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VISITORS BY THE HUNDREDS turned out for the first annual Parkfest, held Saturday along the walking track around Lake Gordon. The event was coordinated by the Iowa Park Chamber of Commerce. Despite conflicting with numerous

other events in nearby cities, visitors came early and stayed late, according to Kenneth Via, Chamber president. "We plan to make it bigger and better next year," Via commented. More pictures are on page 9 of this issue.

Baccalaureate Service set Sunday evening

Baccalaureate Service for the 1999 Iowa Park High School graduating class will be held at 6:00 p.m. Sunday, in the high school auditorium.

Rev. John Bess, pastor of First Methodist Church, is to deliver the message, following a reading of scripture by Josh Arrington, a senior.

Invocation will be given by Anthony St. James, and benediction by Leya Jacobson. The A Cappella Choir is to perform, under direction of Teresa Dodson. Mary Helen Thames will play the processional and recessional.

Attendance of senior class members is not required, according to Principal Alan Seay, but they are encouraged to attend.

Graduation exercises will be held the following Friday evening, in Hawk Stadium if weather permits. Otherwise the ceremony will be moved into the school auditorium.

Busy week for police

This past week was busy enough for Iowa Park police, although none of their activities were directly related to the Parkfest activities.

Police took Aaron Michael Owensby, 26, into custody Thursday evening on an outstanding warrant issued by the county sheriff's office.

Owensby was wanted for possession of a control substance/amphetamines. He was transported to the county jail and held under a \$15,000 bond, according to the police blotter.

Two persons were taken into custody Saturday afternoon, when officers were called to a reported domestic disturbance at a residence in the 600 block of West Washing-

ton. Melissa Ann Rowe, 25, and Kevin Don Rowe, 29, both were charged with family violence and released after promising to appear in municipal court.

Following an officer's stopping a car late Saturday in the 300 block of West Highway, the driver was asked to take a breathalyzer test, and refused. That resulted in the arrest of Terry Allen Eaton, 41, and he was transported to the county jail.

A 15-year-old female was accused of shoplifting Sunday afternoon at Wal-Mart. She reportedly was attempting to leave without paying \$7.14 for a box of markers. She was released to her parents, according to the police blotter.

Jason Edward Meisel, 25, was taken into custody on two outstanding Iowa Park warrants Sunday, and that led to the arrest of John Howard Meisel, 32, on a charge of terroristic threat.

The warrants against Jason Edward were for driving with an expired license plate, a \$503.50 bond, and having no motor vehicle inspection sticker, a \$106.50 bond.

He was released after promising to appear in municipal court on the charges.

John Howard was transported to the county jail, where he was held under a \$10,000 bond.

Arnold Deane Bruner, 22, was taken into custody late Sunday evening in the 1200 block of South Colorado, on an outstanding warrant issued by Iowa Park police for minor in possession.

He was later released after promising to appear in municipal court.

City council sets meeting

Monday's regularly-scheduled meeting of the city council is expected to be short in length, with only three items included on the tentative agenda.

The meeting is to begin at 7 p.m. in council chambers.

Stanley Wright has requested to make a public appearance, requesting permission to install a walkway cover on a portion of the North Bond right of way at the Iowa Park Church of Christ.

Mayor Tim Hunter is to appoint members to the city's Electrical Board.

An extended year service program for the use of the Bicentennial Swimming Pool will be requested by City Administrator Mike Price.

School board studying uniforms

Several parents appeared before the school board last Thursday night asking them to consider the possibility of school uniforms.

Michelle and David Archer and Karen Foster told trustees that they visited Zundelowitz (Zundy) Junior High School in Wichita Falls to see if the use of school uniforms on that campus has been successful.

Mrs. Archer said that with the school tragedies that have been occurring, everyone is concerned with school safety. At Zundy, she found the students to be very orderly. She feels that uniforms level the playing field, takes the focus off of clothing and back to academics, and increases school spirit.

Mrs. Foster noted that the students at Zundy come to school with a mindset to perform. She said another benefit is that the uniforms cost less than half of regular back-to-school clothes.

Regarding school safety, Mrs. Foster said there should be closer monitoring of students' use of the internet E-mail. She was told that this issue was a concern and had been addressed.

David Archer told the board that when he visited the middle school, the kids in the hallways were acting rambunctious and some were not adhering to the dress code. He felt that school uniforms would eliminate these problems.

Board President Keith Fisher told the group that presently the topic of uniforms is more of an exploratory thing and the board would see what input it gets from the community.

A letter is being sent to parents asking for their opinion on the use of school uniforms. The letter states that "recent research seems to indicate that the use of school uniforms improves student academic success as well as behavior, creating a safe learning environment." In defining a school uniform, "an attractive polo-style knit shirt, khaki or navy pants, skirts, walking shorts, and related attire,"

were mentioned.

A self-addressed postcard has been enclosed with the letter in order for the parents to respond.

In discussing school safety, Supt. Mike Caplinger said that several precautionary steps had been taken to improve security. Video cameras have been placed in the high school, back doors have been locked on many campuses, centralized entry and exits have been arranged, and vehicles prevented from parking near school buildings.

Caplinger thanked Iowa Park Police Chief Lynn Collins for putting officers and the drug detection dog at high school following the shootings in Colorado.

Collins said that preventative type measures were all that was needed on the campuses at this time. He suggested letting parents be a part of the solution.

Collins is working on a letter to send parents, showing how they can help stop violence in the schools. It will include warning signs and things to watch for. He will present the letter to the school board for approval before sending it out.

The oath of office was administered to trustees Keith Fisher and Randy Brown. The trustees election, scheduled for May 1, was cancelled because both men ran unopposed.

The board held an election of officers with Fisher being re-elected president, Wendall House, vice president, and Martha Dudley, secretary.

The school's architect, Michael Marris, told trustees that he would finish the design work on new construction and renovations that will take place in the district in about two months. He said the work would be going on concurrently at all campuses and should be finished by August of 2000. Marris has been visiting with personnel on each campus concerning facility additions.

Supt. Caplinger told the board that the time has come to reinstate a policy to reimburse teachers who complete college hours toward a master's degree.

Two years ago the policy was temporarily abandoned because of the drastic budget cuts that were required.

The board voted to reinstate the

policy, effective Sept. 1, 1999. Teachers, working toward a master's or advanced degree, will be reimbursed the actual tuition cost or a maximum of \$80 per college hour.

Alan Seay, high school principal, and James Skeeler reported on schools they have visited to get ideas on how to implement a new program, "High Schools That Work."

After meeting in a closed session, board members reconvened and voted to accept the resignations of Randy Lovelady, W.F. George Middle School principal; David May, high school athletics/health and P.E.; Freda Beals, special education aide at W.F. George Middle School; and Robert Robinson, bus driver.

Lovelady resigned to accept a position as assistant superintendent for the Burkburnett ISD.

In regard to Lovelady's replacement, Supt. Caplinger said that he has been meeting with the Campus Improvement Team and they are compiling a list of questions for appli-

cants. He said next week they will talk with those in the Iowa Park school district who are interested in the position.

Other action by the board included:

- * approved resolution to extend depository contract with State National Bank;

- * elected Jeff Watts as delegate and Martha Dudley as alternate to the TSAB Delegate Assembly in Houston, Oct. 9;

- * approved renewal of Workmen's Compensation Agreement with TASB;

- * accepted proposal to continue North Texas Tech Prep School-to-Work Consortium;

- * approved student transfer list for 1999-2000;

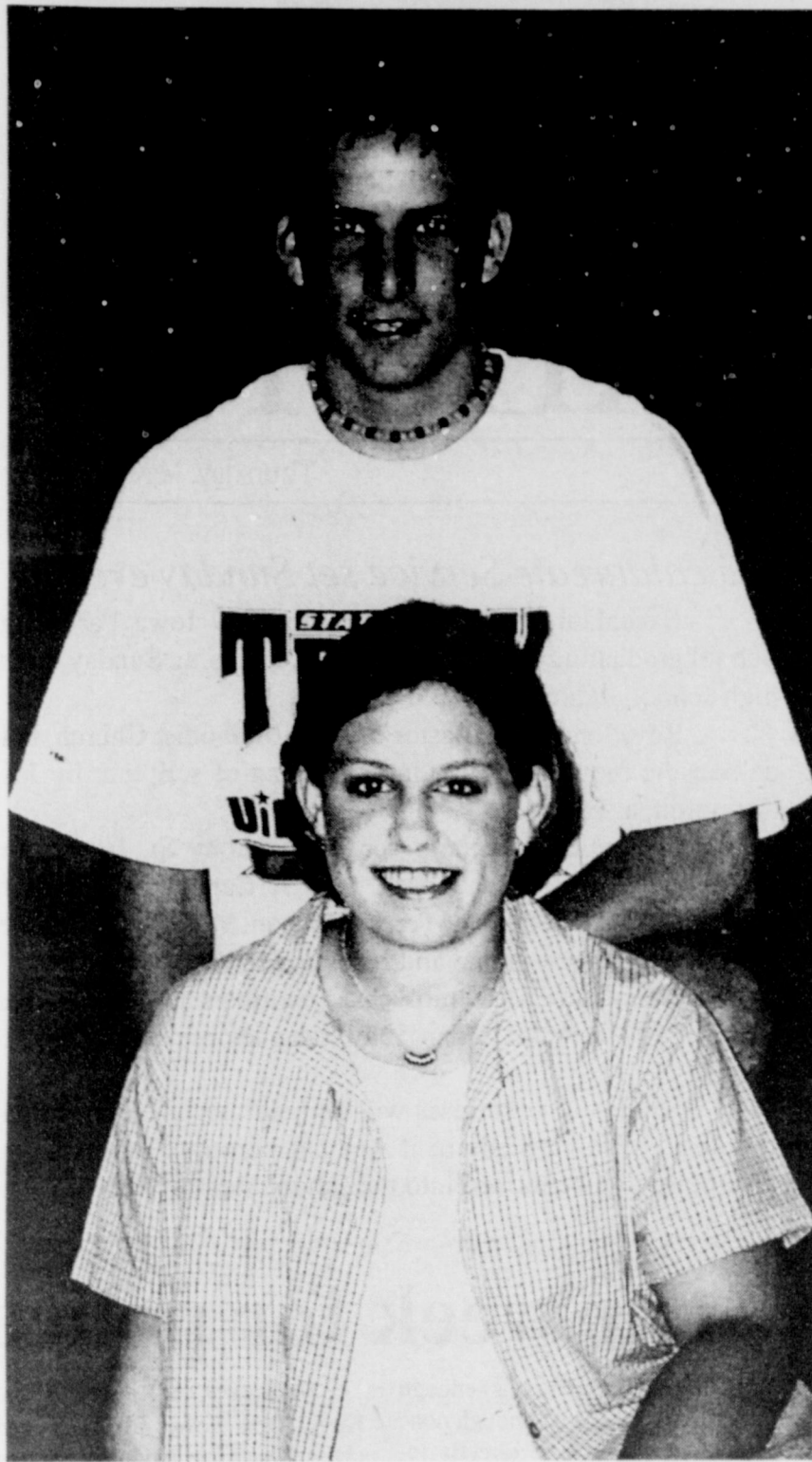
- * approved cheerleader constitution; and,

- * tabled consideration of an increase in school lunch prices and technology connectivity to the elementary schools.



EARN STATE MEDALS - Iowa Park's 1600-meter relay team ran its best time of the season Friday night in Austin, and earned third place in the state meet. Members are, from left, Tommy and Jeff Duerson, Dustin Shierry and Malcolm Wise. A complete story of the race is on page 11 of this issue.

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BEST ALL-AROUND...

Vanessa Hebel and Ross Dillard

Hebel, Dillard voted Best All-Around

Vanessa Hebel and Ross Dillard were voted Best All-Around Boy and Girl by Iowa Park High School faculty.

