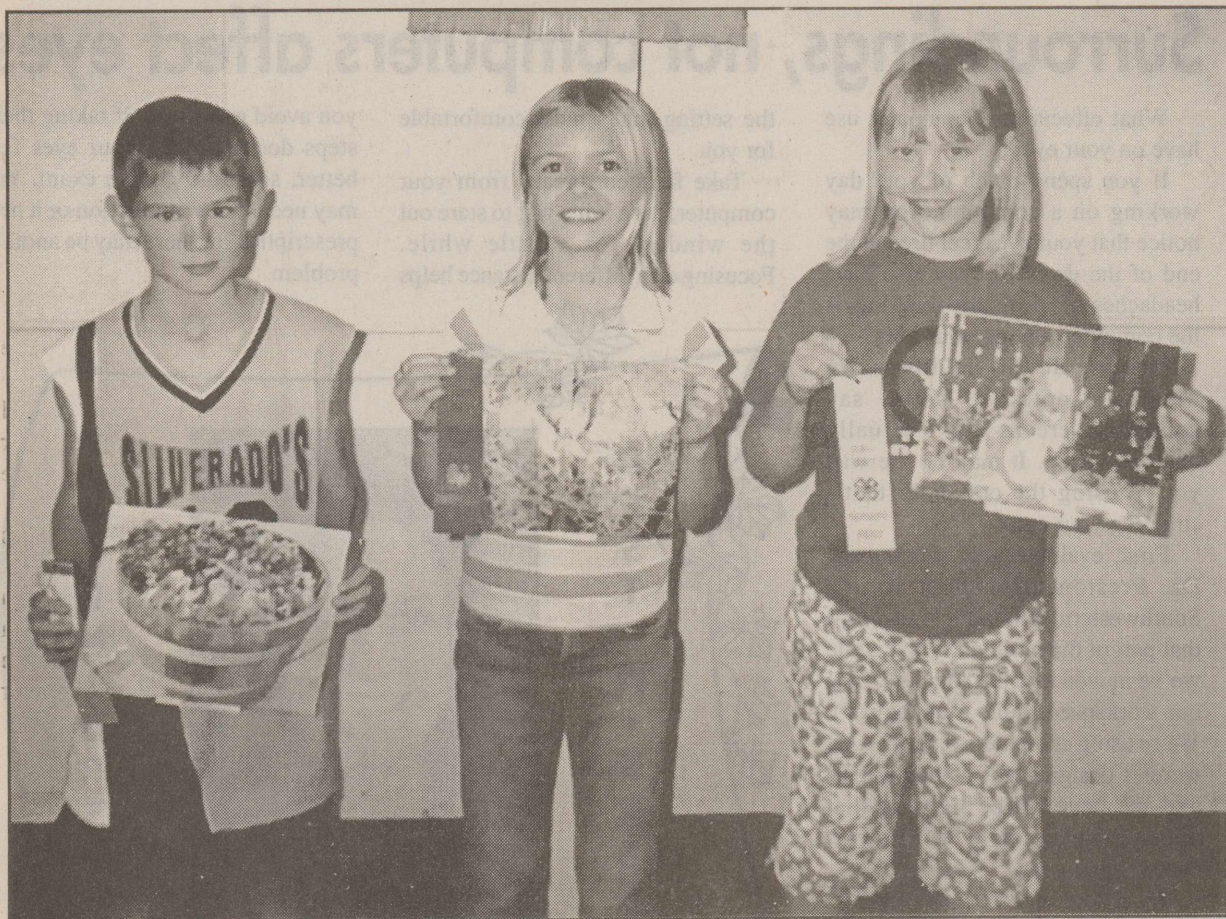


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COUNTY PHOTOGRAPHY WINNERS—Haskell County 4-H Photography Project, Color Division, Digital Category winners were: l-r, 1st, River McTasney; 2nd, Katrina Buerger; 3rd, Ashley Williams.



PHOTOGRAPHY WINNERS—Haskell County 4-H Photography Project Color Division, Nature/Scenic Category winners were: l-r, 1st, Paige Adams; 2nd, Brooke Bullinger; 3rd, Meagan Kimbrough.



PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT WINNERS—Haskell County 4-H winners in the Black & White Division, Nature/Scenic Category were: l-r, 1st, Carson Hadaway; 2nd, Kelsie Adams; 3rd, Jenny Dudensing.



PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT WINNERS—Haskell County 4-H winners in the Color Division, Animal Category, were: l-r, 1st, Toni Brown; 2nd, Meagan Kimbrough; 3rd, Zeb Petty.



