



Basketball games

HASKELL SUMMER LEAGUE
Tues., May 31 at Haskell
Crowell vs Munday 5 p.m.
Haskell vs Rule 6 p.m.
Haskell vs Crowell 7 p.m.
Rule vs Munday 8 p.m.

Baseball games

**Haskell vs Albany
Playoff Schedule**
Best 2 of 3 games
1st game
Thurs., May 26, 6 p.m.
at Albany
2nd game
Fri., May 27, 2 p.m.
at Haskell
3rd game, if needed
Sat., May 28, 5 p.m.
at Graham

Calendar

WHP parade

The Wild Horse Prairie Days parade will be held Fri., June 3 at 5 p.m. Lorie Rodriguez is this year's parade chairman. To enter, call the Haskell Chamber of Commerce at 940-864-2477. The Hardin-Simmons University Six White Horses along with Tom Moorehouse, grand marshal, will join the parade ranks.

Office closed

The Free Press offices will be closed Thurs., May 26 and Mon., May 30.

Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical & Genealogical Society will meet Mon., June 6 in Haskell City Hall at 7 p.m.

WHP art contest

The Brazos West Art Association will sponsor an art competition in conjunction with Wild Horse Prairie Days at the Civic Center in Haskell. Entry time is Fri., June from 9 to 11 a.m. 12 divisions will be available for adult and youth artists. For more information call Betty Berry at 864-3122 or Haskell Chamber of Commerce at 864-2477.

ECC luncheon

The Experienced Citizen's Center will host a fund-raising luncheon Sun., June 5 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the center, located at 1404 S. First St., in Haskell. The meal will offer roast beef and gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, salad, yeast rolls, peach cobbler, tea or coffee. Cost of the meal will be \$8 for adults, \$4 for ages 13 through 12th grade, and children 12 and under will eat free. Proceeds will be used to fund repairs for cooking equipment.

Krispy Kremes

Krispy Kreme doughnuts will be available Sat., June 4 at the gazebo on the square from 7:30 a.m. until they're gone. Doughnuts are \$6 per dozen. Orders may be made by contacting any high school twirler, color guard member or Lisa at 864-2602 ext. 103. Proceeds benefit the Haskell High School twirlers and color guard.

Indian basketball camp

Indian basketball camp will be held May 31 through June 3 at the Haskell High School gym. Call Toby Villa at 864-2539 or 864-5877 or David Middleton at 864-3776 or 864-3701 for details.

Storm sirens

The City of Haskell will test the storm sirens at noon on Fridays.

Homecoming 2005

The next Haskell-Mattson-Weinert Homecoming will be held Oct. 7-8.

PC homecoming

Paint Creek will hold their homecoming this fall. To update your mailing/email address, contact Max Calk, 3200 Golden Oaks Circle, Granbury, Texas 76049 or maxcalk@earthlink.net.

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Congratulations graduates!

The Haskell Free Press

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"The People's Choice"

18 PAGES--TWO SECTIONS--50 CENTS

Sixty Haskell Co. students to graduate Friday

In graduation exercises this month, a total of sixty high school seniors will receive diplomas from the four Haskell County Schools; a decrease of fifteen from last year.

Haskell

Thirty-eight seniors will graduate during the school's commencement exercises, Fri., May 27, at 8:00 p.m. at Indian Stadium. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held Sat., May 28 at 10:00 a.m.

Those graduating are: Morgan Acosta, Ryan Ashley, Laura Baxter, Ana Benevides, Brad Blanks, Monica Buerger, Tiffany Campbell, Ronald Chapman, Nicolas Crosson, Ramon Cuellar, Eric Delacruz, Cushena Dever, Jacklyn Drinnon.

Jon Dulaney, Josh Dunfee, Jimmy Fuentes, Brandon Isbell, Eric Jackson, Calina Kendall, Tara McCarty, Brandon McClatchey, Kendall Mitchell, Aaron New, Samantha Pedroza, Amy Pena, Alexis Reed, Sydney Roberson, Saphron Roysdon.

Andrew Silvas, Susie Skinner, Charlie Smith, Julio Solana-Guerra, Eden Thomas, Josh Tidrow, Whitney Wallace, Nate Webb, Brianna Wheatley and Michael Wright.

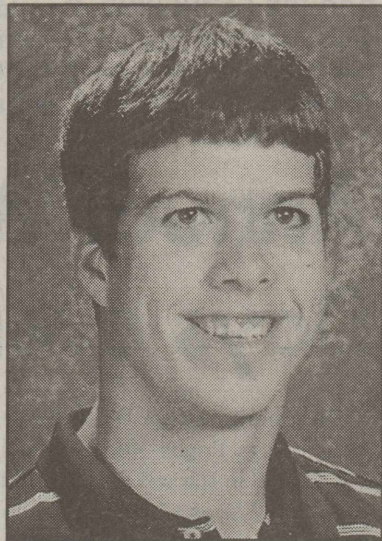
Valedictorian is Brad Blanks, son of Terry and Susan Blanks. Salutatorian is Alexis Reed, daughter of Kelly Layman.

Paint Creek

Four seniors will receive diplomas during exercises at the Paint Creek High School Auditorium, Fri., May 27 at 8:00 p.m. Speaking will be Coach Brent Palmer. Baccalaureate was held Sun., May 22 at 6:00 p.m. at the Paint Creek Baptist Church, with Pastor James Horton speaking.

Graduates are: Christopher Brown, Britta Manske, Carolyn Marshall and Misty Woodall.

Valedictorian is Misty Woodall, daughter of Jean Woodall and



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VALEDICTORIAN
HASKELL



ALEXIS REED
SALUTATORIAN
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MISTY WOODALL
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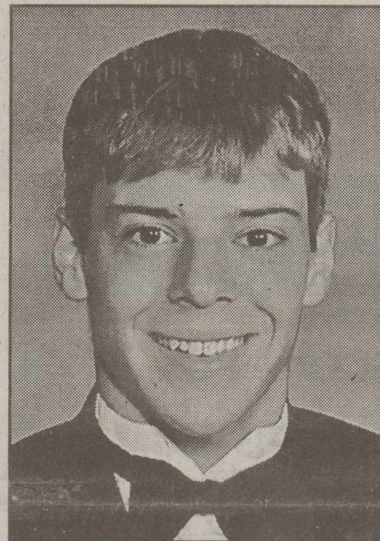
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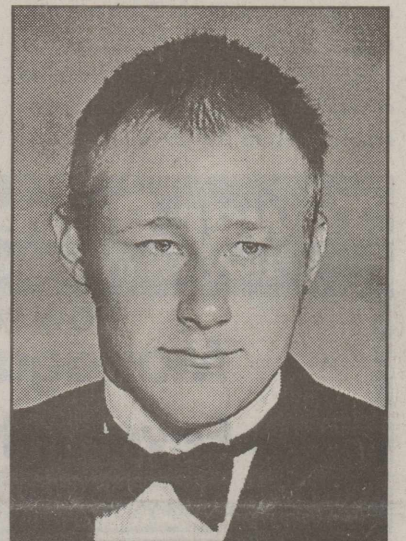
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DOROTHY STRICKLAND
SALUTATORIAN
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KOLT KITTLEY
VALEDICTORIAN
RULE



SAMUEL TURNER
SALUTATORIAN
RULE

granddaughter of Bonnie and Willie Curry. Salutatorian is Carolyn Marshall, daughter of Johnnie Leverett.

Rochester

Nine seniors will receive diplomas Fri., May 27 at Simmons Auditorium at 8:00 p.m.

A baccalaureate service was held

for them at 8:00 p.m. Sun., May 22 at the Rochester First Methodist Church.

Graduates are: Selina Burt, Jeffrey Caldwell, Rodrigo Cruz, Eric Elkin, Casey Lampe, Michael Reyna, Jessica Sanchez, Ross Short and Dorothy Strickland.

Valedictorian is Ross Short, son of Larry and Linda Short.

Salutatorian is Dorothy Strickland, daughter of Darrell Strickland and Sheryl Yarbrough.

Rule

Nine seniors will receive diplomas at commencement exercises at Rule High School Auditorium at 8:00 p.m., Fri., May 27.

A baccalaureate service was held

Sun., May 22 at the auditorium. Students graduating are: Cassidy Brown, Sara Hunt, Laura Johnson, Rebecca Johnson, Kolt Kittley, Sam Kittley, Craig Simpson, Samuel Turner and Alejandro Vasquez.

Valedictorian is Kolt Kittley, son of Rick and Beth Kittley. Salutatorian is Samuel Turner, son of Robert Ace and Brenda Turner.

Indians are Area Champions

The Haskell Indian Baseball Team became the Area Champion for the first time in 10 years.

Defeating the Cyclones from Memphis in two straight games at Vernon Jr. College, they took the title on Friday and Saturday.

Kendall Mitchell was the starting

pitcher for the Tribe in game one, earning the 13-5 win. Brad Blanks was the starting pitcher in game two, earning the 12-5 win.

Blanks pitched five scoreless innings with Jon Dulaney and Ronald Chapman coming in the last two

innings to finish off the Cyclones.

On both days the Indians were slow to get started, but when they got rolling they were hard to stop. Coach Kent Colley said the whole team got in on the action at the plate that contributed to the wins.

Haskell's next opponent will be

Albany, who defeated O'Donnell.

Playoff game one is set to be played at Albany, Thurs., at 6:00 p.m. Game two is set to be played at Haskell, Friday at 2:00 p.m. If game three is needed, it will be played at Graham on Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

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 senior's pictures from their schools for us in this traditional edition featuring this year's Haskell County photos of the Haskell 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.

Maidens named to All-District Softball teams

Haskell girl's named to the All-District Softball team were: MVP, Calina Kendall, senior; CO-Newcomer, Paige Wheatley, freshman; 1st Team Infielders, Erin Hise, sophomore, and Eden Thomas, senior; 2nd Team Infielders, Natalie Lopez, sophomore, and Roxy Chavez, sophomore; 1st Team Outfielders, Chambray Bartley, sophomore, and Angela Pena, sophomore; 2nd Team Catcher, Alexa Roberts, sophomore; 2nd Team Pitcher, Kellye Tidrow, sophomore.

John Foster is the Haskell softball team coach.

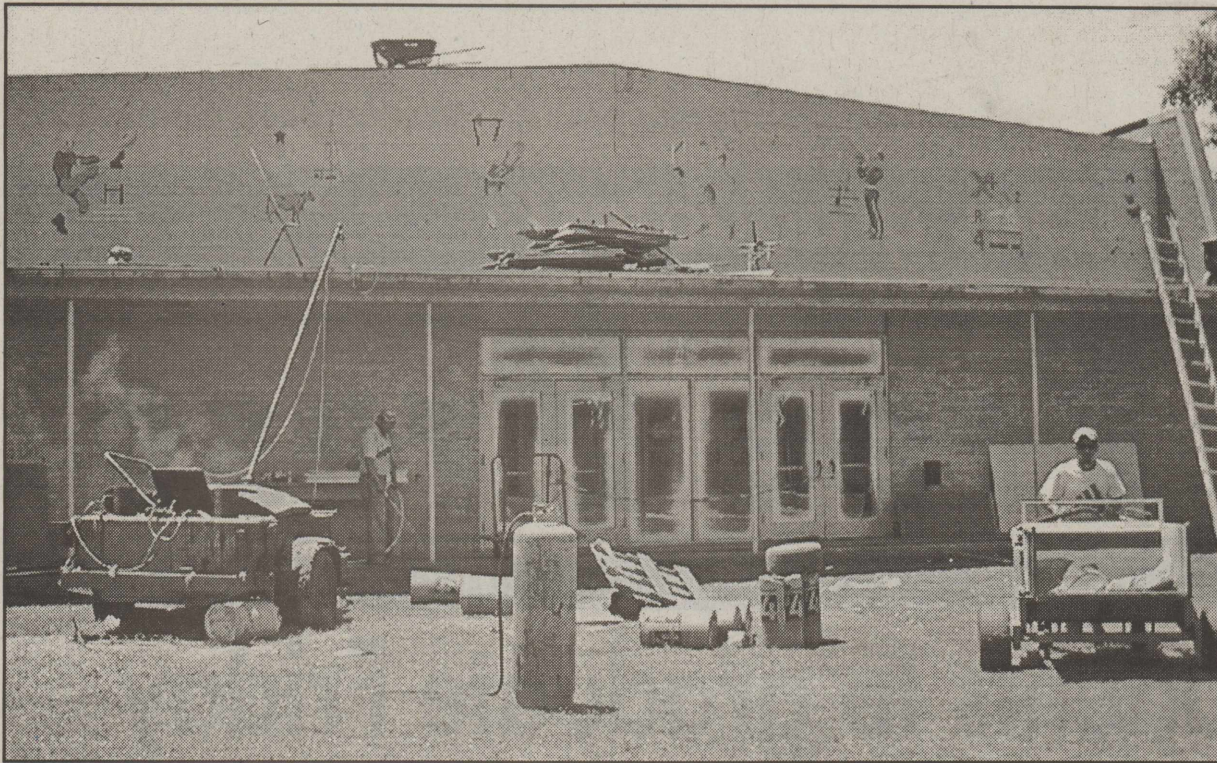


REGIONAL QUARTERFINAL WINNERS—Haskell Indians' team and coaches successfully taking the win in games with Memphis at Vernon College May 21, were: back row, l-r, Coach Mark Adams, Gary Frierson, Cameron Short, Jon Dulaney, Josh Dunfee, Billy Luck, Brandon McClatchey, Nate Webb, and Ryan Ashley,

bookkeeper. Front row, Weston Rutkowski, Jeffrey Silba, Aaron New, Ronald Chapman, Brad Blanks, Kendall Mitchell, Vincente Solano, Josh Tidrow, Coach Kent Colley and batboy, Cade Colley.

Photo by Bill Blankenship

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ROCHESTER SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS—A new roof for the Simmons Auditorium nears completion as well as repairs and improvement being made on the inside of the Rochester High School Building, creating a lot of activity at the future Rochester Junior High campus.

Applications for emergency farm loans now accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans for damages and losses caused by excessive rain that occurred Nov. 1, 2004 and continuing are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Haskell, FLM. Larry P. McDaniel said recently.

Haskell County is the primary county and Throckmorton and Stonewall County is two of seven contiguous counties in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from damages and losses

caused by excessive rain that occurred Nov. 1, 2004 and continuing.

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," 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, 2005, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing, with possible delays into the new farming season," 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.



ROCKET LAUNCHING—Countdown, 10-9-8-7... Irma De Leon, second from left, and Lisa Hibbits, prepare to launch their homemade rocket into space. The rockets were made in the classroom and then taken outdoors for a trial flight. Also pictured shooting off their rockets are Haskell Elementary students, Colton Kimmel, left, and Sonya Rodriguez, far right. The project was done through a Learn & Serve Grant.

Annual Wild Horse Prairie Days events schedule listed

The tenth annual Wild Horse Prairie Days Ranch Rodeo events will be held in Haskell Fri., Sat. and Sun., June 3, 4, and 5, with activities for everyone to enjoy.

Beginning on Friday, the Ranch Cutting Horse competition will be held at 8:00 a.m. A new feature added this year will be the Jack Whitten Working Cowdog Demonstration at 3:00 p.m.

The Rodeo Parade to be held at 5:00 p.m. Fri., June 3, will feature the Hardin-Simmons University Six White Horses and Tom Moorhouse as Grand Marshal. Those wishing to

reserve a spot in the parade may call the Haskell Chamber of Commerce Office at 940-864-2477 or go by the office to obtain an entry form. Lorie Rodriguez is the parade chairman.

The Ranch Rodeo (sanctioned event) on Friday and Saturday will begin at 7:00 p.m. The Barbeque Cookoff (sanctioned event) will be held Friday and Saturday. The Ranch Horse Competition (sanctioned event) will be held Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

A children's rodeo with Pokey the Clown will be held Saturday at 1:30 p.m. Chuck wagon meals will be

served Friday and Saturday from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. A Western dance at the pavilion will be held Saturday from 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

Vendors booths, indoors and outdoors, will be open all day Friday and Saturday. A Western Art Show, sponsored by the Brazos West Art Association, will be held Friday and Saturday at the Civic Center.

On Sun., June 5 at 10:00 a.m., a Cowboy Church Service with Jeff Gore will be held at the pavilion.

Prior to the WHPD events, the John Wallace Memorial Calf Roping will be held Sun., May 29.

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If you would like to pursue an opportunity to serve your community, call Bill Steele 940-864-2208; Sam Watson 940-864-2355; Randy Shaw 940-864-2023; Jerry Stocks 940-864-3455 or ask any Haskell fireman for an application.

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Moorehouse to be WHPD parade Grand Marshal

A genuine working cowboy, Tom Moorehouse, who will be in Haskell as Grand Marshal of the Wild Horse Prairie Days Ranch Rodeo Parade, was inducted into the Texas Cowboy of Fame in Fort Worth during a premiere kickoff event of the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo.

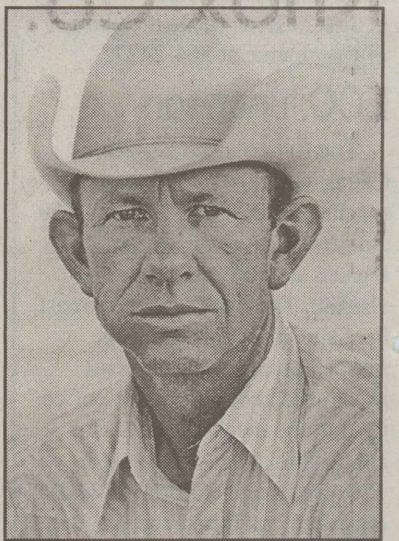
Born in Knox City, Moorehouse was raised on the family's Knox County ranch. He attended Sul Ross University, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture.

Saying he has learned more with on-hands experience, he prefers to do things the old-fashioned way, and still runs his cattle crew from the saddle and a chuck wagon year-round.