The honor is a yearly tradition bestowed upon two seniors each year. During her four years at IPHS, Vanessa has participated in cheerleading, student council, band, Future Homemakers of America, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and National Honor Society, as well as one-act play.

In sports, she competed in power lifting, where she was a regional qualifier and earned fifth in state competition; in softball, where she served as captain; volleyball and basketball.

Among the scholastic honors she has earned are Who's Who Among High School Students, Who's Who Among Cheerleaders, and National Achievement for high School Students.

She has also been named to Academic All-District in softball, and Academic All-State in volleyball.

Ross is a member of Future Farmers of America, where he has held several positions; National Honor Society, Student Council, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

He also served as assistant su-

perintendent for sheep at the Texas-Oklahoma Fair.

He has competed in and earned several awards in UIL Literary, Soil and Water Conservation Essay, Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Award, Soil Stewardship Speaker, Land Judging,

Rado Team, Ag Issues and Events Team, and the Agriculture Mechanic Team.

He has been named to the Principal's Elite Honor Roll, Student of the Week, Academic All-State Football, Academic All-District Baseball, and Who's Who among American High School Students.

Also, he was Texas Representative to the National FFA Hall of States, the Iowa Park Optimist Club Outstanding Freshman Boy and the Red River Optimist Club Young Texan.

Ross plans to attend Tarleton State Univ. or Texas A&M to pursue a degree in agriculture.

FRIENDLY DOOR MENU

Friday, May 21
Salmon Loaf, macaroni and cheese, turnip greens, carrot slaw, hot roll, peach halves.

Monday, May 24
Salisbury steak, baked beans, spinach, bread, peaches.

Tuesday, May 25
Chicken supreme, herbed potatoes, copper pennies, green salad, wheat roll, cherry cobbler.

Wednesday, May 26
Baked ham, green beans, sweet potatoes, pear halves, hot roll, peanut butter cookie.

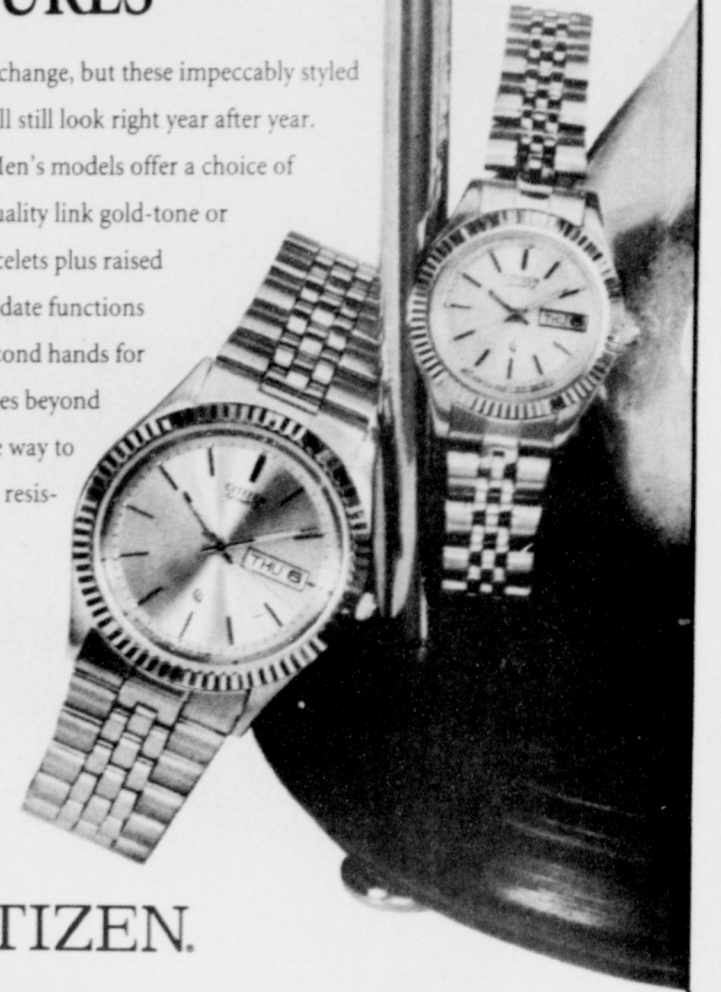
Thursday, May 27
Meat loaf w/ tomatoes, black-eyed peas, okra, cornbread, banana pudding.

Friday, May 28
Hamburger, hamburger salad, oven baked fries, carrot salad, fresh apple.

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IPHS STUDENTS of the WEEK

VALERIE CARRIER, DANIEL WEST AND NICOLE LITSCHGI

VALERIE CARRIER
My name is Valerie Carrier. I am 18 years old. I am from Quebec City, Canada. I am part of an exchange student program because I love languages and want to learn as most different as I can. I want to be a traductor or work in communication.
My interests are: Alpine ski, powerlifting, swimming, drawing, theatre, language, hanging out with my friends, and more.
Down here I visit: Padre Island, Oklahoma City, Holtenville, Dallas, Houston.
I arrived here September 4, 1998, and I am leaving June 7.
I really enjoy my stay here and I want to thank all the family who keep exchange student because it is an experience of a lifetime for both party.

DANIEL WEST
Name: Daniel West
Country: Germany (Gelsenkirchen)
Age: 17
Why I'm Here: Heard a lot about the USA and as I got the chance to spend some time over here, I just took it.
What I did here: Met a lot of people. Get introduced to many Texan traditions.
For Spring Break I went to Pennsylvania with my host family.
Thank You - My family in Germany

NICOLE LITSCHGI
My name is Nicole and I'm an exchange student from Switzerland. I live here with Winnie and Dwain Holmes on Rita Lane.
Being an exchange student was a dream that I had since junior high. I learned a lot this year and even though I didn't only have a year of fun I would do the whole thing again.
I met a lot of nice people here, a new family and made some new friends. With those people I want to stay in contact and hope some will come and visit me. If not I'll be back for the 10-year reunion.
I'm leaving the U.S. on the 13 of July but I won't be here in IP after graduation. Back in Switzerland, I'll have 2 1/2 years left in the pre-college school, then I may go to college. But what I know for sure - I'll be travelling all over the world for the rest of my life.
The biggest change for me was to lose a big part of my independence. In Switzerland I was able to go to places on my own with either bus or train, but here I always need a chauffeur, because I'm not allowed to get a driver's license.

Host family over here: Robin and Morris Commander.
Everyone nice I met over here.
I am leaving on June 12th.

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Sharon Nicole Park and Luis Mariano Castro

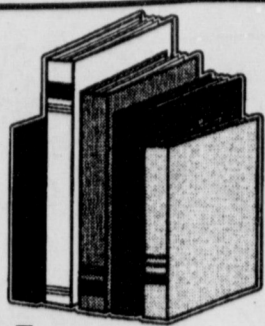
Couple to marry June 4

John and Jessie Park are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Sharon Nicole, to Luis Mariano Castro. He is the son of Marina Ramifet of New York City.

The couple plan to marry June 4 in Wichita Falls.

Sharon is a graduate of Iowa Park High School and is employed as a beautician at Sheppard Air Force Base.

Luis graduated high school in the Bronx, New York City. He has been in the U.S. Navy 16 years and is a Dental Technician I. Currently he is working as a dental instructor at SAFB.



LIBRARY NEWS

Memorial Day

The library will be closed on Saturday, May 29th for Memorial Day Holiday.

Library Hours

Tuesday and Thursday 10-8
Wednesday and Friday 10-5
Saturday 10-2

Reading Program

The library Summer Reading Program begins June 1st.

All children registering that day will receive a prize coupon from What-A-Burger. The library staff will register children during library hours.

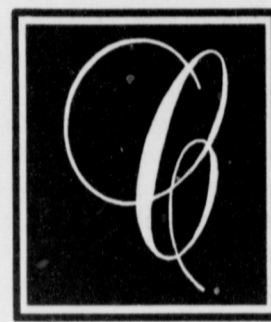
Wednesday, June 2nd, will be our first storyteller, Mike Cruciger, at 1 p.m. up stairs.

Mike Cruciger entertains with an extensive repertoire of silly, serious, traditional and original songs. He begins every performance by subtly empowering the audience to determine the song list and sing along.

Besides providing guitar accompaniment and help with lyrics, Mike uses occasional banjo tunes to provide some variety. He weaves humor and thought-provoking commentary of family values, changing times and sharing the world.



TOP COOKIE SELLERS - These Iowa Park Girl Scouts were top sellers in the Iowa Park area for the Girl Scouts' Annual Cookie Sale. They include (top row) Kelli Dickey, 204 boxes; Stephanie Ford, 282 boxes; Lindsay Biggs, 214 boxes; Cindy Godwin, 179 boxes. (Bottom row) Kenzie Jones, 159 boxes; Jodie Blundell, 262 boxes; and Bethany Smith, 160 boxes. Not pictured is Chelsey Cullers, who sold 206 boxes.



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Chowning in Army

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- TXism: "busy as tender on pay day"
- U.S. Rep. of Fort Worth Geren
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- between Buchanan and Inks lakes
- TX Rayburn was in Congress 48
- east of McCulloch Co.
- Madre separates Padre Island from the mainland
- Fort Worth's Casa Manana
- buildings for the Mavericks & Spurs
- TX Margo Jones: "Dallas _____"
- nat. assn. for TX universities (abbr.)
- TX Steve Martin's "_____ of Faith"
- State Park near Port Arthur
- TXism: "_____ as the front end of a John Deere"
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- Travis Tritt's "_____ To Change"
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- Guadalupe raft: _____ tube

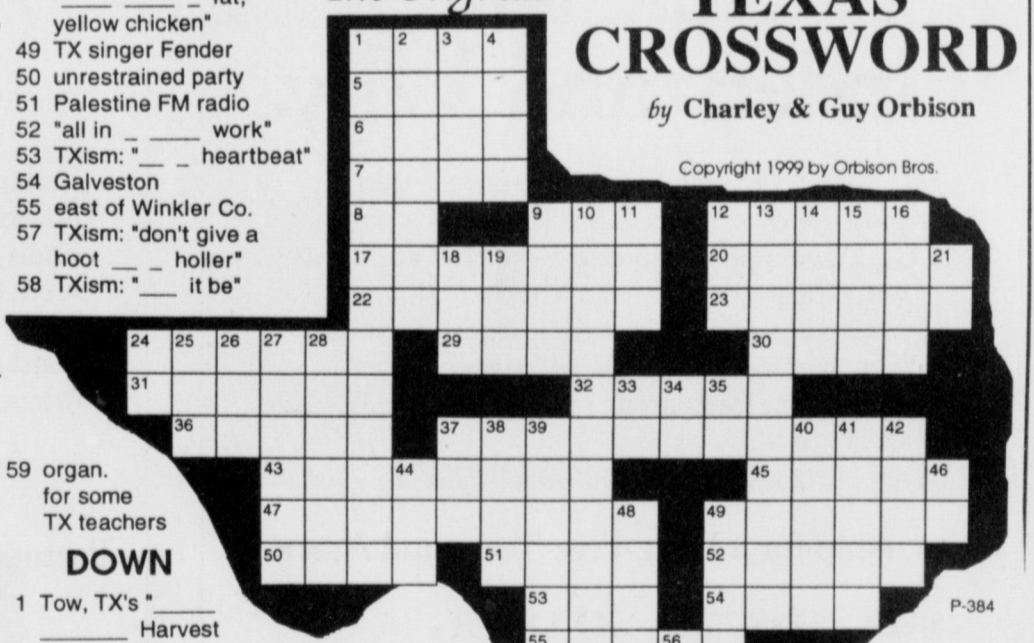
- TX Pilgrim's Pride "_____ fat, yellow chicken"
- unrestrained party
- Palestine FM radio
- "all in _____ work"
- TXism: "_____ heartbeat"
- Galveston
- east of Winkler Co.
- TXism: "don't give a hoot _____ holler"
- TXism: "_____ it be"

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- organ. for some TX teachers