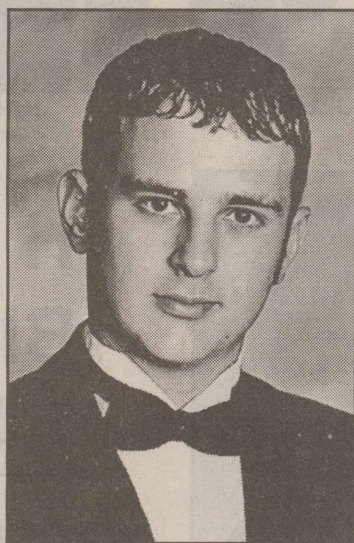
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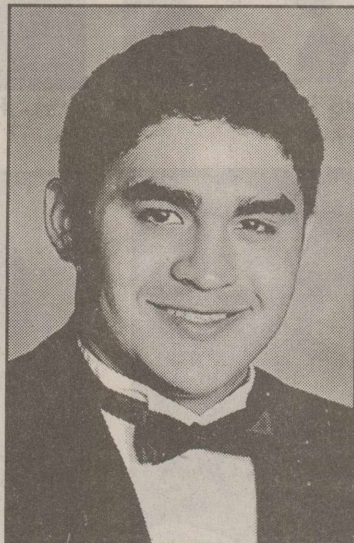
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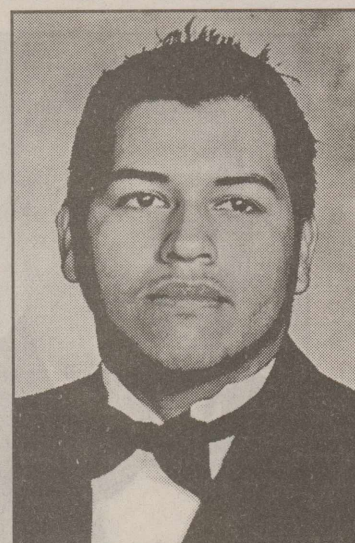
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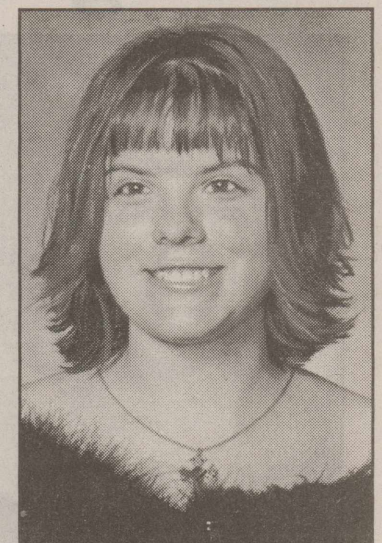
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# Haskell County 4-H'ers participate in photography projects competitions

by Brandon Anderson  
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Twenty-nine Haskell County 4-H'ers turned in a total of 103 pictures to be judged at the Haskell County 4-H Photography Project in March. Kim Bearden of Stamford, owner of Bearden Photography Studio, served as judge for this year's show.

Parents, participants and the public were invited to view the Photography Projects March 23 at the Haskell National Bank Community Room during the 4-H Photography Exhibition and County Awards Ceremony.

Winners from the Haskell County competition, in the Senior division advanced to the State level for State 4-H Round-up at College Station in June. Winners from the Haskell County competition in the Junior/Intermediate division advanced to the District level for judging and were displayed at the District 4-H Round-up in Vernon on April 14.

Winners in each respective category at the county level are as follows for the Junior/Intermediate

levels:

Color Division:

Animals: 1. Toni Brown, Rochester; 2. Meagan Kimbrough, Haskell; 3. Zeb Petty, Rule.

Digital: 1. River McTasney, Haskell; 2. Katrina Buerger, Avoca; 3. Ashley Williams, Haskell.

Nature/Scenic: 1. Paige Adams, Haskell; 2. Brooke Bullinger, Haskell; 3. Meagan Kimbrough.

Career: 1. Allison Petty, Rule; 2. Brooke Bullinger.

Humor: 1. Candace Brister, Haskell; 2. Andrea Anderson, Haskell; 3. Zeb Petty.

People: 1. Candace Brister; 2. Molly Dudensing, Sagerton; 3. Carson Hadaway, Haskell.

Black & White Division:

Animals: 1. Paige Adams; 2. Kelsie Adams, Haskell; 3. Andrea Anderson.

Digital: 1. Katrina Buerger; 2. Cheyenne Buerger, Avoca.

Nature/Scenic: 1. Carson Hadaway; 2. Kelsie Adams; 3. Jenny Dudensing, Sagerton.

Humor: 1st - Molly Dudensing; 2. Kelsie Adams; 3. Andrea Anderson.

People: 1. Chandler Robertson, Haskell; 2. Paige Adams; 3. Molly Dudensing.

Senior level winners:  
Color Division:  
Animals: 1. Amy Turner of Rochester.

Humor: 1. Amy Turner; 2. Emery Dudensing, Sagerton.

Nature/Scenic: 1. Abby Dudensing, Sagerton; 2. Emery Dudensing; 3. Amy Turner.

People: 1. Derrick Tribbey, Haskell; 2. Amy Turner; 3. Abby Dudensing.

Black & White Division:  
Digital & Humor: 1. Derrick Tribbey in both categories.

Nature/Scenic: 1. Emery Dudensing; 2. Abby Dudensing.

People: 1. Derrick Tribbey; 2. Abby Dudensing.

Other 4-H'ers participating at the County level were:

Haskell: Aubrey Bassett and Morgan Frierson; O'Brien: Kate Rowan; Rochester: Leah Tibbets and Stewart Ulrich; Rule: Shawna Favor, Daniel Turner and Joseph Turner.

At the District level for District

4-H Round-up held in Vernon, competing against 25 other counties, the following Junior/Intermediates won blue awards:

Paige Adams (2), Katrina Buerger, Candace Brister (2), Toni Brown, Molly Dudensing, Carson Hadaway, and Allison Petty.

The following won red awards: River McTasney and Chandler Robertson.

At the State level for State 4-H Round-up which will be June 7 - 11 at College Station, competing against approximately 254 counties, the following Seniors won blue awards: Abby Dudensing, Emery Dudensing, Derrick Tribbey (2), and Amy Turner (2).