Moorehouse has previously been awarded the Foy Proctor Memorial Cowboy Award of Honor, and the Texas Cowboy Reunion's Working Ranch Cowboy Award. He was the Texas Ranch Rodeo's Top Hand in 1981 and 1995, as well as the Western Heritage Classic's Top Hand in 2004.

An old-time cowboy who walks the walk without so much of the talk, Moorehouse has kept up with ranching business changes through the years, but he doesn't herd cattle from a helicopter or jump on the latest new breed of animal bandwagon.

"Western lifestyle is born and bred in me and I don't think I could change it if I wanted to," he said.



TOM MOOREHOUSE

Cattle Market report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 270 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., May 21, according to Gary Tate, reporter. 47 sellers and 39 buyers were present.

Packers \$1-3 lower, Stockers, Feeders steady.

Cows: fat, .48-.58; cutters, .52-.61; canners, .35-.47.

Bulls: bologna, .70-.77; feeders, .87-.98; utility, .65-.75.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.40-1.95; 300-400 lbs., 1.30-1.65; 400-500 lbs., 1.28-1.40; 500-600 lbs., 1.15-1.32; 600-700 lbs., 1.10-1.25; 700-800 lbs., .98-1.23; 800-up lbs., .95-1.06.

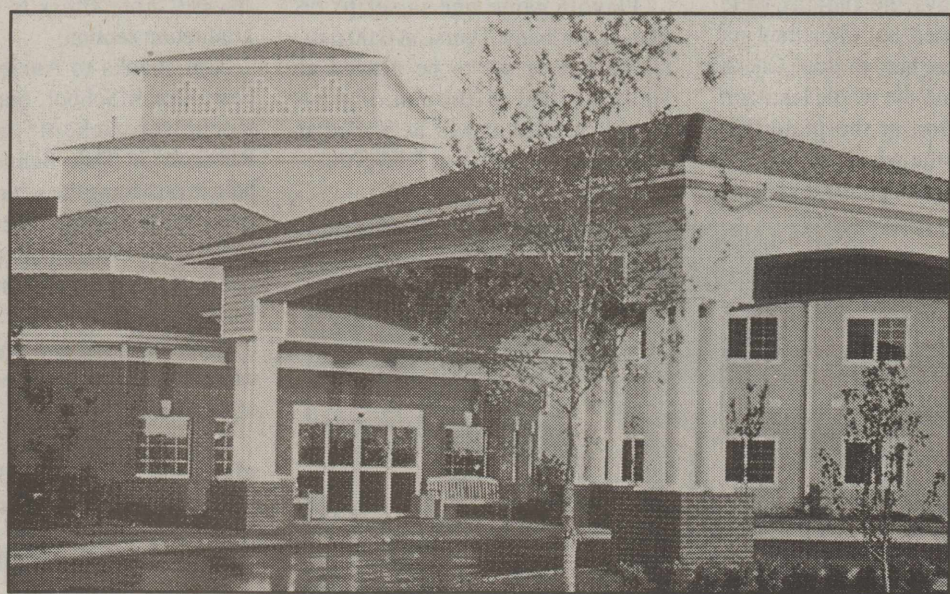
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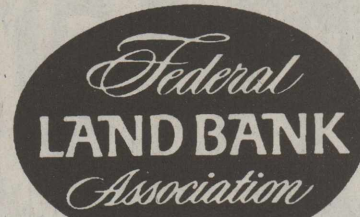
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Wild Horse Prairie Days Art Show set

The 2005 Wild Horse Prairie Days Ranch Cowboy Art Competition, sponsored by the Brazos West Art Association, will be held at the Civic Center in Haskell during the Wild Horse Prairie Days celebration, June 3-4, open to all artists exhibiting their own original work.

Divisions for entries are: Miniatures (unframed max. 5"x7"); Landscapes; Still Life; Sculptures; Wood Working and Carving; Hand-crafted Leather items (no saddles); Youth-18 years and under; Portraits, Photography; Metal Art; Hitched Hair and Braided Items; and Hand-crafted spurs, bits, buckles.

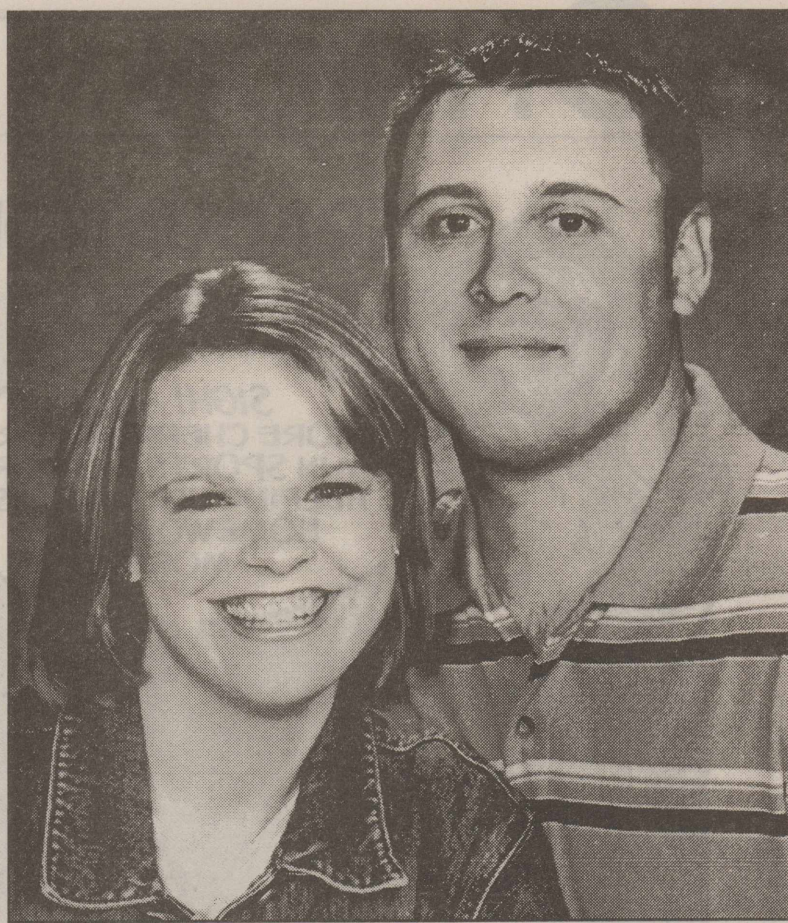
Awards will be given for Best of Show, \$50.00; first place in each

division, \$15.00; second place in each division, \$10.00; third place in each division, \$5.00; Ribbons for 1st, 2nd and 3rd and Honorable Mention.

Fees include Miniatures, \$2.00 each; Youth Division, \$2.00 each; all others, \$5.00.

Entry time is Fri., June 3, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Pickup time will be Sat., June 4, at 4:00 p.m.

All paintings and photographs must be wired for hanging. No saw tooth hangers allowed. Picture size is limited to 48" either way. Each entry must have information on the back giving the artist's name and address. Divisions may be combined depending on the number of entries.



JORDAN LEMING - WILL TRAMMELL

Couple to wed

Eric and Jana Leming of Hurst have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jordan Berry Leming, to William Anderson Trammell of Haskell, son of Bill Trammell of Stephenville and JoNell and Jimmy Roberts of Haskell.

An evening wedding is planned

for Sat., July 23, at First United Methodist Church of Hurst, with a reception following at Cross Timbers Winery in Grapevine.

Diabetes 101 is EEA Club meeting topic

The Haskell County EEA Club met for their monthly meeting, Thurs., May 12 at the Haskell County Extension Office. Twelve members and County Agent Jane Rowan attended.

Agent Rowan presented a program on "Diabetes 101," which included information on the diabetic population, factors in the treatment and control of diabetes, and how to live well with the disease.

Rowan reported that 15 to 25% of U. S. health expenditures are traced to diabetes, and 27% of the Medicare budget goes to treat diabetes.

During the past month, the club

gave donations to the all-night party and the 4-H Fashion Show. Members also voted to make contributions to six 4-H members who will attend the State 4-H Roundup.

Activities of the club this month will include assisting with the lunch at the Farm Safety Day Camp in Munday on May 28, and delivering Meals on Wheels.

Hostesses Alice Ballard and Jane Smith served refreshments of crab dip, crackers and punch.

The next meeting of the club will be held Thurs., June 9, featuring a program on "Mrs. Toolman, you can fix it."

Knox Co. Historical Commission plans garage sale June 4

Friends of the Knox County Historical Commission met in Benjamin Tues., May 10.

Reporting on the museum, chairman Mary Jane Young said the construction of the museum building is progressing, and that wall and roof beams are in place. Also, she reported the cookbook, and memorial brick and stone projects for the museum have had a good response. Anyone needing additional information can write Friends of KCHC at P. O. Box 104, Benjamin, 79505, or call 459-2229, or go by the courthouse. The final date for sending in recipes for the cookbook has been moved to June 1.

A garage sale to support the museum has been set for Sat., June

4, at the Perry Patton Community Center in Munday. Anyone wishing to help by donating, collecting and delivering items is welcome. No clothing items will be sold. Donors are to bring items to the Perry Community Center after 9:00 a.m., until 6:00 p.m., Fri., June 3, or contact a commission member or call the KCHC office.

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox

Voters to decide on marriage definition

AUSTIN—If all goes as lawmakers hope, the final gavel will fall on the 140-day regular session of the 79th Legislature on May 30.

Conference committee discussion continues on school finance and property tax reform, but after a vigorous battle in the Senate, lawmakers in the upper chamber voted 21-8 to put a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage on the fall general election ballot. If voters approve the amendment on Nov. 8, the provision likely would be challenged in court as have similar laws in other states.

At one point during the discussion of the same-sex marriage measure, Sen. Juan Hinojosa (D-McAllen) offered an amendment that would prohibit people with three previous marriages from tying the knot a fourth time. That amendment and six others did not survive. Hinojosa was one of the Democrats who voted against the resolution, and his amendment had not been serious.

Transportation bill goes to conference committee...

The Senate also approved a transportation bill that would among other things require a yes from voters before an existing "free" highway built with gasoline tax revenue could be converted into a toll road. But that provision is not in the House version of the bill, so it is headed to a conference committee.

Benefits update...

Looks like the state's 145,000 full-time workers will get a 4 percent pay raise effective Sept. 1, followed by a 3 percent pay hike on Sept. 1, 2006. That's the result of a House-Senate compromise, but still subject to approval of the final budget bill, Senate Bill 1.

Despite early-in-the-session

rumors of significant tinkering with state retirement system rules, no changes have been made regarding retirement eligibility or the multiplier used to determine the size of a state employee's retirement check.

Lawmakers raise their pension by \$6,000...

The House has approved an enhanced retirement package for legislators, the governor and other elected officials. The measure, tacked on to a bill giving a pay raise to district and appeals court judges, will add \$6,000 to the annual retirement check a lawmaker would receive on retiring at age 50 after 12 years of service.

Though a record vote is required if only one member asks for one, no one asked.

DPS honors fallen officers...

The Memorial Day most Texans know about is May 30, but the Department of Public Safety and other law enforcement agencies observe another memorial day as well — one recognizing peace officers who die in the line of duty.

The DPS, which staged its observance May 17, noted that 14 Texas officers lost their lives in 2004 and the first five months of this year. Of those, four died as a result of felony crimes and 10 were killed in duty-related accidents.

Senate honors TPA...

Members of the upper chamber have had some emotional debates this session, but a resolution honoring the Texas Press Association on its 125th anniversary moved through the Senate on May 19 with only a few chuckles.

Sponsor Sen. John Whitmire (D-Houston) quipped to his colleagues: "Hold your applause, or your boos, until after I complete reading the resolution."

Lawmakers, he added, couldn't do their job without newspapers.

Letters to the Editor

Editor,

As a representative of the Haskell County Food Distribution Center Committee, I want to thank our Haskell Post Office and Postal Carriers for their efforts and success in the May 14 food drive. Those efforts brought in nearly 1000 pounds of food, mostly canned goods, for the local distribution this Saturday.

Canned goods are our most costly item when bought from the Wichita Falls Food Bank, as we pay per item weight. The price paid is the same for all foods, so a case of twelve 16 ounce cans of corn costs the same as twelve one pound sacks of sugar, as

we're charged by weight only.

Needless to say, what was collected that Saturday was a blessing as well as a benefit to our bank account. We surely appreciated all the support and help from our local citizenry, and we truly thank our community for the participation and generosity shown.

Without all of us there wouldn't be the nearly 1000 pounds of food that were distributed this past Saturday, and without all of us there couldn't be a HCFDC.

Gratefully,
Grace Thomas
HCFDC Committee



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago May 25, 1995

At the Haskell Junior High awards banquet Betsy Nanny recognized the Big Country Writers Association winners Jason Hobgood, T. Nichols, Josh Roysdon, Erik Everett and Joseph Phemister, whose original play was a regional first place winner.

At the Double Mountain district meet FFA students Jennifer Comedy placed first in public speaking, Rebecca Unger and Kurt McCord placed first in Mr. and Miss FFA and Casey Burgess placed second in the talent division and second in public speaking.

Skye Porter, granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Thomas Jr., earned a gold medal at the Class 1A State UIL golf tournament.

Jerry Morgan, superintendent of the Paint Creek ISD, and William Stewart, superintendent of Haskell ISD, were honored for outstanding employee safety by the North Texas Educational Insurance Association.

20 Years Ago May 23, 1985

Gena Whitaker, a Haskell High School graduate, was elected cheerleader for Midwestern State University.

Brenda Edins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin R. Hill of Haskell, directed the comedy play "Mary, Mary" at the Lamesa Community Playhouse.

Rebecca Holt, daughter of W. L. (Blue) and Meralin Sue Holt, was named to the honor society of The Society of Distinguished American

High School Students.

Connie Turnbow R. D. H. President of the Abilene District Dental Hygienists Society, was a voting delegate at the Texas Dental Hygienist Association annual session. She is the daughter of Jean Turnbow of Haskell.

At the Haskell rodeo parade, the best overall float was the M-System entry, depicting a saloon. The best dressed cowboy and cowgirl were Bobby Joe Blackburn and Robin Harrell.

30 Years Ago May 22, 1975

Mrs. Leonard Kieke of the L.O.C. at Sagerton was presented as Club Woman of the Year at the Haskell County Home Demonstration annual achievement day.

Artie Mae Burkett received a certificate of recognition as an outstanding older Texan and Ken Lane was presented with the Lions International Outstanding Young Farmer Conservation award from the Haskell Lions Club.

Margret Hunter, granddaughter of Mrs. David H. Persons of Haskell, was recognized as Outstanding Sophomore at the Honors Day Program of Murray State University in Kentucky.

Rusty Laughlin, grandson of Mrs. Cliff LeFevre of Sagerton, was a member of the Midland baseball team which won the district AAAA playoffs to advance to regionals.

40 Years Ago May 27, 1965

Dennis Opitz of Mattson High School was given the annual award of the Reader's Digest Association.

Irene Stewart, teacher and principal at Sagerton school, was honored with a silver tray engraved with her years of service 1936-1965.

At the 9th annual Haskell County Sheriff's Posse Quarter Horse show 2nd place in Class 8 Mares foaled in 1961 was Clare's Prissy, O. L. Crouch; and 1st place in Class 15 registered barrel race was Blue Carbon, Paul Allen.

Walter Phemister, Haskell High School mathematics teacher, was selected for a National Science Foundation summer mathematics institute at West Texas State University.

Wallace Wooten of Haskell was runner-up in the "open Class A" shoot off in the state shoot at Jackson, Mississippi.

50 Years Ago May 26, 1955

The first wheat crop was brought in by John Kuenstler, farmer living in the Paint Creek section. The load was between 50 and 60 bushels.

Anita Hasskamp, 11-year-old granddaughter of Mrs. Charles Druesedow of Haskell, won first place in a Mother's Day essay contest sponsored by the Fargo, North Dakota, Chamber of Commerce.

Robert L. Duncan of Haskell accepted a graduate fellowship at the Institute of Textile Technology, Charlottesville, Virginia.

Barbara Ann Hoyal, niece of John Roberts of Haskell, graduated from the Southwest Texas State Teachers College.

Three new members were initiated in the Haskell Rebekah Lodge at their regular meeting. They were Ruby Alvis, Lavena Kelso and Lena Buerger.

100 Years Ago May 27, 1905

L. M. Garrett and J. S. Menefee went to Stamford to place the orders for lumber for their new residences. Garrett will build in the north part of town and Menefee will build on the 80 acre block he purchased about two and a half miles west of town.

W. F. Marsh and T. F. Brooks purchased the meat market and restaurant business of M. L. Lynch. John Gilliland, whose farm is near Carney, was in Haskell and reported a good stand of cotton on forty acres.

A. F. Smith completed taking the school census in the Sagerton-Fairview district. He says the total enrollment was 113, compared to only 26 six years ago.

J. B. Tompkins, who resides four or five miles north of town, told us he robbed one of the bee hives at his place and took 24 pounds of honey out of the top frames.

Texas now has VS

Texas, on Fri., May 20, joined New Mexico and Arizona as states with confirmed cases of vesicular stomatitis (VS) this spring. Two Travis County horses were hauled home May 10 from a trail ride in Arizona, where they apparently were exposed to the virus that can cause animals to develop blisters and sores in the mouth, on the tongue, muzzle, teats and hooves.

The year's first VS cases were confirmed April 27 in two horses in southwest New Mexico. Since then, infection has been detected in 17 horses on 11 premises in New Mexico, Arizona, and now, Texas.

"A number of states and countries impose strict testing, permitting and inspection requirements for livestock that originate from VS-affected areas or states. Check with the state or country of destination before hauling livestock from Texas," said Dr. Bob Hillman, head of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency. Phone numbers for other states' animal health regulatory agencies can be obtained from the TAHC's Austin headquarters at 1-800-550-8242. Staff at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Austin office can be reached at 512-916-5565 for international shipping rules or restrictions.

"VS rarely causes death, but an animal can suffer several weeks, while the lesions heal," said Dr. Bob Hillman, who also serves as Texas' state veterinarian. "To help prevent the spread of VS, an infected animal and the other livestock on a premises are quarantined until at least 30 days after the sores heal. Prior to releasing movement restrictions, a regulatory veterinarian will examine the affected animal to ensure healing is complete. Other livestock also will be checked. If infection is detected, the quarantine will begin anew."