DOWN

- Tow, TX's "_____ Harvest Celebration"
- LBJ's mother
- TXism: "blind as _____"
- TXism: "as long as ducks go _____ footed" (forever)
- TX Ross Perot's old co.: Electronic _____ Systems
- Civil War president
- TX actress/singer Ella _____ Morse
- "Meskin Band" Little Joe _____ Familia
- worm getters
- ex-Cowboy FB Tommie

- TXism: "he could out _____ six-legged bobcat"
- TXism: "_____ beans"
- ex-Ranger pitcher Robb
- nuclear deterrent in the Cold War (abbr.)
- TXism: "dainty _____ a June bride"
- ex-Cowboy LB Darrin (init.)
- nevertheless
- a Texan "no"
- TXism: "as sure as one & one _____"
- TXism: "looking glass"

- the Matthews who wrote "Interwoven"
- TX-born Shaquille Rashawn _____
- reverse coloring
- TX actor Cassidy & TX pitcher Lyons
- pig's pad
- former U.S. Senator Yarborough (init.)
- TXism: "smart _____ full of owls"
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- Oatmeal Festival's "_____Thon race"

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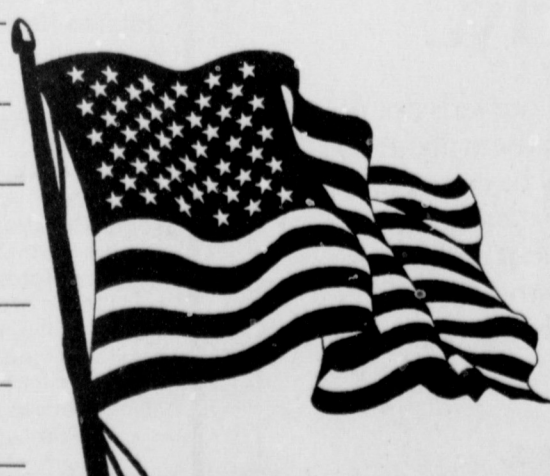
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As I See It... By Bob Hamilton



My prediction was correct, but I'm disappointed.

When the University of Texas announced last year its plans to take the track out of Memorial Stadium and build a new facility, my caution flag went up.

Later, another news story reported the planned seating capacity of the Mike A. Myers Stadium would seat 20,000, I predicted it wouldn't

handle the University Interscholastic League's state high school crowd.

And it didn't, by about 700, Friday night.

It was standing room only when the Class 3A and 4A running events were held.

And a huge delegation of fans and supporters from Iowa Park was on hand to support the Hawks' 1600 meter relay team.

Oh, the new facility is beautiful. It's located just across the street east of Memorial Stadium. It may well handle the crowds for meets when the Longhorn teams compete, but it just isn't large enough for high school state meets and the fans they attract.

I based my prediction on years

of observing crowds for the big annual high school meet. . . 38 years before seeing it Friday. I had seen considerably larger crowds than the 20,000 seats could hold.

Over the past year, several coaches had told me they agreed with my prediction. They predicted UIL having to change where the meet is held.

Alternatives other than moving to another facility and city might include going back to the old days when girls ran one weekend and boys the next; splitting the divisions into two weekends; or adding a third day and not having two divisions compete during the same session.

I'm going to doubt that the meet will ever be moved from Austin, however. There's just too much at stake, like the economics, importance of student recruitment, and tradition.

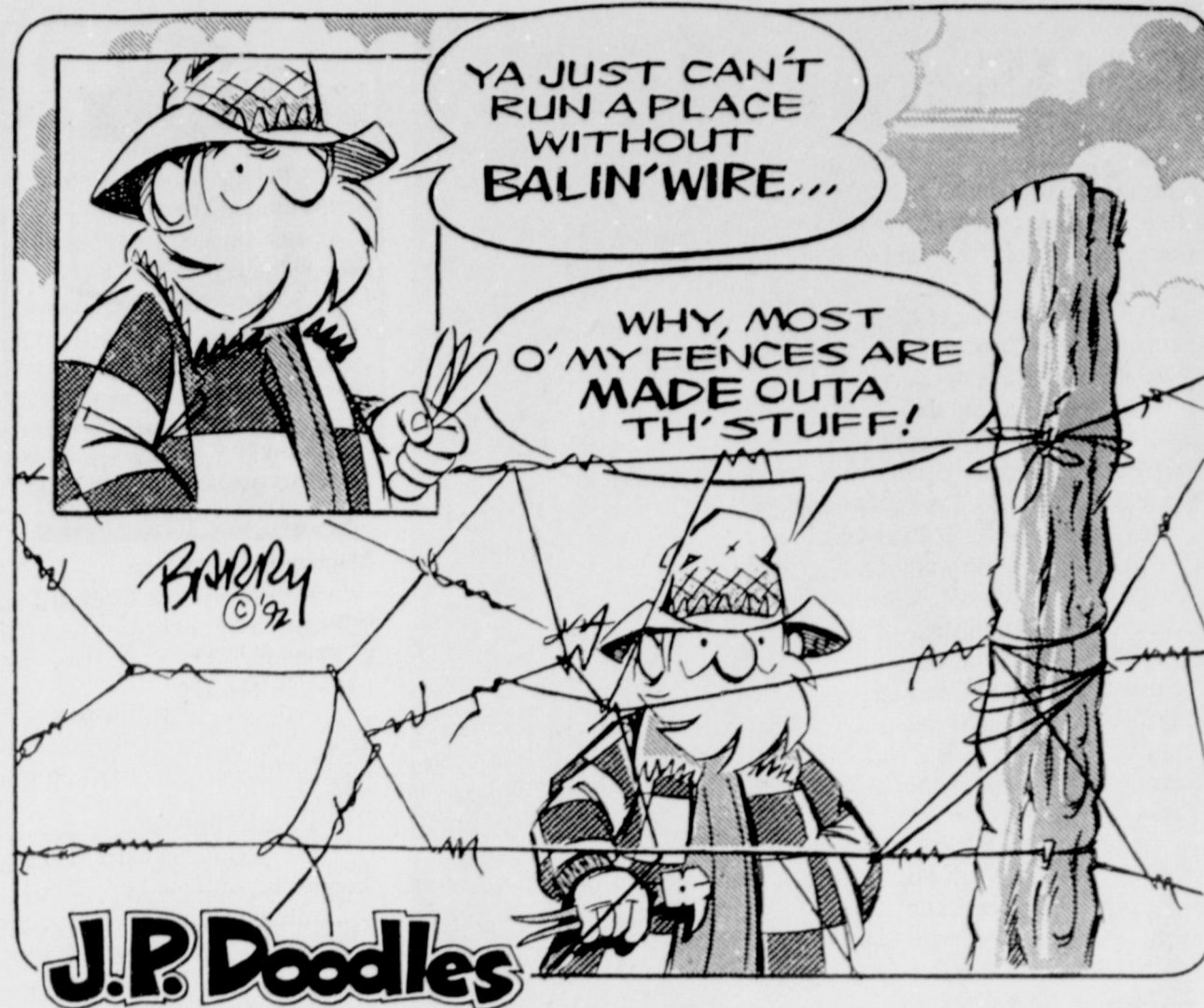
By the way, I was extremely proud and impressed with the effort of our relay team. They did an outstanding job representing their school and community.

Personally, I'm going to have to do some soul searching to decide whether or not I'll make it 40 consecutive years of watching the meet, come 2000.

I'll admit at this time, however, that possibility is doubtful.

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WORTH QUOTING

And yet some more ont-liners . . . these deal with various signs sighted in stores across the country.

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-- Sign in a shoe shine parlor: One shoe shined absolutely free.

-- One the desk of a kindergarten teacher: Think Small.

-- Posted inside a pawn shop: Please see me at your earliest inconvenience.

-- Notice in an office: The easiest way to make ends meet is to get off your own.

-- At a butcher shop: Honest scales -- no two weighs about it.

-- Sign on a window of a travel agency: Please Go Away".
LYNN BRISENDINE
Brownfield News

A blonde walks into a pawn shop close to where she lives. She looks around for a while and then approaches the clerk. "I would like to buy that TV over there," she says.

The clerk responds, "I am sorry lady. We don't serve blondes here."

The blonde leaves in a huff. The next day she returns wearing a brunette wig. "I would like to purchase that TV over there," she says.

Again the clerk says, "Lady, I

told you yesterday we do not serve blondes here."

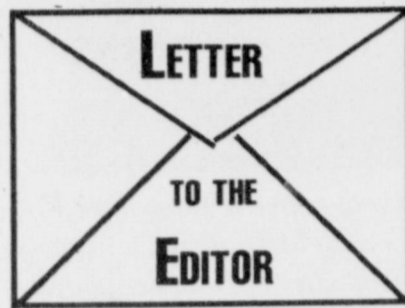
Now the blonde is furious. The next day she dresses like a man, wearing a suit, tie and fake mustache. She approaches the clerk and says in a deep voice, "I would like to purchase that TV over there!"

The clerk says, "Lady, I told you twice already, we do not sell to blondes here!"

She demands, "How can you tell? Yesterday I wore a wig and today I am dressed like a man. How can you tell it's me?"

He laughs and says, "Because that's a microwave oven!"

STEPHEN HENRY
Levelland News Press



Shirt is offensive

Dear Editor,

Well I just can't keep my mouth shut! We went to a "T" ball game tonight and it was all very nice except for one thing. As we approached the field there was an "adult" male with a very bad word on the back of his shirt and some other writing I didn't bother to read.

I and others were very offended by the crude carelessness of this man. Of all places not do do this; the childrens ball complex should be the one.

I do hope the people in charge of the ball complex and the Little League will take steps needed to keep people like him from wearing this type of apparel on any practice fields or at the complex.

After all we expect better than this from our children. Let's set a good example!!

Thank you,
Please, for obvious reasons, don't use my name. Thanks.

Letters to Editor policy explained

The *Leader* receives numerous letters which cannot, for one reason or another, be published.

Letters will not be printed unless they are signed. A typed name will not do. And, for the sake of verification, the writer's telephone should be included.

Should the writer not wish his/her name printed, it will be omitted upon request. However, the letter will be kept on file to be read upon request.

Letters also must be free of libel. If not, they will not be published, because we will not edit the content of any letter.

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IPHS award, scholarship recipients recognized Monday

Top Iowa Park High School students were recognized and scholarship recipients announced during an academic awards ceremony Monday night.

The Valedictorian of the IPHS Class of 1999 is Christine Baka, and Lydia Adams is Salutatorian.

The remainder of the top ten graduating seniors are Ross Dillard, Kim Elder, Danielle Grant, Cari Hogan, Bryan Lyons, Lacey Slack, Jon Thomas and Kelly Williamson.

Honor graduates are Lydia Adams, Josh Arrington, Christine Baka, Daron Blackerby, Lindey Blackney, Dena Brown, Alisha Clements, Ross Dillard, Mark Dreher, Kim Elder, Carrie Evans, Joey Gauthier, Danielle Grant, Angela Hancock, Vanessa Hebel, Cari Hogan.

Also, Leya Jacobson, Jennifer Jensen, Roberta Krob, Lori Kuykendall, Heather Little, Bryan Lyons, Melissa Marrs, Jami Martin, Regan Medlinger, Heather Miller, Erin Murphy, Brandi Nelson, Nicholas Parkinson, Amber Ralston, Aaron Sanders, Martin Shaw, Lacey Slack, Jon Thomas, Sarah Trotter, Roger Walls, Kelly Williamson, and Kevin Winter.

Vanessa Hebel and Ross Dillard were named All-Around Girl and Boy, an honor voted on by IPHS faculty.