The following won red awards: Derrick Tribbey (2).

The Rochester 4-H Club for hosted this year's Haskell County 4-H Photography Exhibition and County Awards Ceremony. Kim Bearden judged the competition and conducted a photography workshop. The Haskell County Library displayed the photography pictures during the months of April and May.

# Wireless phone use tips can help save lives

As a way to help keep safe the use of wireless phones, some tips have been offered for responsible wireless use while driving.

\*Get to know your wireless phone's features, such as speed dial and voice activation.

\*When available, use a hands-free device.

\*Position your wireless phone within easy reach before you leave.

\*Let voicemail take your call if you can't reach your phone, or if driving in difficult conditions.

\*Let the person you are speaking with know you are driving, and suspend your call if necessary.

\*Dial sensibly. Place calls when stopped or before pulling into traffic.

\*Do not engage in stressful or

emotional conversations while driving.

\*Dial 9-1-1 or other local emergency numbers to help others or yourself. The call is free on some phones.

\*Do not look up phone numbers or take notes while driving.

\*Realize there are times you should not call while driving—in hazardous weather conditions, in heavy traffic or on unfamiliar roadways.

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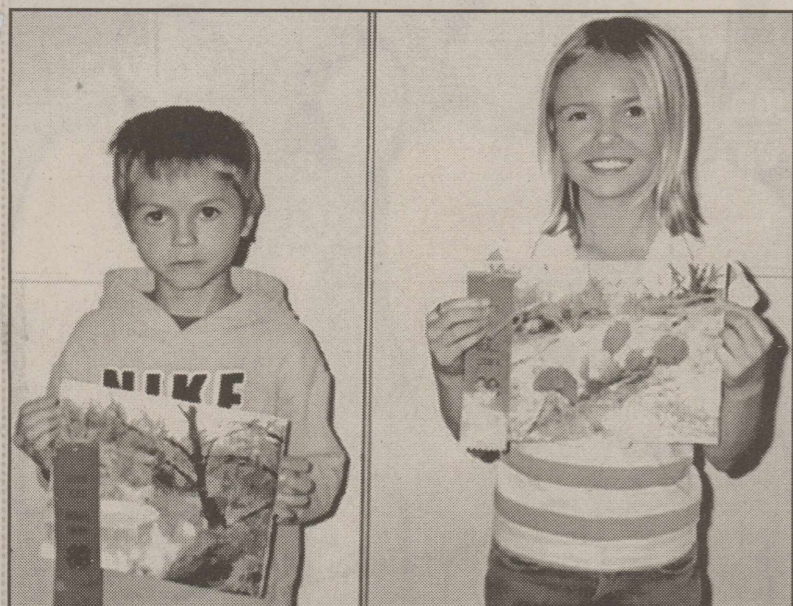
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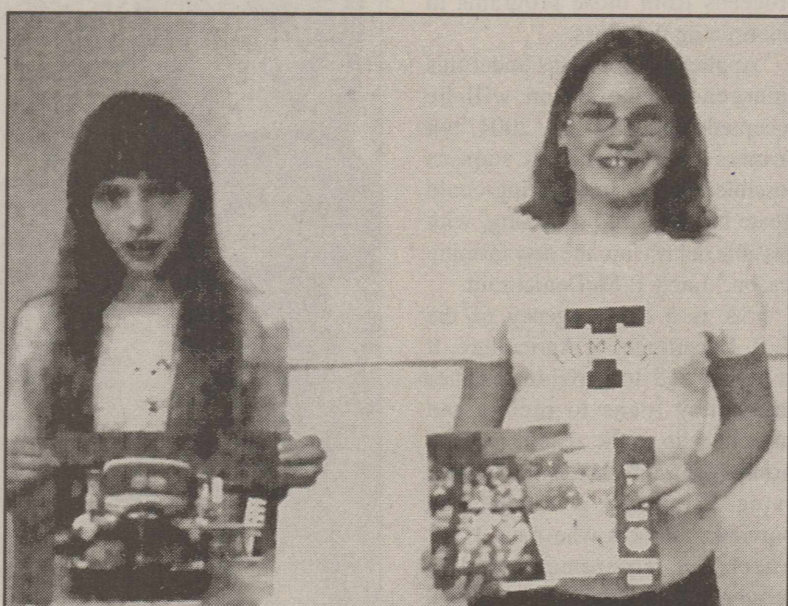
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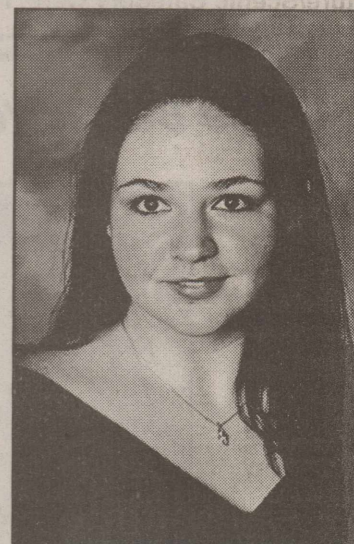


