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## County schools to graduate 48 students

By Wayne Hodgin  
 The Knox County News-Courier

Schools throughout Knox County will conduct commencement exercises Friday and Saturday evenings in each respective community, including Benjamin, Knox City and Munday.

### Benjamin

Benjamin ISD will graduate three seniors this year, including William Matthew Acree, who has been named the valedictorian, and Jonathan Chance Rainwater, who has been named the salutatorian. Also graduating will be Jasmine Elaine Patchett.

Graduation will be at 7 p.m. Friday at the Memorial Building.

Acree is the son of Robert and Ruthie Acree and has been involved with basketball and golf during his years at Benjamin High School. He will attend Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls beginning with its fall semester and major in mechanical engineering. Acree also has been chosen as a walk-on for the school's golf team.

Rainwater, the son of Chad and Kathy Rainwater, has been involved with football and basketball during his high school tenure and also enjoys hunting and fishing. He plans to attend Vernon College during the fall semester and then apply to Murray State College in Tishomingo, Okla., to pursue a career in gunsmithing.

### Knox City

Knox City ISD will graduate 12 seniors during a ceremony at 7 p.m. Saturday at W.R. Baker Auditorium.

Allison Lynn, daughter of Scott and Lawri Lynn, has been named valedictorian of the Class of 2013 at Knox City High School.

For the last two years, Lynn has served as

drum major for the school band. She also has been a varsity cheerleader since her sophomore year.

Lynn also was a member of the school's one-act play cast her junior and senior years, both of which garnered Best Actress awards during the zone and district performances her junior year and during the zone performance this year. She also was named to the All-Star Cast for her district performance this year.

In addition, Lynn has been involved with FFA, Houndette basketball and volleyball, student council and served as class president all four years in high school. She also was president of the National Honor Society during her junior and senior years.

Lynn will attend Abilene's Hardin-Simmons University in the fall and major in chemistry. She plans on becoming a pharmacist.

Blayne Bradley, son of Dusty and Julie Bradley, has been named salutatorian for the class of 2013 at Knox City High School.

Throughout his high school career, Bradley has been involved with sports, including football, basketball and track; band; UIL; National Honor Society; and student council.

He plans to pursue a business degree at Tarleton State University in Stephenville.

### Munday

Munday ISD will graduate eight seniors this year. Commencement will be at 7 p.m. Friday at the high school auditorium.

Ryder Cude has been named valedictorian of the Class of 2013. The son of Brand and Nancy Cude plans to attend Texas Tech University in Lubbock this fall and major in agricultural economics.

Shannon Reeves, son of Lyndle and Jeanette Reeves, is the salutatorian for the Class of 2013. He will attend Clarendon College in the fall where he will be a member of the school's livestock judging team.



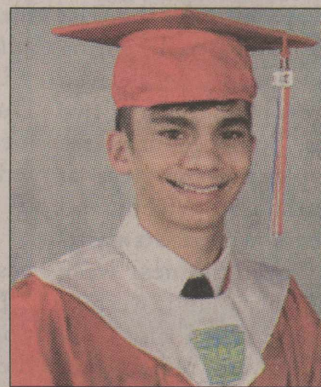
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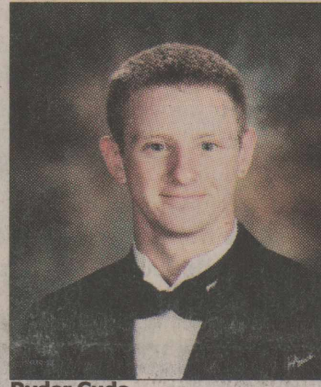
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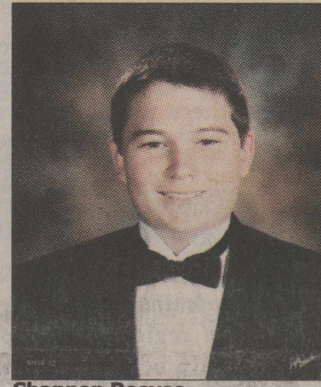
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Ryder Cude



Shannon Reeves

## Knox Notes

Events are listed free of charge for nonprofit civic organizations, schools and community events. Submit listings at least two weeks ahead of the date. Listings will run through the date of the event. Emailed submissions are preferred to kcnewscurier@gmail.com.

### Disaster relief

Members of the Knox County faith community are collecting donations to help with disaster recovery efforts in Moore, Okla., in the wake of this week's devastating tornadoes in central Oklahoma. Donations of water, toiletries, hand sanitizer, diapers, baby wipes, etc., may be dropped off at McCauley-Smith Funeral Home in Munday or First Baptist Church of Munday. For information, call 940-203-0933.

### Vacation Bible School

St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Rhineland will host Vacation Bible School for ages 3 through grade 6 June 17-19. This year's theme is SonWest Roundup, the Wildest Vacation Bible School in the West. For information, contact Janet Dillard at 940-422-4484 for information.

### Class reunion

The Knox City High School Class of 1978 invites all alumni and the community to a class reunion from 5 to 11 p.m. July 6 at the Community Center. A golf tournament is planned, as well as a barbecue and dance with live music. All proceeds benefit the group's scholarship fund for high school seniors. Enter the golf tournament by May 1 by RSVP'ing to Jimmy Don Moore at 813-269-1331. Cost is \$100 for the two-person scramble. Tickets to the barbecue and dance cost \$10; contact Michelle Stanfield at 940-256-0318 or Patti Lain Currie at 325-721-3001 for information.

### Seymour rodeo

The Seymour Rodeo Association's annual rodeo parade will be July 13. This year's theme is "Best of the West!" For information, or to register, call the Seymour Chamber of Commerce at 940-889-2921. Registration is free, and cash awards will be given.

### Preteen camp

O'Brien Baptist Church will be hosting a group of fourth-, fifth- and sixth-graders at preteen camp July 22-25 at Big County Baptist Assembly in Leuders. Cost is \$143 per student with a \$15 deposit due no later than June 1. Lots of outdoor activities including shooting range, paint ball, canoeing, swimming, paddle boats, etc. Contact Brandi Manning at 940-658-5397 for information.

## Corrections

If you spot an error of fact, contact Editor Wayne Hodgin at kcnewscurier@gmail.com.

## News on the go



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## Perry signs landmark water legislation

By Wayne Hodgin  
 The Knox County News-Courier

Gov. Rick Perry on Tuesday signed one of two pieces of legislation that will begin to lay the foundation of meeting the state's water future needs.

House Bill 4 provides for active, full-time governance at the Texas Water Development Board; creates a new funding mechanism to support water-supply project implementation over the next 50 years; and directs local, regional and state officials to prioritize projects to ensure efficient use of available resources.

The governor was joined by Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and Speaker Joe Straus, as well as bill authors Reps. Allan Ritter, Four Price, Eric Johnson, Doug Miller and Eddie Lucio III, and sponsor Sen. Troy Fraser at the signing ceremony.

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## Baker Park dedicated



Photos special to the News-Courier

Family members of the late Charles Baker of Munday gathered Saturday evening just east of the downtown area at a new park dedicated in remembrance of the longtime resident and philanthropist. His wife, Betty, will share the park's name.



Life Scout Shannon Reeves stands next to a sculpture of a bronze eagle in the newly dedicated Charles and Betty Baker Park in Munday. Reeves was recognized during Saturday's dedication ceremony for his work installing the statue and landscaping the park as part of his Eagle Scout project.



Members of the local Boy Scouts troop ceremoniously raise the U.S. flag during Saturday's communitywide park dedication, which also featured music, hot dogs and hamburgers.

## Springer casts vote against state budget

By Wayne Hodgin  
 The Knox County News-Courier

The Texas Legislature adjourned the 83rd legislative session on Monday only to learn they would be back the next day to begin a special session on redistricting.

The Texas House of Representatives passed its budget for the biennium this past Sunday, with 31 representatives, including Rep. Drew Springer, R-Muenster, voting against the measure.

"I could not support a budget that dramatically increased spending while at the same



Rep. Drew Springer

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## Students in the news

### Cassidy Carter makes Distinguished Students List at Tarleton

STEPHENVILLE — Cassidy Carter of Knox City was recently named to Tarleton State University's Distinguished Students List for the spring 2013 semester.

Carter is enrolled at the university's Stephenville campus, and is majoring in family and consumer sciences.

Students on the list include freshman and sophomore students who have a minimum 3.25 grade point ratio and no grade lower than a "C," and juniors and seniors who have a minimum 3.5 GPR with no grade lower than a "C." All must be in good standing with the university.

### Sarah Clower named to President's List at Hardin-Simmons

ABILENE — Sarah Clower of Benjamin was named to the Hardin-Simmons University President's List for the spring 2013 semester. Clower is one of 226 students to receive this academic honor.

The President's List is composed of students carrying 12 or more semester credits who have grades of A on all courses for the semester.

## Cotton farmers battle drought, Farm Bill issues

By Mary Jane Buerkle  
 Special to the Dispatch

It's been an eventful week for the cotton industry, with activity increasing everywhere from cotton fields across the High Plains to the floor of the United States Senate.

Producers have been planting cotton at a more rapid pace over the last week after cool spring temperatures delayed progress by as much as two weeks. Some counties report planting progress at more than 50 percent, and numbers will rise significantly over the next week as northern and western counties in the Plains Cotton Growers region face today's deadline final plant date for federal crop insurance purposes.

The central part of the region has until Wednesday, and southern portions of the area have until June 10. Some areas south and east of the Caprock have until June 20 to finish planting.

Moisture remains an issue across the region, but spotty rains have benefited some fields. On Thursday evening, showers and thunderstorms brought much-needed precipitation to areas south and east of Lubbock, along with some

damage, unfortunately. As the drought lingers, so do Farm Bill negotiations, although the Senate continued their swift handling of the bill this week as amendments moved across the floor.

For the most part, the Senate has heeded the original recommendations of their Ag Committee and defeated harmful amendments.

Unfortunately the Durbin/Coburn Amendment 953, which would reduce premium support if adjusted gross income is more than \$750,000, passed 59-33.

PCG, along with the National Cotton Council and the Southwest Council of Agribusiness, actively opposed this amendment.

"We greatly appreciate everyone who has contacted our senators in this process, and your support has been beneficial in keeping this vital piece of legislation intact with most of the harmful amendments being deflected so

far," PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett said. "That being said, we still have work to do after the Memorial Day recess when the debate resumes and more harmful amendments come up for consideration."

One of those harmful amendments has been offered by U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas. Amendment 1083 would prohibit mandatory or compulsory checkoff programs.

"Checkoff programs are not taxes; they are producer-funded and established by referendum where the producers get to choose whether or not they want to continue the program," Verett said. "If it were not for these programs, we would not be able to conduct the research and promotion activities that have advanced agriculture by leaps and bounds."

The Senate will not vote again until June 3. The House is expected to begin their floor debate of the farm bill in mid-June.

## Knox County Aging Services Menus for June 3-7

Monday: Baked ham with pineapple, lima beans, chuckwagon corn, whole-wheat roll, chocolate chip cookie.

Tuesday: Baked chicken, baked potato, peas, pineapple tidbits, chocolate pudding.

Wednesday: Lasagna, Brussels sprouts, peas, garlic bread.

Thursday: Pork chops, black-eyed peas, spinach, cornbread, baked apples.

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## End comes to Legislature's regular session

By Ed Sterling  
 For the Dispatch

AUSTIN — Texas lawmakers finally passed Senate Bill 1, a state budget for fiscal biennium 2014-2015, on May 26, the 139th day of the 140-day regular session of the 83rd Texas Legislature.

Next stop will be Gov. Rick Perry's desk for the \$197 billion budget — which came in at about \$7 billion more than the estimated budget for the current fiscal biennium. Perry had asked lawmakers to make about \$2 billion in tax reductions, but the budget he will be looking at brings in cuts totaling an estimated \$1 billion.

Various other legislation also on the way to Perry, for example, changes student testing requirements, benefits charter schools, increases Medicaid funding, allows issuance of campus "carry" permits and much more.

Among bills Perry already has vetoed was one that would have identified individual citizens who donate to so-called "dark money" organizations. The veto period will end June 16.

In passing the budget on the Senate side, Senate Finance Committee Chairman Tommy Williams, R-The Woodlands, credited his committee and each member of the Senate for producing a "fair and reasonable" document. House Appropriations Chairman Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, who along with Williams was the main architect of the budget on the House side, credited his committee for its work.

One of piece of legislation that passed in the final week of the session does not require any action by the governor is Senate Joint Resolution 1, a proposed amendment to the state constitution that will appear on the Nov. 5 statewide election ballot.

Voters will decide if they want to finance water infrastructure improvements by amending the constitution to create a state water implementation fund in the state treasury, outside of the general revenue fund.

The money, \$2 billion initially, would be withdrawn from the state's so-called Rainy Day Fund, a savings account built up primarily from natural gas tax and oil production tax revenue, that may be used to respond to emergencies such as those caused by wildfires, hurricanes and drought.

The transfer of funds out of the Rainy Day Fund requires enabling legislation, in this case, HB 1025.

Later Monday afternoon after the regular session of the

Texas Legislature was gavelled to a close, Perry called a special session to address the state's redistricting issue that has been ongoing for the last two years.

**Supplemental bill passes**  
 House Bill 1025, the supplemental appropriations bill, covers various funding shortages in the current state budget until Aug. 31, the last day of the fiscal year. The bill, heavily amended in the Senate, is undergoing scrutiny in the House.

Authored primarily by Chairman Pitts and Chairman Williams, HB 1025 includes \$450 million to repair, maintain and improve state roadways in areas impacted by energy exploration and development, such as the Barnett Shale in North Texas and the Eagle Ford Shale in South Texas. Money to repair county roads, however, is not included in the legislation.

HB 1025 also would put \$200 million in new money into public education. Combined with the education funding increases already in the budget bill, that works out to between \$80 and \$400 more per student in nearly every district in the state.

Lawmakers also passed HB 500 by House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Harvey Hilderbran, R-Kerrville. The bill revises exemptions and deductions under the business franchise tax and expands the kinds of businesses that qualify for a reduced-tax rate for retail trade. HB 500 also excludes a number of expenses from being counted as revenue and revises "cost of goods sold" deductions.

**Disasters are proclaimed**  
 In a disaster proclamation he signed on May 21, Gov. Perry certified the severe storms and tornado outbreak that occurred on May 15 have caused a disaster in Ellis, Hood and Johnson counties.

The proclamation directs all necessary measures both public and private as authorized by state law be implemented to meet the disaster.

On May 20, Perry renewed the emergency disaster proclamation he originally issued on July 5, 2011, certifying that exceptional drought conditions posed a threat of imminent disaster in specified counties in Texas. The number of specified counties in this 30-day extension of the proclamation was 201, or nearly 80 percent of Texas' 254 counties.