Who's Who Awards were presented to the following students:

English I - Tori Crawford
English I Pre-AP - Mindy Reaves
English II - Jeana Wolfe
English II Pre-AP - Rachel Higginbotham
English III - Will Richter and Dustin Shiery
English III AP - Jesse Lindernborn
English IV - Cari Hogan
English IV AP - Lydia Adams
Spanish I - Michael Roberts
Spanish II - Kristal Black, Steven Weaver, Kim Long, Christine Baka and Corlissa Adams

Spanish III AP - Kim Elder and Lydia Adams
Algebra I - 4 (a) Joseph Mathews and Sabrina Latimer

Algebra I - 4 (b) - Adrienne DePremo
Algebra I - Korki Miller and Lauren Ress

Algebra II - Valarie Erfurt
Algebra II Pre AP - Karen Schell
Geometry - Jessica Joplin
Geometry Pre-AP - John Schram
Pre Calculus - Tyler Pulley
Calculus AP - Cari Hogan
IPC - John Schram, April Rohrbaugh, Phillip Fuselier, Wade Busby and Steven Joplin

Biology - Korki Miller
Biology AP - Corlissa Adams, Stephanie Bottles, Tyler Pulley, Jesse Lindernborn and Jessica Joplin
Chemistry AP - Kelly Williamson
Physics Pre-AP - Aaron Sanders
U.S. History - Lauren Ress, Steven Joplin, Phillip Fuselier and Korki Miller

World History - Tyler Pulley
World Geography - Christy Landers
Government/Economics - Amber Miller

Health - Aaron Haws
Art - Nathan Moyer and Titan Fowler
Speech - Dana Smith and Phillip Fuselier

Theater Arts - Martin Shaw, Sarah Trotter and Lani Gibbs

Debate - Janie Radebaugh

Teen Leadership - Aaron Abeyta and Amanda McCray

Band - Amber Ralston and Kevin Winter

Jazz Band - Amber Ralston and Kevin Winter

ATSSB State Band Award - Zac Miller and Karen Schell

Chorale Choir - Kyle Williams, Janet Sikes and Mary Kight

Acappella Choir - Derrick Hutson, Amber Ralston and Brandi Nelson

Bradberry Award - Amber Ralston

Journalism - Kaylee Baumer

Yearbook - Heather Holland

BCIS - Phillip Fuselier, Jenny Pack
Accounting - Carrie Evans

Computer Science I - Melissa Marrs, William Farley

Multi-Media - Regan Medlinger
Desktop Publishing - Cheyenne Patterson

Agricultural Science - Ross Dillard
General Ag Mechanics - Jake Ermis

Horticulture - Tara Godwin
Home Economics - Angela Hancock

Cosmetology - Linnie Lovelady
Automotive Technology - Cody Cook

Diversified Career Preparation - Dustin Rusk

Physical Education - Dustin Dean and Amanda Brown

Soil and Water Conservation
Essay Contest Winners were Corliss Adams, Ricky Ashton and Robyn Dillard.

Academic UIL recognition was given to Travis Aponte, Ricky Ashton, Wade Busby, Jessica Cockrum, Ross Dillard, Lee Ezzell, William Farley, Lani Gibbs, Dustin Hicks, Daniel Hill-Neil, Beth Howard, Jessica Joplin, Melissa Marrs, Korki Miller, Andrea

Peters, Tama Swan, Dana Smith, Sarah Trotter and Roger Walls.

Summer Banks, Doug Boyd, Robyn Dillard, Valarie Erfurt, Lee Ezzell, Rachel Higginbotham and Jeana Wolfe earned TAAS recognition.

Scholarship awards announced were:

Wal-Mart - Christine Baka
Noon Lions Club - Heather Little, Sarah Trotter, Dustin Hicks and Linnie Lovelady

Rotary Club - Dena Brown and Cari Hogan
Larry Beard Memorial - Vanessa Hebel and Danielle Grant

David Ross Memorial - Ross Dillard
National Honor Society - Ross Dillard and Christine Baka

National FFA Scholarship - Ross Dillard
Wichita County Young Farmers - Cari Hogan

George Martin Memorial Agricultural - Ross Dillard, Bryan Taylor

Abilene Christian Univ. (\$4,000) - Jennifer Sikes

Baylor Presidential Scholarship (\$14,000) - Lydia Adams

ATPE - Brandi Nelson and Sarah Trotter

JC Penney Golden Rule Volunteer Award - Melissa Marrs

Angelo State Univ. - Tommy Duerson
Sons of the American Revolution - Ricky Ashton

Southern Illinois Univ. (\$1,500) - Christine Baka

National Louis Univ., IL (\$20,000) - Christine Baka

Lee University - Brandi Nelson

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STATE COSMETOLOGY WINNERS

Cosmetology students earn state awards

Several Iowa Park high School Cosmetology students came away winners from the VICA State Cosmetology Competition held recently in Corpus Christi.

Kim Slagle took first place in new trend hairstyle, and Holly Hodson earned first in ethnic hairstyles.

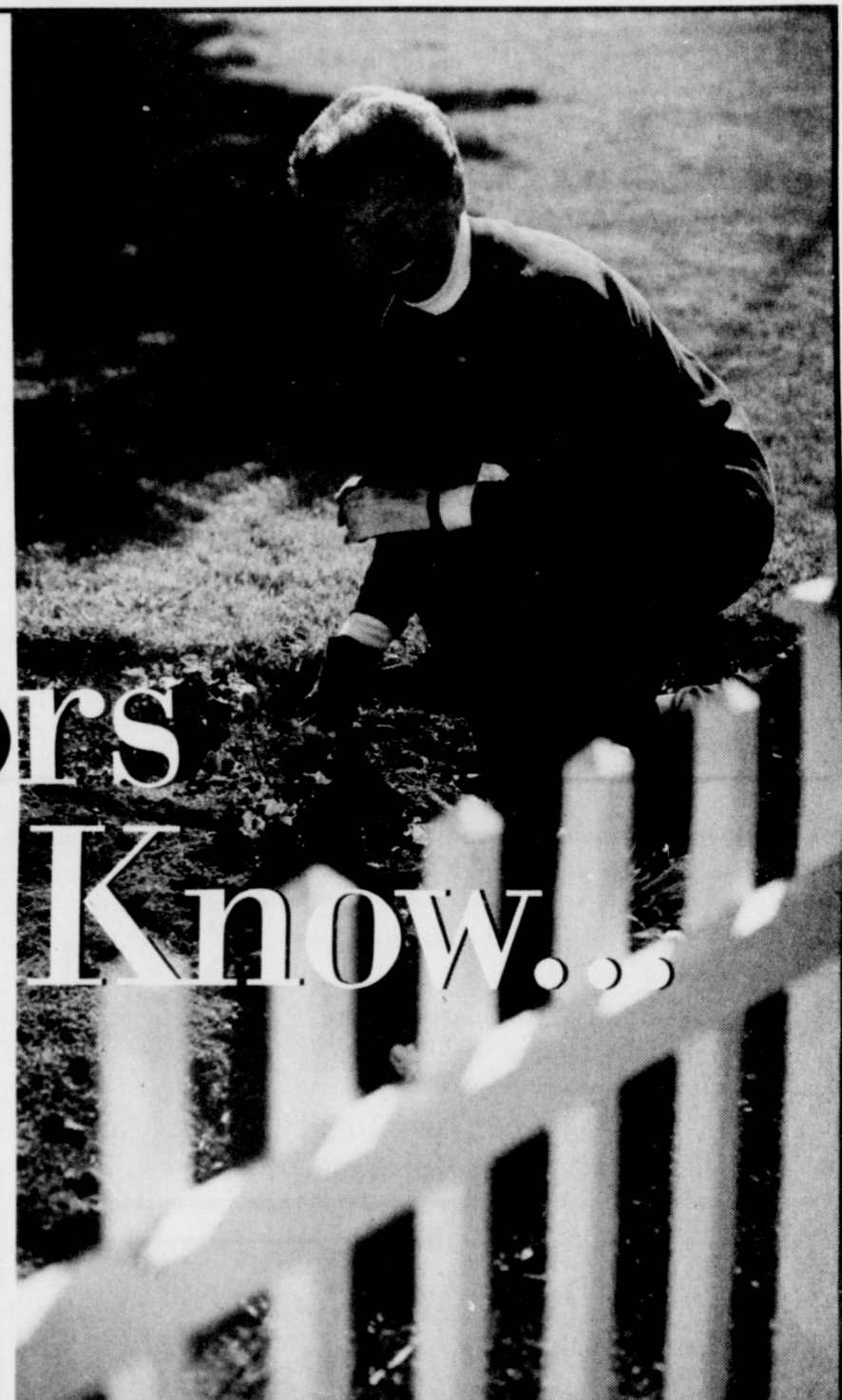
Shelly Hamilton and Staci

Morgan earned first places in wedding hairstyles and evening hairstyles, respectively.

Ginger Hodges was first in pedicure nail art.

Kristal Mangiacapra took second place in stack permanents and Julie Roberts was second in boomerang permanents.

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Baumer is third in state contest



ROBERT BAUMER

Robert Baumer, an eighth grade student at W.F. George Middle School, placed third in the Texas State Shootout Number Sense Contest.

He was competing against 200 other eighth graders from across the state.

Each contestant is given six tests, and the average of the tests is taken for their final score. The contest is a 10 minute timed test that requires math problems to be worked mentally with no scratch work, no calculators, and no erasing. Any skipped problems are counted against them.

Robert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Baumer and Mary Thompson.

Depression often linked to hormonal changes

There are three times in a woman's life when she is at higher risk for depression.

"The greatest risk for depression occurs a week-to-10 days before the period starts, after birth of a child, and one to two years before menopause. In general, women's depression falls between the ages of 22 and 45," said Dr. Lucy Puryear, director of The Women's Clinic at Baylor College of Medicine's Department of Psychiatry.

Premenstrual dysphoric disorder (PMDD) can occur each month before a woman's menstrual period. It affects six- to eight percent of women and can be severely disabling.

"PMDD shouldn't be confused with the common PMS symptoms of slight tearfulness and irritability," she said. "Women with PMDD cannot function during the week to 10 days before their period."

Symptoms include an inability to work or go to school, excessive crying, and relationship problems. Once the period begins, the women's functioning returns to normal.

Treatment with anti-depressants provides immediate relief of the symptoms. "Other types of depression need three to six weeks for the medication to take effect. It is not clear why PMDD responds differently," Puryear said.

Women with PMDD have the same hormone levels as other women, but women with PMDD may be more vulnerable to hormonal changes before their period.

Post-Partum depression occurs in one out of 10 women and can last for six months to a year if left untreated. Not to be confused with the "Baby Blues" which can last for a couple of weeks, women with post-partum depression feel extreme sadness and guilt and are unable to function and to enjoy caring for their baby.

"Post-partum depression interrupts the bonding between a mother and child," Puryear said. "The newer anti-depressants allow mothers to continue breast feeding while being treated."



GRANT GIBSON

Gibson places first in Number Sense

Grant Gibson, a fifth grader at Bradford Elementary, won the Texas State Shootout Number Sense Contest. He competed against 200 other fifth graders across the state.

Each contestant is given six tests, and the average of the tests is taken for their final score. The contest is a 10 minute timed test that requires math problems to be worked mentally with no scratch work, no calculators, and no erasing. Any skipped problems are counted against them.

Spencer Ferguson of Rogers came in second place, and Ryan Watson of Quanah was third.

Grant is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Gibson.

Sports Shorts

Jim Clapp coached the Holliday Eagle track team to its second consecutive AA state championship. Clapp is an Iowa Park High graduate and continues to make his home here, so he commutes to work.

