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Home Of Wendy Loper

SHS seniors graduate tonight

Snyder High School will award diplomas to 203 seniors during commencement exercises tonight at Scurry County Coliseum.

The program will get underway at 8 o'clock.

High school principal Larry Scott will reveal more than $314,000 in scholarships that have been awarded to this year's graduating class.

This year's salutatory address will be given by Trevor Kerr, son of Dr. and Mrs. Tom Kerr, while Trey Gorman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gorman Jr., will deliver the valedictory address.

Snyder ISD board members Mark McCormick and Richard Chambers will award the diplomas.

Snyder ISD instructor and trainer Steve Krueger will present the graduates.

Assistant band director Kay Kennedy will direct the processional, while senior Cara Best will lead the prayer.

Class officers for this year's senior class are Justin Phillips, president; Lauren Hackfeld, vice president; Janette Allen; secretary; and Sally Barham, treasurer.

The seniors chose "Higher" by Creed as its class song. It will be sung tonight by Lance Beaver and Tony Arispe, with Lexie Beard on the guitar and Layne Scott on the drums.

The class of 2000 chose black and gold as its colors, and the rose as the class flower.

Honor graduates are Janette Allen, Morris Allred Jr., Michael Ashby, Sally Barham, Cara Best, Elizabeth Brown, Amber Burt, Laura Canada and Jodi Dennis.

Others are Morten Edzards, Adrian Gonzales, Jack (Trey) Streety Gorman III, Laura Greenwood, Justin Guy, Brady Hackfeld, Regina Hager and Jonathan Hensley.

Honor graduates also include Irene Hernandez, Christina Holder, Trevor Kerr, Lacey Kidd, Alesha Miller, Courtney Rinehart, Layne Scott, Christy Tomlinson and Joshua Ward.

MOBILE HOME BLAZE — Firefighters were on the scene for more than two hours Thursday evening battling a blaze that heavily damaged this home at 250 West CR 120, owned by David Cunnington. No one was at home at the time of the fire. Cause of the blaze is undetermined, but fire officials said it is possibly lightning-related. Twenty-seven firefighters and five trucks responded to the 8:45 p.m. call and were on the scene until about 11 p.m. (SDN Staff Photo by Joyce May)

THE SDN COLUMN
By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Exercise keeps the spring in your step from becoming rusty."

Hundreds of Scurry County's finest will walk across the stage and receive high school diplomas — Snyder and Hermleigh tonight and Ira on Saturday evening.

As one teacher said this week, this has been a remarkable group of students.

And a tip of a slightly worn mortar board to the honor graduates this year – each school's Class of 2000 valedictorian and salutatorian:

Snyder High: **Trey Gorman** and **Trevor Kerr**.

Ira High: **Jenson Gainer** and **Katie Howard**.

Hermleigh High: **Randi Herrington** and **Jared Higgins**.

One way to finance a college education is to finish high school early. Some 17 SHS seniors did just that, completing high school in 36 months.

As a result, the 17 grads earned a $1,000 Tuitution Credit Scholarship provided by the Texas Legislature.

SHS recipients are **Amber Nichole Bass, Philip Lloyd Broadwater, Sara Loraine Bryant, Cristi Buchanan, Jenny Lynn Chandler, Julienne Denise Dooley, Stephanie Renae Ervin, Alma Nely Estrada, Elisa Nikki Guerrero, Melissa Rae Hicks, Robert Mitchell McCann, Mandy Lou Montgomery, Kimberly Michele Nelson, Jessica Lynn Olibas, Lindsey Dolores Orneles, Cheryl Reed** and **Martha Janet Rivera**.

More awards:

After a runner-up finish at the state golf tournament, **Randy Reed** was named the team's most valuable player.

Lacey Kidd and **Sally Barham** shared the Fighting Tiger honor. Also **Andra Lancaster** and **Kara Harrison** tied for the most improved award.

A trio of SHS track stars have been invited to represent the Lone Star State in the Great Southwest Track and Field Classic this weekend in Tempe, Ariz. The three are **Wade Pinson, Jared Thornhill** and **Mark Medley**.

Scholarship recipient:

Lady Tigers' softball standout **Kristin Martinez** has signed a letter of intent to play for Midland College.

Still in the playoffs....

The **Ira Bulldogs** bowed to Cross Plains last night in the state baseball playoffs. Two more games, if necessary, are scheduled tonight in Albany.

Off to Boys State next eek....

Kyle McClendon, a ior at SHS next school year, has been chosen to attend Boys State at UT in Austin starting next weekend.

Borden County names top 1999-00 graduates

Borden County High School's honor students for 1999-2000 are valedictorian Jana Lea Himes and salutatorian Nicholas Flanigan.

Himes, the daughter of Jack and Terry Himes of Fluvanna, maintained a grade point average of 100.80 throughout high school.

She participated in UIL literary meets in feature writing and was a district champion and regional qualifier for two years. She also competed in UIL editorial writing, headline writing, literary criticism and computer applications.

Himes was a class officer her junior and senior years. She was a regional qualifier in track for two years. Jana participated in cross country and track and she was a member of the Lady Coyote basketball team for two years.

She was voted most likely to succeed by her peers. She plans to attend Texas Tech University in the fall and pursue a master's degree in accounting.

Flanigan had a GPA of 97.25 throughout high school. He is the son of Nancy Gordon of Post and the late Mike Flanigan of Keizer, Ore.

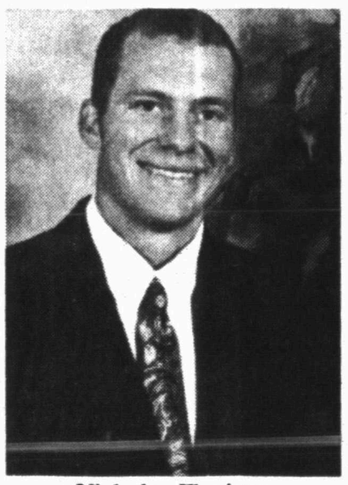
While in high school, he was a member of the Beta Club. He was chosen 2nd team all district football and all district basketball.

Flanigan is a UIL regional qualifier in current issues and events. He was a member of the FFA public relations team which placed first in region and second in state. He was also active in other leadership teams and contests involved in FFA. He was voted most likely to succeed by his classmates.

He plans to attend Wayland Baptist University in the fall.

Commencement will be held at 8 tonight.

Jana Himes



Nicholas Flanigan

Rainfall Reports

Snyder	.51
East of City	.90
West of City	1.1
Lake Thomas	.45
West end of lake	.65
Fluvanna	.80
Polar	1.2
Camp Springs	1.0
Dunn	.25
Ira	.15
Dermott	1.95
Union	1.0
Gail	Trace
South of Gail	.80

Robbery report is investigated

Snyder Police this morning were investigating a report of an aggravated robbery that allegedly occurred early this morning at the Travel Inn, 1001 25th Street.

Officers responded to the motel at 1:41 a.m. after a woman called stating that male subjects had broken into the room, assaulted her husband and took their money. She told officers the attackers had weapons and wore bandanas to conceal their faces.

A 33-year-old man was reportedly assaulted with a weapon and sustained minor injuries. He was not taken to a hospital.

Sgt. Terry Luecke said the incident is still under investigation and it is unknown how many subjects were involved. He said an undetermined amount of money was reportedly taken.

Luecke did not disclose the type of weapons involved.

He said the man and woman, whose names were not released, are not from Snyder, but were in town visiting relatives.

Third person taken into custody here on cocaine charges

A third subject was arrested Thursday on a warrant for delivery of a controlled substance, as part of a three-county raid on drug dealers conducted Wednesday.

Jorge Anaya, 30, of 1128 Mobil Road was taken into custody by officers at 5:44 p.m. in the 1200 block of 28th Street.

He is charged with felony delivery of cocaine, less than four grams. He was also charged Thursday with driving while license suspended, a misdemeanor.

His bond was set at $15,000 for the felony charge and $750 for the misdemeanor.

Diana Sosa, 41, and Camelia Sosa, 22, were arrested Wednesday at their 2405 30th Street address for felony delivery of cocaine, less than four grams.

Diana Sosa posted a $15,000 bond this morning while Camelia Sosa remained in jail in lieu of a $15,000 bond.

The two Sosa women were among 23 arrested in a three-county area Wednesday following a four-month investigation by the West Central Texas Interlocal Crime Task Force.

A total of 28 warrants were issued in Scurry, Mitchell and Nolan counties, with the bulk, 18, being issued in Mitchell.

Three were issued in Scurry County and seven were issued in Nolan County.

City, county offices to be closed Monday for Memorial Day holiday

Several offices and all financial institutions will be closed Monday in observance of Memorial Day.

In addition to banks, city and county offices — including the Scurry County Courthouse and City Hall —will be closed Monday. An exception is the city landfill, which will be closed Saturday and open Monday.

Scurry County Museum and the Texas Workforce Commission, both located on the Western Texas College campus, will also observe the holiday Monday.

The college campus will be closed as well.

Scurry County Library will close Saturday through Monday.

Snyder Post Office will be closed Monday. Mail will be placed in boxes, but there will be no home deliveries.

ASK US

Q—Who was hired recently for the position of Human Resource Director in the Western Texas College business office?

A—Pam Murray, as reported in the Snyder Daily News on May 16.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Thursday, 99 degrees; low, 68; 7 a.m. Friday, 75; .51 of an inch precipitation; total for 2000, 8.48 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, 20% rain chance; partly cloudy, low upper 60s; S wind 5-15 mph. Saturday, mostly sunny, high mid 90s. SE wind 5-15 mph.

Kendra McGuire
Sunny

Sunset:
8:40 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:42 a.m.
Of 146 days in 2000, the sun has shone 143 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Life is not about the breaths you take, but the moments that take your breath away.
—Leah Williams

2000 graduates are spotlighted today

Seniors from Snyder High School, along with seniors from Ira HS and Hermleigh ISD are featured in today's issue.

Snyder and Hermleigh graduate tonight at 8, while Ira graduates Saturday at 7 p.m.

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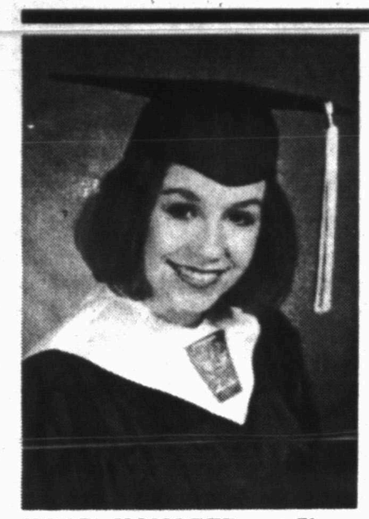

HOOD HONORED — Shannon Hood, daughter of Paula and Bruce Hood, former Snyder residents, has been named salutatorian of Thorndale High School. She will graduate with a 96.2272 GPA. Hood is president of the National Honor Society and vice president of her class. She participated in volleyball, tennis and golf and was named MVP in tennis and advanced to regional in golf. She was a cheerleader for the Thorndale Bulldogs for three years. Shannon is the granddaughter of Kenneth and Joyce Smith of Snyder and the late Bill and Carolyn Hood.

CLASS OF 2000 — Scurry County Head Start held a graduation ceremony for the Class of 2000 on May 16. Bottom row from left are Karri Brunson, Joseph Price, Valerie Rodriguez, Faith Overton, Drew Moncevais, Anthony Zamarippa, Sabrina Castillo, Angelica Juarez, Rodney Martinez, Danny Gunderson and Donna Green. Middle row are Esther Cabrera, Luis Silva, Mark Sosa, Rachel Turner, Mauricio Romero, Gerardo Robles Jr., Alec Thompson, Pedro Velasquez, Raymond Vera, Georgette Gunderson, Dakota Bryan and Amy Hall. Back row are Theresa Ornelas, Breahna Van Winkle, Sonia Cabrera, Alma Cabrera, Vanessa Ornelas, Lio Medina, Alex Settles, Ramiro Medrano, Gloria Valdez, Zachary Simpson, Stephanie Stegall, Anthony Castillo and Adela Sauceda. (SDN Staff Photo)

Dance group has money troubles

NEW YORK (AP) — The dance group founded by modern dance pioneer Martha Graham has pulled out of two major festivals and suspended its operations for the foreseeable future because of financial problems.

The announcement was made after a unanimous vote Thursday by the board of the Martha Graham Center of Contemporary Dance, the umbrella organization for the Martha Graham Dance Company, its school and its junior troupe.

"We don't have the funds to go forward today," Francis Mason, acting chairman of the center's board, told The New York Times. "We continue to seek those funds. This will be a suspension.

Major cable deal given conditional OK

(AP) — AT&T Corp. is inching toward completion of a massive merger that builds on its plan to deliver high-speed Internet access, local phone service and television programming directly into homes using cable TV lines.

The Justice Department gave conditional approval Thursday to the company's acquisition of MediaOne Group Inc., making the nation's top long-distance carrier also the nation's largest cable company.

The merger still requires approval from the Federal Communications Commission.

Under a consent agreement with the Justice Department, AT&T agreed to shed its stake in Road Runner, the nation's second-largest provider of high-speed Internet access, which MediaOne has an interest in. AT&T already has a controlling interest in the biggest provider of high-speed Internet access, ExciteAtHome.

The department determined that combining both service providers would substantially lessen competition in the distribution of high-speed Internet services.

"The merger as proposed would have had an anticompetitive impact on the emerging broadband market," said Joel Klein, assistant attorney general in charge of the antitrust division. Broadband refers to high-speed Web access, which is dozens of time faster than today's dial-up connections. "American consumers will be the ultimate beneficiaries."

The department noted that together the two Internet providers serve a majority of residential consumers who have high-speed service.

The department's complaint and a proposed consent decree with AT&T were filed Thursday in U.S. District Court in the District of Columbia.

Under the decree, AT&T must get rid of its interest in Road Runner by Dec. 31, 2001, or earlier if other members of the venture agree. AT&T also must obtain prior approval from the Justice Department before making deals with Time Warner to jointly provide high-speed Internet service in a particular region — or agreements not to offer such service — in the two years after the Road Runner sale. That extends to America Online, if it completes its pending merger with Time Warner.

The department also would have oversight over other agreements, such as those that would prevent either company from giving preferential treatment to content provided by others.

AT&T said it expected the required divestiture of Road Runner and does not anticipate that the consent decree will hinder its ability to offer high-speed Internet services.

"Our acquisition of MediaOne will greatly increase our ability to deliver all of those highly sought consumer services. We can't wait to get started," AT&T general counsel Jim Cicconi said. He expected the merger would gain FCC approval shortly.

Consumer groups said they would have liked an earlier date of divestiture, but believe the Justice Department's complaint bolsters their assertion that high-speed Internet service is its own competitive market.

That point could play a role in future debates over whether high-speed cable Internet service should be regulated, which the FCC has declined to do.

"This establishes as a matter of antitrust policy that the broadband market is highly concentrated," said Gene Kimmelman of Consumers Union.

"Competition is not going to develop in those markets without a mandate," said Andrew Jay Schwartzman, president of the public interest firm Media Access Project.

At the FCC, the deal is facing federal limits how many customers a single cable company can reach. Those regulations forbid one company from controlling more than 30 percent of the multichannel video market, which includes cable and competitors such as direct broadcast satellite.

AT&T's deal with MediaOne would exceed the cap.

Company G, 142nd Infantry
36th Infantry Division Scholarship

Adrian Gonzales is the recipient of this annual scholarship awarded to the graduate of the Class of 2000 of Snyder High School. This award is given to the student that has demonstrated outstanding patriotism, citizenship, academic achievement and concern for family values and responsibilities.

This scholarship is dedicated to all the brave and gallant men of this combat infantry company of the Texas National Guard of World War II who were mobilized in the Army of the United States on 25 November 1940 in Snyder, Scurry County, Texas and to the more than 700 of their comrades who walked with them and wore the colors of the George Company during its long period of active military service.

The 36th Infantry Division, of which G Company was a part, was the first American Division to invade Hitler's Europia at Salerno, Italy on 9 September 1943. This division made two other assault landings at Anzio and Southern France.

The 36th "Texas" Division participated in seven European campaigns: Naples-Foggia, Anzio, Rome-Arno, Southern France, Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace and Central Europe.

The 36th Division Suffered over 27,000 casualties, third highest of any World War II Division. This proud Division and its men were one of the most highly decorated combat units in the United States Army. This was the fighting 36th.

COMPANY G

Adams, Don	Greer, James A.	Mullins, Lance P.	Robinson, Raymond B.
Bates, Ralph A.	Goss, Loraine F.	McKinney, Robert L.	Ramage, Runert T.
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Dawson, John B.	Kruse, L.M.	Reynolds, Cecil H.	Taggart, P.
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We, the children of that generation, want to express our sincere gratitude to those men and women who sacrificed during World War II in Europe, in the Pacific or at home to make certain our beautiful country remained free and strong.

Bridge

Preparing for the worst

By Phillip Alder

How did Arnold Joseph Toynbee, a British historian, describe America?

Over the last three days, we have been looking at timing the play to bring home a contract that an optimist would fail to make. Here is another example, played in the exact geographic center of the 48 contiguous states, Lebanon, Kan. I saw it in another column, the author of which I will allow to remain anonymous. How would you try to make four spades after West leads the club king?

Do you play that North's three spade rebid is forcing? I think you should — no stopping on a pinhead.

The columnist pointed out, correctly, that if declarer ruffs a club at trick two, then cashes two top trumps, he will fail. When spades break 4-1 and the defender with the long trumps has fewer than three diamonds, it is all over.

The recommended line of play, which is certainly pretty, is to duck a trump at trick two. This leaves everything under control. Even if the defenders take their heart tricks, declarer succeeds via four spades, five diamonds and one club.

Still, why not go for the whole taco? I would play like this: club ace, club ruff, diamond to the jack, club ruff, trumps. If the spades split 3-2, I end with all 13 tricks. Here, though, I still get home, losing only one spade and two hearts.

According to Toynbee, "America is a large, friendly dog in a very small room. Every time it wags its tail it knocks over a chair." Unless there's a bridge player sitting on it.

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North 05-26-00
♠ 6 5 2
♥ Q 7 6 3
♦ A K Q 10 4
♣ 3

West
♠ 9
♥ A 5 4
♦ 9 6 5 2
♣ K Q 8 6 5

East
♠ J 10 8 7
♥ K J 9 8
♦ 3
♣ J 10 9 7

South
♠ A K Q 4 3
♥ 10 2
♦ J 8 7
♣ A 4 2

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ K

Date Book

Friday, May 26, 2000

Today is the 147th day of 2000 and the 68th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1896, the Wall Street Journal published the Dow Jones industrial average for the first time.

On this day in 1913, the Actors' Equity Association was organized. The association now has about 40,000 active members.

On this day in 1958, construction began on the USS Tullibee, the first atomic-powered turbine electric-drive submarine in the U.S. Navy.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Al Jolson (1886-1950), entertainer; John Wayne (1907-1979), actor; James Arness (1923-), actor, is 77; Brent Musburger (1939-), sportscaster, is 61; Stevie Nicks (1948-), singer-songwriter, is 52; Hank Williams Jr. (1949-), singer-songwriter, is 51; Sally Ride (1951-), astronaut, is 49.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1959, Pittsburgh pitcher Harvey Haddix pitched 12 perfect innings against Milwaukee.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Talk low, talk slow, and don't say too much." — John Wayne

TODAY'S MOON: Last quarter.

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4 die in house fire

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A man and his three children were killed early Thursday in a house fire after the family lighted candles during a power outage.

The man's wife — the children's mother — escaped the blaze but was burned when she attempted to re-enter the home.

The victims were identified as David Drury, 26, and his children, Shane Matthew Blake Drury, 7; David Michael Drury Jr., 6; and Courtney Brooke Drury, 4. The mother, Lachelle Drury, 26, was treated at a hospital and released.

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ALTURA TOUR — Central Elementary students who earned 200 or more points in the Accelerated Reader program recently toured Altura Energy, one of the school's adopt-a-school partner. Sponsors accompanying the students were Jerry Webb and June Holcomb. Kit Higgins drove the bus. Students included Rubi Jaimes, Alix Rieser, Jared Cave, David Strayhorn, Brittany Scott, Teresa Murillo, Leslie Johnston, Kasey Young, Kari Lord, Will Stewart, Wes von Roeder, Taylor Gibbs, Ashley Hagins, Kalyn Hildreth, Riley Davis, Lareshia Carey, Shelbie Talavera, Jaclyn DeLeon, Britney Webb, Kadrian Groage, Carson Matthies, Yoci Arellano, Jaime Martinez, Shaquita Sneed, Lashondrick Richardson and Kayla Liccardi. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Quiet neighborhood rocked by five deaths at Wendy's

NEW YORK (AP) — Main Street in Flushing is a melting pot of working families, a relatively safe neighborhood in Queens forever scarred by the deaths of five Wendy's restaurant employees.

"I felt sorry. It's my co-workers. I just left them last night," said Olga Purdie, among the hundreds of people who jammed sidewalks opposite the Wendy's hours after Wednesday night's shooting. "We work together as a family. We work together as one."

Police today were searching for a former Wendy's employee, arrested in a McDonald's robbery last June in Queens, a police investigator who spoke on condition of anonymity told The Associated Press. The man, wanted for questioning, missed an earlier court date and a warrant was issued for his arrest, published reports said.

Police said two gunmen walked into the restaurant at closing time Wednesday night, killed the employees and took about $2,000. Two employees survived and were able to call 911 for help.

"This is the most callous, worst crime that I've seen in a long time," Police Commissioner Howard Safir said Thursday. He said one or more of the employees knew the suspects.

The suspects asked for the manager by name, then went to his basement office, police said. The manager then summoned the six remaining employees over an intercom.

The gunmen ordered the six men and one woman into a walk-in refrigerator, bound and gagged them, told them to lie face down and shot them, Safir said. Four died at the scene, one on the way to the hospital.

The two survivors — identified by police as Joaquione Johnson, 18, and Patrick Castro, 23 — were able to partially free themselves and get to a basement telephone. Castro, who was shot through both cheeks, helped Johnson upstairs as police arrived.

Castro was released and placed under police protection. Johnson remained hospitalized in critical condition Thursday.

NYPD Blue actress becomes TV reporter

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — It'll be a different kind of heat for Andrea Thompson at her new job.

The former "NYPD Blue" detective on Monday will begin her career as a television reporter by shooting interviews and standups for an hour-long special on the Los Alamos wildfires that destroyed more than 200 homes earlier this month.

Thompson will be thrown "right into the mix," KRQE news director Dan Salamone said Wednesday.

Despite paralysis, woman set to graduate from high school

MOUNT VERNON, Ky. (AP) — Jacqui Fausz can't sit at a desk, write her name or open a textbook. Her lungs depend on a ventilator and her current home is a hospital room.

But the 20-year-old Fausz, who suffered a spinal aneurysm and was paralyzed from the neck down four years ago, is set to graduate with honors Saturday from Rockcastle County High School — a school she has never entered.

"It's exciting," Fausz said Thursday, moments before heading to school for graduation practice. "I've never been there before, so I don't really know what to expect. I can't wait to see it."

For the past two years, her lessons have been videotaped and she does her homework with the help of a teacher's aide, Cindy Johnson, who writes down every letter, number and punctuation mark that comes from Fausz's mouth.

The two spent Thursday morning studying for her last exam, an algebra final. As the two went over the problems, Johnson held up a clipboard for Fausz, who told her what numbers to write down to solve the problems.

"It's really remarkable," Johnson said. "What most people learn by scratching out on paper, she does in her mind and relays to me. I'm not sure many people realize just how difficult that is."

Nothing about Fausz's life has been simple since the aneurysm dislodged from the spinal wall as she prepared for classes at Campbell County High School in Alexandria. At the time, she was a sophomore honors student and played alto sax in the school's marching band.

As Fausz was getting ready to leave the house, she sneezed, letting out a scream as pain shot down her neck. She managed to make it to school and take a test before slumping on a drinking fountain, unable to walk.

"It was awful, probably the worst day of my life," said Fausz's mother, Joan, who plans to attend the graduation with Jacqui's 10-year-old brother, Sean. "She was struggling to breathe and losing control of all her motor skills, and there was nothing I could do for her. It was a nightmare."

It wasn't long before Fausz realized she would do no more marching with the band or sitting at lunch giggling with friends.

"It was really hard to deal with at first," Fausz said. "I've always been very independent and had to have things my own way. Now I'm having to rely on someone else, and that's been hard to get used to. Learning to depend on and trust others has been the toughest thing I've had to deal with."

Although it is in a hospital, her room is that of a typical teen.

Above her bed is a shelf packed with stuffed animals and a Boston Red Sox baseball cap. Across from the bed hangs a poster of two beagle puppies in a wicker basket near her ruby red graduation gown.

"I like to write poetry and I love music, all kinds," she said with a smile. Johnson laughs as she reminds Fausz that she also likes pizza, Chinese food and PayDay candy bars.

Her teachers, many of whom she's seen only on videotape, marvel at her tenacity and intelligence. Her writing portfolio done for a senior English class was one of only three in the school honored as "distinguished."

"She's a brilliant, brilliant writer," said Cathy Short, a special needs teacher at the school. "Her vocabulary is extremely advanced, and she has a way of making you really feel what she is trying to say."

Although she isn't sure what lies ahead of her, Fausz says she's determined to follow her dreams.

"A lot of people that are handicapped don't expect much out of life, and I don't understand that," she said.

Berry's World

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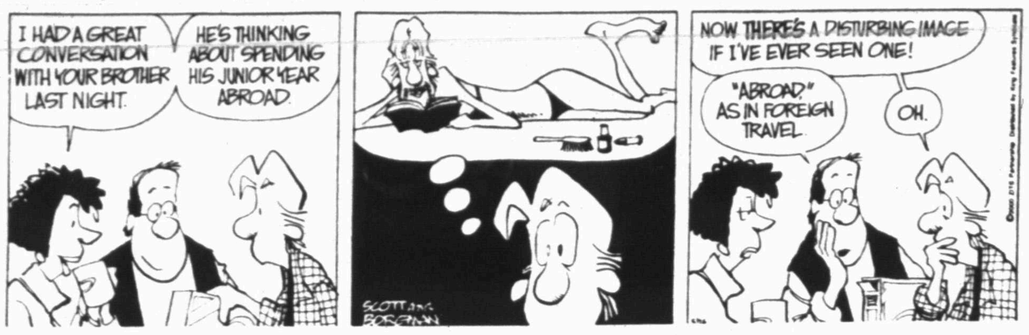

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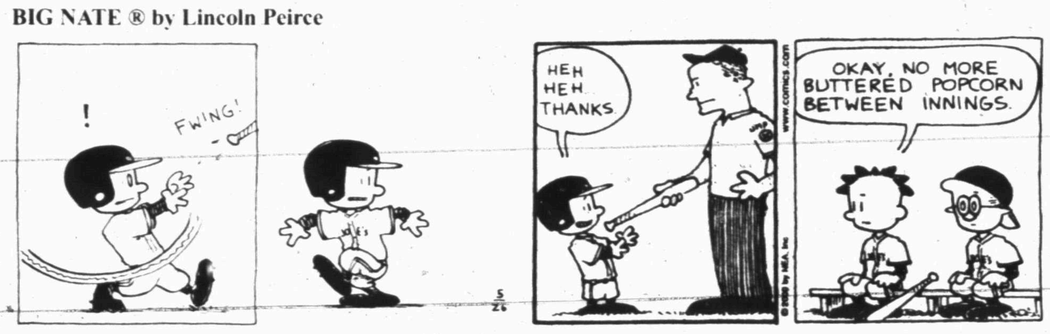

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6 "Nana" author
10 Antenna
12 — Creed
14 Four score and ten
15 Bottle-cap remover
16 Year (Sp.)
17 CD- —
19 ABA members
20 "— Nights"
23 Duplicate exactly
26 Neither Dem. nor Rep.
27 Cloudy
30 Wild sheep
32 Counsel
34 Public official
35 Den baby
36 Print units
37 Pt. Of ESL
39 Conclude
40 Human being
42 Rich soil
45 RR depot
46 Mined material
49 Although
51 Angrier
54 Abundance
55 Cries like a lamb
56 Tallies
57 Up to this point (2 wds.)

DOWN

1 Biblical town
2 Bridle part
3 Florence's river
4 "Shame!"
5 Make lace
6 Type of code
7 Pac 'ic or Indian
8 Pre-Easter season
9 Work without — — (take chances)
11 Northern constellation
12 Negligible
13 Ums' kin
18 Kimono sash
20 Time — — half
21 Bred
22 User
23 Candy —
24 Weaver's need
25 Ins and —
27 Dean Martin's nickname
28 Glazes
29 Portion out
31 Carrington family TV series
33 Meadow mouse
38 UK time
40 Change
41 Poetic foot
42 Baby's sitting spot
43 Large-mouthed pot
44 Still sleeping
46 Singer Anita —
47 Nerve network
48 Formerly, formerly
50 Possessive pronoun
52 Neighbor of Ga.
53 — Moines, Iowa

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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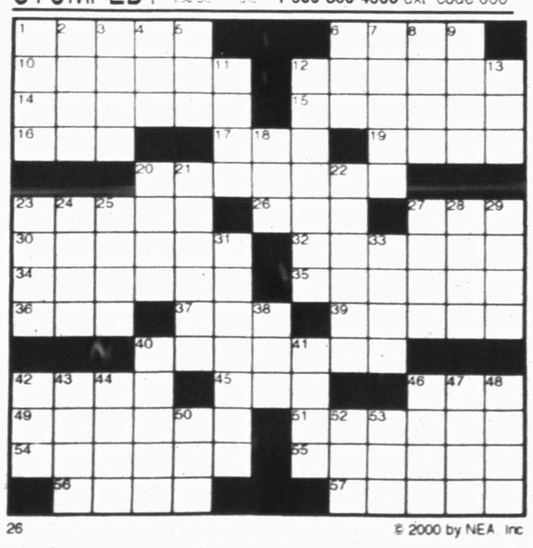

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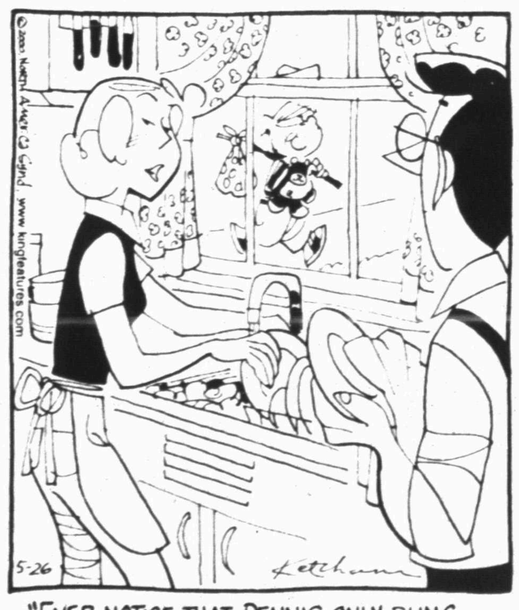

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SPORTS

Ira drops series opener, 6-3

ALBANY — It took three innings for the Ira Bulldogs to settle in, but the Cross Plains Buffaloes were ready from the get-go.

Cross Plains took advantage of six Ira errors over the first three innings to build a 6-0 lead, then held on for a 6-3 victory Thursday in the opener of the Class A regional quarterfinal series at Lion Field.

The Bulldogs, who were knocked out in the quarterfinal round last year, must sweep a twin bill with the Buffaloes to stay alive, when the series resumes at 5 p.m. today.

"Cross Plains has been in this position many times, and this is only our second year to get this far," said Ira coach Bubba Edwards. "We were shaky early on, but Cross Plains wasn't fazed a bit. Once we got our feet under us, we were fine. But you can't give a team like them that many chances to build a lead."

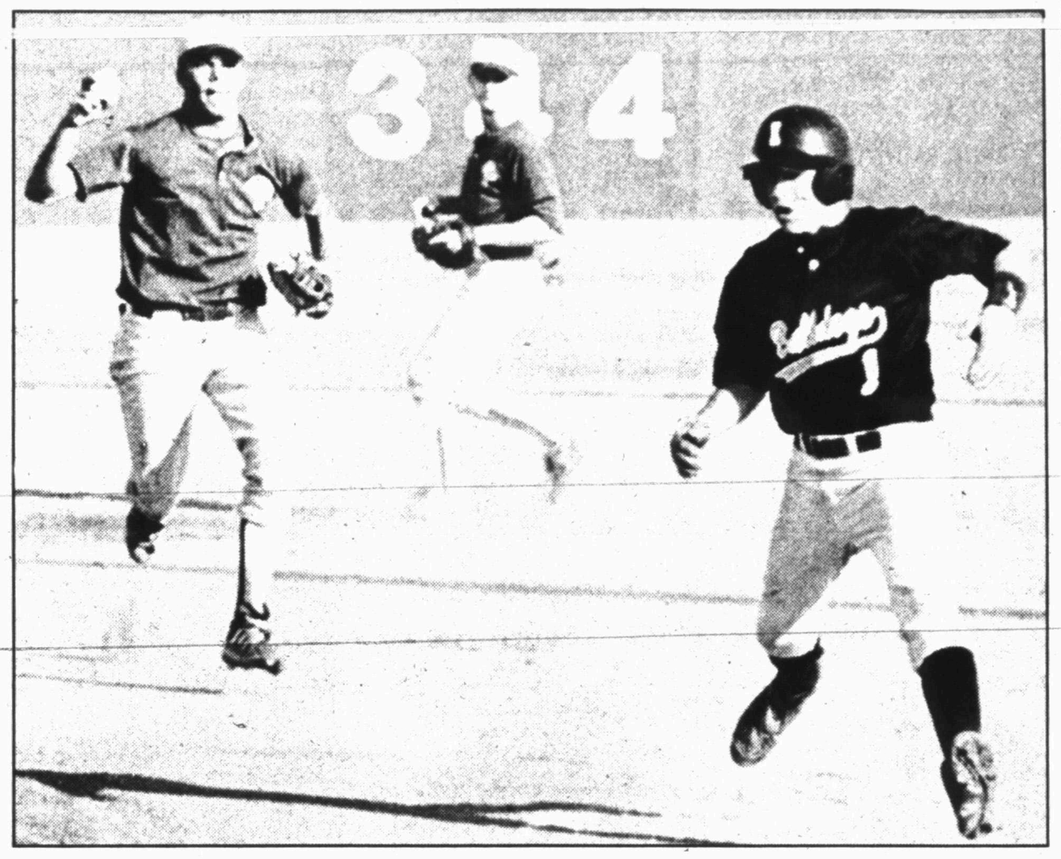
Cross Plains was the state runner-up a year ago, and its experienced showed in the opening frames.

The Buffaloes capitalized on a pair of walks, two Ira errors and two singles in the first inning to take a 2-0 lead.

The Bulldogs' only threat early on came in the second inning. A double by Drew Wall, a single from Jenson Gainer, and a walk loaded the bases, before Cross Plains pitcher Aaron Norris retired the next two batters.

The Buffaloes did the majority of their damage in the third when two more Bulldog miscues, a walk and a hit batsman contributed to a four-run outburst that extended the deficit to 6-0.

Trailing by six runs, Ira controlled the action for the final four innings.



THE CHASE — Ira's Jeremy Bowden gets caught in a run-down Thursday during the Bulldogs' playoff game with Cross Plains. The Buffaloes won the series opener, 6-3, with Game 2 scheduled for 5 p.m. today. (SDN Staff Photo)

Bulldog ace Jerek Brown hit his stride, retiring nine of the next 11 batters he faced. The senior lefthander finished with 10 strikeouts and only three walks.

The Bulldogs' bats finally woke up in the top of the seventh.

Gainer, who was 3-for-3 on the day, belted another single to start the Ira rally. A Cross Plains error was followed by a Jeremy Bowden double, and back-to-back singles by Brown and Eric Dickerhoff that plated three runs.

The Bulldogs' barrage chased Norris, and left the bases loaded for Buffalo reliever Seth Potter.

But Ira's comeback hopes quickly died when Potter fanned the next two Bulldogs to end the game.

Ira pounded out nine hits on the day, with four of them coming in the final frame. Cross Plains registered seven hits.

"We hit the ball well at times, but we couldn't string the hits together," Edwards said. "We would get a guy in scoring position, and then couldn't do anything with him."

Ira slips to 16-5 on the year, while the Buffaloes improve to 21-3.

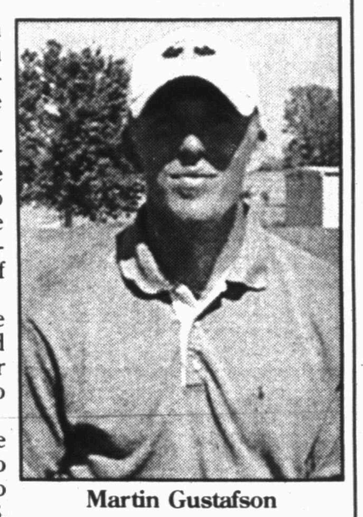
If needed, a third game would also be played this evening.

Gustafson, WTC climb to 13th place

DOTHAN, Ala. — Martin Gustafson got his game back on track, and Western Texas College moved up a spot on the leader board.

Gustafson fired a team-best 4-over-par 76 Thursday to pace the Westerners, who carded a 311 to move into 13th place at the Men's NJCAA Golf Championship at Highland Oaks Golf Course.

Central Alabama took over the top spot after posting a 292, and held a two-stroke advantage over Midland College, heading into this morning's final round.



Martin Gustafson

Gustafson, who has led the Westerners for the past two years, struggled in the first two rounds with scores of 90 and 88, before turning things around on Thursday when only three players broke par.

Michael Hansen and James Higdon were only two strokes of Gustafson's pace at 78, while Scott McLauchlan turned in a 79. All three players have three-day totals of 236.

Jason McGrath also continued his steady play, following up rounds of 83 and 82 with an 80.

Nick Rousey of Central Alabama leads the medalists' race after firing a 4-under-par 68 on Thursday.

Men's NJCAA Golf Championship
(through 54 holes)

Team standings (third round and total): 1. Central Alabama, 292-889; 2. Midland, 295-891; 3. Wallace-Dothan, 295-896; 4. Scottsdale, 301-899; 5. Paris 295-902; 6. McLennan, 297-908; 7. Lon Morris, 303-919; 8. Dixie, 305-923; 9. (tie) Brevard, 302-928, and New Mexico, 319-928; 11. (tie) Butler County, 318-947, and Utah Valley, 315-947; 13. Western Texas, 311-949; 14. Northeast, 311-953; 15. Wallace-Hanceville, 324-955; 16. Johnson County, 316-958; 17. (tie) Kansas City, 312-961, and San Jacinto, 306-961; 19. Faulkner State, 337-976; 20. Central Arizona, 320-979; 21. Dodge City, 311-985; 22. Lamar, 337-999.

Individual leaders (third round and total): 1. Nick Rousey, Central Alabama, 68-212; 2. Barry Hume, Paris, 71-216; 3. Ernie Rose, Midland, 70-218; 4. (tie) Warren Holman, Wallace-Dothan, 73-220, and Rick Westbrook, Central Alabama, 72-220.

Western Texas: Scott McLauchlan, 82-75-79—236; James Higdon, 83-75-78—236; Michael Hansen, 78-80-78—236; Jason McGrath, 83-82-80—245; Martin Gustafson, 90-88-76—254.

Avalanche ties series, 3-3

DENVER (AP) — Frustrated by outshooting the Dallas Stars 110-56 in the previous three games but having won only once, the Colorado Avalanche were desperate for a break.

Chris Drury provided it. Attempting to redirect Ray Bourque's waist-high shot with his stick, Drury instead deflected the puck off his knee for the game-winner with 3:51 left in third period in Colorado's 2-1 victory Thursday night.

The Avalanche, staving off elimination, tied the best-of-seven Western Conference finals at 3-3, with a decisive Game 7 set for Saturday night in Dallas.

Ray Bourque assisted on Drury's goal and scored Colorado's other goal.

The Avalanche broke a 1-1 tie when Bourque took a long shot from along the left boards that sailed high toward the net. Drury, stationed in the slot, redirected it past goalie Ed Belfour.

Patrick Roy had 26 saves, extending his NHL record for career playoff victories to 121. Belfour made 19 saves.

Bourque's goal early in the second period put the Avalanche ahead, but Brett Hull tied it with a power-play goal later in the period. It was Hull's ninth goal of the playoffs and fourth goal in the last three games.

Dallas defeated Colorado in last year's conference finals, rallying from a 3-2 deficit en route to capturing its first Stanley Cup.

Stars defenseman Derian Hatcher said the Stars "wanted it to end tonight, but we aren't disheartened. It was just one of those goals."

Sports Briefs

Memorial Day tourney on tap

Snyder Country Club's Memorial Day Scramble will be held Monday. Tee time is 10 a.m.

Players will be placed on teams for the four-person scramble format. Cost is $20.

To register, call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

Tiger softball camp scheduled

The Tiger Softball Camp for incoming first through ninth grade girls will be held June 5-8 at Cates Field. The camp will run from 9 a.m. until noon each day.

Fielding, throwing, hitting, base running and individual techniques will be stressed, and players must bring their own equipment.

Cost is $50 and includes a camp T-shirt. Registration forms can be picked up at Cates Field, Snyder High School main office, or Coach Tipton's office.

PDU hosts hoops tourney

Price Daniel Unit will host a 3-on-3 basketball tournament June 3, with proceeds benefiting Special Olympics. Teams will be divided into adult and children's divisions.

Cost is $50 for adult teams, and $35 for children's squads. All teams will meet at Snyder Junior High at 9 a.m. June 3 for game time and location. All entries are due by next Friday.

For more information, call 573-1114.