Meanwhile, a federal, state and local investigation of the April 17 deadly fire and explosion at farm supply and fertilizer facility in the small town of West continues.

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## Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

Well here it is Memorial Day 2013. There will be lots of barbecues and folks enjoying a day off from work. And there will be several who will go on as usual. It's a day to honor those who have lost their lives in service of our country, and I hope everyone will do that.

It's a busy week coming up as schools all around the area plan for the last few days of the school year. Baccalaureate was last night here for our three graduating seniors. It was held at the Church of Christ, and the Rev. Adam Matthews brought an encouraging message to the graduates. It was short but said everything they needed to hear as they begin the next chapter of their lives. A reception followed in the church annex.

On Tuesday night, the annual awards banquet was held at the school. According to those in attendance, it was a good evening with wonderful food and lots of awards and honors given out. Along with the elementary and junior high academic awards, the Lady Stang and Ricky Carver Fighting Mustang awards also were presented. Recipients of these honors were Kelsey Brown, who received the Lady Stang award, and Matthew Acree and Jonathan Rainwater, who share the Fighting Mustang award.

Congratulations to these students and all who were honored Tuesday night.

### Here 'n' there

It was another busy weekend for Gloria West and her family as they continue to get things cleared out of her house and outside buildings as she prepares to move to Denton. Her daughter Cathy Tomlinson told me they got a lot done but still have more to do before the task is completed.

I was in Munday on Sunday afternoon for the dance recital presented by the Movement Space. This was the eighth year the performers have presented the program, and it was excellent. Entitled "The Big Top," more than 100 performers were featured. I can't say enough about their instructors who have worked so tirelessly with these students. They do a super job!

Towns represented were Benjamin, Crowell, Goree, Haskell, Knox City, Munday, O'Brien, Paint Creek, Rochester, Rule, Seymour, Stamford, and Weinert. My two great-granddaughters participated, including Taylor Herring of Munday and Piper Smith of Haskell.

I talked to Jan Carver on Thursday. She's "hanging in there," and doing pretty well. She is still in a wheelchair trying to let her leg mend properly, and she's sure hoping it does just that. Says she goes back to her doctor on

June 10 to see what he has to say. She also said Fred's mom is about the same — making slow progress, and that's good news.

I saw several "Benjamin-ites" at the dance recital Sunday. Penny Eaton was there to see granddaughters Kayla and Ella Hunter, daughters of Kendra and Tony. Tammy Lyles was there to see her granddaughter Lexie Collins, whose parents are Jacy and Jara. And I saw Melissa and Kyle Everson, who live at Gilliland, but we call them "ours" also because she teaches here. Their twins, Haylie and Jolie, and daughter Tori were also a part of the show. I'm sure I have missed some, and I apologize, but with the crowd, it was impossible to see everyone. I did see Nancy McGreger. She had her mom, Jessie Roberts, with her, and Mrs. Roberts really enjoyed it. Also visiting with Kenneth and Jessie and other relatives and friends here are Bill and Sue Roberts of Round Rock.

I visited with Sara Clower on Saturday. She graduated from Hardin-Simmons University recently and will be moving to Dallas for employment. She's excited and ready to get on with her life. She said her mom, Debbie, was in Kansas getting things ready for her move in June.

Gladene Green is the longtime Benjamin correspondent for the Knox County News-Courier.

## The 501

### Davy Crockett powder horns don't belong on a cattle farm

If you were a child enamored of Walt Disney's Davy Crockett in the mid-1950s, you might have collected some of the memorabilia.



HANABA MUNN WELCH

Some-where among my souvenirs is a plastic billfold, a tail-less coonskin cap and a plastic rifle named Old Betsy. If they made little Davy Crockett dolls for us girls, I wouldn't have wanted one. I had other dolls. For an only child stuck in the middle of a farm, Old Betsy was the better toy. You can't shoot bears with a doll.

No doubt I also asked my parents for a Davy Crockett powder horn. No doubt they said no.

Back then, Herefords ruled, and they had horns. Polled Herefords were just coming onto the scene. We didn't have any. To rid our Hereford and Hereford-cross cows of their menacing horns, we had dehornings. My computer doesn't recognize the word dehorning if I put an "s" on it, but what else would you call multiple dehornings? Periodic dehornings were the closest thing to rodeos ever staged in our corral.

Bottom line, a farm

kid in the age of horned Herefords could collect enough lopped-off horns to ply Davy Crockett, Daniel Boone and Kit Carson all at once. I kept my favorite horn stashed near my favorite pair of redbud trees.

If I'd bought one of those fake Davy Crockett powder horns, what would it be worth today?

E-BAY PAUSE.

Hmmm. Before we talk dollars and cents, here's some trivia. Davy Crockett's powder horn had a name. I couldn't have guessed it. Maybe you can.

PAUSE FOR GUESSING.

It was Daisy. Are we really supposed to believe Davy Crockett named his powder horn?

For \$250, I can buy Daisy and the original box without having to go through the bidding process. I'll pass.

ANOTHER E-BAY PAUSE.

Remove that Daisy trivia from your brain. I looked again. Daisy is the name of the manufacturer — not the powder horn. I feel better.

As for dehorning, it still happens. Some cows still have horns and know how to use them. Note the bruise on my left arm. Longhorn Rio Rita is contrary by nature, but I think she was trying to zap a fly with her nose when she got me. Collateral damage.

I wouldn't have been standing so close, but

hand-feeding her a few feed cubes was part of the overall strategy to get a different cow loaded to take to the vet for — you guessed it — dehorning.

Yep, one of our new heifers had a sizable nub of a horn growing into her skull. We theorize the cowboys who dehorned her and her peers must have had disabling hangovers. If there's anything uniform about our set of longhorn-Charolais heifers, it's their botched horn jobs, like bad nose bobs.

The vet took the offending horn off neatly with a nifty cutting wire. It was too ugly to make a good powder horn. Not that my grandson has every played Davy Crockett.

I think it's time for me to give him Old Betsy.

Hanaba Munn Welch is a columnist and contributor to The Knox County News-Courier.

## WATER

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"Water is an essential part of everyone's life, and ensuring adequate supplies means continued job creation, stronger communities and healthier families for decades to come," Perry said. "HB 4 will help secure our water supplies for generations, even through rapid population and economic growth, by creating new funds that will support local and regional projects and lower the cost of issuing bonds for much-needed water projects."

HB 4 is one of three pieces of legislation that, if approved, will form the financial backbone of the Texas State Water Plan, a dedicated funding source for water infrastructure

to support the anticipated future rise in public water demand. The other is HB 1025, a supplemental appropriations bill that calls for funds to be transferred out of the state's Rainy Day Fund to help finance the fund.

The third crucial step in the plan is a statewide referendum to be held in November that will ask voters to approve the plan.

With voter approval of Senate Joint Resolution 1 this fall, this \$2 billion investment will fund up to \$30 billion in projects over the next 50 years. These measures will help address the increased demand population growth will have on our water needs now and into the future.

Lt. Gov. Dewhurst said the measure was an aggressive yet necessary step

billion lower than the final version that came out of conference committee, with transportation left unaddressed."

Springer, whose representative counties include Stonewall, said it was imperative the state reduce expenditures that are not essential to the budget.

to ensure the state's infrastructure could sustain accompanying growth.

"This bill is part of an overall solution that combines great fiscal stewardship with citizen involvement and sound strategic planning to meet our state's water needs for the next 50 years," he said.

Speaker Straus said HB 4 was made a top priority throughout the legislative session.

"We have all seen the devastating effects that severe drought can have on our farms, our communities and our entire economy," Straus said. "In addition, we know that a reliable supply of water will help us remain the leading state in the country for job creation."

House Bill 4 becomes law on Sept. 1, 2013.

"Instead of finding ways to cut back on non-priority expenditures to fund our priorities, the final budget increased by \$3 billion and in addition uses \$1.75 billion in recurring expenditures from the Rainy Day Fund," Springer said. "Had the budget not passed, our state's funding would

## SPRINGER

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time failed to adequately fund our top three priorities: education, water and transportation," Springer said. "The budget I voted for back in April was \$3

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Bridwell Oil Company, Post Office Box 1830, Wichita Falls, Texas, 76307 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Tannehill Sand formation, McFaddin Unit, well number 305. The proposed injection well is located 10 miles west of Knox City in the Two Tee (Tannehill) Field, Knox County, Texas. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2,566 to 2,573 feet in well 305.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within 15 days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, Post Office Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas, 78711-2967 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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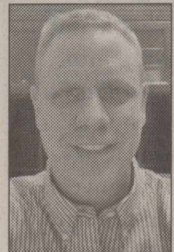
# The Paperboy

## Class of 2013 has seen its share of world events

As bad as some of us hate to admit it, times have changed a lot from the time we graduated from high school. As the Class of 2013 takes to the stage for commencement, think of the differences from the time you graduated until now.

This generation has had a wild ride thus far. They are the digital generation, armed with incredible technology and an understanding of the vast potential open to them.

Today's seniors were born in the mid-90s. I thought it would be interesting to take a look at some national and world events that have taken place since they were born.



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- 1995: Russian space station Mir greets first Americans (March 14). U.S. shuttle docks with station (June 27).
- 1996: FBI arrests suspected Unabomber Theodore Kaczynski (April 3).
- 1997: Hong Kong, which had been under English control, returns to Chinese rule (June 30).
- 1998: Europeans agree on single currency, the euro (May 3).
- 1999: The world awaits the consequences of the Y2K bug, with more drastic millennial theorists warning of Armageddon.

• 2000: Vicente Fox Quesada elected president of Mexico, ending 71 years of one-party rule by the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) (July 2).

• 2001: Terrorists attack United States. Hijackers ram jetliners into twin towers of New York City's World Trade Center and the Pentagon. A fourth hijacked plane crashes 80 miles outside of Pittsburgh (Sept. 11). Toll of dead and injured in thousands. Within days, Islamic militant Osama bin Laden and the al-Qaeda terrorist network are identified as the parties behind the attacks.

• 2002: The United States and Russia reach landmark

arms agreement to cut both countries' nuclear arsenals by up to two-thirds over the next 10 years (May 13).

• 2003: Space shuttle Columbia explodes, killing all seven astronauts (Feb. 1).

• 2004: Gay marriages begin in Massachusetts, the first state in the country to legalize such unions (May 17).

• 2005: Hurricane Katrina wreaks catastrophic damage on the Gulf Coast; more than 1,000 die and millions are left homeless. Americans are shaken not only by the magnitude of the disaster but also by how ill-prepared all levels of government are in its aftermath. (Aug. 25-30).

• 2006: Democrats gain control of both houses of Congress in the midterm elections (Nov. 7).

• 2007: The minimum wage increases to \$5.85, up from \$5.15. It's the first increase in 10 years. The wage will increase 70 cents each year through 2009, when it will be \$7.25 an hour (July 24).

• 2008: Democratic Sen. Barack Obama wins the presidential election against Republican Sen. John McCain, taking 338 electoral votes to McCain's 161. Obama becomes the first African American to be elected president of the United States. Also in the election, Democrats increase their majority in the House and pick up five seats in the Senate.

• 2009: Scientists find water on the Moon (Nov. 13) during NASA's LCROSS mission. The LCROSS satellite, sent to look for water, was comprised of two parts: a satellite meant to crash into a crater near the moon's south pole, and a spacecraft that measured the findings of that crash. At least 26 gallons of water were found.

• 2010: The percentage of Americans living below the poverty line, or \$10,830 for an individual and \$22,050 for a family of four, reached a 15-year high (Sept. 16) in 2009, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. More than 44 million people, or 14.3 percent of Americans, are considered living in poverty. The United States is

experiencing its worst economic period since the Great Depression.

• 2011: U.S. troops and CIA operatives shoot and kill Osama bin Laden (May 2) in Abbottabad, Pakistan, a city of 500,000 people that houses a military base and a military academy.

• 2012: The 2012 Summer Olympics open in London (July 27). More than 10,000 athletes from 205 countries participate in the games.

• July 31: Michael Phelps wins his 19th Olympic medal, becoming the winningest Olympic athlete of all time. He surpassed the record held by Russian gymnast Larisa Latynina.

When today's class was born, the world had 5.68 billion people. Now, the world has more than 7.1 billion.

Cell phones were in light use in the mid-90s. Today, half of the U.S. population is carrying hand-held computers, aka smart phones.

The Class of 2013 seems to be more tolerant than any group I can think of. They also face their fair share of global challenges.

It is my hope our youth not only have the ability to have a positive impact going forward, but also that they teach us a lesson or two along the way.

If I could give a single piece of advice to graduating seniors, it would probably be: Don't waste time.

Why?

As you can see by the timeline above, things can change quickly. The world is full of opportunities. The only way to take advantage of an opportunity is to identify it and be ready to take advantage. You will quickly learn opportunities pass the idle by. Don't be idle in thought or action.

God bless and good luck.

Christopher Blackburn is publisher of The Knox County News-Courier and CEO of Blackburn Media Group.

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Students in Caleb Hudgins' Spanish classes at Knox City High School celebrated the end of the school year Monday by busting into the piñatas they created over the last several days.

Photos special to the News-Courier



Blindfolded freshman Jose Torres takes a swing at his piñata. Torres and his partner Bryson Roberts won best piñata over all Spanish classes.



Sophomores Keelie Deville and Krystopher Campos attach their flying pig piñata for its final flight while classmate Richard Rodriguez waits to hoist it into the air.



Sophomores Adrian Silva and Joanna Trevino inspect the damage inflicted on their hamburger piñata.



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# Munday Elementary awards



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**Munday Elementary School Top Scholar Award recipients:** Kayton Shahan, Carlie Willison, Melissa Carmona, Bryanne Cude, Jaxon Bowman, Evan Hunter, Stephanie Scott, Emily Scott, Allie Willison, Bailey Speck, Karley Myers.



**Munday Elementary Students recognized with Perfect Attendance Awards:** Julie Valk, Karley Myers, Shawn Castorena, Sarah Anderson, Anthony Exiga, Zoe Cedillo, Christopher Garcia, Carmen Llamas, Marissa Padillo, Kelvin Martinez, Christopher Rodriguez. Not pictured: Sydney Thompson, Arturo Ramos.



**Munday Elementary Students recognized with Citizenship Awards:** (back) Josh Hernandez, Manny Nunez, Emily Scott, Emily Cottingham, Jazmin Masias, Isabella Nunez, Trinity Rodriguez, Jonah Hernandez; (front) Darci Leija, Diana Marmolejo, Joe Jasso, Dalaney Leija, Korina Hilario, Brooklyn Rodriguez, Gabby Hilario, Stephanie Scott, Baleria Gonzalez, Paisley Perez, Eryn Cottingham, Bayley Lyles.