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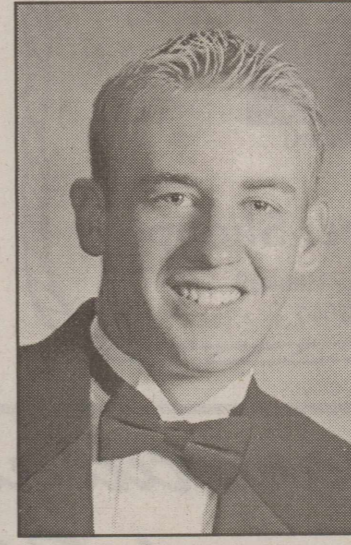
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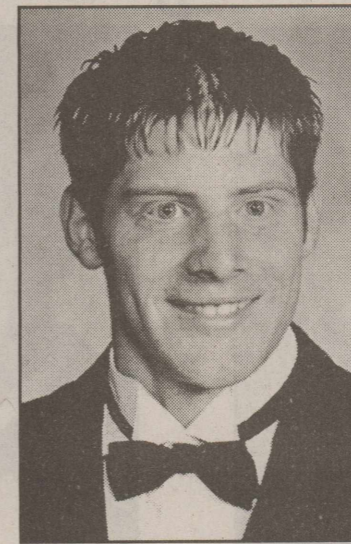
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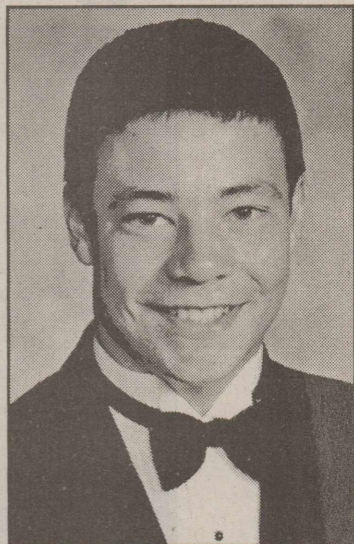
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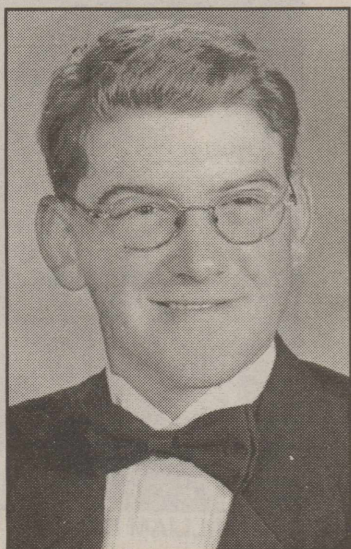


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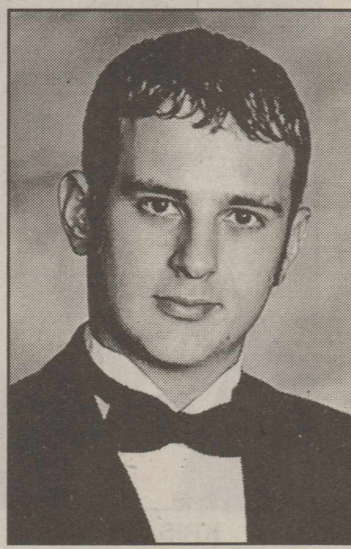


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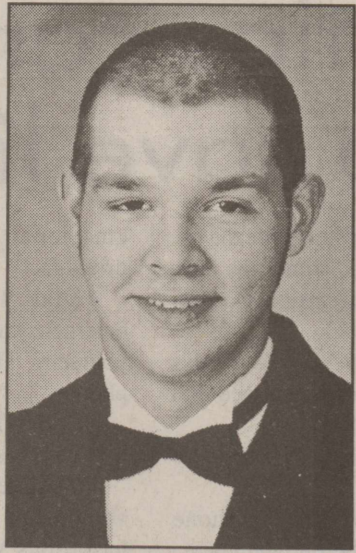
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### Emergency farm loans now accepted by FSA

Applications for emergency farm loans for damages and losses caused by drought that occurred from Jan. 1, 2003 and continuing are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Haskell, FLM Larry P. McDaniel said recently.

Haskell and Stonewall Counties are two of 32 counties in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses and damages caused by drought that occurred on Jan. 1, 2003 and continuing.

Larry P. McDaniel said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100% of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agricultural business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Larry P. McDaniel said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to consider proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

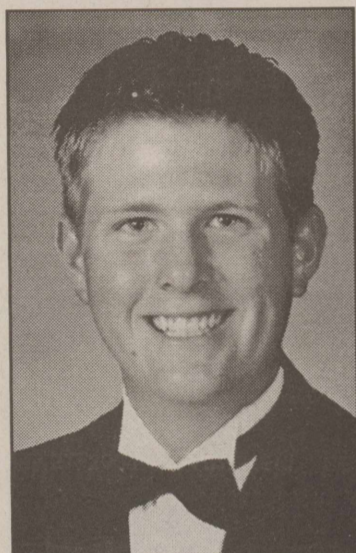
"Application for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until Dec. 23, 2004, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing, with possible delays into the new farming season," Larry P. McDaniel said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who meet U. S. citizenship requirements and to farming partnerships, corporations, or cooperatives in which U. S. citizenship requirements are met by individuals holding a majority interest.



**AT 4-H MODELING CLINIC**—Participating in the Robert Spence Modeling Agency in Lubbock, April 24, were Haskell County students, I-r, Molly Dudensing, Candace Brister, Breanna Riggins, Toni Brown, Shawna Favor, Kate Rowan, Allison Petty, Kimberly Williams, Jenny Dudensing, Stephanie Threet, their modeling instructor Brenda, and Brooke Bullinger.