Basketball clinic scheduled

The Sam Tipton 2000 Basketball Camp will be held June 20-23 at Snyder High School.

The co-ed division is open to incoming third through sixth graders and will run from 9 a.m. until noon. Seventh through ninth grade girls only will be from 1 until 4 p.m.

Cost is $60 and includes a camp T-shirt. Deadline to register is Friday.

For more information, call Coach Tipton at 573-6301 ext. 30, or 573-4437.

WTC sets junior golf clinic

The WTC Junior Golf Clinic will be held June 5-9. Ages 8-12 will meet from 8 until 10 a.m, while ages 13-17 will run from 10 a.m. until noon.

Snyder High School golf coaches Matt Glenn and Ricky Hunter will cover the full swing, short game, putting, trouble shots, rules and etiquette. Video swing analysis will also be provided.

The camp will be limited to the first 50 players to sign up. Cost is $75.

Players can register in person June 4 from 1 to 3 p.m., or by calling the WTC pro shop at 573-9291.

Baseball camps scheduled

Snyder Baseball Camp will begin Monday and run through next Friday for ages 7 and up. Sessions will run from 9 to 11 a.m., and will stress the fundamentals of throwing, fielding, hitting and base running. Cost is $40.

Snyder Advanced Baseball Camp will be June 5-9, and cost is $40.

For more information, contact Coach Herrera at 573-1355, or Coach Bollinger at 573-5734.

WGA holds play day, swingers

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its weekly play day at 9 a.m. Wednesday. Format will be bingle, bangle, bungle.

Also, swingers' play will be at 5:30 p.m. each Friday, and couples' play will be held at 1:30 p.m. the first Sunday of the month.

Major League Baseball

National League
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	32	14	.696	—
Montreal	25	19	.568	6
New York	25	22	.532	7½
Florida	22	26	.458	11
Philadelphia	16	29	.356	15½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	28	18	.609	—
Cincinnati	26	20	.565	2
Milwaukee	20	27	.425	8½
Pittsburgh	19	26	.422	8½
Chicago	18	30	.375	11
Houston	17	29	.370	11

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	30	16	.652	—
Los Angeles	25	19	.568	4
Colorado	23	21	.523	6
San Francisco	21	23	.477	8
San Diego	19	27	.413	11

Thursday's Games

St. Louis 7, Florida 6
Atlanta 7, Milwaukee 3
Chicago Cubs 6, Colorado 5
San Francisco 4, Montreal 1
Houston 10, Philadelphia 6
Arizona 7, Pittsburgh 5
Only games scheduled

Friday's Games

Florida (Sanchez 4-3) at Cincinnati (Villone 6-1), 7:35 p.m.
Atlanta (Glavine 7-1) at Houston (Lima 1-7), 8:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Hampton 5-4) at St. Louis (Hentgen 4-4), 8:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Cordova 1-4) at Colorado (Yoshii 1-5), 9:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Snyder 0-0) at Arizona (R.Johnson 7-1), 10:05 p.m.
Montreal (Irabu 2-3) at San Diego (Hitchcock 1-6), 10:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Byrd 1-3) at Los Angeles (K.Brown 3-1), 10:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Tapani 2-5) at San Francisco (Gardner 2-2), 10:35 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Atlanta (Burkett 3-2) at Houston (Reynolds 5-0), 1:15 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Ritchie 2-3) at Colorado (Karl 1-2), 4:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Downs 1-1) at San Francisco (Ortiz 3-5), 4:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Bere 3-3) at Arizona (Reynoso 2-4), 4:35 p.m.
Florida (Penny 3-6) at Cincinnati (Bell 3-3), 7:35 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Reed 3-1) at St. Louis (An.Benes 4-2), 8:10 p.m.
Montreal (Vazquez 5-1) at San Diego (Clement 5-3), 10:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Person 4-2) at Los Angeles (Dreifort 3-1), 10:10 p.m.

American League
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	26	17	.605	—
New York	26	17	.605	—
Toronto	25	24	.510	4
Baltimore	20	25	.444	7
Tampa Bay	15	30	.333	12

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	26	20	.565	—
Cleveland	24	19	.558	½
Kansas City	23	23	.500	3
Minnesota	20	28	.417	7
Detroit	16	27	.372	8½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	25	21	.543	—
Anaheim	25	22	.532	½
Seattle	23	21	.523	1
Oakland	24	24	.500	2

Thursday's Games

Anaheim 3, Minnesota 1
Cleveland 4, Detroit 1
Baltimore 5, Seattle 1
Toronto 11, Boston 6
Oakland 6, Tampa Bay 3
Texas 5, Kansas City 3
N.Y. Yankees 7, Chicago White Sox 0

Friday's Games

Toronto (Castillo 1-4) at Detroit (Mlicki 2-5), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Mulder 2-1) at Baltimore (Erickson 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (R.Martinez 3-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Cone 1-3), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Sele 4-2) at Tampa Bay (Trachsel 3-3), 7:15 p.m.
Anaheim (Etherton 0-0) at Kansas City (Fussell 3-2), 8:05 p.m.
Texas (Oliver 1-2) at Minnesota (Milton 3-1), 8:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Finley 3-3) at Chicago White Sox (Eldred 4-2), 8:05 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Boston (Rose 3-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Hernandez 4-4), 1:05 p.m.
Seattle (Tomko 2-2) at Tampa Bay (Rekar 1-2), 4:15 p.m.
Toronto (Munro 1-0) at Detroit (Nomo 2-3), 5:05 p.m.
Texas (Clark 3-2) at Minnesota (Mays 1-6), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Wright 3-2) at Chicago White Sox (Parque 3-2), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Hudson 5-2) at Baltimore (Johnson 0-2), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Bottenfield 3-5) at Kansas City (Witasick 0-4), 8:05 p.m.

NBA Playoffs

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CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7)

Thursday, May 25
Indiana 88, New York 84, Indiana leads series 2-0

Friday, May 26
L.A. Lakers at Portland, series tied 1-1, 9 p.m.

Saturday, May 27
Indiana at New York, 3:30 p.m.

NHL Playoffs

All Times EDT
CONFERENCE FINALS

Wednesday, May 24
New Jersey 2, Philadelphia 1, Series tied 3-3

Thursday, May 25
Colorado 2, Dallas 1, Series tied 3-3

Friday, May 26
New Jersey at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 27
Colorado at Dallas, 8 p.m.

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SATURDAY, May 27, 2000

There might be a substantial alleviation in the year ahead of many factors that were quite troublesome in your life in the past. These crosses could now turn into crowns.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Don't discount your intuition today, because it's likely to be just as reliable as your logic. Instead utilize your wits collectively and guarantee yourself success. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) By tolerating minor failings in those with whom you associate today, you allow good things to happen for you. Concentrating on nonessential details derails the good you have going for you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Lady Luck may be taking a personal interest in you today and trying to put a smile on your face. Help her give you her best by tending to things that are meaningful to you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If something worked successfully for you in the past, employ it again today. Trading on experience is far surer than following new, untested procedures offered by an outsider.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) A good performance at work today promises rewards. Put forth your very best efforts, because the powers that be are watching.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Teaming up with others could work out fortunately for you today, so long as you keep financial situations out of the picture. When it becomes a matter of money, things could break down.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) A dollar saved could turn out to be a dollar wasted today if you focus more on price than on quality. Evaluate merchandise you want for your household for their true value.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Little annoyances that devastated others aren't likely to faze you today. This enviable ability to keep events in proper perspective makes you a winner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Some type of luxury item may be coming your way today through the generosity of a family member. In reality, however, it will be Lady Luck who is rewarding your past efforts.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Don't despair if a couple of your smaller interests bomb out on you today, because your successes are likely to come from larger issues of more significance. Focus on them.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Keep your focus on the target today and don't allow yourself to get sidetracked by insignificant details when you're going after something meaningful.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) The more influential your contacts are today, the luckier you get in your dealings and negotiating. Involvements with people who lack clout will be a waste of time.

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Reno would prefer to go back home

WASHINGTON (AP) — After seven stormy years here, Janet Reno would rather return home to Florida than take a seat on the Supreme Court.

Recently Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., said at a news conference he would like to see Reno on the high court.

Asked about that at her weekly news conference Thursday, Reno replied, "I was touched that Senator Schumer said that, but I think I want to go home." Reno, who will turn 62 on July 21, has joked for some time that she would like to travel cross-country in a camper after leaving office.

The second-longest-serving attorney general in U.S. history, Reno took office in 1993 after 15 years as an elected state prosecutor in Miami.

Beginning with a deadly FBI tear gas assault on a religious compound near Waco, Texas, during her first month, Reno has been immersed for almost her entire tenure in controversial cases, including the long-running campaign finance invesugation and, most recently, the Elian Gonzalez affair.

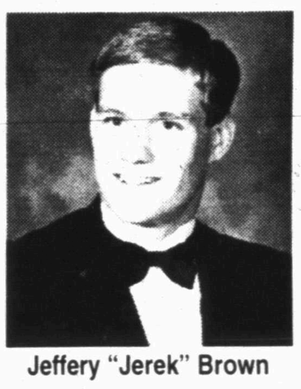
The attorney general who held the job the longest, William Wirt, served from 1817 into 1829 under Presidents James Monroe and John Q. Adams.

The state tree of West Virginia is the sugar maple.

IRA 2000 GRADUATING CLASS

Saturday, May 27, 7:00 p.m.
Ira High School New Gym

Valedictorian: Jenson Lawrence Gainer
Salutatorian: Katie Alison Howard



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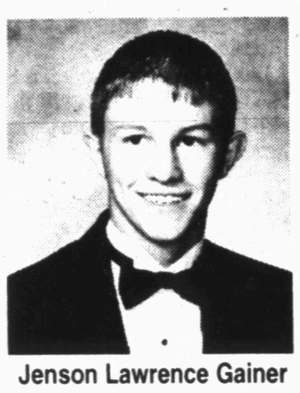

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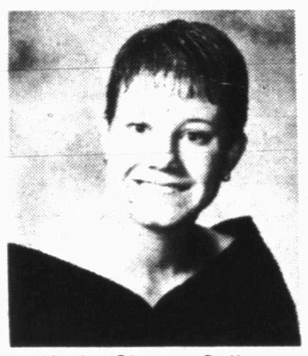

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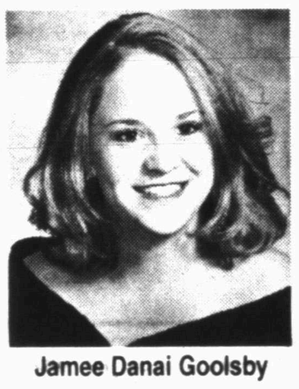

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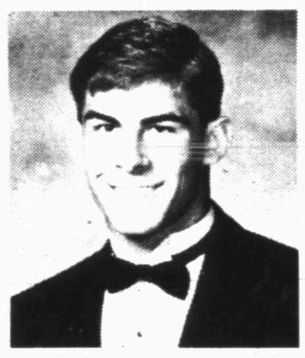

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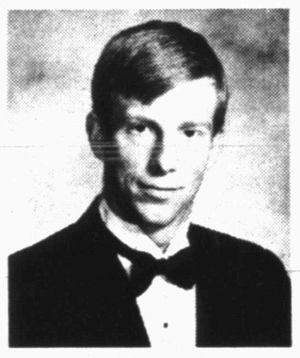

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JEFFERY "JEREK" BROWN: Top 5 of class, 1-4; math departmental award, 3; NHS, 2-3; secretary, 4; FCA, 1-4; UIL: Number sense, 2-4; science, 2-3; mathematics, 3-4; Student Council, 2; VP, 4; FFA, 1-4; reporter, 2-3; treasurer, 4; ag business award, 4; Top Hand Judging Award, 4; stock shows: 1-3, chapter conducting, reporter, 1-4; chapter conducting at area, 1-4; livestock judging, 1-4; state livestock team, 3-4; twelfth high individual at Tech-4; football: 1-4, honorable mention all-district, 2, first team all district LB-3; second team RB-3, second team all region LB-3; first team all district, LB-4; second team all-district RB-4; first team all-region LB-4; Lubbock A-J All South Plains first team LB, 4; 1999-2000 U.S. Navy Scholastic All-American football team, 4; outstanding football athlete, 4; basketball, 1-4; outstanding basketball athlete, 2,4; first team all district, 2, first team all district, 3, Six-Man all region/all state, 3, class 1-A honorable mention Frontcourt Player for Lubbock A-J South Plains, 3; all tournament at Coahoma Tournament, 3; MVP Ozona Tournament-3; district MVP, 4; all star representative District 18-A-4, first team all region, 4; first team all state, 4, first team All South Plains 1A Lubbock A-J team, 4; second team TABC all-region, 4; track, 1-4, area qualifier discus, 4, regional qualifier shot put, 4; baseball, first team all district pitcher, 1-3, outstanding baseball athlete, 2-3; Six-Man All State Academic Team, 3-4; athletic hero, 2,4; male athlete of the year, 2,4. Best All-Around Boy. 4; Commended Scholar by the 2000 TASSP Academic Excellence Program, 4

KORBY SHEREE CALLEY: Top five of class 2-4; A-B Honor Roll, 1-4; TASS recognition, 2; NHS, 2-4; FCA, 1,2,4; secretary, 4; UIL: 2-4, readywriting, 2,4, regional qualifier, 3; OAP, 2-3; honorable mention all star cast zone, 3; Student Council, 2-3; FFA, 1-4, parliamentary procedure, 1-4; sentinel, 1-4, wool judging, 1-4; Top Ten in state for wool judging, 3, livestock judging, 2; basketball, 1-4, all district, 4; track, 2-3; golf 2,3,4, regional qualifier, 2-4; district champion 2-4; outstanding golf award, 1-4; history departmental award, 4. Cross country: 2-3, regional qualifier, 2-3, Fighting Heart Award, 3.

LOGAN CHASE DAVES: FFA-1-4; chapter conducting team-4; animal science award, 4; football, 1-4, second team all district, 2; first team all district, 3; first team all-region 3, first team all district and all region, 4; honorable mention Six-Man All South Plains Team, 4; outstanding football athlete, 3; basketball: 1-4, all district 1,3,4 TABC second team all state, 3; All South Plains second team, 3; All Big Country team, 3; first team all region and all state Six-Man team, 3; all star district 18-A representative, 4; MVP Region II, 4; second team all star Big County, 4; honorable mention All South Plains, 4, first team TABC all region, 4, first team all state Six-man team, 4; outstanding basketball athlete, 4; track 2-4, area qualifier in 200 and shot put, 3-4; state qualifier in shot put, 3-4; second at state, 3; sixth at state, 4; outstanding track athlete, 3-4; male athlete of the year, 3.

JENSON LAWRENCE GAINER: Top five of class, 1-4; valedictorian 4; class treasurer, 1, class president, 2-4; class favorite, 2; presidential award for academic excellence, 2; Spanish, science and ag departmental awards, 2; Xerox Academic Excellence Award, 3; Who's Who Among American High School Students, 3-4; homecoming escort, 3-4; NHS, 2-4; president, 4; FCA, 1-4; treasurer, 3-4; UIL: science, 1-4; first at district in physics, 2; Student Council, 1-4; treasurer, 2; president, 3-4; FHA, 1-2; treasurer, 2; FFA, 1-4; president, 2-4; district proficiency for leadership, 1; advanced animal science award, 4; Top Hand Leadership Award, 4, stock shows, pigs, 2, lambs, 3-4; first light medium wool county show, 3; president of senior chapter conducting, 2-4; livestock team, 2-4, state, 3-4, wool, 1-4, state, 1-4, Top Hand Judging Award, 2,3; football, 1-3; cross country, 1-4; district chaps, 2, medalist, 2, third at district, 3, regional qualifier, 2-3; outstanding cross country athlete, 4; basketball, 1-4, Six-man all state academic team, 3; track, 1-4; district high jump champion, 3; fourth place high jump, 4, second district mile relay team, 4; area qualifier, 3-4; golf 2-4; district runner-up team, 4; regional qualifier, outstanding athlete in golf, 2; baseball, 1-4, second team all district catcher, 1; first team all district, 2; honorable mention all district-3, area finalist team, 3; HOBY representative, 2; Fighting Heart Award, 3; Hero of the Year Award, 3; Most Popular Boy, 4.

JAMEE DANAI GOOLSBY: Top Five of class, 1; A honor roll, 1-4; class secretary, 1; class favorite, 1-3; class sentinel, 2; homecoming queen, 4; FCA, 2-4; UIL: Number sense, 1, accounting, 4 (placed fifth-district, third place team); Student Council, 1,4; Spanish Club-2, FHA, 2; FFA, 1, Greenhand secretary, 1; Chapter conducting, second at district, 1; parliamentary procedure team second in district, third area, 1; cross county, 2-3; third district, regional qualifier, 2; basketball, 1,2,4, all district honorable mention, 2,4; track, 1,2,4, fifth in 100m-2, fifth in high jump, 2; fourth in 800m relay, 2, third in 400m relay, 2, area qualifier in the 400m relay, 800 meter relay and 300m hurdles, 4; regional qualifier in 800m relay, 4, outstanding track athlete, 2.

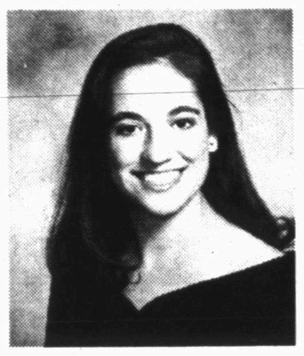
JUSTIN THOMAS GREEN: Perfect attendance, 3; FFA, 1-4; Greenhand award, 1; stock shows, 2; showed pig, sixth place at Ira Show and eighth at Scurry County Show; cross country, 1-3, district champs, 2; track, 1,3, area qualifier in 800m, 3; baseball, 1; academic recognition in Exit Level TAAS reading, 2.

KATIE ALISON HOWARD: Top Five of class, 1-4; salutatorian, 4; perfect attendance, 3; Who's Who, 3,4; class favorite, 4; annual staff editor, 3-4; NHS, 2-4; FCA, 1-4, secretary, 1-2, president, 3-4; cheerleader 1,2,4; UCA All Star, 2, UCA Senior Performance Tour, 4; UIL: Poetry, 1, poetry and science, 2; accounting (placed seventh), 4; computer applications (placed eighth), 4; one act play crew, 1-3, all star cast at zone and district, 4; Student Council, 2-3; FHA, 1-4, treasurer, 1, secretary, 2-3, vice president, 4; Star Event Team, 3-4; first at regional and fourth at state, 3; second at regional and fourth at state, 4; FFA, 1 Texas State Solo and Ensemble, I rating at regional and II rating at state, II rating at regional, 4; graduation honor guard, 3; business departmental award, 4.

JOSE GREG JUAREZ: Top Five of class, 1-4; best all around, 1; academic recognition in TAAS math, 2; NHS, 2-4; FCA, 2-4; UIL: science, district medalist, regional qualifier in chemistry, 1; number sense and science, 2-4; mathematics, 4; Student Council, 2-4; FHA, 1-3; parliamentarian, 2; FFA: 1-4, Greenhand president, 1; secretary, 2-4; proficiency award, 1; stock shows, 1-4; Top Hand awards, 1; Quiz Team, 1, chapter conducting team, 2-4; area qualifier chapter conducting team, 3-4; livestock judging team, 1-4; area qualifier in livestock judging, 2-4; state qualifier in livestock judging, 3-4; football, 1-4; honorable mention, all district, 3; second team all district, 4; cross country, 1-4, regional qualifier, 1-3, state qualifier, 3; outstanding cross country athlete, 1-3. Basketball: 1-4, Six-Man academic all state team, 3; track: 1-4, outstanding track athlete, 1-2; regional qualifier, 1-3; regional qualifier in 400m, 800m and 1600m relay, 4; alternate to state in 800m, 4; golf: 2-3; baseball, 1,2,4; second team all district, 2; athletic hero, 1; Fighting Heart Award, 4.

DREW STUART WALL: FCA, 1-4; UIL: Number sense, 2,4, current events & issues, 3; FFA, 1-4, cotton judging team, 4; football, 1-4, all district honorable mention, 4; cross country, 2-4, district champs, 2; basketball, 1-4, all district honorable mention, 2,4, district runner-up, 3; district champs, 4; regional semi-finals, 4 regional quarterfinals, 4; track: 1-4, third in 300m hurdles, 4, second in long jump, 4; baseball, 1-4, second team all district, 2-3.

JAMES RICHARD WILKINS: A-B Honor Roll, 1; class president, 1; class reporter, 2; ag departmental award, 2; class treasurer, 3; A-B Honor Roll, 1,2,3,6 weeks, 4; A honor roll, fifth sixth weeks, 4; class favorite, 3-4; homecoming escort, 4 NHS, 2-4; vice president, 3-4; UIL: science, 3-4, Student Council, 1-3; vice president, 3; FFA, 1-4; vice president, 2-4; Top Greenhand, 1, Chapter farmer, 2; Top Hand Leadership, 3; swine proficiency, 3; district treasurer, 3; state FFA degree, 4; ag structures award, 4; stock shows: 1-4, third San Angelo reserve breed champion, 1; reserve grand pig at Ira show, 2; twelfth at Houston, 2; second at San Angelo, 2; second at San Angelo, 3, breed champion at Scurry County, 4; vice president senior parliamentary procedure, area, 1, vice president senior parliamentry procedure, area, 2-4, livestock judging team, 1-4, state livestock, 3-4, Top Hand individual San Angelo Stock Show first place team, 2, livestock judging, first district, second area and second at West Texas A&M and fourth at Texas Tech, 4; football, 4, first team all district safety, 4, first team all region safety, 4, honorable mention, All South Plains Defensive Back, 4; cross country, 2-3, medalist at Big Spring invitational, 2-3, district champs and regional qualifier, 2, third at district and regional qualifier, 3; basketball, 1-4, first team all district, 1,3,4 second team all district, 2, all tournament team, Ozona Tournament, district runner-up and regional qualifier, 3, outstanding basketball athlete, 3, regional and quarter final qualifier, 4, first team Six-Man All Region, 4; track, 1,3,4, 110 high hurdles and 300 hurdles, 1; mile relay, sprint relay, 300 hurdles and trip jump, 3, third place district team, 4; second mile relay, 4; sixth mile relay at area; golf, 2-3; baseball: 1-4, first team all district outfielder, 1-2, and second team all district outfielder, 3.



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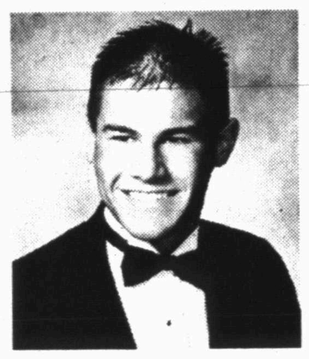

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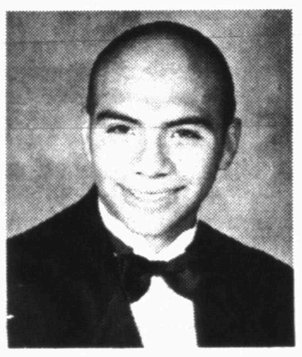

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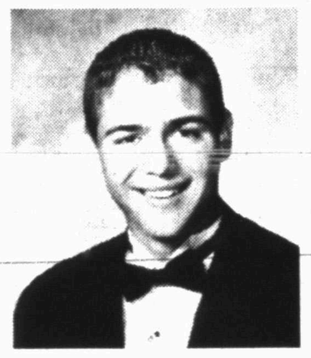

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MOSES WILLIAMS: FCA, 1-4; FHA, 1; FFA, 1-4, stock shows, 3-4, $200 scholarship at Scurry County Stock Show to judge at WTC; Junior Creed speaking, first at district, fourth at area, 1, farm radio team, first at district, third at area, 3, senior farm skills team, first at district and fifth at area, 3, farm radio team, third at district, 4; dairy cattle judging team, 1-3, sixth at Tech and state qualifier, 1 fourteenth at Tech and fourth at area and 40th at state, 3; horse judging team, seventeenth at WTAMU, seventeenth at Texas Tech area contest, 4; ag business award, 4; American Grain Association Dekalb Award, 4; football, 1-2, manager, 3-4; basketball, 1; manager, 2-4; regional quarterfinals, 4; track, 2-3; baseball, 1-4; district runner-up and area qualifier, 3; agriculture departmental award, 4.

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Bathe when you need to!

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please solve a domestic battle. How often should the average, respectable adult bathe? If a person is old, inactive, rarely perspires, does not become soiled, uses deodorant and changes clothes every day, is there any reason to criticize the hygiene?

DEAR READER: The question of appropriate bathing intervals is less a medical issue than a personal and social one. People do not "need" to bathe in the sense that they have to eat and sleep. Washing feels good and makes us more socially acceptable. As you probably know, this is a relatively recent phenomenon: Until the 1900s, bathing was considered to be a luxury (that was infrequently enjoyed), not a necessity (with strict rules for frequency).

You can bathe as infrequently as you wish. When you are ready for a bath or shower, I am sure that friends and family in your immediate environment will be more than happy to let you know. Any criticism you are getting should alert you to the fact that a bath is in order. When it comes to washing, cleanliness is not necessarily next to godliness — but in some cases, it is darned close.

DEAR DR. GOTT: During a locker-room conversation, my boyfriend heard another man brag about his sexual prowess; he claimed to have a "white liver" because he was able to perform every 15 to 20 minutes. Have you ever heard of this expression?

DEAR READER: No, thankfully I haven't — nor have I ever heard of a man who was able to perform every 15 or 20 minutes. I think that this is nothing more than locker-room braggadocio. For some inane reason, certain men believe they are macho if they can achieve multiple orgasms. However, this does not necessarily make for a satisfactory performance. In fact, the expert lover usually tries to get it right the first time. Your boyfriend should exercise profound skepticism about other men's claims to sexual prowess, particularly when such claims are made to the other guys in a locker room. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Where to Find Sex Information." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Are canned vegetables as nutritious as fresh vegetables?

DEAR READER: For the most part, yes. Modern canning (and freezing) methods are designed to maintain nutritional value. However, canned products are slightly different from the fresh variety in minor ways: they contain more water and sodium, less carbohydrate and crude fiber, and somewhat less protein and B vitamins. For the average person, these differences are inconsequential. The main advantage of fresh produce is taste; the primary benefit of canned vegetables is ease of storage.

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Campaign targets kids, skin cancer

ATLANTA (AP) — Government researchers said they expect more than a million new skin cancer cases to be diagnosed this year and announced a new campaign designed to keep children out of the sun.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said the most serious form of skin cancer, melanoma, could result in as many as 7,700 deaths this year.

Public campaigns increasing awareness of skin cancer risks have been effective in Australia, where extremely high skin cancer rates have been falling, the CDC said Thursday. It hopes its new campaign of upbeat, youth-oriented TV, radio and print ads will have the same effect. The ads tell children and teens to use sunscreen, wear wide-brim hats and avoid the midday sun.

"Young people need to know that the risk of getting skin cancer later can be greatly reduced if they start protecting their skin from the sun now," CDC Director Jeffrey P. Koplan said. "What you do when you are eight, 10, 15 and 20 can make a big difference when you're 40."

Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States. Unprotected skin can be harmed by ultraviolet rays in as little as 15 minutes, yet it can take up to 12 hours for skin to show the full effects of sun exposure, the CDC said.

Although most Americans are aware of the dangers of sun exposure, it is estimated that only one third take steps to protect their skin.

HERMLEIGH 2000 GRADUATING CLASS

Friday, May 26 at 8:00 p.m.
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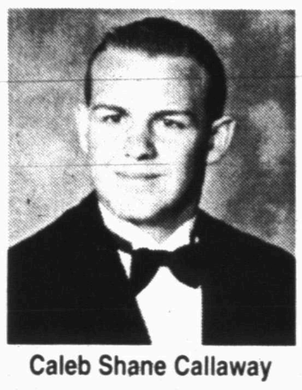
Valedictorian: Randi Kay Herrington

Salutatorian: Jared Higgins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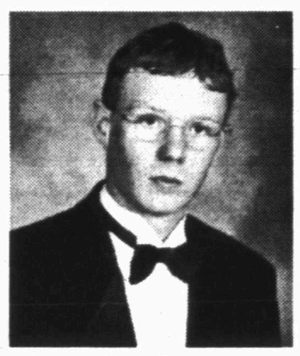
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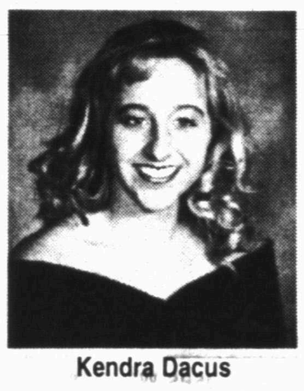
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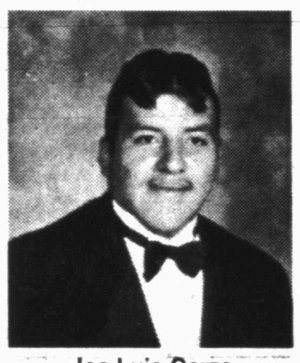
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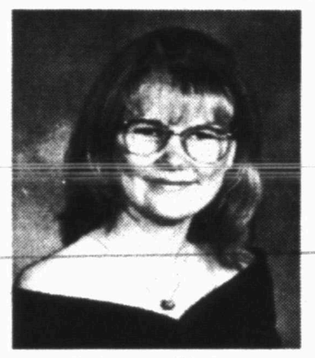
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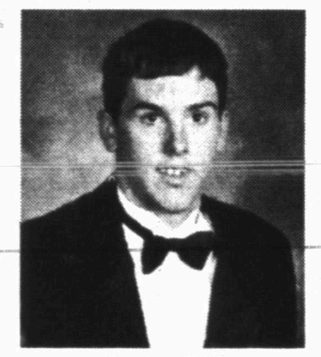
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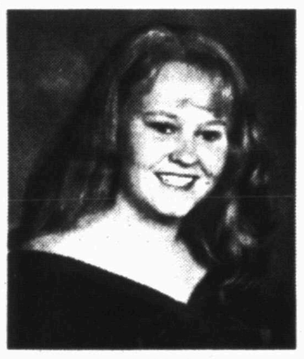
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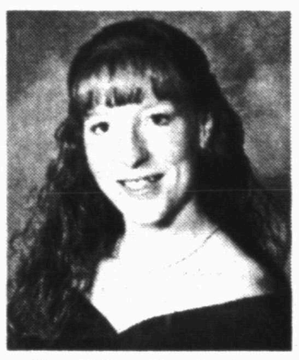
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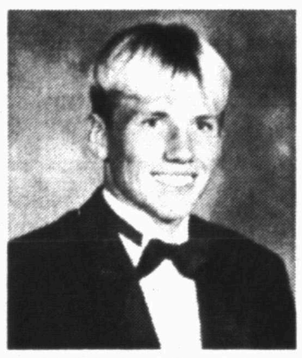
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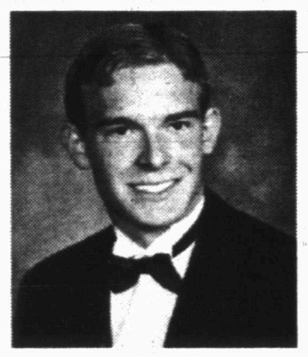
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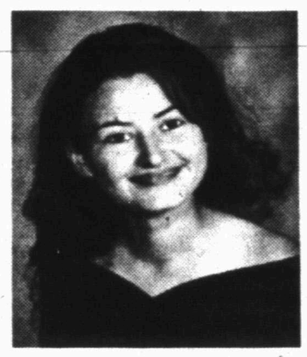
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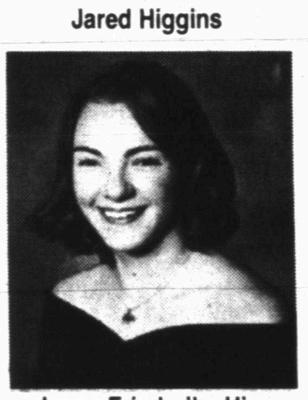
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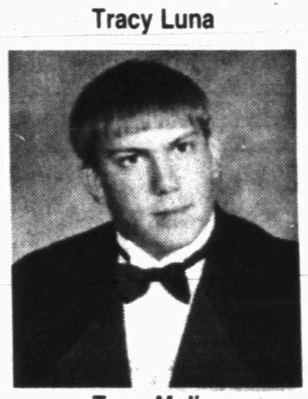
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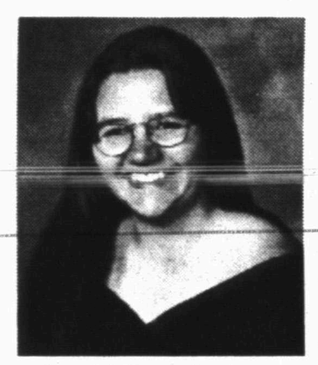
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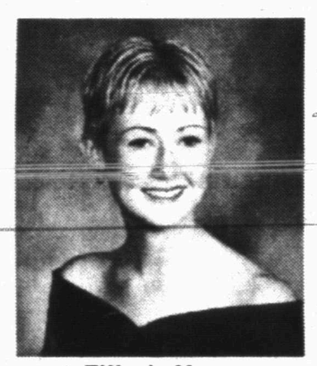
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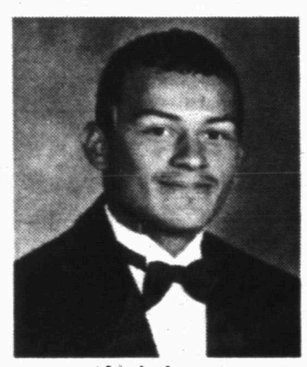
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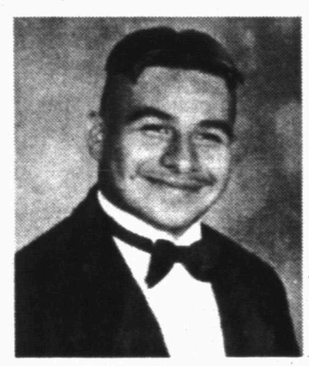
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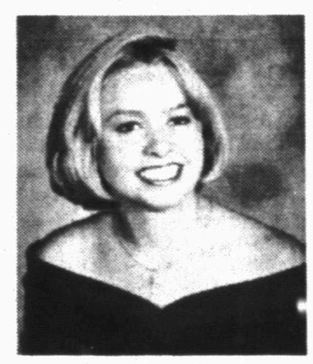
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CALEB SHANE CALLAWAY: UIL, 1-4; perfect attendance, 1-4; Who's Who, 1; most spirited, 1; FHA, 1-3; one-act play, 3-4; Beta Club, 4; football, 1-4; basketball, 1-4; track, 1-4; baseball, 1,2,4; cross country, 3,4; football honors: second team all-district defensive end, 2; honorable mention center, 2; all district punter, 3; homecoming hero, 3; all district offensive end, 4; all district defensive end, 4; second team all region offensive end, 4; basketball honors: All district, 2-4; all star game, 4; track honors: second place district track meet, regional qualifier 400m dash, 2; second place district track meet, regional qualifier high jump, 2; second place district track meet, area qualifier 400m dash, 3; first place area track meet, regional qualifier 400m dash, 3; seventh place regional track meet 400m dash 3; fifth place district track meet triple jump, 4; sixth place district track meet high jump, 4; one act honors: zone all star cast, 3; district honorable mention all-star cast, 3.

KENDRA DACUS: Freshman year, 1996-1997: basketball district champs, softball all district, class favorite, class treasurer, Who's Who in academics, Who's Who in Sports; sophomore year, 1997-1998: basketball district champs, basketball all district, softball all district, Who's Who in academics, Who's Who in sports; junior year, 1998-1999: basketball district champs, basketball honorable mention, softball all district, Who's Who in academics, Who's Who in sports; school record for most 3 pt. in a single game with 7, class treasurer, senior year, 1999-2000, class treasurer, homecoming queen nominee, USA junior state basketball team, USA junior national basketball team.

REBECCA DIGBY: Freshman year: band at Cooper High School in Abilene; sophomore year: all region band at CHS; junior year: softball and drill team; senior year: named to Who's Who.

CHRISTOPHER DOGGETT: Freshman: district champs in cross country, regional qualifier in cross country, football, track and baseball; sophomore: district runners-up in cross country, regional qualifier in cross country, football, district runners-up in track, baseball; junior: regional qualifier in cross country, track, football; senior: regional qualifier in cross country, second team quarterback in the spread in district, track and baseball.

JOE (JOSE) LUIS GARZA: Football, 1-4; 3,4, honorable mention, 4, captain; UIL: 1-4, 4, sixth place current issues and events; track: 1-4, 3, district fourth place discus, 3, area fifth place discus; one act play: 1-4, 2,3 zone advancing play; basketball: 1-4, 3, honorable mention, 4, all district, 4, basketball captain; Beta Club, 2-4; cross country, 3-4; baseball, 1, 2,4; FHA, 1-3; 2; homecoming nominee, 4; Mr. HHS nominee, 3; math fair, 1,3, second place team, 3.

RANDI KAY HERRINGTON: Valedictorian, 4; Beta Club, 1-4; club vice-president, 3; club president, 4; class president, 1-4; A honor roll, 1-4; KTXS Academic Challenge Team, 1-4; Miss HHS, 3; Miss HHS candidate, 4; Hardin-Simmons Top Junior Award, 3; Voted Most Likely to Succeed, 1-4; voted most athletic, 3,4; cheerleader, 1-4; All American cheerleader nominee, 1; All-American cheerleader, 3,4; basketball: 1-4, district champion team, 1,2, district runners-up, 3, district honorable mention, 2,3, all district team, 4, Texas Six-Man all star representative, 4; track 1-4, district honors, first triple jump, regional qualifier, 1, first 400m dash regional qualifier, 1, third discus, 1, third triple jump, 2; second 400m dash regional qualifier, 2, second discus, regional qualifier, 2,4, fourth triple jump, area qualifier, 3,4, fourth 400m dash area qualifier, 3, third long jump area qualifier; fourth 100m dash, area qualifier, 4; area: sixth long jump, 3, regional: fourth long jump, 3; UIL: 1-4, second science team, 1; sixth computer programming, 3; third computer programming team, 3; sixth poetry, 4; one act play 3-4, zone advancing play, 3, zone all star cast, 3-4, district all-star cast, 3; Texas High School Rodeo Association 2,3; Future Farmers of America, 1,2; basketball sweetheart, 3; cross country, 3,4; Big Country Math Fair, 1,4: first place group project.

JARED HIGGINS: Salutatorian, 4; Beta Club, 1-4, club officer, 1-4; class officer, 1-4; Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1-4; United States Achievement Academy, 1-4; A honor roll, 1-4; KTXS Academic Challenge, 1-4, team captain, 4; Future Homemakers of America, 1-3; Hardin-Simmons University Top Junior Award, 3; Mr. Hermleigh High School, 3; Mr. Hermleigh High School candidate, 4; Texas Energy Science Symposium participant, 1; UIL literary 1-4: 2, sixth place computer processing, 3, third place computer science team, 4, sixth place mathematics; one act play 1-4: 2,3 member of advancing zone play, 3, zone honorable mention all star cast, 3, district all-star cast, 4, zone all star cast; football 1-4: 3,4, team co-captain, 3, honorable mention all district cornerback; basketball 1-4: 2,4, member of district champion basketball team, 3,4, honorable mention all district guard; track 1-4: 1, fifth place district 3200 meter run, 2, sixth place district 3200 meter run, fourth place high jump, 4, first place district triple jump, fifth place 800 meter run, 4, fifth place area triple jump; cross country 1-4: 1, member of district champion team, regional qualifier, 2, member of district runner-up team, regional qualifier; baseball, 4.

JANNA FRIEDERIKE HINZ (foreign exchange student): 4, drill team, cross country, basketball, track, Beta Club, UIL.

CRYTSAL RENE JACKSON: Participated in one act play, 1-3, 2 and 3 advanced to district; basketball honorable mention, 3,4; participated in UIL computer applications, 3, and member of third place team accounting, 3; mascot, 3; drill team, 1,2; basketball district champs, 1,2, basketball district runner-up, 3.

ANDY LUNA: Freshman: football, cross country, district champs, cross country regional qualifier; basketball, track, track regional qualifier in sprint relay and mile relay; sophomore: football, cross country runner-up, cross country regional qualifier, basketball champs, regional qualifier, track regional qualifier, long jump, baseball; junior: football, cross country, regional qualifier, basketball, track; senior: football, cross country regional qualifier, basketball district champs, basketball all district, basketball regional qualifier, track, all star basketball game.

TONY MOLINA: Beta Club, 4; football, 1-4; track, 3,4; basketball, 3,4; baseball, 3-4; FHA, 1-4; Who's Who, 1-3; JV cross country, 2; third district JV cross country, 2; cross country, 3; UIL: computer science team, third at district, computer science second overall in district, regional qualifier, 3.

TIFFANIE MOORE: Sophomore: class vice president, drill team, FHA officer, all star cast zone one act play, zone advancing play; junior: homecoming nominee, cheerleader, FHA member, zone advancing one act play, zone all star cast, district honorable mention all star cast; senior: one act play cast member, member of FHA.

BRANDY JO WOOD: Drill team, 1-2; cheerleader, 3-4, basketball, 1-4, all district, 2-3, honorable mention, 4, district champs, 1-2, district runner-up, 3; homecoming queen nominee, 3; homecoming queen, 4; most popular, 4; softball: 2-3, honorable mention, 2, all district, 3; one act play: 1-3, advanced to district, 2-3, honorable mention all star cast, 3; UIL: ready writing, 1-2, accounting, 3-4, third place team, 3.