**Munday Elementary Students named to the A honor roll for the final six weeks included:** (back) Madelyn Mendoza, Emily Cottingham, Emily Scott, Isabella Nunez, Sydney Thompson, Bryanne Cude; (middle) Allie Willison, Carlie Willison, Karley Myers, Claire Redwine, Jaxon Bowman, Dustin Cottingham; (front) Diana Marmolejo, Kayton Shahan, Stephanie Scott, Connor Moore, Melissa Carmona, Evan Hunter.



**Munday Elementary students recognized with the Most Improved Award:** (back) Noelia Davila, Hunter Anderson, Jasmine Swann, Makayla Grimaldo, Josh Hernandez; (front) Avery Garcia, Junior Martinez, Emma Hilario, Braelyn Waters, Itxel Davila, Nena Armendariz, Rafael Fernandez. Not pictured: David Walker, Ethan Walker, Aden Rodriguez, Rolando Perez.



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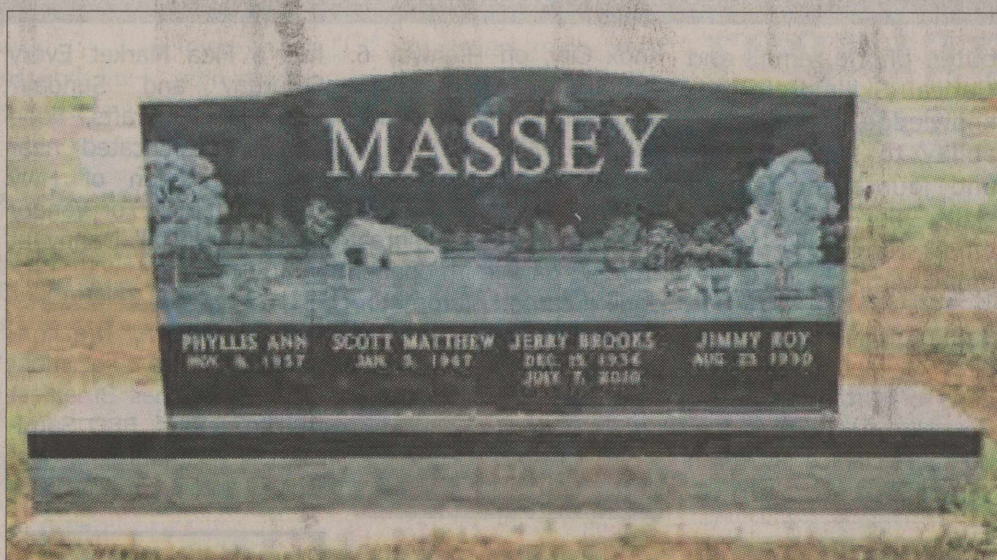
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# Cemetery series Goree Cemetery spans more than 100 years

By Hanaba Munn Welch  
The Knox County News-Courier

A thousand graves, more or less, fill an expansive space a few miles from the town of Goree. The well-maintained cemetery is crossed and bordered by graveled lanes. Borders of evergreen trees to the west and south form thick barriers between the cemetery and surrounding fields. The earliest graves are more than 100 years old.



A laser-etched farm scene on the Massey family headstone in the Goree Cemetery is an example of how technology has enlarged the possibilities for imagery on gravestones. Polished black granite is best suited for the process. Portraits from photographs can also be etched into the granite.  
Photos by Hanaba Munn Welch



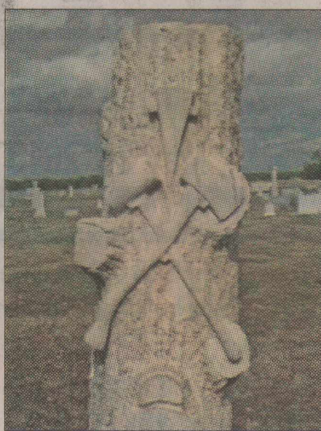
Among the oldest graves in the Goree Cemetery is the final resting place of the Rev. J.H. Chambliss, 1849-1913. The 1880 U. S. Census shows him, age 30, and his wife, Angie, age 25, living in Anderson, Texas (Grimes County). He's listed as a boarder in the house of an attorney. His profession is listed as Methodist preacher. The 1900 Census shows the family living at Morgan Village in Bosque County, Texas, with all five children, ages ranging from 6 to 21. By 1910, they had moved west to Shackelford County. Only the two youngest children, Katie, 23, and Annie, 14, were still living at home. Katie is listed as a music teacher. The typical east-to-west pattern of migration is illustrated by the Chambliss family itinerary over the years, census to census. Interestingly, the second-oldest child of the Chamblisses, John Hall Chambliss, was born in Tennessee, the birth state of both parents. His birth could have occurred on a trip back home to visit family. The histories of families told by U.S. Census data is a story of generally reliable facts that leave the narrative to the imagination. The Chambliss headstone is marked with a bronze medallion that identifies him as a Methodist preacher.



Descendants of Bonifacio and Estella Sandoval rest and visit in the shade Saturday afternoon after working on family gravesites. The graves are in a section of the Goree Cemetery where Hispanic names predominate. For the Sandovals and their in-laws, the cemetery is a place to work together and visit and, at the end of the day, relax. For the children, the cemetery work strengthens their ties to their own family history, whether or not the concept is expressed in words. The family, now living mostly in Oklahoma, visits and works at the cemetery not only during Memorial Day weekend but also at other times in the year.



A porcelain picture on the grave marker of Elbert M. Coffman, 1846-1921, shows a man with a striking resemblance to the American character actor George Francis "Gabby" Hayes, 1885-1969. But Coffman was the real thing. On the back of his marker, among the most prominent in the Goree Cemetery, the text reads "KNOWN & LOVED BY HIS FRIENDS AS UNCLE EBB." U.S. Census information shows Coffman was born in Arkansas. By 1880, he was living in Young County. The Census identifies him as a "bachelor farmer." By 1910, he was living in Knox County. The land for the cemetery was donated by the W.W. Coffman family. Elbert Coffman's marker stands with other Coffman markers at a central point in the older part of the well-maintained cemetery.



The "tools of the trade" on a Woodmen of the World marker in the Goree Cemetery are carved in high relief on the marker at the grave of John W. Thornton, 1872-1908. Between the ax and maul is a wedge, pointing down. On another Woodmen marker in the same cemetery, the wedge is horizontal — just one example of leeway allowed the carvers of the formidable markers.



Bronze plaques, five inches in diameter, can be found on the headstones of three Methodist ministers — additional research might discover more — buried in the Goree Cemetery. The image in bas-relief is the iconic circuit riding Methodist preacher. The plaques carry the identification "United Methodist Minister," a reference to the official name of

the Methodist Church after a 1968 merger with Evangelical United Brethren. During the lives of the three men, the word "United" was not part of the name of the church, and they served the "Methodist Episcopal Church South," a name that became simply "Methodist Church" with a conference in 1939 that officially erased the north-south division. Only one of the three ministers, Joe W. Baughman, 1882-1964, lived to see the 1939 name change. Medallions of the same design mark the graves of J.H. Chambliss, 1849-1913, and James Robert Rich, 1894-1925.

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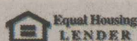
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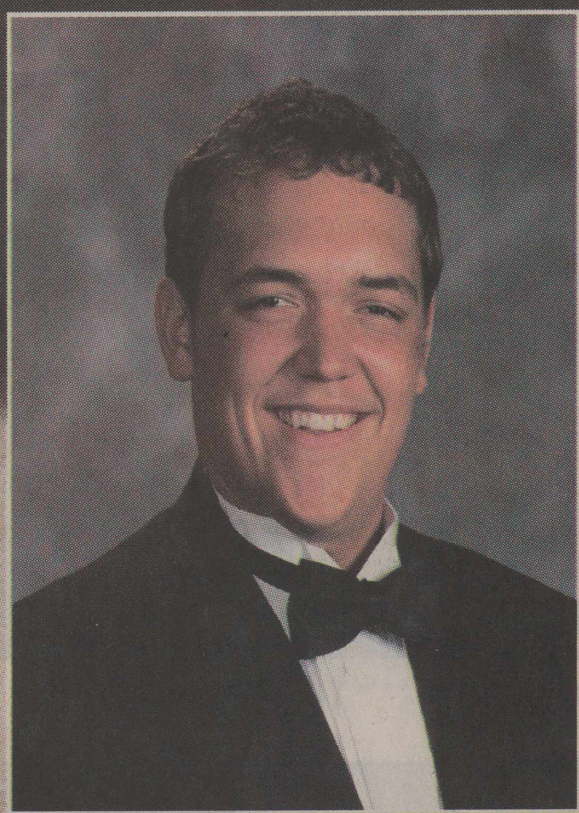


Gilbert Castorena stands Monday afternoon, Memorial Day, by the grave of his maternal grandmother, Eloisa Salinas Hernandez, who died in 2008. For Castorena, visiting graves doesn't require a special day. He visits or drives by the cemetery almost every day. Castorena lives in Goree and works as an oil field roustabout.

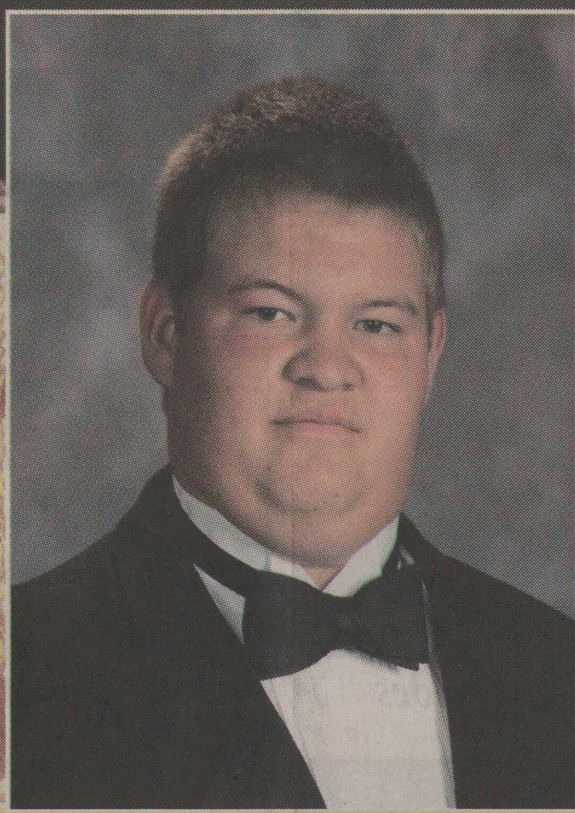


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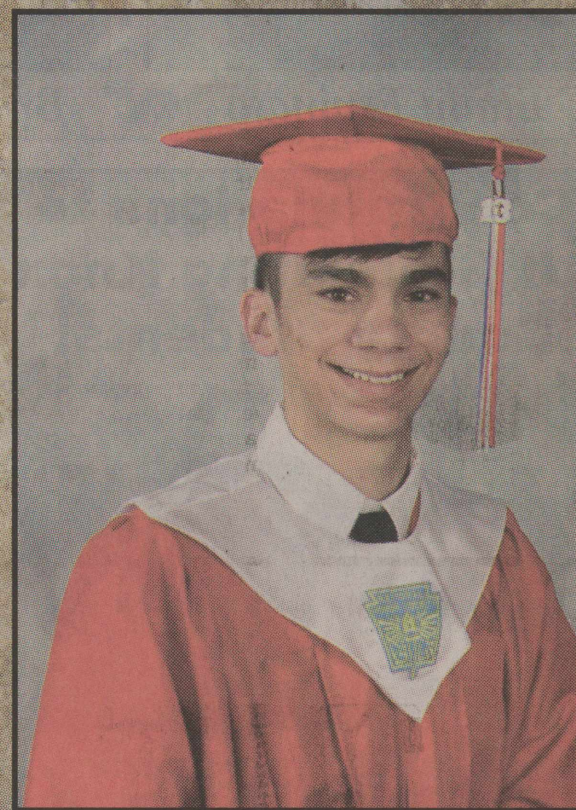
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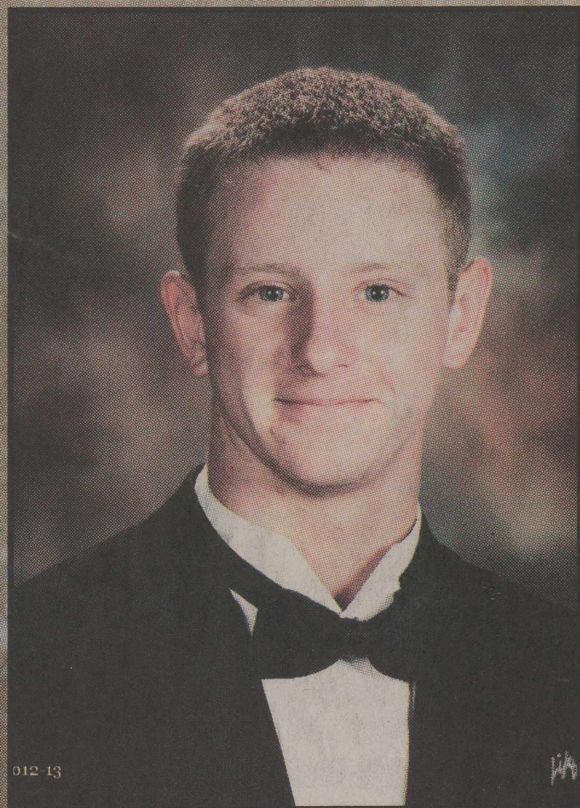


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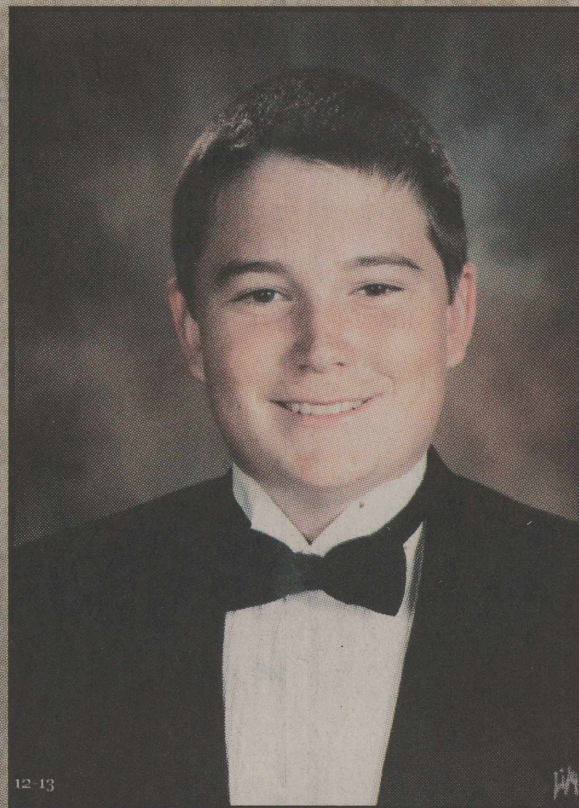