Dr. Hillman explained that the clinical signs of VS mirror those of the dreaded foreign foot-and-mouth (FMD) disease. Horses are susceptible to VS, but not FMD; however, both diseases can affect cattle, sheep, goats, swine, deer and a number of other species. "When sores or blisters are seen in FMD-susceptible animals, we must immediately rule out an introduction of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD). When horses have lesions, a VS test rules out other possible causes for blisters and sores, including toxic plants, chemicals or poison. Tests are run at no charge to the animal owner, and the VS diagnosis in horses is confirmed at the National Veterinary Services Laboratory (NVSL) in Ames, IA."

Dr. Hillman noted that the disease occurs sporadically, but outbreaks generally follow a 10- to 15-year cycle. In 1982-83, the country suffered its worst recorded VS outbreak, when infection was confirmed on 617 premises in nine states: Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska and South Dakota.

Subsequent outbreaks in 1995, 1997 and 1998 were limited to New Mexico, Colorado and Texas, with a few cases in Arizona. Last year, Arizona was "spared," when Texas had 15 VS cases, New Mexico had 80, and Colorado, 199.

Livestock owners and private veterinary practitioners are urged to report suspected cases of VS to their respective state's livestock health regulatory agency:

Texas Animal Health Commission, 1-800-550-8242 (operational 24 hours a day); New Mexico Livestock Board, 1-505-841-6161; Colorado Department of Agriculture, State Veterinarian's Office, 1-303-239-4161; or Arizona Department of Agriculture, State Veterinarian's Office, 1-602-542-4293.

The TAHC's web site at <http://www.tahc.state.tx.us> has additional information on VS and a link to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, where situation reports, maps and movement restrictions and requirements are posted.

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AG Abbott issues consumer alert

"Each week, 17,000 Texans receive a packet from the U.S. Census Bureau containing a 24-page American Community Survey," said Greg Abbott, Texas Attorney General.

"The survey asks for information about such sensitive issues as household income, property, benefits and expenses. Given the current level of concern about identity theft, a number of people have viewed the American Community Survey with suspicion and alarm. The survey is legitimate, however, and does actually come from the US Census Bureau.

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"Though the number of surveys being mailed out statewide in Texas is large, the odds of any one household receiving it are low—about one in 500. Therefore, if you receive a packet and ask around among your friends and neighbors, chances are they will tell you they did not receive one. This does not mean it's a scam.

"If you receive a packet, you can look for the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census return address. And when you send the survey back in the envelope provided, you will see that it is addressed to the Director of the U.S. Census Bureau.

To see what the actual survey looks like, you can go to www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/2004/ACSsurveyeng.pdf. For a thorough overview of the survey process, you can go to www.census.gov/acs/www/."

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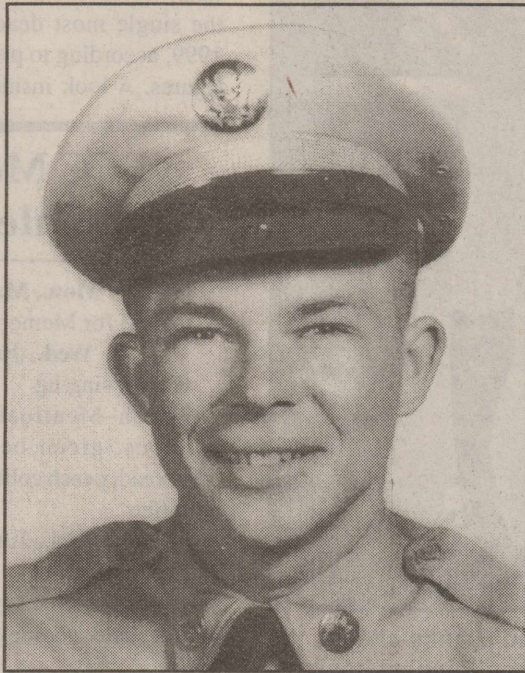
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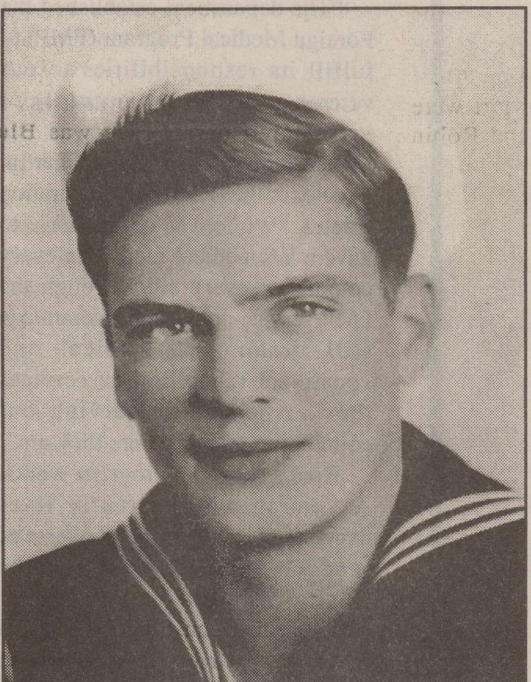
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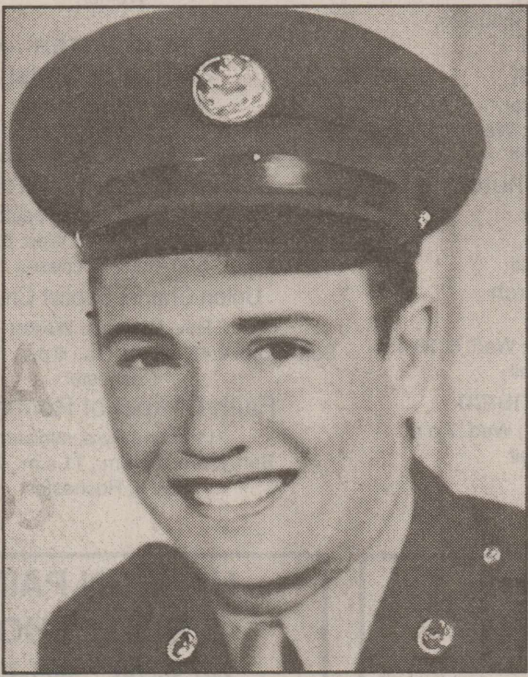
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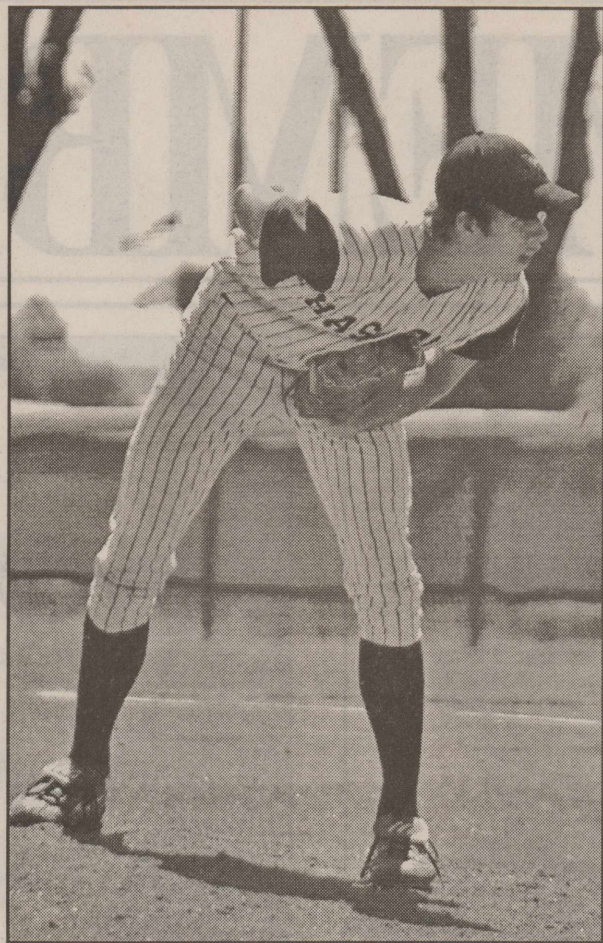


OUT OF THE PAST—Our thanks to the families and friends of these veterans who so graciously allowed us to share these pictures with our readers.

MEMORIAL DAY



BATting TOWARD STATE—Haskell's Brandon McClatchey is ready to take a pitch in the Indians' winning game with Memphis to take the Regional Quarterfinal title. Photo By Bill Blankenship



PLANNING THE PITCH—Brad Blanks checks the sign from catcher in the Indians' winning Regional Quarterfinal game with Memphis, played in Vernon May 21. Photo By Bill Blankenship

DPS cautions Memorial Day drivers

If last year's mistakes are repeated, drinking and driving could be the leading killer on Texas roadways this Memorial Day weekend.

Last year, 46 people died in 37 fatal wrecks, making Memorial Day the single most deadly holiday of 1999, according to preliminary DPS figures. A look inside the numbers

reveals that half of the fatal wrecks and 47 percent (22 people) of the deaths were alcohol-related. That's far above the state average, which was 29.6 percent of the total fatalities in 1998.

"Overall, alcohol-related deaths have been declining in Texas the last several years, so the Memorial Day numbers are troubling and unacceptable," said DPS Director Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr. "A three-thousand pound vehicle is not the place to play chicken with your life and the lives of your fellow travelers. Driving drunk is out of style—and it's a crime."

DPS troopers and many other police agencies will increase patrols over the weekend to get drunk drivers off the roads and to target speeders and seat belt violators.

The DPS statewide Stranded Motorist Hotline, 800-525-5555, can also be used to report obviously intoxicated drivers.

The most deadly time on the road

last Memorial Day weekend was between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m., when 57 percent of the fatal crashes took place—a time frame when alcohol and fatigue often are cited as factors. Fatigued or asleep drivers are suspected in six of the fatalities.

"This may be the start of the summer vacation season, but you can't get too relaxed behind the wheel," said Davis. "If you start to nod off, please pull over to a safe place and take a break."

Last Memorial Day holiday, 44 percent of those killed (18 people) were not wearing safety belts in wrecks where restraint use was applicable. Excessive or unsafe speed was listed as a contributing factor in 15 fatalities, seven people were killed in crashes where signal lights or stop signs were disregarded, four fatalities were blamed on faulty tires and two people died trying to outrace police officials. In addition, 54 percent of the wrecks were one-vehicle collisions.

ECC Menu and Calendar

Mon., May 30
Closed for Memorial Day.

Wed., June 1
Gospel singing
Lunch—Meatloaf, creamy potatoes, green beans, squash, cornbread, peach cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee

Fri., June 3
Lunch—Taco soup and sandwiches, sliced pickles, sliced onions, jello, cookies, milk, tea, or coffee

Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

VA offers care for veterans worldwide

With a network of medical centers and clinics throughout the United States, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) offers comprehensive health care for veterans, but what do they do if they're traveling or living overseas and find themselves in need of medical attention? Well, VA has that covered too, for veterans with service-connected medical problems.

Managed by the VA Health Administration Center in Denver, the Foreign Medical Program gives veterans the ability to seek medical care related to their service-connected conditions in almost any country in the world, with VA picking up 100 percent of the medical bill.

"The department established the Foreign Medical Program (FMP) to fulfill its responsibilities to our veterans who were temporarily or permanently living outside the United States," said Ralph Charlip, director of the Health Administration Center. "While it is not possible to have a VA medical facility in every country or every city, through the FMP, service-connected veterans can still obtain the medical and vocational rehabilitation services they earned while serving our country, no matter where they are."

Here's how the program works. A veteran who currently lives overseas, or plans to travel overseas, sends a registration form to the Health Administration Center (HAC), preferably with a copy of their VA rating decision. After processing the form, the Foreign Medical Program office sends the veteran a letter confirming enrollment in the program and outlining the conditions that will be covered. If the veteran does not provide a copy of their rating decision, the Foreign Medical Program office will contact the veteran's VA regional office of record to confirm their service-connected status.

A unique aspect of the program is that unlike disability compensation or VA medical center treatment categories, percentage of disability has no bearing on the payment for treatment; whether a veteran is rated 1 percent or 70 percent for a service-connected condition, payment will be made to the provider in full for treatment related to that specific condition.

Once enrolled, if a veteran is traveling or living overseas and needs medical treatment related to a

service-connected condition, they simply go to a health care provider and then send the bill to the Foreign Medical Program office in Denver. The bill is translated, the exchange rate for the foreign currency is determined and the veteran is reimbursed.

Veterans traveling or living in the Philippines are expected to go to the VA facilities in Manila.

"It is very important to remember that the treatment must be related to the veteran's service-connected condition outlined in the acceptance letter," said Ted Benn, plan administrator for the Foreign Medical Program. "For instance, if a veteran is traveling in Mexico and the prosthetic leg he received as a result of a service-connected condition breaks and he falls down and gets hurt, the Foreign Medical Program will pay for the related medical expenses. If the same vet becomes hospitalized in Mexico for food poisoning, the program will not pay for it."

"Unfortunately, due to the fact that we are such a small program, the vast majority of health care providers overseas have not heard of the program, so the veteran more often than not has to pay for the medical care up front out of their own pocket, then send us the claim for reimbursement."

Currently 12,446 veterans are registered in the program and the Denver office has received claims from 131 different countries around the world, the most coming from Germany, Panama and Costa Rica, respectively.

Although the beneficiary population has grown steadily since the program's inception in 1973, compared with the number of veterans registered for VA health care domestically, that number is minute.

The Veterans Benefits Administration "has told us that there are more than 15,000 veterans who live overseas and receive disability compensation," explained Charlip. "We've registered just over 12,000, so we have at least another 3,000 to go. And that only accounts for the people living overseas. I imagine that thousands of veterans travel outside the United States every year. I expect to see continued growth from the traveling veteran community."

"We try to reach as many as we can each year. As part of the HAC's outreach effort, we try to inform those veterans who travel about the program. In FY 2004, we visited with 648 members of veterans service organizations and more than 1,100 state and federal veteran service officers and provided them with FMP information."

Veterans who would like to learn more about the Foreign Medical Program and how to enroll can go the Foreign Medical Program Web site at www.va.gov/hac/fmp or e-mail the Health Administration Center at HAC.FMP@med.va.gov; call FMP offices at (303) 331-7590; or write to: VA Health Administration Center, Foreign Medical Program, P.O. Box 65021, Denver, CO, 80206-9021, USA.

This Week's Devotional Message:



It is time to honor our heroes who have given their lives for us on the field of battle, so that we may continue to enjoy the blessings of liberty in our land. However, there are others who have died in peacetime situations, whose memories we should also cherish: the policeman who was shot in the line of duty, the fireman who succumbed to smoke inhalation while trying to save a

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

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HASKELL

East Side Baptist Church

Danny Manross, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell

Christian Church

Dusty Garison, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell

New Vision Family Worship Center

Joe and Loretta Stullir, pastors
864-3465
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church

Ron Renegarbe, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell

Iglesia Bautista El Calvario

Art Flores, interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell

First United Methodist Church

Allen Brooks, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell

First Assembly of God

Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell

St. George Catholic Church

Father George Roney
Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell

Church of Christ

Brett Anderson, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell

First Presbyterian Church

Steve Beatty, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Trinity Baptist Church

Tony Grand, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell

Hopewell Baptist Church

Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

Greater Independent Baptist Church

Rev. T. L. Griffin
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell

New Covenant Foursquare

Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell

Mission Revival Center

Rev. William Hodge
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.
1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell

First Baptist Church

Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Church in the Park

Rev. Tim and Suzann Townsend
Sun. Morn. 10:30 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
Gazebo or Pavilion

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church

Dr. Larry Nail, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
1600 N. First St., Haskell

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J. C. Baker, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
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Rev. Robert Harrison
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
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ROCHESTER

Church of Christ

Steve Willis, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
West on Main Street, Rochester

First Baptist Church

Fred Garvin, interim pastor
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:00 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester

Union Chapel Baptist Church

Rev. Clarence Walker
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Rochester

Faith Chapel of Rochester

Katherine Byrd, minister
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
Hwy 6, Rochester

First United Methodist Church

Dolan Brinson, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Rochester

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Sagerton Methodist Church

Philip Houston, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
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Faith Lutheran Church

Deborah Nissen, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
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RULE

First Baptist Church

Josh Stowe, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1001 Union Ave., Rule

Primitive Baptist Church

Dale Turner Jr., pastor
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule

Church of Christ

John Greeson, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule

First United Methodist Church

Wendall Ferguson, pastor
Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m.
1000 Union Ave., Rule

Primera Iglesia Bautista

Alfa y Omegas
Manuel Marin, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
500 Elm Street, Rule

Sweet Home Baptist Church

Bill Trice, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule

West Bethal Baptist Church

Rev. Robert Sweet
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule

PAINT CREEK

Paint Creek Baptist Church

Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
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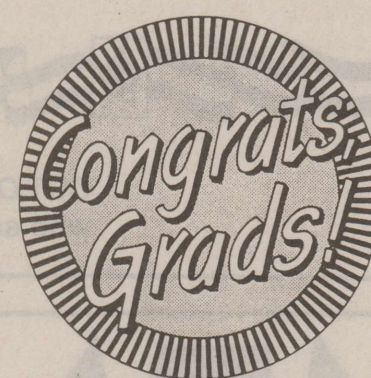
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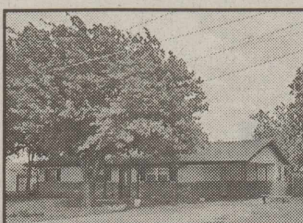
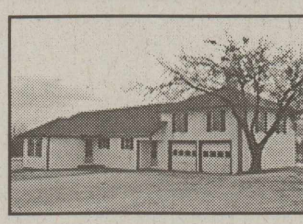
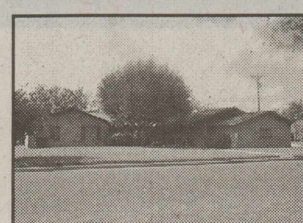