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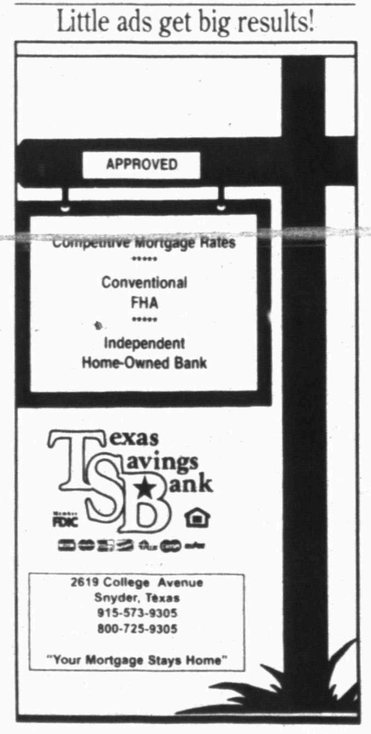

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DOWNTOWN FLUVANNA – This is what downtown Fluvanna once looked like. A community reunion is set for June 9-10. (Scurry County Museum Photo)

RETIRING AT NORTHEAST – Several Northeast Elementary personnel retired at the end of the school year. Retirees pictured at a recent reception at First Baptist Church's Garden Room are from left, Helen Mock, kindergarten teacher; Maria Ramirez, kindergarten aide; Dorothy Kayser, music teacher; and Donna Farley, gifted and talented teacher. Serving at the punch table were first grade teachers Staci Bollinger and Sandy Baker. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Let us honor all who died so that we might be free

DEAR ABBY: As we prepare to celebrate Memorial Day, we should remember that this noble holiday is more than just a day off from work or school to spend time with our families or enjoy the outdoors. Memorial Day was created to honor those who gave their lives in service to our nation, and to reflect on the blessings of freedom.

This year, President Clinton and the U.S. Congress are joining together to urge Americans to put the "memorial" back into Memorial Day by participating in a National Moment of Remembrance. At 3 p.m. local time on Monday, May 29, Americans everywhere are encouraged to pause for one minute to pay tribute to our fallen heroes. We ask that "Taps" be played on radio and television stations and at public events wherever possible, and that those who are driving turn on their headlights. Whether at home or abroad, alone or with others, every American is encouraged to observe this moment of reflection in his or her own way.

On Memorial Day 2000, let us as a nation unite to thank the courageous men and women who paid with their lives so that we could enjoy this Memorial Day and every day in freedom. — **JOHN PODESTA, CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE PRESIDENT**

DEAR MR. PODESTA: That's very little to ask of the proud citizens of this nation. Devoting one minute out of the holiday to remember those who have laid down their lives that we might live in freedom is the least we can do to acknowledge their sacrifice.

I thank you for bringing this to the attention of my readers.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Rob," was adopted at the age of 6 weeks. I have known about it since we first began dating.

We now have three school-age children, and we never thought it was necessary to tell them that their dad was adopted. We were wrong.

About a month ago, our 10-year-old daughter got into a quarrel with "Megan," the 13-year-old daughter of my husband's adoptive aunt. Megan was cruel to our daughter and told her that she is not really a "Smith" grandchild. This resulted in our daughter coming home in tears and totally confused.

At that point we did our best to explain to her that, while she has a different genetic makeup, she is certainly a Smith in every other way.

Abby, this painful incident could have been avoided had we been more open with our daughter from the beginning about her dad's adoption. Please tell your readers that honesty is always the best policy. Thanks for listening. — **LEARNED THE HARD WAY**

DEAR LEARNED: I have done that in the past, and I will continue to do it. Your letter serves as a valuable warning to parents who may have withheld information that could provide a child with a better understanding of his or her family.

P.S. Your husband should consider confronting his aunt and asking her where she thinks her daughter "picked up" such a cruel idea.

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Clinton attends memorial service for son of a friend

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Citing the "pain and mystery of losing children," President Clinton traveled to Brown University to comfort a friend at the funeral for his 21-year-old son, who died following a pickup basketball game.

Clinton and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton attended a memorial service on the Ivy League campus for Casey Shearer. Shearer, an aspiring sports announcer, was the son of Derek Shearer, an architect of Clinton's economic plan during his 1992 campaign, and later an undersecretary of commerce and ambassador to Finland.

"Growing older has its joys. But one of the great burdens is the pain and mystery of losing children, the ones you know and the ones you don't," Clinton said. "Whether you live for 20 years, or 50 or 80 or 100, it doesn't take long to live a life. Mr. Wordsworth was right. The last, best portion of it are the little unremembered acts of kindness and love."

Clinton noted the lengthy tributes by the young man's roommates and friends, and compared them to his own relationships with Casey's father and his uncle, Strobe Talbott, the deputy secretary of state.

"When we were young, we were to each other what Casey has been to you," Clinton said. "I think I can say for all of us, listening to you today has been overwhelming and wonderful. All I can hope is that you hold onto it for the rest of your lives."

Casey Shearer died Tuesday, just days before he was to graduate magna cum laude from Brown. Shearer collapsed during a pickup basketball game. His father said he suffered from an undetected heart infection. School officials presented his parents with his bachelor's degree in economics.

"We want to celebrate what was truly a joyous life," Derek Shearer said. "Casey is watching us now and he is pleased that Dad is insisting on no ties as a general rule. He used to say to me, 'Dad, don't stress. Lighten up. It's not that big a deal.'"

It is not unusual for Clinton to attend funerals for relatives of his aides. On May 6, he traveled to Lancaster, Va., to attend the wake of the son of an employee in the White House residence.

Insurance for traffic tickets now offered

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Think of it as insurance for traffic tickets. For a monthly fee, a motorists' lobbying group will pay off your traffic fines, including those for speeding and drunken driving.

The National Motorists Association has begun offering a prepaid traffic ticket program this month to its 7,000 members nationwide. While it may make some drivers happy, safety experts are concerned it could encourage reckless driving.

By having the association pay their traffic fines, motorists can more easily afford to contest their tickets in court, said Jim Baxter, president of the for-profit group based in suburban Madison.

Under the plan, drivers make monthly payments of $5 to $50, with coverage ranging from $100 to $1,000 a ticket. The program covers an unlimited number of tickets and costs the same regardless of driving record.

The association pays fines for traffic tickets that result in violation points, which drive up motorists' insurance rates and can cost drivers their licenses. The program has only a dozen customers so far.

Mantill Williams, national spokesman for the AAA auto club, said the plan is the first of its kind in the country and questioned its wisdom.

"It just kind of flies in the face of good sense and basic logic to us, because we think there's a direct correlation between paying fines and safer driving," Williams said.

Joe Gibney, an NMA member in Lynn, Mass., said he had no use for the program but other people may find it beneficial.

"I have radar detector, and I'm very cautious about driving and stuff. The likelihood of me getting a ticket at this point is very minimal, to say the least," he said.

The association lobbies for motorists' rights, arguing against speed limits, mandatory seat belt usage and the application of traffic fines toward law enforcement or court costs.

Baxter said most people don't deserve traffic tickets because laws have become geared more toward producing revenue than creating safer driving conditions.

"We know of municipalities where there are 300 residents and they're generating $300,000 to $400,000 a year from traffic tickets," Baxter said.

Stuart MacIntosh, spokesman for the Washington, D.C.-based Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety, called that argument "ridiculous."

"The concept that you should insure yourself against fines that you receive for acting illegally and potentially putting other lives as well as your life and your children's lives at risk is an anomaly to us," MacIntosh said.

Some insurance officials have questions of their own about the program. The NMA says the program is not insurance.

The Wisconsin Office of the Commissioner of Insurance has opened a complaint file on the company, and the Ohio Department of Insurance was also looking into the plan to make sure it has complied with state regulations.

On the Net:

National Motorists Association: http://www.motorists.org

Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety: http://www.saferoads.org

AAA: http://www.aaa.com

Harlingen police chief indicted

HARLINGEN (AP) — A police chief who allegedly staged a shooting incident in April has been slapped with three counts of tampering with evidence by a grand jury.

Lyford Police Chief Rene Leal was shot in the knee early April 2 and authorities investigated the injury. Ballistics evidence found at the scene determined the weapon used was the one in Leal's possession, according to today's editions of the (Harlingen) Valley Morning Star.

Grand jurors heard statements Thursday from Leal and the Texas Ranger in charge of the investigation, Rudy Jaramillo, before returning the indictment.

The gun used at the scene of the crime was a spare weapon that was loaned to the Lyford Police Department.

The Willacy County Sheriffs Department had accused Leal of not cooperating with the investigation when Leal refused to retrace the shooting at the scene.

A media report said that statements Leal made shortly after the shooting varied from the statements he gave to the grand jury.

Two of the officers working under Leal resigned, accusing him of retaliating for their assistance in the investigation.

Randy Reyna, Lyford assistant police chief, who was recently appointed to the position by the Lyford City Commission, would likely replace Leal if he leaves his position.

The commission is considering whether to continue the police department because the department had been funded by a three-year federal grant, which expired in February.

FAA: Remove insulation blankets

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal regulators have ordered that insulation blankets suspected in the fatal crash of a Swissair jet be removed from 719 Boeing airplanes as a possible fire hazard.

"The risk of fire aboard these aircraft is very low, but this is a prudent action to take to raise the bar on safety," Jane F. Garvey, administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, said Thursday in a statement announcing the directive.

The order applies to MD-80, MD-88, MD-90, DC-10 and MD-11 planes designed by McDonnell Douglas, which Boeing bought in 1997. Boeing spokesman John Thom said the company will work with aircraft operators to help them comply with the FAA order.

The directive is aimed at Mylar-covered blankets that insulate the planes from noise, heat and cold. The FAA said the metalized Mylar falls far below a new standard for testing insulation.

Within five years, the 719 Boeing MD-80, MD-88, MD-90, DC-10 and MD-11 jets will have to be refitted with new insulation blankets that meet the tougher flame-propagation standard. The FAA said it plans to issue a proposal for all new aircraft soon.

Swissair Flight 111, an MD-11, was equipped with Mylar-covered insulation when it crashed off the coast of Nova Scotia on Sept. 2, 1998, killing all 229 people aboard. Although the cause of the crash has never been pinpointed, investigators say there may have been an electrical fire near the cockpit that spread through the insulation.

Canadian authorities say the insulation was implicated in fires on at least four other jetliners before the Swissair crash.

McDonnell Douglas recommended in 1997, a year before the crash, that Mylar-covered insulation be replaced with a more-fire-retardant insulation at "the earliest possible maintenance period." The plane that crashed had undergone a major overhaul two months before that recommendation and thus was not due for another.

The new FAA order, which was first proposed last August, affects 719 U.S.-registered aircraft operated by Alaska Airlines, American Airlines, Boeing, Continental Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Federal Express, Frontier Airlines, Midwest Express, Northwest Airlines, Spirit Airlines, Trans World Airlines, US Airways and World Airways.

The operators have five years to replace the insulation blankets, a process that will cost about $368 million.

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	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp s	28	27⅛	27 7-16	+ 5-16
AT&T Corp	34⅞	34⅛	34 9-16	+ 11-16
Albertsons	36 5-16	35⅜	36 3-16	+ ¾
Alltel	61⅜	59⅞	60⅛	— 1
AmerOnline s	50 3-16	48⅜	49 9-16	— 3-16
AndarkPtr	49 15-16	49	49 5-16	— 3-16
ATMOS Egy	16 5-16	15⅝	16 5-16	+ 1⅛
Availl	4 13-16	4 11-16	4 11-16	— ⅛
BP Amoco s	53⅜	52 9-16	53¼	+ ½
BakerHughes	35¾	35	35 5-16	— 1-16
Bank of Amer	55¼	54 11-16	55 1-16	— ¼
BellAtl	52	50⅛	51 13-16	+ 1 3-16
BellSouth	47⅛	46 1-16	47	+ 1 1-16
Beth Steel	4	3 11-16	3 11-16	— ¼
BurlNoSFe	24 13-16	24 5-16	24 7-16	— 5-16
Caterpillar	38 13-16	38	38¼	+ 3-16
CenSoWst	21⅜	21	21¼	+ ¼
Chevron	94	92⅜	92⅜	—13-16
Citigroup	58 11-16	57 1-16	58 3-16	— ⅜
Coastal	59 7-16	57⅛	59¼	+ 1 11-16
CocaCola	54 13-16	53¼	54⅜	+ 1 11-16
ColgatePal	57	55⅜	55⅜	— ⅝
ComclMetals	26⅝	26½	26 9-16	— ⅛
CooperIn	33⅛	32 3-16	32½	— ½
DaimlrChry	55 3-16	54½	55	
DallSemicn s	39	37¾	38⅞	+ 1 13-16
DeltaAirl	51	50⅛	50⅜	— 1-16
Dillards Inc	14 13-16	14 9-16	14 9-16	— ¼
DowChem	107	105	105 5-16	+ 1-16
DuPont	50½	49¼	49⅝	+ ⅛
EastmanChem	49⅞	49⅛	49⅜	— ⅜
EstKodak	59½	58 3-16	58 15-16	+ 1
EDS Corp	65	62½	63¼	— ½
Entergy	28⅝	28 3-16	28½	+ ½
ExxonMobil	83⅛	81 9-16	82 11-16	+ 1¼
Flowers	18½	18	18 7-16	+ ⅜
FordMotor	51	48⅞	48 15-16	— 1¾
GTE Cp	61 13-16	60 1-16	61½	+ 1 7-16
GenDynam	57⅞	57⅜	57¾	+ ⅝
GenElec s	50 15-16	50⅛	50 13-16	+ 1-16
GenMills s	40 11-16	39½	40½	+ 11-16
GenMotors	73	70 7-16	70⅜	— 1½
GaPacGP	32¼	30½	31¼	— 1
GlobalMar	27⅝	27⅛	27⅛	— ⅜
Goodrich	35⅜	34 11-16	34¾	
Goodyear s	25⅜	24 13-16	25	
GtAtlPac	18⅞	18⅝	18¾	+ ⅛
Halliburtn	49 3-16	47 13-16	47 13-16	— ½
Hanson ADS	35	34¾	35	— 1
HarteHanks	24½	24⅜	24 7-16	+ ¼
HomeDepot s	48¾	47⅜	47 7-16	+ 15-16
HoneywellIntl	54	52 13-16	53¼	— 3-16
IBM	105 15-16	104 9-16	105 13-16	11-16
IntlPaper	33 15-16	33	33 15-16	— ¼
JohnsonJn	89 13-16	88⅜	89	— 5-16
K mart	7¾	7⅝	7⅝	
Kroger Co s	19 15-16	19 9-16	19⅞	+ ½
Litton	40¾	40 9-16	40¾	
LockheedM	24¾	24 7-16	24⅝	+ 5-16
Lowes Cos	47⅛	46⅜	46½	— ¼
Lubys	10	9¾	9 15-16	+ ¼
LucentTech	54 5-16	52 11-16	54	+ 1¾
MayDeptStr	30	29 9-16	29 13-16	+ 3-16
MediaOne	67½	66¾	67⅜	+ 2 7-16
Medtronic s	51 1-16	50½	50⅞	+ 13-16
MorganJP	129⅜	127 5-16	127¾	— 1¼
Motorola	93⅜	91	92⅝	+ 9-16
Motorola wi	30¾	30¾	30¾	— ⅛
NCR Corp	40 15-16	39⅛	40⅞	+ 2 9-16
Navistar	34	33⅛	33 5-16	—11-16
Penney JC	18	17 11-16	17¾	— ⅛
PepBoys	6¾	6 9-16	6 11-16	— ⅛
PepsiCo	40½	39½	40 3-16	+ ¼
Pharmacia	53⅛	52¼	52 11-16	+ 9-16
PhelpDodge	48 11-16	46⅞	47⅛	—1 1-16
PhilipPet	55⅜	54⅝	54⅞	+ 5-16
PilgrmPrd B	8 5-16	8 3-16	8 3-16	— 1-16
Polaroid	18 5-16	17 13-16	17 15-16	— ⅛
Praxair	43¾	41	41 9-16	—2 15-16
ProctGamb	66 7-16	65⅝	66¼	+ 5-16
PubS NwMx	16⅞	16 9-16	16 11-16	+ ⅛
ReliantEngy	28 9-16	28	28½	+ 9-16
RoyalDut	60 13-16	60 5-16	60 13-16	+ 11-16
SBC Comm	42¾	42 1-16	42½	+ 7-16
SaraLee	18⅝	17¾	18 9-16	+ ¾
Scripps EW	47¼	46 9-16	47¼	+ ⅝
SearsRoeb	36⅜	35 11-16	35 11-16	— 1
SherwinW	24¼	23 11-16	23¾	— ¼
SmithkiBchm	64 1-16	63	64	+ ⅛
SouthernCo	26¾	26 1-16	26 11-16	+ ½
SwstAirl s	19 13-16	19 5-16	19¾	+ 5-16
SprintFON	57⅝	56⅝	57¼	+ 7-16
SprintPCS s	53 1-16	52½	52¾	—233-256
Sunoco Inc	32 1-16	31¾	32 1-16	+ 7-16
TXU Corp	36⅛	35¼	35⅞	+ 13-16
Tandy s	41⅜	40½	40 15-16	—1 7-16
TempleInland	50½	49 11-16	50 1-16	—11-16
Texaco	55 5-16	54 5-16	55	+ 3-16
TexInd	29⅞	29 11-16	29¾	— 1-16
TexasInst s	69 3-16	65 1-16	67¼	— 2¾
Textron	65½	65	65⅜	+ 5-16
TriconGlbR	31 15-16	31	31¼	
TrinityInds	22¼	22 1-16	22⅛	— ⅛
TritonEngy	32 3-16	31⅜	31 7-16	— 7-16
TylerTech	3 15-16	3½	3 11-16	— ⅛
US West Inc	71½	70⅜	71 5-16	— ¼
USX-Marathn	25	24 9-16	24 15-16	+ ⅜
USX-USS	23 1-16	22½	22¾	— 5-16
UnCarbde	55	53⅜	54	+ ⅝
UnionPacif	42 13-16	42 5-16	42¾	— ⅞
UnitedTech	60⅛	59⅛	59 3-16	— 3-16
Unocal	37 1-16	36 11-16	36 13-16	+ ¼
Venator Grp	10¾	10 9-16	10 9-16	— ⅛
WalMart	55	54⅛	54½	— ½
WellsFargo	44 13-16	43⅝	44⅝	+ 11-16
WstnGasRs	21⅝	21 1-16	21 9-16	+ 7-16
WinnDixie	15 15-16	15 11-16	15¾	— 1-16
Xerox Cp	25⅝	25 5-16	25⅜	— ⅝

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Patterson	23 13/16	+1/8
Dell	42 7/16	-1 5/16
Wal Mart	54 5/8	-3/8
Compac	26 1/8	-7/8
Dol. Gen.	16 15/16	-1/16
GTE	61 7/8	+1 13/16
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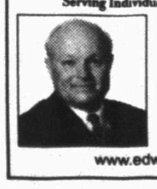
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Clinton gets $15 billion farm bailout bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers say their $15 billion farm bailout should help producers survive this year and make them less dependent on government aid in the future.

In addition to giving farmers direct payments this year, the measure would pour $8.2 billion into the federally subsidized crop insurance program, starting with next year's crops. That money will make the insurance much cheaper and available for more crops.

"By providing producers more affordable levels of coverage, there should be less need for Congress to pass emergency assistance on a year to year basis," said Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan.

The insurance can cover revenue losses as well as weather-related crop failures.

Congress gave final approval to the aid package Thursday and sent it to President Clinton for his expected signature. The Senate passed the legislation 91-4 after the House had passed it on a voice vote.

The legislation includes $5.5 billion in cash payments that are expected to be sent to growers in late August or September, USDA officials say.

The payments would mean an estimated $16,000 this year for a 500-acre corn farm, while a typical wheat grower would get about $19,000 more. A farmer growing 300 acres of cotton would receive an additional $12,000.

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman praised the insurance overhaul, but he said Congress also should have done something about the 1996 farm law, which ended a Depression-era system of price supports and production controls.

"The bleeding continues, and we're getting ready to apply yet another very expensive tourniquet when the situation actually calls for a blood transfusion," Glickman said.

This is the third straight year that Congress has passed a multibillion dollar package of farm-income assistance to compensate for low commodity prices.

The money has stabilized farm income and land values, said Alan Barkeep, an economist with the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City.

West Texas city leading in 2000 census participation

DALLAS (AP) — Census takers' efforts in West Texas are taking the lead in the 2000 count, with the rest of the state ranking with the national average in the percentage of households counted.

The count in El Paso is 89 percent complete, said Patricia Roybal, U.S. Census spokeswoman.

Before census workers began counting door-to-door last month, El Pasoans were among national leaders in mail-in responses, with 69 percent compared to Texas' 61 percent and 65 percent for the United States.

"The hardest part is having to go back and make contacts in person or on the phone when people aren't available," Lyzzie Garcia, a census taker, told The El Paso Times.

The retired legal secretary is among about 900 census takers in the El Paso area trying to count everyone by July 7. The deadline is Aug. 15.

The number of Texas homes enumerated by the census is 86 percent of the estimated total, Deputy Secretary of Commerce Robert L. Mallett said Thursday.

About 85 percent of households have been counted nationally, said Mallett, whose department oversees the census count.

"We're trying to remind people that the census is not over," Mallett said. "We're only halfway there and we still need people to participate."

Census workers had to fight an initial lag in mail-in responses.

"There are a lot of reasons Texas was behind in mail-ins," Mallett said. "This is a highly diverse state with a lot of immigration and that might contribute to the lower response rate."

Also, highly populated urban areas historically have had lower response rates.

"Another probable cause is that Texas has five of the top 20 cities in the U.S.," he said. "There are very few other states that can boast that, but that's a lot of big, big towns with urban areas."

Reaching rural areas also has been difficult, but the majority of households welcome enumerators, Mallett said.

"It gets tough," he said. "People don't mince words out there (in rural parts of West Texas)," he said. "But overall, the trend is how helpful people are being. We're pleased about that. I think people have been touched by the advertising campaign and that has helped."

Snyder area gets half an inch of rain

From local and wire reports

Snyder received .51 of an inch precipitation Thursday night as thunderstorms passed through Scurry County. At one time, the county was under a tornado watch, and the western part of the county was under a severe thunderstorm warning for a time.

At least two tornadoes have touched down in the Texas Panhandle and South Plains as strong storms dumped hail up to baseball-size and heavy rains, disrupting some commencement ceremonies.

A tornado near Shallowater touched down in open farmland Thursday, but caused no damage.

Panhandle weather spotters saw a funnel on the ground in open country, prompting a tornado warning for Potter and Randall counties, Matt Wolters, a National Weather Service meteorologist, told the Amarillo Globe-News.

Baseball-size hail damaged vehicles and homes in Amarillo. Heavy rains snarled traffic on Interstate 27 between Amarillo and Canyon.

Spotters also reported a tornado near Happy, but NWS radar could not confirm the sighting.

The stormy weather interrupted high school commencement in Plainview before graduates had a chance to cross the stage.

Storms caused the most damage in O'Donnell, dumping baseball-size hail and sending 75 to 100 mph winds through the town.

O'Donnell residents were without power and phone service Thursday evening after high winds snapped power poles in half and downed power lines throughout the town, Abraham Vega, a Lynn County sheriff's lieutenant, told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.

Misdemeanors send five to jail

Five subjects were arrested Thursday and early today on misdemeanor charges.

A 21-year-old man was jailed on a warrant for disregarding a red light. He was picked up by officers at 5:44 p.m. in the 1200 block of 28th Street.

Officers were called to Lawrence IGA at 6:44 p.m. in reference to a shoplifter. A 40-year-old woman was arrested for Class C theft.

Public intoxication landed a 54-year-old man in jail at 11:52 p.m. Officers took him into custody in the 1500 block of Coliseum Drive.

At 1:23 a.m. today, officers arrested a 20-year-old man in the 2900 block of Avenue V on for misdemeanor revocation of probation warrant out of Nolan County.

A 21-year-old man was taken into custody at 3:06 a.m. today in the 2200 block of Avenue E. The subject had Municipal Court warrants.

In other activity, deputies filed an offense report for Class B theft at 5:42 p.m. at 1864 F.M. 1611. Further information was unavailable this morning.

Officers took an offense report for Class C assault by threat at 6:43 p.m.

A two-vehicle accident occurred at 12:04 p.m. in the 700 block of Old Lubbock Hwy. Involved were a 1989 Buick driven by Willis Ratliff, 72, of Snyder and a 1994 Ford pickup driven by James Douglas Neff, 38, of 2605 North Business Hwy. 84.

Obituaries

Irene Wagner

1919-2000

Funeral service for former Snyder resident Irene Wagner is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Bobby Woods, pastor of the Church of God in Snyder, will officiate.

Burial will follow in the Terrace Cemetery in Post.

Mrs. Wagner, 81, died Wednesday, May 24, in Post where she was a nursing home resident.

Born May 9, 1919 in Wisconsin, she married Raymond Wagner on May 15, 1953 in Chilton, Wisc.

She was a homemaker, member of the VFW, American Legion, Ladies Auxiliary and had been a nurse's aid in Snyder, Post and Lubbock.

She was preceded in death by two sisters and three brothers.

Survivors include her husband, Raymond Wagner of Snyder; one son, David Wagner of Snyder; a daughter, Jessie Dahl of Houston; seven daughters, Dixie Kearns of Tulsa, Sherri Reidel and Susan Warren, both of Post, Nancy Youngblood of Wolfforth, Roberta Sternhagan of Waco, Barbara Furmann of Wisconsin and Neenah McCraw of Lubbock; 30 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the VFW or to the American Legion in Snyder.

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Dick Rutledge

1915-2000

DALLAS – L.D. "Dick" Rutledge, a former Snyder resident, died Tuesday, May 23, in Plano. He was 84.

No services are planned.

Born Dec. 1, 1915 in Rotan, Mr. Rutledge lived in Snyder from 1954 until 1990 when he moved to Plano to live with his daughter.

In Snyder, Mr. Rutledge owned and operated Brooks Oil Well Service for many years. He was a 32nd Degree Mason and a member of the Scurry Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Eldon Tipping of Plano; a brother, C.E. "June" Rutledge of Snyder; a sister, Evelyn Polk of Rotan; a granddaughter, Teresa Tipping of Montreal, Canada; and nine nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to Family Place, P.O. Box 799 in Dallas, 75209; or to the American Red Cross.

Margie Upshaw

1917-2000

ROBY — Funeral service for Margie Sharp Upshaw, mother of Wanda Early of Snyder, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the First Baptist Church.

The Rev. Mickey Waggoner, pastor, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Roby Cemetery under the direction of Weathersby Funeral Home.

Mrs. Upshaw, 82, died Wednesday, May 24, in the Fisher County Hospital.

Born on Dec. 29, 1917 in Erath County, she married Truman Upshaw on Dec. 30, 1934 in Roby. He died in 1993. Also, she was preceded in death by four brothers and three sisters.

A lifelong resident of Fisher County, she worked for the Roby school cafeteria for 18 years. A member of the Roby First Baptist Church, she was active in the church's nursery.

Survivors also include a son-in-law, Bill Early of Snyder; another daughter and son-in-law, Jean and Tony Hamm of Sweetwater; a son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Sano Upshaw of Roby; a brother, Eugene Sharp of Plainview; two sisters, Leotie Obriant of Rotan and Zada Goodwin of Beeville; a sister-in-law Dulcie Sharp of Roby; a brother-in-law and his wife, Glen and Violet Upshaw of Roby; seven grandchildren and their spouses, Larry and Wynola Early, Donna and Jacky Simpson, all of Snyder, Keith and Debbie Early of Knox City, Tammy and Mark Wallace of Haskell, Linda and David Sharrock of Abilene, formerly of Snyder, Jeff and Tanya Upshaw of Roby, Kenie and Greg Bratcher of Granbury; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Ronnie Black, William Hibbs, Pauline Compton and Dennis Taylor.

DISMISSALS: Joe League, Hollis Ward, Virginia Warren, Robert Casarez, Pauline Compton, Billy Evans, Guadalupe Garcia, Olton Smith, Dennis Taylor and Bernadine Walker.

CENSUS: 35 (Med./Surg. 7, Long-term Care-24, OB-2 and Nursery-2).

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Museum rummage sale

Today is the final day of the rummage sale at the Scurry County Musem, located on the WTC campus. All items are marked half-price.

Swimming pool hours

The Towle Park swimming pool is open Tuesday through Sunday from 1:30-5 p.m. Family night is 6:30-8 p.m. Saturday. Sign-up now for swimming lessons and aqua aerobics.

Ira School reception

Ira School will host an informal come-and-go reception from 1-2 p.m. Saturday in the school cafeteria, to honor employees who are leaving the district.

SHS Class of '50 reunion

The 1950 graduating class of Snyder High School will have a reunion Friday and Saturday at the Wagon Wheel Ranch party barn. Members of other classes, relatives and friends are invited to visit from 3-5 p.m. Saturday. For more information call Max von Roeder at 753-7485 or Elois Pruitt at 573-6603.

Kids College late registration

Late registration for Kids College will continue at the Continuing Education office at Western Texas College from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday through June 7. Registration forms and a check may also be mailed to WTC at 6200 College Avenue, Snyder 79549. Kids College starts June 12 and continues through June 22. For more information, contact Liffin Molter at 573-8511, ext. 223.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air each week on Channel 2. Tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are " The Names of Jesus," followed by "Depression, the Dark Night of the Soul."

FBC worship service

The First Baptist Church Sunday morning worship service airs at 3 p.m. each Thursday on TV Channel

Miller Bros. Ranch centennial

The Miller Bros. will celebrate 100 years of ranching in Borden County beginning at 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 3, at the Gail arena and show barn. There will be bronc riding, roping, cutting, barrel racing and more. Special guest is Bob Tallman.

Camp Springs homecoming

Homecoming for the Camp Springs community will be held starting at 10 a.m. Sunday, June 4, at the Northeast Community Center. Bring a potluck dish. Ice, cups, plates and flatware will be furnished. Call 573-8948 for more information.

Vacation Bible School

"Son Zone Discovery Center" is the theme of Vacation Bible School set from 9 to 11 a.m. June 5-7 at the 37th Street Church of Christ.

Good News Ocean Odyssey

Colonial Hill Baptist Church will host an ocean theme Vacation Bible School June 5-9. Children ages five-years-old through this year's sixth grade are welcome. Times will be 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. For more information or to pre-register call the church office at 573-8596.

First Presbyterian VBS

"The Fisherman's Story" is the theme of Vacation Bible School set for 9 a.m. until noon June 5-9 at First Presbyterian Church. Designed for kindergarten through sixth grades, additional information may be obtained from the church office, 573-6195.

Weigh Down Workshop Seminar

Orientation and registration for the Weigh Down Workshop seminar will be at 7 p.m. June 5 at the Word Is Life Church, 312 Coliseum Drive. Men and women are invited to learn this new way of dieting. Coordinator is Donna Nehring, 573-7471.

Dermott School reunion

The Dermott School reunion will be June 10 from 8 a.m. until noon at the Dermott School on the grounds of the coliseum.

Biker Sunday

Colonial Hill Baptist Church will sponsor a Biker Sunday, June 11. Services begin at 10:45 a.m. Bike rodeo games will follow. Door prizes will be given away. Free food and live entertainment will be provided, and there is no admission charged. The Christian Motorcyclists Association, a national organization, will operate the bike rodeo games.

Vacation Bible School

"Son Zone Discovery Center" Vacation Bible School will be held for grades K through 6th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. June 12-16 at North College Ave. Baptist Church. For more information call 573-7527 or 573-9540.

Cub Scout day camp

Summer Safari 2000, the Cub Scout day camp, will be from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. June 14-15, and from 1-9:30 p.m. June 16 at the Hughes Aquatic Base and Training Camp at Lake Colorado City. For more information, call 573-3310.

LVN class testing

Students wishing to enroll in the fall Licensed Vocational Nursing class at Western Texas College should contact the counseling office to arrange for the pre-entrance exam to be given through July 25. Interviews will be conducted through Aug. 7. For more information, call the counseling office at 573-8511, ext. 313.

Computer courses

A variety of computer courses will be offered this summer by the Continuing Ed division of WTC. Call 573-8511, ext. 390, for a list of classes.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

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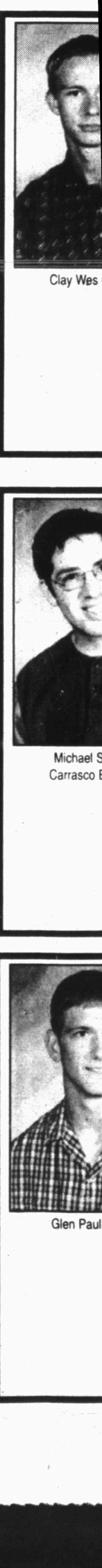

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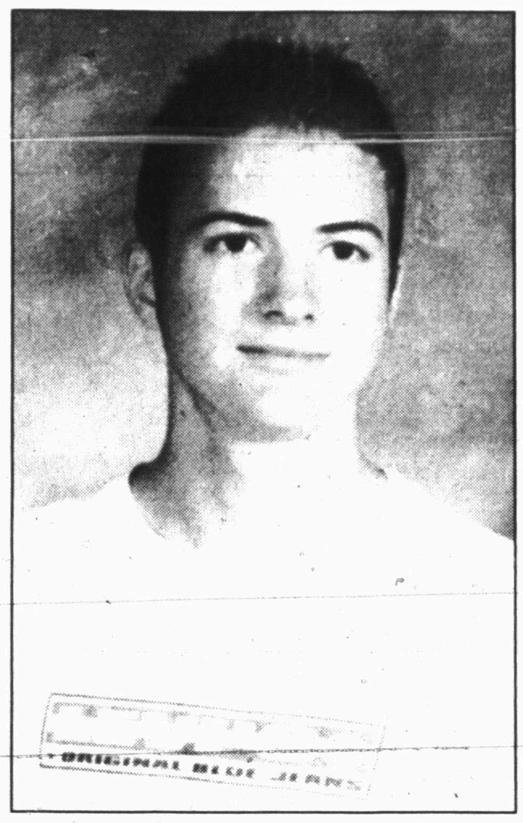

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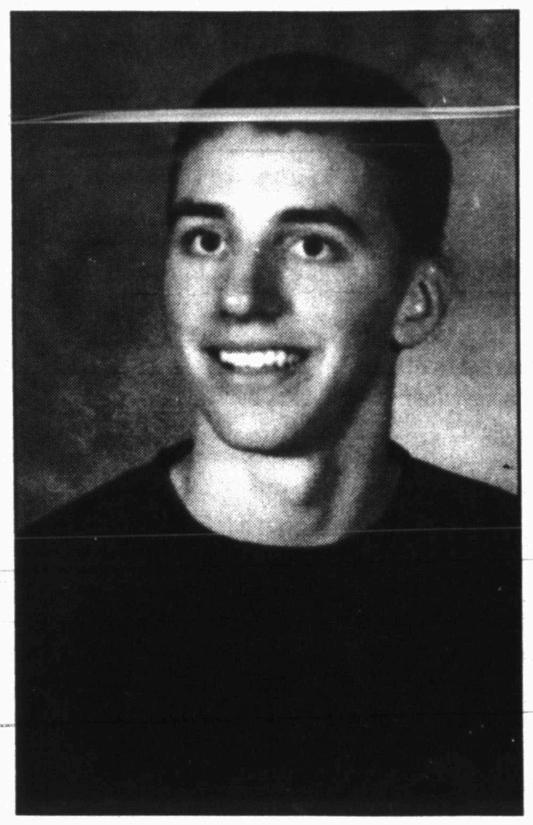

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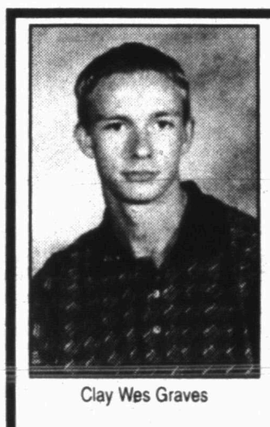
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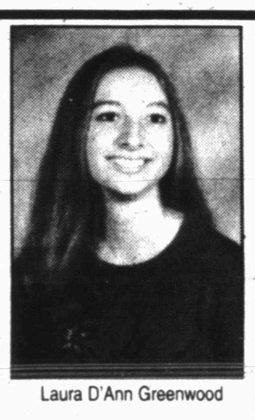
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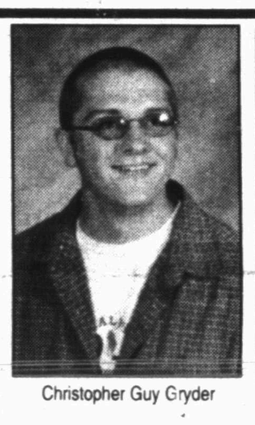
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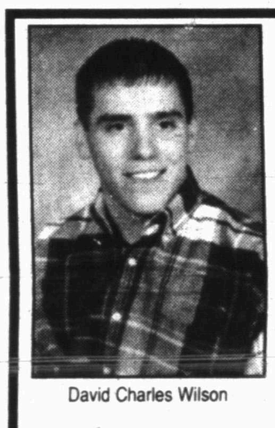
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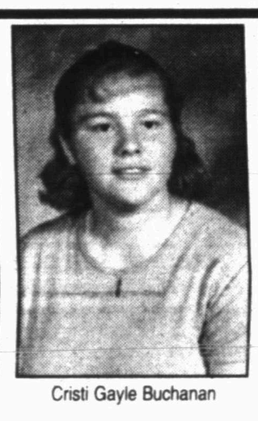
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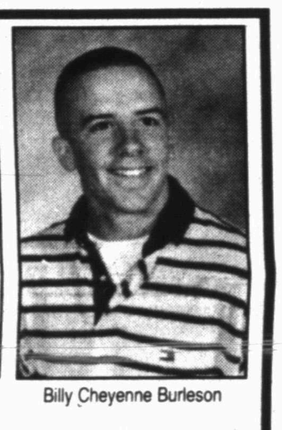
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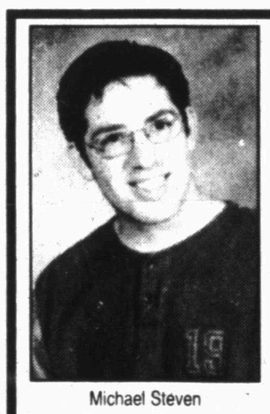
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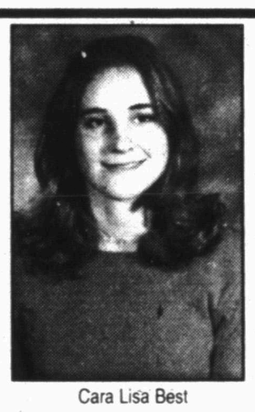
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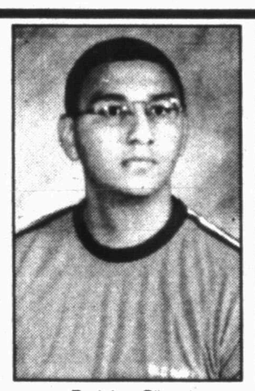
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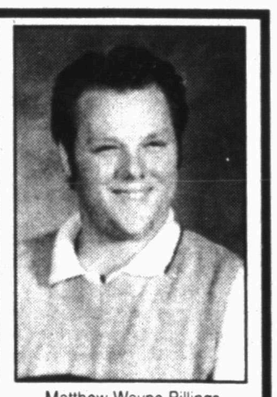
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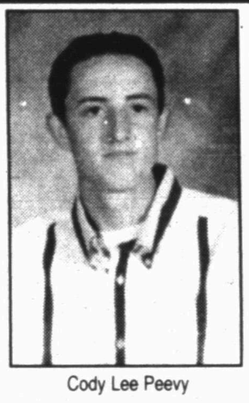
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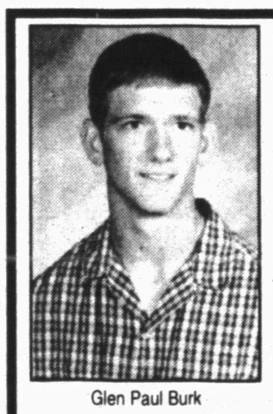
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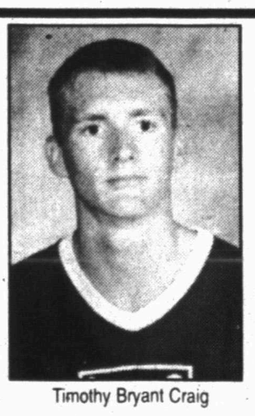
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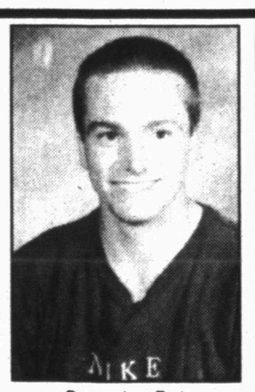
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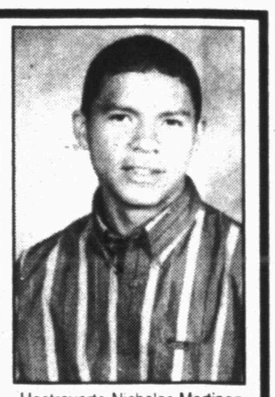
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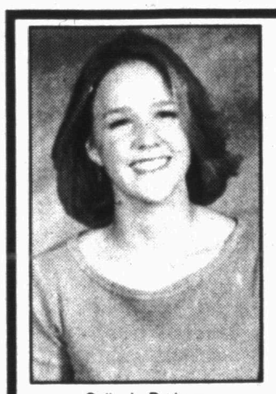
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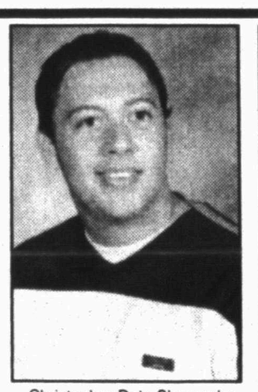
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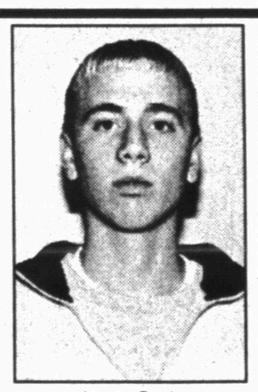
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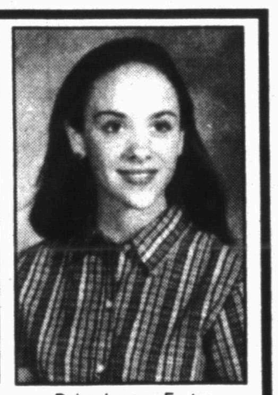
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CONGRATULATIONS

Eva Abalos•Band 9-12; French Club 9; Spanish Club 11; Regional Band 10-11.