*Our Sincere Congratulations to all of the Seniors - Wishing You a Great Future!*




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**JUDGING TEAM WINNERS**—Rule High School FFA students placing seventh in the State FFA Dairy Cattle judging contest at Tarleton State University are: I-r, Tully Brown, Emery Dudensing, Joanna Lehrmann, Keli Smith, Ashley Lisle and Jacob Manske.

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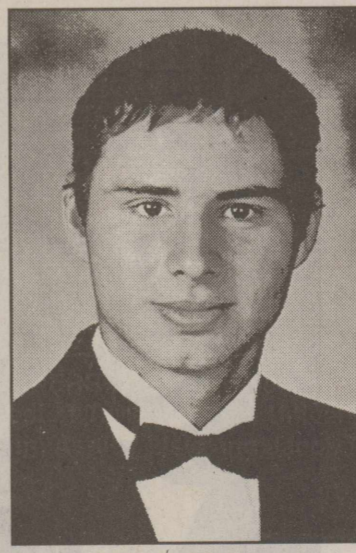
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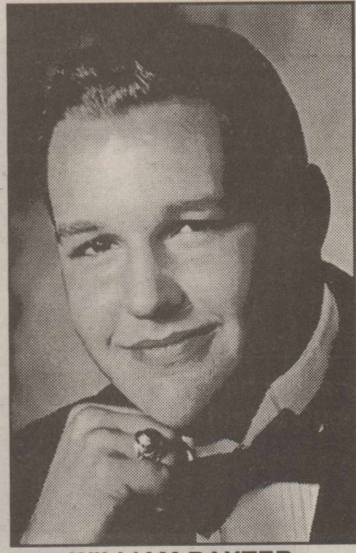
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# Vesicular Stomatitis case confirmed in west Texas animals

The country's first case of Vesicular Stomatitis (VS) since 1998 was confirmed Wed., May 19, on a premise with nine horses and eight head of cattle near Balmorhea, in Reeves County in west Texas. VS is a viral disease that occurs sporadically in the U.S., usually in southwestern states. The disease can affect horses, cattle and pigs, and occasionally, sheep, goats and deer, causing blisters to form in the animal's mouth, on teats or along the hooves, resulting in excessive salivation, lameness or oozing sores.

The clinical signs of VS can cause concern because they mimic those of a highly contagious foreign animal infection—foot-and-mouth disease (FMD)—which has been eradicated in the U.S. since 1929. Laboratory tests must be run to differentiate between the two diseases, when cattle, pigs, sheep or other cloven-hooved animals develop signs of the disease. Unlike FMD, VS also can affect horses and other members of the equine family. Although the disease does not affect food safety, infected livestock are withheld from slaughter until they recover.

"We always launch a disease investigation when blisters or sores are reported in livestock, to determine if foot-and-mouth disease has been introduced into the U.S.," said Dr. Max Coats, deputy director for Animal Health Programs for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency.

"Because horses are not susceptible to FMD, we knew, in this case, that the animals had vesicular stomatitis (VS), or possibly had come in contact with poison or a toxic plant. The National Veterinary Services Laboratory (NVSL) in Ames, Iowa, has confirmed that the three horses in Reeves County have VS."

Dr. Coats said researchers have determined that VS outbreaks are started by a virus transmitted by arthropods, such as ticks, mites, biting midges, mosquitoes or house flies. Following an incubation period of two to eight days, infected animals may develop clinical signs of disease. The outbreak then can be perpetuated by biting insects that carry the disease from infected to healthy livestock. VS-infected animals also can spread the virus if their saliva or the fluid from ruptured blisters contaminates equipment or feed shared by herd mates. Sick animals should be isolated until they heal, he said.

Dr. Coats noted that all livestock on the affected ranch in Reeves County will remain quarantined for several weeks, until they no longer pose a health threat to other livestock. Prior to quarantine release, the animals will be re-examined by a state or federal regulatory veterinarian, to prevent the spread of disease to other premises.

"VS is rarely fatal, and infection usually runs its course in a couple of weeks," commented Dr. Coats. "Infected livestock may need supportive care to prevent secondary

infections where blisters have ruptured. The affected animals also may lose condition, because they will avoid eating as long as their mouth is sore. Lesions can also occur along hooves, resulting in temporary lameness."

"The only thing regular, about VS is its irregularity," he said. "Thirteen years passed between a 1982-83 outbreak of VS and one in 1995 that involved infection on more than 365 ranches in five states. These affected states were New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona, Utah and Texas, where infection was confined to only one premise."

"Texas was spared in May 1997, when the disease was detected in Arizona in horses. By late fall, when the outbreak ended, infection had been detected on 380 ranches in four states: Arizona, Colorado, New

Mexico and Utah," he continued. "Prior to the today's case, VS was most recently confirmed in 1998, in Texas, Reeves County, and in New Mexico."

"As a biosecurity measure, ranchers and veterinarians should wear rubber or latex gloves when handling potentially infected animals, and they should wash their hands thoroughly afterward. Humans reportedly may contract VS and develop flu-like symptoms that can last four to seven days," warned Dr. Coats.