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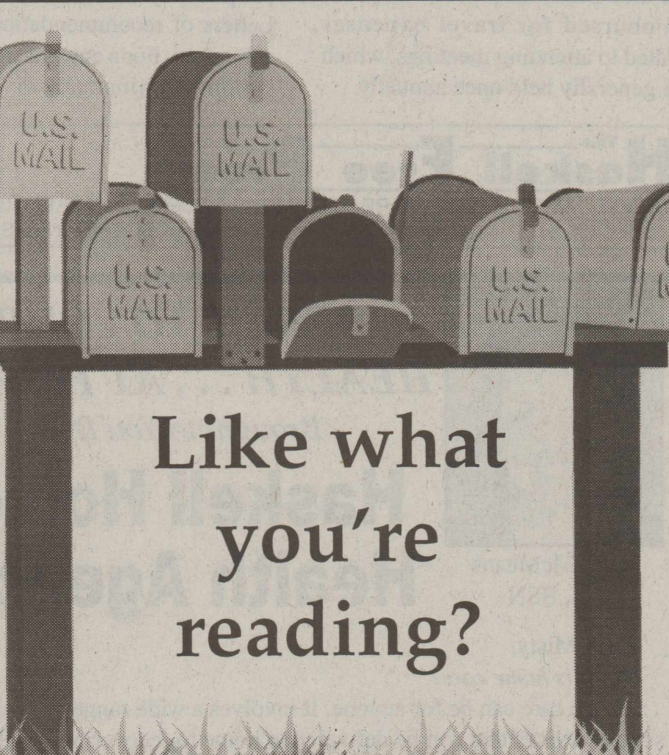
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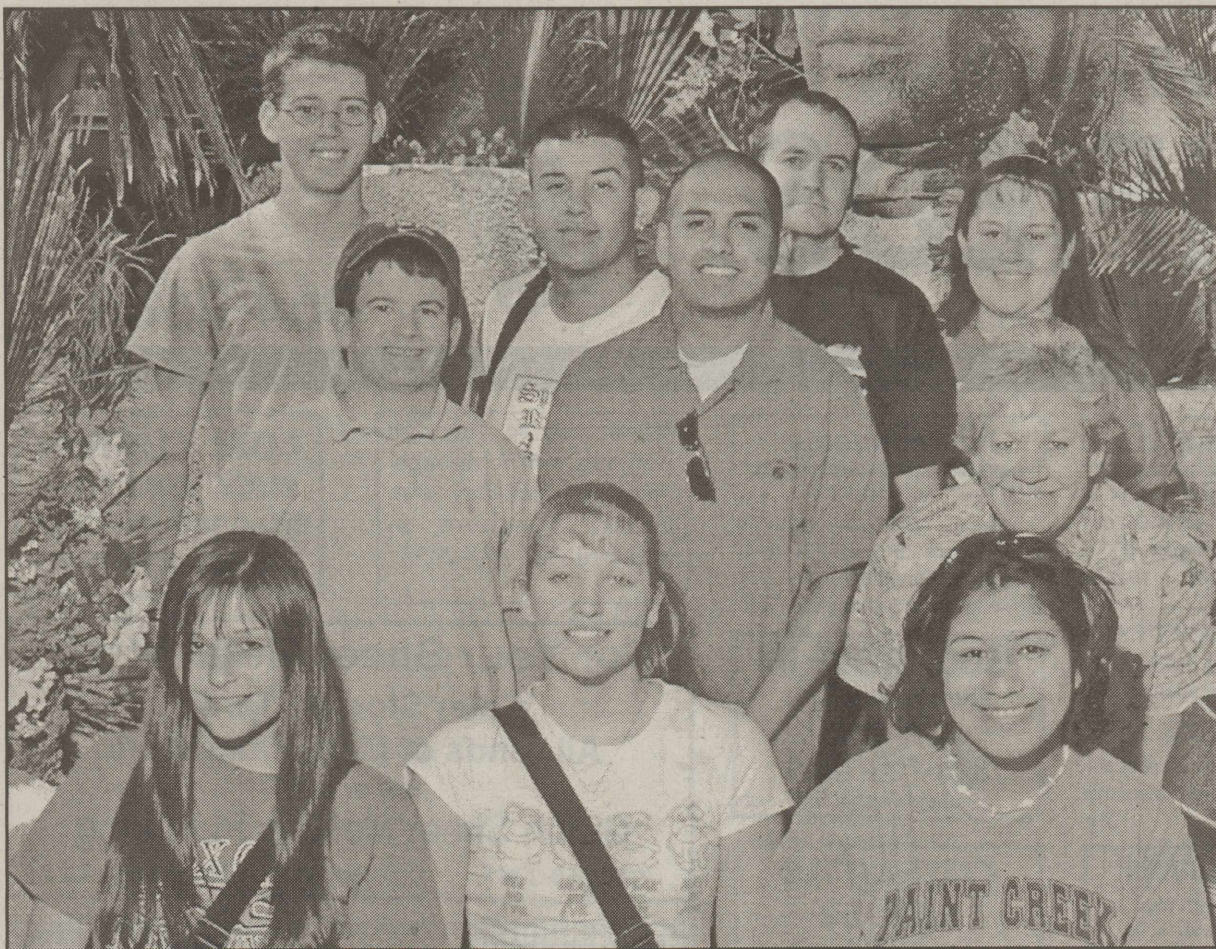
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SENIORS CRUISING ON CARIBBEAN—The Rochester Senior Class returned home on May 21 after a week in the Mexican Caribbean. Driving to Galveston on the 16th, they boarded the M. S. Ecstasy, a Carnival Funship. Some of the trip highlights included a trip on a party boat to the location where the Corona commercials are filmed, shopping, para-sailing, dancing and 24-hour dining on the ship. Seniors and sponsors attending included, back row, l-r. Jeffrey Caldwell, Michael Reyna, sponsor Darrell Vinson, and Casey Lampe. Middle row, Ross Short, Rodrigo Cruz, and sponsor Glenna Hamilton. Front row, Selina Burt, Dorothy Strickland and Jessica Sanchez.

Nominations to advisory committee being accepted

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced recently that nominations to the Advisory Committee on Beginning Farmers and Ranchers are being accepted until June 17, 2005.

The 20-member committee advises the Secretary of Agriculture on ways to encourage federal and state programs to provide joint financing to beginning farmers and ranchers as well as methods of maximizing new opportunities created through federal and state programs.

About one-third of the existing 20-member committee will be replaced this year when the charter is renewed in August 2005. Appointments are for a two-year term. Re-appointments are made to assure effectiveness and continuity of operations. No member, other than a federal employee, can serve for more than six consecutive years. Members are not paid; however, they are reimbursed for travel expenses related to attending meetings, which are generally held once annually.

To qualify, members must belong to any of the following groups: USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA); state beginning farmer programs; commercial lenders; private nonprofit organizations with active beginning farmer or rancher programs; the Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service; community colleges or other educational institutions with demonstrated experience in training beginning farmers or ranchers; and other entities or persons providing lending or technical assistance to qualified beginning farmers or ranchers. In addition, farmers and ranchers are eligible for nomination.

Form AD-755, "Advisory Committee Membership Background Information," must be completed for those interested in serving on the committee. Submission of this form constitutes a nomination, and eligible people may nominate themselves. Letters of recommendation may be submitted. For a copy of the form, to submit nominations or for more

information, contact Mark Falcone, federal official for the Advisory Committee on Beginning Farmers and Ranchers, at (202) 720-1632 or e-mail at mark.falcone@usda.gov.

Falcone's address is: USDA-FSA, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Stop 0522, Washington, D.C., 20250-0522; fax is (202) 690-1117.

A notice requesting nominations was published in the Federal Register on May 18. The Agricultural Credit Improvement Act of 1992 required the Secretary of Agriculture to establish the committee. Approximately one-third of the committee membership was replaced when the committee was re-established in August 2003.

Pokey the Clown to host Junior Ranch Rodeo June 4

During the Wild Horse Prairie Days event in Haskell, June 3-4, Pokey the Clown will be on hand to be in charge of the Junior Ranch Rodeo.

The Junior Ranch Rodeo is the creation of Doug Smith, also known as Pokey the Clown, of Panhandle. The event is mirrored after the adult ranch rodeo, but geared to involve young people ages four through sixteen.

Under the National WRCA circuit, with which the Haskell Wild Horse Prairie Days Rodeo is affiliated, the Junior Ranch Rodeo is designed for the entertainment of children and to enable them to experience some of the skills used by real working ranch cowboys. The activities encourage the youngsters to work together in teams to accomplish competitive goals.

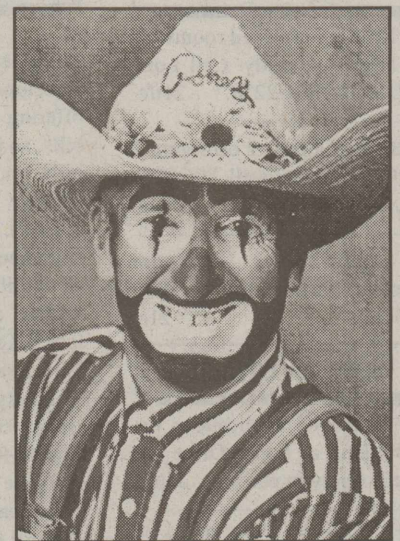
Team events for the Haskell Junior Rodeo will include a Pony Express Race, Steer Doctoring, Wild Cow Milking and Calf Branding. All four events will involve the use of custom made wooden "livestock." The three age divisions will be Pee Wee (4-7), Junior (8-11) and Senior (12-16). The entry fee is \$20.00 per team, with four people on each team. Medals will be awarded to the winning team in each division, along with an invitation to advance to compete in the National WRCA Junior Rodeo in Amarillo in November.

A warm-up, or practice session, will be held for the teams at 1:30

p.m., Fri., June 3 on the grassy area by the Haskell Rodeo Arena. The actual event will be held on the grassy area by the arena at 1:30 Sat., June 4.

For more information, entry blank, and a copy of the rules for each

event, contact Gerre Larned at 940-864-2454.



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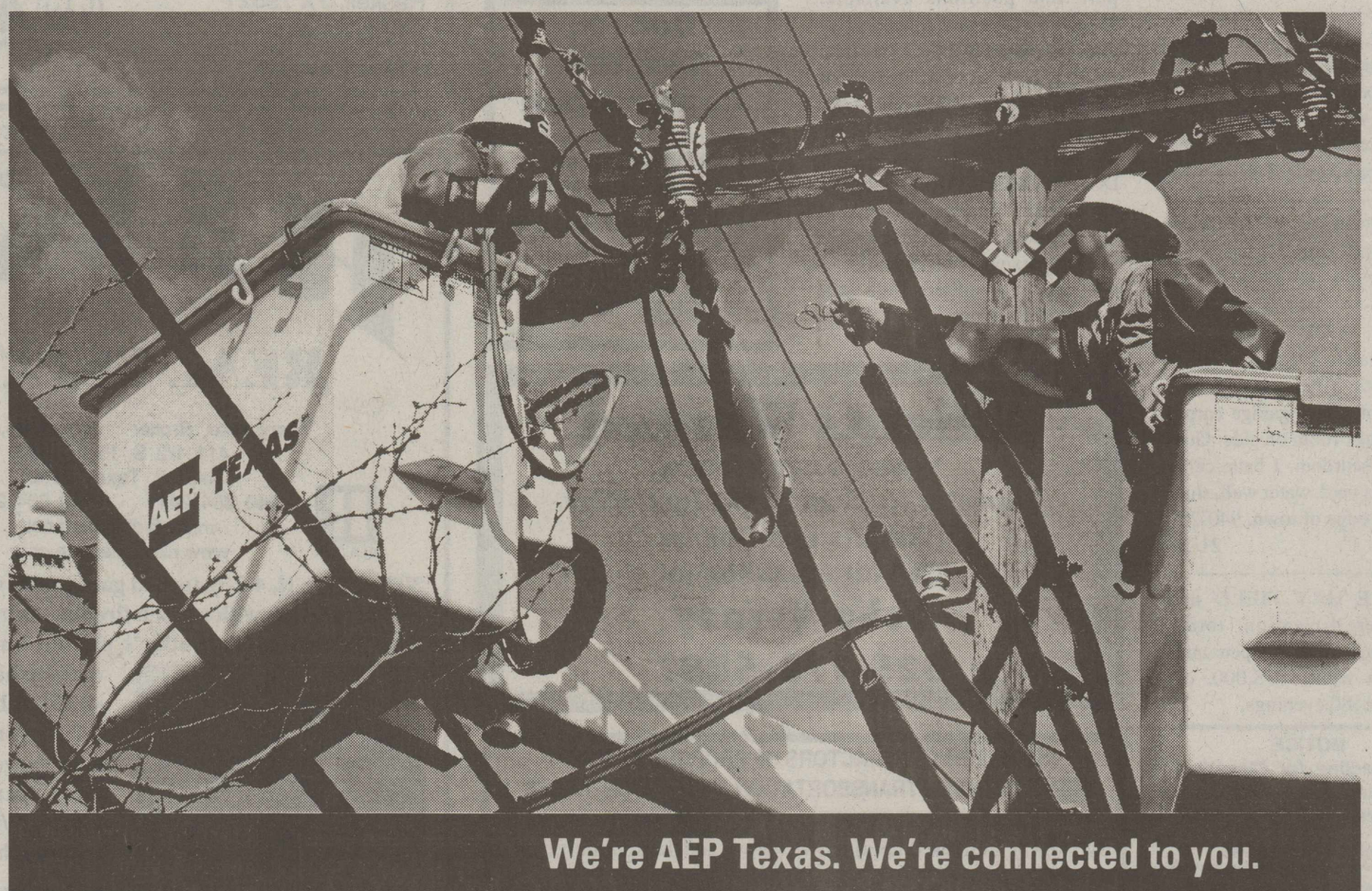
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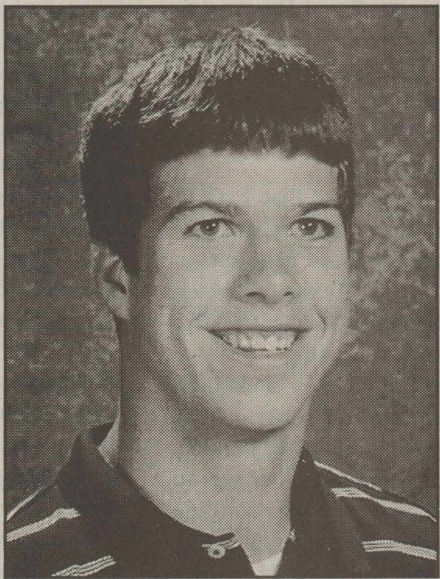
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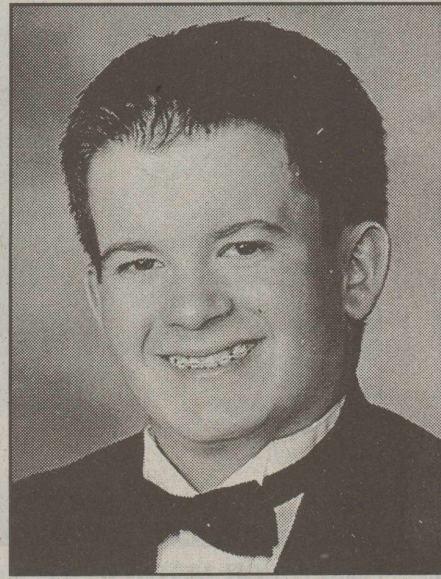
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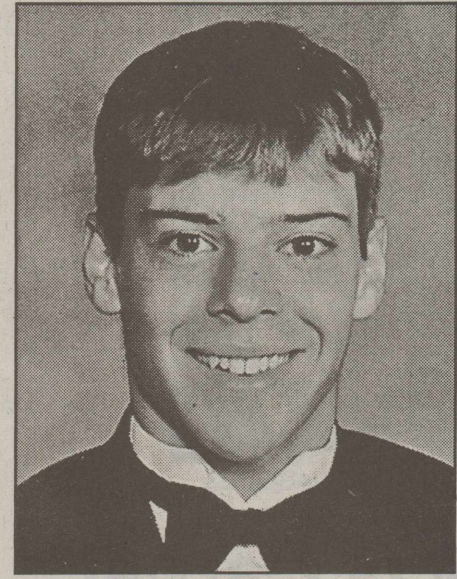
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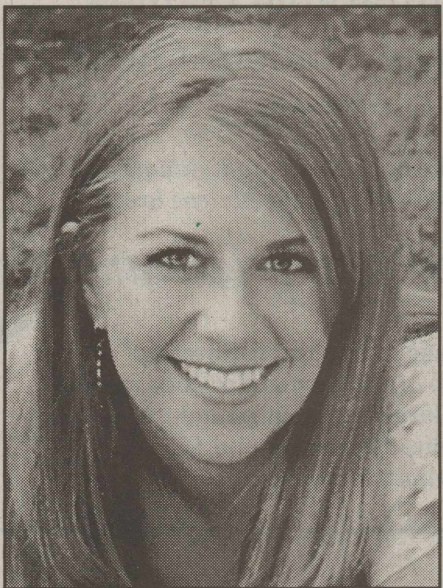


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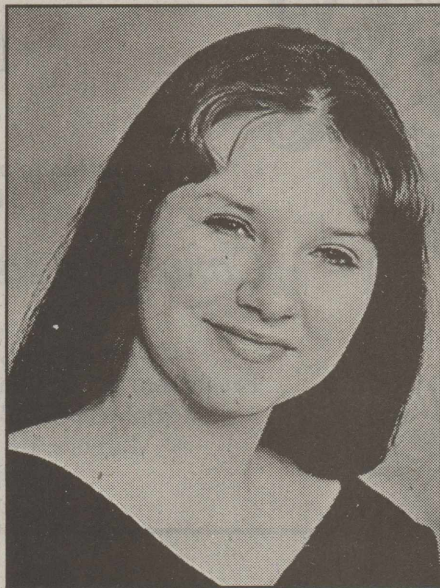


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All Night Party set for students

The All Night Party 2005 for Haskell County high school students will be held Fri., May 27 from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. at the Haskell Civic Center.