Kimberly Adams•Choir 9-12; DECA 12.

Janette Allen•Golf 9; Choir 9; Cheerleader 10-12; Head Cheerleader 12; Drama 10-12; One-Act 11; Forensics 12; Spanish Club 9, 10; FFA 10-12; FCS 9, 12; Student Council 10-12; Student Council Vice President 11; Student Council President 12; Homecoming Queen 12; Class Favorite Nominee 10, 12; Class Favorite 11; JV Volleyball Manager 10; Regional Choir 9; Class Treasurer 10-12; NHS 11, 12; Top Ten 9-12; Top 10% 9-12; State Champion Crop Judging 10; National Champion Sr. Knowledge 12; FFA Scholastic Award 10; Miss SHS 12; All American Cheerleader Nominee 12; Who's Who 10-12.

Will Almon•DECA 12; FFA 12.

Duane Allred•Baseball 9-12; Football 9, 10; Student Council 12; UIL Competition in Science 11, 12; NHS 11, 12; Top 10% 9-12.

Tony Arispe•Choir 9-12; Drama 9, 11; Choir Solo/ensemble 11, 12; Regional Choir 12; Choir Sweetheart 12.

Wade Ashby•Band 9; Trainer 9-12; Girls Basketball Sweetheart 12; NHS 11, 12; Top 10 % 9-12; UIL Competition in Number Sense 9-12; UIL Competition in Computer Science 10-12; UIL Competition in Mathmatics 10-12; UIL Competition in Calculators 10; UIL Competition in Science 11, 12.

Pamela Ashley•Choir 9-12; DECA 11, 12; Choir Solo/ensemble 10, 12.

Ashley Baremore•Band 9-12; Softball manager 10, 11; Tiger's Lair 10; Band Solo/ensemble 9-12; Band Officer 11, 12; State Band 10-12; NHS 12.

Sally Barham•Golf 9-12; All-District Golf 10-12;All Region Golf 11, 12; Spanish Club 9, 10; FFA 11; Student Council 9-12; Student Council Treasurer 12; Homecoming Queen Nominee 12; Class Favorite Nominee 11, 12; Class Secretary 10-12; Prom Queen 12; NHS 11, 12; Top Ten 9-12; Top 10% 9-12.

Lance Beaver•Choir 9-12; Forensics 10-12; Forensics President 12; Spanish Club 12; FFA 9, 10; Choir Officer 11, 12.

Trisha Jo Block•Art Club 12; Choir 11, 12; FCCLA 10-12; Choir Solo/ensemble 12.

Suzanne Bogard•Choir 11, 12; Forensics 9-12; FCCLA 10-12; FCS 9; Tiger's Lair 11; Tiger's Tale 11; JV Softball Manager 11.

Jessica Bradshaw•DECA 11, 12; FFA 9-12; Marketing Plan Team 9; Meats Judging Team 9; Quiz Team 12; Ag Issues Team 12; Horse Judging Team 10-12; State Marketing Plan Team 12; Chapter Conducting Team 9.

Glen Burk•Baseball 9-12; Football 9; FFA 11; TSA 11.

Billy Burleson•Baseball 9-12; Football 9-12.

Amber Bass

Lexie Beard•Basketball 9-12; Choir 9-12; Volleyball 9, 10; Choir Solo/ensemble 12.

Adam Beck•Baseball 9-12; Football 9-12; Powerlifting 10; FCS 10-12.

Dustin Benbow

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Matthew Billings•Drama 9-12; FFA 9, 11; Tiger's Tale 11, 12.

Jeremy E. Border•Drama 9-11; FFA 10.

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Sarah Bryant•FFA 9-12; Poultry Judging 9-11; Who's Who 10.

Cristi Buchanan•Drama 9-10

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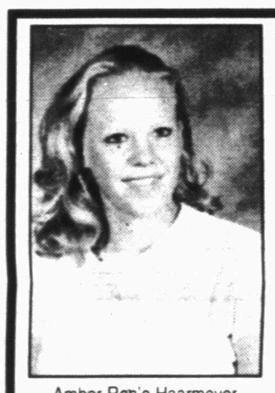
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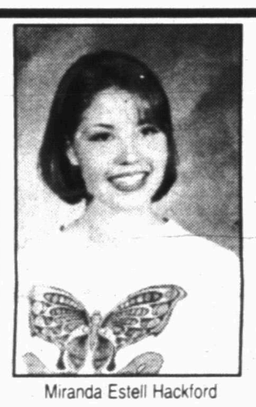
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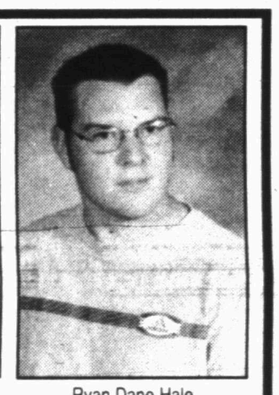
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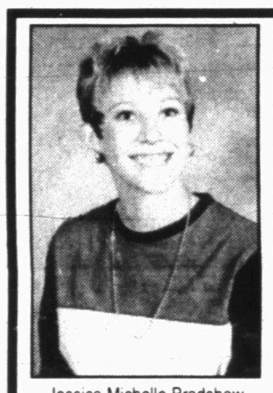
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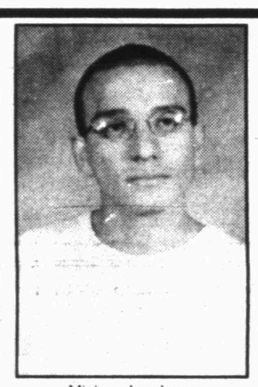
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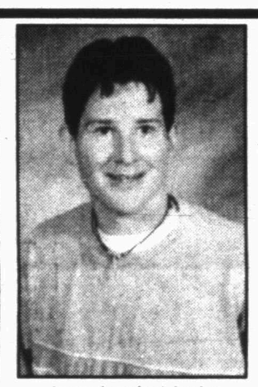
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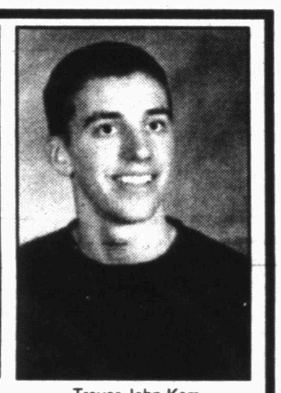
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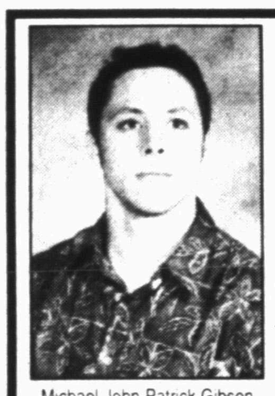
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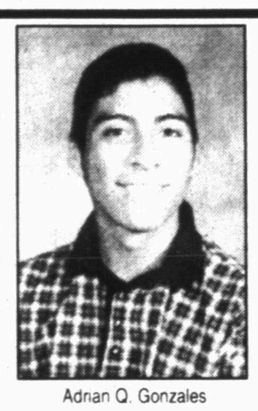
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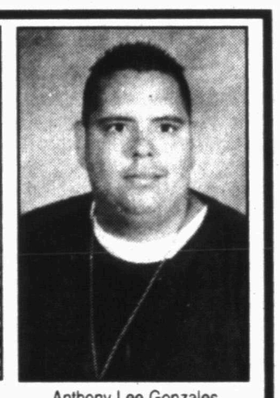
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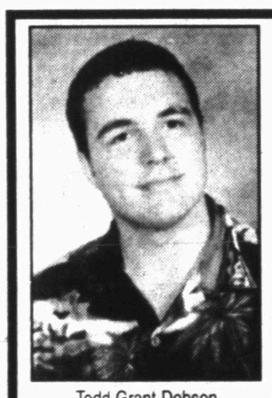
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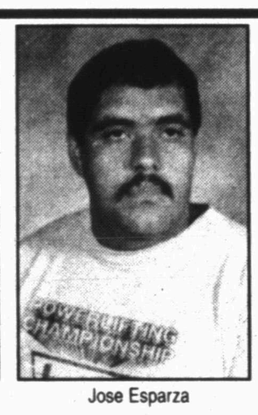
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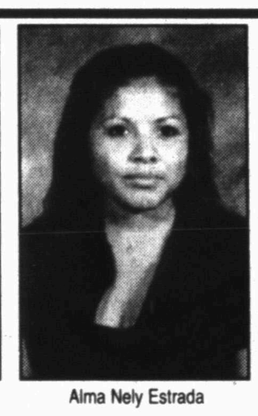
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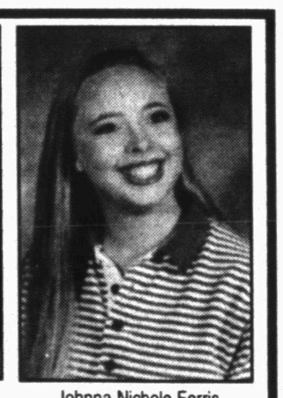
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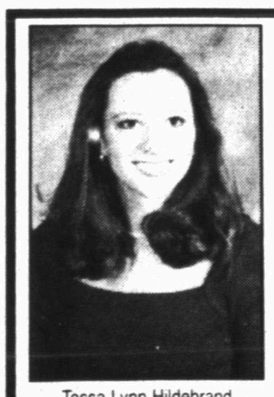
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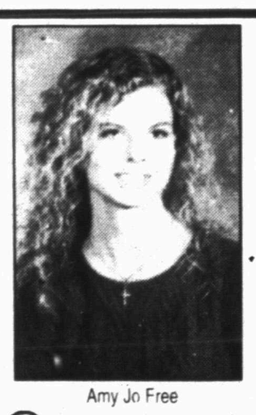
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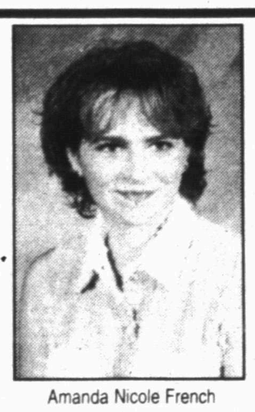
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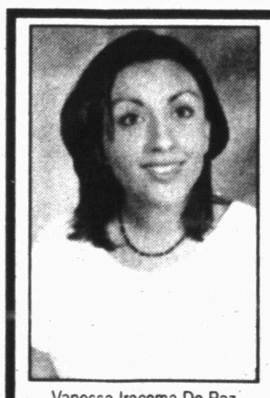
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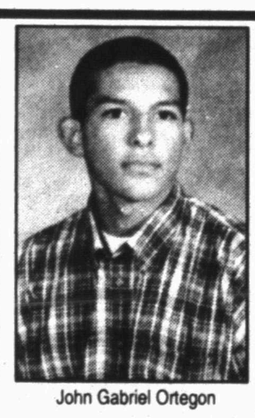
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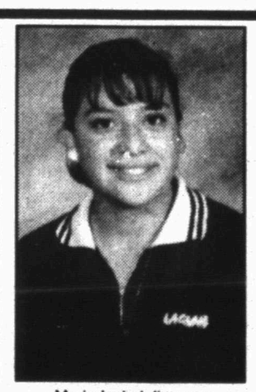
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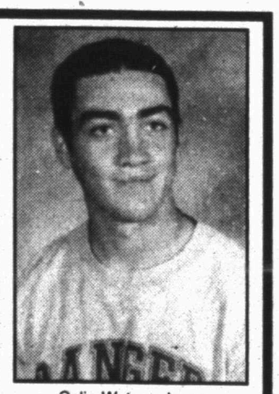
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CONGRATULATIONS

Kris Casas•Choir 9-11; Spanish Club 9, 10; Tennis 9-12; Choir Solo/ensemble 9-11; Tennis All District 9-12; State Choir 10, 11.

Nina Castelan•Choir 9; Tiger's Tale 12.

Mandy Chambers•Band 9-11; Basketball Manager 11, 12; Football Manager 12; Forensics 11, 12; Flag Corp 10, 11; UIL Competition in Prose 12; Boys Basketball Sweetheart 12; TFA State Qualifier 12.

Jenny Chandler•Golf 9; FCS 9.

LaShunda Collins•Basketball Manager 10; Track 9, 10; DECA 12; FFA 9; Student Council 11, 12; Volleyball Manager 10-12.

Kyla Connel•Band 9-12; French Club 12; French Club President 12; Band Solo/ensemble 9-12; French Club Sweetheart 12.

Cheyenne Courtney•Band 9-12; Softball 9; SUN Club 12; Tiger's Lair 9-12; Tiger's Tale 10-12; Band Solo/ensemble 9-12; Tiger's Lair Sweetheart 12.

Timothy Craig•Baseball 10, 11; Basketball 9; Track 12; Cross Country 10-12; Drama 11; Football 9; FFA 11; Cross Country Sweetheart 11; FCCLA Sweetheart 12.

Sonny Jack Cumbie•Baseball 9-12; Baseball All-District 9; Basketball 9-12; Basketball All-District 11, 12; All-Big Country 11, 12; All-South Plains 11, 12;Drama 12; Football 9-12; Football All-District 12; Offensive MVP District 5-4A 12; All-South Plains QB 11, 12; Student Council 9-12; Class Favorite Nominee 9-12; Class Favorite 11; Class President 9; Mr. SHS 12.

Joe Dan Davenport•Basketball 9, 10; Football 9-11; Student Council 11, 12; Cheerleader Sweetheart 12.

Sabrina Davidson•Choir 9-12.

Jodi Dennis•Basketball 9, 10; Choir 9-12; Cheerleader 12; FCS 11, 12; Student Council 9-12; Homecoming Queen Nominee 12; Choir Solo/ensemble 9-12; Choir Vice-President 11; Choir President 12; Basketball Manager 11, 12; Regional Choir 9; Boys Basketball Sweetheart 11; NHS 11,12; Top Ten 9-12; Top 10%9-12; Miss SHS Nominee 12.

Vanessa DePaz•DECA 12; Drama 10, 11; Volleyball 9.

Todd Dobson•Drama 9-12; Football 9; Forensics 12; FCS 9-12.

Julie Dooley•FFA 9-12.

Damon Early•Baseball 9; Football 9-11; Powerlifting 9; FFA 10-12; Knowledge Team 11.

Danny Early•Band 9-12; Track 9, 10, 12; Cross Country 9-12; Band Solo/ensemble 9-12.

Janelle Edwards•Band 9, 10; FFA 11, 12; Band Solo/ensemble 9.

Morten Edzards•Drama 12; One-Act 12; Tennis 9-11.

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Jose Esparza•Track 9-12; Football 9-12; Powerlifting 9-12; TSA 10, 11.

Alma Estrada•Choir 9-12; Choir Solo/ensemble 10-12; Regional Choir 9; Top 10% 9-11.

Johnna Ferris•Choir 9; DECA 12; Drama 9; FFA 9-12; FFA Sweetheart 12; Knowledge Team 12.

Debbie Foster•Baseball Manager 12; Basketball 9; Basketball Manager 10; Choir 9-11; Cheerleader 9-12; DECA 12; Homecoming Queen 12; Choir Solo/ensemble 9; Regional Choir 9; DECA Sweetheart 12.

Amy Free•Art Club 10; Choir 9; Softball 11; DECA 12; FFA 9-12; Tiger's Lair 10; Choir Solo/ensemble 9; Softball Manager 11.

Amanda French•FFA 12.

Michael Gibson•Band 9-11; Drama 10-12; One-Act 10-12; Football 9; Tiger's Tale 10; UIL Competition Spelling 11, 12; Drama Sweetheart 12.

Deidra Goebel•DECA 12; FCS 9, 10; Photojournalism 10-12; Tennis 9; Tiger's Lair 12; Basketball Manager 10.

Adrian Gonzales•FCS 9-12; Tennis 9-12; Tennis All-District 9-12; Tennis Sweetheart 12; NHS 12; Top 10% 9-12.

Anthony Gonzales•Art Club 12; Band 9-11; FFA 9.

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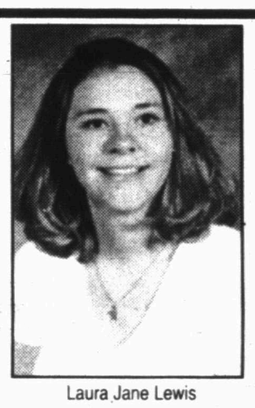
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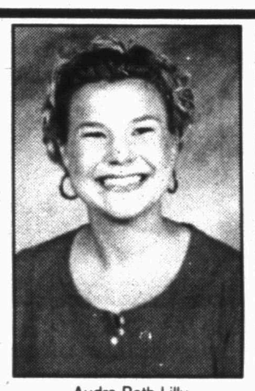
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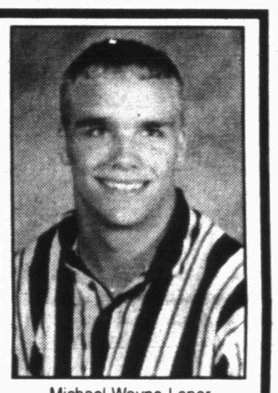
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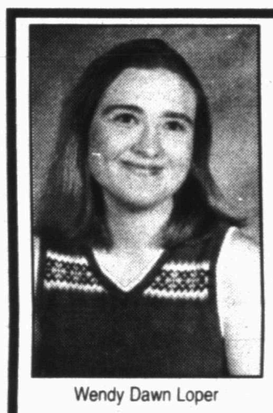
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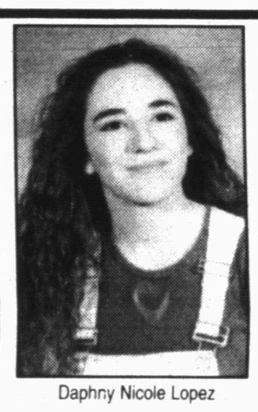
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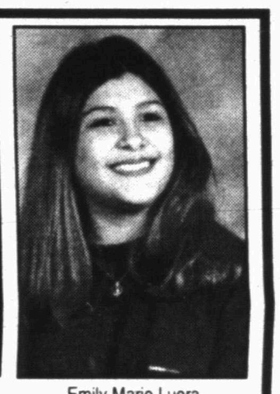
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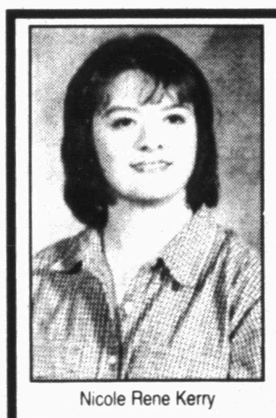
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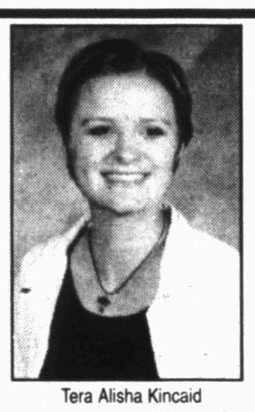
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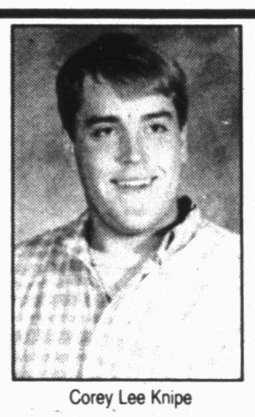
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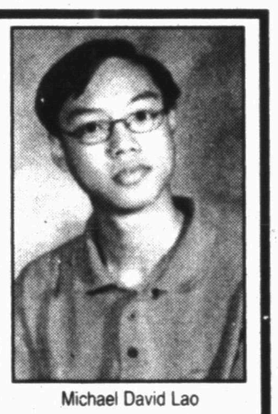
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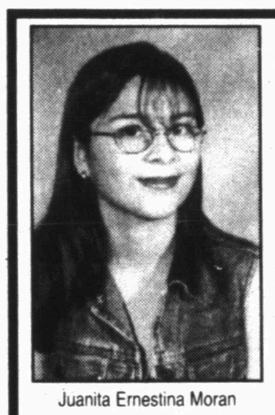
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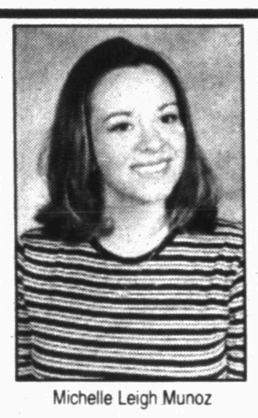
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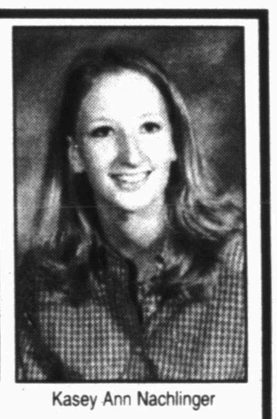
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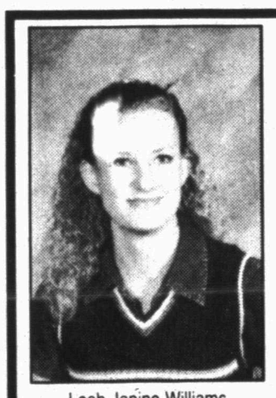
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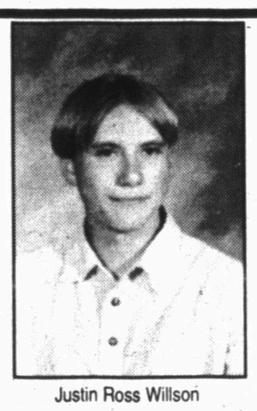
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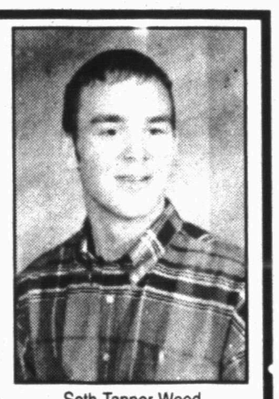
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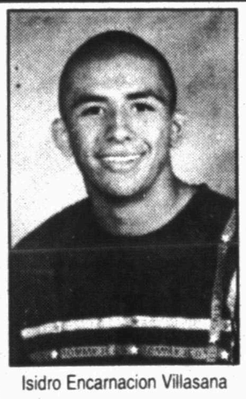
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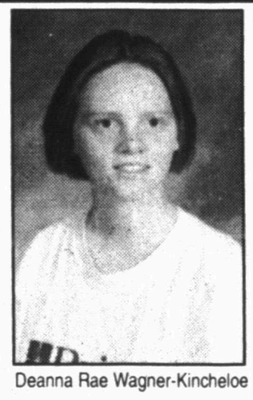
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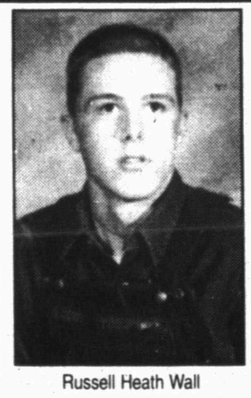
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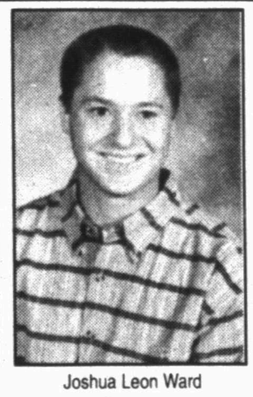
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Ryan Grady•FFA 11, 12.

Clay Graves•Choir 9; DECA 12; Drama 9-11; One-Act 10; Spanish Club 9; FCS 9, 10; Tennis Manager 9, 10.

Randy Green•Baseball 9, 11; Track 9; DECA 12; DECA President 12; One-Act 12; Football 9-12; Powerlifting 9; Spanish 9; Class Favorite Nominee 10, 11; Class Favorite 12; Football All-District 11, 12; All District Offense 11, 12; All District Defense 12; All South Plains Offensive Team 12; All Big Country 12.

Laura Greenwood•Art Club 9-11; Track 9; FFA 12; Jr. Knowledge Team 12; UIL Competition in Literary Criticism 11, 12; NHS 12; Top 10% 9-12.

Nikki Guerrero•FFA 9-12; Parlimentary Procedure 9; Jr. & Sr Quiz Team 9, 11; Who's Who 11.

Margie Gutierrez

Joe A. Gutierrez•Football 9.

Justin Guy•Band 9-12; FCS 12; SUN 12; Tennis 9-12; Tiger's Lair 9-12; Band Solo/ensemble 9, 10; Band Officer 12; UIL Competition in Spelling/Math 11, 12; UIL Competition in Feature, News, Headline & Editorial Writing 10; Tennis All-District 11,12; Tiger's Lair Sweetheart 9-12; Top Ten 12; Top 10% 9-12; Academic Decathalon 10-12.

Amber Haarmeyer•Basketball 9-12; Track 9, 10; Cross Country 12; Softball 10-12; FFA 9; FCS 9; UIL Competition in Accounting 12.

D'Ann Hager•Cheerleader 9; Student Council 12; Volleyball 9, 10; UIL Competition in Accounting 12; NHS 12; Top Ten 9-12; Top 10% 9-12.

Brady Hackfeld•Choir 9-11; Football 9-12; FCS 9-12; Choir Solo/ensemble 9, 10; Football All District 12; top 10% 9; All South Plains 12; All Big Country 12; All Big Country Super Team 12; All Big Country All Star Participant 12.

Lauren Hackfeld•Band 9; Basketball 9; Track 9; Cheerleader 9, 11, 12; Softball 9; Drama 9; One Act 9; Forensics 9-12; Spanish Club 9; FFA 9, 11; FCCLA 9; FCS 9-12; Tiger's Lair 12; Homecoming Queen Nominee 12; Class Favorite Nominee 9-12; Class Vice-President 11, 12; NHS 11, 12; All American Cheerleader Nominee 9, 11, 12; NHS Chaplain 12; FCS Senior Adviser 12; Forensics Vice-President 12; Miss SHS Nominee 12.

Miranda Hackford•Track 9, 10; Softball 9, 10; FFA 9, 10.

Josh Hall•Band 9-11; Cross Country 9; FFA 12; TSA 9-12; Band Officer 11.

Jon Hensley•Band 9, 10; Drama 9-12; One-Act 10-12; Forensics 12; FCS 9, 10; Class Favorite Nominee 9; UIL Competition in Calculator Applications 9; KTXS Quiz Team Sweetheart 12; NHS 12; Top 10% 11, 12; KTXS Quiz Team 12; TFA LD Debate Qualifier 12.

Carrie Gaona•Art Club 9; Softball 9; Choir 9-12; Volleyball 9; Choir Solo/ensemble 9-12; Academic Decathalon 12.

Irene Hernandez•Choir 9-12; Spanish Club 11, 12; Tiger's Lair 11; Choir Solo/ensemble 10, 12; NHS 12; Top 10% 10-12.

Jessica Hernandez•Choir 9-11; Choir Solo/ensemble 10.

Jared Hester•Baseball 9-11; Basketball 9-12; Drama 9, 10; Student Council 9-12; Basketball All District 11, 12.

Melissa Hicks•Choir 9-12; French Club 10; FFA 9-12; Choir Solo/ensemble 9-12.

Tessa Hildebrand•Basketball 9-11; Cheerleader 10; Student Council 9-12; Volleyball 9-12; Volleyball All District 12; All American Cheerleader Nominee 10.

Natalie Hill•Student Council 12; Tennis 9-11.

Robin Holden•FFA 9.

Christina Holder•Track 9; Student Council 12; Volleyball 9-12; Volleyball All District 11, 12; NHS 11, 12; Top 10% 9, 11, 12.

Amanda Holloway•FFA 9, 10; FCCLA 9-11.

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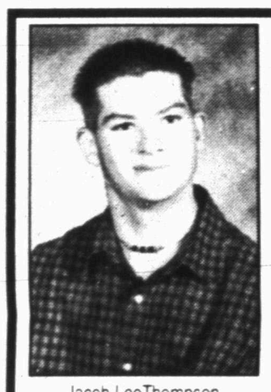
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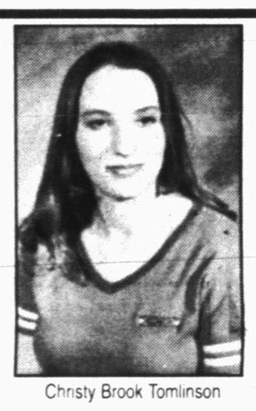
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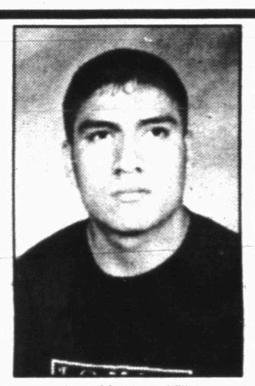
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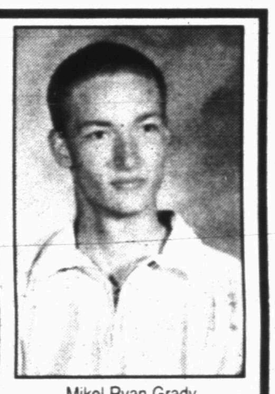
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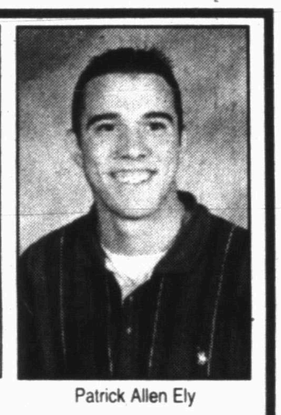
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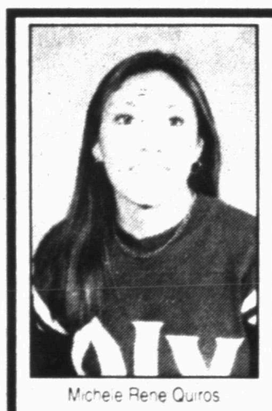
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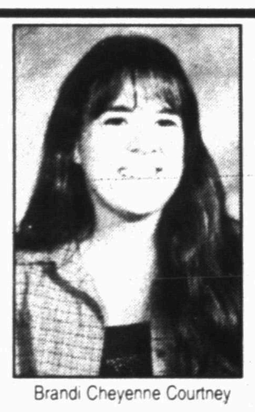
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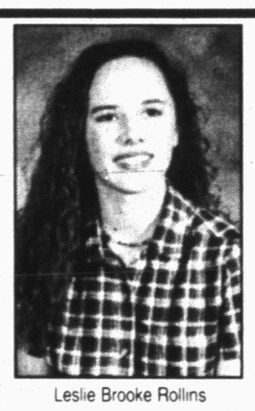
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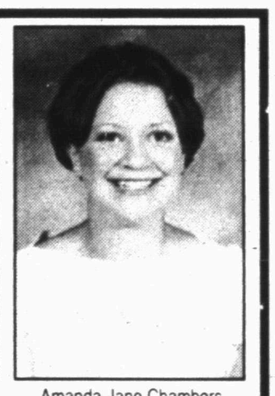
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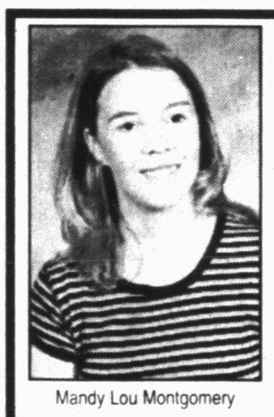
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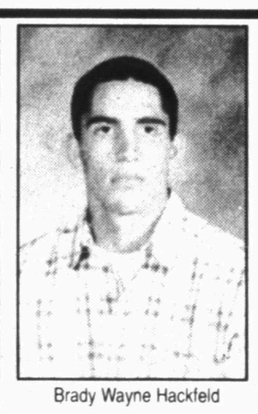
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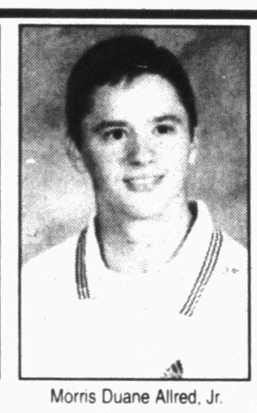
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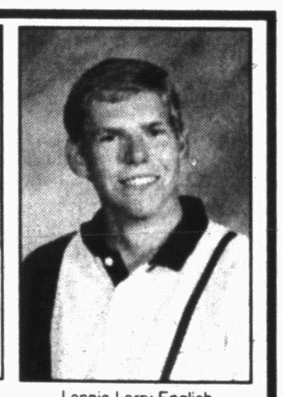
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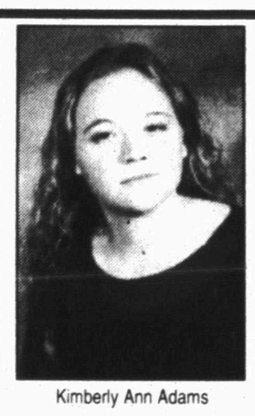
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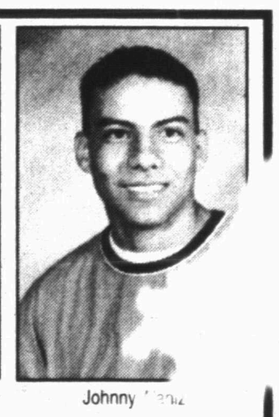
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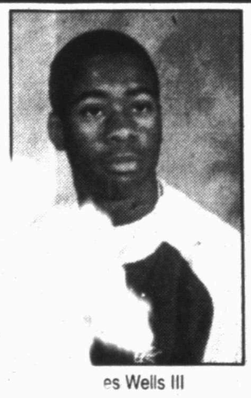
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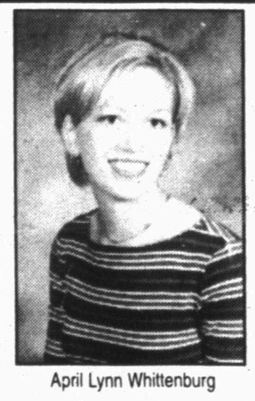
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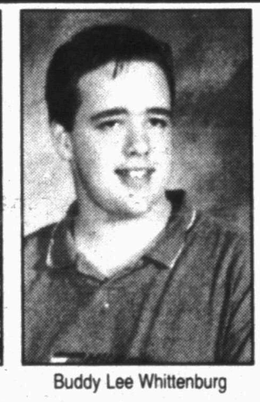
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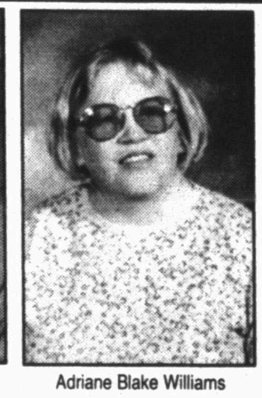
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CLASS OF 2000

Trevor Kerr•Baseball 9, 10; Basketball 9-12; Football 9; Student Council 11, 12; UIL Competition in Science/ Current Events 9-11; UIL Competition in Accounting 12; NHS 11, 12; Top Ten 9-12; Academic Decathlon 10; KTXS Quiz Team 11,12.

Nicole Kerry•Art Club 9-11; Choir 9-11; Choir Solo/ ensemble 9.

Lacey Kidd•Golf 9-12; Spanish Club 9, 10; FFA 11; Student Council 9-12; Golf All District 9-12; Golf Sweetheart 12; NHS 11, 12; Top Ten 9-12; Golf All Region 10-12; Golf All State 11.

Tera Kincaid•Choir 10; Drama 9-12; One Act 10, 11; Forensics 11; French Club 10, 12; FCS 12; SUN Club 12; Tiger's Lair 9, 11; Choir Solo/ ensemble 10; UIL Competition in Headline writing 11, 12; UIL Competition in Feature Writing 12.

Corey Knipe•Art Club 9; Track 10-12; Drama 9-12; One Act 9-12; Football 9-12; Powerlifing 9-12; Forensics 11, 12; Football All District 12; Track Sweetheart 12; Top of Texas Offensive superteam; Powerade Top 50 Players of Texas.

Merce Lara•Football 9.

Valerie Lara•DECA 12; FFA 9-12; FCCLA 10-12.

Michael Lao•Drama 11; TSA 9, 12.

Laura Lewis•Basketball 9, 10; Spanish Club 9, 10; FFA 11; Student Council 9-12; Top 10% 12.

Audra Lilly•Band 9-11; Football Manager 12; Forensics 11, 12; FCS 9-12; Tiger's Lair 10; Band Solo/ ensemble 9; UIL Competition in Poetry 11, 12; Area Band 9; Regional Band 9; State Band 9; KTXS Quiz Team Sweetheart 12; Academic Decathalon 11; TFA State in Congress 12.

Michael Loper•Baseball 9, 10; Basketball 9-12; Softball Manager 12; Football 9-12; FFA 10.

Daphny Lopez•Choir 9; FFA 9-12; FCCLA 10-12; Tiger's Tale 10-12; Choir Solo/ ensemble 9; FCCLA Sweetheart 12.

Veronica Lopez•Spanish Club 12; Tiger's Lair 11.

Emily Luera•Softball 12.

Brijida Madera•Choir 9, 10; Drama 11, 12.

Stanley Maresch•Band 9, 10; FFA 11, 12.

Kaycee Marricle•Baseball Manager 10-12; Basketball 9, 10; Spanish Club 10; FFA 9, 10, 12; Student Council 12; Volleyball 9; UIL Competition in Computer Applications12; Baseball Sweetheart 12; NHS 12.

Bebos Martinez•Art Club 12; Baseball 9-12; Football 9-12; Powerlifting 9; Spanish Club 10-12; Football All District 12; Spanish Club Sweetheart 12.

Kristin Martinez•Softball 9-12; Drama 12; Spanish Club 10, 11; Volleyball 9-12; Softball All District 11.

Jacob Martinez•Track 9; Football 9, 10; FFA 10-12; TSA 11.

Joseph Martinez

Mike Martinez, Jr•Band 10; Football 9, 10, 12; Powerlifting 9; Spanish Club 12; FCCLA 11; Academic Decathalon 11, 12.

Jenny Mayer•Basketball Manager 9; Choir 9-12; Cheerleader 9, 10; Powerlifting 10; Forensics 12; Spanish Club 11; FCS 9, 12; Student Council 11; SUN Club 12; Class Favorite Nominee 10; Choir Solo/ ensemble 9, 10, 12; President of Strictly Treble Choir 10; Secretary of A Cappella Choir 12; UIL Competition in Literary Criticism 11, 12; State Choir 12; Choir Sweetheart 12; NHS 12;Academic Decathalon 11, 12.

Greg McAnaw•Basketball 9-12; Basketball All District 12; Volleyball Sweetheart 12.

Robert McCann•Football 9.

Jared McMillan•Baseball 9-12.

Chase McJimsey•Baseball 9; Track 9, 10; Football 9-12; Powerlifting 9-11; FFA 9, 10, 12.

Alesha Miller•Choir 9-12; Choir Solo/ensemble 9-12; UIL Competition in Literary Criticism 11, 12; Regional Choir 11, 12; NHS 11, 12; Top Ten 9-12; Top 10% 9-12; Academic Decathalon 10.

Mandy Montgomery•Choir 9-10; Cheerleader 9; Trainer 9.

Eddie Montoya•Drama 10, 11; Football 9.