"If your livestock develops blisters, erosions or sores, don't pass it off as another case of VS," Dr. Coats said. "It is extremely important that we collect samples and have laboratory tests run to determine the cause of illness. Report these signs

of disease to your private veterinary practitioner or the TAHC immediately. The TAHC hotline number is operational 24 hours a day at 1-800-550-8242, and a TAHC or U.S. Department of Agriculture veterinarian always is on call to take reports and work with your private veterinarian at no charge."

"If you plan to ship horses or other livestock out of state, contact the state

of destination prior to transporting the animals," urged Dr. Coats. "Because VS has been confirmed in Texas, some states may require our shipments of livestock to undergo additional inspections or testing. Producers and veterinarians may contact the TAHC at 1-800-550-8242, if they need contact information for animal health officials in other states."

## Summer skin care can be life saver

by Jane Rowan  
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Texans have a one-in-three chance of developing skin cancer. The American Cancer Society estimates more than a million new cases of non-melanoma skin cancer are diagnosed in the United States every year.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention suggests limiting exposure to ultraviolet radiation may

help prevent skin cancers. Extension specialist Carol Rice suggests wearing body covering clothes, 15 SPF or better sun-block, sunglasses, and a 3-inch brim hat.

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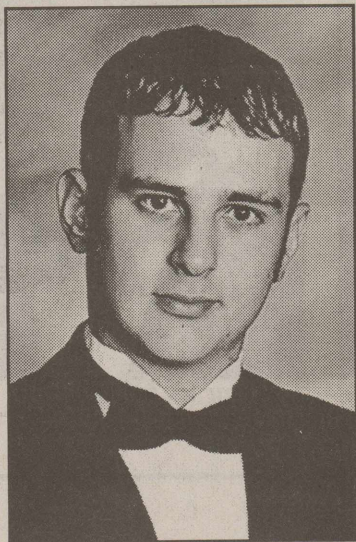
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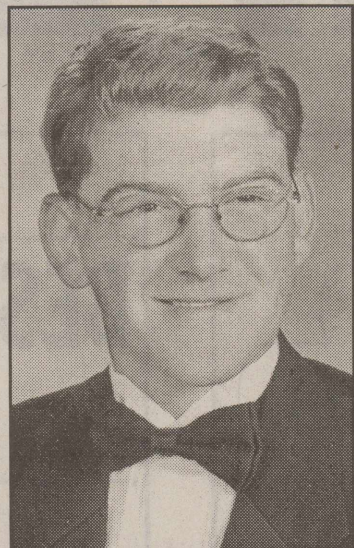
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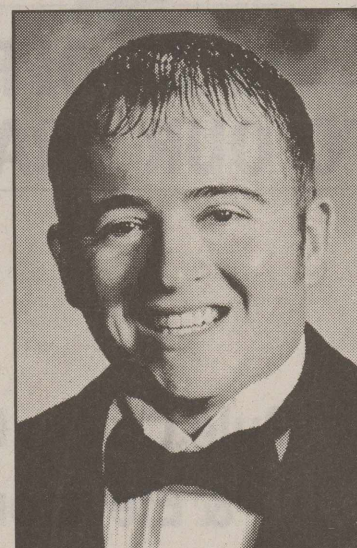
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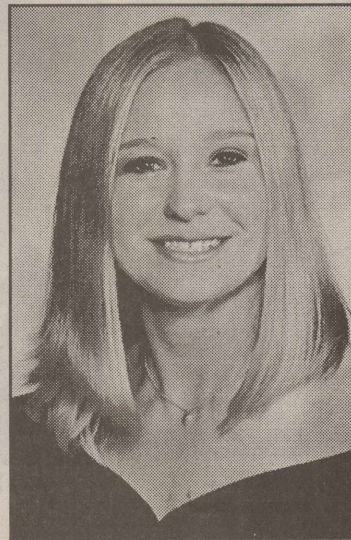