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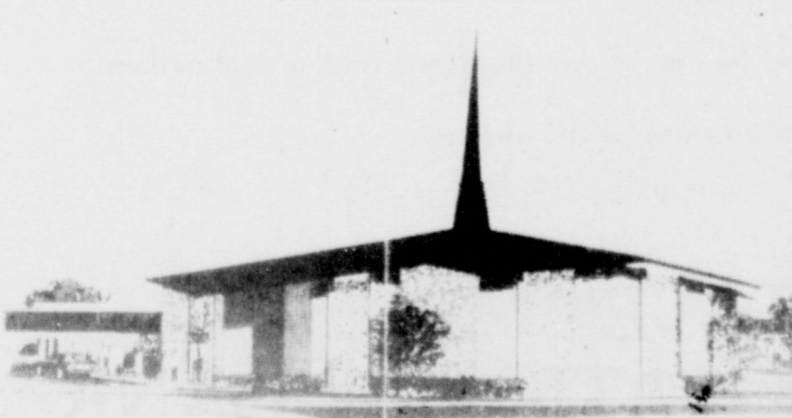
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HIGH SCHOOL

Final Exam schedule

Seniors will take final exams today and tomorrow during regular class hours.

Seniors will not be required to attend classes next week.

Exam schedule for underclassmen is:

Tuesday, May 25
3rd period exam - 8 - 10 a.m.
4th period exam - 10 a.m. - 12-noon
5th period exam - 1 - 3 p.m.
Wednesday, May 26
1st period exam - 9 - 11 a.m.
2nd period exam - 12-noon to 2 p.m.
Thursday, May 27
6th period exam - 9 - 11 a.m.
7th period exam - 12-noon - 2 p.m.

JUNIOR HIGH

Freshman orientation

Monday at high school

Freshman orientation for upcoming ninth graders will be at 7 p.m. Monday in the high school auditorium.

Students and parents are invited to attend to learn about high school graduation plans, classes, special programs, etc.

For additional information call LaRae Collins, IPHS counselor, at 592-2144.

W.F. George Middle School Semester Test Schedule

Tuesday, May 25 - 8th graders - Period 4, 5, and 6 test, Part II
All students 7th period test 1:55 - 3:05
Wednesday, May 26 - All students - period 1, 2, and 3 tests
1st period - 8:05 - 9:20
2nd period - 9:25 - 10:40
3rd period - 12:15 - 1:35

Wednesday Lunch Schedule
10:40 - 11:10 6th grade lunch, 7 & 8 homeroom
11:10 - 11:40 7th grade lunch, 6 & 8 homeroom
11:40 - 12:10 8th grade lunch, 6 & 7 homeroom
Thursday, May 27
6th and 7th graders - Period 4, 5, and 6 tests
4th period 8:05 - 9:20
5th period 9:25 - 10:40
6th period 12:15 - 1:35
Thursday Lunch Schedule
10:40 - 11:10 - 6 lunch, 7 homeroom
11:10 - 11:40 - 7 lunch, 6 homeroom
Friday, May 28 - Teacher Workday

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Track and Field Fun!

Bradford Annual Track and Field day will be all day Friday with races and competitions slated all day.

Parents and grandparents of Bradford students are invited to attend.

Special t-shirts are available for sale, for \$8 each, at the office.

Head Start on next year

Bradford PTA will be offering school supply kits for Bradford students for the next school year.

The kits, which may be purchased through the PTA, will include all school supplies to begin school, with the exception of backpack and lunch pails.

Notes will be going home with students in the next week.

Yearbooks are here!

Bradford's yearbooks have arrived, and are available for purchase at the office.

Although most yearbooks were pre-ordered, extras did come in and may be bought for \$9 each.

Teacher awarded NEH Fellowship

Sharon Lowry Pepiton, an eighth grade English teacher at W.F. George Middle School, has been awarded a fellowship by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), a federal grant-making agency, to participate in the 1999 program of Summer Seminars for Secondary School Teachers.

Mrs. Pepiton was one of 15 participants, and the only teacher from Texas, chosen from over 100 applicants across the United States as an NEH Summer Fellow in a seminar entitled "Shakespeare: Enacting the Text," directed by Professor Jay L. Halio of the University of Delaware's English Department.

The five-week seminar session will be held on the Newark campus of the University of Delaware and the Shakespeare Institute, Stratford-upon-Avon, England.

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Airman Ryan N. Hilliard has graduated from basic military training at Lackland AFB, San Antonio.

Hilliard is the son of Gary N. Hilliard of Iowa Park, and Gina McClure of Mabank.

He is a 1994 graduate of Iowa Park High School.

NEIGHBORS

Hillside Baptist Church to observe homecoming

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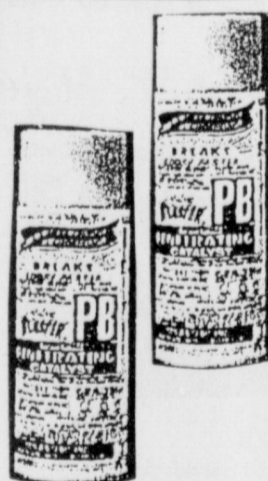
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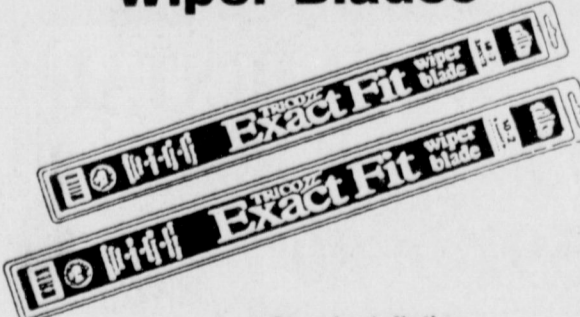
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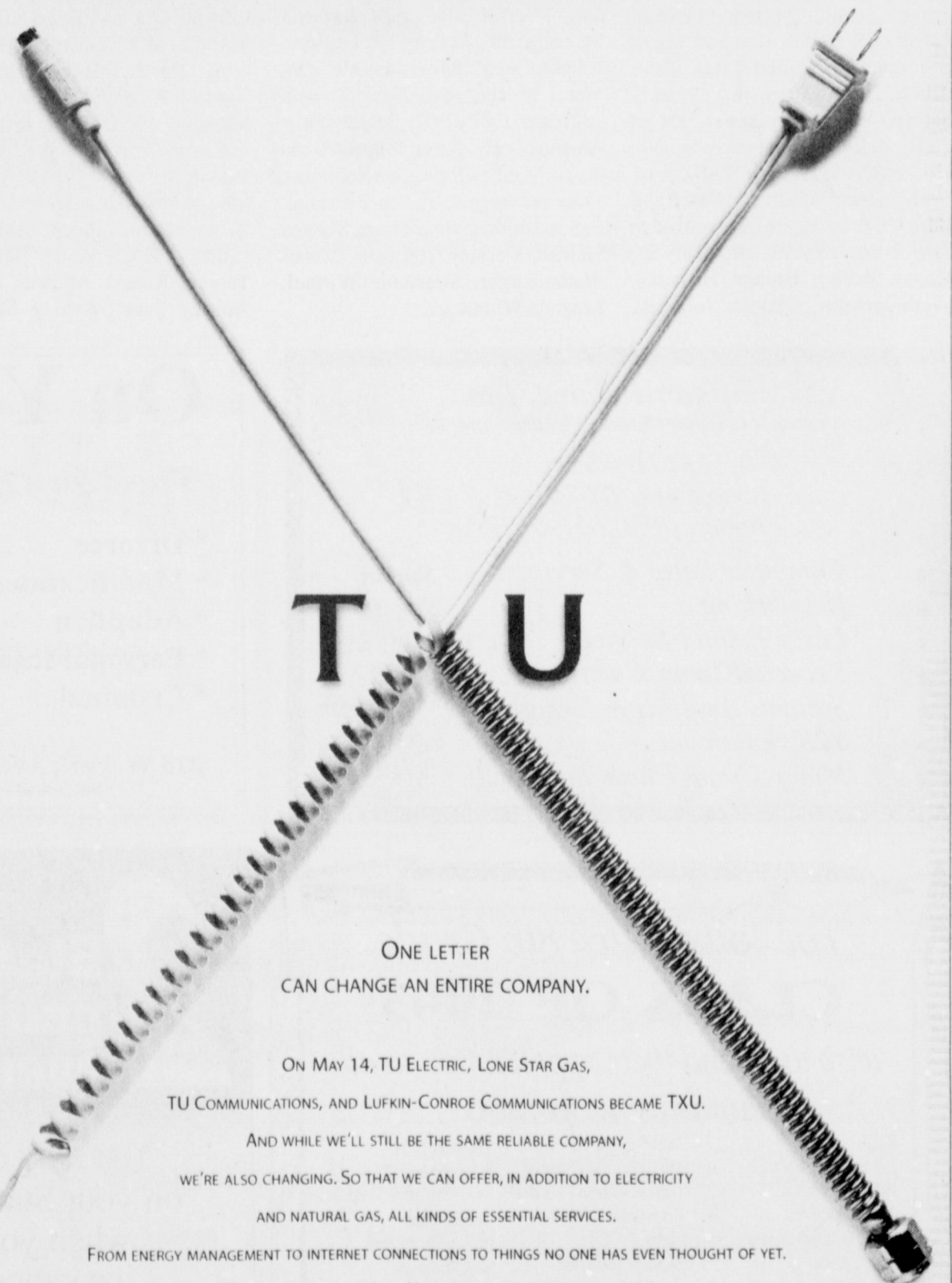


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Middle school students recognized at Honors Program

W.F. George Middle School's Honors Program was held last Thursday night in the high school auditorium.

Following the presentations, the junior high PTA hosted a reception in the high school cafeteria.

Awards in academics, athletics, band, choir, and speech/theatre were presented by faculty members, administrators, and the school counselor.

This year's winners of the Outstanding Youth Award, given each year by the Epsilon Eta chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha, were Megan Hollar, Boon Bowling and Marcus Johnson. Dee Dee Forney made the presentation.

Students recognized in academics include the following:

8th Grade Certificates of Excellence

Algebra - Robert Baumer, Michelle Behrens, Brent Bennett, Daniel Bess, Taler Boland, Boon Bowling, Jessica Conklin, Clayton Johnson, Heidi Little, Amanda McCreary, Stormi Raines, Erin Shook.

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Language Arts - Vanessa Banks, Stormi Christmas, Kelli Collins, Lindsey Cook, Laura Davis, Heidi Little, Lila Livernois, Amanda McCreary, Nathan Miller, Stormi Raines, Erin Shook, Kaci Stewart, Heather Thomas, Jessica Hale, Adam Arredondo, Robert Baumer, Daniel Bess, Boon Bowling, Brandi Brown, Jeremy Fulfer, Rusty Guyette, Anna Sanchez, Luke Ermis, Joni Love.

Science - Daniel Bess, Markus Johnson, Stormi Raines, Beau Gray, Brett Hayley, Joshua Jowers.

American History - Adam Arredondo, Robert Baumer, Daniel Bess, Taler Boland, Boon Bowling, Brett Hayley, Markus Johnson, Kaci Stewart, Heidi Little, Lindsey Cook, Josh Jowers.

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Also, Joni Love, Ashlee Marston, Amanda McCreary, Meagan Miller, Nathan Miller, Jon Mote, Andrew Pena, Stormi Raines, Steven Sargent, Tiffany Sargent, Ryan Shierry, Erin Shook, Candace Smock, Kaci Stewart, Heather Thomas.

7th Grade Certificates of Excellence

Math - Dwight Gibbs, Ashli Lewis, Michelle Minderman, Alicia Rasco, Rusty Brixey, Joseph Cockrum, Brent Gann, Tonya Hartman, Kriston McLaughlin, Matt Neal, Jeremy Pelz, Amanda Perry, Matt Reis, Shannon Rogers, James Rowland, Barrett Smith, Jade Tylor, Jami Williams, Stephanie Wirmel, Samantha Childs, Shannon Costello, Hunter Davis, Missy Farley, Zane Fulton, Jennifer Hambright, Lauralee Lasater, Dakota Patterson, Amanda Wittmeyer, Candice Wright, Russ Robinson.