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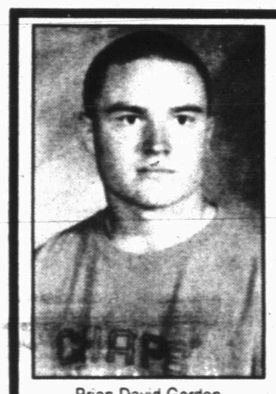
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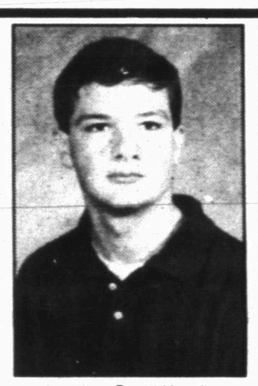
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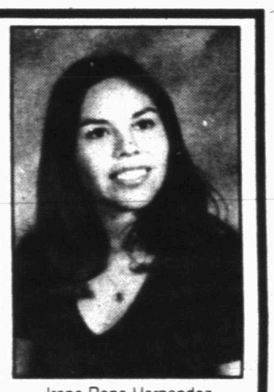
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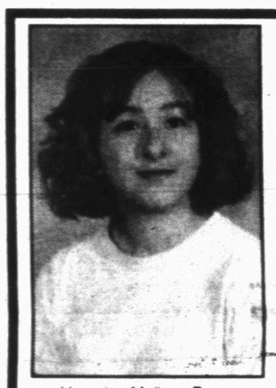
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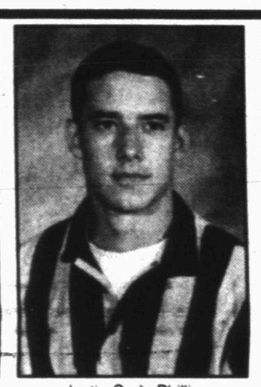
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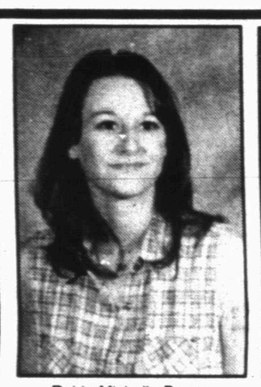
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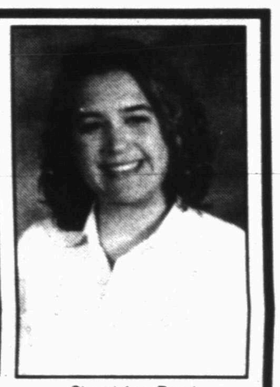
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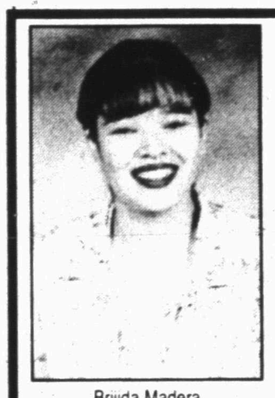
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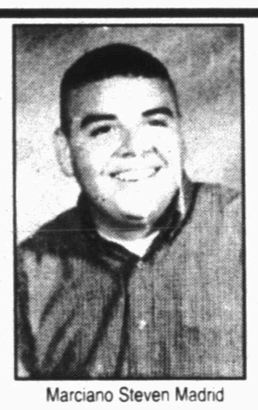
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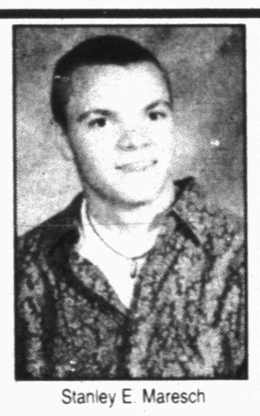
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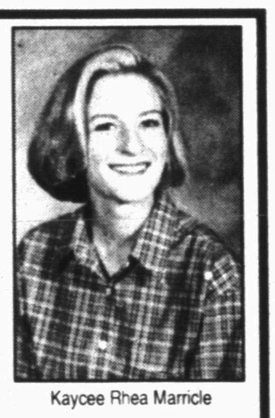
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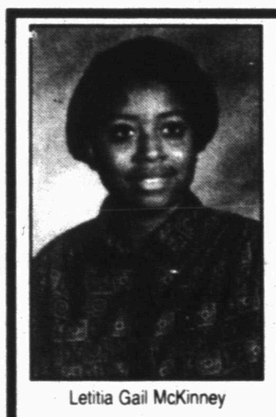
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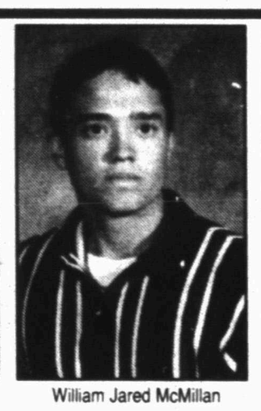
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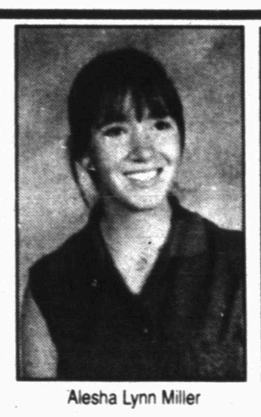
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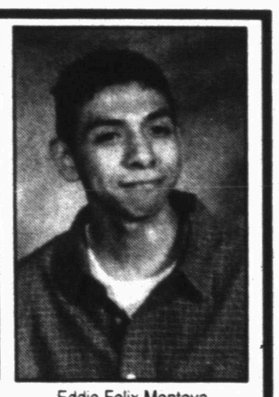
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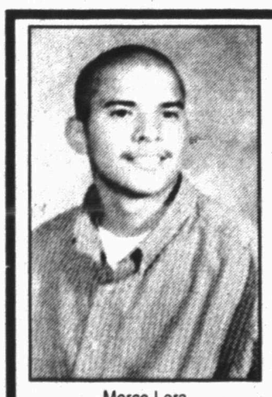
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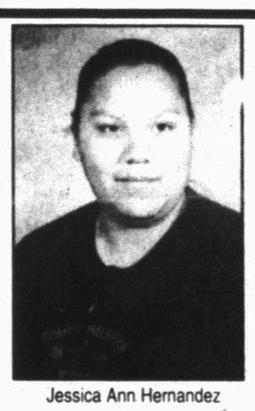
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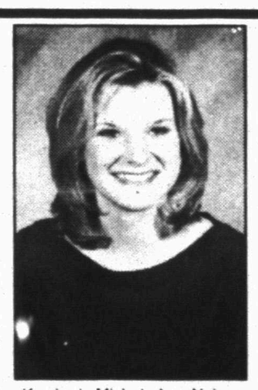
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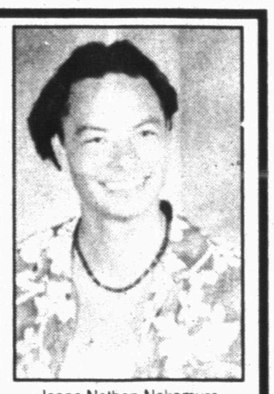
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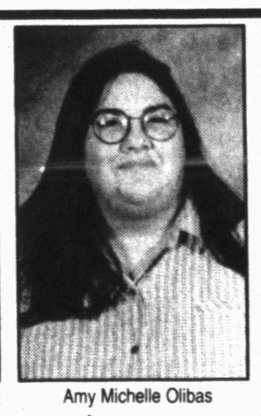
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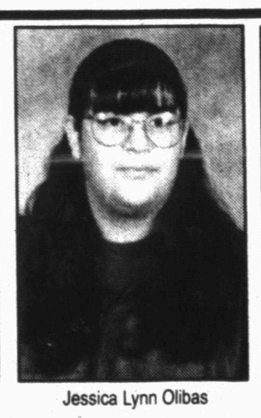
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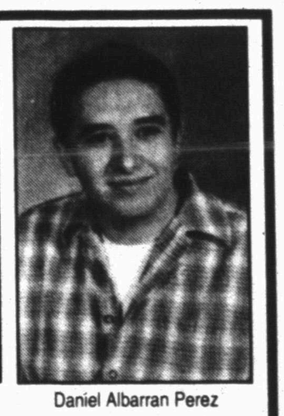
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Jeremy Nelson•Football 9-12.

Amy Olibas•DECA 11, 12.

Jessica Olibas

Lindsey Ornelas•Spanish Club 10; Tennis 9-11.

Michele Quiros•Band 9, 10.

John Ortegon•Baseball 10-12; Track 9-11; Football 9-12; Powerlifting 11, 12; Spanish Club 9-12; TSA 12; TSA Sweetheart 12.

Andrea Pavlik•Basketball Manager 11, 12; DECA 12; DECA Historian 12; Football Manager 12.

Cody Peevy•Basketball 9, 10; Golf 9-11; Football 9; Student Council 9, 10; Class Favorite Nominee 9; Top Ten 9, 10; Top 10% 9.

Daniel Perez•Art Club 12.

Veronica Melissa Perez•Band 9; Spanish Club 12.

Justin Phillips•Basketball 9; Football 9-12; FFA 9, 11,12; Student Council 11-12; Class Favorite 9; Class Favorite Nominee 10-12; Football All District 12; Class President 12; NHS 11, 12; Top 10% 9, 10.

Kayla Phipps•Choir 9, 10; Choir Solo/ensemble 10.

Clay Preston•Baseball 9; DECA 11, 12; FFA 9-12; TSA 10.

Robin Proctor

Cheryl Reed•Band 9; Drama 9-12; One Act 9-12; SUN Club 11, 12; Tiger's Tale 9-11; UIL Competition in News Writing 10; Drama Sweetheart 12.

Randi Reed•Golf 9-12; DECA 12; Spanish Club 10; Golf All District 9-12; Golf All Region 9-12; Top10% 9, 10.

Dominic Reyna•Track 9, 10; Football 9-11.

Chad Rice•Basketball 9, 10; Drama 9-12; One Act 11, 12; FFA 11; Tiger's Tale 11,12; UIL Competition in News Writing 11; Tiger's Tale Sweetheart 12.

Jemma Richburg•Band 9-11; Band Solo/ensemble 9, 10.

Courtney Rinehart• Basketball 9; Softball 9-12; FFA 9-11; Student Council 12; Volleyball 9-11; Volleyball All District 11 Softball All District 12; NHS 11, 12; Top 10% 9-12.

Elizabeth Rivas

Leslie Rollins•Track 9; Student Council 11, 12; Volleyball 9, 10.

Justin Rosson•Baseball 9, 10; Basketball 9-11; Football 9, 12; NHS 12.

Seth Rosson•Baseball 9; Football 9-12; Powerlifting 9, 10; Spanish Club 9; FCS 9-12; Student Council 9, 11, 12; FCS Sweetheart 12; NHS 12.

Tonya Salazar•DECA 12.

Margie Sanderson•FCCLA 9.

Vanessa Sarabia•Choir 9-12; Choir Solo/ensemble 9.

Veronica Sarabia•Choir 9-12.

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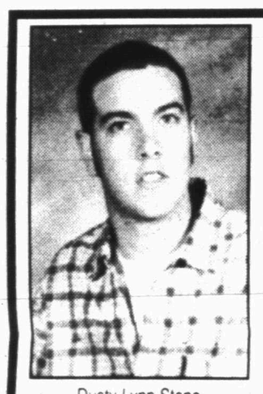
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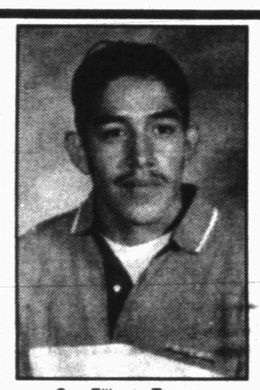
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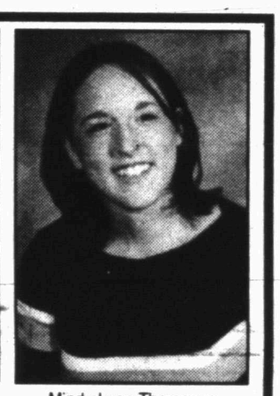
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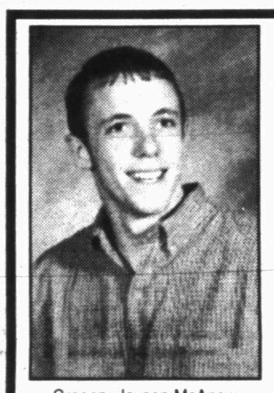
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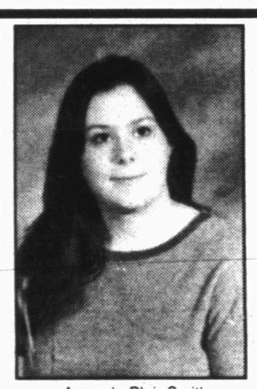
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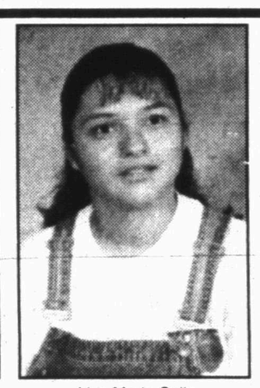
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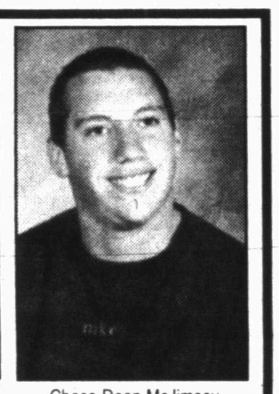
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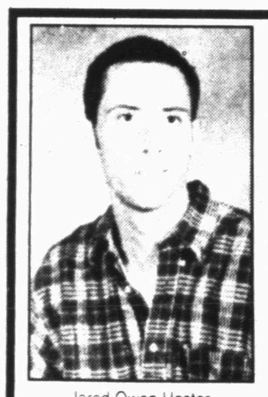
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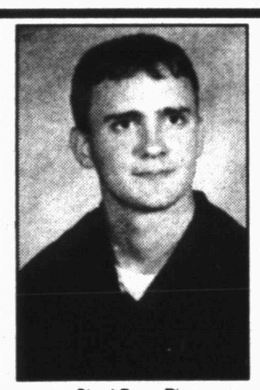
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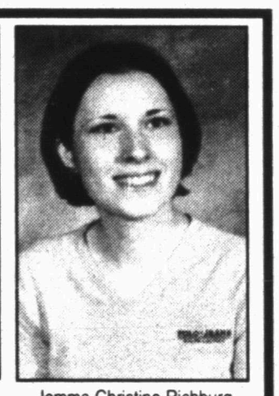
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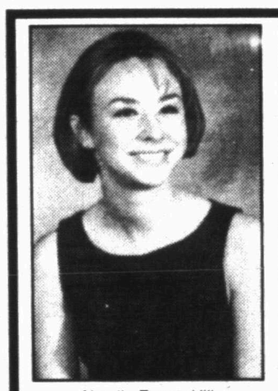
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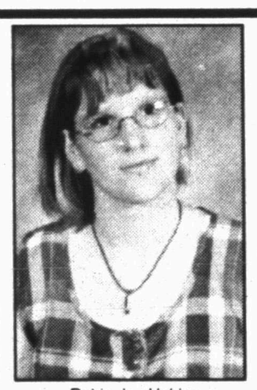
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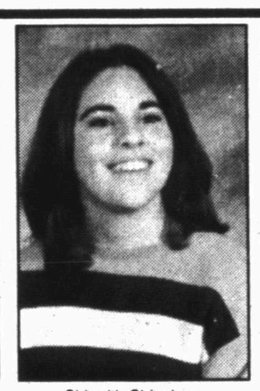
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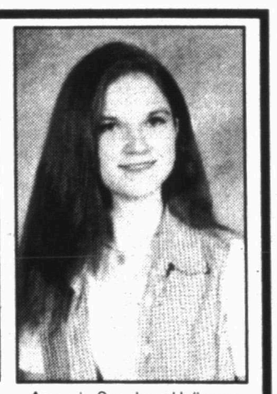
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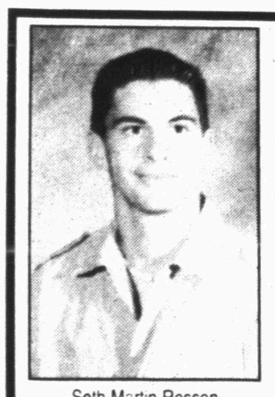
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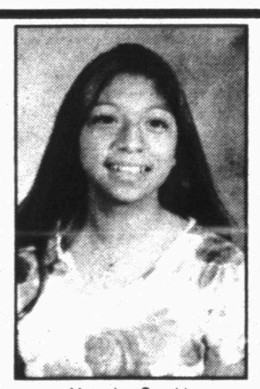
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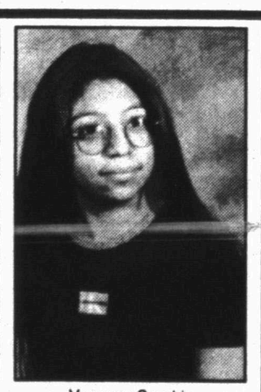
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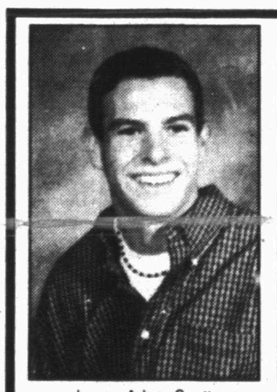
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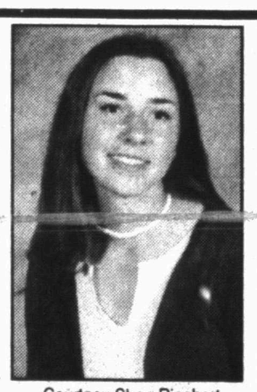
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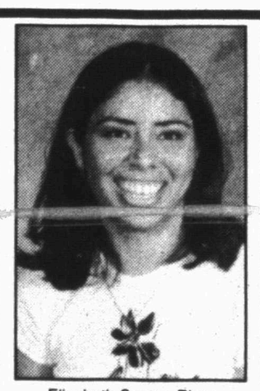
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Joe Villa•Art Club 11; Baseball 9; Basketball 9; Football 9; Forensics 12; French Club 10, 11.

Deanna Wagner•Basketball Manager 9, 10; Cheerleader 10; DECA 12; French Club 11.

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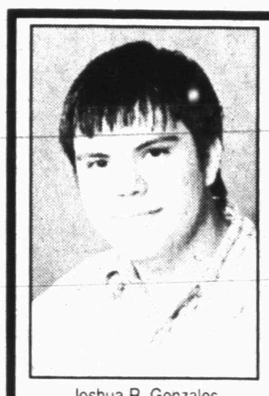
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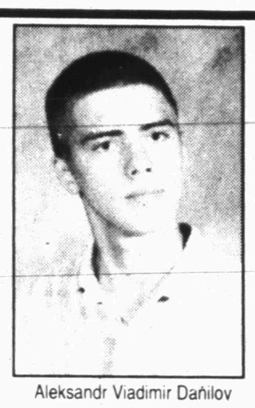
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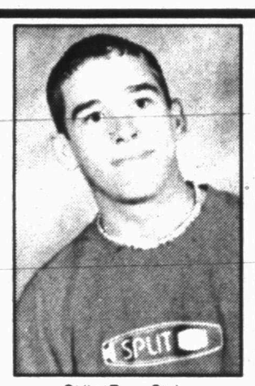
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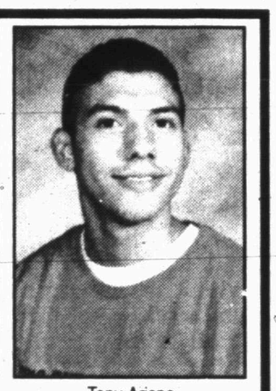
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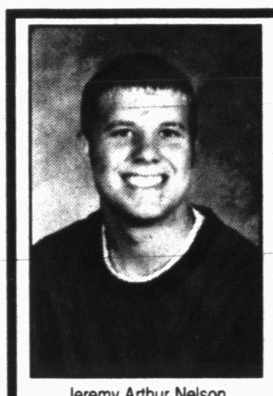
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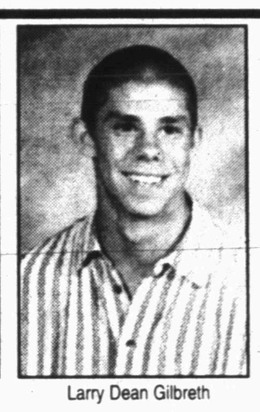
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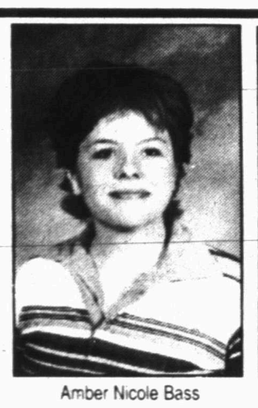
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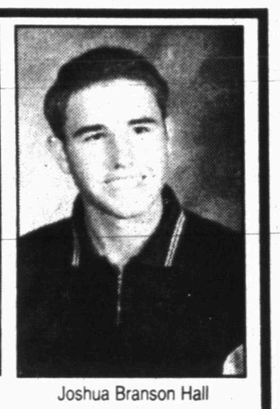
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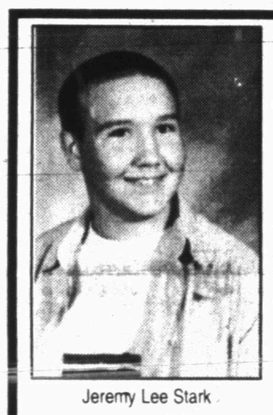
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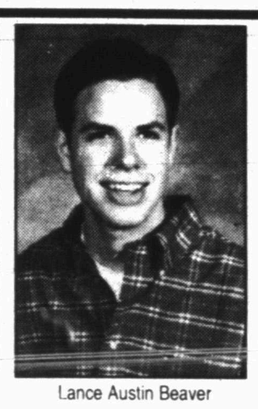
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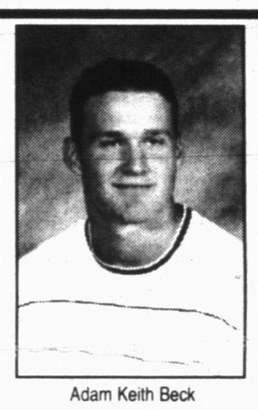
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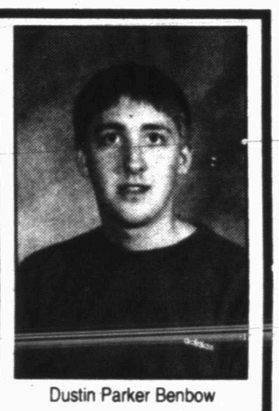
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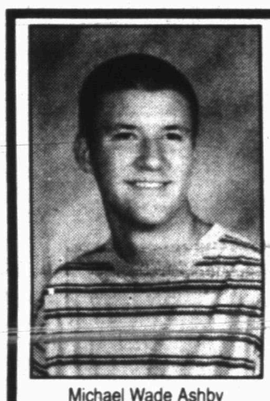
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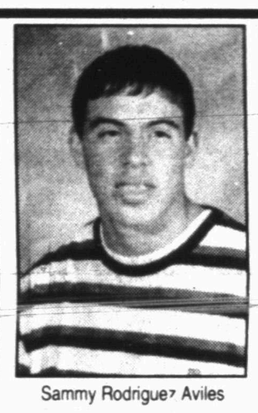
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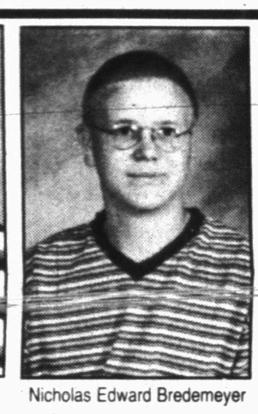
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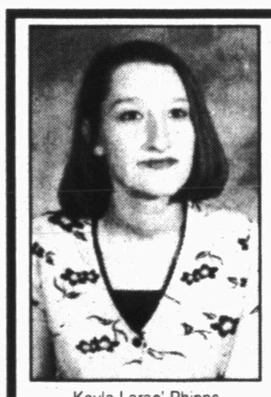
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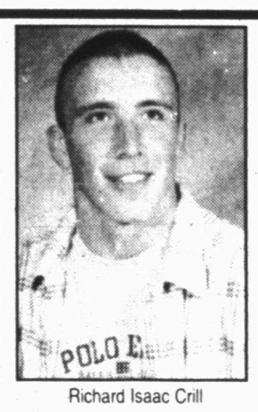
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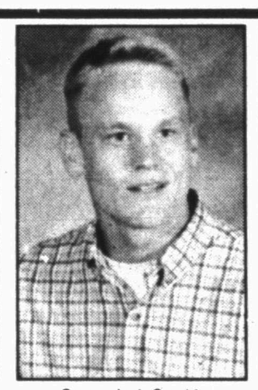
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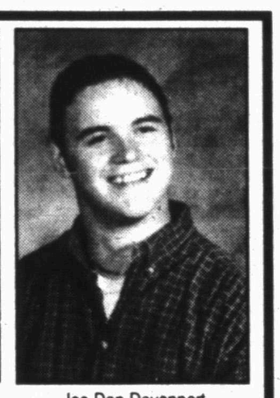
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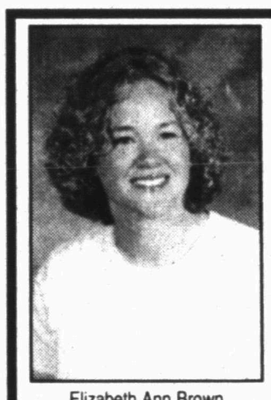
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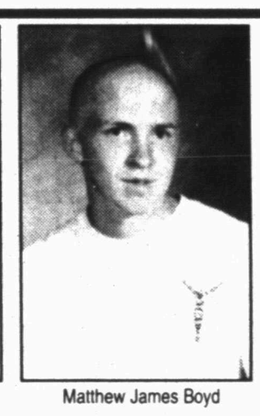
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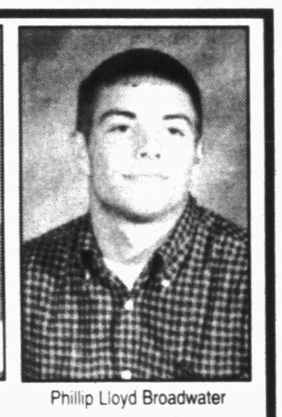
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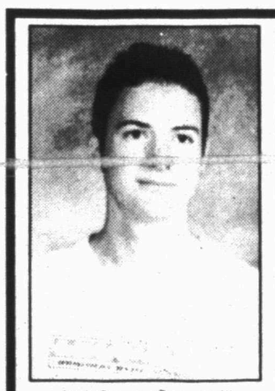
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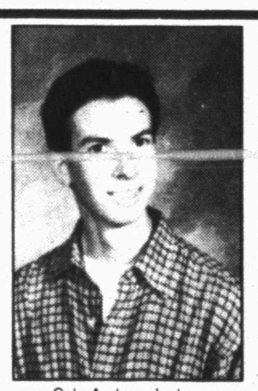
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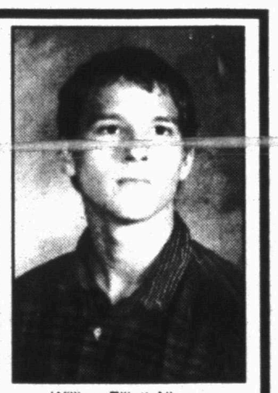
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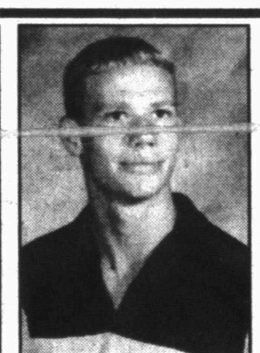
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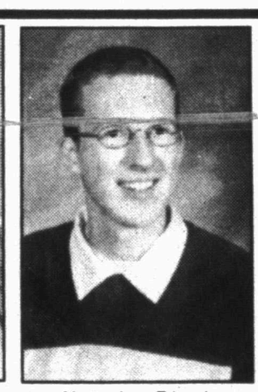
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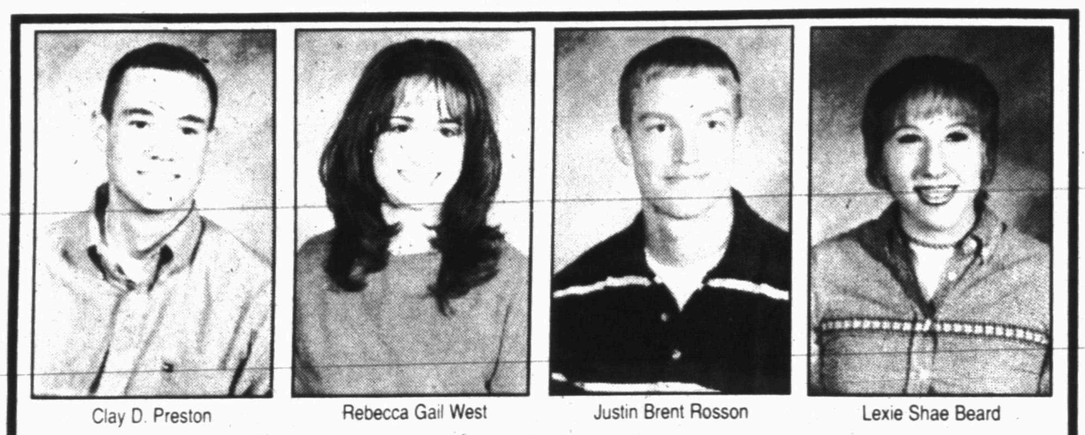

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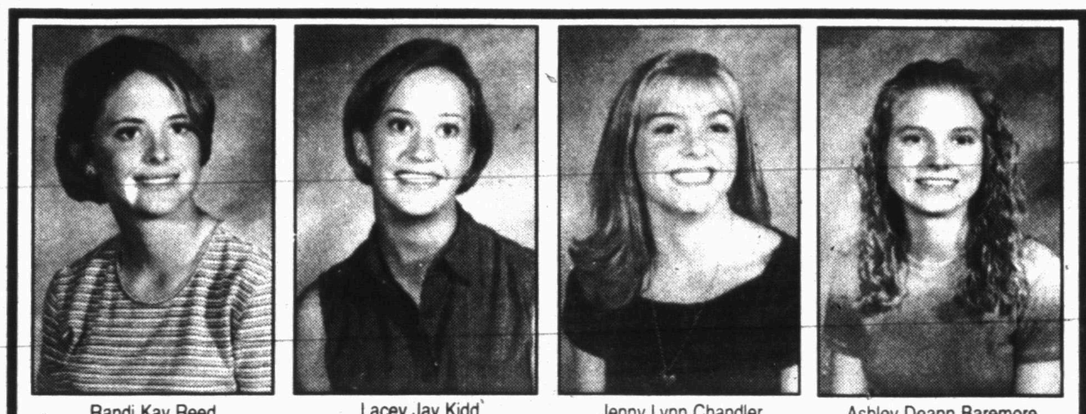

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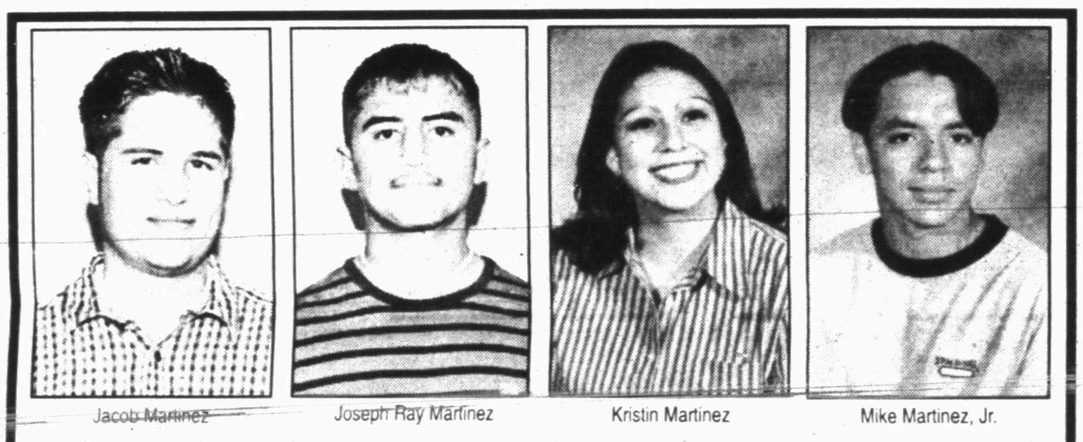

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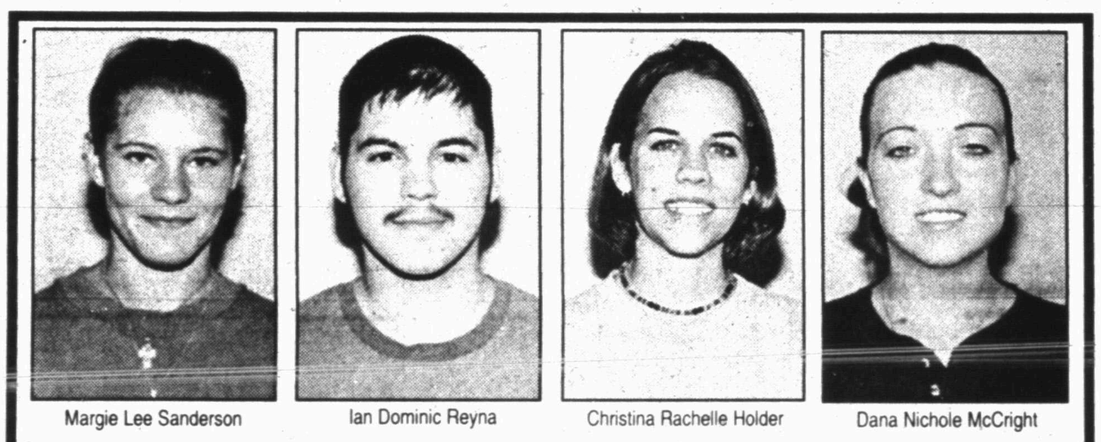

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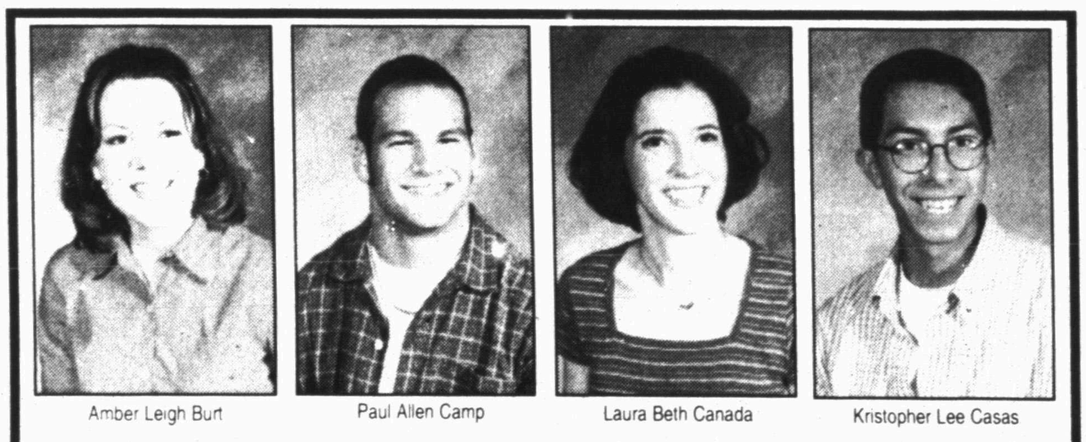

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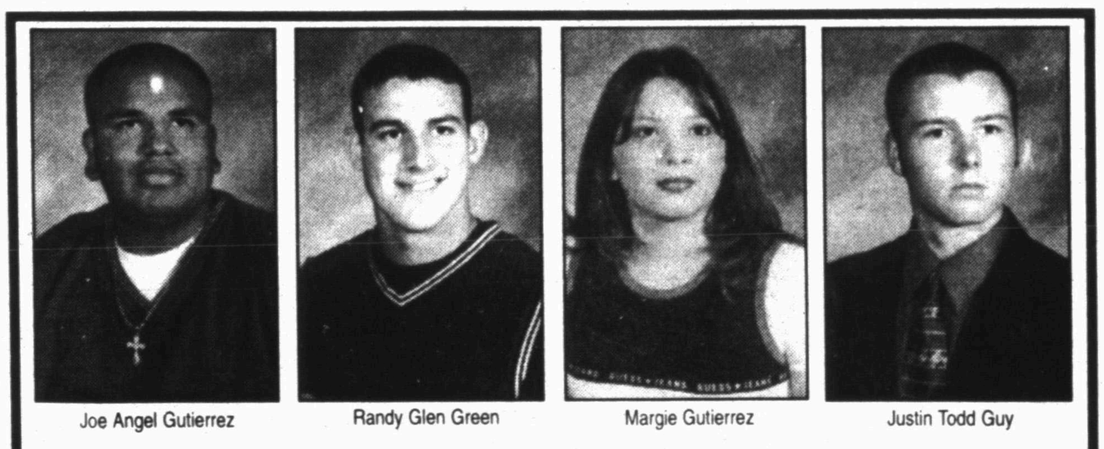

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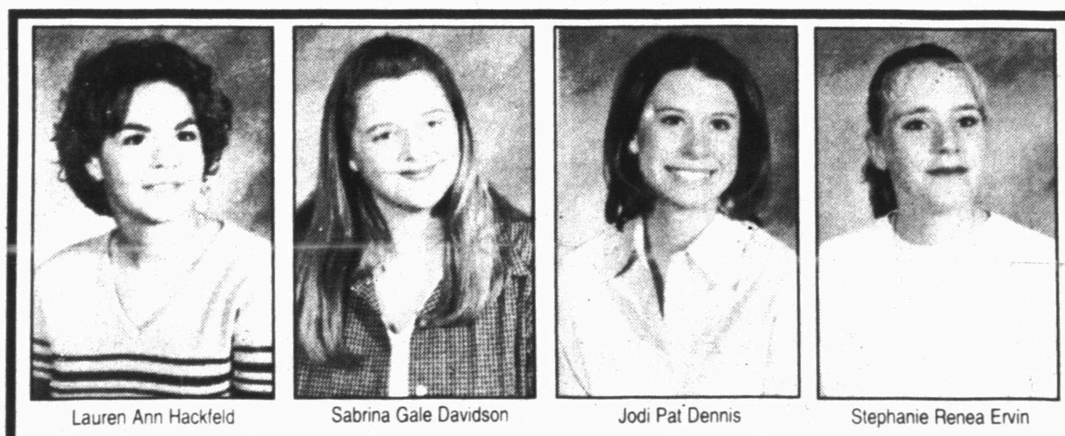

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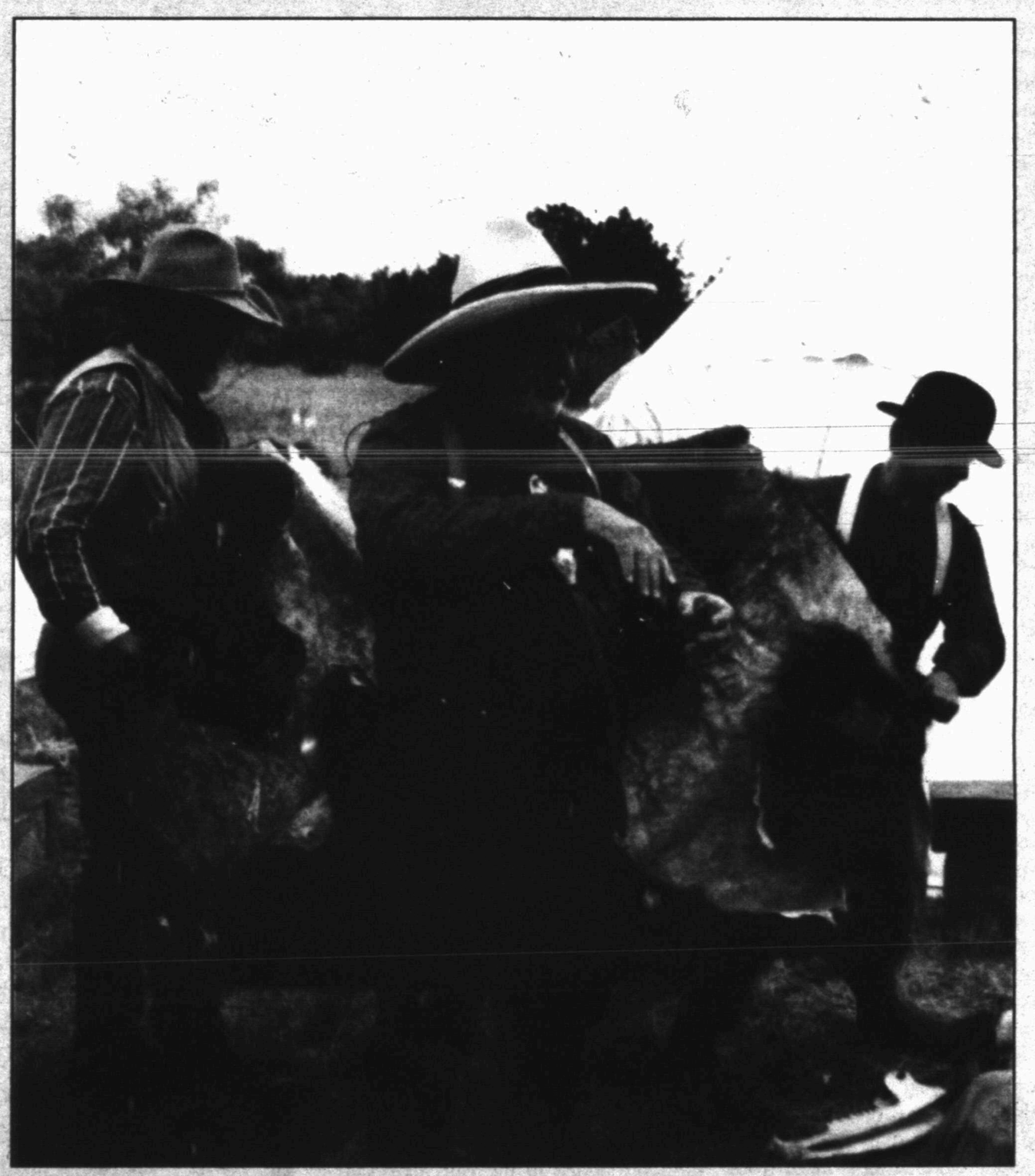

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Rath City *A Brief But Important Time in History*

By Gary Ford

For hundreds of years, the Double Mountain Fork of the Brazos River had served as a watering place for deer, antelope, foxes, cougars, wild turkeys, coyotes, and buffalo. The area looked quite different then—mesquites had not yet encroached beyond the bounds of a small thicket southeast of the Double Mountains; junipers, often called cedars, were not yet in abundance.