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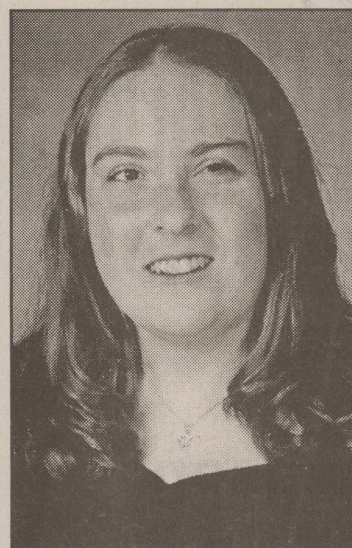
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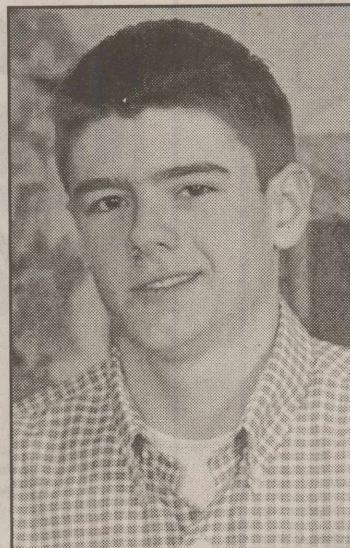
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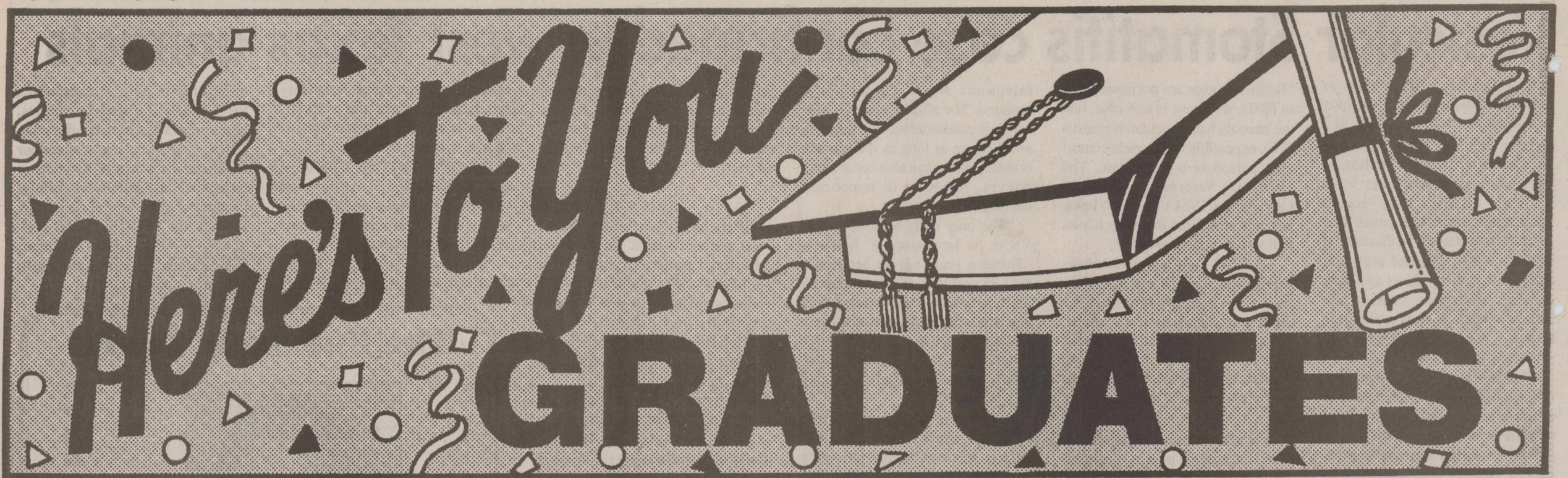


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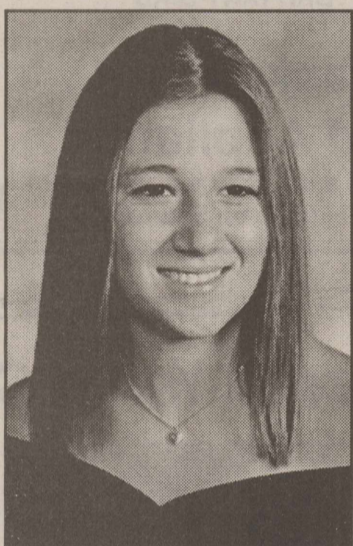
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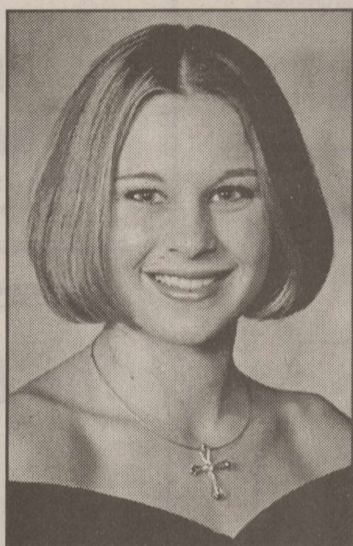