Sponsored by Haskell County parents, the event is an alcohol and drug free activity to help keep students safe on graduation night. Activities will consist of inflatable

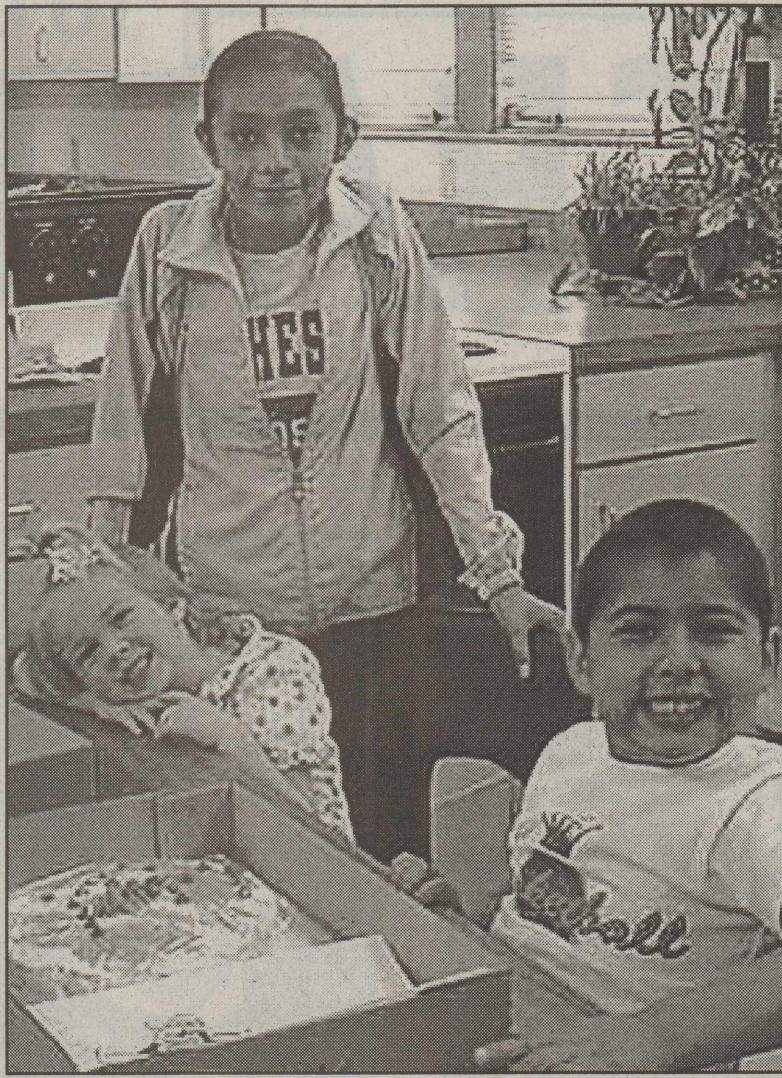
games, a dance, indoor games and drawings for prizes.

This event, which has been a huge success in the past, is also made possible through generous businesses, individuals and clubs in the Haskell County and Abilene area.

Any Haskell County high school student for the year 2004-2005 (freshmen-senior) or college student is 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. Sophomores are asked to bring a large bag of chips. Freshmen are asked to bring a package of store-bought cookies. Seniors are admitted free and not asked to bring a donation.

All county students are invited to attend and make this graduation night one to remember.



CAKES FOR MOTHERS—Haskell Headstart students McKayla Blackburn, left, and Juan Rodriguez, proudly display cakes they made for Mother's Day with the help of 7th graders like Breinna Villa, center. The project was done in coordination with a Learn & Serve Grant.

TxDot provides grant for All Night Party

Haskell High School is among 29 high schools in the Abilene District taking part in the Texas Department of Transportation's graduation program called Project Celebration 2005. Each school involved will receive a \$350 mini-grant for graduation activities.

"I am very pleased that TxDOT continues to approve the expenditure of funds to support graduation activities across Texas," Brenda Mitchell, Abilene District traffic safety coordinator, said.

"Since TxDOT is a staunch advocate of safe and sober driving habits, it's essential that we stand by what we profess and do our part to help communities provide a safe and sober occasion for their graduating students," Mitchell said. "Memories made during graduation activities should be pleasant ones that students can remember for a lifetime."

Mitchell also visited each high

school and presented the Project Celebration chairperson mementos for each of the graduates who attend their high school event. These graduation souvenirs are designed to be a reminder to the students to remain drug and alcohol-free not only around prom and graduation time, but always, she said.

According to the traffic safety coordinator, these mini-grants are not intended to fully fund a Project Celebration event, but to provide seed money for schools to start and support alcohol and drug-free parties for high school students. The funds are to be used to cover expenses such as printing, materials, postage, supplies, room rentals, and the like.

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Farm Safety Day Camp Set May 28

Area youth completing grades 3-8 are reminded of the Progressive Farmer Farm Safety day camp Sat., May 28, at the Munday High School in Munday. Registration will be held from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. The program will kick off at 9:00 a.m.

Organizers urge all youth, whether they live on or occasionally visit a farm, to be a part of this fun filled, educational day. A \$10 registration fee for the event covers lunch, snacks, a take-home packet and a farm safety camp T-shirt. The closing session of the day will feature a variety of great door prizes.

Parents can register their children to participate in the camp by calling the Haskell County Extension office at (940) 864-2546 or the Knox County Extension office at (940) 459-2651. Parents can also register their children at the door on Saturday.



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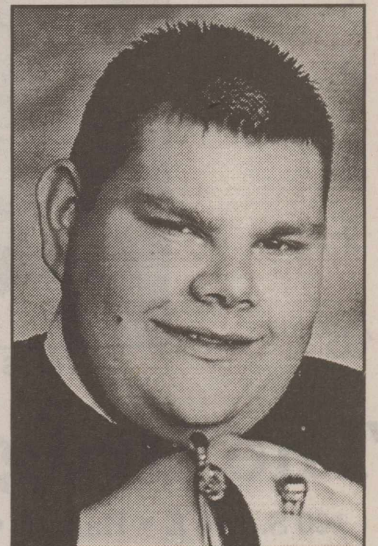
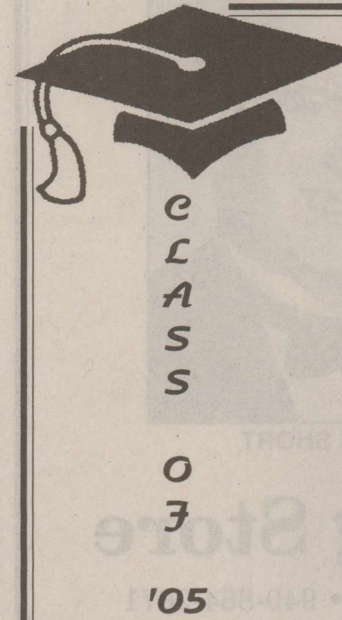
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Four students from Haskell graduating from Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls in May were: Joseph Lopez, Bachelor of Arts; Jerri Grimsley (cum laude), Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences; Jerri Buerger (cum laude), Bachelor of Arts; and Ricky Anderson, Associates in Radiologic Sciences.

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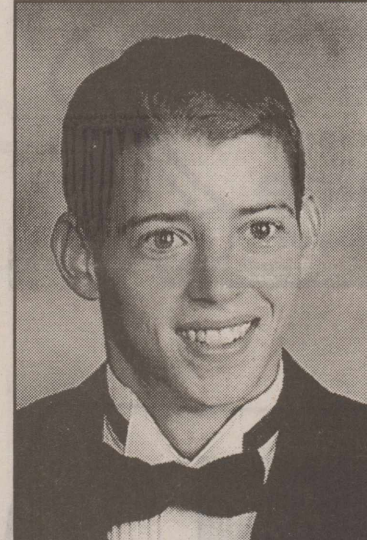
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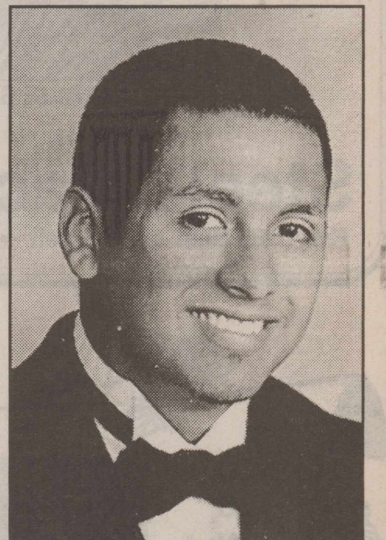
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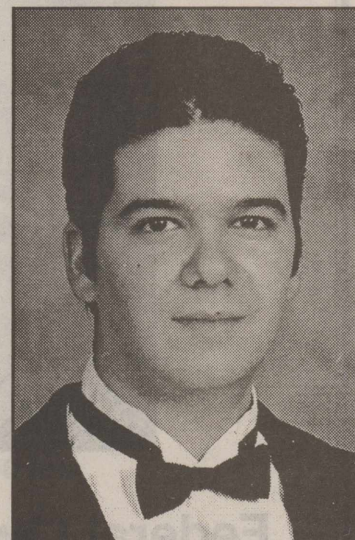
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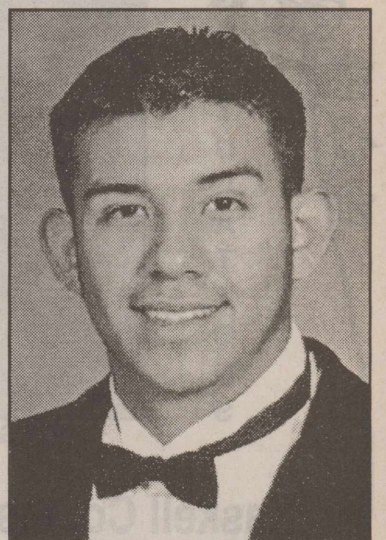
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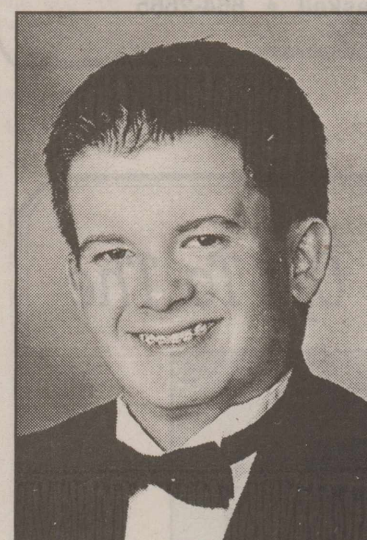
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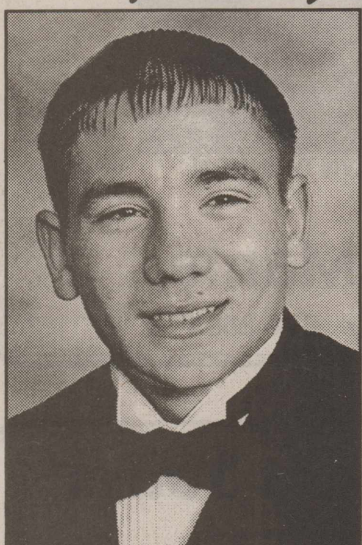


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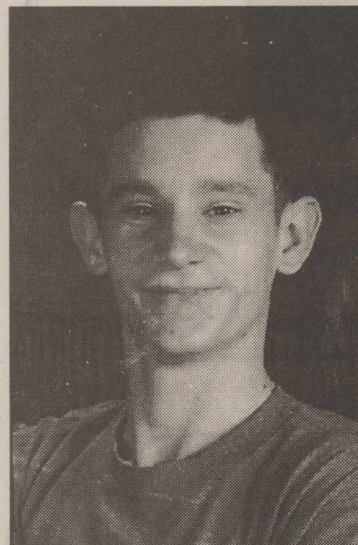
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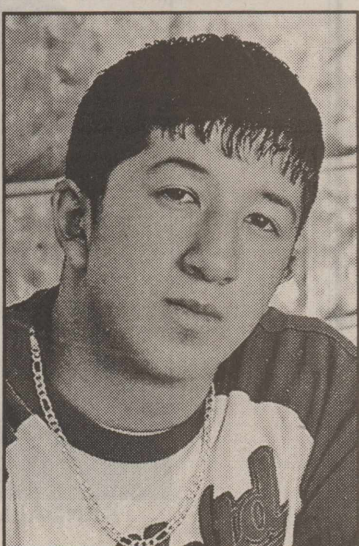
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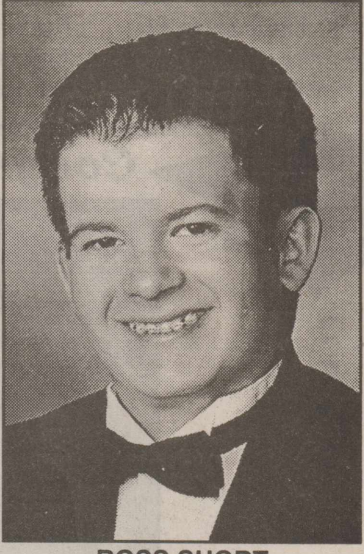


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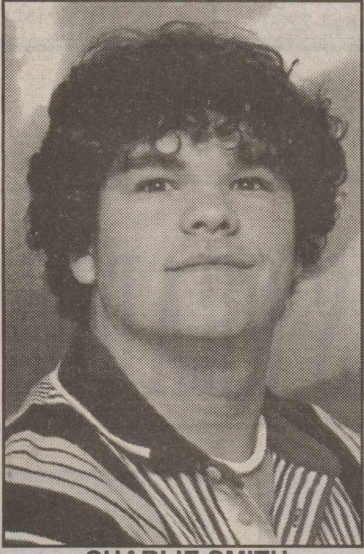
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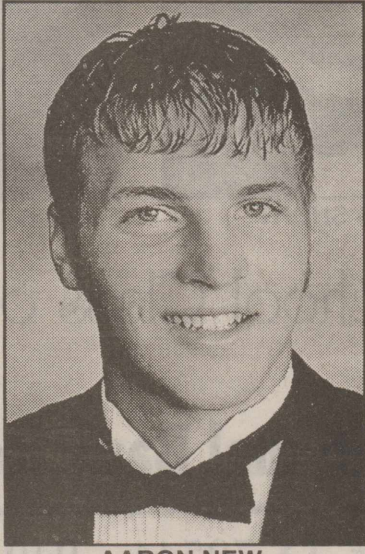
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By Greg Abbott

Protect your Identity: Shred it!
Identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in the United States. To prevent identity theft my office is launching a public awareness campaign called "Shred It!". We will be traveling across the state and giving consumers important information they need to know to protect themselves from identity theft.

Shred all documents that contain personal information, such as pre-approved credit offers, insurance forms and financial statements. The information in these documents could be used by an identity thief to open accounts and incur debts in your name.

It's important that you review your bank and credit card statements carefully each month. Discovering identity theft within one month can drastically reduce your monetary loss and damage to your credit. If the identity theft goes undetected for six months or more, the losses can amount to thousands of dollars.

Warning signs of identity theft include unexplained credit card charges or bank account withdrawals. You may stop receiving bills and other mail, or start receiving credit cards you did not apply for.

Another warning sign is that you may be contacted by a collection agency about a debt you do not owe, or you may be denied credit due to unauthorized debts.

If believe you are a victim of identity theft, contact the fraud department of any one of the three major credit bureaus and place a fraud alert on your credit file. A fraud alert requests creditors to contact you before opening any new accounts or making any changes to your existing accounts.

Once the first credit bureau confirms your fraud alert, the other two credit bureaus will be notified automatically to place fraud alerts on your credit file. All three credit bureaus will then send you a copy of your credit report, free of charge.

You should also close the accounts that you know or believe have been tampered with or opened fraudulently, and file a police report. Get a copy of the report to submit to your creditors.


You can also file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). The FTC maintains a database of identity theft cases.

Victims of ID crime often report that unauthorized activities in their accounts began soon after they responded to some kind of "special offer," entered a contest, or set up an automatic draft on their accounts. Unsolicited special offers and contests should always be viewed with caution, especially when participation involves disclosure of personal and financial information. Be even more cautious if the offer involves an automatic draft.

Automatic drafts may be convenient for regular expenses paid to reputable and well known companies, but you should bear in mind that in a dispute with a company that can draft money from your account, usually the money will continue to be drafted while you attempt to resolve the dispute, and you may have a hard time getting it back. Allowing an unfamiliar company access to your bank account, especially when responding to an unsolicited offer, is asking for trouble.

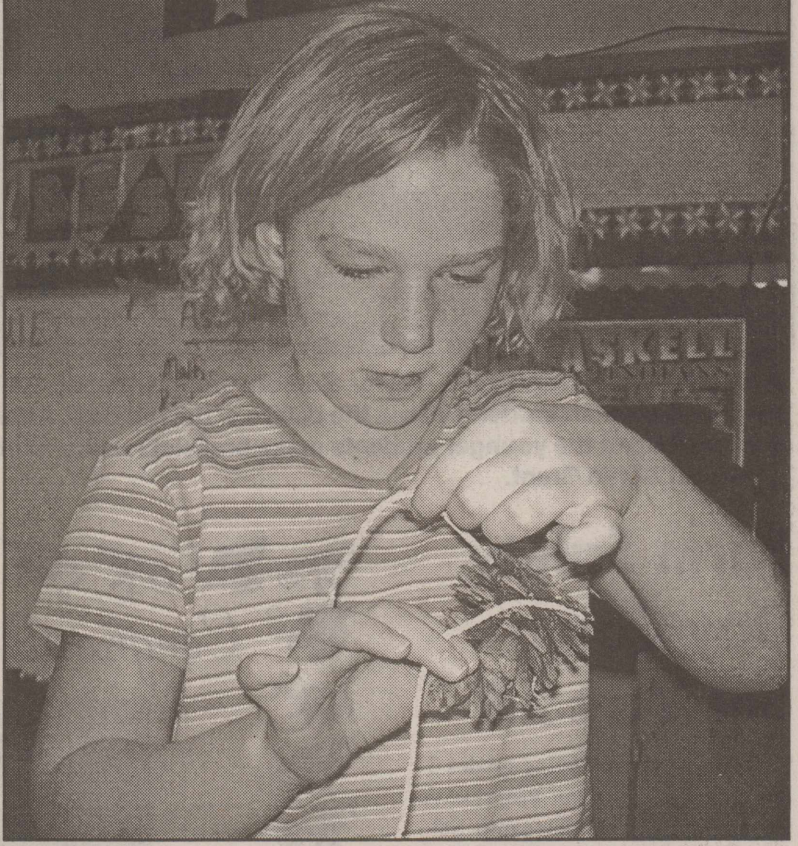
While there is no sure way to prevent identity theft, you can minimize your risk by being cautious. People who have been victimized spend months and even years clearing their good names and credit records.