Language Arts - Samantha Childs, Kayla Green, Jennifer Hambright, Kyle Hayley, Sandi Jordan, Ashli Lewis, Edward Martinez, Amanda McMillan, Ashley McShan, Jeremy Pelz, Amanda Perry, Jami Williams, Alicia Rasco, Russ Robinson, James Rowland, A.J. Smith, Cortney Tetteleton, Amanda Wittmeyer.

Also, Shannon Costello, Hunter Davis, Dwight Gibbs, Tonya Hartman, Lauralee Lasater, Lisa Livernois, Kriston McLaughlin, Marci Myers, Dakota Patterson, Amy Philmon, Shannon Rogers, Jacqueline Stone, Jami Williams, Missy Farley, Brent Gann, Barrett Smith.

Texas History - Dwight Gibbs, Barrett Smith, Brent Gann, Dakota Patterson, Mathew Reis, Jami Williams, Kriston McLaughlin, Shannon Rogers, Rusty Brixey, Quinton Haws.

Academic Achievement - Nicole Baker, Elizabeth Bottle, Julia Carr, Samantha Childs, Shannon Costello, Joseph Cockrum, Hunter Davis, Missy Farley, Zane Fulton, Brent Gann, Dwight Gibbs, Kayla Green, Jennifer Hambright, Tonya Hartman, Kyle Hayley, Sandi Jordan, Ashli Lewis, Kriston McLaughlin, Brandy McLemore, Amanda McMillan, Ashley McShan, Marci Myers, Matt Neal, Dakota Patterson, Emily Patty, Jeremy Pelz, Amanda Perry, Karen Pursel, Alicia Rasco, Matthew Reis, Russ Robinson, Shannon Rogers, James Rowland, Barret Smith, Kyle Stewart, Sheyna Stewart, Cortney Tetteleton, Mendi Wattenbarger, Stephanie Wirmel, Amanda Wittmeyer.

6th Grade Certificates of Excellence

Math - Daniel Fain, Shy'anne Looney, Andi Marin, Kim Miller, Wayne Nicholson, Andy Rennhack, Tiffany Reid, Jennifer Swanner, Sabrina Teaff, Matt Aquallo, Katy Bartow, Brittany Benge, Lacy Billington, Marc Blagg, Ben Bowling, Mindy Burns, Amy Carender, Kevin Carlton, Chris Catlin, Leslie Cook, Ashley Davis, Jere Ellison, Chris Ford, Matt Gaitan, Ahsley Gee, Natalie Huckaby, Melissa Kwas, Grant Miller, Blake Mitchell, Lance Morton, Michael Sargent, Aubray Scott, Ashley Skillman, Ryne Smith, Justin Swenson, Ben Trotter, Noel Walker, Matt Wilson, Anna York.

English - Katy Bartow, Chris Catlin, Ashley Davis, Grant Miller, Kevin Pugh, Michael Sargent, Mackenzie Smith, Ryne Smith, Jennifer Swanner, Ben Trotter, Noel Walker.

Reading - Katy Bartow, Philip Baugh, Brittany Benge, Lacy Billington, Marc Blagg, Ashley Boggess, Ben Bowling, Chris Catlin, Leslie Cook, Ashley Davis, Jere Ellison, Chris Ford, Amanda Killen, Melissa Kwas, Melina Mathews, Grant Miller, Blake Mitchell, Monica Munoz, Braden Perry, Lyndsey Reid, Tamara Rikard, Michael Sargent, Aubray Scott, Ashley Skillman, Mackenzie Smith, Ryne Smith, Jennifer Swanner, Julianne Swedberg, Sabrina Teaff, Ben Trotter, Noel Walker, Matt Wilson, Andy Rennhack.

Science - Ashley Davis, Mackenzie Smith, Noel Walker, Philip Baugh, Ryan Blair, Natalie Huckaby, Andy Rennhack, Michael Sargent, Aubray Scott, Ryne Smith.

History - Ben Bowling, Kevin Carlton, Ashley Davis, Natalie Huckaby, Melissa Kwas, Mackenzie Smith, Ryne Smith, Ben Trotter, Noel Walker.

Academic Achievement - Matt Aquallo, Katy Bartow, Philip Baugh, Brittany Benge, Lacy Billington, Marc Blagg, Ryan Blair, Ben Bowling, Gidgette Byrd, Kevin Carlton, Chris Catlin, Ashley Davis, Jere Ellison, Daniel Fain, Chris Ford, Malorie Fulfer, Ashley Gee, Amberia Gray, Heather House, Johnathon Jowers, Amanda Killen, Melinda Mathews, Shanna McCray.

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Mackenzie Smith, Ryne Smith, Jennifer Swanner, Julianne Swedberg, Justin Swenson, Sabrina Teaff, Ben Trotter, Noel Walker, Matt Wilson.

Citizenship and Leadership awards were presented to the following students:

8th Grade Citizenship - Adam Arredondo, Robert Baumer, Michelle Behrens, Daniel Bess, Taler Boland, Boon Bowling, Brandi Brown, David Clubb, Kelli Collins, Jessica Crosby, Luke Ermis, Jayla Garcia, Brent Hancock, Magan Holler, Clayton Johnson, Heidi Little, Lila Livernois, Joni Love, Amanda McCreary, Meagan Miller, Tiffany Mitchell, Stormi Raines, Tiffany Sargent, Ryan Shierry, Erin Shook, Misty Smith, Kaci Stewart, Heather Thomas, Jessica Westerhoff.

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7th Grade Leadership - Rusty Brixey, Samantha Childs, Hunter Davis, Brent Gann, Lauralee Lasater, Marci Myers, Dakota Patterson, Amanda Perry, James Rowland.

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6th Grade Leadership - Ashley Davis, Ben Trotter.

Girls Athletics

Volleyball - Ashlee Binns, Joni Love
Track - Jessica Conklin, Brandi McLemore, Jami Williams

Basketball - Heidi Little, Jami Williams, Candice Wright

Boys Athletics

Football - Jeremy Fulfer, Kyle Stewart

Basketball - David Clubb, James Rowland

Track - Adam Arredondo, Chase Burgher, Brady French

John York Award - David Clubb

Band Awards

Outstanding 8th Grade Girl - Brandi Brown, Amanda McCreary

Outstanding 8th Grade Boy - Adam Arredondo

Outstanding 7th Grade Girl - Courtney Lytle, Alicia Rasco

Outstanding 7th Grade Boy - Dakota Patterson, Hunter Davis

Outstanding 6th Grade Girl - Kim Miller, Jennifer Roy, Serena Arredondo, Lexie Nolan, Ashley Gee, Melissa Kwas

Outstanding 6th Grade Boy - Grant Miller, Chris Marrs, Ben Trotter, Ryan Smith, Ben Bowling, Braden Perry

Bobby Byrne Memorial Award - Erick Torgerson

Randy Kuehler Memorial Award - Russ Robinson

Band Director's Award - Boon Bowling, Tiffani Cusey.

Choir Awards

Honor Choir

Outstanding Boys - Barrett Smith, Brent Gann

Outstanding Soprano - Sarah Fisher

Outstanding Alto - Kelli Collins

6th Grade

Outstanding Girl - Chris Catlin

Outstanding Girl - Linda Lange

Theatre Awards

8th Grade - Kristina Godwin

6th Grade - Jere Ellison, Ambi Gray, Colten Hibbs, Heather House, Johnathon Jowers, Blake Mitchell, Mackenzie Smith, Noel Walker.

Randi Tigrett named Midwestern's Outstanding Sophomore Woman

Randi Tigrett, a 1997 graduate of Iowa Park High School, was recently honored during the MSU Awards Banquet as the 1998-99 Outstanding Sophomore Woman.

Randi was awarded a plaque and a scholarship for the fall semester.

Miss Tigrett was nominated by Gamma Phi Beta Sorority and the Panhellenic Greek Advisory Council. Recipients are chosen by faculty members for outstanding academic performance, as well as leadership and service to the community.

She was also nominated for the Viola Grady Scholarship and MSU Outstanding Woman of the Year.

Randi is currently a sophomore majoring in elementary education. She was recently inducted into two national honor societies, Phi Eta Sigma and Alpha Lambda Delta, and has been a member of the President's Elite Honor Roll. She is an active member of Gamma Phi Beta and is serving as Rush Chairman for the upcoming school year. Randi also volunteers as a mentor at Alamo Elementary, the MSU - Red Cross Blood Mobile, the Wichita Falls Area Food Bank, and Friendship House. She is employed at Sunshine Kids in Wichita Falls.