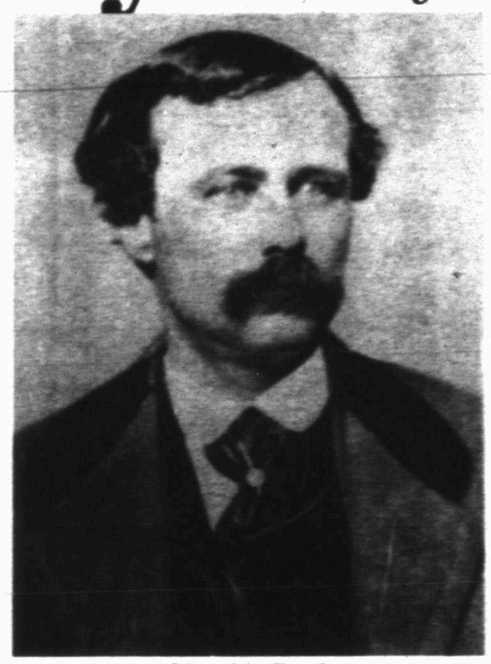
A lush covering of prairie grasses stretched to the horizons and cottonwood trees dotted the banks of the river. The deep canyons adjoining the river provided good protection for animals during the harsh winters and welcome shade during the hot summers.

"Civilization" had not reached the area in 1876. Cities such as Weatherford and Mineral Wells were beginning to crop up west of Fort Worth, which at the time was being hailed as "The Gateway to the West." The posts of Ft. Griffin and Ft. Concho marked the western edge of settlement on the Texas map, with all land west of these outposts designated as Kiowa and Comanche hunting grounds. Little did anyone suspect that events taking place 400 miles to the north would set in motion major changes for the area.

The states of Kansas and Colorado were no longer isolated from the rest of the country. Railroads had pushed to the border between the two in a frenzied effort to gain large landholdings that had been promised for swift completion. This activity, coupled with years of killing by hunters, had depleted the great Northern Herd of buffalo. Hunters were forbidden by law from hunting in Indian territory, later to become Oklahoma. Yet they knew that large herds of buffalo migrated northward each year almost to the Arkansas River in Kansas before turning around and heading deep into Texas.

Charles Rath had made quite a fortune selling supplies to the buffalo hunters and making a market in buffalo hides, which were being shipped from Dodge City, Kansas, to the East Coast and Europe to be used as buffalo robes, rugs, and decorations. Rath was a visionary, and his instincts told him that the prospects for profits in the area were slim. He talked to his partner, Robert Wright, and they struck a deal with Lee & Reynolds, who were established freighters, to take the hunters and the supply store to the buffalo.

Rath set his compass on due south and the oxen-drawn wagons carrying everything needed to carve trails, build the store, and outfit the hunters set out. Along the way, they added supplies from Fort Elliot and picked up Charlie Sing and his Chinese laundry equipment. Altogether, over two hundred wagons joined the expedition with some reports running as high as three hundred wagons.



Charles Rath
...about 1878
(Courtesy of Boot Hill Museum, Inc.)

Just after Christmas, 1876, the wagon train reached its destination—a mesa covering 200 or so acres of land, seventeen miles southeast of the Double Mountains. The Brazos River lay just a few miles to the north and a clear spring between the river and the site provided good water. The laborers quickly discovered a limestone outcropping just one-fourth mile to the west, and they began cutting and moving the stones up to the location Charles Rath had selected for his store.

After clearing away the prairie grass and setting the foundation stones, the workers began making adobe blocks with which they constructed the walls. Cedar poles were cut and used to support the roof, which consisted of sod-covered lumber. The windows and doors were fashioned from lumber, nails, and glass hauled from Kansas. Aside from an occasional cactus, the only plant that managed to fight its way out of the prairie grass was Agarita, also spelled Algerita, a plant similar to holly that probably added to the Christmas and New Year celebration as the new store was completed.

Always one to supply all of the needs of his customers, Charles Rath had freighted whiskey, tobacco, foodstuffs, and ammunition supplies. He also designed his store with room enough to accommodate several bunk beds in a dormitory-style room. The walls between the sleeping section and the store were fashioned solely of buffalo hides. These continually gave off their tallowy, drying leather smell, which combined with the smell of rotting carcasses and stretched hides soon became a normal part of life for city residents.

Most hunters were sleeping outside under hides stretched around cedar poles. The makeshift tents were very low to the ground and part of the hide served as a tent flap, making a fairly warm shelter with a dirt floor.

Charlie Sing set up his laundry as part of Rath's cluster of buildings. Some accounts put it in the back of Rath's Store, while others speak of a separate building adjacent to Rath's. The original group of buildings supposedly included a brothel and a whiskey house—both seen as necessary entertainment businesses to attract customers. Rath was selling everything on credit to the hunters and accepted payment in hides. Just as he did around Dodge City, Rath served as a trader, paying the hunters for the hides, "baling" them similar to cotton bales, and freighting them by oxen-drawn wagons to his store at Ft. Griffin and finally on to Ft. Worth.

Rath City began to grow rapidly in the spring of 1877. A hideyard and corral were created out of sod blocks. George Aiken put in a saloon and restaurant with dirt floors. He apparently did a booming business until another businessman decided that a saloon with a wooden plank floor would draw more customers to the "working girls" for dancing. Each weekend the empty hide wagons would return to Rath City from Ft. Griffin, bringing a new set of girls with them.

With entertainment firmly entrenched, the hunters needed a place to clean up and take care of medical needs. A barbershop appeared to be the answer, and soon hunters could take a bath, get a shave and haircut, and have teeth pulled without leaving the building. A blacksmith also set up shop and the town was almost complete.

The two mile round-trip to obtain drinking water from the spring seemed a bit tiresome, and Smokey Thompson decided there was money to be made, so he dug a cistern in Rath City's main street and hauled water from the spring into town in barrels and sold it by the bucket. With a ready supply of fresh water, Mr. Thompson found that the hunters despised the imported liquor available at the saloons, so he began

On the Cover

Jack Reuter's Buffalo Camp from El Reno, Oklahoma.

Welcome

The Board of Directors of the Historical Rath Trail Association Inc. welcomes you to the eighth annual "Back to Rath's Trail" historical festival. We hope that you will take the opportunity to participate in as many of the activities as possible in order to reflect upon and ponder the history of Texas.

We want to thank the John D. Ferguson family for allowing the public to visit the Rath City site during this event each year, and for their interest in preserving Texas' rich heritage and legacy.

A special thanks also goes to the **many** supporters and volunteers of this event who through their donations, time and services make this endeavor a continuing success.

Enjoy the weekend!

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producing his own beer and other beverages, becoming probably the first brewery in Stonewall County.

By fall of that year, a view from atop the Double Mountains might have been quite astonishing. There, one hundred miles from civilization and deep in Comanche territory, lay a bustling little combination of buildings surrounded on all sides by sometimes 300 tents of one style or another. Farther out on the flat land above the breaks of the river, acres and acres of buffalo hides were pegged to the ground, curing in the sun before being stacked three stories tall to await shipment to Ft. Worth. Forty miles in any direction the grassland was dotted with slaughtered and skinned buffalo, some missing their humps and their tongues, which were fast becoming delicacies both for the hunters and the eager markets back east.

The wholesale slaughter of over one million buffalo in the three years of Rath City's existence infuriated the Comanches and the Kiowas. To them, it was a tragic waste to kill such a large animal and not make use of every part of the carcass. They looked with rage at rotting meat that would never feed their families. They felt disgust for hunters that did not have the courage to face an animal head-on in death, but instead shot the animals from 100 to 300 yards away. The Indians even used the dried bones of the buffalo for implements, but the white hunters simply left them on the prairie.

The summer of 1877 was an unusually hot one, and no doubt it served to inflame the Indians to rid the land set aside for them by the state of its chief parasite. Several raids were led on Rath City. The hunters had received word of Indian uprisings and during one raid all of the wagons were circled tightly around the main buildings and all of the stock, both horses and cattle, were guarded within the sod corral. Later raids were more successful, due in part to the confidence that the hunters felt while staying at Rath City. Once, Indians rode at a gallop down the main street, past Rath's Store, making a circle around the hide piles before leaving to the north and

Way stone marking trail to Rath City

The stone is now on display at the Rath's Trail Headquarters museum.

taking every horse that wasn't in use at the time.

The buffalo hunters and traders weren't the only ones losing livestock. Ranchers from around the Albany area travelled to Rath City and offered saddle horses to any hunters willing to ride after the Indians and bills of sale on the hundreds of stolen horses which the Indians had taken from them. The Quohada Comanches drove the horses up into the blue sandhills near Plains, Texas, where they met with Apaches from New Mexico to trade their stolen goods. They reasoned that lawmen from one area would never travel so far to retrieve livestock.

One New Mexico resident came to Rath City that first year while hunting buffalo west of the Double Mountains. After hearing about the Indian problems, Pat Garrett left a card on his dugout that simply said, "Gone to Rath's Store." He followed a trail to the Double Mountains, and like most travelers, found a way stone at the base of the mountains that pointed southeast and was inscribed with "Rath City, Saloon and Dance Hall." Garrett supposedly returned to the Ruidoso-Ft. Sumner area and four years later killed Billy the Kid.

Other signposts pointed the way to Rath City. From the north, piles of buffalo skulls could be found along the trail from Dodge City to Adobe Walls, to Rath City, each with a stake in the middle holding a sign that announced Rath's Store, much like interstate billboards today. From the south, the 10th U.S. Cavalry, also known as the Buffalo Soldiers, came to Rath City from Ft. Concho (San Angelo) under orders to drive the Indians back to the reservation at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. They teamed up with the buffalo hunters and chased the Indians onto the caprock, down to the Colorado River, and back to the caprock before giving up in the heat of that terrible summer.

If Rath City came in with a bang, it went out with a whimper. Three years of non-stop hunting had decimated the Southern Herd. Buffalo hunters then spoke of travelling to Colorado or perhaps the new territory opening up in Wyoming. Charles Rath held the store open until it was no longer profitable, then directed his manager to remove all remaining merchandise and any fixtures that he could. He planned to consolidate his southern stores at Ft. Griffin.

The hunters told of a time between 1874 and 1876 when the buffalo were so thick north of the Double Mountains that "you could walk to the horizon on their backs." Where there had been a sea of brown, there remained only the new breed of entrepreneur—men who scavenged the prairie for the dried bones and skulls of the buffalo. They loaded large wagons twenty feet high with them and took them back to Ft. Worth to be sold for fertilizer.

Even the animals knew that the end of an era had come. Hunters talked about seeing the buffalo wolves, a species much larger than regular wolves, all moving northwesterly following the remnants of the herds to their new northern homes in Canada. Legend also has it that the rare herds of white buffalo travelled all the way to Alaska, where a small remnant is said to have survived to this day.

Rath City is only a memory today—a memorial to a level of commerce unimaginable by any standard we choose. It is a tribute to a pioneering spirit that acted when the Texas and United States governments couldn't or wouldn't. But it is also a sad testimony to the tremendous destruction that man is capable of committing and the insensitivity we are capable of showing to those we do not or cannot understand. The great natural riches of that time are no longer here for us to enjoy today. We may never thrill in our hearts to see the large herds of buffalo grazing just outside our city. Nor will we know the awe of climbing a ridge and sighting hundreds of tepees nestled next to the Brazos River. There is much to learn from Rath City. That is the reason we go "Back to Rath's Trail" today.

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Once again, a wide variety of musical entertainment will be offered during this year's "Back to Rath's Trail." And for the first time most of the musicians will perform at a new location, the First Baptist Youth Center (formerly the old Hamlin Post Office) on the corner of S.W. 3rd Street and S.W. Avenue A.

One of the first groups, **Lanny Fiel and the Ranch Dance Fiddle Band**, will begin playing at 1 p.m. Saturday. This band plays historic music from the days of cowboy and ranch dances in the Texas Panhandle. Playing traditional fiddle tunes, the band recreates music performed since the arrival of the first settlers on the Texas Plains.

In regular appearances across West Texas and Eastern New Mexico, the group provides a unique opportunity to experience this tradition. Their work with fellow artists and institutions that value the past ensures the preservation of this Texas musical heritage. Instrumentation ranges from solo fiddle to sixteen-piece band.

The Catclaw Creek Boys of Abilene will perform for their fourth year in a row at "Back to Rath's Trail." Members of the band include Taylor Rankin, Bill Casey, Herb Grover, and Greg Young. Their musical selections include songs of historical significance, country gospel favorites, and original material.

This year the band will give a special emphasis to *Precious Memories*

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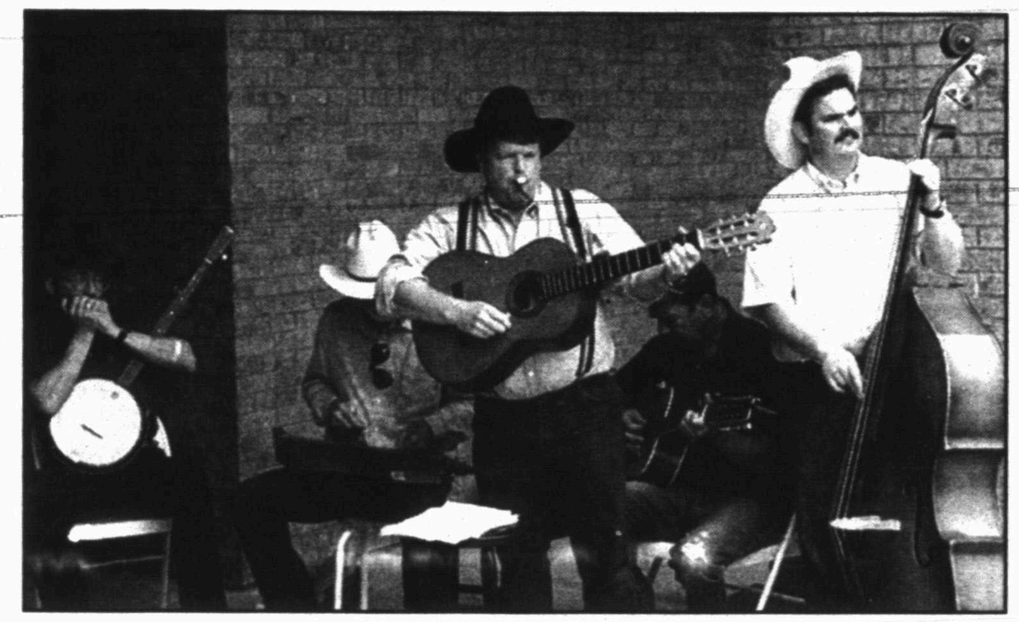
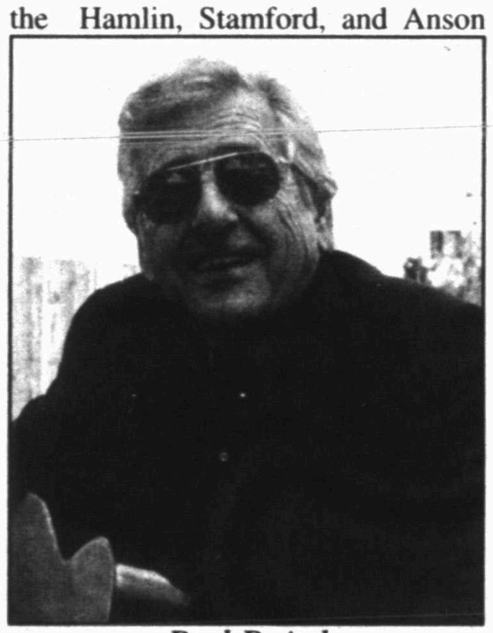


Catclaw Creek Band

by J. B. F. Wright. The group will use research compiled by Cheryl Lewis to share the story of how this song was written right here in Hamlin.

Line dancers from Sweetwater known as **The Dancing Queens** will perform at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the driveway of the Hamlin National Bank. This year will mark the group's third visit to Rath's Trail.

They will be followed by **The Buffalo Gals**, a group of line dancers from the Hamlin, Stamford, and Anson



Bud Baird

area. They began with 39 members on March 10, 1998 under the guidance of Maxine Ivy. Their performances include country line dancing, a form of entertainment often found in square dance clubs.

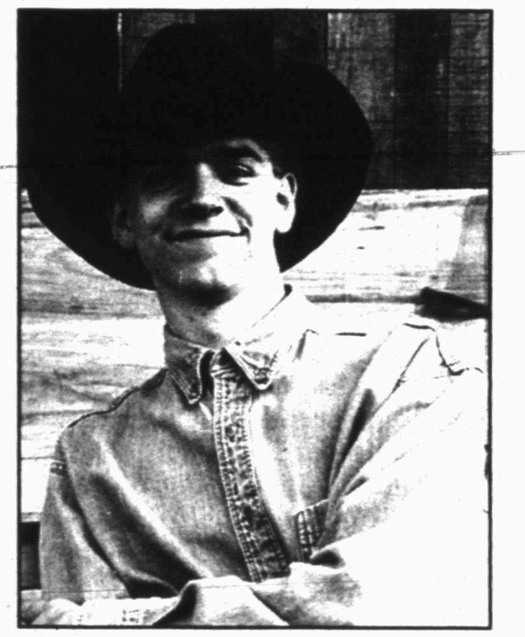
The Buffalo Gals appeared at last year's Rath's Trail festivities and at the West Texas Fair. Their most recent performance took place at Hamlin Elementary School as a part of Western Day 2000. Locally they meet every Monday between 6 p.m. and & 7:30 p.m. at the Hamlin Elementary Cafeteria.

On Saturday night, beginning at 8:45 p.m., **The Rueffer Boys** from the Metroplex will entertain the crowd at the Frontier Ball, to be held at Hamlin City Park Pavilion on S.W. Avenue E. The band consists of Dennis Rueffer and his sons Reggie and Chad, along with Danny Letz from Old Glory. Recently Reggie joined the Charlie Pride tour as a fiddle player.

This band's instrumentation includes steel guitar, fiddle, bass, guitar, and rhythm machine. The musicians play selections ranging from current hits to songs from the days of Western Swing. And the father and sons often team in three-part vocal harmony.

The Rath City Outdoor Worship Service will begin at 8:40 a.m. Sunday at the Rath City site. Local cowboy poet and singer **Bud Baird** will provide music for the event.

Bud began playing a guitar and singing at an early age. Today he also writes western and cowboy poetry and is available to sing and entertain for all occasions.



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Story Tellers & Cowboy Poetry

Visitors to this year's "Back to Rath's Trail" will have opportunities to hear stories of this area that might bring back old memories. The Mesquite Storytellers will gather at the First Baptist Youth Center (corner of S.W. 3rd Street and S.W. Avenue A) on Saturday morning to regale the crowds with their tales.

At 10:35 a.m. **Walter L. Woods** of Abilene will draw upon his years of experience and reading to entertain listeners with old and new stories. A graduate of Peacock High School, Woods spent almost forty years as the owner and operator of various businesses, including Peoples Investment Company, Woods Insurance and Real Estate, a 250 mother cow ranch, Weakly Newspaper, two grocery stores, and a company concerned with oil minerals and investments.

Now retired, Woods has also been a preacher, a budgeting instructor, and a Bible class teacher. He brings his life experiences and more to the tales he spins for his audiences.

Following Woods, **Naoma Huff**, also of Abilene, will tell her stories beginning at 11:15 a.m. Saturday. Of her avocation, Huff says, "As a member of the Mesquite Storytellers of Abilene, I became aware of the national revival of the art of storytelling and attended the National Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, Tennessee.

"Excited by the wide variety of material and professional style of the tellers, I was prompted to participate as a teller in our first Abilene Telebration in 1997. In 1999 during the spring Tejas Storytelling Festival in Denton, it was my privilege to hold a workshop for teachers and tellers wanting to broaden their skills with dialects, costuming, and music.

"Telling stories for adults and for children has also been my pleasure in Clyde schools, in libraries in Clyde, Abilene, and Throckmorton, and in churches."

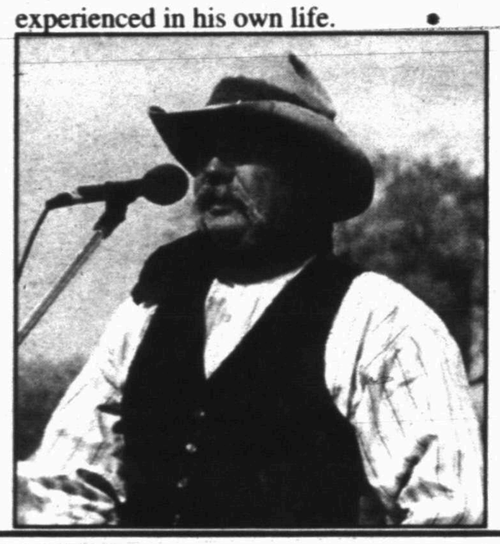
The final storyteller, **Rosanna Herndon**, enjoys old things--family narratives, old friends, and antiques of all kinds. Her original personal and family stories often come from the West Texas ranching country she calls home, as well as from life on university campuses where she was a communication professor for many years.

She says her best credential as a storyteller is that she was the daughter of a superb teller of tales. She has been named one of the ten outstanding college and university professors in Texas, and has received many other honors, including the Tejas Storytelling Association's John Henry Faulk Award.

Festival audiences across the country have enjoyed her stories and workshops. A featured teller at the National Storytelling Festival in 1996, Dr. Herndon has several popular audiotapes. She also has a volume of stories to be published this year.

Performing throughout the day Saturday at the Rath City site will be cowboy poet **Steve Rogers.** Rogers is West-Texas born and bred. Reared in the country around Stamford with the best of the worlds of ranching and farming, Rogers learned early of the hardships of the pioneers who settled this land.

A fourth-generation Texan, Rogers writes about history he learned from his grandparents, modernization learned from his own observations, and romance he experienced in his own life.



For the past 16 years he has been employed by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department as a park ranger. Now he is self-employed as a carpenter, welder, painter, cowboy, and writer. He is also a chuck wagon cook with his own wagon, and he cooks with mesquite to keep the Texas cowboy tradition alive.

Cowboy poet **Andy Hedges** will perform at the First Baptist Youth Center beginning at 1:50 p.m. Saturday. He has been a featured performer in numerous cowboy poetry gatherings, including the National Cowboy Symposium, the Larry Chittenden Cowboy Celebration, the Western Heritage Classic, and the 1999 Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Elko, Nevada.

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By J. Evetts Haley (from the San Angelo Standard-Times, May 16, 1948)
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The Rath Trail was an important trace across the buffalo turf in the memories of living men. It was not laid out by builders of homes, seekers of gold, or drivers of herds. But among the trails of the world it was unique. It was built on the business of buffalo hides.

In the early 1870s the spasmodic slaughter of the buffalo boomed into big business with the discovery of a commercial market for their hides. At once greasy and unkempt men, with the vigor of youthful meat eaters in their veins and the light of bold desire in their eyes, moved out on the frontiers of Kansas where the animals grew fat on the grass by the million. They fell upon them and mowed them down. They staked their hides to dry on the ground and hauled them to market at the newly-founded village called Dodge City.

Their hunting grounds shifted with the herd. And "the herd," as the millions of noble beasts were known, periodically moved with the strange, wild impulse that makes migration-north with the growth of grass in the spring and south before the slanting snows of fall.

Thousands of men pushed into the buffalo range into that vast expanse of unsettled plain that sloped gently into the sun for hundred miles between the frontiers of Kansas and Fort Concho in Texas. Not a railroad crossed its grass or tapped its trade.

But out of Dodge City came Charlie Rath in partnership with Lee and Reynolds, the great western army and Indian traders. His train of freight wagons was loaded with kegs of powder and whisky, bars of lead and boxes of tobacco, and other simple necessities of life that the hunters demanded. He pushed south in the fall of 1876 to Fort Elliott, which had just been built in the Texas Panhandle. There he was joined by 50 to 60 hunters, and with an immense train of wagons, each one with the usual six yoke of steers, they pointed south for the new and most profitable part of the hunting range.

Rath led the way with his compass on the horn of his saddle, following along the foot of the Plains, across Red River, over to the Brazos, and up the Double Mountain Fork near to the Double Mountains. There Rath established a hunter's trading post, built principally of poles and covered with hides. It boomed until the buffalo were gone as Rath City.

Along the rough rut of the Rath Trail that almost pointed the magnetic course from there to Mobeetie, the settlement at Fort Elliott, moved hundreds of thousands of high-stacked, flinty hides seeking a certain market at Dodge. Back down the trail sweating bullwhackers, each with "any eye skinned for Indians," brought the heavy loads of supplies the hunters had to have.

In two years the best of the trade was done and those noted South Plains hunters, the Mooar Brothers, took their 40 yoke of cattle and in one trip moved Rath City, kit and boodle, back up the Rath Trail to Camp Supply in Indian Territory. And except in the mellow memories of once vigorous men, the Rath Trail was gone.

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Artists

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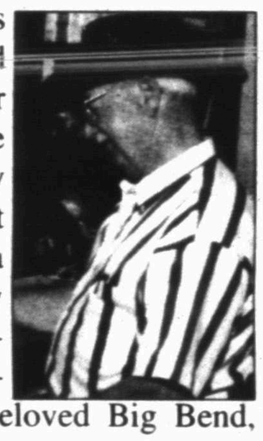
The artists whose work will be available at this year's show include Ken Rowland, Marvin Stevenson, Jim Shivers, Francys Flanagan, Paul Friske, Bernice Landrum, Barry Arthur, Christie Ray, Jane Harkins and Russel Yates.

Ken Rowland's favorite medium is watercolor; however, he also works in pastels and colored pencil. Whether portraying the fleeting beauty of a Southwest wildflower, a weary cowboy or the spectacular rugged landscape of his beloved Big Bend, Rowland's creative works have gained him a reputation for accuracy and beauty.



Residing in Sonora with his wife Mary, Rowland is semiretired. He began painting in 1974 with no formal art education. He has taken classes, however, from many well-known artists, including Tony Van Hasslet, Tom Lynch, James Boren, Bud Biggs and Tony Couch.

Rowland is a member of Watercolor Horizons, Southwest Watercolor Society and American Plains Artists.

Marvin Stevenson is a native of West Texas who maintains a studio in Odessa. He works in all media but prefers watercolor for his portrayal of Western and wildlife subjects.

His work has been accepted and shown in several regional and national exhibits, and has received numerous awards in both Texas and New Mexico.

Stevenson has a great appreciation of the beauty of Texas and its people, especially those ranching in West Texas. He says his goal is not to produce photographic realism but to move the viewer's spirit.

He is a signature member of the Southwestern Watercolor Society and American Plains Artists, and a member of the Watercolor Horizons and Odessa Art Association.

Jim Shivers creates still life, architectural portraiture and landscapes from his studio in Ferris. Watercolor is his primary medium.

He studied with Patricia Regan of Dallas, Ronald Thomason of Houston, Dick Turner of Houston and James Asher of Santa Fe. Accepted in numerous local and regional competitions, his watercolors can be found in corporate and private collections.

Shivers is a signature member of the Southwestern Watercolor Society and of the Artists and Craftsmen Association of Dallas.

Francys Flanagan, whose studio is in Ferris, conducts ongoing classes at the D'Art Visual Art Center in Dallas.

She uses her astute observations of human behavior, particularly man's relationship with his environment and his fellow man, as the foundation of her captivating paintings.

Flanagan says she was "helped immeasurably" by studying for five years with nationally known artist Dick Turner in Houston.

Paul Friske says of his work, "I do some oils, but pastels are my favorite. The colors are so vibrant and pure. I enjoy getting right to painting. Pastels allow this; no mixing, no waiting for it to dry. Just painting!"

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A native of Austin, Texas, Friske has exhibited his work in many art festivals and juried shows, winning Best of Show in Breckenridge (1989), Olney (1990), Oklahoma City (1990), Baird (1996), Stamford (1996) and Coleman (1998 and 1999).

Basically a self-taught artist, he has studied with Robert Miller, Ruth Adams, Doug Dawson, Steve Grey, Ramon Kelley and John O. Encinias. Friske is a member of American Plains Artist and the Society of Outdoor Painters.

Bernice Landrum, a lifelong resident of the Jones-Taylor Counties area, works primarily in acrylics and watercolors to produce both representational and impressionistic effects in her landscapes, still lifes, and florals.

A graduate of Hardin Simmons University with a degree in art, Landrum has exhibited her work in shows and galleries in Abilene and San Angelo. Collections of her paintings exist in four banking institutions and three universities in Abilene, at Western Texas College in Snyder, and with many businesses and individuals throughout the South and Southwest.

Barry Arthur's ability to bring into focus not only the heart of the subject but the thought and emotions of the artist is a prevailing characteristic of his work. Working from a palette of basic colors, Arthur creates scenes as vivid as the Great Southwest from which they are drawn.

When not researching his next piece or drawn away to an invitational showing, Arthur can usually be found at his Cedar Break Gallery in Sweetwater, Texas, which houses his studio and is operated by him and his wife Judy.

Christie Ray is a versatile Odessa watercolorist known for her bright florals, churches, and paintings of children. She began painting with watercolors about fifteen years ago and was one of the charter members of Watercolor Horizons.

Her work in local and regional shows has taken many awards, including Best of Show. A featured artist in the annual "Art in the Heart of the Basin Tour" in Odessa, her paintings are in both private and corporate collections.

Ray says, "I only wish I could paint the incredible paintings that are in my head, with all the intense, singing colors, but they never come out as beautiful. But I try every time, and I can only hope to get closer."

Jane Harkins, a native of Biloxi, moved to Abilene in 1993 where she has spent the last seven years studying oil painting under the guidance of renowned artist Evelyn Niblo.

Her work has been displayed throughout several cities in Texas and New Mexico. Many of them reflect life on the Circle R Ranch where she now resides with her 14-year-old son, Craig Fike.

Russell Yates lives in Rotan, Texas, where he works on his art in his barn on his ranch northwest of Hamlin. Self-taught, he began working as a welder before moving on to Western Art.

Yates will be displaying his unique bits and spurs at this year's show.

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The Rueffer Boys, see story page 5

Ft. Concho and Rath City

Frontier Defense to be Set Up at Rath City Site

By Tom Avant

The 1860's and 1870's saw a large movement of settlers into territory that for hundreds of years had been the exclusive domain of nomadic Indian tribes. With these settlers came wagon trains and mail routes in need of protection from marauding bands of warriors who resisted the intruders as threats to their way of life. Thus military outposts sprang up all over West Texas. One of them was Fort Concho, located near present-day San Angelo.

Black soldiers who wished to remain in the United States Army following the Civil War were organized into the Ninth and Tenth Cavalry Regiments. Their service in controlling hostile Indians on the plains of western Texas during the next 20 years was invaluable and, for many years, unrecognized. During most of that time these two regiments were headquartered at Fort Concho, but they made frequent excursions into the area of Rath City.

The Indians who encountered the men of these two regiments called them "buffalo soldiers" because their dark skin and kinky dark hair reminded the Indians of their revered buffalo, and the soldiers considered their title a badge of honor. In a series of pitched battles between the military and the Indians during 1874 and 1875 known as the Red River War, the black troopers played a significant role in the elimination of the Indian threat.

However, sporadic violence continued and sometimes brought the Fort Concho soldiers into contact with the hunters and skinners who headquartered at Rath City. One example occurred when Chief Nigger Horse secured permission from the reservation agent at Fort Sill to make a hunt into West Texas. A buffalo hunter named Marshall Sewell and his outfit had been camped below the Caprock to the east of Lubbock County.

A party of Nigger Horse's band came upon Sewell while he was making his daily kill of buffalo. The Indians hid until Sewell had expended all of his ammunition and then killed him.

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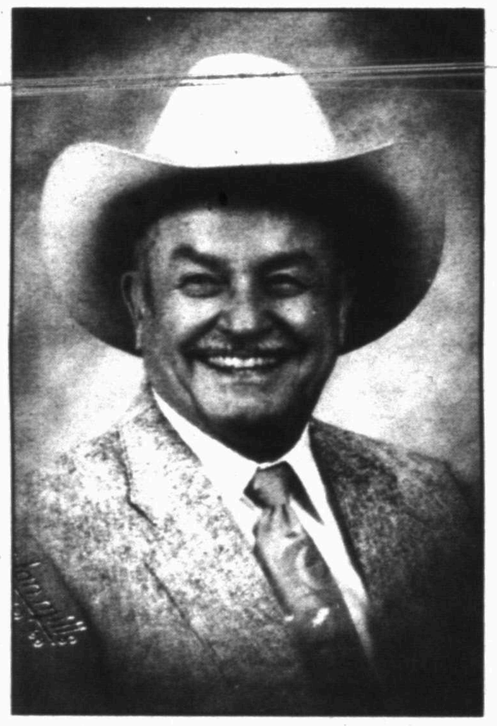

Artist Marvin Stevenson, see story page 8

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Frontier Defense Continued

This incident was witnessed by Sewell's three skinners who were about a mile away.

These skinners made their way to Rath City, where news of the attack spread quickly. Hunters began to converge on this supply base, where liberal portions of alcohol caused 500 men to volunteer to go after the Indians. The next day, having sobered, a mere 46 men and a barrel of whiskey departed in pursuit of the Indians, with Jose, a Mexican guide who had been with Col. Ranald S. Mackenzie, commander of the Tenth Cavalry, during the Red River Wars.

The expedition proceeded to Sewell's camp where they picked up the trail of the Indians. The group left their wagons along the way at Buffalo Springs. From there, they eventually trailed the Comanches into the "Hidden Canyon," the elbow of the Yellow House where the Lubbock Lake Site is now located. There they managed to get within gun range of Nigger Horse's camp without being discovered.

When they opened fire on the Indians, Nigger Horse's camp returned the fire with such spirit that the hunters took whatever cover they could find. They began to retreat along the Long Water Hole, their courage dissipating in direct proportion to the exhaustion of the whiskey supply. Eventually, they retreated to the wagons at Buffalo Springs as the Indians followed at a distance. They managed to get the wagons out of Buffalo Springs and headed back eastward as fast as they could. When daylight came, they started great prairie fires behind them as smoke screens and managed to return to Rath City on March 22, 1877, 23 days after their departure.

News of the battle soon reached Ft. Griffin, and on March 29 Capt. P. L. Lee, of G Company, Tenth U.S. Cavalry, with five Tonkawa Indians for guides, scouts and trailers, and 72 black troopers, took the field in pursuit of Nigger Horse's band. And in a few days Capt. Lee and his buffalo soldiers found the Indians and captured their camp, along with all their women and children. Nigger Horse and his squaw were killed as they were trying to escape capture.

On April 25 Capt. Lee and his detachment of soldiers rode into Rath City, bringing with them most of the women and children of Nigger Horse's band. They camped near the trading post for the night, and Capt. Lee rode over to the saloon where he regaled the assembled hunters and skinners with the details of his expedition. He also warned them that Indian raids upon Rath City could come at any time.

And shortly after dawn on May 1, 1877, two parties of Comanches raided Rath City and stole over 100 horses. The Indians struck while the hunters were sound asleep. The two men on guard earlier had taken all the horses northeast of the camp and let them loose to roam and graze at will. Of the 50 men at Rath City that morning, all but two were left without mounts. That same morning the hunters began planning their revenge with the formation of a group that came to be known as "The Forlorn Hope."

The summer of 1877, with searing temperatures and a bone-dry drought, took a heavy toll on everyone in the area. About noon on July 20, Captain Nicholas Nolan and Lieutenant Charles Cooper with Company A, Tenth U.S. Cavalry, out of Ft. Concho, arrived at the camp of "The Forlorn Hope" with a regiment of buffalo soldiers. Nolan had received orders from General Ord to assist the hunters in their attempts to rid the area of renegade Indians. But as the men chased the Indians over the Staked Plains, their ranks were so weakened by lack of water that they finally had to give up and return to Ft. Concho or Rath City. Many of them died of thirst, and some of them went as long as 96 hours without water. The entire ordeal came to be known as Nolan's Lost Expedition.

But three years of non-stop hunting wiped out the southern herd of buffalo and ended the Indian threat. The buffalo soldiers from Ft. Concho were then no longer needed in the vicinity of Rath City, so they returned to their post until they were later moved further west to Arizona.

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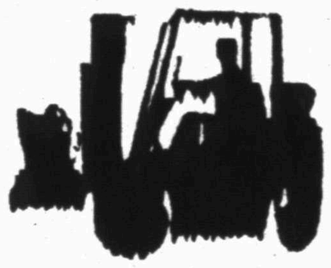

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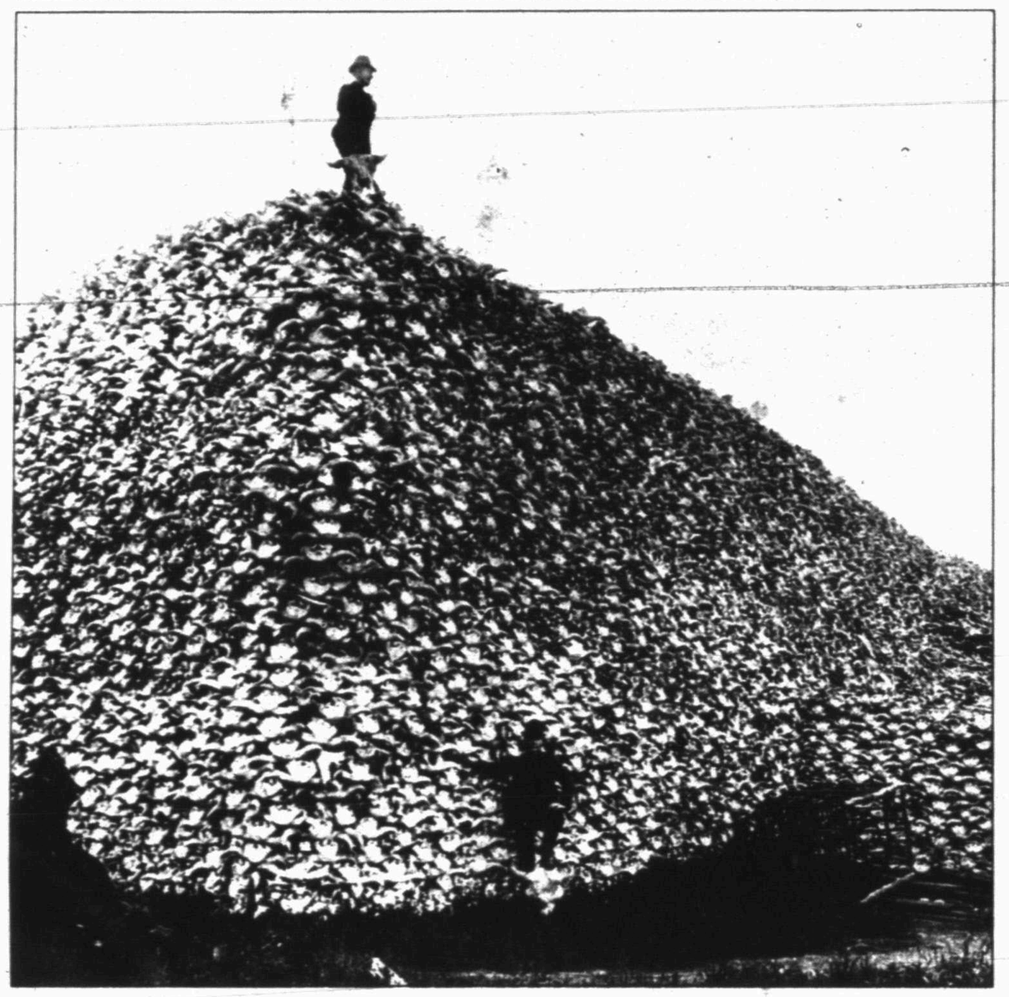

Bone Pile

Men on top of and in front of a pile of buffalo skulls gives a sense of scale as to the enormous size of the skeletal remains of what was once the Great Plains buffalo herd. After the slaughter of the roaming herds, the dried bones were collected and used for fertilizer.

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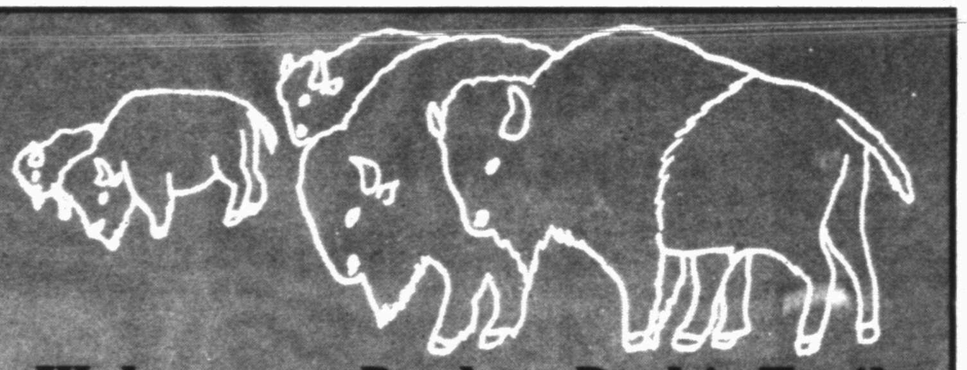
Back to Rath City

by Steve Rogers

The time has come again for Rath City's history and fun
With buffalo skinners, cowboys and their black powder guns
At least 120 years have passed since the buffalo roamed
And there was a demand for their meat, hides and bones
To the Indians the buffalo was food and shelter you know
They killed the mature cows and bulls and left the young to grow
Tipis and robes were made from the hides and they ate the meat
They made moccasins and sandals to wear on their feet
The bones were used for making knives, skewers, and spoons
The head was used for hunting ceremonies under the moon
Every part of the buffalo was used either to eat or for a tool
The rawhide was stretched over wooden frames to make a stool
Indians believed the spirit of the buffalo sprang up from the Earth
And piles of buffalo skulls would bring on their "re-birth"
It was the medicine man's job to decide where and when
the tribe could find the "Great Bison Herd" again
But the red man and the white man met on the prairie head-on
Fighting for control of the land where the buffalo roamed
A million plus was the total estimated bison herds population
Until white-man and the Sharps 50 cal. started their annihilation
After Rath City was established as a hide and supply town
The bison herd started steadily dwindling down
Because of the white-man's market for buffalo hides
The demands got stronger until the market died
When the last of the buffalo were finally gone
All that was left were sun-bleached skulls and bones.