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IT'S FOR THE BIRDS—Mackenzie Thomas, along with her classmates, shows Haskell Headstart students how to make pine cone bird feeders. Later in the day, the 5th graders escorted the younger students to the city part to hang the feeders from the trees. While there, everyone picked up trash. All students were proud of their work. The project was part of a Learn & Serve Grant.

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



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ATBAT—Haskell's Roxanne Chavez takes a pitch in the Maidens' game with Eula at ACU in Abilene, May 17. Photo by Bill Blankenship

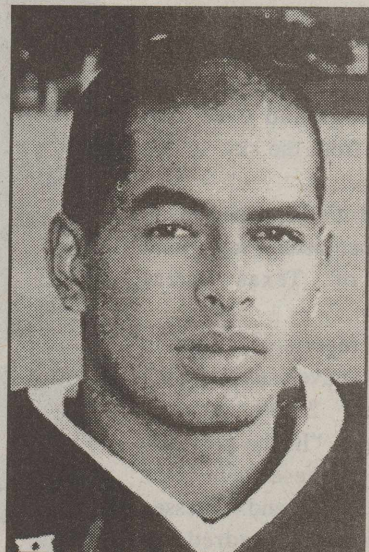


SET TO BUNT—Haskell's Natalie Lopez lays down a bunt in the game with Eula, May 17 in Abilene. Photo by Bill Blankenship



IN THE MITT—Haskell's Kimberly Medford scoops up a ball in the Maidens' season ending game with Eula. Photo by Bill Blankenship

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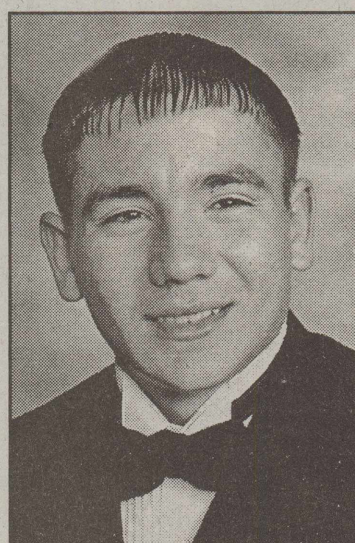


SOFTBALL STATE QUALIFIER FINAL—Haskell softball players and coaches are introduced before the game played at ACU in Abilene, where the Maiden's ended their season by losing to Eula in a final game for state qualifier. Photo by Bill Blankenship

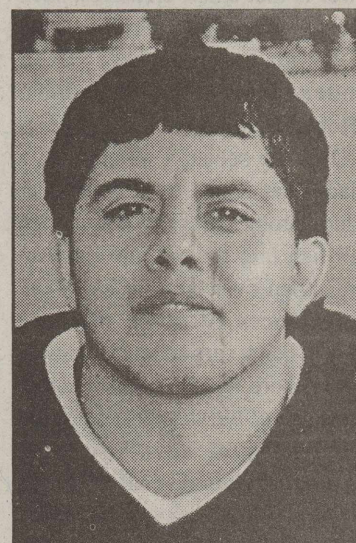
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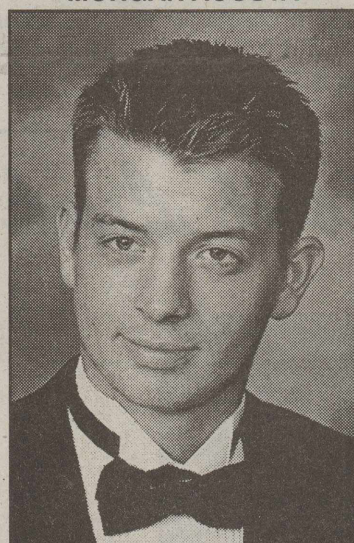
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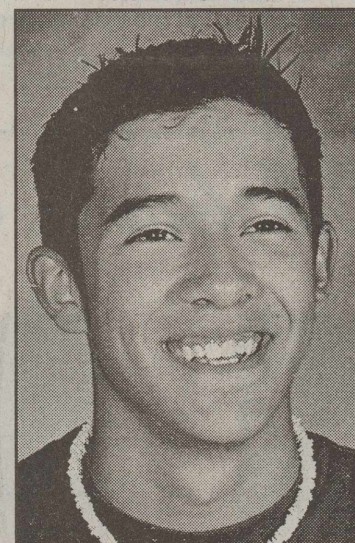
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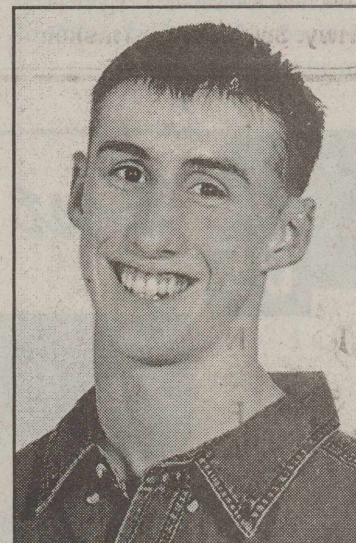
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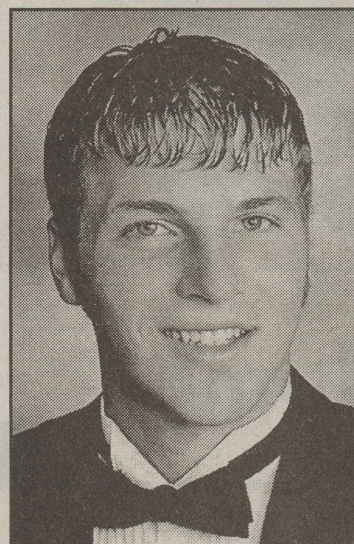
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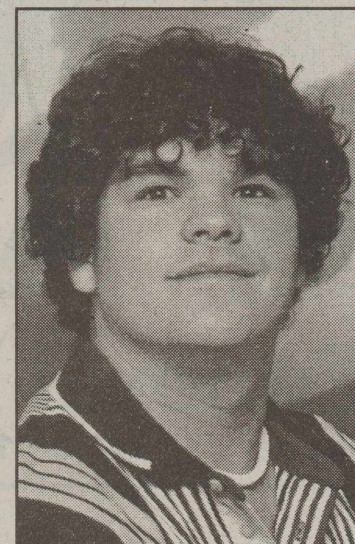
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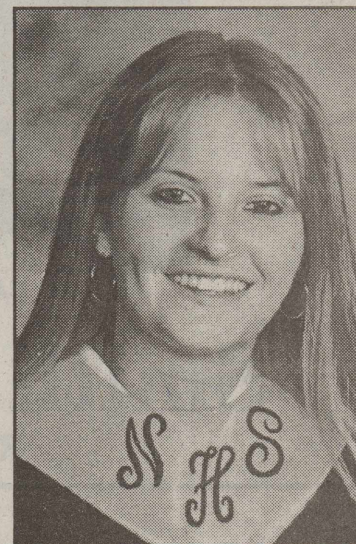
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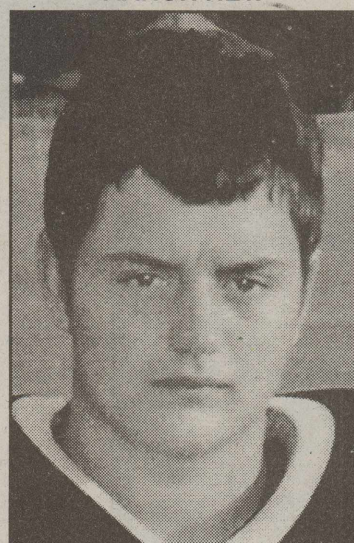
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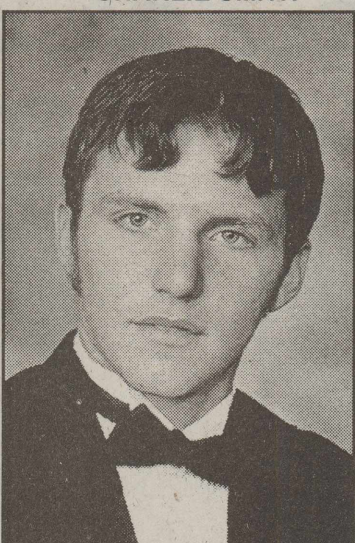
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Q: I know it's not possible to rain cats and dogs, but sometimes you hear about frogs and even fish coming down from the sky. Is this possible?

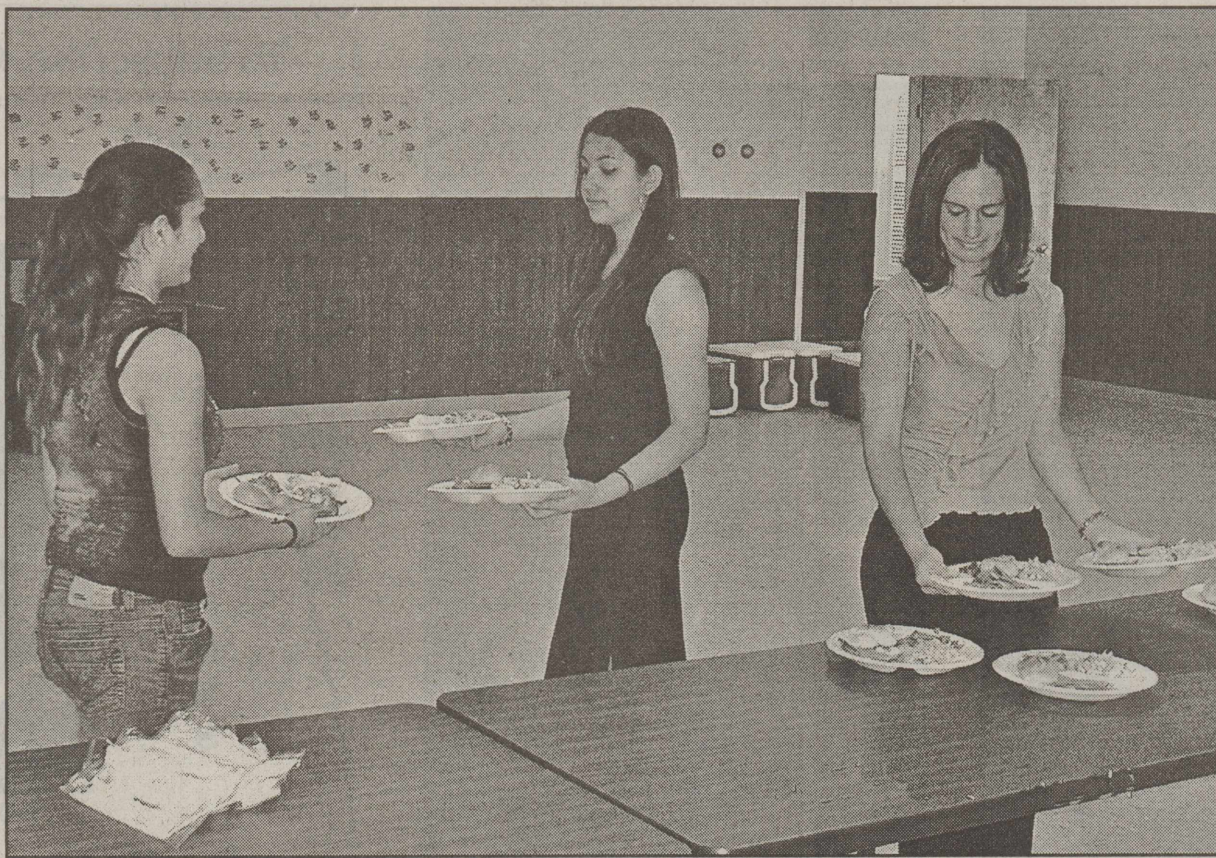
A: It is and it's happened many times throughout history, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University.

"There are reports of it raining frogs, fishes and even snakes going back almost 2,000 years," McRoberts says. "In the past 300 years, many of these have been carefully documented and witnessed by dozens or even hundreds of people. Most of these have involved frogs and fish, but others have seen such things as corn, snakes, flowers and other materials. In 1873, parts of Kansas City were covered with tiny frogs that had dropped from the sky. In November 1996, a town in Tasmania woke up to find a strange white substance covering everything. It turned out to be either fish eggs or small jellyfish."

Q: What causes these things to fall from the sky?

A: The most generally accepted answer is that small creatures, such as fish or frogs, are sucked up high into the air by either very strong thunderstorms or tornadoes, McRoberts explains.

"Over the ocean, a waterspout—a tornado that forms over water—can produce strong enough winds to carry small fish into the air, and this can also happen over large lakes. There are instances of some of these creatures being carried long distances because there was no water nearby. Maybe one of the strangest occurred in 1877 when the New York Times reported that several small alligators had fallen from the sky onto a South Carolina farm, and in August of 2001, the Wichita, Kansas area experienced rain mixed with corn husks, some of them 30 inches long."

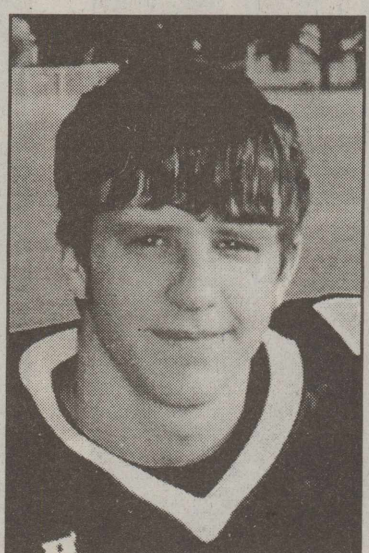


SERVING SENIOR CITIZENS—Haskell sophomore students, l-r, Kristen Martinez, Diana Mauricio and Erin Hisey hurry to get plates out to senior citizens attending the Haskell County Senior Citizen Banquet held at the civic center. This service was held in conjunction with a Learn & Serve Grant.



DECORATING FOR SENIOR CITIZENS—Aaron Waggoner, along with the rest of the Haskell 3rd graders, creates table decorations for the Senior Citizens Luncheon held in April. The project was done in coordination with a Learn & Serve Grant.


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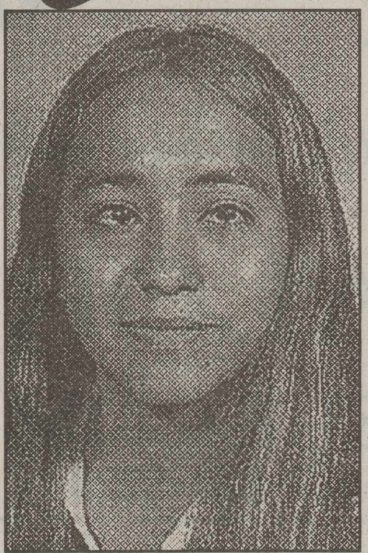


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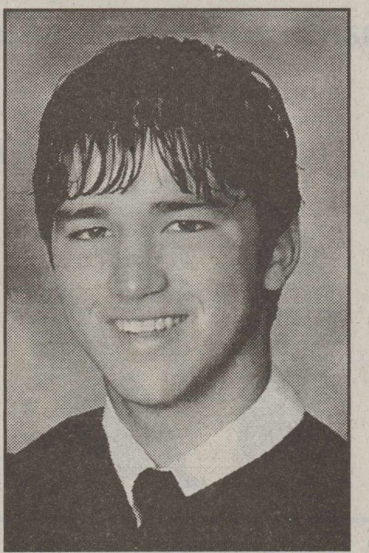
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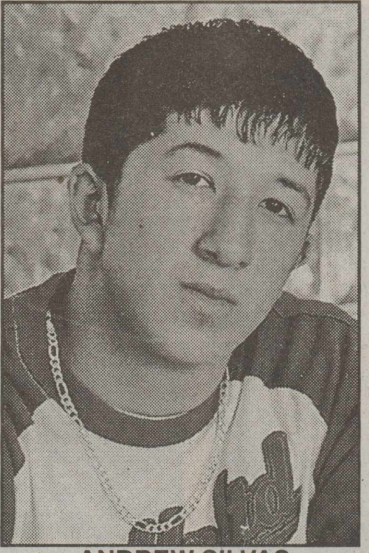
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Everybody's Science

by Sandy Miller Hays, Agricultural Research Service

Breaking News on Biodiesel

With gasoline prices going up and up and up with no end in sight, it might make for a nice change to talk about what's happening with biodiesel.

Biodiesel, in case you're unfamiliar with the term, is a blend of diesel fuel and a plant-based source such as soybean oil. For example, B20 is a fuel that's 80 percent regular diesel and 20 percent soy-oil-based biodiesel.

Bio-based fuels can mean a lot more to Americans than just saving a buck or two at the fuel pumps; they also help create jobs. The U.S. Department of Energy estimates that each \$1 billion of trade deficit costs America 27,000 jobs. Since oil imports account for almost one-third of the total U.S. deficit, they're a major contributor to U.S. unemployment.

At the Agricultural Research Service, the scientists take alternative

fuels seriously. In fact, ARS has a national research program devoted to the subject. You can read about that program on the Web at www.nps.ars.usda.gov. (Under the heading "Natural Resources and Sustainable Agricultural Systems," scroll down to Program 307, "Bioenergy and Energy Alternatives.")