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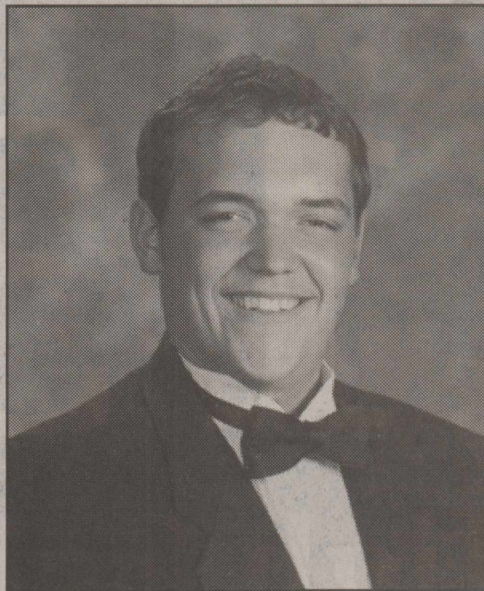


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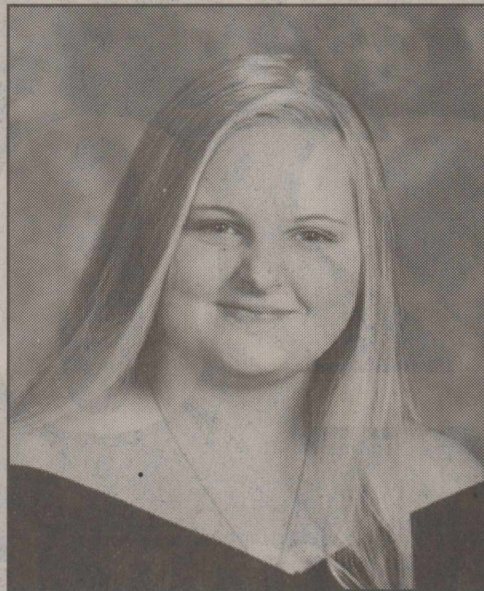
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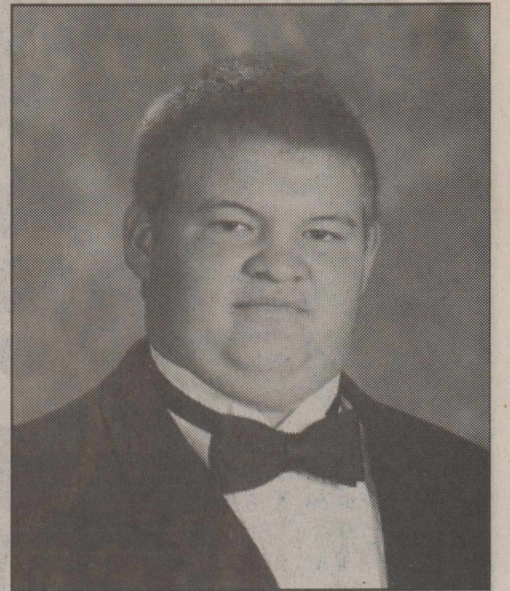
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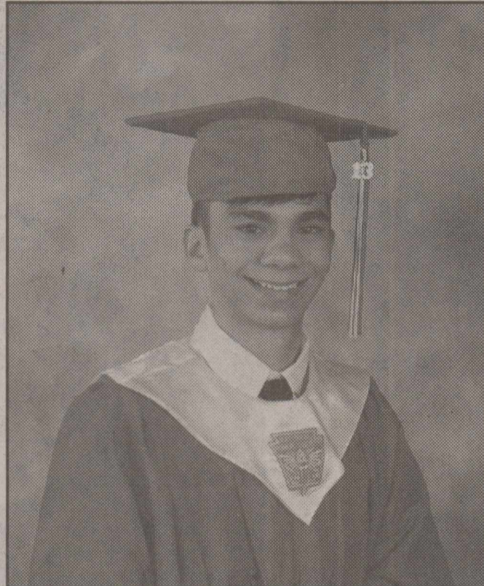
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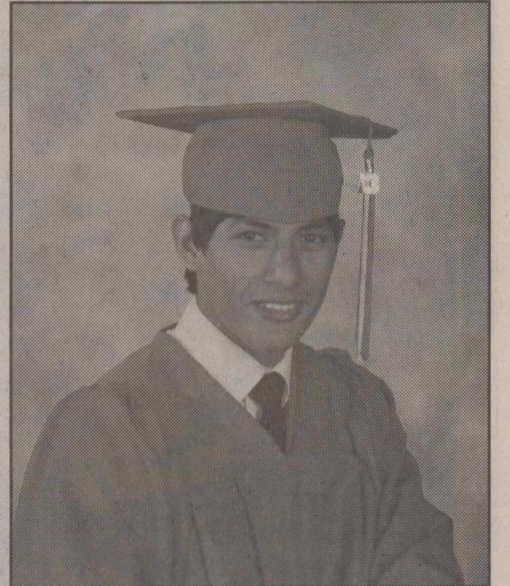
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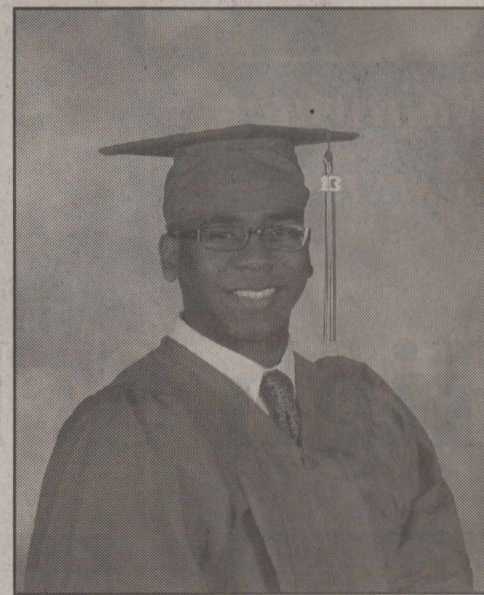
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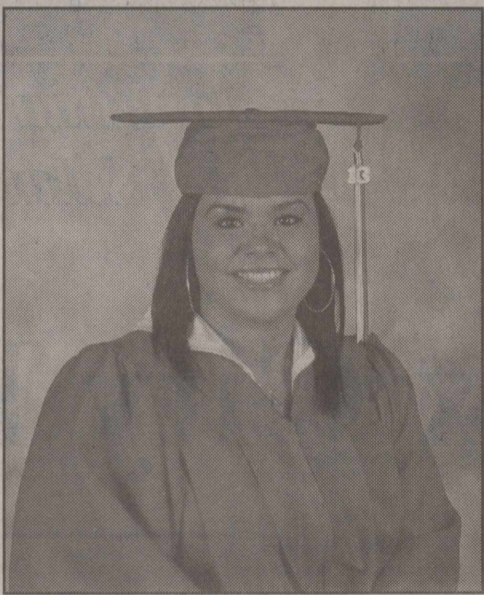
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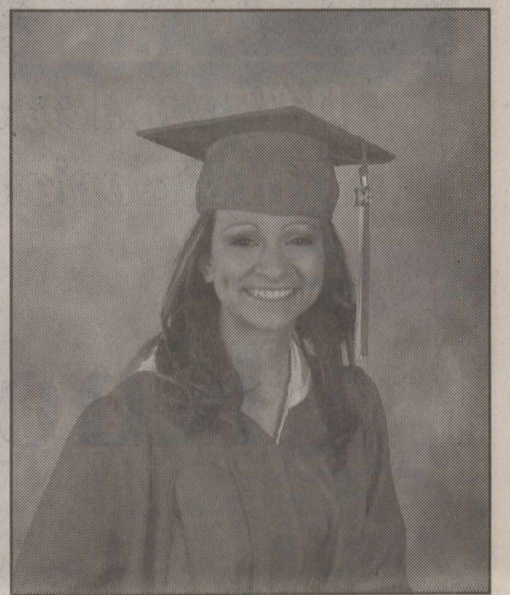
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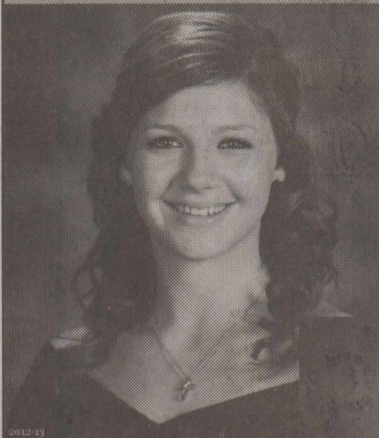
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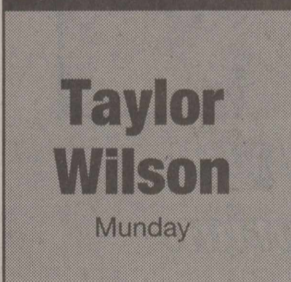


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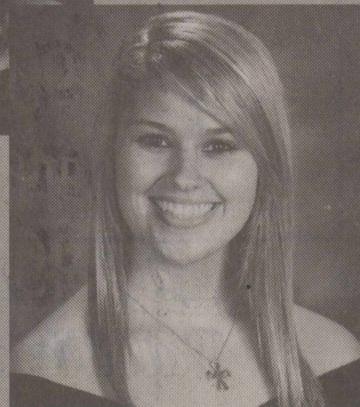
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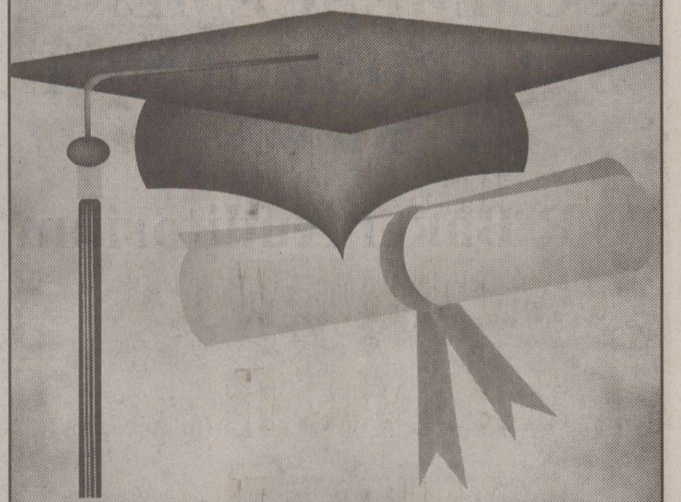