Randi is the daughter of Paul



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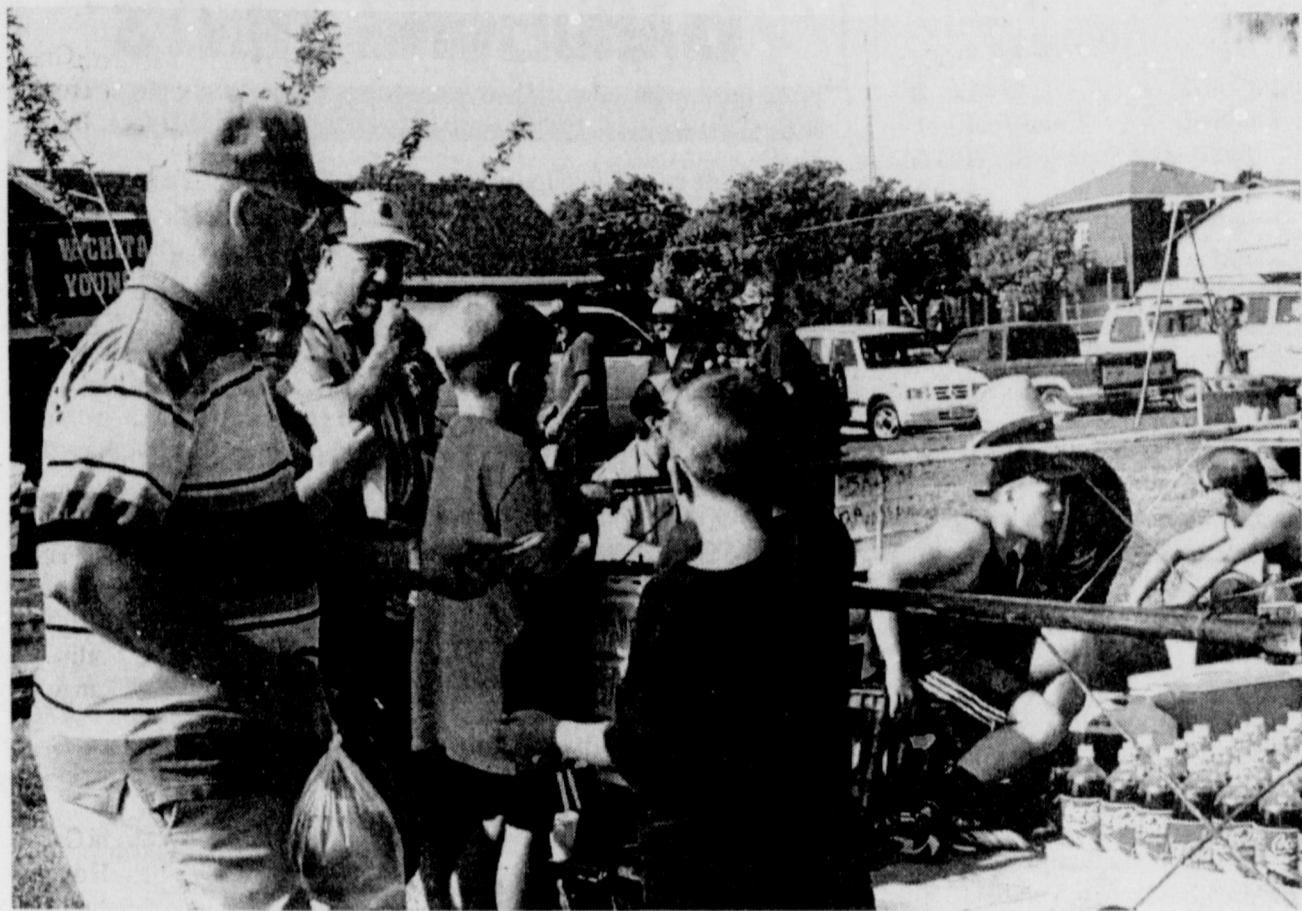
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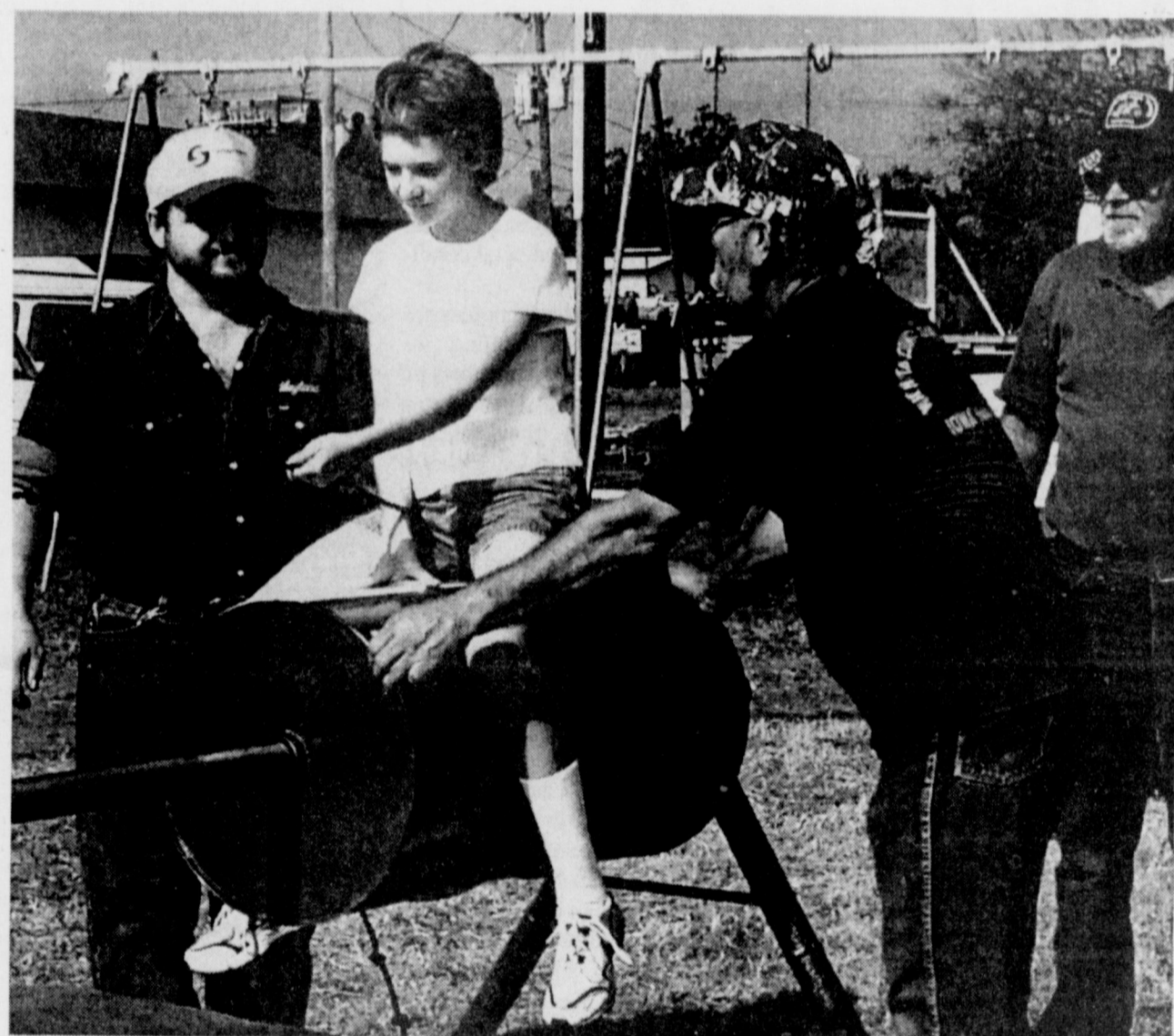
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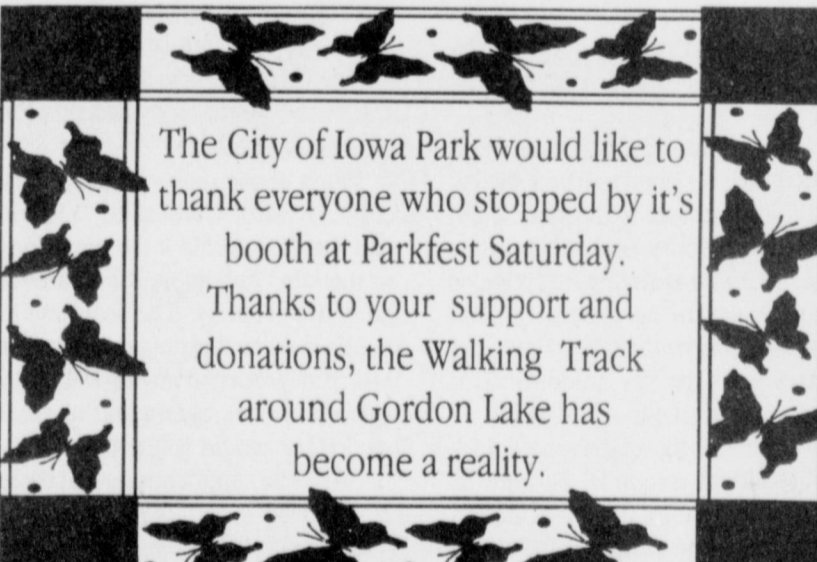
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TWO PERSONS were injured in this Monday afternoon accident at East Highway and Bell Road, requiring treatment at Wichita Falls hospitals. The driver in the white car in the foreground was Bailey Reece Fields, 62, and Shala Michelle Womack, 19, drove the other car, according to the police report.

AG AGENT'S REPORT

By JOE RAFF, Wichita County Agriculture Agent

Fire Ants

The last few rains have been nice. It has perked up the native grasses, wheat is in good shape, and most important, I have not had to water my new landscape!

Now if we can get beef and grain prices up to at least a break even point, things will be much better.

The last couple of weeks I have noticed fire ants are becoming more active. And, I have started receiving calls on their control. So, here is the run down on what we have available to use on fire ants.

There are many ways to manage fire ant problems. You can manage fire ants by pouring hot water on the mound, using insecticide mound drenches, spreading insecticide granules approved for fire ants on the mound and watering them in, and using bait-formulated insecticides.

Pouring 2-3 gallons of very hot (boiling) water on the mound will kill mounds about 60% of the time. Otherwise, the ants will probably just move to another location. Remember one thing about this method: very hot or boiling water will kill the grass or surrounding vegetation that it is poured upon. Other natural, or "organic" method include mound drench products that contain pyrethrins and diatomaceous earth, or silicon dioxide.

Using individual mound treatments can have good and bad results. Individual mound treatments allow treatment of only one mound at a time, therefore isolating insecticides in one place. In the case of mound drenches, follow the label directions to assure the proper amount of insecticide is applied.

When using granular insecticides on individual mounds, be sure to water the granules into the mound after application as directed. Failure to water in the granules does a poor job to kill the ants, and more important, will contaminate runoff water after a rain because the granules will be washed away and end up in sensitive areas like creeks, streams, and drinking water.

Average control time for this method is from six to eight weeks, depending on environmental conditions.

Bait formulated insecticides are another method of controlling fire ants. These baits come in the form of defatted corn grit soaked in soybean oil to attract the ants. The active ingredient is dissolved in the soybean oil.

Generally, these baits are collected by foraging worker ants and taken back to the colony where they are distributed. The bait is fed to the queen, from which she dies or is prevented from producing viable eggs. In general, baits are slower acting, but provide 80%-90% suppression for 12-18 months.

Be sure to use fresh bait because ants are not attracted to spoiled or old bait. One advantage of using baits is their low application rate and extremely low amount of active ingredient. The amount of active ingredient is some baits applied per acre equals the weight of a nickel down to less than a dime.

The benefits to the environment are much greater, and baits provide the same suppression as drenches and other individual mound treatments.

Based on result demonstrations and research, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service recommends the two-step approach.

First, choose a bait such as Amdro, Logic, Award, Combat or Johnson Fire Ant Bait. Follow the directions on the label and apply the bait over the entire property. The best time to do this is when temperatures are hotter than 65 degrees and no hotter than 95 degrees. So one spring and one fall application would be the best.

After this application, wait three to five weeks and then treat individual mounds that were missed or survived the first application. This same treatment can be used if you chose Orthene, Diazinon or Dursban.

A new fire ant bait, Extinguish, has recently been labeled for use on a wide range of sites, including pastures, hay fields and crop land. Re-

search at the Fire Ant Program at Texas A&M has shown that control with Extinguish is similar to that of Logic/Award but Extinguish is a little slower to suppress the number of ant mounds.

Studies have also shown that a reduced rate of Logic (3/4 lb./acre) in combination with Amdro (at 3/4 lb./acre) provide the benefits of the rapid kill characteristic of Amdro plus the longer control achieved by Logic.

Research is underway to determine if a combination of Amdro and Extinguish, each at a reduced rate, provides this benefits. Reduced rates, although not supported by the manufacturer's warranty, could reduce grower costs if control is applicable.

It is very important that you follow all the directions when using these compounds. Some say that if you apply sub-lethal amounts to mounds, the ants will not feed on that type of bait again.

So, if you are not getting the control you hoped for, and you're using the same bait, you may switch to a different one.

I also want to mention that there are a number of compounds that are labeled for fire ant control and these that are listed are just a few. And if some were omitted, it does not mean that they don't work.

Little League Scores

5-PITCH	W	L	T
Cardinals	9	1	1
Tigers	9	2	0
Blue Jays	3	5	2
Padres	3	6	1
Expos	0	10	0
MINOR LEAGUE			
Reds	7	2	0
Braves	6	2	1
White Sox	5	2	2
Cubs	5	4	0
Pirates	4	4	1
Phillies	3	5	1
Mariners	2	7	0
Diamondbacks	1	6	0
MAJOR LEAGUE			
Yankees	8	1	1
Rockies	7	4	0
Astros	4	3	2
Rangers	3	3	1
Giants	1	10	0
JUNIOR LEAGUE			
Red Sox	6	1	0
Dodgers	5	2	0
Angels	3	2	0
Marlins	4	3	0
Orioles	4	3	0
Rangers (SAFB)	1	6	0
Cubs (SAFB)	0	6	0
SENIOR LEAGUE			
A's	5	2	0
Royals	4	2	0
A's (SAFB)	2	2	0
Yankees (SAFB)	0	5	0

Winners named

The Iowa Park Little League announced its candy sale winners for the boys division this week, with the Top Seller Award going to Stephen McGuire.

McGuire, who plays in the Minor League, won four tickets to a Texas Rangers home game for selling the most candy.

The Mariners won the Top Team Sales by selling more candy than any other team and won a Pool Party.

The Team Mom winner was Brenda Lewis from the Tigers who won a \$25 gift certificate.

Here are the top sellers in each division.

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- 5-Pitch - Jacob Virgin.
- Minor League - Stephen McGuire.
- Major League - Cody Hicks.
- Junior League - Allen Bernstein Jr.

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GARDENING HINTS

By MAPK TERNING, COUNTY AGENT - HORTICULTURE

Q. I just moved into town from the country. I mow my lawn every five days. Is this too often to cut the lawn? How high should I cut St. Augustine turf?

A. Mowing every five days is perfectly fine. As a matter of fact, if you mulch your lawn when mowing then you really do need to mow on a five-day schedule.

St. Augustine should be kept at a height of about two inches. You never want to remove any more than one third of the leaf blade at any one cutting.