When it comes to biodiesel, ARS is "walking the walk" as well as "talking the talk." The agency's flagship research facility—the Henry A. Wallace Beltsville Agricultural Research Center in Maryland—uses B20 biodiesel to run its entire fleet of 150 diesel vehicles, including a tour bus for visitors. The Beltsville facility also heats some buildings with the diesel-soy blend.

ARS scientists recently showed that biodiesel can be made with soybean soapstock, an underused byproduct of vegetable oil refining.

The United States produces about 100 million pounds of soybean soapstock each year, and it's available at bargain-basement prices. You can buy soybean soapstock for about one-tenth of the cost of the refined vegetable oils used in many commercially available biodiesel fuels.

Right now, soybean soapstock's most glamorous role is as a cheap source of fat in livestock feeds. But the ARS scientists say that if their process and others like it are used, soybean soapstock could one day serve as the source of more than 6 million gallons annually of diesel engine fuel or fuel additives.

The ARS scientists have come up with another innovation in biofuel production. They've modified biodiesel production technology to get rid of a step—and in the process, an air-polluting chemical.

The current method for biodiesel

production uses hexane, a colorless, flammable liquid that comes from petroleum, to extract the oil from soybeans. The bad news is that hexane is an air pollutant.

The ARS scientists found a way to skip using hexane altogether. Instead, they soak soybean flakes in alkaline methanol. That eliminates the need to isolate (with hexane) and purify the soybean oil before it goes through "transesterification." (Don't worry about that 25-cent word. It's a fancy name for a chemical reaction between the fats and the alcohol that forms the simple fatty acid esters making up biodiesel.) With the new method, there's no need to first isolate the fats, because the transesterification happens right inside the raw soy flakes as they're soaking in the methanol.

There was one snag, though. The ARS scientists discovered that their process used a lot more methanol than is normally required to make biodiesel. This extra methanol was enough to drive up the per-gallon cost of their biodiesel well beyond the conventional process.

But the scientists figured out that the culprit was probably the high moisture level in the soybean flakes, sometimes as much as 10 percent. They found that by drying the soybean flakes before they started soaking them in the methanol, they could cut their overall production cost by about 66 percent, down to about \$1.02 per gallon.

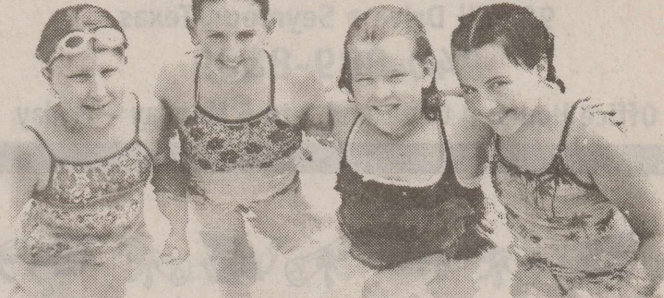
The scientists say they think they can get that cost down even further by selling the fat-free, protein-rich soybean flakes left over from the production process, probably for use in animal feeds.

This is one story where you'll definitely want to stay tuned!

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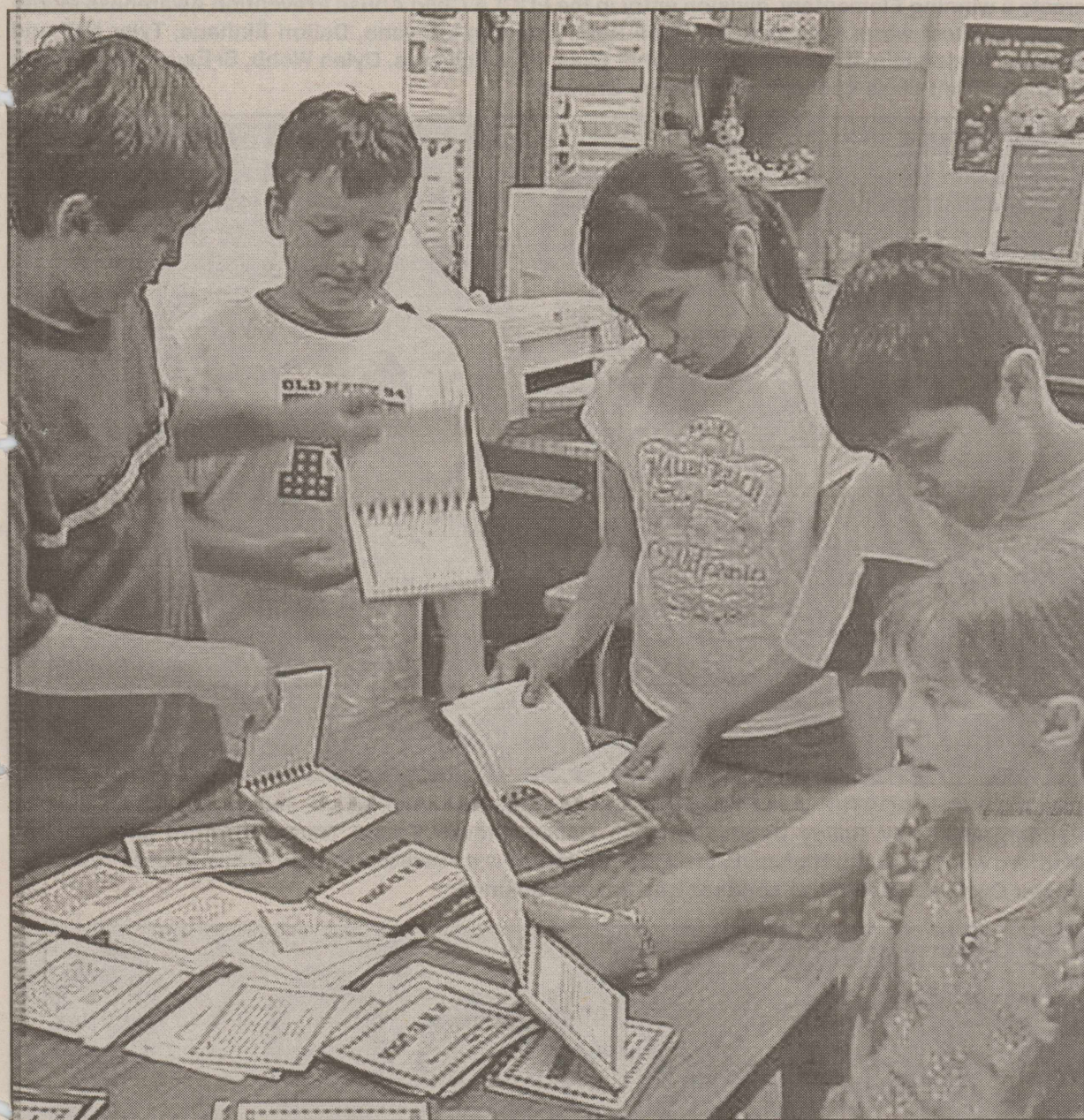
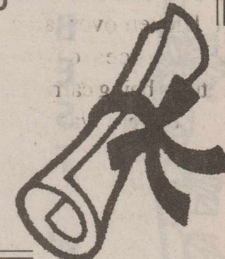
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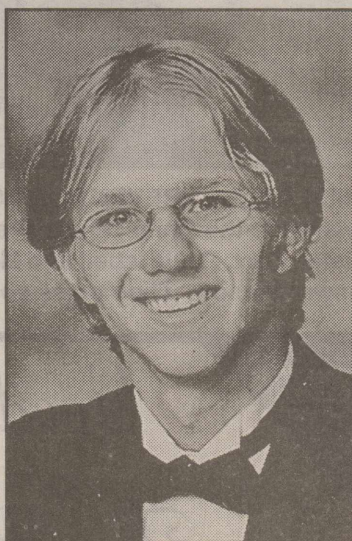


CARDS TO THE MILITARY—Haskell 4th graders admire their cards that were recently sent to military personnel through a Learn & Serve Grant. Including "Thoughts for the Day," the cards were sent as words of encouragement for our enlisted men and women. From the left are Hunter Jordan, Jamie Todd, Nikki Villarreal, Carlos Gonzales and Cailey Foster.

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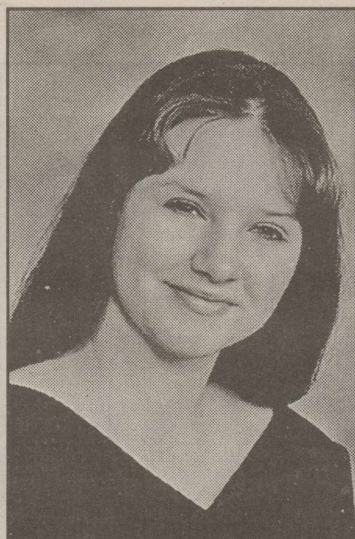
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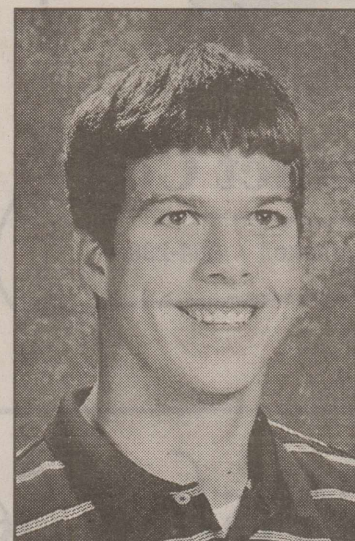
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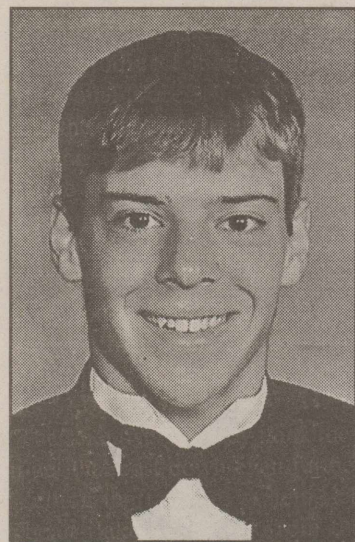
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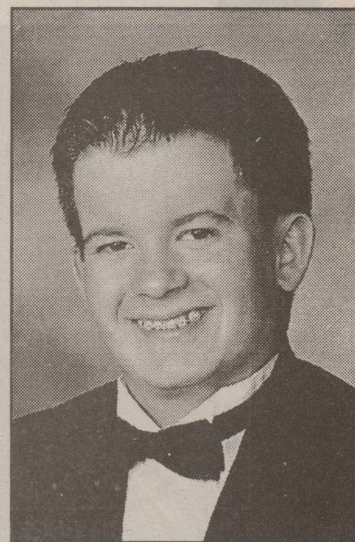
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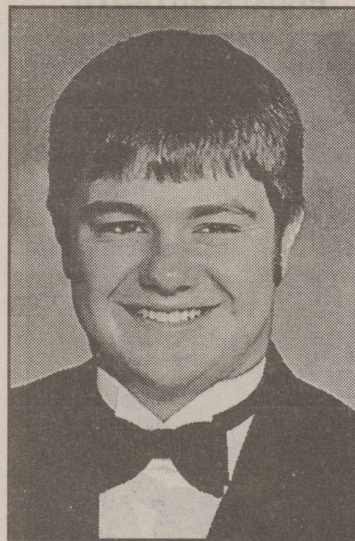
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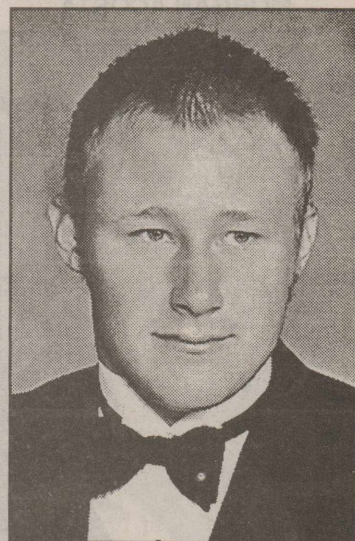
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Paint Creek FCCLA names Child Abuse prevention poster winners

A Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month poster contest was sponsored by the Paint Creek FCCLA, FCCLA Advisor Darlene Hopkins, and the Haskell County Child Welfare Board during the month of April. The theme of the contest was "Children First-Safe and Secure."

Class divisions included Elementary: Pre K through 5th grade; junior high: 6th grade through 8th grade; and high school: 9th grade through 12th grade. The winning class out of each category received a popsicle party and posters were hung in the school foyer.

Class division winners were:
 Elementary division: 1st and 2nd grade combined (class sponsor, Tracey Graham);
 Junior high division: 7th grade (class sponsor, Valiene Bullinger); and
 High school division: 10th grade (class sponsor, Becky Smith).



CHILDREN'S SAFETY POSTER WINNERS—1st and 2nd grade Paint Creek students combining to create a winning Elementary division entry in the FCCLA Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month Poster Contest were: front row, l-r, Ryan Reid, Brandon Luevano, Dalton Einhaus, Tyler Hall and Bradley Winterstein. Back row, Christopher Elias, Sara Edwards, Dylan Webb, Si Exum, and Joseph Bosnjak. Their class sponsor was Tracey Graham.

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Students in the News

Dain Walker of Haskell received an Associate of Arts Degree, Ross Pittman of Haskell received a Certificate in Fire and Arson Investigation (Basic) and Crystal Jean Milburn of Rule received an Associate of Science Degree during commencement exercises held at South Plains College in Levelland Fri., May 13.

 Zachary Anzel Martin of Haskell received a Associate in Applied Science degree and Katy Maxine McDaniel of Haskell received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree, cum laude during commencement exercises held at Angelo State University's spring commencement exercises May 14 in San Angelo.



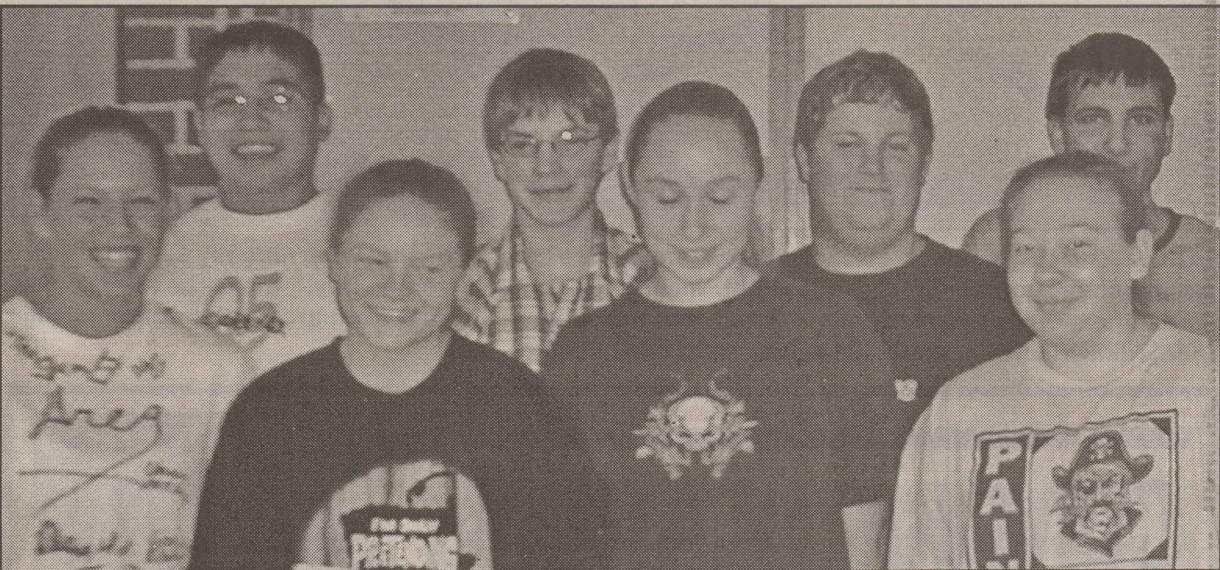
CHILD SAFETY POSTER WINNERS—Paint Creek 7th grade students, l-r, Johnny Escamilla, Jessica Pendergraft, Cody Bailey Baker, Donovan Colley, Steven Exum, Tracey Medford and Brennan Medford won the Junior High division in the "Children First-Safe and Secure" Child Abuse Prevention Poster Contest. Their class sponsor was Valiene Bullinger.