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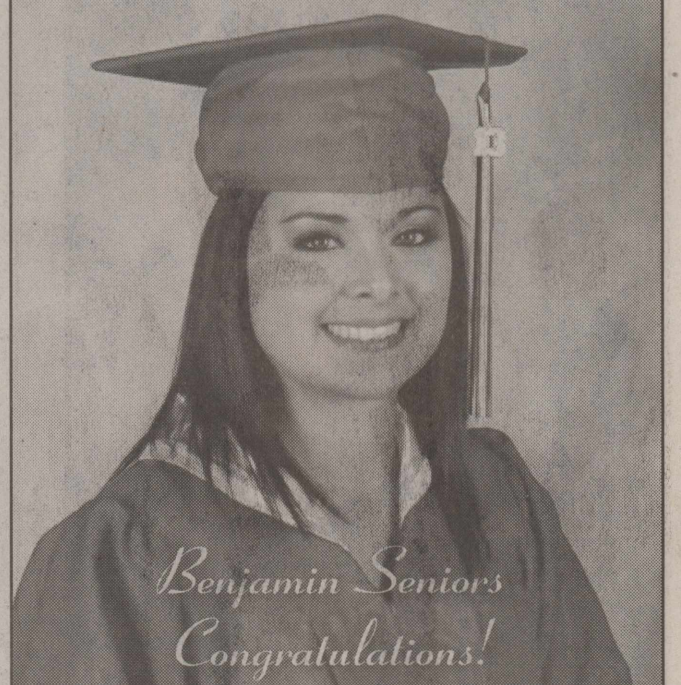
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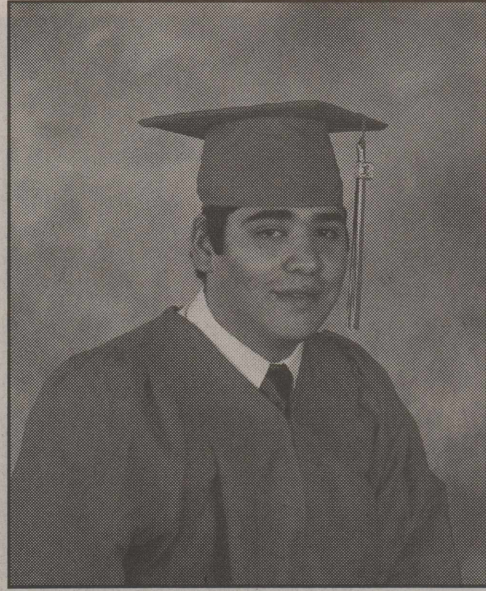
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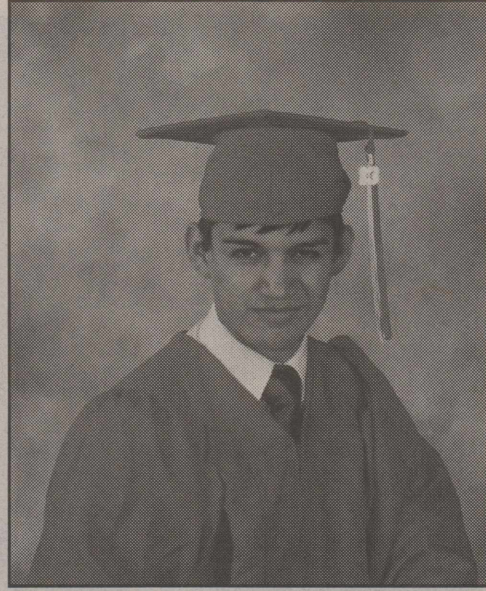
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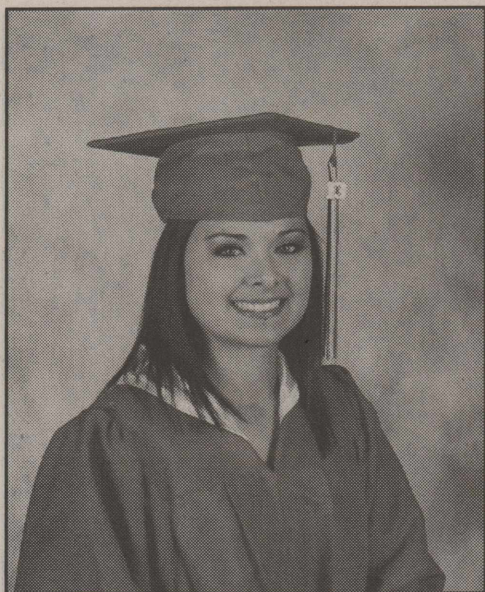
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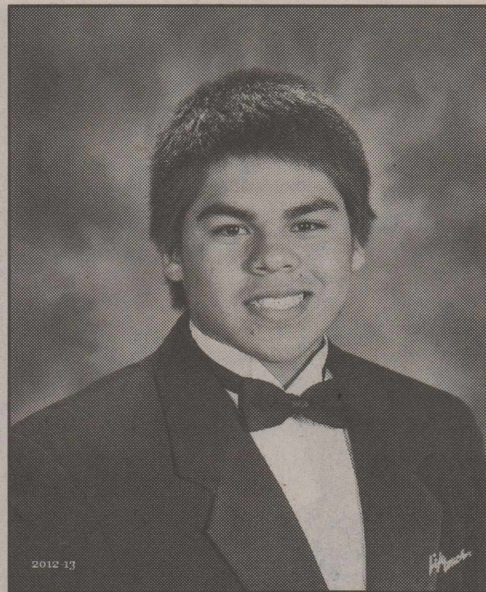
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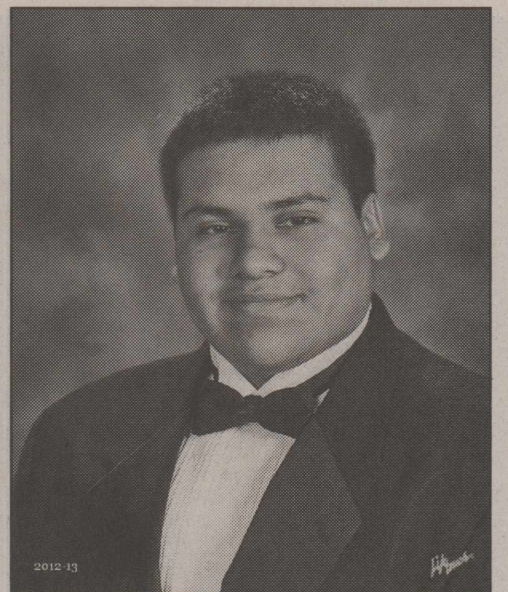
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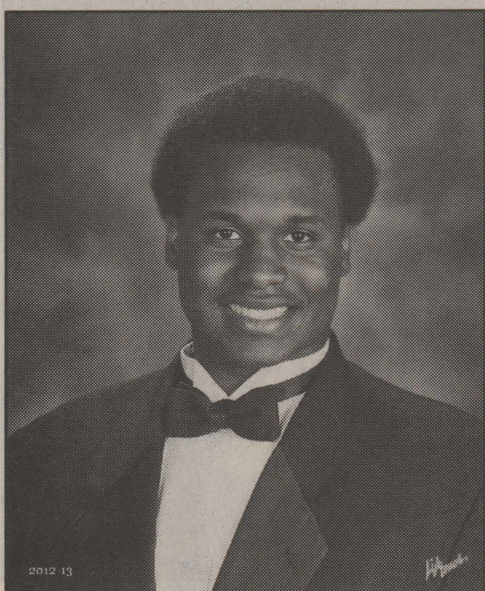
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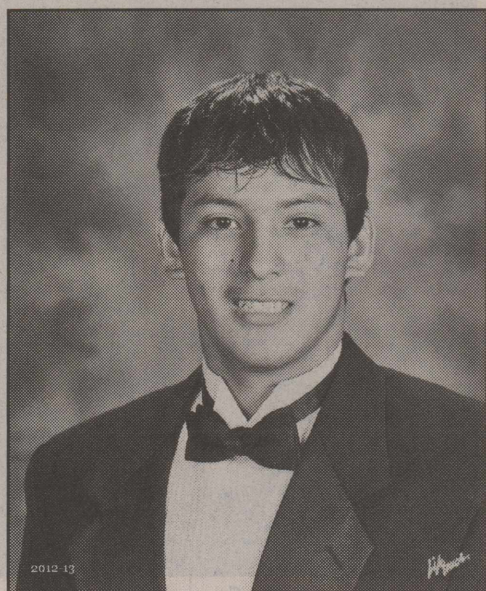
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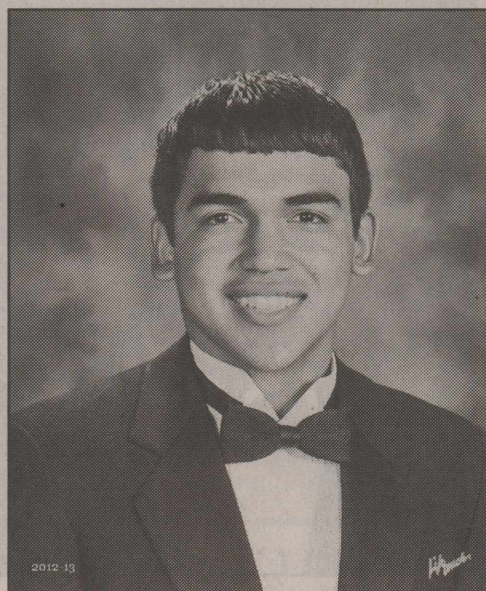
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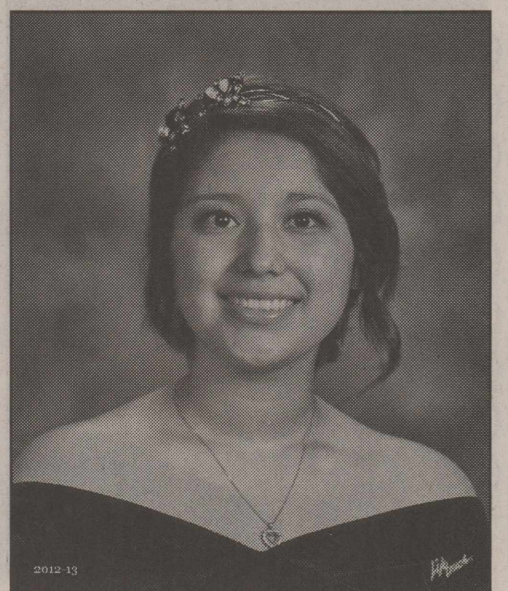
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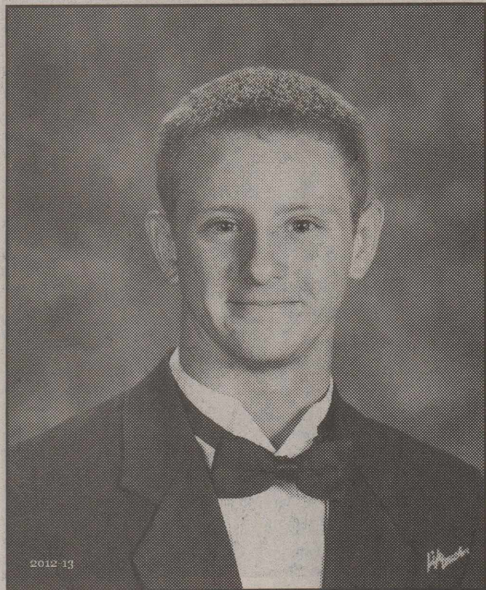
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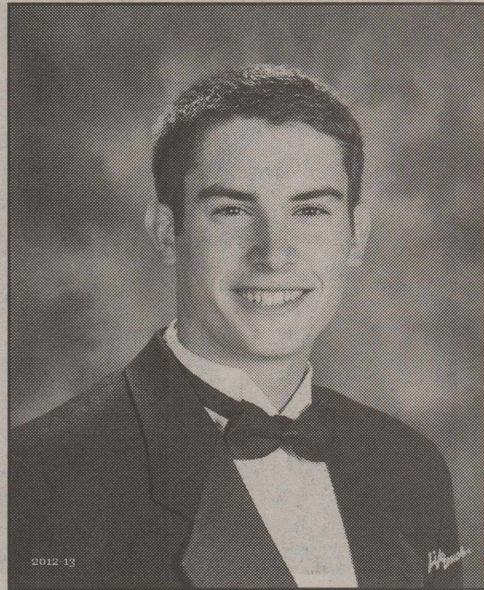
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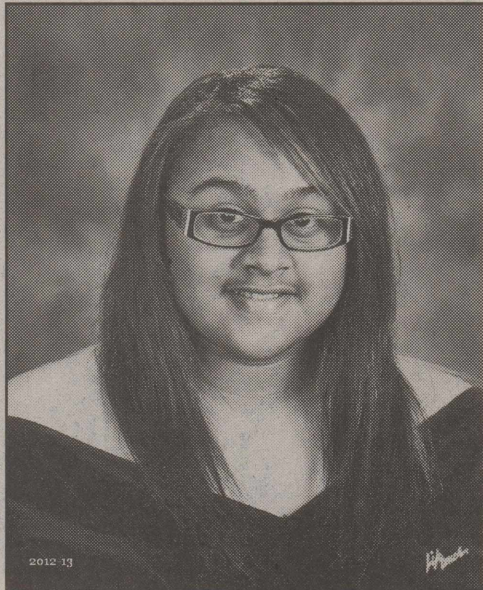
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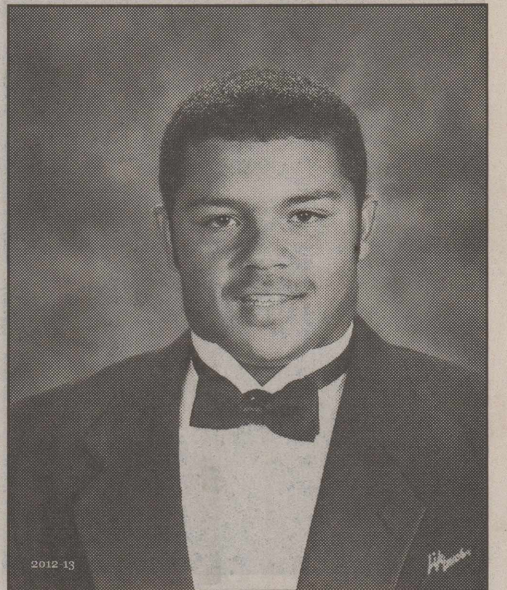
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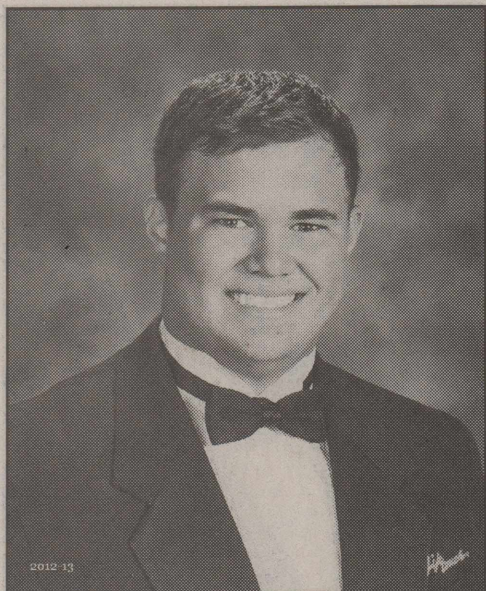
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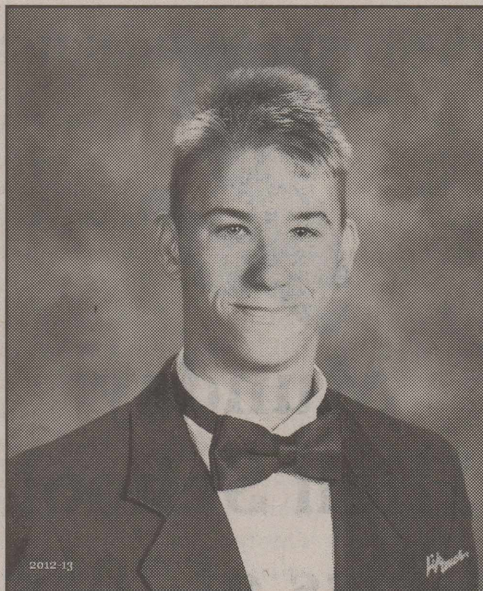
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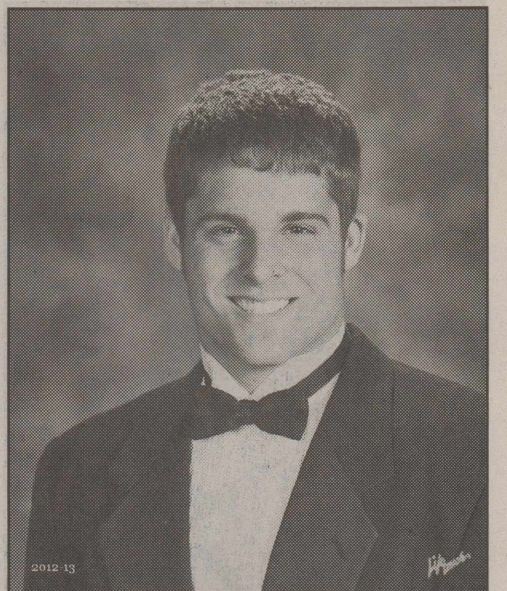
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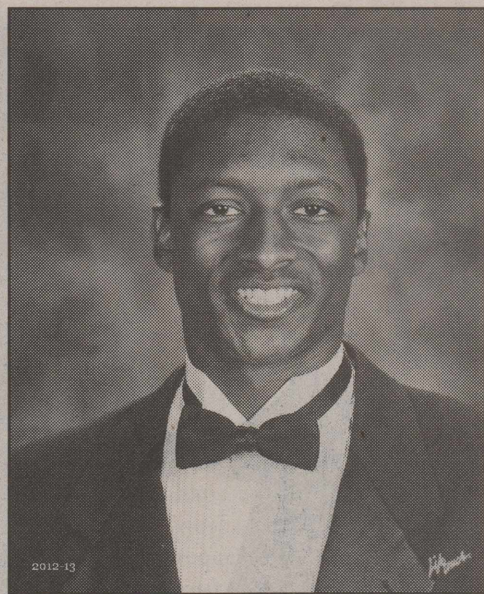
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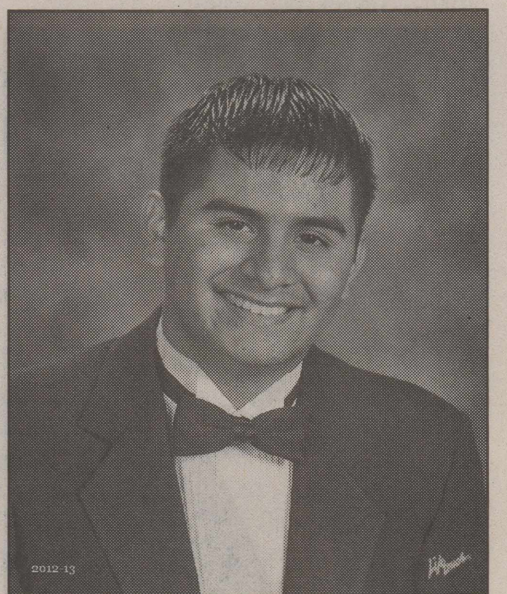
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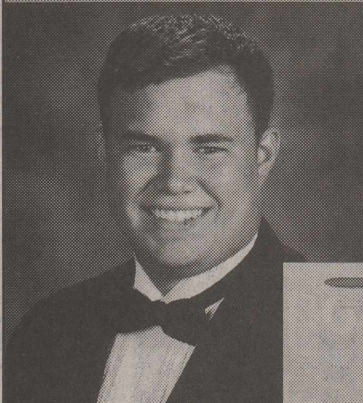