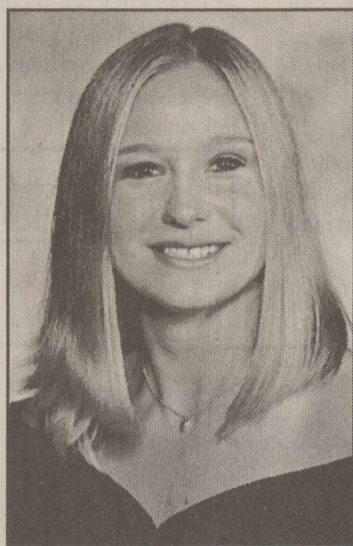
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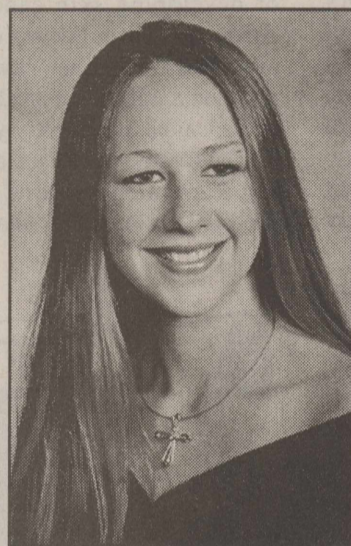
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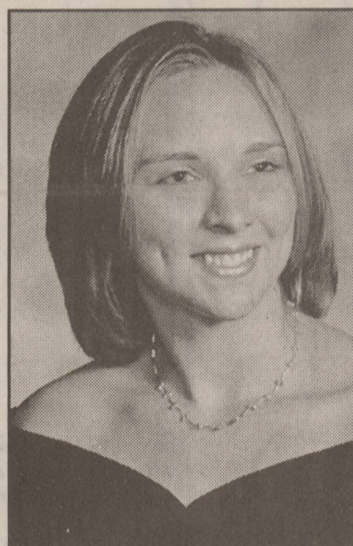
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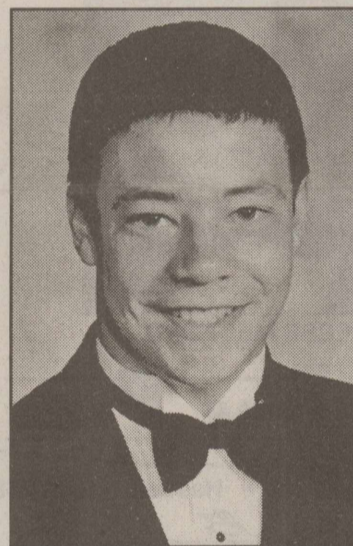
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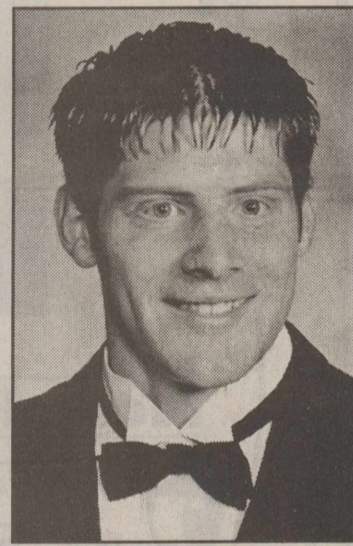
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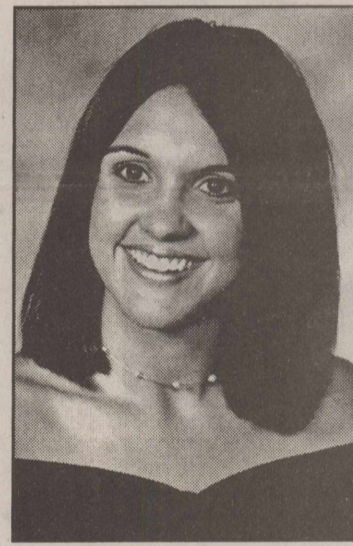
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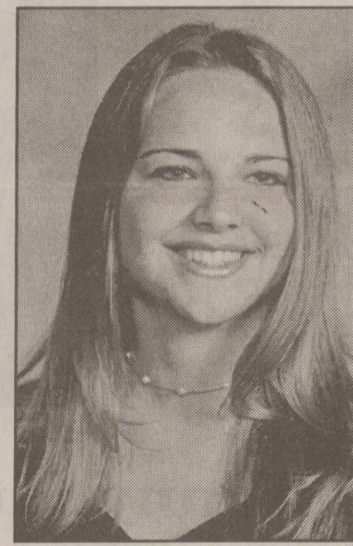
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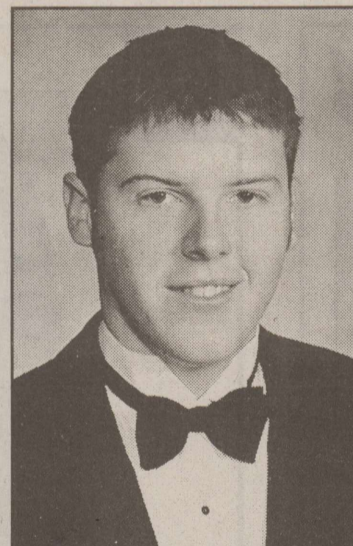
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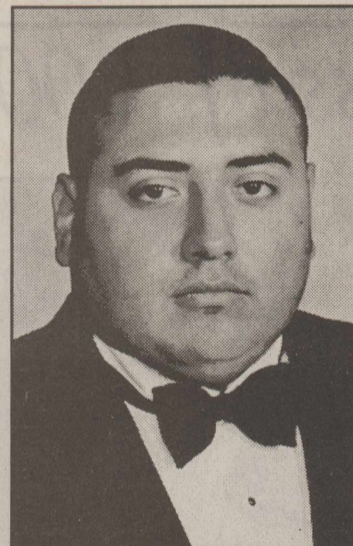
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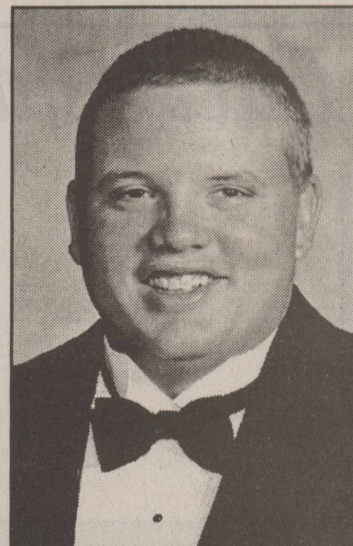
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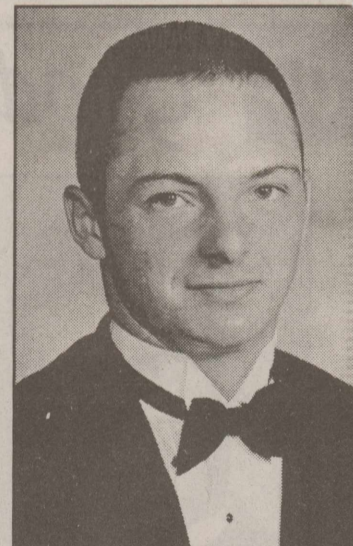
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