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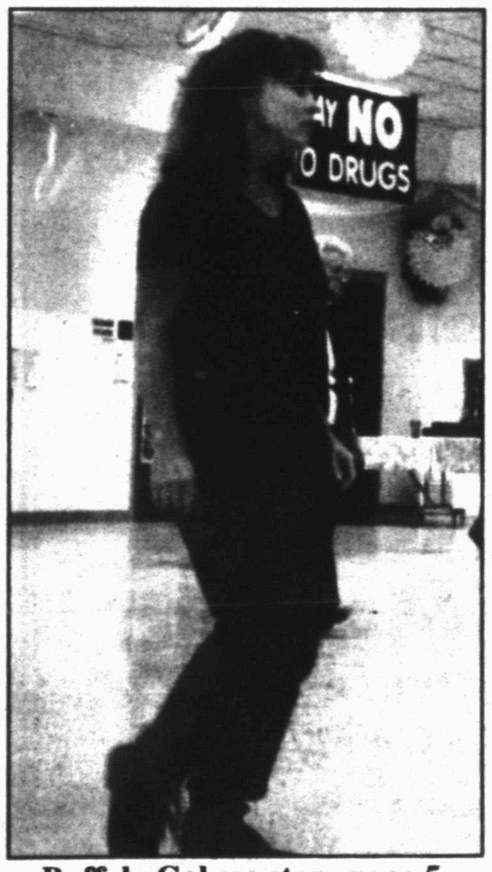
The Longbothams, historians and retired college professors, are involved in ranching where they raise Hereford cattle and bison. They participate in many programs relating to Western heritage events and are active members of the Texas Bison Association and the National Bison Association.

The couple will be selling and autographing their books while they are in town.



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The Fort Griffin Connection

by Tom Avant

By the time Charles Rath and his wagon train reached their destination just after Christmas in 1876, Fort Griffin had been in existence for almost ten years. Originally established on July 31, 1867, about 35 miles up the Clear Fork of the Brazos River from Ft. Belknap, Ft. Griffin was intended to protect settlers of the area from Indians who saw the newcomers as threats to their way of life.

By all accounts, soldiers regarded Fort Griffin as a miserable duty assignment. They were housed in six-man shanties constructed of picket measuring 13 feet long by eight and one-half feet wide by six feet high. The cramped quarters and stifling ventilation coupled with a lack of bathing facilities made the post, according to one departmental commander, unfit for human habitation.

Not surprisingly, then, the troops were anxious to engage any potential enemy to escape the confinement of their quarters, and soldiers from Fort Griffin served in every decisive campaign against Kiowas and Comanches. But by the end of 1875 the Indian wars had moved further west, and the soldiers had to endure the drab conditions of life on the post.

Ft. Griffin, the military outpost, had been built atop a 100-foot mesa for protection against invading Indians, but as the Indian threat decreased, the town of Fort Griffin, known locally as The Flat, grew up around the fort and became a place where the soldiers could escape the monotony of everyday routine. Officers and enlisted men mingled freely in the saloons, gambling rooms, and brothels of The Flat, and the town grew and became a thriving trade center with a reputation for crime and vice. This was the Ft. Griffin that Charles Rath, his partners, and the buffalo hunters encountered.

Soon after his arrival at the site that later became known by his name, Rath continued his trade of selling supplies to the buffalo hunters and making a market in buffalo hides. He sold everything—whiskey, tobacco, foodstuffs, and ammunition supplies—on credit to the hunters and accepted payment in hides. He would then bale the hides, similar to cotton bales, and freight them by oxen-drawn wagons to his store at Ft. Griffin (The Flat) and finally on to Ft. Worth. And each weekend the empty hide wagons would return to Rath City from Ft. Griffin with a new set of "working girls" to entertain the hunters.

During the time of Rath City the main industry in The Flat was hides. Hunters often used Ft. Griffin as their base because of its ready access to buffalo ranges such as those in the vicinity of Rath City. According to reports, one store alone warehoused 30 tons of lead and five tons of powder, making the hunters' work much easier and hastening the decimation of the buffalo herds. During the 1877 season, when Rath City was booming, about 200,000 hides were shipped through Ft. Griffin.

But Ft. Griffin had been founded for frontier defense, and with the pacifying of the Plains Tribes, it was no longer necessary. In May 1881 the government ordered the post abandoned and the Army left. With the closing of Ft. Griffin, the town dwindled until the end of the century, when it was abandoned. By that time the buffalo herds, and with them, Rath City, had disappeared.

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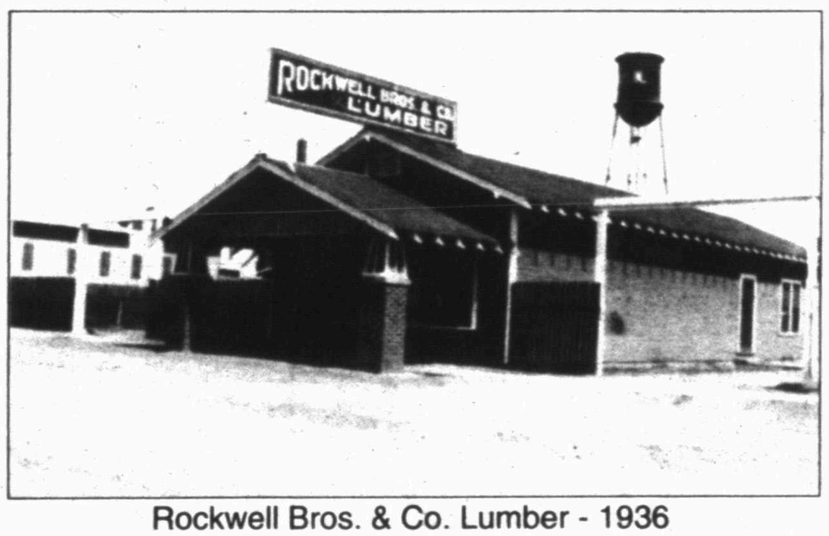

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Gift selections including Howard Miller Clocks, Red Mill (crushed pecan shell collectables), Berndes Cookware, Corning Ware, Soap by the Slice, Small Electrical Appliances, Baby Gift Selections, Bridal Registry, and more....

A gift for every occasion
with free gift wrapping

Location of Exhibits, Restaurants, Public Restrooms and RV Parks

Exhibits

A Hamlin National Bank: 231 S. Central
Lobby: Visitor's Center/Artifacts Exhibit-Sat.
North Bank Parking Lot: Armadillo Races
Texas Gunslingers
Driveway-North and Middle Lanes Only:
The Buffalo Gals - Line Dancers
The Dancing Queens - Line Dancers
South Bank Parking Lot: Model "A" Car Club
Live Buffalo Exhibit
Front: Shuttle Service to Rath City

B G&G Carpets:335 S. Central, Quilt Exhibit - Sat.

C Hamlin High School: 450 S.W. Ave. F
Beginning for 5K fun run/walk -
"Runnin' the Buff"

D Cooper Insurance Agency: 136 S. Central
Fine Art Show/Sale - Saturday

E FBC Youth Center (former Post Office building): Corner of S.W. 3rd & S.W. Ave, A.
Magic Show/Storytellers/Musicians/Poetry

F Cooper Oil Company: 12 S. Central
Texaco Memorabilia Collection/Exhibit

G Masonic Lodge Hall: S.W. 2nd, Double Glass Doors
Slide Presentation: "The Buffalo Hunters"
Miles Gilbert

H City Park: S.W. Avenue F - Frontier Ball -
8: 45 p.m. - 12 midnight - The Rueffer Boys

I Rath's Trail Headquarters/Chamber of Commerce; 245 S. Central - Rath City Artifacts/ Historic Hamlin Photos

J Corner Lot - 400 Block of S. Central
Petting Zoo/Children's Activities

K Corner of S.W. First & Ave. B
Lion's Club Satruday Breakfast 7:30 - 9:00 a.m.

L First United Methodist Church: 48 S.W. Ave. A
Saturday Evening Fundraiser 5 - 7 p.m.

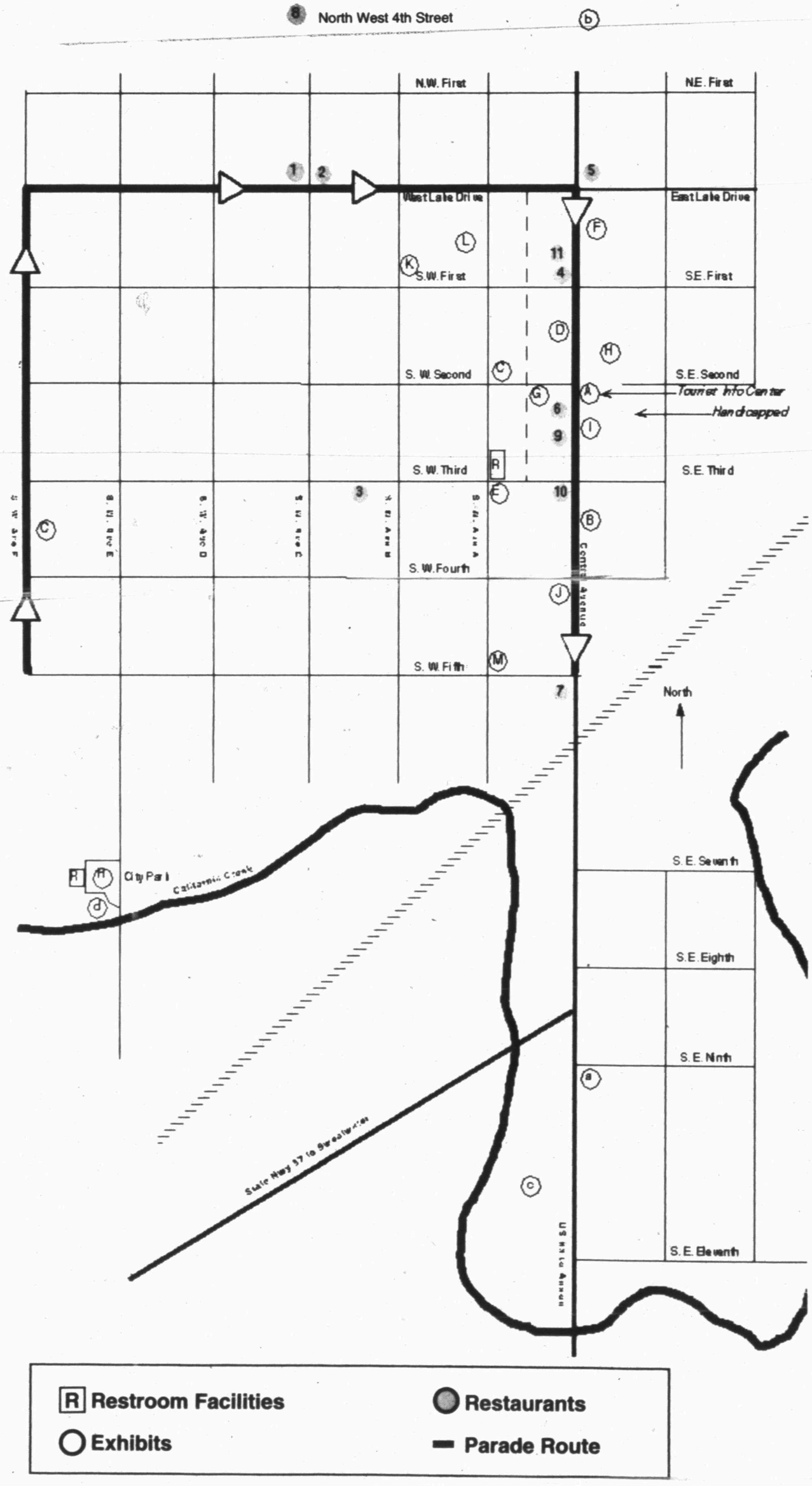
M Hamlin Activity Center: S.W. Fifth/Ave A
Holy Trinity Catholic Church Festival

Restaurants

1 Pied Piper Grocery & Deli, Pizza Pro, *310 West Lake Drive*
2 Jordan's Drive-In, *250 West Lake Drive*
3 Embrey's Snack Bar, *207 S. W. Third*
4 Dairy Queen, *32 S. Central Ave.*
5 Hatahoe, *1 N. Central*
6 Quality Cafe, 218 S. Central Ave.
7 Rath City Steak House, *11 S.W. Fifth Street*
8 *K&J Bar-B-Que, 320 N.W. 4th*
9 *Grammy's Tea Room, 224 S. Central*
10 *Dude's Corner, 310 S. Central*
11. *Gloria's Kitchen, 28 S. Central*

Motel and RV Hook-ups:

a Pied Piper Inn, *U.S. 83 South*
b Hamlin RV Park (water, electricity, sewer) *300 block of North Central*
c Roadside Park (electricity, water), *U.S. 83 South*
d Hamlin City Park (water, electricity), *S.W. Ave. F*



Historians to Bring Rath City Era Alive

History of the Rath City area and the Plains will be presented throughout the day Saturday at the Rath City site and inside the Hamlin Masonic Lodge Hall located on S.W. Second Street, a half-block west of South Central Avenue.

Clive Siegle, associate professor of history at SMU, will make two presentations under the tent at the Rath City site. Beginning at 10:55 a.m. he will discuss "Smoke on the Horizon: Indians, Soldiers, & Ersatz Militia on the High Plains 1871-1879," and at 1:30 p.m. he will discuss "Who Ate All the Buffalo?: New Questions and New Culprits in the Great Buffalo Slaughter," or "Could It Be That the Hide Hunters Don't Smell That Bad After All?"

Siegle teaches history classes in 19th century Texas and Southwestern history at SMU. He has been a key resource for information concerning Rath City and has been involved with "Back to Rath's Trail" since its beginnings. A William P. Clements Fellow of Southwestern History at SMU, Siegle is currently researching the archives of the Hispanic cibollero buffalo hunters for an upcoming publication.

At 11:30 a.m. and 3:40 p.m. **Miles Gilbert** of Eager, Arizona, will conduct a presentation entitled "The Buffalo Hunters" inside the Hamlin Masonic Lodge Hall. His talk will include anecdotes from hunters, a slide-illustrated presentation of what it was like to be a hunter on the buffalo range, and period artifacts such as a Sharps rifle and skinning knives.

Gilbert earned a PhD in Anthropology at the University of Kansas in 1971. He is the author of three books: *Mammalian Osteology, Avian Osteology,* and *Getting a Stand.* The latter is an anthology of reminiscences by men who were themselves buffalo hunters in the period 1870-1884.

He is currently assembling an *Encyclopedia of Buffalo Hunters and Skinners* that includes information on over 700 men and four women. He is also working on a book detailing the material collections of the Hubbell Trading Post.

Below:
Miles Gilbert pictured with his wife, Cathryn.

Historians Jack and Elisabeth Longbotham. See story page 13.

Welcome to Rath City

GRAMMY'S TEA ROOM
HAMLIN CLOTHESLINE

Serving on Saturday, June 3rd, from 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

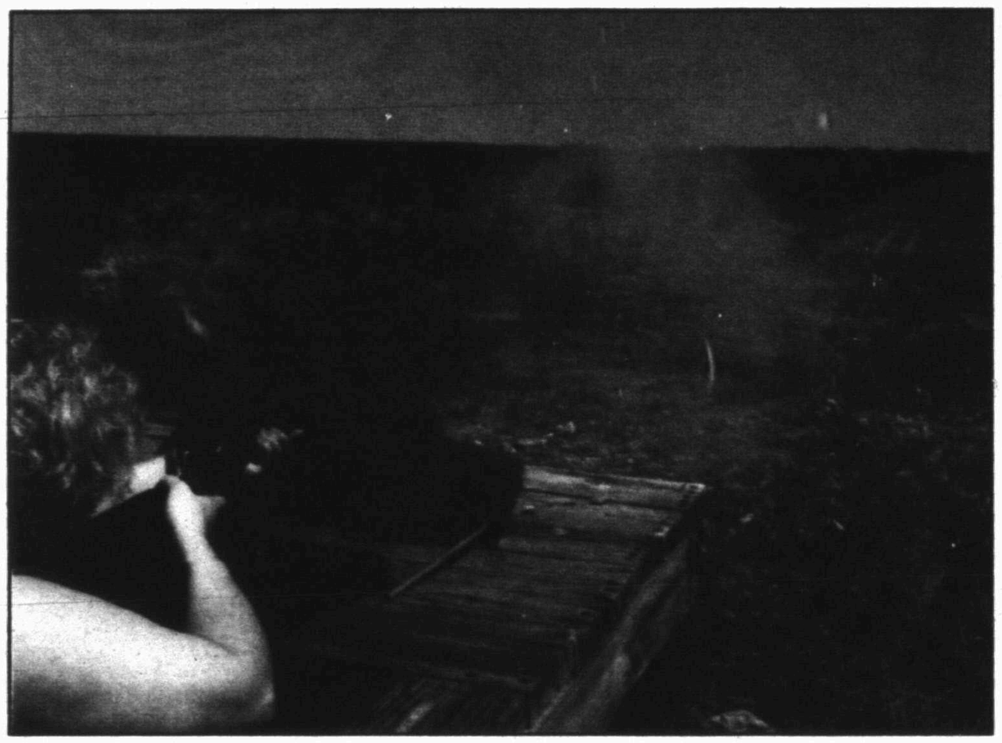
HOUSE SPECIALTY:
Chicken Salad Plates and Sandwiches

Regular Business Hours: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
Lunch Hours: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

224 S. Central
Hamlin, Texas 79520

(915)576-3841
Linda Jackson

Schedule of Events



FRIDAY, JUNE 2nd :

COWBOY POETRY : NEW EVENT / LOCATION
7:00 - 7:20 p.m. and 9:00 - 9:30 p.m.
Hamlin National Bank South Parking Lot - South Central Avenue
Bring your lawn chairs.

KOTSO LODGE 330 INDIAN DANCERS :
NEW EVENT / LOCATION
7:25 - 7:55 p.m. and 8:30 - 8:55 p.m.
Hamlin National Bank South Parking Lot - South Central Avenue
Scout Troop dresses in Native Indian Costumes and performs Native Ceremonial Dances.

" WESTWARD HO ! " - PARADE : NEW EVENT
8:00 p.m. - Downtown Arrival Time
Parade route will begin at the Rock Park and proceed up S.W. Avenue F to West Lake Drive, heading east and intersecting U.S. Highway 83 into the downtown area. The parade will pass through downtown going south and turning around to resume the beginning route. Award categories include : Riding Clubs; Horse-Drawn Buggies / Wagons; Trailer Floats; Individual Horse Riders; Golf Carts / 4-Wheelers; and Bicycles / Tricycles / Battery-Powered Cars. The parade is open to anyone wishing to participate.

ACTIVITY BOOTHS / ARTS & CRAFT- EXHIBIT BOOTHS / FOOD BOOTHS :
Downtown Area. All booth rental fees benefit the local Chamber.
Sponsored by the Hamlin Chamber of Commerce.

SATURDAY, JUNE 3rd :

LION'S CLUB BREAKFAST :
7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
First United Methodist Church- Corner of S.W. 1st and S.W. Avenue A / B.
Outdoor breakfast prepared by the Hamlin Lion's Club. Your donation for this meal benefits the club's many worthwhile projects. Serving Breakfast Burritos.
Sponsored by the Hamlin Lion's Club.

" RUNNIN' THE BUFF " - 5K FUN RUN / WALK, 1 MILE WALK - NEW EVENT
8:00 a.m. Start Time
Beginning Location : Hamlin High School, 450 S.W. Avenue F
Entry Fee : Early Registration by May 26th - $ 15; Late Registration - $ 17. All entrants will receive a T-Shirt. Prizes will be awarded. Age Categories : 12 and under , 13 - 20 , 21 - 29 , 30 - 39 , 40 - 49 , and 50 and over. The entire route will occur within the City limits. Come join in the fun and cheer the runners and walkers ! All proceeds benefit the local Chamber.
Sponsored by the Hamlin Chamber of Commerce.

ALL EXHIBITS AND TOURS BEGIN AT 10:00 a.m.

1. VISITOR'S CENTER / ARTIFACTS EXHIBITS / SPECIAL POSTAL CANCELLATION :
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Hamlin National Bank Lobby - 231 S. Central Avenue
Rath Trail Headquarters - 245 S. Central Avenue

Visitors are asked to register and place a map pin on their place of origin. Free Rath City Record Souvenir inserts available free-of-charge.

On exhibit : Rath City artifacts ; Area collections ; Sharps Rifle collection by Garland Richards, including an original from Ft. Griffin and from Ft. Concho. Also on display will be the rifle that Joe McCombs used on the buffalo hunt around the Rath City area.

Have your outgoing mail stamped with the special " Back to Rath's Trail " emblem designed by Ned Moore, Jr. of Snyder. NEW EVENT
Services provided by the U.S. Post Office, Hamlin, Tx.

Meet the Author / Booksigning : William J. Chambers, Cowboys,Outlaws, & Thieves. 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Recent release by the author, a native of Stonewall County. Book consists of short stories and poetry.

2. RATH CITY SITE TOURS :
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
FREE shuttle service to and from site. Boarding site : Hamlin National Bank front. Private vehicles are also allowed. PLEASE, NO SMOKING OUTSIDE OF YOUR VEHICLE DUE TO HIGH FIRE POTENTIAL !
The historic site of Rath City is located 6.9 miles north of the north city limit sign, and 3.6 miles west off of U.S. Highway 83. Markers will locate the turn and the ranch road to follow.
Maps are located on the back page of this insert. DRIVE SLOWLY ON THE RANCH ROAD / WATCH FOR LIVESTOCK.

Shuttle Schedule : LEAVE BANK	RETURN TO BANK
10:00 a.m.	12 noon
11:00 a.m.	1:00 p.m.
12 noon	2:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
3:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.

ON ARRIVAL AT THE SITE, SEE AND EXPERIENCE LIFE AS IT WAS IN RATH CITY :

A. LIVING HISTORY CAMPS / INTERPRETATIONS :
Buffalo Hunters / Soldiers / Trades of the Time -
A. Re-enactors from Texas and Oklahoma , including Llano Estacado

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Drifters, the 1880's Saddletramps, and Ft. Concho.
B. Blacksmith - NEW LOCATION
C. Farrier - NEW ADDITION
D. Chuckwagon Cooks
E. Cowboy Poetry / Music
F. Laundry Services

B. FREE FIRING OF THE SHARPS RIFLE ON A 650 YARD RANGE:
Sponsored by Ft. Chadbourne Hunting

C. LESSONS FROM HISTORY : Clive Siegle - NEW LOCATION
Under the tent.
10:55 a.m. - 11:40 a.m. : " Smoke on the Horizon : Indians, Soldiers, & Ersatz Militia on the High Plains 1871 - 1879 "

1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. : " Who Ate All the Buffalo ? : New Questions & New Culprits in the Great Buffalo Slaughter, " or " Could It Be That the Hide Hunters Don't Smell That Bad After All ? "

D. MILITARY MANUEVERS / CREATING A FRONTIER DEFENSE : Ft. Concho
NEW ADDITION
A. Mounted Soldiers
B.Period Wagons / Weaponry

E COWBOY POETRY : Steve Rogers - Stamford, Tx.
NEW LOCATION
Under the tent.
10:20 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.
1:00 p.m. - 1:25 p.m.
3:10 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.

F. FREE WAGON RIDES :
Ride out to the actual site and hear the tales of the hunters.

3. FINE ART SHOW / SALE : NEW LOCATION
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Location : Cooper Insurance Agency, 136 S. Central.
Fantastic array of oils, pastels, watercolors, and bronze sculptures by some of the finest artists in the Southwest. A small percentage of sales benefits the Historical Rath Trail Association.
Sponsored by : Cooper Insurance Agency ; Billy and Linda Cooper.

4. QUILT SHOW :
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Location : G & G Carpets, 335 S. Central.
See the beautiful and colorful display of quilts dating from current times back to the late 1800's.

5. MODEL " A " CAR CLUB EXHIBIT :
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Location : South side of the south Hamlin National Bank Parking lot , 231 S. Central.

6. TEXACO MEMORABILIA AND COLLECTIBLES EXHIBIT : NEW EXHIBIT
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Location : Cooper Oil Company, 33 S. Central.
Re-live the " old times," and slogans such as : " You can trust your car to the man who wears the Star, the big, bright, Texaco Star." A great exhibit for the " young at heart."
Sponsored by Cooper Oil Company.

7. HISTORICAL SLIDE PRESENTATION / SYMPOSIUM :
Location : Masonic Lodge Hall ; S.W. 2nd St. : Located on the south side of the street / double glass door entrance.
Times : 11:30 a.m. - 12:20 p.m. & 3:40 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
" The Buffalo Hunters, " by Dr. Miles Gilbert of Eager, Az. See and hear what really happened in an actual hunt . Question and answer period included.

8. MAGIC / STORYTELLING / MUSIC / POETRY : NEW LOCATION
Location : First Baptist Youth Center (formerly the old Hamlin Post Office) ; Corner of S.W. 3rd and S.W. Ave. A
A. TOM STONE'S MAGIC SHOW : 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. and 4:15 - 4:45 p.m.
Watch the amazing " Stone " as objects appear and disappear before your very eyes. A FUN event for All ages !

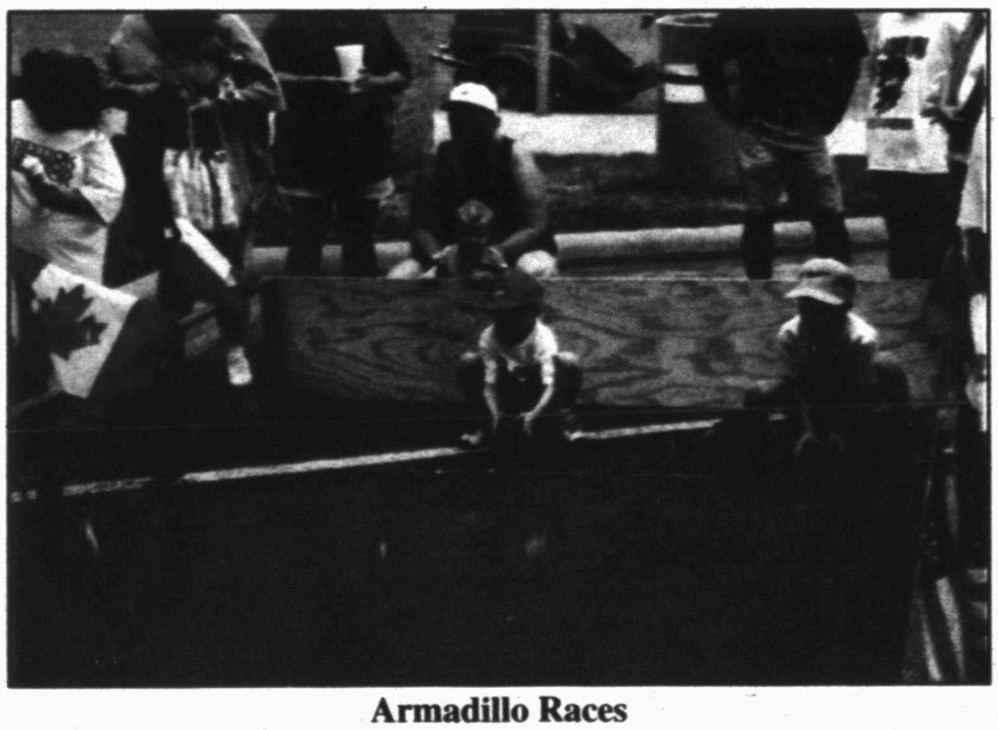
B. STORYTELLING : Mesquite Storytellers - NEW EVENT
10:35 a.m. - 11:05 a.m. - Walter L. Woods - Abilene, Tx.
11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. - Naoma Huff - Abilene, Tx.
11:55 a.m. - 12:25 p.m. - Dr. Rosanna Herndon - Abilene, Tx.
Hear stories of this area that you may relate to; a GREAT time down " memory lane."

C. MUSIC :
12:30 p.m. - 12:55 p.m. & 1:50 p.m. - 2:35 p.m. : The "Catclaw Creek Boys" of Abilene,Tx
A relaxing blend of the dulcimer, guitar, string bass, and other instruments from the late nineteenth century. Musical selections : folk songs, gospel, and bluegrass.

1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. & 2:45 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. : "Lanny Fiel and the Dance Ranch Fiddle Band" , Lubbock, Tx.
Street Strolling : 2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
An unforgettable musical experience with the sounds of multiple fiddles, mandolins, bass, and vocals that transport you back in time to the old frontier " fandangles " and era of Western Swing. Sponsored in part by The Texas Commission on the Arts.

D. COWBOY POETRY :
1:50 p.m. - 2:20 p.m. & 3:40 p.m. - 4:10 p.m. : Poetry performed by Andy Hedges of Brownfield, Tx.

9. LIVE BUFFALO EXHIBIT :
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Location : South parking lot, Hamlin National Bank



Armadillo Races

Schedule of Events Continued

See Buffalo Bill and Cody, and visit with the authors of their books. Books will be available for purchase / autographs.
Dr. Jack Longbotham, and wife - Elisabeth Prude Longbotham - Clyde, Tx.

10. WESTERN GUNFIGHT RE-ENACTMENTS : NEW LOCATION
10:00 - 10:15 a.m.; 11:15 - 11:30 a.m.; 1:00 - 1:15 p.m.; 2:15 - 2:30 p.m.
Location : North parking lot of Hamlin National Bank
Performed by " The Texas Gunslingers."
Enjoy these action-packed performances ! Keep your eyes open for occasional street action.

11. COUNTRY LINE DANCING :
Location : Hamlin National Bank - middle & north lanes of driveway.

A. THE DANCING QUEENS :
10:30 - 10:50 a.m. & 11:35 - 11:55 a.m.
Line dancers from Sweetwater.

B. THE BUFFALO GALS :
10:50 - 11:10 a.m. & 12 - 12:20 p.m.
Line dancers from Hamlin, Stamford, & Anson area.

12. SAM LEWIS AND HIS FAMOUS ARMADILLO RACES :
Location : North Hamlin Bank Parking Lot - Beneath the Time / Temperature Sign.
Races begin around 10 a.m., with finals around 4:00 p.m.
Small fee for entering race. Prizes awarded to first place in each heat, with the top three winners of the day receiving awards.
Prizes provided by the Hamlin Dairy Queen and The Book Nook.

13. PETTING ZOO / CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES :
Location : Corner of S.W. 4th and S. Central
Beginning at 10 :00 a.m.
Sponsored by Carol's Old West Designs.

14. ART'S & CRAFTS / EXHIBIT BOOTHS / FOOD BOOTHS :
Location : Downtown District
10:00 a.m. - ?
All booth entry fees benefit the local Chamber.
Sponsored by the Hamlin Chamber of Commerce.

15. FRONTIER BALL : NEW LOCATION
Location : Hamlin City Park Pavilion : S.W. Avenue E
Time : 8:45 p.m. - 12 midnight
Dance to the music of the Rueffer Boys from the Metroplex. Band includes Steel Guitar, Fiddle, Bass, Guitar, and Rhythm Machine. Selections from current hits to days of Western Swing. Three- part vocal harmony by the father / sons group. Fiddle player just in from tour with Charlie Pride.
BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS. This is a family - oriented event ; no alcohol.
Donations via " Pass-the-Hat " accepted. Proceeds benefit the Historical Rath Trail Assoc.
Concession Stand Sponsored by the Hamlin Child Care Center.

ADDITIONAL SATURDAY ACTIVITIES IN CONJUNCTION WITH EVENT :

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH FESTIVAL :
Location : Hamlin Activity Center, S.W. 5th Street.
All day and evening.
Open to the public.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FUNDRAISER :
Location : 48 S. W. Avenue A.
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Open to the public.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 4th :

AUTHENTIC CHUCKWAGON BREAKFAST AT RATH CITY :
7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
Come out early and watch the cooks as they prepare breakfast over the campfires. Meal includes : bacon, sausage, eggs, biscuits, potatoes, orange juice, milk, & coffee.
BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS, A SWEATER OR JACKET, AND AN UMBRELLA. (BE PREPARED FOR RAIN !)
TICKETS : $ 5.00 ; AVAILABLE AT THE RATH TRAIL HEADQUARTERS,
245 S. CENTRAL AND THE RATH CITY SITE. LIMITED # OF TICKETS.
Sponsored by : Lawrence Bros. IGA Store - Hamlin, and Larry Rawls.

RATH CITY OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE :
8:40 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Location : Rath City site.
Enjoy the beauty and splendor of God's handiwork as you worship in the style of our pioneer fathers and mothers. This is truly a highlight to many of our visitors.
Music : Buddy Baird - Hamlin, Tx.
Cowboy Poetry : Buddy Baird
Steve Rogers
Andy Hedges
Devotional : Miles Gilbert

RATH CITY GOLF TOURNAMENT :
1:30 p.m.
Location : Hamlin Country Club, F.M. Road 2142.
Phone : (915) 576- 3026.
Three-person scramble. See the great improvements at the course.
Sponsored by the Hamlin Country Club.
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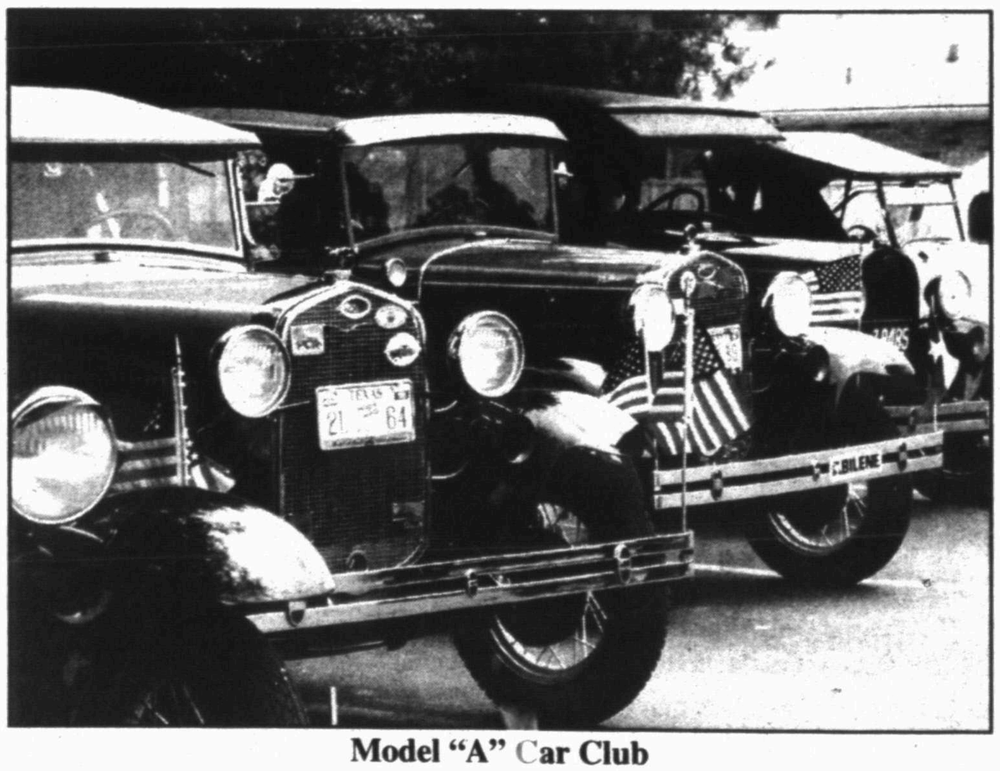


Model "A" Car Club

Excerpts from Elliott Roosevelt's Journal

Some 15 mi. South of Canon Blanco where Journal again begins after we have been there some time.

Feby 4. Waldy and I skinned three of my buffalo. In returning to camp shot two more, one a calf. Tonight all of il "non sabe."

[Feby] 5. Rained. All the boys out skinning & hunting.

[Feby] 6. Jack & I had a bog hunt. This evening Pat and Hal got a big sell off on us, no bread or coffee.

[Feby] 7. Pat & I had a grand day's sport & found "Nell's bridge."

[Feby] 8. Spent the morning skinning. Shot 5 antelopes from one stand.

[Feby] 9. All hunted. Payed a visit [to] Blakes. Indians!

[Feby] 10. I went hunting. The boys skinned. Shot my biggest Bull & took his head. Fearful night.

[Feby] 11. Rain. All hunted. Vox Buff.

[Feby] 12. Camp. Finished my head and calfskin. Horses now est.

[Feby] 13. Grand hunt. Cold & clear. Splendid sport.

[Feby] 14. Packed up. No bread. Only 3 horses to be found.

V. From Blanco Canyon to Reynold's Buffalo Camp

[Feby] 15. Got under way by 9 a.m. Left Hal, Ed & George. Nooned at Brazos 8 mi. Horses played out. Made 14 mi. more by dark. Rain & freezing & only salt water to drink.

[Feby] 16. Off by dawn. Fresh meat. Big row with another Camp. Heavy roads. Nooned by the Brazos. Met some of White's outfit this afternoon. Camped on Stinking Creek. Grand farewell buffalo hunt today. The boys very fierce. Hurrah for old Moore.

VI. From Reynold's Camp to Fort Griffin

[Feby] 17. Off by dawn. Jack & Moore sick. Drove until after one, got to Reynold's buffalo camp. Bread once more! First lesson in stealing. At noon today we found a wagon with a feed of corn which we halved between horses & ourselves. Tiny done for.

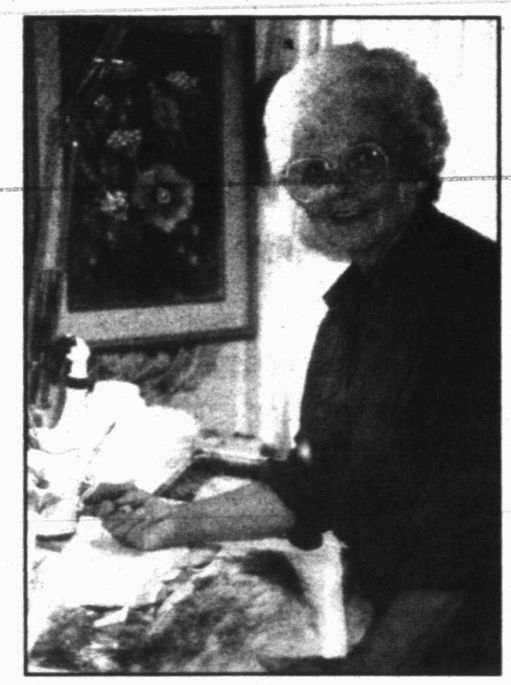
[Feby] 18. Rest for horses & man. Big fight. We fellows in grand condition. Matthews & Rath good fellows.

[Feby] 19. Pulled 21 miles on. Trails bad. Freezing night. No water & wolves after our fresh meat.

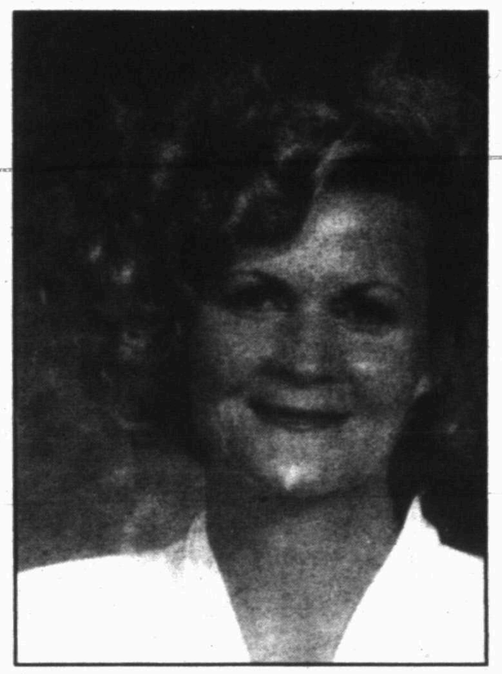
[Feby] 20. Made 19 mi. today over prairie. Struck McKenzie's Trail again by noon, five more miles on that. Again only mud. No water. Freezing hard. Took some flour from a camp we met. Frightful thirst.

[Feby] 21. Came 30 mi. to "Clear Fork." Fresh water. Took more flour from some men we met. Quail this evening ran into camp. Big dinner.

Excerpts courtesy of the late R.L. Roberts of Abilene. Note: Rath's Store was also referred to as Reynolds Camp.



Artist Bernice Landrum, see story page 9

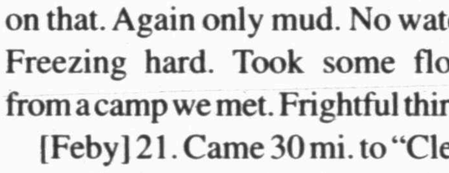


Artist Christie Ray, see story page 9

BACK to RATH'S TRAIL HAMLIN TEXAS
DODGE CITY, KS ADOBE WALLS, TX
MOBEETIE, TX FT. GRIFFIN, TX
RATH CITY, TX 1876-1879

Special Postal Cancellation Stamp June 3rd Hamlin National Bank Lobby

Welcome to Hamlin



Hamlin Farmers Co-Op Gin

Hours of Service:
Mon.-Fri. 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sat. 7 a.m. - 12 noon

840 SE Ave D
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WELCOME TO

"Back to Rath's Trail"

Let Hamlin Hospital Home Health give you the peace of mind and comfort of knowing that our competent, caring staff of Skilled Nurses, Aides, and Primary Care Attendants are on the job taking care of your loved ones, making it possible for them to stay home, where they want to be.

Please call and let us be your extended family.
We can help.