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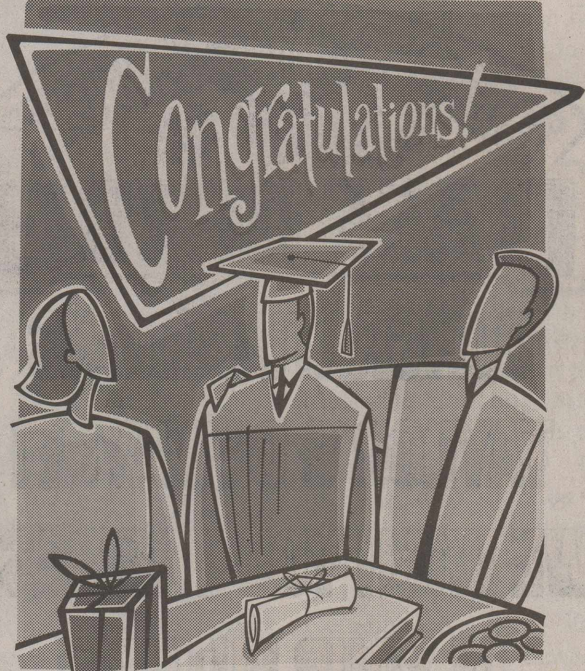


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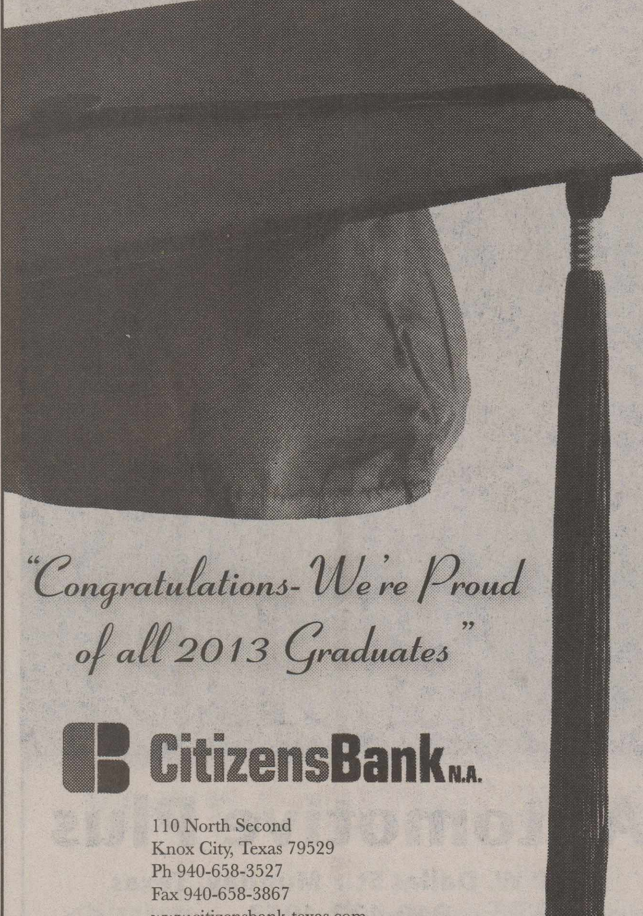


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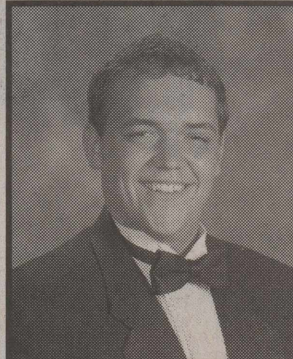
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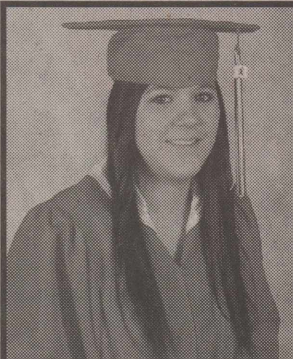
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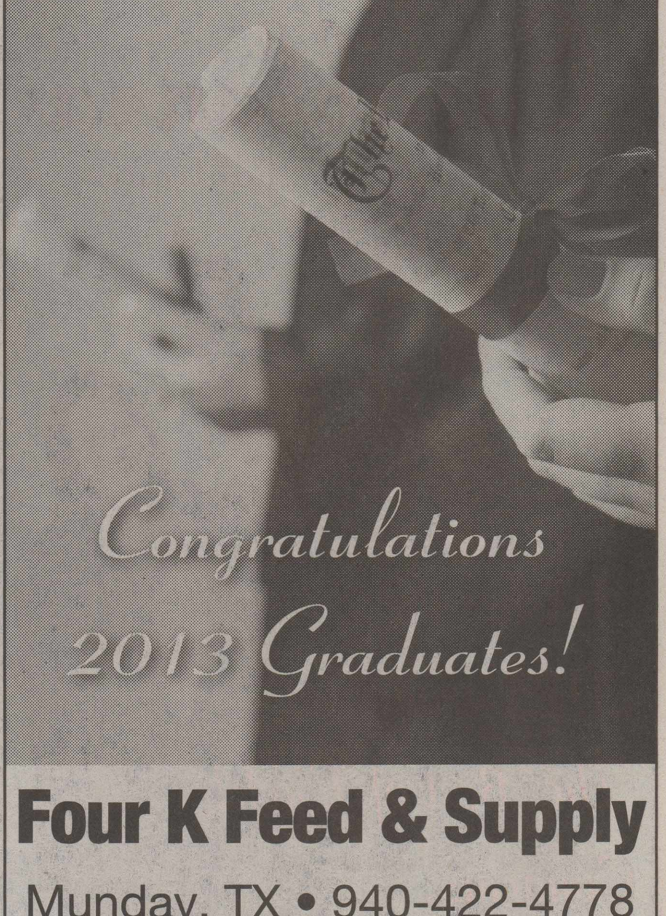


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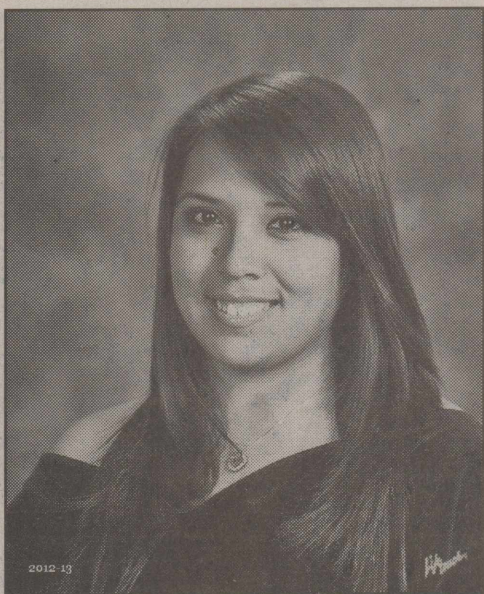
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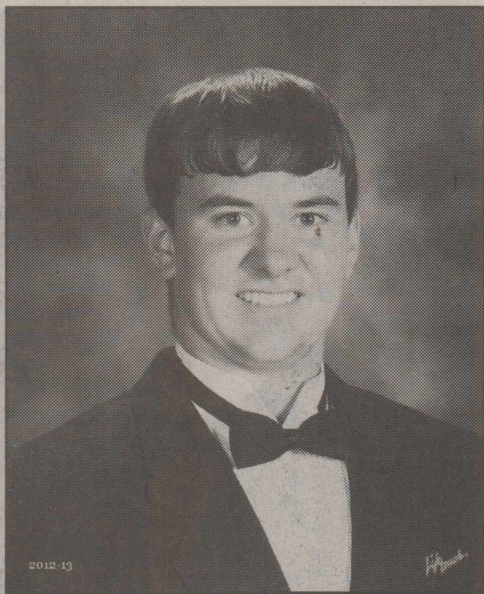
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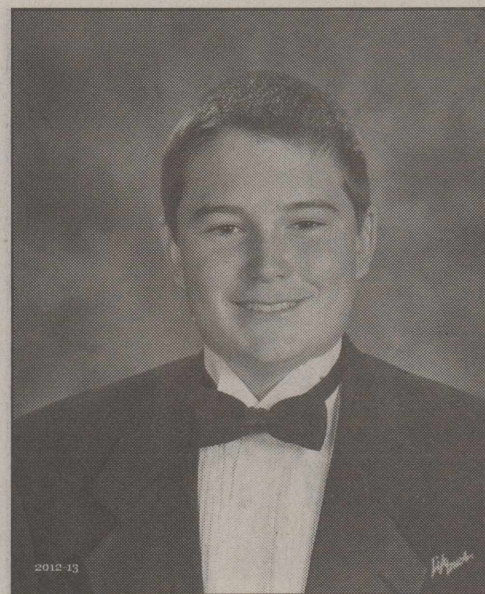
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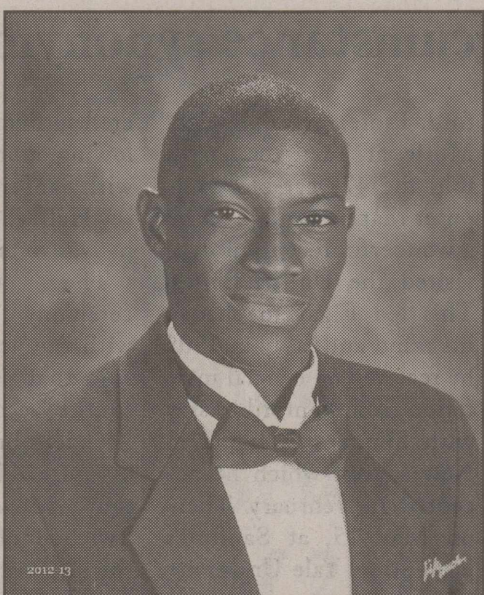
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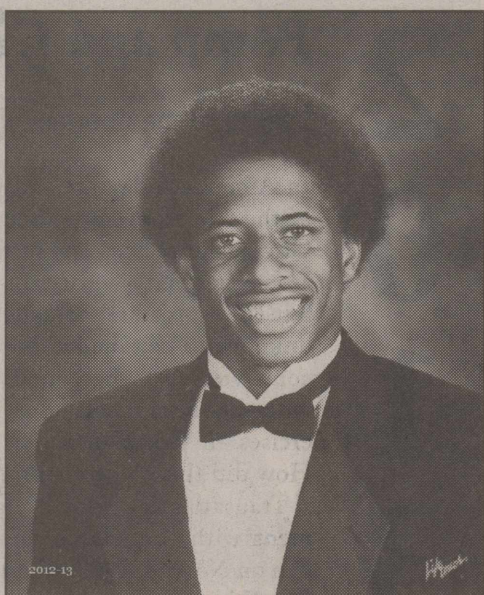
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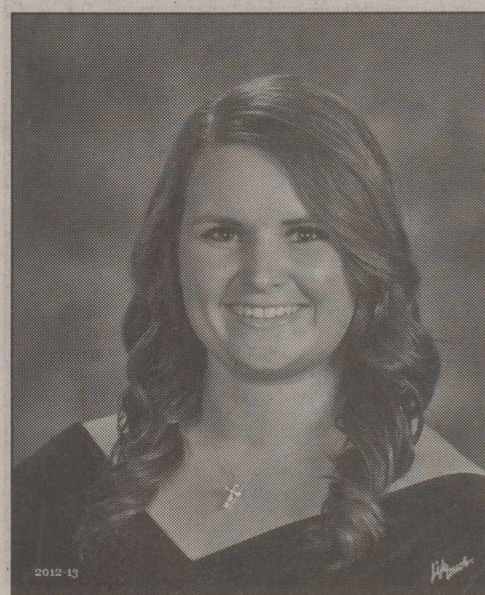
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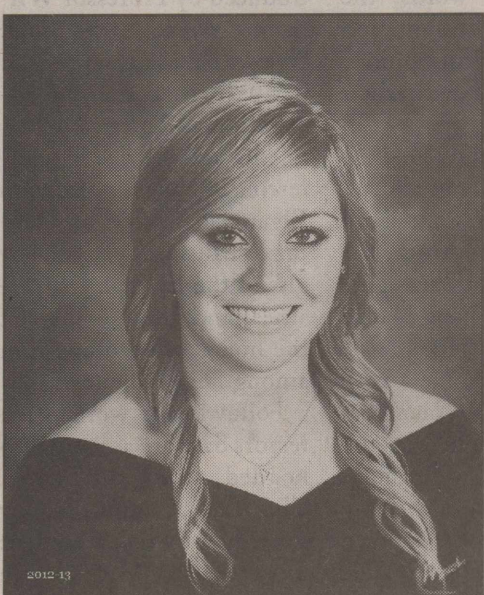
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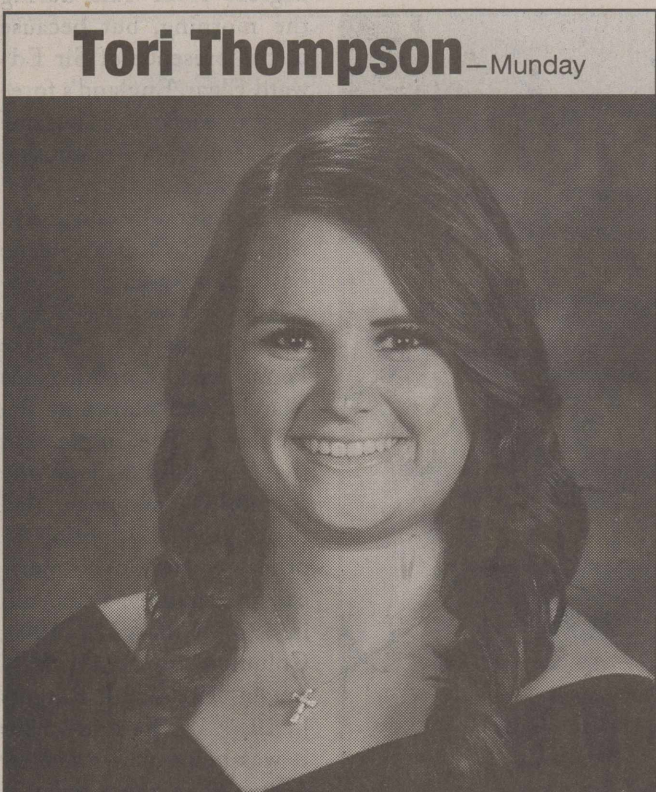
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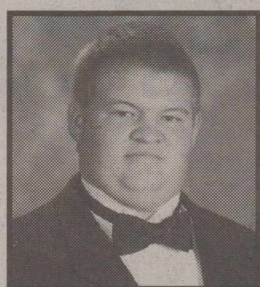
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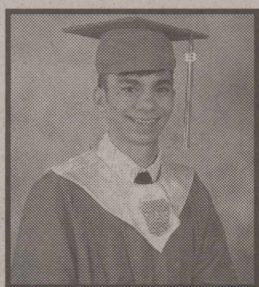