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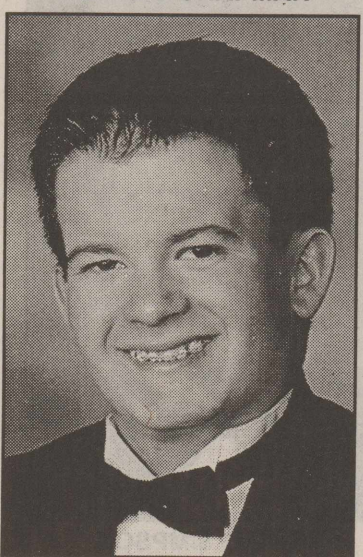
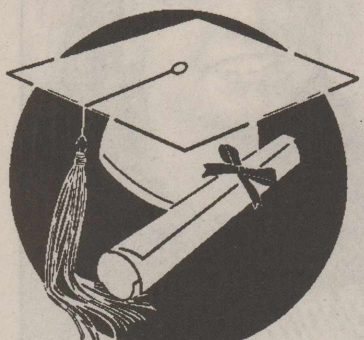
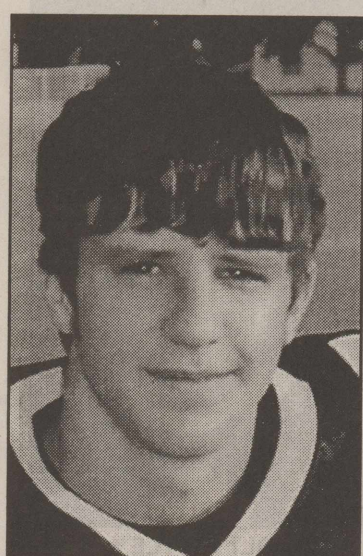
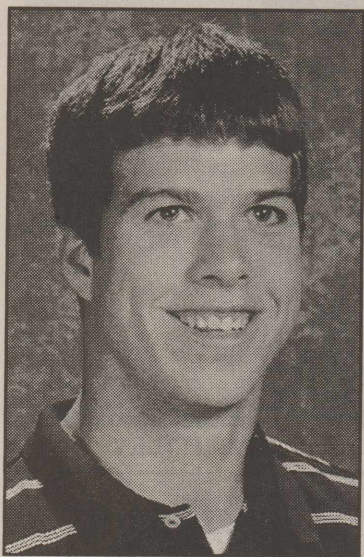
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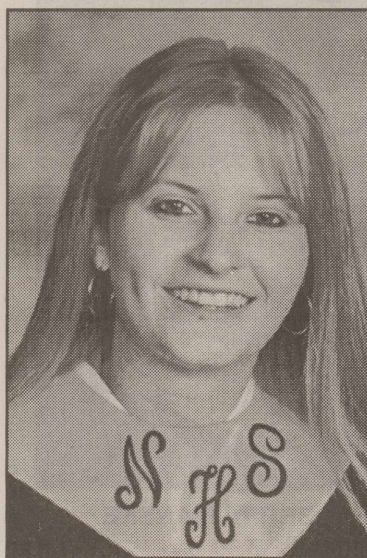
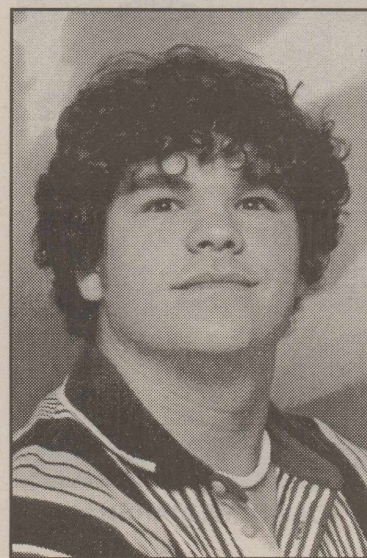
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION POSTER WINNERS—Paint Creek 10th graders winning the High School division in the Child Abuse Prevention Month Poster Contest were: front row, l-r, Cassidy Cooper, Kristen Barr, Paula Isbell and Melanie Bishop. Back row, Abel Cisneros, Matt Smith, Rylie Tatum and Shawn Watson. Their class sponsor was Becky Smith.

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Hot weather brings heat related health issues

Forget the thermometer. Hot is hot in Texas in the summer. And whether the weather is dry and parched or humid and damp, intense heat can create serious health problems. Usually the elderly, the very young, people with chronic diseases and those without access to air conditioning are most severely affected by heat, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

The body normally cools itself by

sweating. But under some conditions, sweating is not enough. The body's temperature may rise rapidly to dangerous levels, leading to the possibility of heat illness or death.

The combination of high temperatures and high humidity especially can cause this natural cooling system to work overtime. When humidity is high, sweat does not evaporate efficiently, preventing the body from releasing heat quickly. Other stresses to the body in hot weather include hard physical

activity, fatigue, dehydration, heart disease, obesity, poor circulation, sunburn and prescription drug and alcohol use.

Staying in an air-conditioned area, either at home or in a public place such as a mall, library or recreation center, is the most effective way to combat heat. If air conditioning is not available, pull the shades over the windows and use cross-ventilation and fans to cool rooms.

Symptoms of heat illness include heavy sweating, muscle cramps,

weakness, dizziness, nausea, weak but rapid pulse and headaches. People with these symptoms should find shade, drink water slowly and make sure there is good ventilation.

If fluids are not replaced soon enough, heat stroke can follow causing extremely high body temperature, red and dry skin, rapid pulse, confusion, brain damage, loss of consciousness and death.

To help a person showing severe symptoms, get the victim into shade, call for emergency medical services and start cooling the person immediately with cool water or by fanning.

Children especially can quickly become dehydrated. They need to drink fluids frequently, especially water, and wear light-colored, loose-fitting clothes.

Avoid drinks that are heavily sweetened or contain caffeine. Check on children often, especially if they are playing outside in high temperatures.

Other heat precautions from DSHS:

- Never leave anyone in a closed, parked vehicle in hot weather, even for a short time.

- Drink plenty of fluids, but avoid drinks with alcohol, caffeine or a lot of sugar. Don't wait until you are thirsty. Start drinking fluids at least 30 minutes before going out.

- Plan strenuous outdoor activity for early morning or evening when the temperature is lower.

- Take frequent breaks when working outside.

- Wear sunscreen SPF 15 or higher, wide-brimmed hats and light-colored, loose-fitting clothes.

- Eat more frequently, but be sure meals are well balanced, cool and light.

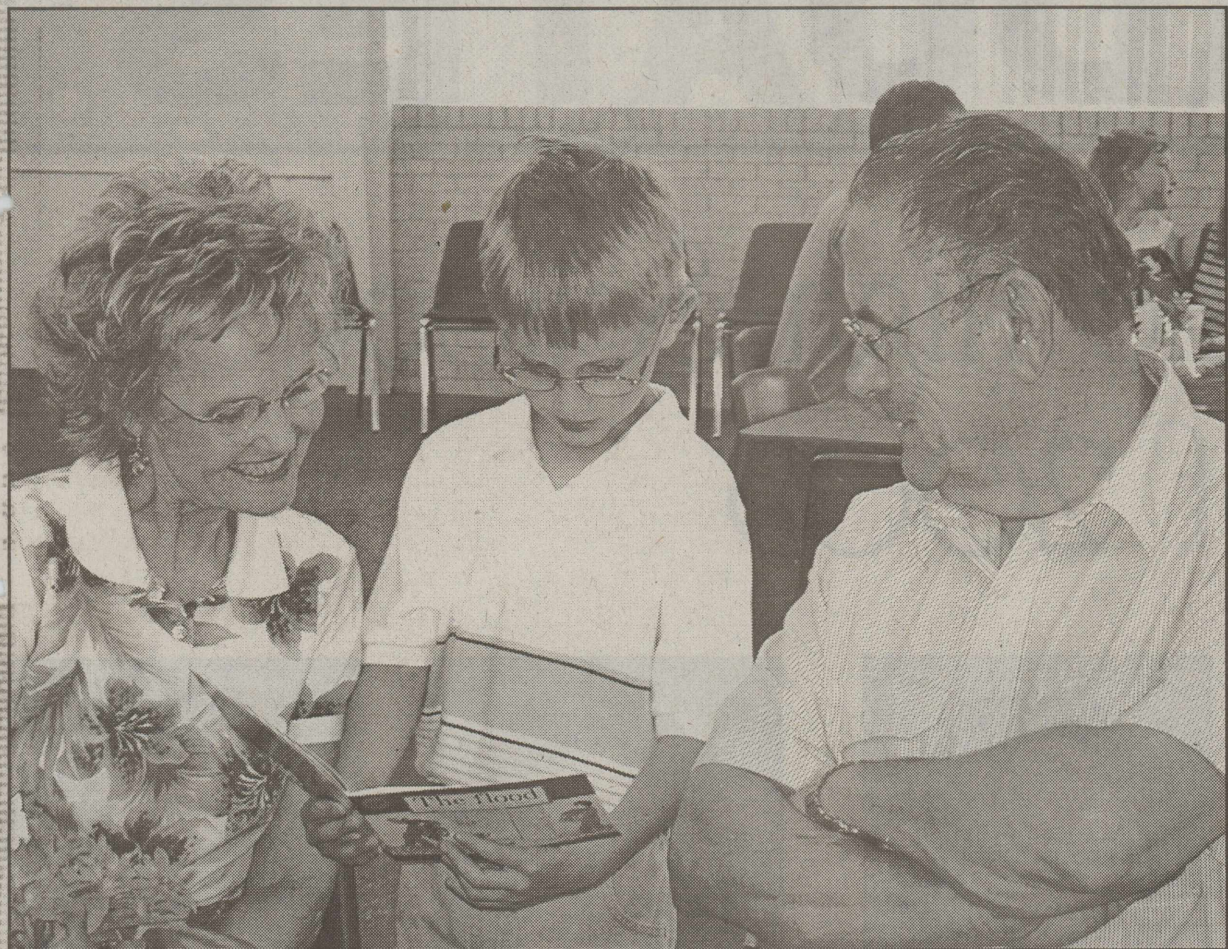
- Dress infants and children in cool, loose clothing. Shade their heads and faces with hats or an umbrella.

- Check frequently on the elderly and those who are ill or may need help.

- Adjust to the environment. Sudden change in temperature—an early heat wave or travel to a hotter climate—will be stressful to the body. Limit your physical activity until you become accustomed to the heat.

- Check with a doctor about the effects of sun and heat when taking prescription drugs, especially diuretics or antihistamines.

The best defense against heat-related illness is prevention. Staying cool, drinking plenty of fluids, wearing cool clothing and monitoring outdoor activities are keys to staying healthy in hot weather.



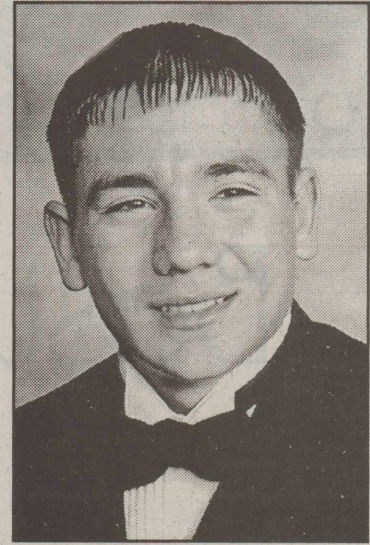
MEETING AT THE "READING CAFE"—Dylan Hanson shares his reading skills with his grandparents, Leona and Bobby Hanson, at the recent "Reading Cafe" sponsored by Haskell 1st graders. While he read they were served refreshments. The project was a part of a Learn & Serve Grant.



LEARNING SUN SAFETY—Ashley Meier, center, along with other Haskell 7th grade health students, taught Headstart students about the dangers of UV rays from the sun, and how to protect their skin using sunscreen and sun visors. After the presentation, Headstart students made foam visors and received their own bottles of sunscreen to use this summer. Pictured with Ashley are Bristol Wagner, left, and Juan Rodriguez, right.

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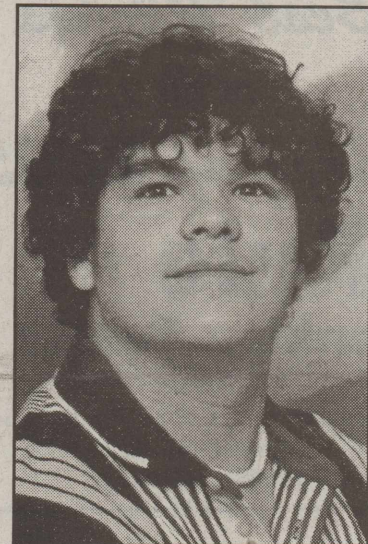
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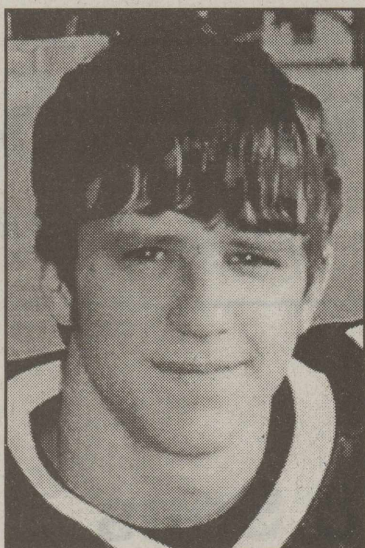


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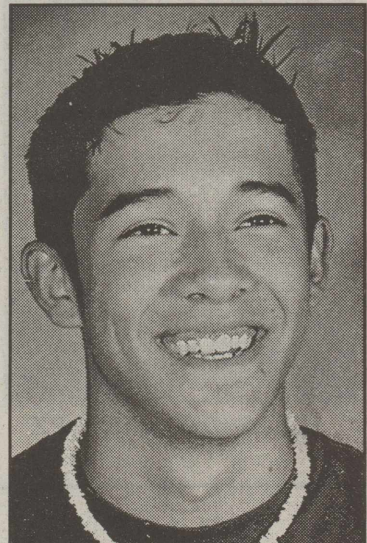


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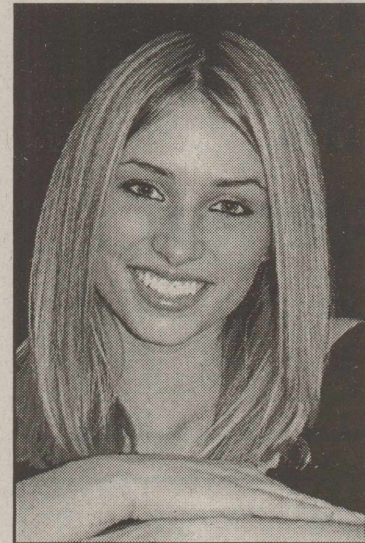
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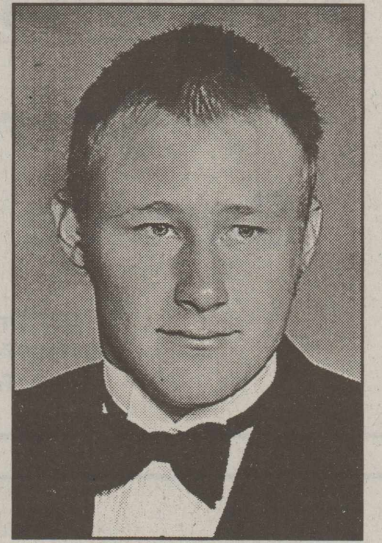
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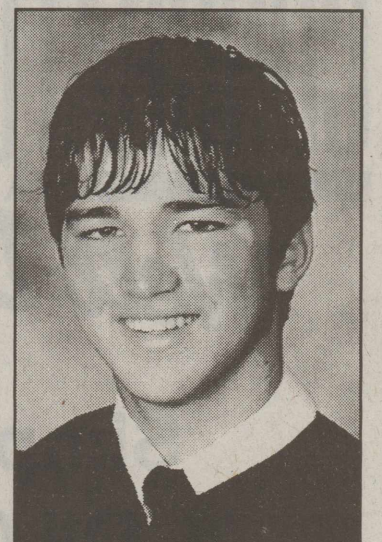
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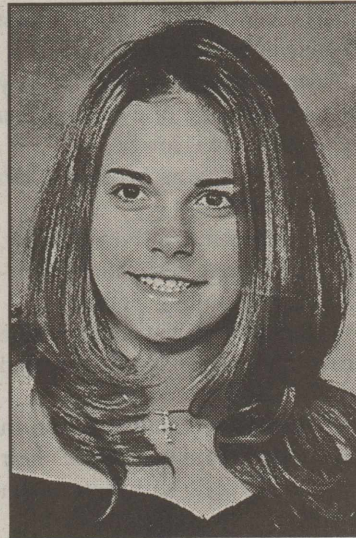
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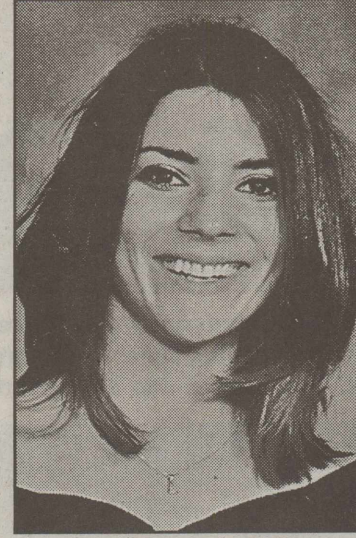
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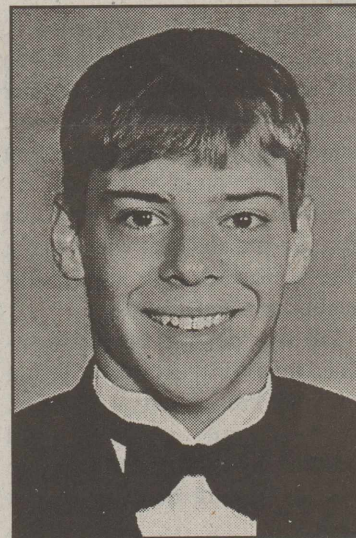
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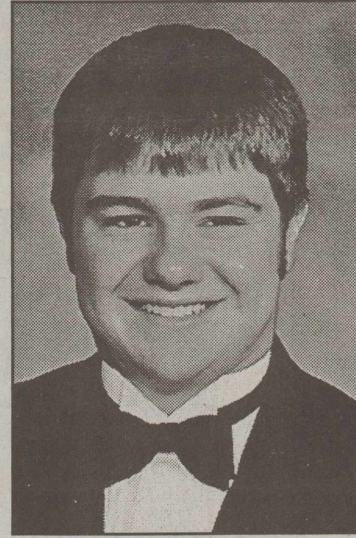
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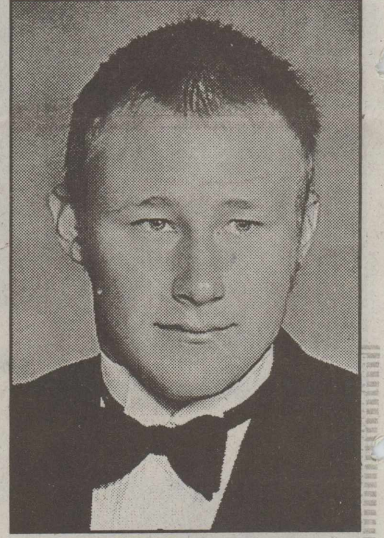
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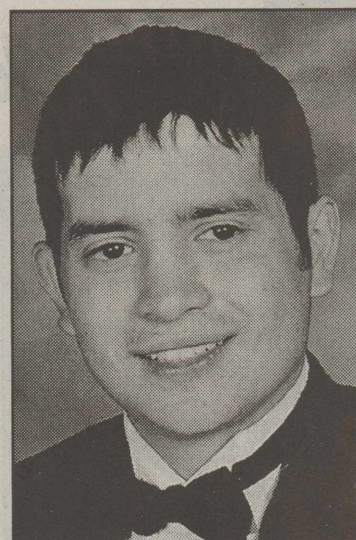
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