Hamlin Hospital Home Health
576-2768

Indians Used Buffalo as Source of Many Items

From the Rocky Mountains to the Mississippi River, from southern Canada to the Gulf of Mexico, the Great Plains formed the vast, undulating, sod-covered home of one of the world's great animal populations—the 60 million or more bison (American buffalo) that migrated seasonally in huge herds.

Three dozen or more tribes made use of the Great Plains in the early historic period (c.1700-1850), including the Arapaho, Arikara, Blackfoot, Cheyenne, Crow, Hidatsa, Iowa, Mandan, Osage, Pawnee, Sioux, Wichita, Kiowa-Apache, Plains Cree, and Sarci.

The Great Plains had been occupied for thousands of years by pedestrian nomads who foraged a living in its river bottoms and developed various methods of exploiting its bison herds. More than a thousand years ago peoples of the Eastern Woodlands cultural tradition established farming villages along the western tributaries of the Mississippi River.

Hunting Without Horses

The hunters had worked out cunning methods by which they could kill enough buffalo to supply the tribe with meat and hides. If the herd was scattered, a few hunters might move softly among the animals and shoot several without scaring the others.

In snowy weather, Indians would encircle a herd and kill many of the animals before they could flounder away in the drifts.

Another effective method was to drive the herd over a cliff. One man, draped in a buffalo robe, would move ahead of the herd toward the cliff. Then other Indians would jump behind the animals, shouting and waving robes. The buffalo would begin to trot, then gallop in terror, the animals in the rear pushing those in front.

The decoy leader would dodge to safety at the last minute, and the crazed herd would pour over the precipice. Many were killed in the fall. The injured were disposed of with spears or clubs.

Many Plains tribes gave up permanent villages after they got horses. Among the tribes which changed were the Sioux (or Dakota), the Blackfoot, the Crow, the Cheyenne, the Arapaho, the Comanche, and the Kiowa.

Each tribe knew where the buffalo should be from month to month in the tribe's hunting ground and moved as necessary for convenience in hunting. To get horses, the Indians traded their most valuable goods, raided the camps of other tribes and white traders, and roped any wild ponies they found.

Hunting With Horses

On a big hunt, the many bands in a tribe gathered in a huge camp. Their tepees were much larger after the Indians had horses to haul the heavy covers on the travois.

Buffalo runs were wild, exciting affairs. First scouts located a herd. Then the long line of mounted hunters rode forward. Sometimes fantastically dressed medicine men trotted ahead, chanting and shaking rattles. At a signal the hunters charged among the buffalo at a gallop.

Guiding his trained buffalo horse by knee pressure, the hunter pulled alongside his quarry and drove an arrow into its body. He gripped a pair of arrows in the left hand, which held the bow, and held another in his mouth. A quiver with spare arrows hung from his shoulder.

A brave, skillful, and lucky hunter might kill four or five animals during a run. The number increased after the Indians got guns from traders.

After the Hunt

After the hunt, the work of the women began. They skinned the carcasses and cut up the meat. Some choice parts were eaten right away. The meat might be hung on green branches over the fire to cook. Or it could be boiled by dropping hot rocks into the cooking "pot." The pot too came from the buffalo. A buffalo stomach or a piece of hide was fitted into a hole in the ground and used for cooking. Rawhide bowls were also used.

Most of the meat was cut into thin strips and "jerked." Jerking meant

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anging the strips on a rack in the dry wind that swept the plains. This dried meat would keep for a long while. Sometimes it was pounded fine and mixed with melted fat and dried berries, then stored in containers of skin or membrane. Called pemmican, this was an excellent concentrated food for warriors or hunters.

Indians' Fate Sealed

With the introduction of guns and the westward movement of trappers and pioneers, the fate of the bison and Plains culture was, however, soon sealed. By 1880 bison no longer existed in sufficient numbers to permit the summer hunts, tribes were being shunted to reservations, and the Great Plains culture was essentially destroyed.

The often-fierce and bloody conflicts between Plains Indians and whites culminated in 1890, when a group of Sioux followers of the revivalistic Ghost Dance movement encountered cavalry units at Wounded Knee, South Dakota, where nearly 300 native Americans, mainly women and children, were massacred by the 7th Cavalry, Gen. George Armstrong Custer's former unit.

Although the resistance of the Plains peoples was eventually broken, many of the most powerful tribes escaped being driven outside their own territories. Although on the reservations they had little or no opportunity to maintain their traditional way of life, certain aspects of Plains culture have nevertheless been preserved although in adjusted form.

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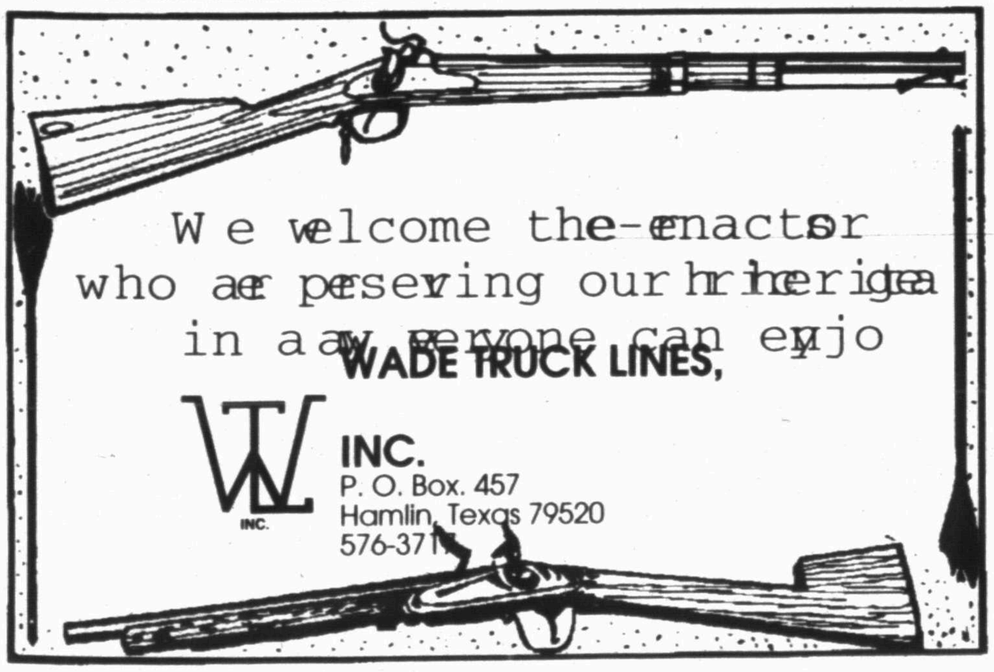

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On September 17. 1902, R. D. Moore, one of the original area settlers, deeded 320 acres of land to the International Construction Company (also known as the Orient Land Company) of Kansas City, Missouri, for a townsite along the line of the Panhandle Gulf Railway. The land grant, of the Charles Gates Survey, was to be divided into lots and blocks and sold. Robert D. Moore, of Bruceville, McLennan County, Texas, was to receive twenty percent of the proceeds of sales of the townsite lots. With the arrival and settlement of the first town lot buyers and with the establishment of several businesses, the town was organized on August 14, 1905. On May 30, 1907, under Title 18 of the Revised Statute Laws of Texas, an application was made for the incorporation of the town of Hamlin. It was to contain 24.35 acres, partly located in Fisher County and partly in Jones County, along the north bank of California Creek.

The incorporation of the town required a vote for or against incorporation and several residents, including J. F. McWilliams and fifty-three others petitioned for the election. Under Texas law, with the surrounding Jones County area holding a population of at least 2,000 residents as required, Jones County Judge J. P. Stinson, officiating at an incorporation meeting attended by T. J. Witt, I. J. Pierce, C. W. Middleton, A. W. Long, G. W. Power, J. W. Tansey, S. B. Stovall, J. J. Bozeman, and W. J. Gower, authorized the election to be held on June 15, 1907. Forty-eight eligible voters cast ballots in favor of incorporation, and nine voted against. The election of municipal officers was held on June 27, 1907 and, with the Jones County Commissionersí Courtís approval of the vote for

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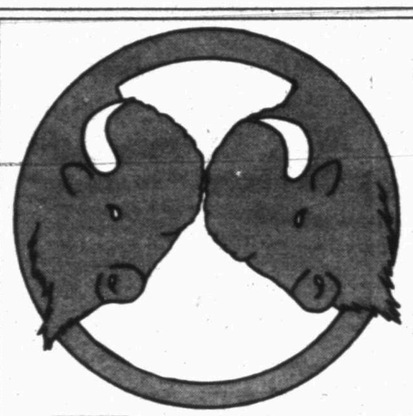

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Fort Chadbourne-"A National Historic Treasure"

In the early 1800's as the European settlers were pushing across the United States, Texas was a mix of colonies, Indians, Spanish settlers, and explorers. The cattle industry was shaping up to need a great deal of land and farmers were starting to move west into the Southern Plains. Private ownership of land was one of the most powerful forces the world had ever seen, and the concept was spreading fast. Hard pressed to stay ahead of the clamor for land, surveyors were among the first to venture into the Indian's territory. They mapped the new country, staking the boundaries for counties, roads and properties and measuring the land at least a hundred m les ahead of the settlers. As the nation pushed forward claiming more and more of the land, the Indians' life-ways were shrinking.

In West Texas, the Comanche was trapped between the onrushing colonies from the east and the great Apache nation in the west. Descendants of the Apache and their harsh mountainous region, the Comanche lived here generations before the Spanish explorers visited this land. They had learned to hunt and compete on the plains where food was more plentiful and the weather was less harsh than in the narrow rugged mountain valleys to the west and north. They were one of the first Native Americans to learn to use the horse, brought to this land by the European explorers; they learned well.

As their lands shrunk and the pressure increased on the Comanche society, the more impoverished and desperate they became. The Indian had little of value to the oncoming society, but to the Indians, these new people were rich beyond belief. There was little meaningful trade between the new frontiersmen and the Indians and the Comanche culture pushed back at the expanding nation from the East. The Comanche were nomadic, superb horsemen, and fierce warriors, but had little standing in the land they depended on, at least in the eyes of the new nation. It is said the Comanche were the world's best light Cavalry. However, they could not defend the vast plains against the rush of a new nation, and the Comanche's growing resistance was soon answered.

Texas gained its independence from Mexico and eventually became a state. But the indians continued raids into Mexico traveling along a North-South route through West Texas. So the United States began to build a line of forts to protect the mail and to try to stop the Indian raids in the area and into Mexico.

Fort Chadbourne was built as a post for at a point on one of the trails out of San Antonio at Oak Creek. It is located near U.S. Highway 277 eleven miles northeast of the city of Bronte in Northeast Coke County, Texas. Companies A and K of the Eighth United States Infantry established the post on October 28, 1852. The fort was named for 2d Lt. Theodore Lincoln Chadbourne, who was killed at the battle of Resaca de la Palma in the Mexican War.

Many Indians lived in and traveled the area and during the 1850's many conflicts occurred between the Indians and the frontier explorers and settlers, including a skirmish inside the fort in 1856. An overland southern route to the gold rush in California developed along the trail through Fort Chadbourne and a station on the Butterfield Overland Mail route was maintained at the fort from 1858-1861.

When the Civil War broke out, Fort Chadbourne was surrendered to Confederate Col. Henry E. McCulloch on February 28, 1861. The Texas Militia manned the fort only briefly during the Civil War and Chadbourne was occupied briefly by United States troops after the war, but lack of water, wood and adequate facilities forced its abandonment in 1873.

The fort became private property around 1876 when Garland G. Odem established the Odom Luckett Land and Livestock company. Mr. Odom used Fort

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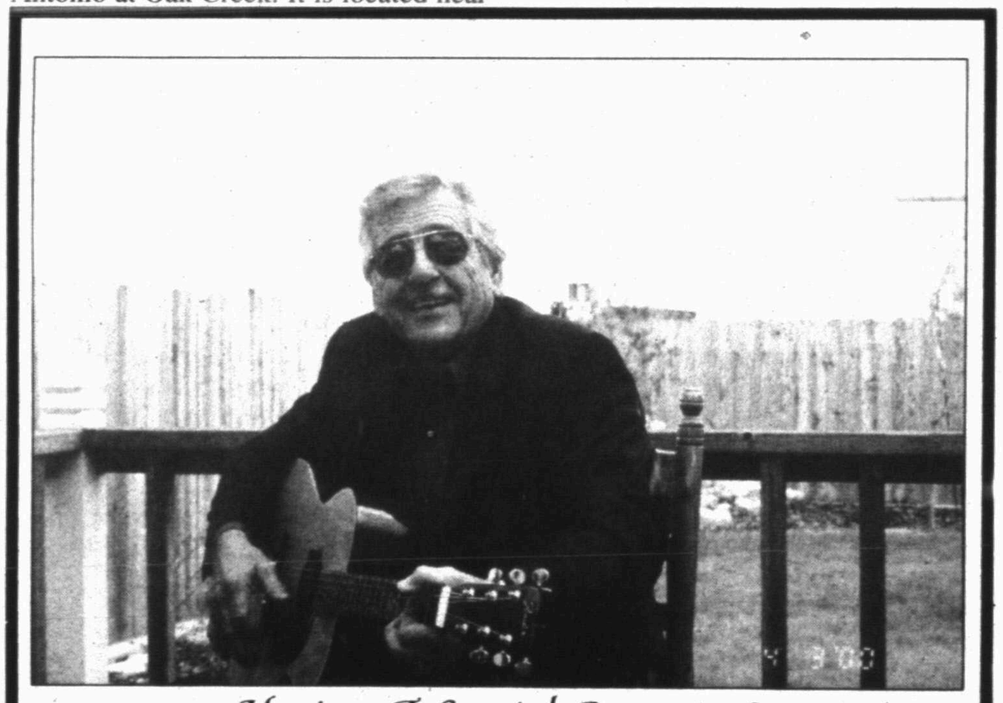

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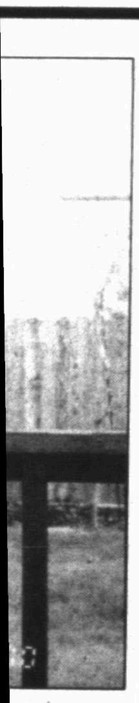

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Chadbourne as headquarters for his cattle operations that encompassed of 100,000 acres of land. The buildings at Fort Chadbourne were used by Mr. Odom and his family until they were replaced with more efficient structures.

As the buildings were phased out of use, they were not maintained, and over the years the fort structures and buildings decayed. Today, some walls are still partially standing and some of the structures have almost disappeared, leaving little evidence of their existence.

The Odom descendants passed the property through their generations with care to preserve much of the fort. A large number of artifacts related to the Fort Era have been found and stored by Garland Richards, a descendant of Mr. Odom. The Richards family now possesses a very large collection of artifacts found at the Fort. Garland's father, Mr. C.O. Richards, listed the Fort in the National Registry of Historical Places A Texas Historical marker near the old cemetery south of Highway 277 designates the site.

The Fort Chadbourne site is significant because of the large number of artifacts and the hstory of the site. The buildings are of significant interest because the materal and methods used in the original construction could be used as patterns to restore or reconstruct some of the original structures. The fort was constructed primarily of locally quarried sandstone. The quarry and large kiln are nearby and could be accessed to provide authentic materials for reconstruction or restoration of the fort.

Fort Chadbourne is located near several small towns with independent school districts and close to several cities with college and university facilities. The artifacts and materials contained in the property and documentation of the fort provide educational resources. Developed educational programs offer experience for students in preserving and interpreting heritage and cultural resources. There is ample room onsite to construct facilities to house artifacts and interpretive exhibits.

Fort Chadbourne Foundation was created January 29, 1999 to protect and preserve this historic site and its heritage and to promote Fort Chadbourne's social and cultural significance. It is the intent of the creators of this foundation to preserve, restore, and present the history of Fort Chadbourne and the people who lived and worked there. The foundation is established intribute to the people of this area and centered on the grounds of Fort Chadbourne.

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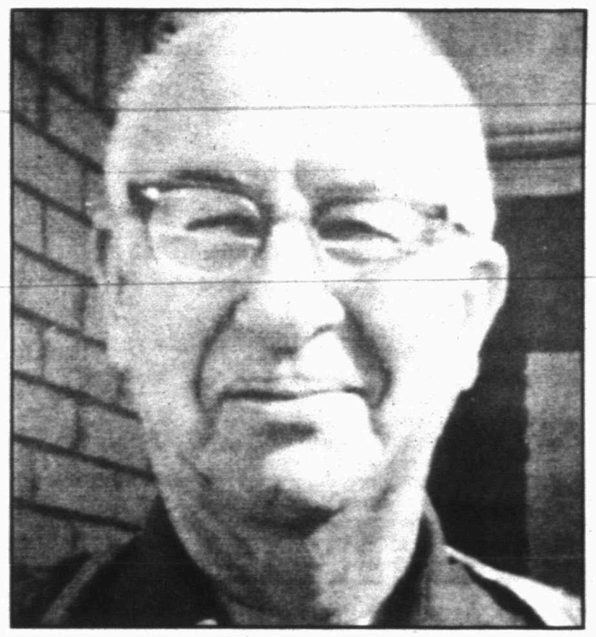

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incorporation on July 17, 1907, the city of Hamlin was officially born. By the fall of 1908, more than 1,000 residents called Hamlin home. The townís population grew steadily during the next five decades, from 1, 978 residents in 1910, to 3, 791 in 1960. Hamlinís current 1990 census count is 2,791.

The Hamlin Post Office was established on December 19, 1904, with the appointment of its first Postmaster, Barton H. Burnham. The first Post Office was located in the back of the D. J. Payne building, which still stands at the northeast corner of South Central Avenue and Southeast 3rd Street. The present Post Office is located at 225 Southeast Avenue A, only one-half block east of its birthplace. Prior to Hamlinís first U. S. Post Office, the nearest mail delivery was at McCaulley, in connecting Fisher County, ten miles south-southwest of the Hamlin townsite. For many years, the U. S. Mail was delivered to Hamlinís Post Office by the Santa Fe Railroad. As of 1994, there have been twelve Postmasters and seven acting Postmasters in Hamlin since 1904.

During the first years of its existence as an incorporated town, Hamlin made its mark as an industrial and commercial center with the presence of such businesses as a cotton compress, a sixty-ton capacity cotton oil mill, a twenty-ton capacity ice plant, a cement and plaster plant, a grain elevator, several cotton gins, an electric generating plant, an ice cream factory and bottling works, and the Southwestern Telephone Company. The discovery of oil just west of Hamlin in 1928 created an additional and important economic base as oil and gas exploration and production companies were sited in or near Hamlin. One of the most important factors in Hamlinís economic growth and stability was the regionís developing and varied railway system. In 1906, the Orient Railroad, largely responsible for the first settlement of the Hamlin townsite, merged into one of the larger regional carriers, the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient (KCM&O) line. Fifteen years later, the KCM&O would itself be absorbed into the Santa Fe rail system, one of the largest freight and passenger railway lines west of the Mississippi.

Not long after the first Orient Railroad passenger train stopped in Hamlin on July 4, 1906 , in 1908, the Texas Central Railway system expanded into the northern portion of the city. This line eventually joined with the Missouri, Kansas, Texas (MKT, or ìKatyî) rail network from nearby Stamford. The two lines would undergo a merger into the Southern Pacific and Katy systems in the 1920s. A further railroad line, the Abilene and Southern Railroad, in 1910 connected with the KCM&O and the Texas Central. The Abilene and Southern provided a spur line to the Hamlin Cotton Compress which connected in the north part of Ham-

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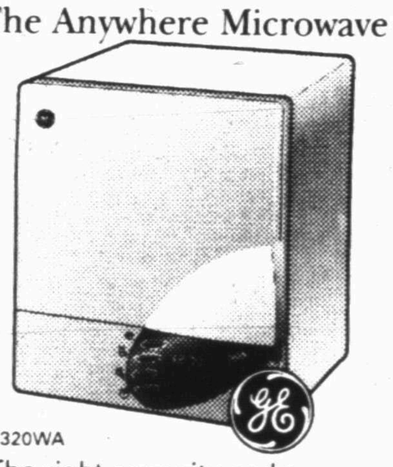

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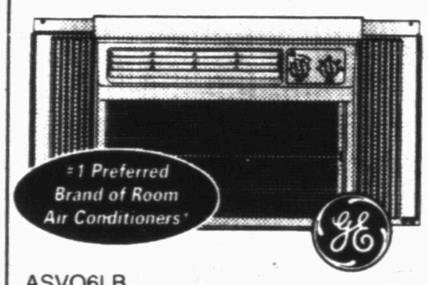

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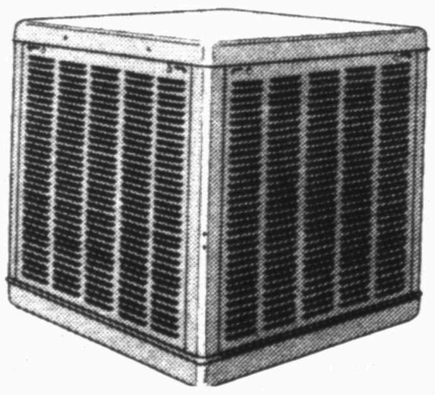

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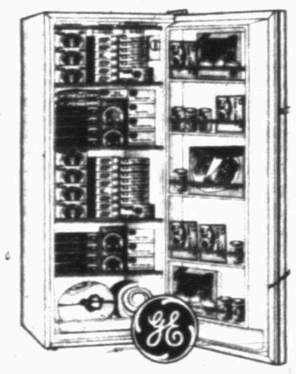

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lin with the two larger lines. In addition, the Hamlin and Northwestern Line, designed for freight traffic only, began operation in 1929. This short-line system interconnected with the Santa Fe and Katy lines, but was abandoned in 1956. Besides the all-important agricultural, oil, and manufacturing customers which took advantage of Hamlinís bustling rail system, Curtis Martinís Hamlin Hatchery, which had a productive capacity of 400,000 chickens and which advertised itself as ìTexasí Largest Hatchery,î used the local railroad system to distribute eggs and chicken products to every region of Texas and to eight neighboring states.

By the first decade of Hamlinís existence as an incorporated town, many other settlers in the area had already established thriving businesses based on the emerging agricultural economy. Most of the early commercial enterprises in Hamlin were based on the abundant cotton and grain crops being planted and harvested every year in Jones and Fisher Counties. In 1916, Fred B. Mooreís Feed and Coal business was one of the most successful in Hamlin, as well as one of the areaís largest employers. With the 1946 partnership of Fred B. Moore, Jr. with his father, a small grain storage elevator was added. Several years later, the Moores added the areaís first modern upright concrete elevator with a capacity of 110,000 bushels. Further elevator capacity was added in 1950 and 1954. Currently, the Mooreís businesses have grown to include the Moore Elevator, Pied Piper Mills, Pied Piper Farms, and Pied Piper Pet and Wildlife, one of the largest pet food producers in West Texas. The massive grain elevators constructed in the 1950s still serve as the sentinel for the city and can be seen by travellers miles away in any direction.

Hamlin was also a center for education, culture, and entertainment for the surrounding area beginning in the first decade of the twentieth century. In 1908, a motion picture theater was opened in downtown Hamlin , and a ìcommodiusî opera house opened its doors in 1911. By 1915, Hollywood had begun to dominate American entertainment and even the Hamlin Opera House had begun to show movies. The B. S. Ferguson family, which operated movie houses in Hamlin for over five decades, opened its first theater in 1907 , and operated at least two movie houses in Hamlin until the 1960s .

Religion and education, however, have provided the firm foundation for Hamlinís residents for nearly a century. As early as 1906, several religious denominations had been established to enhance the spiritual lives of all Hamlinís citizens. One of the first attempts to establish a permanent congregation in Hamlin was in 1906 when R. D. Moore invited a minister from Fort Worth to hold religious services. Later, Mr. Moore, on his own initiative and principally

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by his own means, constructed Moore Tabernacle, which was used by the local Church of Christ congregation as its place of worship. The First Baptist Church in Hamlin was organized on February 28, 1906 by C. A. Mangrum of Stonewall County , and in August 1906, the First United Methodist Church was founded by Zora B. Prittle from nearby Anson. The Church of the Nazarene likewise was begun in 1906. In October 1909, the Central Nazarene College was established in Hamlin by the Reverend Willaim E. Fisher and incorporated two already existing Bible colleges, the Holiness School of Buffalo Gap, Texas, and the Bible Institute and Training School of Pilot Point, Texas. The cornerstone of the first college building was laid in April, 1910, and Professor J. E. L. Moore was called to become the collegeís first president. The Hamlin campus during the first twenty years of its existence was the only Nazarene College in Texas. The Administration Building served as the hub of the twenty-four acre campus which was located in the southwest portion of the city. The demise of the school came through its consolidation with Bethany College (Nazarene affiliated) of Bethany, Oklahoma, in 1929. The main campus was relocated to Oklahoma and the merged colleges are currently known as Southern Nazarene University. The main structure of Hamlinís Central Nazarene College was destroyed by fire in 1934.

Education has been a central focus of the Hamlin community for over ninety years. The Hamlin school system began in 1907 and was initially known as ìFoot College,î ostensibly because all the enrolled students walked to classes. Mr. A. D. Hudson, also known as ìthe father of the Hamlin school system,î took upon himself the vital responsibility of financing the first Hamlin school. He pledged his own property to pay for the initial operating expenses, and he helped to underwrite the costs for the first school building, a wooden structure that was also financed by a local bond issue of $5,000. This wooden structure later became Hamlinís leading hotel, known as ìThe Hamlin Inn,î after a new brick school building was constructed between 1909-1911 with an additional $24, 500 bond issue. The first brick structure, later known as the ìbat schoolî due to its cave-like attic which eventually attracted migratory bat colonies, functioned from 1911 to 1928. In 1922, two wings were added to allow for enrollment growth. This building occupied a lot in the northwest portion of town that was set aside in the original town plot by the Orient Townsite Company for public purposes. It consisted of twenty-seven rooms, including a combined auditorium-study hall, a library, music and ìexpressionî rooms, and the principalís office.

1929 saw Hamlinís educational dream come true with the construction of a $125,000 brick high school facility located in the southwest quarter of town. This building included fifty rooms, an 840 seat auditorium, a gymnasium, ìmanual trainingî rooms—three for home economics and two for commercial departments—three high school science classrooms, and a study hall with adjacent library. The building remained an architectural landmark until it was destroyed by fire in the spring of 1975. In addition to the high school building, an Elementary School campus was completed in 1948 in northwest Hamlin, and a small Primary School building was added just behind it. A larger Primary School facility was built in 1951 near the same site. Other mid-century construction projects include the current High School Gym which, when it was finished in 1956, was considered one of the most modern in the state. Hamlin High and Middle Schools are currently housed in a new, more modern school complex in southwest Hamlin. Begun in 1968, the campuses include a Middle School facility and a large auditorium/Band Hall building constructed in 1977. Along with its fine educational facilities, Hamlin schools could not have reached their current level of academic excellence without the leadership of concerned educators and civic-minded citizens including M. E. Witt, who served as Hamlinís first school superintendent, and early-day school board members A. G. Hudson, Ira Weakley, Tom Whiteley, George W. Gray, and J. F. McWilliams.

Following state law and the custom of the segregated South in the first part of the twentieth century, the Hamlin public school system remained racially separated until 1965. The Oscar DePriest school system for ìcoloredî students began in 1925, with classroom instruction held in the segregated Baptist and Methodist churches. The original DePriest School rock structure, located in the northeast section of town, was completed in 1940. A Home Economics building was added soon after. The school was consolidated with the Hamlin public school system in the fall of 1965 following the passage of the Civil Rights Act the same year.

Hamlin has been home to many historically significant people and events. An early buffalo huntersí camp established by Charles Rath, M. D. Lee, and A. E. Reynolds in the fall of 1876 and known throughout the Great Plains as ìRath City,î ìRathís Store,î or ìReynoldís Camp,î was located seven miles north of the current Hamlin city limits. One of Texasí leading railroad builders, Colonel Morgan Jones, an immigrant from Wales, finished 1,000 miles of track construction in September 1910 in Hamlin with the completion of the Abilene and Southern Railway Line. John B. F. Wright, a popular author of religious music, composed the famous hymn ìPrecious Memoriesî on October 23, 1923, at his home just outside the eastern city limits of Hamlin.

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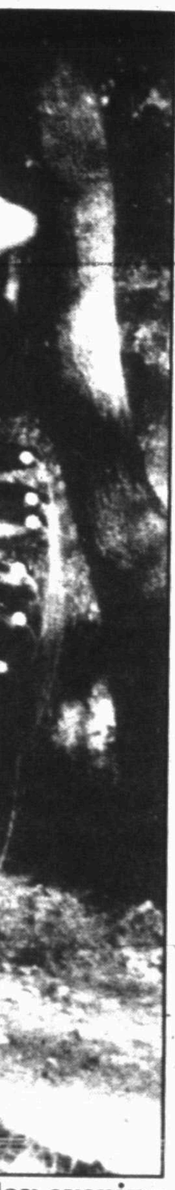

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Archaeology at Rath City

Alex W. Barker Curator of Archaeology, Dallas Museum of Natural History

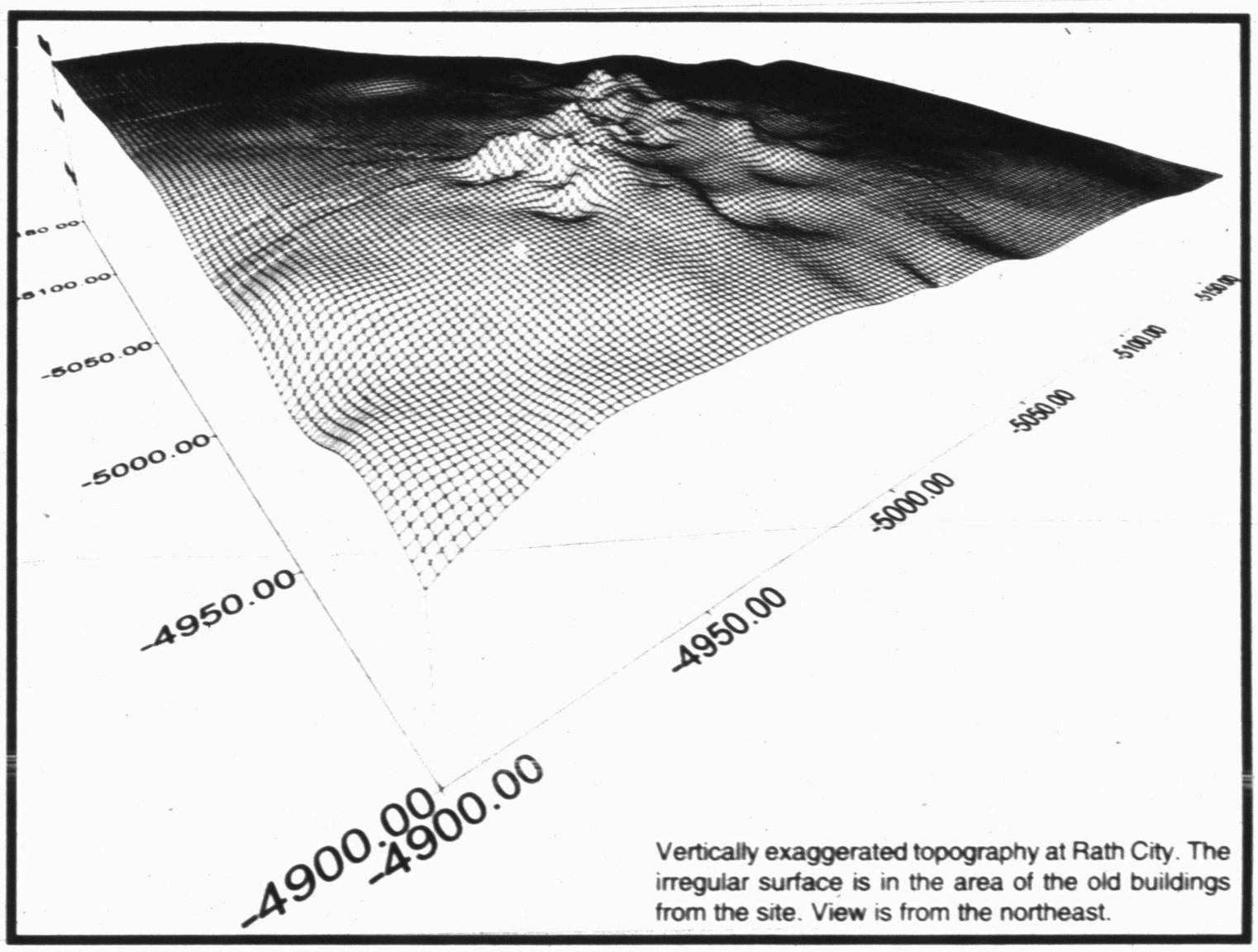
On the day before Christmas, 1876, a long line of wagons rolled up a mesa in the rolling prairie northwest of Abilene and Rath City was born. The settlement lived for some three years, and in those years millions of bison died.

Rath City was a supply settlement for the great bison hunt of the late 19th century. At its height, hundreds of hunters and their skinners worked out of Rath City, and contemporary witnesses claimed to see 1.1 million hides in the hideyard at a single time, awaiting shipment. By 1879 the bison were gone, and Rath City was stripped of all valuables and razed.

The Dallas Museum of Natural History has been conducting archaeological tests at Rath City, trying to better understand the structure of the site and its role in the history of the region. Nearly 10,000 artifacts have been systematically collected from the surface of the site, allowing archaeologists to exactly measure the changing densities of artifacts across the site surface.

The technique is simple. Using a surveying instrument, the exact location of a point is recorded in three dimensions. A stake with a three meter string (just over nine feet) is placed at that point, and everything within reach of the string is collected and placed in a bag labeled with those coordinates. Since all three dimensions (how far north, how far east, and elevation) were recorded, every one of the points can be used in creating detailed topographic maps of the site. And since the area being collected is always the same (a circle with a three meter radius) the density of artifacts is comparable across the surface, and can be mapped with precision.

Differences in elevation are extremely subtle, and to be visible at all need to be exaggerated. But while subtle, these differences appear to represent the remains of the buildings that once stood at Rath City, now destroyed by plowing. The scatter of artifacts seems densest in the areas of these buildings.



Vertically exaggerated topography at Rath City. The irregular surface is in the area of the old buildings from the site. View is from the northeast.

But appearances can be deceiving, and the only way to be sure is to conduct subsurface tests. Archaeology is a destructive science—after excavation, all that remains are the artifacts and notes. As a result, archaeologists always attempt to destroy as little of a site as possible, preferring to leave the deposits intact for future generations, armed with better tools, techniques and analytical equipment. In this case, we simply excavated through the plowdisturbed layer so we could try to find intact archaeological deposits marking the location of structures.

It was slow going—after a week or two in the July sun, the main difference between the soil at Rath City and concrete is that concrete is less dusty. But at the base of the block excavation we were rewarded by the clear outline of the corner of one of the structures at Rath City, intact beneath the plow zone.

Our work at Rath City has been based entirely on the labor of volunteers, ranging from eighty year-old retired executives to high school students. During the course of our work so far, fieldworkers have included teachers from the Abilene school district, students in history at McMurry University, DMNH staff and volunteers, and we even offered the nation's first field component for the Boy Scouts' new merit badge in archaeology.

The next phase of fieldwork will be to use remote sensing techniques to see beneath the ground and locate remaining structures, especially the site's cistern (likely to be full of interesting trash), followed by further testing to confirm the patterns revealed by remote sensing. If you're interested in archaeology, why not volunteer some of your time? The past is closer than you think.

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The quick-loading accurate Sharps rifle was used by most buffalo hunters on the Great Plains. Christian Sharps developed the first successful breech-loader. Sharps moved to Cincinnati where in 1848 he patented a system that became famous throughout the West when incorporated in the Sharps Breechloading Percussion Single-shot Carbine.

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Re-enactors fire Sharps rifles at the Rath City site

In a variety of calibers from .36 to .52, Sharps breech-loading carbines and rifles were reasonably accurate at long ranges—enthusiasts even claimed up to 1,000 yards but most Easterners had trouble judging distances in the clear atmosphere of the West. However that may be, it is certain that during the 1850's the Sharps became the most popular shoulder arm in the West. It proved superior for hunting buffalo or humans and was the rifle of choice for hunters at Rath City.

It was carried in covered wagons on the Oregon and California trails, and it played a leading role in the bloody pro- and anti-slavery fighting in Kansas that preceded the Civil War. John Brown and his fellow abolitionists carried Sharps rifles. They were called "Beecher's Bibles" because Henry Ward Beecher, the renowned antislavery preacher of Boston, was said to have sent a shipment of them to Brown in Kansas in crates labeled "Bibles." Beecher supposedly said that one Sharps would be more persuasive in the slavery conflict than one hundred Bibles. At any rate, John Brown's men were armed with these famous breech loaders when they attacked the U.S. Armory at Harpers Ferry, Virginia, in 1859, an incident that got Brown hanged.

Tours of Rath City

Living history camps by the "1880's Saddletramps" along with re-enactors from all over Texas and Oklahoma will provide interpretive aspects as to the site itself, its inhabitants, and the purpose it held in the westward expansion of this country. The Dallas Museum of Natural History will be doing on-site archaeological digs for the general public to experience. This research began two years ago and will continue until all possible history of the site can be ascertained.

Location Open from 9 a.m. to noon and 4:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Directions to Rath City

Proceed north on U.S. 83. From the north city limit, travel 6.9 miles to Point A. Turn left (west) on to a gravel road and travel 3.6 miles to the tank (point B), fork left into the pasture road and follow route.

Dry Weather Return Route

Continue west another 0.7 miles on gravel road to the intersection at point C. Turn left (south) and travel 3.6 miles to intersection of FM 540 (point D). Continue south on paved FM 540 for 1.9 miles to the intersection of Texas 92 (point E). Turn left (east) and travel 4.3 miles to the west city limits of Hamlin.

Wet Weather Return Route

Return to U.S. 83 (point A) and turn right to return to Hamlin. You will be advised of this at Rath City.

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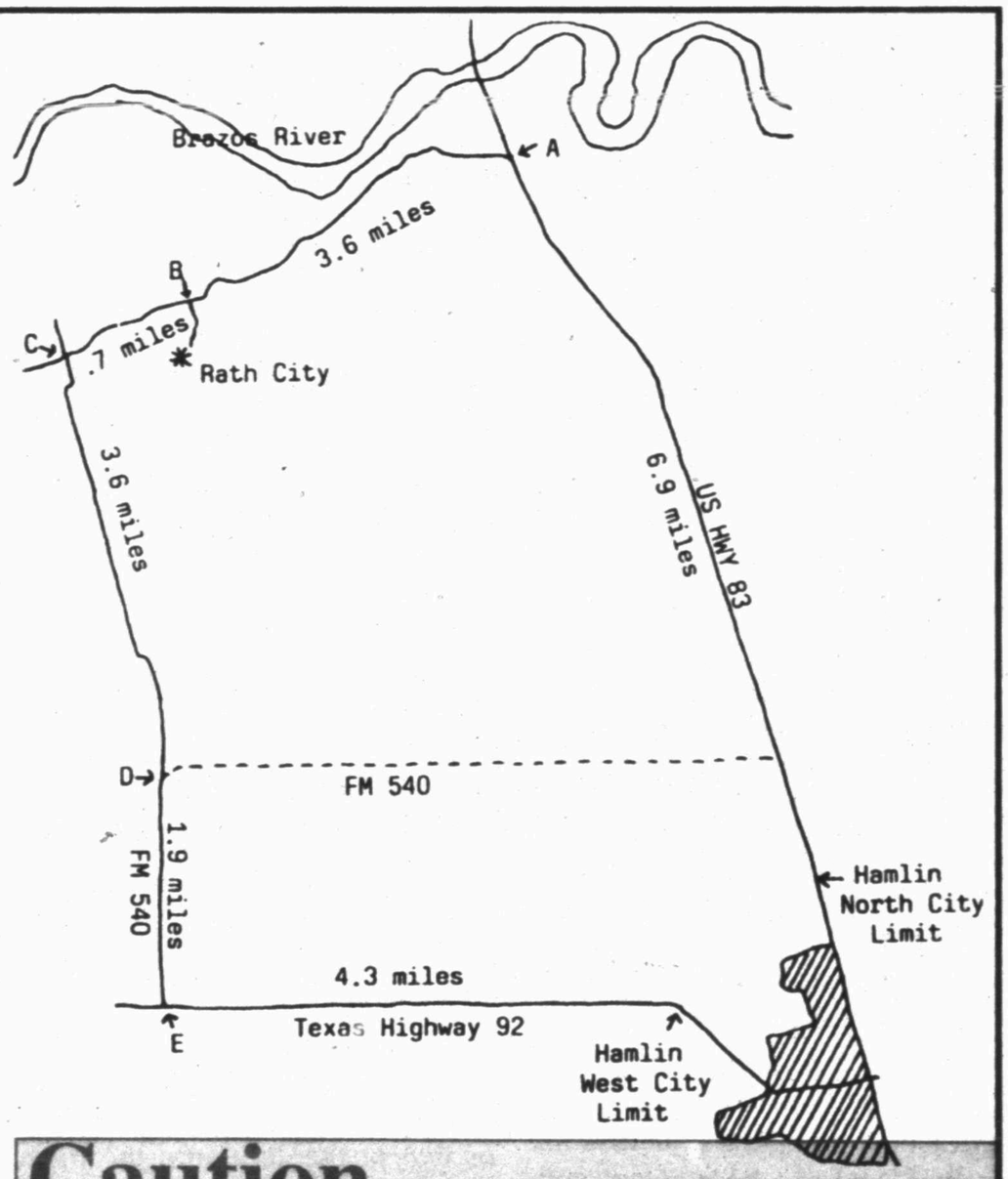

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