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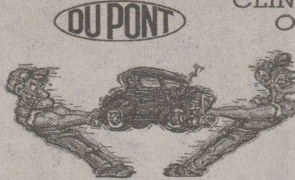


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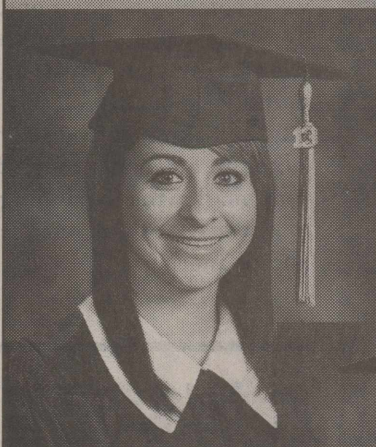
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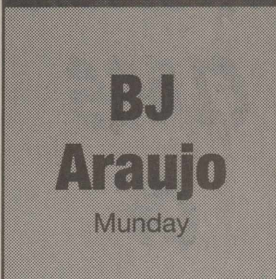
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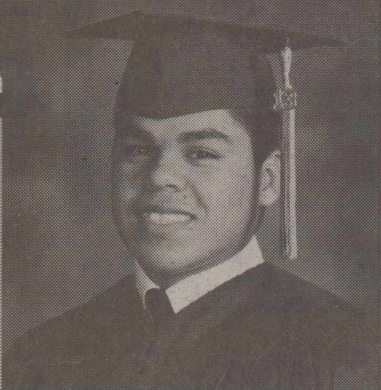
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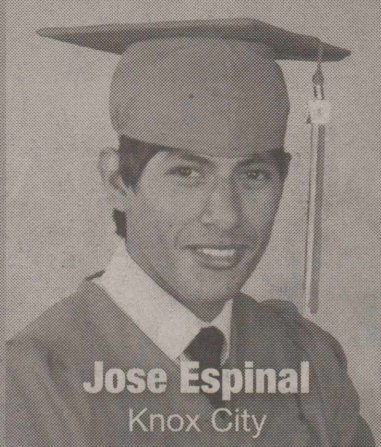
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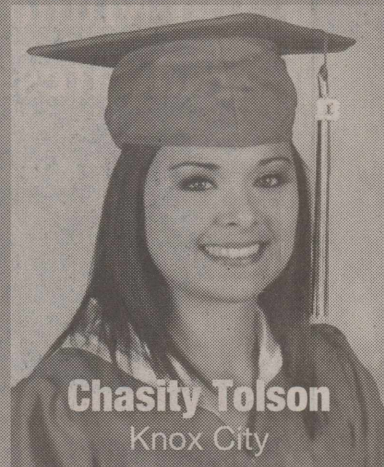
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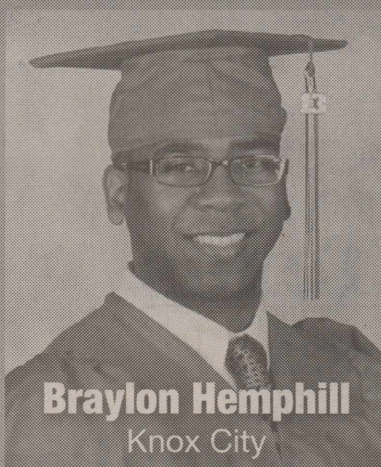
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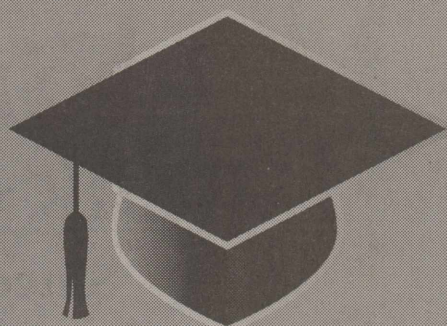


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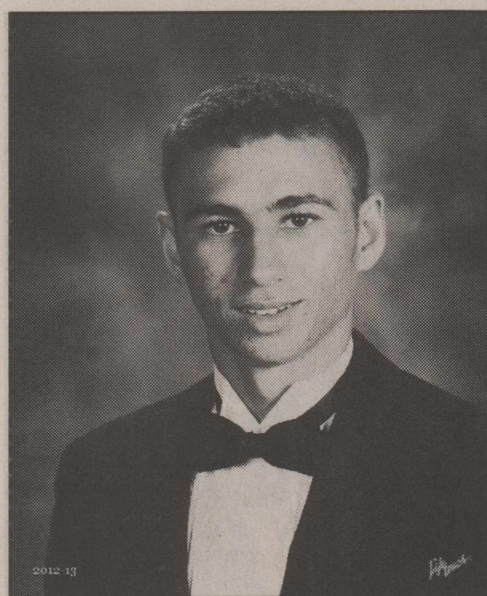
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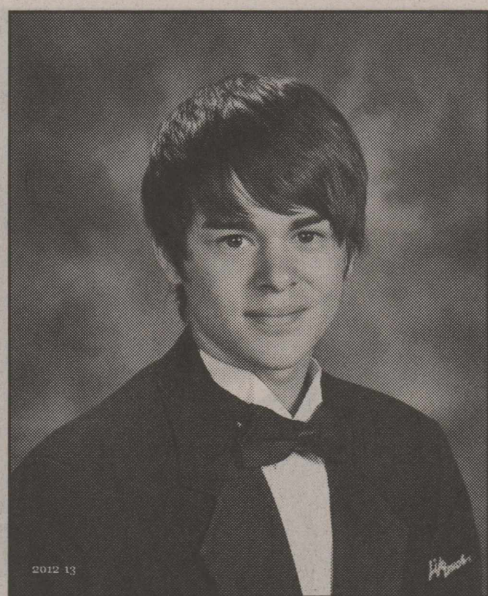


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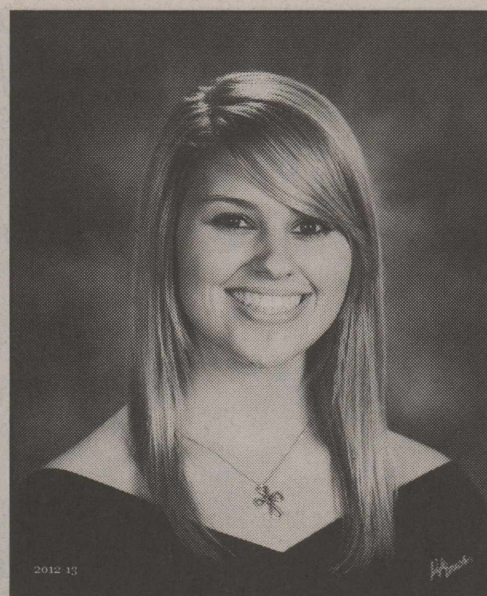
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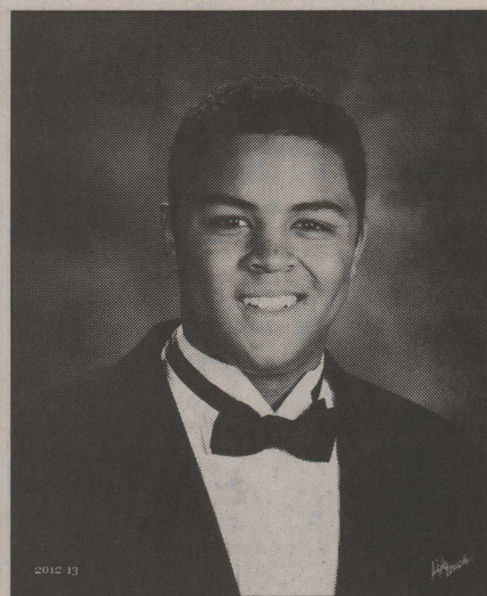
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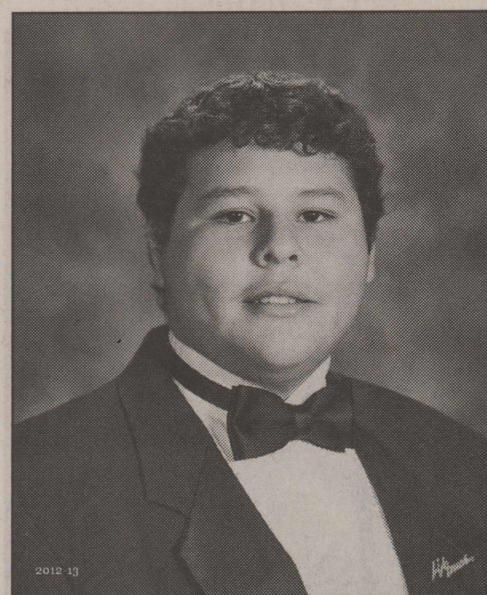
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## 2013 Pomp and Circumstance synonymous with graduation

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In America today the tune of the trio from Pomp and Circumstance No. 1 is just as familiar as it is in Britain, but the words are virtually unknown. The tune has become virtually synonymous with school graduation exercises in North America. How did this come about?

Transatlantic involvement with the March began on Nov. 28, 1902, when Sir Edward Elgar's great American champion, Theodore Thomas, conducted the Chicago Orchestra in its U.S. premiere at the Auditorium Hall in Chicago. Several further performances followed, but it was not until 1905 that the work was first heard at an American graduation.

With the establishment of the Enigma Variations and The Dream of Gerontius as works of genius, Elgar began to receive many requests from the United States to visit and perhaps conduct some of his works. Elgar resisted these requests at first, but in August 1904, his great American friend, Samuel San-

ford, Professor of Applied Music at Yale University, told the 47-year-old composer that he would receive a wonderful reception if he visited the United States. This led Elgar to change his mind and early in 1905 he received an official invitation from Sanford to stay with him at his home in New Haven which he accepted in February. Then, on May 15, at Sanford's prompting, Yale University invited Elgar to receive an Honorary Doctor of Music on June 28.

The Elgars finally left England on the liner Deutschland on June 9, arriving in New York six days later. Here they were met by Sanford who took them to his house on Hillhouse Avenue, very close to the main university campus. Sanford was a wonderful host, and despite the hot and often oppressive weather of a New England summer, the couple were able to visit several of the more interesting local towns and villages. When the day preceding the degree ceremony drew near, Elgar developed a dreadful headache but he had recov-

ered sufficiently by the following morning to depart with Sanford for the Woolsey Hall where the ceremony was to take place.

The commencement ceremony itself began with the academic procession that entered the hall to the accompaniment of Mendelssohn's Ruy Blas overture. There followed a prayer given by the Rev. Dr. Twichell of Hartford and the singing of Psalm LXXV. The President of Yale, Arthur Twining Hadley, then addressed the assembly. Following his words, the successful examination candidates, 669 in number, were presented with their degrees.

After this the Meditation and opening chorus, 'Seek Him that maketh the seven stars' from Elgar's Light of Life was performed by the New Haven Symphony Orchestra reinforced by several New York Musicians, while members of the College choir, the Glee Club and a few musical members from the faculty, some fifty in number, made up the chorus. The part of the Blind Man was sung 'most effectively' by

the tenor, Dr. Charles H. Zimmermann. Professor Harry B. Jepson played the newly installed Newberry organ and Professor Horatio Parker conducted the work. Parker, who Elgar had met previously in England, had taught the young Charles Ives when he was an undergraduate at Yale.

Although there were 13 other candidates for honorary degrees, Elgar was the only one to be awarded a Doctorate of Music. Now dressed in Yale's magnificent blue robes, he was introduced by Professor Williston Walker who said: 'We would ask that Yale do her part to express the admiration of America for his talents and service by conferring upon Sir Edward Elgar the degree of Doctor of Music, already his by gift of the English Universities, and thus do herself the honor of enrolling him among her graduates.'

Following his words, Professors Sanford and Schwab hooded the candidates. The Yale Alumni Weekly subsequently reported that: 'the occasion was notable not only on account of the many distinguished Americans who received honorary degrees from Yale during the morning, but because of the presence of Sir Edward Elgar, England's foremost musician ... His name was received with unusual demonstration.'

The ceremony concluded with Martin Luther's Eine Feste Burg and the Benediction before the guests left the hall to Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance March No.1 played by the orchestra. The impression that the work had on the assembled audience led to its gradual adoption by other prestigious American universities: Princeton in 1907, Chicago in 1908, Columbia in 1913, Vassar in 1916 and Rutgers in 1918. By the mid-1920s it was being performed by many others, and today it is heard at graduation ceremonies throughout the country, both at colleges and at high schools.

The reason for the popularity of the march has to do with Elgar's ability to invent melodies that convey a complex of emotions. The tune manages to sound triumphant, but with an underlying quality of nostalgia, making it perfectly suited to a commencement that marks the beginning of one stage of life, but the end of another.

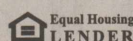


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# School Songs



Onward Mustangs to the battle.  
Go and fight with all your might.

For the school is right behind you  
To win this game tonight.

Fight, fight.  
Ever onward to the battle.  
Win a victory tonight.

For the dear old Benjamin High  
School

We will FIGHT! FIGHT! FIGHT!

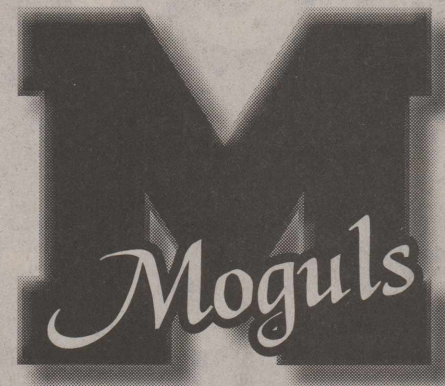


We are here our dear old high  
To laud your glory to the sky

Sons and daughters true  
And we'll stand by you

We will wave our banners gay  
As we go marching on our way

For our dear old KC High  
We'll Never Fail, Never Fail  
KC High Hooray!



Munday High School,  
here's to you.