Q. We live out in the Turkey Ranch Road area of Wichita County. We have several Silver Maples planted in our landscape. Two of the trees have bark splitting off of the trunks. What could cause this bark to split off of the trunks of these trees? I have not hit the trees with a mower or weed eater.

A. Severe bark splitting can result from other factors beyond mechanical damage. There is the possibility that the cause of this damage was due to sun scald.

Young, newly planted trees will often have thin bark which is susceptible to sun and heat damage. Young Oaks and Maples are often damaged. The trees will recover and heal if given proper care now and into the future.

It may be a good idea to wrap the trunks with a tree guard wrap available at most garden centers. These wraps will help protect tender, young tissue.

Q. We have three large Pecan trees in our landscape in Iowa Park. Two of the trees have all of these strange growths on the leaves and on some branches. What is the problem? Is this a fungus or disease we need to control?

A. The cause of those unusual looking growth formations on your Pecan trees is an insect.

The insect is called Pecan Phylloxera and the damage is often called

Phylloxera gall. These insects deposit eggs into the developing galls right at bud break when the leaves first emerge in very early spring. The galls serve as a protective covering for the developing insects.

The actual cause of the gall is due to a chemical reaction in the leaf and other tissue when the insects attack foliage.

The good news is that these galls will rarely result in any major tree damage. By mid-summer you will not even be able to detect any more galls.

If you wish to reduce the gall problem next year, then you will have to apply an insect control product right at bud break when leaves first begin growth. There is no control option at this stage of growth.

Letters to Editor policy explained

The *Leader* receives numerous letters which cannot, for one reason or another, be published.

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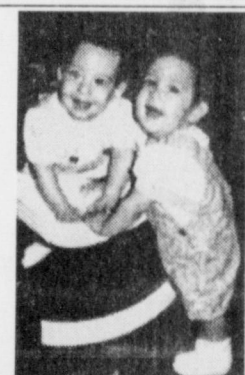
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AT STATE MEET**Relay team places third**

All a coach can ask of his player is to go out and give his very best. And if his very best is still not good enough to win that's okay.

That's exactly what happened to the Iowa Park 1600M Relay team of Malcom Wise, Jeff Duerson, Dustin Shierry and Tommy Duerson.

The four earned a trip to Austin to run in the State Track Meet and entered the Meet with the fifth fastest time, knowing that a first place finish was going to be very hard to come by.

When it was all over, Iowa Park brought home a medal, and even though it was not a gold, head coach Chris Ellis was more than pleased with his four runners.

Iowa Park finished in third place just behind Corrigan-Camden and Taylor with a season-best time of 3:19.92, which was just six thousands

of a second behind the second place team of Corrigan-Camden, who finished with a time of 3:19.86. Taylor took the gold with a time of 3:17.40.

"We went down there with three goals in mind," said Ellis. "We wanted to run under 3:20, we wanted to medal, and most of all the kids wanted to beat Vernon, and we accomplished all three of those goals. The kids ran their best time of the year in the biggest meet of the year and you can't ask for anything more than that."

"This is the first time I've ever been associated with anything under 3:23," Ellis added. "That's pretty good for us. When you start getting under 3:20, you are getting into some very elite company. I'm very proud of the way our kids ran all season long."

The individual splits for the four were some of their best of the season

as well. Wise was clocked at 50.1, Jeff Duerson at 50.7, Shierry at 49.6 and Tommy Duerson at 49.0.

Vernon finished in fifth place but was later disqualified for handing off outside the exchange zone.

SPORTS
Shorts

Iowa Park's 1600M relay team that competed Friday in Austin reportedly was the first Hawk relay team to make it all the way to state since 1961.

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China Springs knocks Hawks out of playoffs

One inning. That's all that kept the Iowa Park Hawks from advancing in the Class 3A State Baseball Playoffs.

One inning. China Springs used a six-run fifth inning to overcome a three-run deficit to defeat Iowa Park 7-3 in the Area Round of the playoffs Thursday, knocking the Hawks out of the playoffs.

Iowa Park was looking to make a return trip to Austin, where the Hawks fell in the Semi-Final game last year.

The Hawks wasted little time in getting on the board, scoring a single run in the top of the first inning.

With two outs, a pair of sophomores teamed up to put Iowa Park on the board. Chris Simmons doubled and then came home to score the game's first run on another double by Chase Wright, giving Iowa Park a 1-0 lead.

The lead grew to 2-0 in the top of the second inning. Jesse Robertson singled, then went to second on a wild pitch, and later scored on a RBI single by Tyler Pulley.

In the top of the fourth, Iowa Park struck again to push the lead to 3-0. Robertson and Bryan Lyons both walked and Scotty Mitchell was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Simmons then followed with a walk to force home another run.

With a 3-0 lead and Wright on the mound, having allowed only one hit while striking out seven over the first four innings. Head coach David Fuhrman liked his team's chances.

"We were up 3-0 and Chase was pitching great," Fuhrman said. "He had great command early. They couldn't touch his curve ball and I was feeling pretty good at that point. We were heading into the bottom of the fifth inning with their seven, eight and nine hole hitters coming up and

we just had a bad inning. It was just one of those things."

The Cougars put six runs on the board to take a 6-3 lead on three hits and four walks.

The first three hitters drew walks to lead off the bottom of the fifth inning, chasing Wright from the mound. Pulley came on with a 2-0 count on the lead off hitter, who also drew a walk to make the score 3-1.

Iowa Park still had a chance to get out of the inning tied at 3-3, but a short pop up just over the head of second baseman Mason Adams plated two runners and kept the inning alive.

China Springs added a single run in the bottom of the sixth inning to make the final score 7-3. Iowa Park out-hit the Cougars six to five.

"We had chased their starter after four innings and we were doing a

good job of laying off his high fastball," Fuhrman added. "We just couldn't come up with the big hit when we needed to. We had the bases loaded in the fourth inning with a 3-0 lead. A big hit there, and who knows what happens. It was just one of those things where if we get a hit here or there we could have put the game out of reach. It was just not meant to be that day. China Springs was the best first-round opponent we've played since I've been at Iowa Park, so you've got to give them a lot of credit. We knew they were going to be good coming into the game."

Wright led the Hawks at the plate finishing 2x3 with a RBI and a double. Simmons finished 1x2 with a double and a RBI. Robertson also finished 1x2.

Iowa Park finished the season at 21-8.

Hawks dominate honors

The 5-3A All-District Baseball Team selections were announced this week with the Hawks landing five players on the First Team and two more on the Second Team.

Iowa Park's Chase Wright, a sophomore pitcher and first baseman, shared the Most Valuable Player award with Vernon's Jon Ochoa.

Here is a complete listing of the 5-3A All-District Team.

FIRST TEAM

Pitchers - Shane Sands, Sr. Iowa Park; Derek Dansby, Jr. Bowie; Andy McDougal, Soph. Graham.

Catcher - Kevin Park, Sr. Iowa Park.

1B - Kyle Jeffries, Jr. Henrietta.

2B - B.J. Hernandez, Sr. Childress.

3B - Tyler Pulley, Jr. Iowa Park.

SS - Josh Banks, Jr. Vernon.

Outfield - Scotty Mitchell, Jr. Iowa

Park; Jeff Wisner, Sr. Graham; Jesse Amador, Sr. Childress; Jason Woodard, Jr. Vernon; Jim Walker, Sr. Henrietta.

Utility Infielder - Jesse Robertson, Jr. Iowa Park.

Designated Hitter - Brandon Ford, Jr. Graham; Justin Fitts, Jr. Henrietta.

SECOND TEAM

Pitchers - Rick Ramsey, Sr. Vernon; Monty Roberts, Sr. Graham.

Catcher - Justin Marsh, Sr. Vernon.

1B - Craig Boyd, Jr. Vernon.

2B - Hal Brock, Soph. Bowie.

3B - Derek Dansby, Jr. Bowie.

SS - Chris Simmons, Soph. Iowa Park.

Outfield - Bryan Miller, Sr. Iowa Park; Jason Brewster, Jr. Vernon;

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HIGHLIGHTS
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AUSTIN — The Texas House last week voted to lower the legal intoxication threshold to a blood-alcohol level of .08.

Advocates of the legislation, SB 114 by Sen. Mario Gallegos, D-Houston, point to the fact that in 1997 Texas led the nation in alcohol-related traffic deaths with 1,748. Of those deaths, 379 involved drivers with blood-alcohol levels under the present legal limit of .10.

The alcoholic beverage industry has argued that lowering the blood-alcohol standard will penalize social drinkers and that instead, more should be done to curb drunken driving, not drinking and driving.

Rep. Scott Hochberg said, however, that lowering the limit is not aimed at the social drinker. "It is not a glass of wine with dinner," he said. "It is a significant amount of alcohol."

If Texas lowers its blood-alcohol standard to .08, the state stands to receive \$12 million in federal highway grants.

But money does not seem to be at issue. Hochberg, who sponsored SB 114 in the House, said, "If it wasn't the right thing to do, I don't think we should have done it for the money."

Cornyn Sues Payday Lenders

Attorney General John Cornyn last week announced the filing of lawsuits against "payday" lenders.

Defendants include EZ Cash and Quick Cash of the Rio Grande Valley, and Cash Today, which has stores statewide.

"Businesses that break the law will not be tolerated — especially those that prey upon people most in need of help," Cornyn said.

Texas law caps the interest rate that may be charged on small, short-term loans at 10 percent, unless made by a licensed lender.

Payday loans are short-term loans made by unlicensed lenders for up to several hundred dollars at extremely high annual percentage rates ranging from 650 percent to 850 percent.

Payday loan businesses typically lend to consumers who live paycheck-to-paycheck or those who may not qualify for mainstream forms of credit.

Tobacco Money: How to Use It

Senators are showing they want to make sure that Texas' \$17.3 billion settlement with the tobacco industry is put to good use, according to a Senate news release.

The Senate last week approved Sen. Bill Ratliff's committee sub-

stitute for HB 1678, which would set aside \$500 million of the settlement into a permanent fund.

Earnings from the fund could be used to pay for tobacco education and enforcement, public health programs, emergency medical services, trauma care and rural health facilities.

Other Highlights

■ According to a report published by the *Austin American-Statesman* last week, records released by the Texas Education Agency show that school districts can't account for about 55,700

seventh- through 12th-graders who left Texas schools in 1997-98.

■ Former prisoners of war from Texas, including recently released soldier Steven Gonzales, would get a free public college or university education under legislation sponsored by Sen. Eddie Lucio Jr., D-Brownsville.

■ Dallas investor Tom Hicks and San Antonio attorney Tom Loeffler resigned last week as members of the University of Texas board of regents. Replacing them are Houston attorney Patrick Oxford and Houston businessman Charles Miller.

■ The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has approved more than \$15 million in grants to build Texas state veterans homes in

Temple and Floresville. The long-term care facilities are for Texas veterans needing skilled nursing attention.

■ Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, pulled down her bill requiring background checks for the sale of semiautomatic weapons at a flea market after Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, attached an amendment that would have expanded the definition of flea market to include gun shows.

■ The House last week approved legislation that would require Texas minors to receive permission from their parents before getting their body parts — other than their earlobes — pierced.

■ Abortion-related bills were up for consideration last week. One would allow girls to notify an adult relative before undergoing the medical procedure; another would allow girls to bypass their parents if they receive approval from a judge.

■ Last Friday, May 14, was the deadline for legislation to clear either the House or the Senate.

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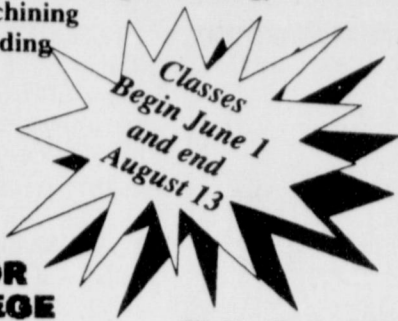
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