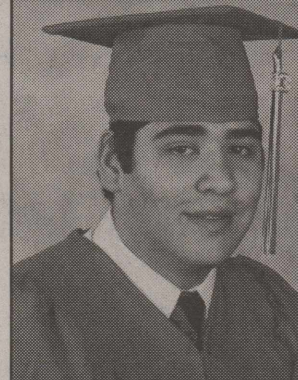
May your sons and your  
daughters be true.

We'll stand firm through the years,  
Purple and Gold!

*"Don't ask what the world  
needs. Ask what makes you  
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Because what the world needs  
is people who have come alive."*

Howard Thurman

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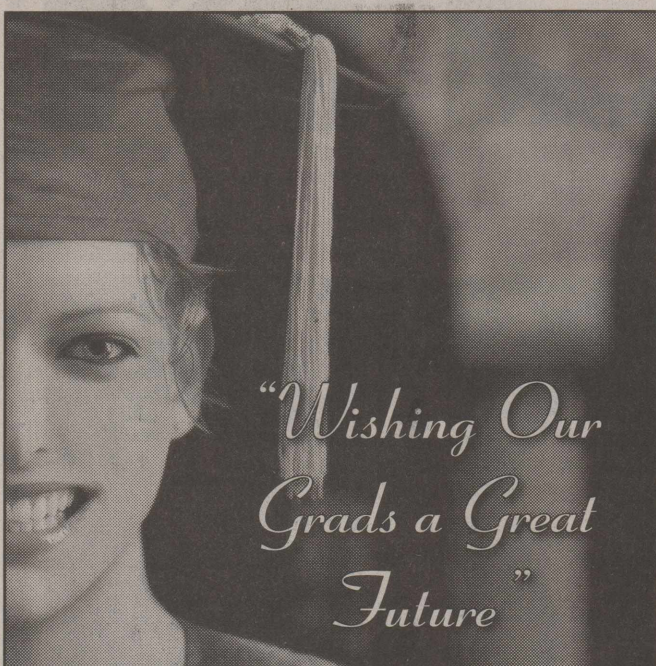
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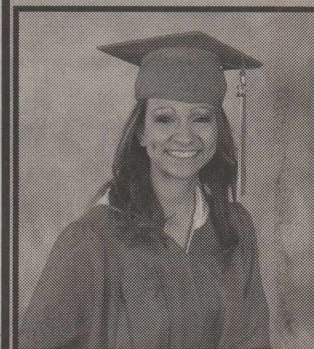
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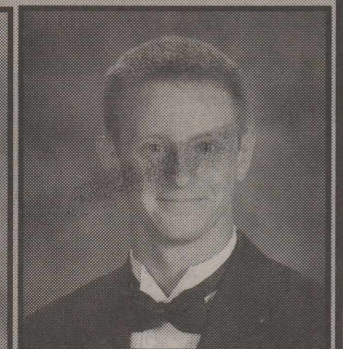


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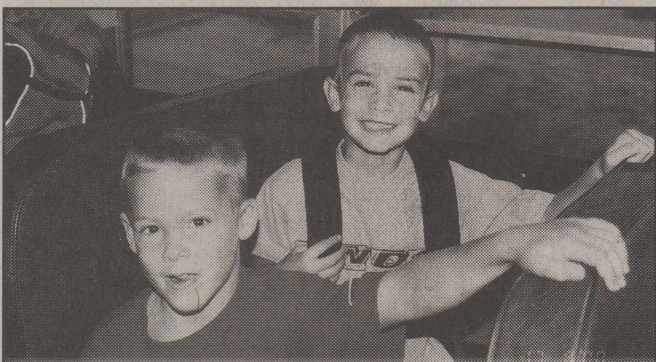


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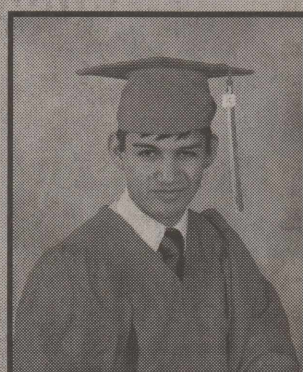
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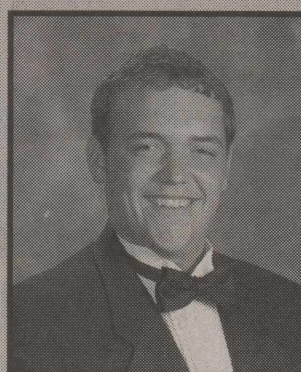


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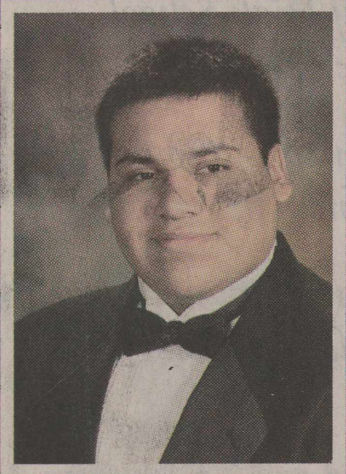
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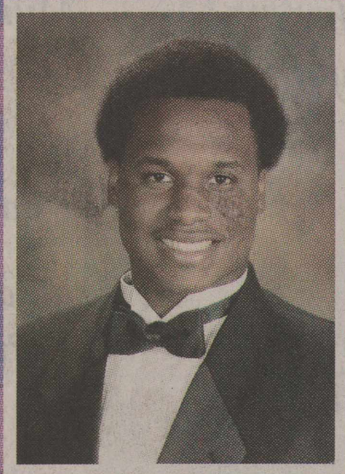
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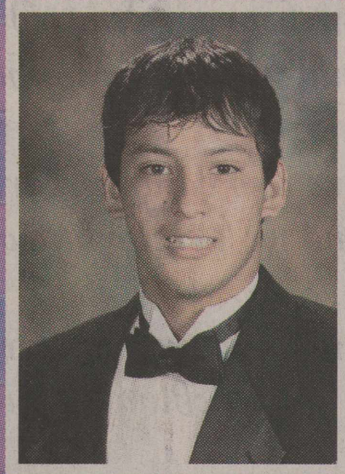
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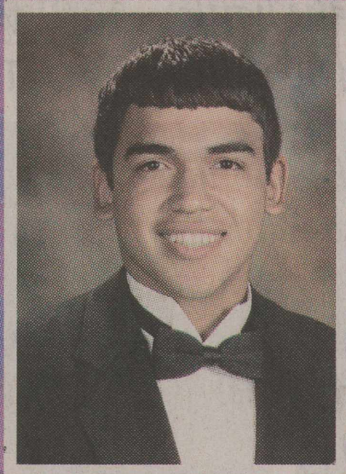
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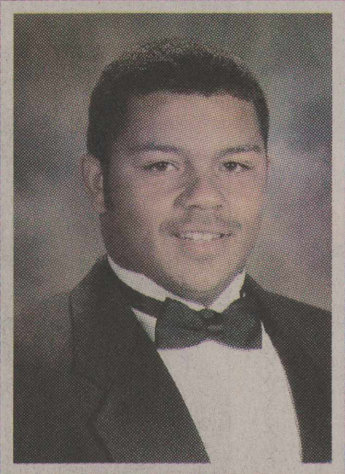
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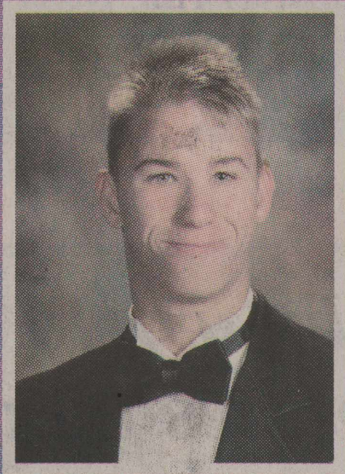
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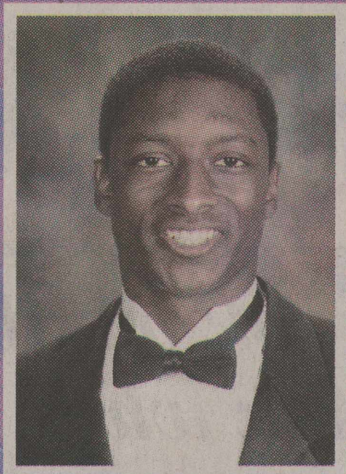
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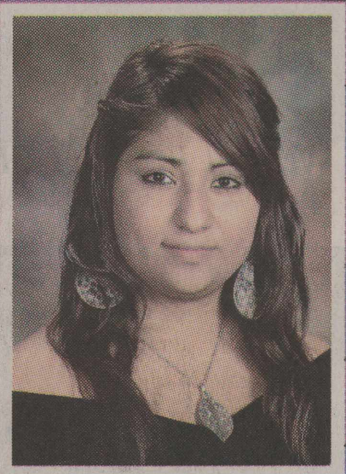
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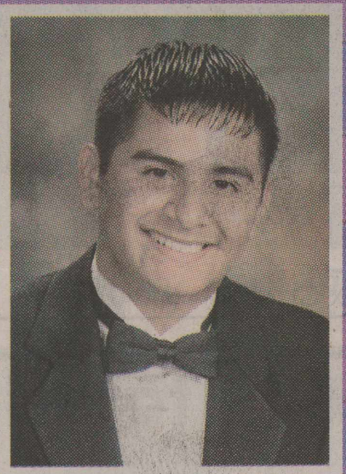
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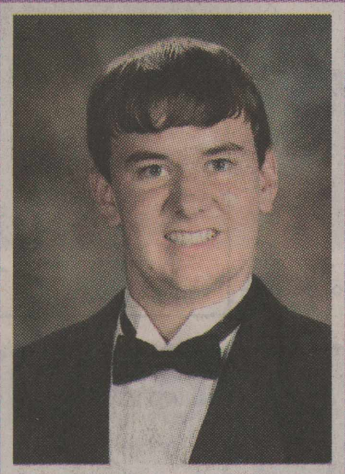
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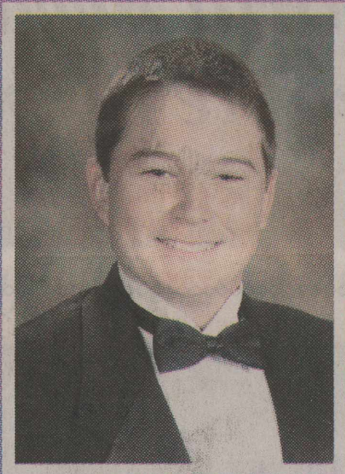
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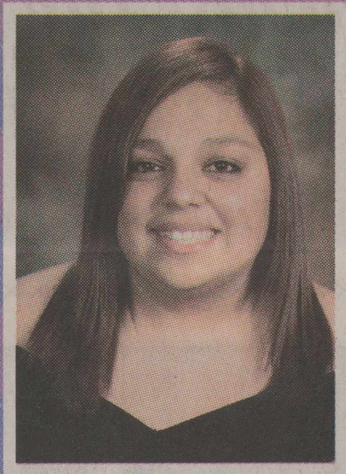
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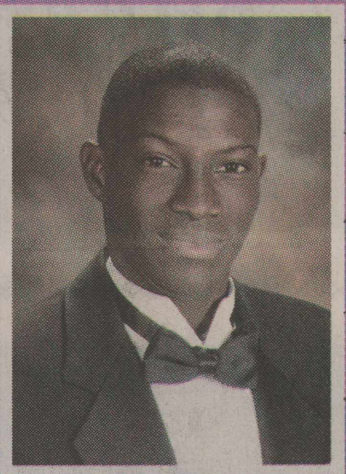
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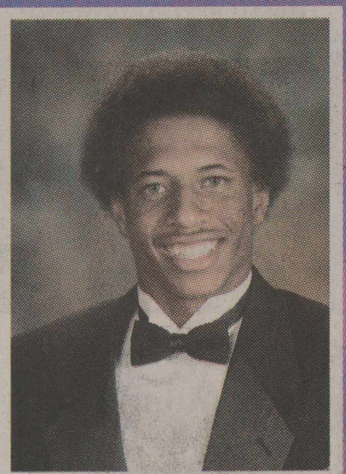
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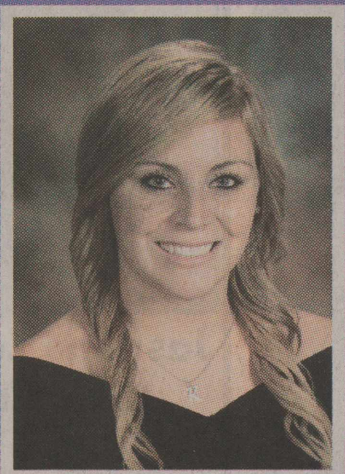
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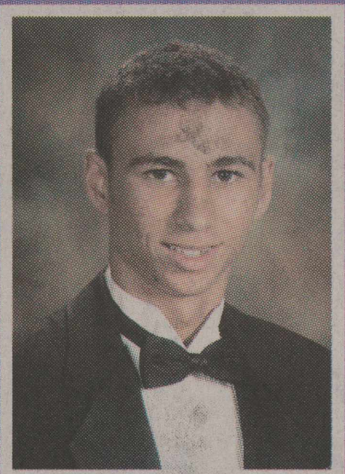
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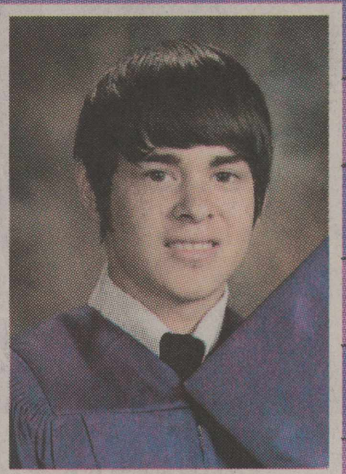
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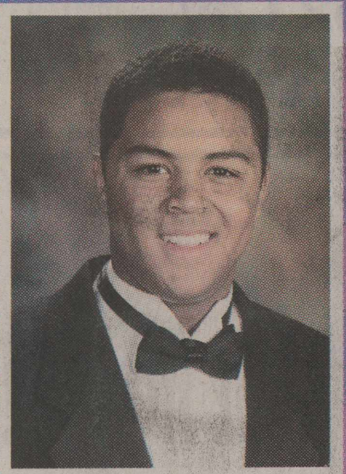
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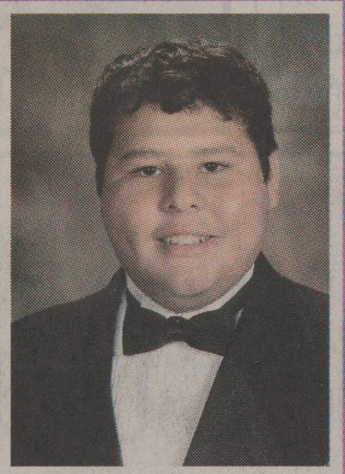
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